

VALENTINE DEMOCRAT

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VALENTINE, NEBRASKA.

FOUR ARE KILLED

BULL PEN USED FOR HOUSING CONVICTS AND GUARDS COLLAPSES.

LOCATED ON MOUNTAIN SIDE

Handicap Responsible for Great Number of Injured Victims—Several Display Great Heroism in Rescuing Wounded from Structure.

Waynesville, N. C.—Four convicts were killed, 12 mortally injured, and 17 guards and convicts more or less seriously hurt by the collapse of the bull pen in which they were housed in a mountain pass in this county.

The bull pen was near Waterville, N. C., in the heart of the Smoky mountains. The convicts were all negroes, leased by the state of North Carolina for work in connection with the construction work of the Transcontinental railroad.

All four men had only a few months of their time to serve, one or two being due to leave the camp in August.

The bull pen was built entirely of heavy logs and the weight of the roof caused it to collapse. The structure slid down the mountain side without warning for 65 feet, and not one of the occupants escaped uninjured.

The Tennessee and North Carolina railroad, which is fighting the Transcontinental for right of way, sent to the scene a special train from Newport, Tenn., with physicians and nurses and coffins for the dead.

The injured were taken to Newport for treatment under guard and the dead will be sent to Raleigh, where the state penitentiary is located.

The fact that every convicted man was burned with ball and chain rendered the victims helpless and is responsible for the great number of injured.

COMMISSION TO BEGIN ITS WORK.

Will Gather Evidence and Fix a Rate on Second Class Mail.

Washington.—The task of gathering evidence as to what should be the rate of different grades of second class mail matter is to be started at New York City July 18 by the commission appointed by the president for that purpose.

The commission is headed by Associate Justice Charles E. Hughes, of the supreme court of the United States and associated with him are A. Lawrence Lowell, president of Harvard university, and Harry A. Wheeler, of Chicago. The public sessions will be held in the circuit court of appeals room in the New York postoffice building.

Sets Clothes Afire.

St. Joseph, Mo.—Grieving over the drowning several weeks ago of her 12-year-old son, Mrs. Rachael Carr saturated her clothing with coal oil and set it afire. Members of the family who had been watching her rolled her in bed clothing and put out the fire. She was badly burned, however, and physicians say she will die.

Over Two Hundred Graduate.

Manhattan, Kan.—Two hundred and fifteen students were graduated from the Kansas State Agricultural college here. The commencement address was made by Edward Benjamin Krobbe, associate professor of history in Leland Stanford university.

Auto Runs Off a Bridge.

Bloomington, Ill.—Louis Orr, a leading young man of Dwight, was killed when an automobile owned by John O'Boughton, which he and his companions had used without permission, ran off a bridge. The machine was going 60 miles an hour.

Bonilla to Oppose Loan.

Washington.—Former President Bonilla of Honduras said he came here to oppose the Honduran loan treaty, which he considered very unjust to his country. Senor Bonilla stoutly disclaimed having any revolutionary ideas.

Lightning Strikes an Electric Plant.

Shawnee, Okla.—Lightning which struck the plant of the Shawnee Gas and Electric company caused the destruction of the property. The destruction of the plant leaves the city without lights and street car service.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Sioux City.—Saturday's quotations on the local live stock market follow: Top hogs, \$6.10. Top hogs, \$6.00.

Calls Are Sent Out.

Colorado Springs, Colo.—One hundred thousand calls are being made announcing the sixth annual session and exposition of the International Dry Farming congress, which meets here October 16-20.

Former Railway Man Dead.

Chicago.—Sylvester T. Smith, former general manager of the Union Pacific railroad and of the Denver and Rio Grande, died here at his residence in Kenwood. He was 72 years of age.

KNOX SHIFTS BLAME

TRACES \$5,000 PAYMENT FOR DAY PORTRAIT TO HAY ADMINISTRATION.

RESENTS HINT OF PERJURY

Secretary of State Tells Hamlin Committee If Receipt Has Been "Doctored" There Will Be Some Vacancies in His Department.

Washington.—That the scandals that have turned up in the state department cannot properly be laid at his door, Secretary Knox made clear to the Hamlin committee of the house, but belong to past administrations.

He explained the \$5,000 payment to young Mr. Hale, which Ellihu Root contracted for, and the affair of the Rosenthal portrait was traced to the administration of John Hay.

At the same time Secretary Knox resented what he regarded as an intimation that perjury had been committed by some of the present clerical force of the state department. The committee has not succeeded in solving the riddle in connection with payments made to Albert Rosenthal for the Day portrait and the recovery of the original voucher and the explanatory memoranda attached to it. Accompanying the latter was a receipt from Rosenthal which the latter has no recollection of giving. There was a letter from Consul General W. H. Michael, former chief clerk of the department, written in answer to Secretary Root's request for information, in which Michael says the balance of \$1,600 was given in cash to Secretary John Hay and used by him in connection with Chinese affairs under Mr. Rockhill.

"Don't you think," asked Mr. Hamlin of Secretary Knox, "that this receipt was prepared since this hearing began?"

"Are you charging anyone with perjury?" remarked Mr. Knox.

"I am not, but I think this suspicious," said Mr. Hamlin.

"If you can ascertain," retorted Secretary Knox, "that since you got your letter from Rosenthal that some one in the department fixed this up there will be some vacancies."

"I may do Secretary Root an injustice," said Davis, "but I think he said the voucher was in two parts. This is all one document."

Secretary Knox—"I gave it to you in the shape in which I received it."

"With these papers is a letter signed by Rosenthal referring to a portrait of Secretary Day. It is signed March 23, 1906, and addressed to no one. Do you know anything about it?" asked Hamlin.

"Nothing," said Secretary Knox. "As soon as this affair developed I ordered a search for the voucher. I found the affairs of the department in an chaotic condition. I have reorganized it and will endeavor to install business methods."

TENNESSEE DEAL THE ISSUE

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MEXICO CITY IS MENACED

Rebel Head of Strong Force Demands That Madero Remove Military Commander of District.

Mexico City.—General Jose Vera, commanding 4,000 rebel soldiers, the flower of Madero's army in the federal district of Mexico, sent an ultimatum to Madero declaring that if Madero did not make a change in the commander of this military zone he would take Mexico City within twenty-four hours.

Madero's agents here have sent back word to Vera parleying for time. Vera is reported to be a bandit like Zapala, but has a strong force of the best, most daring of all Madero's men. He cannot take this city, but might begin a hot battle on the outskirts.

Madero named Emilio Sobrino to command all the forces in the state of Mexico. Now Vera has risen against Sobrino.

SEAMEN'S STRIKE IS BEGUN

Walkout Is Called at British, Belgian, and Dutch Ports—Vessel Owners Are Not Worried.

London.—The seamen's strike was formally declared at London, Glasgow, Liverpool, Cardiff, Bristol, Southampton and other British ports, and also at Belgian and Dutch ports, but the chances of any real international strike being declared seem remote.

Indications show the confidence of the shipping federation is well placed, for at hardly any of these ports was enthusiasm displayed for the strike, and the shipowners maintain an attitude of indifference, seemingly satisfied that they will have no trouble in filling the places of the strikers.

The men demand chiefly a conciliation board and the establishment of a minimum wage, and complain bitterly of wholesale employment of Asiatics

Mint Becomes Warehouse.

Washington.—The historic New Orleans mint will cease to exist as such after July 1. It will be conducted henceforth as an assay office and a storage place for 22,000,000 silver dollars. Only one of its old vaults is considered burglar-proof at present.

Kills Self When Son Weds.

Kansas City.—Despondent because her sixteen-year-old son married against her wishes, Mrs. Nettie Supernawa hanged herself in the basement of her home in this city.

PEERS REHEARSING FOR THE CORONATION.



TO QUIZ ROOSEVELT PACT FIGHT BEGUN

EX-PRESIDENT AND J. P. MORGAN MUST TESTIFY, SAY STEEL PROBERS.

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MRS. NATION LEFT \$10,000

Last Testament Filled in Washington, D. C., Which She Claimed Her Home.

Washington.—The will of Carrie A. Nation was filed in the probate court here. It was dated in 1907 and in it Mrs. Nation declared herself a resident of Washington.

It is estimated the estate disposed of by the will is valued at \$10,000, consisting of houses and lots in Guthrie and Shawnee, Okla., an account of \$1,000 in an Alexandria (Va.) bank, and a life insurance policy.

To the Woman's Christian Temperance union of Kansas Mrs. Nation bequeathed her "Book of My Life" and all rights thereunder. Charlton A. McNab, her only child, is insane and a month if not in an insane asylum.

After the death of Mrs. McNab her children are to receive \$500 each. The remainder of the estate is to be given to the Carrie Nation Home for Drunkards' Wives and Widows at Kansas City for a home for children twelve years old and under.

Medals Given to Six Tars.

Washington.—President Taft presented medals of honor to six members of the crew of the warship North Dakota and spoke in praise of their heroic deeds when on September 8, 1910, an oil fuel explosion on the North Dakota killed three men, put in jeopardy the lives of scores of others, and placed the battleship itself in danger.

In addition to the medals of honor a gratuity of \$100 was given to each man.

Gives Parrot \$3,500 in Will.

Oklahoma City, Okla.—A will leaving \$3,500 for the support and maintenance of a pet parrot has been drawn by Thomas Billingsby, a capitalist of this city. The parrot is twenty years old. Billingsby was a sailor for many years, and came into possession of the parrot in Polynesia.

Varsity Honors Clews.

Ada, O.—Henry Clews, the New York banker, has been honored by Ohio Northern university with the degree of doctor of philosophy.

Bust of Sherman Complete.

Washington.—A marble bust of Vice-President Sherman has just been completed and will be placed in the capitol. The likeness, which shows the vice-president wearing spectacles, has been accepted by the government.

Gould Party Buys Texas Road.

Palestine, Tex.—A committee said to represent the Gould interests purchased the International & Great Northern railroad at receivership sale here. The road sold for \$12,645,000.

HELD FOR SWINDLING

HEAD OF AMERICA ELECTRIC FUSE COMPANY ARRESTED.

Frank G. Jones is Charged With Having Forged Notes Aggregating \$800,000.

Muskegon, Mich.—It is believed by the creditors of Frank G. Jones, president of the American Electrical Fuse company and a director of the Hackley National bank of this city, that he has, through fraudulent operations, swindled them out of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Jones was arrested on a warrant sworn out by officers of the Old National Bank of Grand Rapids, charging him with obtaining \$50,000 under false pretenses. An under sheriff took him to the Grand Rapids jail.

In the Grand Rapids federal court a petition in bankruptcy was filed by George A. Hume, Thomas Hume and John G. Emery, three Muskegon creditors with claims amounting to \$33,999. Referee Wicks appointed Paul S. Moon of Muskegon as receiver. It is alleged the liabilities of the concern are \$750,000 and the assets \$150,000.

Banks throughout the central states are believed to have been victimized in sums of \$20,000 to \$50,000.

Jones was a Chicago lawyer before he went to Adrian to establish the company. In Adrian the company got into trouble through some checks it sent out.

Many of the stockholders are Muskegon people, quite a number of them employees of the company. The receiver has discharged all the high salaried officials, keeping only a small working force. The plant will continue in operation.

RAIL LOOT TRIAL IS ON

Chicagoan Being Made Scapegoat to Protect the Big Four Is Charge.

Cincinnati.—Charles W. Baker, attorney for Edgar S. Cooke of Chicago, who is on trial here charged with embezzling \$24,000 from the Big Four railroad, in his opening statement declared that his client was being made a scapegoat by officials of the company to protect the road from punishment for giving rebates.

Baker said that officials of the Big Four railroad were suspected of taking millions of dollars from the treasury and paying it in violation of federal laws to favorite shippers.

"If the truth were known," said Baker, "Warriner did not take \$643,000, as charged, but he probably took \$1,643,000 or \$2,643,000, but he took it for the purpose of the road."

The Big Four, he said, did not make any charges against Comstock, the former treasurer of the railroad. He said they induced Warriner to appear without counsel and plead guilty, and then had Cooke indicted for embezzlement.

He said the Big Four railroad had not made any demand upon the American Surety company, which signed Cooke's bond, and that P. A. Hewitt, auditor at the time, covered in the indictment of Cooke, had been promoted since.

DIRECT ELECTION BILL WINS

Resolution for Popular Election of Senators is Approved by Senate.

Washington.—By a vote of 64 to 24, the United States senate, after a day of sharp debate, adopted a resolution to submit to the states an amendment to the constitution for the election of senators by direct vote.

The Bristow amendment, which reserves to the federal government the right to control the senatorial elections in the states, was adopted before the final vote, 44 to 44, with Vice-President Sherman casting the deciding vote.

The resolution as amended must pass the house of representatives by a two-thirds vote, and then be ratified by three-fourths of the states.

LORIMER CASE IS DELAYED

Hearing in New Inquiry Postponed Until June 22 Because Senator's Counsel is Otherwise Engaged.

Washington.—Announcement was made by the special senate committee of eight which is to conduct the second investigation into the election of Senator William Lorimer of Illinois that the first hearing will be held in Washington on Thursday, June 22.

The committee had previously determined that the first hearing would be held on June 19, but the change was made after a lengthy conference with Senator Lorimer, who said that his counsel, Judge Elbridge Haney, is engaged in the trial of a case in Chicago and will probably not be in a position to appear until June 22. Judge Haney represented Lorimer at the previous investigation.

Held as White Slave.

White Plains, N. Y.—William Simon, engineer of the New York Central, is under arrest here pending an investigation of the alleged murder of his wife, who was found dead, a towel and pillowcase bound around her neck.

Found Guilty of Embezzlement.

Washington.—For the second time John Barton Miller, former secretary and treasurer of the First Co-Operative Building association of this city, has been found guilty of embezzlement of \$125,000.



Mistake in Game Season.

Chief Game Warden Henry N. Miller recently sent out cards bearing the dates of the open seasons for game in Nebraska and other facts in relation to the game laws, but a mistake in the open season for ducks, geese and water fowl was made in the printed list. The cards issued by the game warden state that the open season for ducks, geese and water fowl is from September 15 to the fifth of the following April. The original bill, H. R. 243, shows that the open season for game birds is from September 1 to the fifth of the following April. The open season for other birds and game is as follows: Prairie chickens, grouse and sage hens, September 1 to November 30. Jack snipe and other snipe, September 1 to April 30. Plover and doves, July 15 to August 31. Squirrels, October and November. Bass not less than eight inches long, April 1 to 15th of November, the law to be effective after July 7 of this year. Trout not less than eight inches long, April 1 to September 30. All other fish, April 1 to November 15. Quail, first fifteen days in November.

Must Enlarge the Exits.

Deputy Labor Commissioner Louis V. Guye has adopted rules and regulations for the carrying out of the fire escape and theater inspection law passed at the last legislature, which will make radical changes in almost every moving picture house in the state. Under his interpretation of the law the little, narrow exits at either side of the stage in moving picture houses must be enlarged to doorways three feet wide by six feet and six inches high. He believes the prevailing narrow exits near the stage are worse than no exit, because they are an invitation for people to crowd into an impossible opening and that in case of fire or a panic the narrow openings would be worse than none.

To Mark Old Oregon Trail.

A determined effort to mark the Oregon trail from where that trail enters Nebraska at the southwest corner of Gage county to old Fort Kearney, made by Rev. E. J. Ulmer of Alexandria, is being ably seconded by C. S. Paine of the state historical society. The plan originally was to take a party of boys over the route, organized something after the manner of the boy scouts. Since its first announcement by Rev. Mr. Ulmer the number of people who have signified their desire to go has been a surprise.

Rules for Cream Testers.

Testing cream "while you wait" has been prohibited by Deputy State Food Commissioner W. R. Jackson. He has ruled that inasmuch as an accurate test cannot be made instantly, samples of cream shall be held by testers who purchase until the evening of the day of delivery or until the next morning, and that payment for cream in whole or in part shall be suspended until the day following delivery. Mr. Jackson's new ruling is to become effective July 1.

To Test Medical Collage Bill.

Preparations to test the validity of the Grossman medical college bill which was passed at the last session of the legislature are under way, eclectic physicians of the state being behind the movement. The bill appropriates \$100,000 for the construction of a new building at the Omaha medical college and will go into effect July 7, but whether or not proceedings will be started before that time has not yet been determined.

Revise Nebraska Statutes.

Secretary J. H. Broady of the state commission appointed to revise the Nebraska statutes has issued an invitation to both attorneys and laymen to co-operate with the commission in making changes and notifying any such persons that they will be welcome at the commission's office the first Monday in each month, at which time public hearings will be held by the commission for the purpose of receiving suggestions.

Thinks Boy Hurt by Fall.

Governor Aldrich held a conference with Superintendent Thomas of the state institute for feeble-minded youth at Beatrice and after hearing the superintendent's account of the injuries received by eleven-year-old George Reeder, who was an inmate of the institution for twenty-four days, decided not to go further with the inquiry. The black and blue marks on the body of the boy are accounted for by the superintendent as the result of the boy's fall down a flight of stairs.

Governor Aldrich has been asked by many politicians to get into the race for United States senator. He has declined to do so under present conditions. The only condition he will consider is one which he does not believe will arise and that is that the nomination shall be offered to him on a silver platter.

With impressive ceremonies, Clark A. Fulmer was installed as chancellor of the Cotner Wesleyan university by John A. Slater of Holdrege, president of the board of trustees