# THE VALENTINE DEMOCRAT WINS

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VALENTINE, - . NEBRASKA.

MINES IN COAL FIELDS IN CEN-TRAL WEST AND EAST ARE SHUT DOWN.

#### PUMP MEN TO REMAIN IN

Automatic Suspension Means a Loss to Employes of \$1,000,000 a Day-Country's Coal Production Reduced 42,000,000 Tons a Month.

Indianapolis, Ind.-No anthracite or bituminous coal is being taken from the mines by union miners as the result of the suspension which went into effect at midnight, Sunday, due to wage troubles. More than 400,000 miners, about 150,000 in the anthracite fields and 25,000 in the bituminous will take a vacation, which probably will ast only a few weeks. Different from a strike, the miners will leave pump men and others at work to protect the mines from flooding or other Louble due to a shutdown of the plants.

The bituminous miners will be out only long enough for the wage agreement, reached in Cleveland, to be ratified by the miners by a referendum vote, as it is believed the agreement will be sanctioned by a large majority of the men. The suspension in the anthracite mines will be of longer duration, as no agreement has yet been reached between the miners and operators. After negotiations were broken off in New York on March 13, between the anthracite miners and operators, nothing was done toward getting together again until Sunday, when both sides agreed to meet in Philadelphia on April 10 and reopen negotia-

Ballots for the referendum vote by the bituminous miners, it is said, will be sent out from the national miners headquarters in this city as soon as the national president, John P. White, and the other officials return here from Cleveland. It will take more than two weeks to take the vote, as not all of the locals meet every week. It will require some time to canvass the vote, so the bituminous miners are not expected to resume work much under a month.

#### NEW TURN IN OLD MEXICO.

Madero Decides on a Vigorous Campaign.

Washington, D. C .- rresident Fran cisco I. Madero of Mexico has decided upon a vigorous campaign against the rebels, and the American government has consented to permit the shipment from the United States of arms and ammunition for his soldiers.

It is the intention of President Madere to replenish his army with fresh recruits, throwing them around the strongholds of the rebels. The serious problem of arming them has been simplified by a decision of the United States authorizing by special permission in each case the Mexican government to purchase munitions of war here and ship them across the border. Under this policy three consignments of arms and ammunition already have gen into Mexico.

# Mink League President.

of Auburn, part owner of the local ball club last season, has been elected president of the Mink league, which organized for the season at a meeting here. J. H. Moorhead, of Falls City, candidate for governor, was elected treasurer and Mr. Cummings was also appointed secreatry. The Shenandoah, Io., franchise was transferred to Hiawatha, Kan., and the Clarinda, Io., franchise to Beatrice, Neb. A schedule committee was appointed and the salary limit raised to \$900. The season will begin May 9 and end September 2.

# Live Stock Market.

Sioux City.-Cattle-Good to choice corn fed steers, \$7.00@8.00; medium to good, \$5.75@7.00; good to choice fat cows and heifers, \$5.25@6.50; grass cows, \$3.50@5.00; canners and cutters, \$2.00@3.50; bulls, \$3.75@5.25; veals, \$4.00@8.00. Hogs-Prices range from \$6 85@7.15, with a bulk of the sales at \$6.00@7.05. Sheep-Lambs, \$5.50@ \$7.00; yearlings, \$5.50@6.00; ewes, \$3.00@5.00.

# Reporter a Suicide.

Rock Island, Ill .- A nervous breakdown, due to overwork, caused Hugh W. Rooff, 21 years old, a newspaper reporter, to commit suicide by drowning in the Mississippi river. His home was at Mays Lick, Ky.

# Ecuador Loan Taken by France.

Guayaquil, Ecuador.-The government has signed an agreement with a French syndicate for a loan of 17. 000,000 francs (\$3,400,000.)

# Dr. Wiley to Give Lectures.

New York.-Col. Harvey W. Wiley closed a contract here to give 100 lectures throughout the United States next season. The tour will begin in October and will include engagements from Maine to California.

SENATOR STEPHENSON BY A VOTE OF 40 TO 34 RETAINS SEAT.

#### NO PROGRESSIVES FOR HIM

La Follette Leaves Sick Bed to Cast Ballot Against His Colleague-Names of Those Who Voted For and Against Proposition.

Washington. - Senator Stephenson of Wisconsin was declared elected to his seat by the vote of 40 to 34. This ends a long fight in which there were three investigations, revelations of \$107,793 spent by the senator in the primary campaign of 1908 and charges of the illegal use of money.

Senator Robert M. La Follette left a sick bed to cast his vote against his colleague.

The vote was as follows:

For (Republicans)-Bradley, Kentucky; Brandegee, Connecticut; Briggs, New Jersey; Burnham, New Hampshire; Burton, Chio; Clark, Wyoming; Crane, Massachusetts; Curtis, Kansas; Dillingham, Vermont; Du Pont, Delaware; Gamble, South Dakota; Heyburn, Idaho; Lippitt, Rhode Island; Lodge, Massachusetts; Lori- JED, W. VA., SHAFT SCENE OF mer, Illinois; McCumber, North Dakota; McLean, Connecticut; Nixon, Nevada; Oliver, Pennsylvania; Page, Vermont; Penrose, Pennsylvania; Perkins, California; Richardson, Delaware; Root, New York; Smoot, Utah; Sutherland, Utah; Warren, Wyoming; Wetmore, Rhode Island-28.

For (Democrats)-Bankhead, Alabama; Chilton, West Virginia; Fletcher, Florida; Foster, Louisiana; Johnston, Alabama; Newlands, Nevada; Overman, North Carolina; Pomerene, Ohio; Rayner, Maryland; Smith, Maryland; Thornton, Louisiana; Watson, West Virginia-12. Total, 40.

Against (Republicans)-Borah, Idaoh; Bourne, Oregon; Bristow, Kansas; Brown, Nebraska; Clapp, Minnesota; Crawford, South Dakota; Cummins, Iowa; Dixon, Montana; Cronna, North Dakota; Jones, Washington; out shortly. Kenyon, Iowa; La Follette, Wisconsin; California—16.

da; Chamberlain, Oregon; Culberson, damaged. Texas; Gardner, Maine; Hitchcock, Nebraska; Johnson, Maine; Kern, In-Jersey: Myers, Montana; O'Gorman, New York; Owen, Oklahoma; Percy, Mississippi; Shively, Indiana; Smith, Georgia; Smith, South Carolina; Stone, Missouri; Williams, Mississippi-18. Total, 34.

The pairs were as follows, the senators named first being in favor of Mr. Stephenson:

Bailey, Texas-Reed, Missouri. Cullom, Illinois-Simmons, North

Carolina. Gallinger, New Hampshire-Clark,

Arkansas. Guggenheim, Colorado-Davis, Ar-

Nelson, Minnesota-Bacon, Georgia.

Paynter, Kentucky-Gore, Oklaho-The following senators did not vote:

Martin and Swanson of Virginia; Taylor of Tennessee, and Tillman of South Carolina.

Not a single progressive Republican senator voted for Mr. Stephenson. On the other hand, three regular Republicans voted against him-Jones of Washington and Smith and Townsend of Michigan.

tion in Illinois Made at Conference at the University.

Champaign, Ill.-An important conference of educators opened in the college of agriculture of the University of Illinois, the object of which is to start a movement toward providing for agricultural education in schools throughout the state. The conference was called by B. F. Harris, president of the Illinois Bankers' association and chairman of its committee on agriculture and vocational education.

In opening the session Mr. Harris said that while more than 40 per cent of the population of Illinois is in agriculture, that science is not taught in any of its country schools, except in a few instances, where it is done voluntarily. Many of the states require the teaching of agriculture. It is believed the conference will re sult in a report or bill for the legislature.

# Illinols Jurist Is Slain.

Greenville, Miss.-Judge Trogdon of Paris, Ill., was instantly killed by a revolver shot fired by Sumner Rhoades, also of Paris, but who had been on the Trcgdon plantation several months.

# Engineers Mail Strike Ballot.

New York.—Thirty thousand ballots for a strike vote by the engineers on fifty railroads east of Chicago have been mailed out of New York by order of the Brotherhood of Los omotive Engineers, whose demands for increased wages have been refused by the railroads.

Ball Club to Train at Home. Washington, - The Washington American league ball team has reached this city from the Charlottesville (Va.) training quarters.

# GARNERING DELEGATES FOR TAFT



MR. TAFT'S campaign for renomination is being conducted by Congressman William B. McKinley of Illinois, with Leroy T. Vernon, a wellknown Washington correspondent, as chief of publicity.

GAS EXPLOSION AND IN-STANT DEATH.

#### ELEVEN ESCAPE THE BLAST

Thirty-Three Bodies Recovered-Rescue Cars Rushed to Town-Five Men Killed When Sawmill Boiler Explodes.

Bluefield, W. Va.-Eighty-two men were killed by a gas explosion in the Jed Coal and Coke company's mine at Jed. W. Va., six miles from here. Only eleven men escaped alive and one of these died within an hour after being brought to the surface.

Thirty-three bodies have been located and the rescuers will have them | Torreon sent to El Imparcial at Mex-

When the explosion took place prob-Poindexter, Washington; Smith, Mich- ably only the eleven men working at igan; Townsend, Michigan; Works, the foot of the shaft had a chance for their lives. They readily made their ing mobilized there. Against (Democrats)-Bryan, Flori- way up the cages which were not

Though some of the blades of the fans were shattered, they continued diana; Lea, Tennessee; Martine, New to operate, with the fortunate result that enough air was present to admit searching parties immediately.

> Less than half an hour after the news of the explosion had been communicated to this place relief measures were being taken. Oxygen helmets and other appliances were rushed from the plant of the United States Coal and Coke company, a United States Steel corporation mine near by; a government mine rescue car en route to Huntington, W. Va., was turned back on telegraphic orders from Washington and another car was started from Pittsburgh. The first car reached here shortly after noon. The experts immediately conceded that all in the mine were dead.

State mine inspectors promptly or ganized rescue parties and began the exploration of levels. As the gases were cleared out and they began searches of the lower levels they immediately began to come upon miners who had been killed almost instantly. Other mines near by sent experienced foremen to lead hundreds of volunteer rescuers who flocked to the scene as the news spread about the countryside.

# Auburn, Neb.-Warren Cummings, FARM TRAINING IN SCHOOLS SHELVE WILEY RESOLUTION

Move Toward Providing Such Educa- Senate Refuses to Express Regret at Chief Chemist's Retirement From Office.

> Washington.—Senator Martine's resolution expressing the regret of the senate over the retirement of Dr. Wiley as chief chemist of the agricultural department was shelved by the senate. The New Jersey senator moved its adoption, but Mr. Martin of Virginia offered a substitute referring the resolution to the committee on agriculture and the substitute prevailed. Mr. Martin expressed the opinion that the senate should not go on record on such a subject.

# LOSES NATHAN ALLEN SUIT

Complaint of Mrs. Helen Fuld Dwelle Against Wisconsin Leather Manufacturer Dismissed.

also known as Mrs. Jenkins, against days. Nathan Allen, the Wisconsin leather | Not so, however, with the other manufacturer, and the detective firm three outlaws, who are dodging about of Mooney & Boland arising out of in the Blue Ridge mountains between the taking by Allen of securities, here and Mount Airy, N. C. They fewelry and other valuables which have been seen at a distance, detecwere in a safe deposit box and which tives having been within thirty min-Mrs. Jenkins said were hers.

One Is Burned to Death. Chicago.-One man was burned to death, another is reported missing and and machinery were destroyed here flour mili at 1300 Carrol avenue.

School Superintendent Suspended. Lisbon, O .- As a result of his statement that 90 per cent. of the schoolboys and 40 per cent. of the schoolgirls were immoral, Superintendent of whose wife eloped with Wylie, the Christian association building here. Schools Felton has been suspended.

NEAR JIMINEZ.

REBELS AND FEDERALS CLASH

Madero Declares He Has Crushed Foes-One of His Generals Commits Sulcide.

Mexico City, Mex. - A decisive battle betweer Mexican federal troops and rebels in the vicinity of Jiminez has ended. This is reported from many sources. These reports, however, are contradictory as to the result. The Mexican government has received an official dispatch to the effect that the rebels were routed and President Madero in an interview last night said it meant the breaking of the rebel cause. He said rebel losses in killed and wounded would reach 1,000 men.

A special dispatch originating at lco City and bearing evidence of being authentic, reported that the federals had been defeated and that retreating government soldiers were be-

Both reports contain the fact that Gen. Gonzales Salas, former minister of war, committed suicide after his command had been routed. In bad repute, he resigned his portfolio to take the field, hoping to rehabilitate

himself in the eyes of his countrymen. "The government troops have scored a decisive victory," declared President Madero. "Our latest reports show a complete defeat of the rebels near Corralitos, their losses in dead, wounded and captured accounting for 1,000 of their men. It has been a hard won victory, but it means the breaking of the rebel power. For the rash act of General Salas we have only regret. It was not necessary."

# SENATE'S IRE IS AROUSED

Wickersham Refuses to Give Information on Reorganization of International Harvester Company.

Washington, D. C .- Attorney General Wickersham raised a slight storm in the senate by refusing to supply information concerning the reorganization of the International Harvester company, which was asked by a resolution adopted March 16.

Senator Bacon took exception not only to the attorney general's action, but to the manner of communicating

Mr. Wickersham said in his letter that it was incompatible with the interests of the United States to supply the information desired because the correspondence on file related to bustness which was unfinished.

Mr. Bacon declared the language to be discourteous and said that apparently the attorney general had forgotten that he was a creature of con-

# POSSE ON TRAIL OF BANDITS

Claude Allen Escapes but Others Are Sighted by Detectives.

Galax, Va.-Claude Allen, twentytwo-year-old son of Floyd Allen and one of those indicted for the Hillsville courthouse murders, has cleanly eluded all pursuers, but his uncle, Sidna Allen, and cousins, Wesley, Edmunds and Fred Allen, are so New York .- Supreme Court Justice closely pressed on the south side of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. Gerard dismissed a suit for damages the Blue Ridge mountains that they brought by Mrs. Helen Fuld Dwelle, probably will be captured within three | workers the plan to drop all their de-

utes' rides of them.

New Colombian Minister Named. Bogota, Colombia.-Julio Betan-

court has been appointed Colombian thousands of dollars' worth of grain minister at Washington, succeeding Gen. Pedro Nel Ospina, who was reby a fire that razed the four-story called after his letter to Assistant brick building of the B. A. Eckhart | Secretary of State Wilson informing him that he considered Secretary of State Knox's proposed visit to Colom-

> bia might be inopportune. Deserted Husband a Suicide. prominent clubman, has suicided.

# ROADS REFUSE RAISE

RAILWAYS REJECT DEMAND FOR AN ADVANCE.

Employers Say Charges Would Block Improvements Which Are Required by Law.

New York. - Fifty rain oads comprising practically all the lines east of Chicago and north of the Norfolk & Western, refused to grant an increase in wakes demanded by their locomotive engineers.

The conference committee of railroad managers which has had under consideration the request of the engineers made its reply, which in substance is that the railroads are unable to bear the increased expense involved, "and find it evidently impossible to grant the request."

The engineers' demand, presented on January 22, was for an increase amcunting to about 19 per cent. a year. The railroads' refusal is based on the assertion that they are financially unable to bear the increased ex-

The reply was presented at a joint meeting of committees representing the Brotherhood of Locomotive Englneers and 12 presidents and general managers of the railroads.

The railroads point out that the proposed increase will amount to \$7,553,-792 annually. This increase, they say, would be equivalent to placing on their property a lien of \$188,844,818 of 4 per cent. securities, which would have preference over first mortgage bonds, "and to just that extent would lessen the ability of the roads to make the improvements necessary to increase the efficiency of their service and to insure greater safety to the public and employes."

#### TAFT SWEEPS NEW YORK

President Victorious at the Primaries -Two Sets of Delegates Chosen at Indianapolis Meeting.

New York.—In the primaries held in New York state, former President first (his own), embracing the coun- and seized a carload of vinegar allegties of Nassau and Suffolk, where ed to be misbranded and adulterated. there was no contest, and the West- The local merchants were innocent. chester and Rockland County districts, controlled by National Committeeman Ward. Roosevelt also has one delegate from Brooklyn, William A. Prendergast, who as a known Roosevelt man, was left on the regular

President Taft carried the Utica district, the home of Vice-President Sherman, where there was a fight. Roosevelt won only seven delegates out of ninety in the entire state.

The four delegates at large will be instructed for Taft.

Roosevelt men assert the primaries were improperly conducted, and will carry the matter to the national convention. Indianapolis, Ind .- Two sets of del-

egates at large to the Republican nachosen here.

The contesting delegation bears the Roosevelt stamp. The Taft "big four" are ex-Vice-

President Fairbanks, National Committeeman Harry S. New, ex-Congressman James E. Watson, and Joseph D. Oliver of South Bend. The Roosevelt delegation, chosen in "rump" convention, includes ex-United

States Senator Albert J. Beveridge, Edwin M. Lee of Lawrenceburg, chairman of the Roosevelt Indiana campaign committee; Charles F. Campbell of Shelbyville, and Frederick Landis of Legansport. Phoenix, Ariz.-The Arizona legis-

lature has unanimously selected Marcus A. Smith of Tucson and Henry F. Ashurst of Prescott as representatives of this state in the upper house of congress. Smith and Ashurst were elected by popular vote at last election.

Colorado Springs, Colo.-The Colorado Republican state convention here was solid for President Taft, the delegates being as follows:

Thirty-nine counties with 656 delegates being for Taft as against 22 counties and 242 delegates for Roose-

#### COAL STRIKE MAY END

President White of the United Mine Workers to Ask 5 per cent. Increase.

Cleveland, O .- John P. White, president of the United Mine Workers of America, and the district presidents are considering a possible solution of the threatened strike of the bituminous miners of western Pennsylvania.

They purpose placing before the mands except that for an increase in pay and that they ask for five per cent, instead of ten.

The union officials say an agreeable adjustment of the bituminous dispute would have much influence in securing for the 175,000 anthracite miners a settlement of their differences.

Senator Taylor Worse.

Washington.-Senator Taylor of Tennessee, who has been ill for some days with an aggravated gall stone trouble, is much worse. His case so far has failed to yield to treatment and his condition is regarded as precarious.

Fire Sweeps New Y. M. C. A. Peoria, Ill.-Fire originating from spontaneous combustion in painters' supplies in the gymnasium practically Washington - Philip Hichborn, ruined Peoria's new Young Men's

The loss is estimated at \$45,000.

#### ALL OVER NEBRASKA.

Chickens Were Poisoned. Custer County.-E. H. Purcell of Broken Bow has just experienced something new in the line of poultry troubles and it was rather startling one, too. He has kept a flock of 110 pullets over winter. They were healthy young hens of a superior breed and had just arrived at the laying stage. On opening the poultry house door in the morning Mr. Purcell was amazed to find his flock piled up over the floor, the greater part of them dead and others in a dying con-

#### Transfer of Meeting Place.

dition. It is believed they were pois-

Otoe County.-The Executive Committee of the Nebraska State Travelers Protective Association has transferred its annual convention from Nobraska City to Omaha. This change was brought about because the Nebraska City people were so unfortunate as to lose one of their best hotels by fire recently, and the citizens of that thriving little city thought it would be impossible to care for the visitors with the limited accomodations. Omaha was asked to take the conventions and gladly agreed to do

#### Feathered Finery Burned.

Dodge County .- A mass of feathered finery that adorned the head of Mrs. Uhler of Hooper went up in smoke at Union station in Fremont when sparks from a switch engine descended in a shower upon it. The first inkling Mrs. Uhler had that her headgear was afire was a warning shout from a baggage man. A scream, a hurried snatch and the hat was lying on the platform where the flames leisurely finished consuming all but the frame.

#### Misbranded Vinegar Seized.

Dodge County.-United States Food and Drug Inspector Evans and Deputy United States Marshal Haze swooped down on the wholesale grocery estab-Roosevelt carried three districts-the lishment of May Bros. in Fremont They bought the vinegar for genuine cider product from the Marshaltown (Ia.) Vinegar company. Analysis showed it to be a mixture of acetic acid and other chemicals.

#### Farm Home Burned.

Saunders County.-Fire, the origin of which is supposed to be from a defective flue, destroyed the farm home of Ernest W. Clark, ten miles northwest of Ashland. Loss is about \$1,800 on the house and \$300 on the household effects, only a small part of which were saved.

# New Departure For Banks.

York County.-Hereafter the banks of York county having county funds tional convention at Chicago were on deposit will have to furnish bonds and the county board has notified One quartet, elected in the state Treasurer McCleland to notify the convention, is instructed to vote for banks to comply with the law at once the renomination of President Taft. and furnish bonds or the money will be withdrawn.

# Morely Pleads Not Guilty.

Lancaster County.-Charles Morely entered a plea of not guilty when arraingned on two counts in the county court. The complaint charged him with murdering Warden Delahunty and aiding in the murder of Usher Hellman.

Fell Dead Where Working. Madison County.-C. Shaw, for twenty-five years a prominent citizen of Norfolk, fell dead while shoveling

Opposed To Free Sugar. Scottsbluff County.-The Scottsbluff club has passed a series of resolutions denouncing the proposed free

#### sugar bill pending in congress. Railway Improvement.

Custer County.—The Burlington road has started on the improvements to be made between Ansley and Dunning. A new round house and turntable will be built at Broken Bow, also 4,000 feet of sidetrackage put in. Twenty-one outfit cars are spurred out at Linscott and a like number at

# Tramps Will Go Hungry.

York County.-Hereafter all tramps will probably receive a pretty cool reception when they visit York if the ruling of the board of supervisors is carried. The board will refuse to pay in the future for any free lunch handed out.

Nebraskan Saw Maine Buried. Wayne County .- John Cherry, a Winside boy on board the cruiser Birmingham, was present at the "burial"

of the battleship Maine.

In a debate between Minden and Oxford on the subject of "The Closed Shop," the former won.

Ministers Form Organization.

Nemaha County.-Ministers of Ne-

maha, Otoe and Richardson counties met in Peru for the organization of a ministerial association. They decided to invite into this organization the ministers of Johnson and Pawnee counties, and to call it the Ministerial Association of Southeastern Nebraska. Rev. Edwin Darrow of Peru was selected temporary president, Rev. F. S. Lyon of Nebraska City temporary vice president and Rev. A. J. Hollingaworth of Peru temporary secretary.