

# The Valentine Democrat

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VALENTINE, NEBRASKA.

## RAINS DO DAMAGE

### SOUTHEAST PORTION OF STATE OF NEBRASKA IS DELUGED BY WATER.

### RAILWAY TRAFFIC IS TIED UP

#### Bridges and Tracks Washed Out on Many Lines—One Farmer Suffers Loss of Eighty Head of Cattle and Entire Corn Crop.

Omaha, Neb.—Reports received in this city from Gage and Johnson counties in the southeast portion of the state indicate that section was visited early Sunday by one of the heaviest rainfalls recorded in that vicinity.

From Beatrice comes the report that the government gauge recorded a fall of eight inches of rain and that the Blue river rose a total of 26 feet. The Blue river rose at the rate of three feet an hour, submerging the railroad yards and endangering the residence and business districts, in which portion of the town considerable damage was done by the flood. Women and children were rescued from the tops of box cars. As far as can be learned no lives were lost.

All the railroads were hard hit by the floods. The Burlington bridge over Bear creek and nearly all the trackage in the Burlington, Rock Island and Union Pacific yards at Beatrice was washed out or inundated. For a distance of 12 miles between DeWitt and Beatrice most of the track is gone.

### \$325,000 BLAZE IN TOLEDO.

#### Eight Firemen Hurt by Flying Bricks and Glass.

Toledo, O.—Eight firemen were painfully injured in a fire here which destroyed the manufacturing plant of the B. A. Stevens company, eight small dwellings and frame storerooms. The firemen were injured by flying bricks and window glass when one of the walls of the Stevens plant collapsed after the building had been gutted. The men were taken to their homes in ambulances. How the fire started is unknown.

Shortly after the fire was discovered two violent explosions occurred in the Stevens plant. They were caused, it is believed, by polish which was used by the company in the manufacture of its products.

The total loss is estimated at \$325,000. The Stevens company's loss is placed at \$300,000, with \$250,000 insurance.

### Shot Up a Crowded Car.

North Adams, Mass.—The victims of Fadlo Malak, a young Syrian who shot up a crowded electric car, are not expected to number more than two, Motorman Hoyt and Miss Martha E. Ester, who were both instantly killed. The bullet which struck Mrs. S. A. Hall 69 years old, was recovered and unless complications develop she is expected to recover. The other five women shot are reported to be progressing satisfactorily.

### Big Reward Offered.

Fargo, N. D.—The bandits who held up the Northern Pacific train early Thursday morning are believed to be still at large. The reward has been increased from \$1,000 to \$2,500 for each man. It is estimated that the loss of the passengers runs from \$500 to \$1,000.

### Twenty-Five Persons Hurt.

Newark, N. J.—Twenty-five persons were injured, six seriously, when the grandstand at the Newark baseball park collapsed during a game between the Newark and Wheeling clubs of the Central league, carrying 250 persons with it. Many women and children were in the stand at the time.

### "Scotty" Philip Dead.

Pierre, S. D.—James Philip, known as "Scotty" Philip, the noted cattleman and owner of a large buffalo herd, died at his home in Fort Pierre as the result of bursting of a blood vessel in the brain. He had been sick some time.

### Robbed of Gems and Cash.

Colorado Springs, Colo.—While asleep in a berth on an Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe train bound for this city, Mrs. H. G. Seymour, of Kansas City, was robbed of a bag of diamonds worth \$4,000 and nearly \$100 in cash.

### Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Sioux City.—Saturday's quotations on the local live stock market follow: Top hogs, \$6.55. Top cows, \$6.45.

### Criminal Driven to Bay by Posse.

St. Joseph, Mo.—Surrounded by a posse of officers and farmers eight miles north of town, Lewis Legatta, sought on charges of arson and attempted murder, refused to surrender and was riddled with bullets and buckshot.

### More Soldiers to Frontier.

Lisbon.—The Sixth regiment of chasseurs was ordered to the northern frontier to reinforce the garrison at Braga.

## DENIES HINES TALE

### ALDRICH SAYS HE DID NOT PROMISE TAFT'S AID IN LORIMER'S ELECTION.

### HE WAS 'NOT OBJECTIONABLE'

#### Former Rhode Island Senator Refutes Much of the Evidence Given by the Chicago Lumberman Before Senate Investigating Committee.

Washington.—Former United States Senator Nelson W. Aldrich of Rhode Island flatly contradicted at the Lorimer committee investigation the story given by Edward Hines of Chicago that Aldrich had asked him to urge Lorimer to become a senatorial candidate.

In substance, Aldrich's testimony was to the effect that Hines approached him and asked him what the administration thought of Lorimer, and Aldrich informed him that Lorimer was "not objectionable" to President Taft.

A cross-examination brought an admission from C. F. Wiehe, brother-in-law of Hines, that the mysterious Robert Shields of Superior, Wis., who travels the country over refreshing the memories of witnesses prior to their appearance here, has obtained for his own agency, \$4,000,000 of insurance on the Hines Lumber company's properties, has "lobbied" for the concern and was active in the election of Senator Stephenson of Wisconsin.

This is what former Senator Aldrich accomplished during his short appearance on the witness stand:

Denied that he sent for Edward Hines in the spring of 1901.

Denied that he asked Hines to see Congressman Lorimer and impress on him "that the administration was very anxious to have a Republican senator elected in Illinois as soon as possible."

Denied that he told Hines there were several important tariff schedules coming up in the senate for the passage of which it was very important to have every available republican vote.

Denied that he sent for Hines and asked him to accompany him to the White House to discuss the Illinois situation with the president.

Denied that he told Hines the president and he (Aldrich) thought Lorimer could be elected and again asked Hines to urge on Lorimer "the necessity of becoming a candidate and doing all he could to be elected at the earliest moment possible."

Denied that he sent any message whatever either to Lorimer or to Governor Deneen concerning the election.

Mr. Aldrich thought he had participated in three conversations with Hines.

### THREE BANDITS ROB TRAIN

#### North Coast Limited Held Up in North Dakota—Passengers Are Relieved of \$500.

Grand Forks, N. D.—Train No. 2, the eastbound North Coast limited on the Northern Pacific railroad, was held up by three masked robbers near Buffalo, N. D. The robbers secured about \$500 in cash by searching the passengers, shot Engineer S. P. Olson of Fargo twice to make him stop the train and made a successful escape in an automobile which they had awaiting them near the scene of the robbery.

The deed as executed was one of the most daring ever perpetrated in this part of the country and showed that the men were no amateurs at the business, as every movement was cleverly planned and admirably executed. When the train stopped at the high bridge at Valley City the three men boarded it and went into the day coach. Heavily armed and shooting recklessly to intimidate the passengers, they first lined the train crew up at one end of the car and then proceeded to search the passengers in the coaches.

### LEWIS STRANG IS KILLED

#### Noted Auto Driver Crushed to Death in Attempting to Avoid a Wagon.

Blue Rivers, Wis.—Louis Strang, the noted automobile race driver, was instantly killed near here, when, in an endeavor to avoid a wagon his automobile careened and went crashing over a high embankment.

Strang was driver of a car carrying the technical committee of the annual endurance tour of the Wisconsin Automobile association.

In the car with Strang were three other passengers, including Joe Jagerberger, also a driver of Case cars, and Lester Clark of Richland Center, Wis. The name of the other passenger has not been learned. Strang did not jump, but remained at the wheel and was crushed to death in the fall of thirty feet.

### Municipal Pigs Prove Failure.

New Haven, Conn.—Municipal collection of garbage, tried out here for the last six months, has proved a costly venture. The expense has been at the rate of \$54,000 a year, the greater part of which represents investment in pigs.

### Bobby Carruthers Is Dying.

Peoria, Ill.—Robert Carruthers, at one time the highest-salaried baseball player in the world, is dying at a hospital in this city from a nervous breakdown.

### Freed by Immigration Officials.

New York.—Hugh Sweeney of Indianapolis, who had been detained by the immigration authorities at this port as not being a citizen, was released on proving that he had served in the Civil war.



"Look, Chimmie—I et four cobs o' corn an' three slices o' melon!"

## OFFERS TRUST CURB

### WICKERSHAM SUGGESTS CORPORATION COMMISSION AS REMEDY FOR PRESENT EVILS.

### FIXING OF PRICES POSSIBLE

#### Attorney General, in Duluth Address, Proposes Powers Like Interstate Commerce Board—Says Law of Supply and Demand Nullified.

Duluth, Minn.—Attorney General Wickersham, speaking before the Minnesota Bar association here, advocated a federal commission for the regulation of corporations in the same way as the interstate commerce board now curbs the railroads.

The cabinet member declared also that the duty of fixing prices of commodities might devolve upon this commission, though he expressed some doubt of the practicability of this phase of the plan.

The law of supply and demand, Mr. Wickersham said, no longer controls prices in the United States. For years, he said, the prices in all the great staple industries have been fixed by agreement between the principal producers and not by a normal play of free competition.

An interstate commission, the attorney general added, would prevent violations of the anti-trust laws and aid business men to maintain a continued status of harmony with the requirements of the statutes.

"That further regulation of corporations carrying on commerce among the states may be necessary," he said, "is coming to be a matter of current comment. It has been openly advocated recently by representatives of some of the largest combinations of capital, probably as a means of salvation and to preserve under government supervision great organizations whose continued existence is menaced by the recent interpretation of the Sherman act, the disintegration of which would be attended with heavy loss. To such it is a case of 'any port in a shipwreck.' Better continued cooperative life, even under a powerful master, than disseminated properties and segregated activities without constant government supervision.

"But there are other reasons for such regulation. The federal department of justice is not organized or equipped to maintain constant supervision and control of business organizations. It deals only with cases of violation of the law. The activities of an administrative board or commission would be directed to preventing such violations and in aiding business men to maintain a continued status of harmony with the requirements of law.

"Whether such a federal industrial commission should have power to regulate prices is, of course, a matter for serious consideration. The interstate commerce law prescribed as a legislative rule that prices for transportation by rail, or wire, or pipe line, shall be reasonable, and that no unjust discrimination shall be made between individuals or localities similarly situated. A similar rule might be made by congress with respect to the prices of commodities the subject of interstate commerce."

### Five Passengers Injured.

Muskogee, Okla.—Five passengers and the conductor were injured when a Midland Valley train crashed through a bridge near Avant, Okla. The bridge is fifty feet high. The structure had been weakened by a swollen creek.

### Plot to Kill De La Barra?

Mexico City.—The police have received information of an alleged plot to assassinate President de la Barra. The president discredits the report, but detectives are investigating.

## PASS PUBLICITY ACT

### ELECTION REFORM MEASURE IS APPROVED BY SENATE.

#### No Candidate for Congress Can Spend Over Ten Cents for Each Voter State.

Washington.—With a practical unanimous vote the senate passed the most drastic campaign publicity measure that was ever adopted by either branch of the United States congress. Using the pre-election publicity bill passed by the house of representatives as a basis, the senate constructed a proposed law with the following important features:

"No candidate for the senate or house shall spend in the election more than a sum equal to ten cents for each voter in his district or state.

"No senatorial candidate shall spend a total of more than \$10,000 in the primary and general election; and no candidate for the house shall spend more than \$5,000.

"Publicity must be given to all primary campaign contributions and expenditures.

"All general election expenses must be made public before the election, beginning fifteen days before election, and making publication each six days until election.

"All promises of political jobs must be made public."

The bill further makes it illegal to promise political places in order to secure election support, or to aid in influencing the election of any member of a state legislature.

The bill will be the subject of probably prolonged conference between the two houses. It originated in the house as a part of the Democratic legislative program and was designed to require the publication of expenditures before election, which is not required by the existing publicity law.

The Republicans in the house attempted to extend the bill to cover primary election expenses. In the senate the primary election amendment, coupled with more radical amendments, were adopted with little opposition.

The senate amendments authorized by the committee on privileges and elections required publicity of all primary election expenses and all pledges of political jobs or favors. Some objection to this was made on the basis that primary elections were not within the control of congress. The amendment was finally adopted, however, by a vote of 50 to 7.

### WILSON OUSTS WILEY AID

#### Secretary Removes Floyd W. Robison Without Consulting Chemist—Taft to Act.

Washington.—Floyd W. Robison, an important member of the staff of Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, chief of the bureau of chemistry of the department of agriculture, was dismissed from the bureau June 30 on charges of insubordination.

Although his dismissal was important, it was not considered sufficiently noteworthy to bring to the attention of Dr. Wiley's staff of experts in New York city. He came originally from Michigan.

Secretary Wilson said that Robison had been relieved of service because of his refusal to carry out an order of the secretaries of the departments of agriculture, treasury and commerce and labor to prohibit the mixing of benzoate of soda with food, which had been determined was deleterious to health.

### WOMAN IN AUTO SHOT DEAD

#### Bloodhounds Are Aiding Poses in Search of the Assassin in Woods of Virginia.

Richmond, Va.—Bloodhounds, cried on by their trainers of the Henrico county constabulary, are searching the Middlethian woods in Chesterfield county aiding Richmond mounted police and posses under the sheriff of Chesterfield in the hunt for the man who shot and killed Mrs. Harry C. Beattie, Jr., as she was riding with her husband in an automobile.

Young Beattie stopped the car when an unidentified man, evidently an anti-automobile fanatic, stood stubbornly in the middle of the road. When he asked the man to make way the latter with a surly retort raised a single barreled shotgun and fired at close range into the car, killing Mrs. Beattie.

### GATES' FRIENDS ARE HOPEFUL

#### Stricken Financier Is More Than Holding His Own, and Complete Recovery Is Looked For.

Paris.—Although the condition of John W. Gates is still critical, he continues to make slight gains.

Doctor Gros, after his second visit to the patient said while it would be several days before the physicians could say definitely that Mr. Gates was out of danger, his condition at present justified confident hopes for his recovery.

### Canada Has Honey Famine.

Toronto, Ont.—Dealers in honey declare that the drought of June and early July has caused a shortage of over 1,000,000 pounds in Ontario's harvest from the hives. The practical failure of small flowering field crops is given as the cause.

### Killed in Auto Crash.

Willmar, Minn.—Mrs. C. W. Carlson of Carpenter, S. D., is dead and her husband is seriously injured as the result of an automobile accident near this city.

## ALL OVER NEBRASKA

### Jacquot Leaves Big Estate.

Custer County.—Nicholas Jacquot, who recently died in Merna, left an estate valued at \$100,000 to his eleven children. He died without having made a will and it will be divided equally, the heirs having petitioned for an early hearing and settlement.

### Unidentified Body Found.

Sarpy County.—The badly decomposed body of a woman was found on the Wiley farm near Child's point by some boys who were fishing. The body, which was taken in charge by the coroner of Sarpy county, had evidently been there for a long time.

### Coroner Will Investigate.

Dawson County.—An inquest will be held at Overton to ascertain the question whether there is any liability on the part of the Union Pacific Railway company for the death of H. Finke and O. Bleau, who were killed by train No. 29 July 13.

### Alleged Bootlegger Bound Over.

York County.—The case of the state against E. P. Robinson of Henderson, on the charge of selling intoxicating liquors without legal authority, was called in Judge Wray's court at York. Robinson waived preliminary examination and bound over for trial.

### Forty Tons of Hay Burned.

Nemaha County.—While at work cutting and raking hay on one of his bottom land farms north of Auburn, David Evans discovered fire near a partially completed stack and despite his best efforts and the efforts of those who came to his assistance about forty ton of hay was burned.

### State Auditor "Touched."

Hall County.—State Auditor Silas R. Barton was touched for \$165 while on his way home from Denver, Colo. Mr. Barton was practically destitute on arriving in Grand Island until he was able to locate some of his neighbors. The money was taken from his pockets while he was asleep on the train.

### Frontier Days at Osceola.

Polks County.—The Osceola frontier days this year are July 26 and 27. The officers are pushing hard to make the celebration this year one of great interest and are engaging some of the best talent obtainable. This makes the third year that Osceola has indulged in a frontier day program.

### Drawn Into Fly Wheel.

Saline County.—Joe Justa, a thresher man of Dorchester, met with a serious accident while threshing on the farm of Art Huff. Stooping over to adjust a belt that had become loosened on the flywheel, his coat tail caught in the wheel and drew him in, breaking his collarbone, his jaw and three ribs. One of the broken ribs punctured a lung. His condition is serious.

### Better Than Average Crop.

Custer County.—Custer county will have better than an average corn crop if weather conditions are normal from now on. At no time this year had the crop been in serious condition, and the local showers last week and the general rain of this week have placed the ground in condition to develop the corn rapidly. The leading farmers of this vicinity expect a crop of from fifteen to thirty-five bushels, depending on locality and cultivation.

### Hogs Lost in Mire.

Richardson County.—A herd of seventeen hogs sought refuge from the heat in a slough in Harve Findlay's pasture. They buried themselves in the mud, and the slough dried up while the hogs were taking comfort in this way. The mud dried about their bodies and they couldn't get out. After being missing two days, when Mr. Findlay found them, four were dead. He and a neighbor used spades to rescue the others by digging them out of the dry mire.

### Crops Turn Out Well.

Burt County.—For the past few days eighteen steam threshers have been at work and can be seen from Tekamah. This is the largest number ever before at work at the same time in sight of each other in Burt County. The wheat crop is never more promising.

### Close Call for Congressman.

Fillmore County.—Congressman C. H. Sloan had a narrow escape from serious injury while riding in a friend's automobile, going overland from his home in Geneva to catch a train at Fairmont. He had attended a family reunion and spent the Fourth at home and started on his way to Washington. The road between Geneva and Fairmont is level and altogether enticing for a spin. While going at a good rate of speed the machine skidded and turned turtle. Both the congressman and his companion fell clear of the machine and suffered no serious mishap.

### Little Boy Saves Brother's Life.

Buffalo County.—Edgar Piper, the 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Piper of Kearney, saved the life of his brother of 4 years while the family were picnicking at Glenwood park north of Kearney. The mother had left the boys to answer the telephone. Donald fell off the boat landing into Wood river. As he went down for the third time Edgar grabbed him by the hair and held him until a little girl playing near could give the alarm and get help.