

The Valentine Democrat

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VALENTINE, NEBRASKA.

A 4,000 MILE JAUNT

NINE GOVERNORS TO TOUR MIDDLE WEST AND EAST FOR TWENTY DAYS.

AN UP TO DATE ENTERPRISE

Special Train of Eleven Cars, Containing Ten State Exhibits, Leave St. Paul—Executives to Boost the Resources of the Northwest.

St. Paul, Minn.—An eleven-car train, known as the western governor's special, departed from St. Paul Monday night for a twenty-day trip to twenty-one cities of the east and middle-west, the first time in the history of this country such an enterprise has been undertaken. Nearly 4,000 miles will be covered by the special from its departure before its return to St. Paul December 16. The cities where the special will stop represent a total population of more than 12,500,000 people. The western governors are going down east to bring the east and west into closer contact. The people of the east, through their representative business organizations, have made "get acquainted" excursions to the western states, and now the people of the west are sending their governors and most prominent business men to return the compliment.

The "patronize home industry" spirit of the west has been one of the considerations which has urged the western development organization to send this excursion to the eastern states seeking the best points at which the west may buy its goods, since it is felt that the opening of the Panama canal is apt to make European manufacturers' close competitors of all American industries.

LOSS FROM SPOILED EGGS.

Secretary Wilson Suggests Remedy in Production of Infertile Eggs.

Washington, D. C.—Uncle Jim Wilson, secretary of agriculture, is being accused of discrimination against the American rooster. In an official bulletin just issued the secretary says:

"A large part of the heavy loss from bad eggs can be obviated by the production of infertile eggs. This has been demonstrated beyond a doubt by the investigations concerning the improvement of the farm egg which during the past two years have been conducted by the bureau of animal industry of the department of agriculture."

Secretary Wilson adds that there is an annual loss of \$45,000,000 in the egg crop of the United States between the producer and the consumer, the greater part of which falls on the farmer.

LaFargue and Wife End Life.

Paris.—The well known socialist, John LaFargue, and his wife committed suicide here. LaFargue left a letter saying he felt the approach of the infirmities of old age, which threatened paralysis, and determined to die while still in possession of all his faculties. His wife refused to survive, preferring to share his fate.

Rochester Captures Meeting.

Atlanta, Ga.—After selecting Rochester, N. Y., as the place for holding the annual convention in 1912, re-electing for next year all its officers and adopting without amendment the reports of several committees, the thirty-first annual convention of the American Federation of Labor adjourned.

Dr. Arthur McDavitt Guilty.

San Bernardino, Cal.—Dr. Arthur McDavitt, charged with a statutory offense in connection with the imprisonment of Miss Jessie McDonald for sixteen months in a room in his office, was found guilty by the jury, which deliberated less than half an hour. McDavitt announced he would appeal when he is called for sentence Monday. The maximum penalty is a year in jail.

Live Stock Market.

Sioux City.—Cattle—Good to choice corn-fed steers, \$7.00@8.50; medium to good, \$5.50@7.00; good to choice grass steers, \$4.50@6.50; good to choice fat cows and heifers, \$5.00@6.00; grass cows, \$3.50@5.00; canners and cutters, \$2.50@3.75; bulls, \$3.00@4.25; veals, \$3.50@7.00. Hogs—Prices range from \$5.35@6.30, with a bulk of the sales at \$6.15@6.25. Sheep—Lambs, \$4.50@5.50; yearlings, \$3.50@4.25; wethers, \$2.85@5.50; ewes, \$2.25@3.25.

Sinks with Crew.

Tokyo.—The Japanese destroyer Harusame foundered off Shima province in a storm and 45 of the crew of 60 perished.

Democratic Convention.

Mt. Clemens, Mich.—The time and place for holding the Democratic national convention will be decided by the Democratic national committee in Washington at noon January 8, according to an announcement made by Norman E. Mack, chairman of the committee.

JOHN D. IS BIDDEN

ROCKEFELLER AND HIS ALMONER INVITED TO REFUTE MERRITT BROTHERS' TESTIMONY.

STEEL HEARING IS HALTED

Duluth Man Tells Stanley Committee That His Family Was Frozen Out of Iron Company by Standard Oil Head.

Washington.—The Stanley house committee investigating the United States Steel corporation will ask John D. Rockefeller and Rev. F. D. Gates of Montclair, N. J., his almoner, to reply to the charges made before the committee by the two Duluth (Minn.) men, Alfred and Leonidas Merritt.

The Merritt brothers charge that Rockefeller, through Gates as his agent, took from them in 1893 \$10,000,000 in Mesaba iron mine and Duluth, Missabe & Northern Railroad securities to satisfy a call loan of \$420,000. These securities were afterward sold to the United States Steel corporation, and are now a part of that corporation's vast holdings.

After Leonidas Merritt had testified that he had gone to New York with \$10,000,000 in securities, had met Mr. Rockefeller and two months later had nothing except a "chance to walk from New York to Duluth on the ties," the steel committee had an executive session.

Previously Chairman Stanley had announced that Mr. Rockefeller would be subpoenaed. The committee decided, however, merely to ask Mr. Rockefeller and Mr. Gates if they wished to appear and to give them an opportunity to be heard.

Leonidas Merritt, on the witness stand, said that he had gone to New York and had an interview with John D. Rockefeller relative to the formation of the Lake Superior Consolidated Iron Mine company, which the Merritts were forming to take care of their mining and railroad interests. Speaking of the interview, Merritt said: "Rockefeller said he would be proud to be my partner and backer. He also said that he never speculated, and for that reason would not take any stock in the consolidation. He would just keep the bonds in the proposed Lake Superior Consolidated Iron Mine company that we were organizing." Then the Merritts were frozen out.

The committee adjourned, probably not to meet again until after congress convenes, when the objection of the Steel corporation to a continuance of the hearings because of the government suit against the steel trust will be taken up by the full committee.

TELLS OF PATTERSON KILLING

Eye Witness Describes How Woman Shot Her Husband in Denver—Death Penalty Is Asked.

Denver, Colo.—Evidence tending to prove that the killing of her husband by Mrs. Gertrude Patterson on September 25 was cold-blooded murder was introduced by the prosecution at the trial of the slayer.

A. B. Shugert, a carpenter, living near the scene of the shooting, testified that he was working about the yard of his home when he heard two shots fired in rapid succession. Witness said that he saw Mrs. Patterson shoot her husband the third time, after his attention had been attracted by the first two shots.

"He was on his hands and knees. I called out to the woman to stop." He ran towards the couple, when he reached them the man was lying on his face and the woman was stooping over him. Mrs. Patterson then ran and entered the Hendrie home, where she was arrested when the police arrived. "The man was still gasping. I spoke to him, but he could not reply. I turned him over and found a revolver under his body."

In opening the case Prosecutor Benson made only a short address. He told the jury the state would prove the murder was premeditated and unprovoked and that the state asked for a first degree conviction and the extreme penalty provided by law.

RUSSIA AND PERSIA PART

Diplomatic Relations Are Broken Off—Supporters of Former Shah De-feated in Battle.

Teheran.—Russia has ceased diplomatic relations with Persia. The regent has persuaded the ex-premier, Samsam-es-Sultaneh, to form a cabinet, but it is difficult to find ministers. The local newspapers comment favorably upon a detailed explanation of the situation issued by the American treasurer-general, W. Morgan Shuster, whose rigid adherence to his own principles is applauded.

There has been more fighting between troops under Salared Dowieh, the brother of the ex-shah, and the troops of the government, and it is said that Salared has been whipped.

Strikers Are Turned Down.

Atlanta, Ga.—The American Federation of Labor will not levy an assessment for the striking shipmen on the Illinois Central and Harriman lines. The convention adopted a resolution pledging "moral and voluntary" financial support of the strikers.

Indiana Bars "All Day Suckers." Indianapolis, Ind.—"All day suckers," community pencil boxes and chewing gum are to be banned from public schools of Indiana by order of the state board of health.

A BEGINNING ON THE MESSAGE



WASHINGTON STAR.

TELLS TAR STORY

KANSAS TEACHER RECITES DETAILS OF ATTACK ON LONELY ROAD.

BODY COATED WITH BLACK

Victim Accuses Barber Who Decoyed Her to Scene of Offering Insults and Leaving Her in Hands of Five Masked Men.

Lincoln Center, Kan.—Mary Chamberlain, the Shady Bend school teacher, told details of the attack upon her when she was tarred by a number of men at the trial of Edward Ricord and four others before a crowd of spectators that filled every inch of space in the courtroom.

Apparently at her ease, Miss Chamberlain answered the questions of the attorneys as to details of the "tar party." Once she became angered at questions propounded by the defense and flashed back a sharp answer, but she quickly recovered her even demeanor.

Her story of the affair was told amid a dead silence in the courtroom, as every spectator leaned forward eagerly to hear her dramatic recital.

Her narrative set forth how Edward Ricord, a village barber, decoyed her out into the country on the pretense of going to a dance, his alleged insults and their decision to return home; how when they had gone a short distance a party of five masked men dragged her from the buggy, while Ricord fled, and the subsequent pouring of tar on her body and limbs, while others rubbed it in with their hands; how by this experience she was rendered unconscious and later awoke to find herself being driven home by the companion who had deserted her, and how the tar clung to the body for days.

The testimony of Edward Ricord, Chester Anderson and Delbert Kindsperger, has caused a hush to fall upon corner conclaves in which the "tar party" previously had been largely discussed in the light of a joke. Grim details given in evidence have created a generally more serious view of what is now often styled "the county's disgrace."

Ricord told of meeting Sherrill Clark, one of the defendants, on the Sunday following the attack.

"What do you think they will do to me?" Ricord testified he asked Clark. "If they send you to the penitentiary," the witness alleged Clark said, "Mary will go, too, as I have evidence which will convict her."

"Has anyone told you that if you testified you had improper relations with Miss Chamberlain you would be sent to prison?"

Ricord was averse to answering and asked the court if a reply was compulsory. Told that it was, Ricord said:

"Sheriff Wolford."

Ricord testified that he twice attempted familiarities with Miss Chamberlain while they were in the buggy, and that she had repulsed him. "She would not stand for my putting my arm around her and she said she wanted me to turn around and go home," he said.

Sheriff Wolford followed Ricord on the stand. The sheriff made a general denial of Ricord's charge against him.

End Chicago Lorimer Quiz.

Chicago.—The special committee of the United States senate which has been investigating the election of Senator William Lorimer, ended its hearings in Chicago. It will reassemble in Washington December 5.

Castro Wins One Battle.

Mexico City.—A dispatch from Caracas says Gen. Cipriano Castro, ex-president of Venezuela, won a battle in Venezuela. General Castro had entered his native country with several thousand followers.

RAMON CACERES SLAIN

PRESIDENT OF SANTO DOMINGO IS ASSASSINATED.

Assassins Shoot Him Down as He Leaves House of Friend—Dies at U. S. Legation.

Washington.—Ramon Caceres, president of Santo Domingo, was assassinated by political malcontents in San Domingo city, according to reports to the state department.

The American charge d'affaires reports that President Caceres was leaving the house of Leon Vasquez, where he had made a call, when he was shot by two men, Luis Tejera and Jaime Mote, Jr. The wounded man ran to a stable near the American legation, where he was pursued and fatally shot by the assassins.

Friends carried the dying man to the American legation, where he passed away half an hour after the attack. The assassins fled to San Cristobal.

All reports received here through official channels indicate that the city of San Domingo is quiet following the assassination, but there are evidences of unrest throughout the republic and this is likely to develop into a serious situation. Mr. Russell, the American minister of San Domingo, is at present in this country on leave of absence, and the secretary, Mr. Endicott, is acting as charge.

HALT IN PACKERS' TRIAL

New Delay Is Won by Beef Men in the Trust Case at Chicago.

Chicago.—A delay of two days in the starting of the criminal trial against them was secured by counsel for the packers indicted for violating the Sherman anti-trust act.

The delay was granted by Judge C. C. Kohlsaat in the United States circuit court after the defendants had been defeated in efforts to make effective a writ of habeas corpus. An appeal to the United States Supreme court was allowed by Judge Kohlsaat.

After deciding to quash the writ of habeas corpus and ordering the defendants remanded to their sureties, Judge Kohlsaat agreed to delay formal entry of his decision and order for two days. This, it is asserted, will postpone the opening of the criminal trial of the packers long enough to permit the indicted men to get their appeal to the United States Supreme court, before they automatically accept jurisdiction in the district court by appearing at the trial there.

FAIL TO FIND \$100,000 FUND

Experts Report to Senators That Evidence Is Lacking in Hines and Tilden Book.

Chicago.—Neither Edward Hines, lumberman, nor Edward Tilden, packer, was the custodian of a \$100,000 fund nor any other fund which was to be used to "pay off the expenses of William Lorimer to the United States senate," according to experts' reports submitted to the senatorial investigating committee. The evidence for the defense came in response to the previous testimony of C. S. Funk, general manager of the International Harvester company.

Is Arrested for Kidnaping.

Neenah, Wis.—Charged with abducting Mabel Keagle, aged sixteen years, from her home at Peoria, Ill., C. E. Keller, twenty-eight years old, was arrested here and taken to Peoria. Miss Keagle came here about a month ago.

Germany Buying Black Walnut.

Bloomington, Ill.—Black walnut wood is now being purchased by Germany in this country, shipment of 13 car loads, 50,000 feet, leaving here for Hamburg.

BALKED BY POLICE

OVER 200 WOMEN ARRESTED IN ATTACK IN PARLIAMENT.

Suffragettes Determined to Introduce Resolution Are Dispersed.

London.—The suffragettes of London made their promised assault on parliament and were repulsed by a large force of police, after they had done considerable damage by stone throwing.

For a time the police withstood the attack of the women and prevented them from entering the house of commons. More than 200 women were arrested. There were many minor casualties, the women resisting the police bitterly and forcing them to use their clubs.

Thousands of women resorted to desperate tactics, picking up stones and hurling them at government buildings. Hundreds of persons were struck by the flying missiles, and in some cases injuries were severe.

The situation grew so menacing after the window smashing was begun that the police reserves were called out, and as they came dashing upon the scene in patrol wagons the crowd scattered and inside half an hour had dispersed.

The demonstration was planned against the manhood suffrage bill which now is in a fair way of passing parliament.

STEAMER ASHORE ON ISLAND

Liner Prinz Joachim, With W. J. Bryan Aboard, on Rock—Passengers Taken Off.

New York.—Twenty-five miles off her course, the steamer Prinz Joachim in the Atlas service of the Hamburg-American line, is ashore on Samana



W. J. Bryan.

Island, an uninhabited rock about a mile wide and eight miles long, thirty miles north of Fortune Island, Bahamas.

A message received here stated that the passengers and mails had been transferred to the Ward liner Segurana.

William Jennings Bryan, his wife and son were among those on board.

BOOM FOR GOOD HIGHWAYS

Roads Congress at Richmond, Va., Favors Cullom's Measure—May Receive Indorsement of Meet.

Richmond, Va.—The postoffice department's interest in highway improvement was made evident at the good roads congress by Fourth Assistant Postmaster General P. V. DeGraw, who came representing Postmaster General Hitchcock. Mr. DeGraw is the active head of the rural free delivery system, whose carriers travel 400,000,000 miles over country roads each year.

Senator Cullom's bill for the construction of seven national highways between Washington, D. C., Buffalo, Seattle, San Francisco, San Diego, Austin and Miami will probably receive the unanimous indorsement of the convention.

DR. ALONZO A. AMES EXPIRES

Fomer Minneapolis Mayor Who Became Notorious in Graft Exposure Found Dead in Bed.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Dr. Alonzo A. Ames, for many years mayor of Minneapolis and head of the notorious Ames regime, was found dead in his bed. At the time of the expose of graft in his administration, ten years ago, Doctor Ames was indicted and was tried four times, but never convicted. His brother, Fred Ames, who was chief of police, went to prison, as did several members of the police force. Doctor Ames later was a candidate for congress and for governor.

Banker Cummins Is Guilty.

New York.—William J. Cummins, former president of the Carnegie Trust company, was found guilty by a jury of larceny in connection with his use of an alleged fund of \$140,000 from the Nineteenth Ward bank. Sentence was reserved.

Jilted Girl Gets \$8,000.

Des Moines, Ia.—May A. Nojan, school-teacher, was awarded a verdict at Indianola of \$8,000 against W. H. Glynn, banker of Cunningham, for breach of promise to marry.

STATE ACADICAL LINCOLN CHAT.

Will Send Two Delegates.

Auditor Barton has consented to permit the state rural life commission of Nebraska to use a portion of its \$1,500 appropriation to pay the expenses of delegates to a rural life commission meeting at Washington, D. C. The commission obtained from the legislature an appropriation of \$1,500 to be used only for investigations, printing and expenses, no part to be used for salaries. The commission will send two delegates, Professor G. E. Condra at the request of the commission, the governor and chancellor of the university, and Frank G. Odell will go as secretary of the commission. Governor Aldrich has appointed State Superintendent James E. Delzell a member of the commission to succeed J. W. Crabtree, who resigned his office as state superintendent.

Files a General Denial.

The suit started by Attorney General Thompson to enjoin the Union Pacific and the Burlington Railroad companies from selling intoxicating liquors on dining and buffet cars in Nebraska, and which has been lost sight of by the public, is still pending in the supreme court of Nebraska. It was filed January 3, 1910. Recently the two railroads filed an answer after their demurrer had been overruled. Now Attorney General Martin has filed a general denial to every allegation in the answer of the railroad companies' answer save and except such only as admit the allegations of the state's petition.

Glanders Increasing.

That the \$25,000 state bounty for glandered horses is increasing the spread of the disease in Nebraska is indicated by the number and amount of claims filed with the state. Some contend that the state's action in insuring horses against glanders without payment of a premium from the owners of animals was an act of kindness and paternalism and that it will have the effect of soon wiping out the disease. The law intends that all glandered horses shall be killed and paid for by the state. Notwithstanding the slaughter of many diseased animals, the disease continues to exist.

Governor Says It is a Fake.

"The trans-Mississippi congress is a fake," said Governor Aldrich on his return from a trip to Kansas City. This is what was said of the organization many times fifteen years ago when the organization was in the possession of politicians, but thus far Governor Aldrich of Nebraska seems to be the only governor in the United States who has had the courage to say so.

Bank Examiners to Appeal.

Auditor Barton has refused to pay \$6,497, or any other sum of money, to two bank examiners appointed by Governor Shallenberger. The examiners whose claims were turned down by the auditor are L. H. Tate of Omaha and Harry Dowling of Grand Island. Mr. Tate asked for \$2,897 and Mr. Dowling for \$3,600. It is understood that the examiners will appeal from the auditor's decision to the district court and fight the case out in the courts of the state.

Former Bookkeeper Acquitted.

Tom E. Stewart, former bookkeeper at the institute for feeble-minded youth at Beatrice, was acquitted after the jury had been out an hour and five minutes. Stewart was charged with embezzlement of funds of the institution.

Barton Files for Congress.

Silas R. Barton, state auditor, has filed nomination papers as a candidate for congress in the Fifth district. He filed his personal request with the secretary of state to have his name placed on the ballot to be used at the primary election, April 15, 1912.

W. G. Stamm of Lincoln, owner of a wholesale and retail business in toys and notions, is regarded as a probable candidate for railway commissioner on the democratic ticket at the April primaries. It is stated that he will announce his candidacy shortly.

Average Age Is Twenty-four Years.

The average student age at the university is twenty-four years. Several years ago statistics were made for the legislature which brought this fact to light. It is the opinion of the registrar's force that the average has not changed. The recent tendency for first year students to matriculate at a younger age is offset by the increase in the entrance requirements, which keeps many embryo scholars another year in high or preparatory schools.

George M. Pinneo, physical director of the Lincoln Y. M. C. A., has submitted his resignation to acting General Secretary W. A. Luke and the board of directors. Mr. Pinneo has accepted a similar position at Gary, Ind., where C. M. Mayne, former general secretary of the Lincoln association, is now located. The resignation is effective on or before June 30, depending upon the desire of the board of directors.

The state of Nebraska is out of debt and over one million in the good.