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DEAR READERS:

With this issue of THE DEMOCRAT I. M. Rice again assumes charge of the paper with Mark Zarr as foreman. Geo. M. Gaskill has severed his connection with this paper and all accounts due THE VALENTINE DEMOCRAT are payable at this office and we shall appreciate a prompt settlement of the same so that Mr. Gaskill may receive the proper credit due him.

GREETING:

In assuming charge of THE VALENTINE DEMOCRAT I propose to make it a better county paper than it has ever been before, and you will want it for the news and such comment as I may make upon the problems of the day; for the interest you have in this part of the country and for the business and legal advertisements you will find in the paper.

Alive and awake to the conditions, needs and wants of the commonwealth I shall try to tell the story as I see it in readable language and sufficient snap to provide entertainment and instruction.

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Send as many dollars as you like. I will mail you postal card receipts promptly.

This offer closes May 1, 1912.

Your truly,

I. M. RICE.

CLARK LEADS OFF

Township primaries were held all over Missouri Saturday. Of the 114 counties in the state Champ Clark seems to have carried fully 100 against Joseph W. Folk. In the cities of St. Louis, Kansas City and St. Joseph alone, Clark gets more than 400 delegates to the Joplin convention. Of the 1276 delegates who will sit in the state convention, indications are that Clark will have about 1250. The county conventions will elect their delegates to the state convention on the 12th and the state convention will meet on the 20th at Joplin and instruct Missouri's 36 delegates for Clark. This puts Clark in the race with the first instructed delegation.

Dr. M. F. Meer has decided to visit Wood Lake the first Monday and Tuesday of each month to do dental work.

GIVES \$35000 DINNER

Wears Diamonds Valued at More Than Half a Million Dollars.

By C. H. TAVENNER, Special Washington Correspondent.

While 80,000 men, women and children mill workers at Lawrence, Mass., were out of work because of a strike to prevent a cut in their \$6, \$7 and \$8 a week wages, Mrs. Evelyn Walsh McLean, mother of the baby that is heir to \$100,000,000, gave a \$35,000 dinner to 50 guests at Washington, the nation's capitol. The hostess at this banquet wore diamonds that actually cost more than half a million dollars. In her hair was displayed the famous "Hope" diamond which cost \$180,000, and at her throat another celebrated gem, "Star of the East," which is even larger than the Hope diamond.

The cost per plate at the McLean dinner was \$700. One item in the expense was for 4,000 yellow lilies imported from abroad at \$2 each.

One of the highest paid mill workers at Lawrence would have to work 84 years to earn the cost of that banquet. The earnings of a dozen mill workers for half a century would not purchase the gems worn by Mrs. McLean. A Lawrence worker would have to labor twenty years to pay for the yellow lilies alone.

The strike of the men, women and children at Lawrence, and the \$700 a plate dinner at Washington, is a striking example of conditions existing under a system of excessive protection in the year of our Lord 1912. Neither the Lawrence strike nor the McLean dinner are exceptions. They are but samples of many similar illustrations which could be cited if space permitted. Only recently Wm. M. Wood, the head of the woolen trust, whose employees are now on a strike at Lawrence, was arrested for knocking down and running over a pedestrian with his automobile. When arraigned in court he was asked how many automobiles he owned, and his reply was that he did not know. Imagine a man so rich that he doesn't know how many autos he has on hand!

Fortunes which make it possible for one woman to wear a half million dollars' worth of diamonds at one time, and which enable a man to own so many automobiles he is unable to keep track of them, necessarily come through the power to place an artificial price on the things which the common people must have in order to live.

It is significant, in this connection, that the tariff, the cost of living, \$700 a plate dinners—everything but the workingman's wages—have increased hand in hand, revealing the intimate relationship of one to the other.

The Story of the Extra Session

Congressman Ebenezer J. Hill, stand-pat protectionist of Connecticut, made a speech in the House recently which he considered a gem. He extolled the Payne-Aldrich law to the skies, proclaiming in a loud voice it had nothing to do with high prices. Mr. Hill thought so well of his speech that he named it "The Story of the Extra Session," and sent it broadcast among his constituents, asking them to read it and to comment upon it. Some of the comments, however, were not what Mr. Hill expected. The following comment sent in from a resident of Stratford, Conn., for instance, must have been a severe jolt to Mr. Hill's stand-pat nerves.

"My wife and I came to New York by steamer, having with us seven yards of serge cloth, which was to be made into a dress for my wife. This cloth cost in London \$11.90, and was declared dutiable by the customs officers. On those seven yards of cloth I was obliged to pay a double duty—a duty on the weight and a duty on the value—44 cents a pound and 55 per cent ad valorem. These duties

amounted to \$9.24, making the cost of the \$11.90 article \$21.14.

"A tax like this is unjust and excessive and cannot be defended. If this is a sample of the provisions of the present tariff law I am not surprised at the universal dissatisfaction that prevails with regard to it, and I hope the democrats will succeed in changing this law with some regard for the interest of the consumers."

Profits of Beef Trust.

The beef trust packers declare that during the years 1907, 1908, 1909 and 1910 their net profits from fresh meats were only one-eighth of one cent a pound.

In 1907 the retail price of fresh meat was from 11.8 to 13.3 per cent higher than in 1900, while the price of cattle declined in that period from \$92.46 to \$81.53. And while dressed beef was half a cent a pound dearer in 1910 than in 1900, the price of beef was lower, declining from \$9 per cwt. in 1909 to \$7.55 in 1910.

Any self-respecting cow, says the New York World, has the right to wonder who got the extra difference between her price on the hoof and her price dressed.

Tariff is a Tax.

The word "tax" should be substituted for the word "tariff." The people would then understand the question better. Fewer people would then accept the protectionist theory that the way for them to increase their prosperity would be to increase the tax on everything they eat, wear or use. To use the word "tax" instead of "tariff" would be to make the protection appear ridiculous to the wage earner. Instead of saying the "tariff on wool," it would be better to say "the wool tax," or "the sugar tax" or "the implement tax," etc. The word tariff is a deceiver. But the people know what tax is. They know they pay it themselves. The word tariff has a certain ring to it that sounds like it was paid by some third party.

Retailers Name Dates

The executive committee of the Federation of Nebraska Retail Dealers has set March 12, 13 and 14 as the dates for the 1912 convention, which will be held in Omaha. The officers are working on the program and it is very nearly complete. The list of speakers this year will include many who have never appeared before the Nebraska Retailers in the past.

The attendance this year will easily exceed that of last and that is going some, for more than 600 merchants from the state attended the 1911 convention.

A committee of Omaha business men, of which Frank Keogh is chairman, has been named to look after the entertainment of the merchants and it's a sure thing that the delegates are going to have one big time in March.

A Crippled Mind.

Many strong minds, giant intellects, are held down and starved out by crippled digestive power, dyspepsia and the poison absorbed as a result of chronic constipation. If your stomach lacks digestive power the natural and simplest thing to do is to put into it the agent it lacks. Above all things avoid strong drugs that paralyze and irritate the stomach and bowels. A sound, healthy stomach contains the same digestive agents Spruce Pepsin tablets contain.

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Simeon

P. H. Young made a business trip to Merriman recently.

G. P. Bucy transacted business in Valentine the fore part of the week.

J. E. Thackrey and C. S. Reece went to Valentine Tuesday on business.

This mild weather is appreciated and is saving feed in a manner that makes our ranchers smile.

George Christopher is expected home soon. He feels that Cherry county is more like home to him than any place he has ever lived. He deeply appreciates the kindly spirit shown by his neighbors in his sad bereavement.

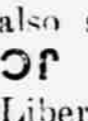
Carr brothers are putting up a supply of ice. Modern conditions are gradually taking the place of homestead conditions in Cherry county. These neighbors are among the neatest and most careful of our citizens. Doing well whatever they do.

A young man came to the home of Frank Ballard and home on Tuesday of last week. He will make his permanent abode with them. All parties concerned are doing well, except Frank. This being the only boy in the home is almost too much for him. We hope the young man may live, grow and fulfill the expectations of his parents.

The year of 1912 has already produced one of the best crops on record—the ice crop. If this is a forerunner of what is to follow we will forget the trials of winter, in the anticipation of a bounteous harvest in the coming summertime. We believe in looking forward to good times as a means of getting above the worries of life.

Gasoline engines are proven a success for pumping water. On ranches or farms where no running water is near, they are especially valuable. Taken in connection with the windmill they make an ideal combination. To get the best results, small warm rooms, in which small stoves could be placed. In severe cold weather they do not start readily.

Estrayed or Stolen

From my range northeast of Valentine, one black yearling horse colt, one or two hind feet white, also spot in forehead. Branded  connected on left shoulder. Liberal reward will be given to learn whereabouts of same.

GEO. A. CAMM,
Valentine, Nebr.



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