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OAKDALE MAN ENDS LIFE

J. S. DEWEY, A PIONEER OF ANTELOPE COUNTY, SUICIDES.

BULLET IN HIS BRAIN TODAY

In Business at Oakdale for the Past Twenty Years and Seventy-five Years of Age, a Hardware Merchant, Ill and Despondent, Ends All.

Oakdale, Neb., Aug. 31.—Special to The News: J. S. Dewey, who had been in business here for the past twenty years and who was well known in Antelope county, suicided here at 9:15 o'clock this morning by sending a bullet through his brain.

Mr. Dewey, who owned a hardware store here and who had been actively engaged in its management for a score of years, became ill at about holiday time last winter and never fully recovered his health. It is believed that after so many weeks of illness he became despondent and discouraged and finally decided to end it all with a gun. He was about seventy-five years of age.

A widow at home and a married daughter survive him. Mrs. Dewey was in the house this morning when the tragedy occurred. She was in the kitchen doing her housework when she was startled by the sharp bang of a revolver. In a front room she found her dead husband a moment later. The ball had gone straight into his head and death, it is believed, was instantaneous.

A few weeks ago Mr. Dewey attempted to dispose of the hardware store, advertising it on the market, but although he received a number of inquiries to the advertisements, no sale was closed. Funeral arrangements have not as yet been completed.

Omaha Indian Held for Murder.

Pender, Neb., Aug. 31.—Samuel Parker, an Omaha Indian, was arrested, charged with the murder of Andrew Johnson, his uncle, one week ago. Johnson and Parker quarreled over some tribal affairs, when Johnson became enraged. He seized a neck-yoke, with which he attempted an assault upon Parker, who being the younger, wrenched the weapon from Johnson, striking him on the head, crushing his skull.

Boy Drowned at Lincoln.

Lincoln, Aug. 31.—Ralph Powell, the nine-year-old son of Excelsior Powell of Lincoln, was drowned in Salt creek at Roca. The boy was playing around his father's mill and accidentally slipped and fell into the stream. The water at the point is fifteen feet deep and the lad could not swim. When the body was recovered all hopes of resuscitation had to be abandoned.

FIALA REACHES NEW YORK

Commander of Last Expedition to Arctic Returns to America.

New York, Aug. 31.—Anthony Fiala, commander of the Zeigler polar expedition, arrived in New York on the steamer Oceanic from Liverpool. The expedition, under Fiala, consisting of two ships, left Norway in June, 1903, and was rescued by the Terra Nova under command of W. S. Champ, whose ship arrived at Honningsvaag, Norway, on Aug. 10.

HILL ADVISES BETTER FARMING

Points to the Orient as Market for American Surplus Wheat.

Grand Forks, N. D., Aug. 31.—James J. Hill attended the meeting of the Old Settlers' association of North Dakota at the state fair and made an address, saying: "A good farm of 160 or 320 acres is a comfortable, happy home. A man can be a prince on his own farm. You rob your children of their heritage when you sell the farm. Keep the boys on the farm. Learn to do better and more extensive farming. The state of North Dakota could not raise grain enough to bake ten biscuits per capita for the inhabitants of China. That is a market that seems to me to be unlimited. I want to see better farming, because if in the state of Minnesota they got the same annual return per acre of cultivated land that they get in Iowa, the state of Minnesota would have \$80,000,000 a year more money and that is too much to waste."

Road Makers in Session.

Port Huron, Mich., Aug. 31.—Road making is essentially a work requiring the supervision of engineers and is so recognized in England, France, Germany and wherever roads are being constructed in a proper manner. In this country it is regarded as a holiday occupation, declared Hon. A. W. Campbell of Toronto, provincial highway commissioner of Ontario, in an address before the annual convention of American Road Makers. A. N. Johnson, highway engineer of the United States department of agriculture, delivered an address on "The Aims and Purposes of the Office of Public Roads," in which he gave interesting statistics showing that \$50,000,000 is spent annually in this country in the maintenance of country roads. One-half of this expenditure, he said, by conservative estimate, has been productive of no good results.

WILL OF MRS. SAMUEL COLT

Distributes Nearly Three Millions in Public Bequests.

Hartford, Conn., Aug. 31.—The will of Mrs. Samuel Colt, widow of the inventor of the Colt firearms, was presented for probate. Practically the entire estate, which is thought to be \$3,000,000 in value, is distributed. The city will receive the magnificent grounds around Armsmere, the Colt mansion, for park purposes at the death of Mrs. Colt's brother, Richard W. H. Jarvis. The house will be for the use of a home for widows and orphans of Protestant Episcopal clergymen. A fund of \$800,000 in trust is to be used for the maintenance of the Church of the Good Shepherd, the memorial parish house, the dwelling at Armsmere and the Caldwell H. Colt memorial.

Rush Work on Venezuelan Gunboat.

Philadelphia, Aug. 31.—After being dismantled for nearly two years, the Venezuelan gunboat Restaurador is being hurriedly reconstructed at Cramps' ship yards. Orders have been received by the company to have the boat in readiness to sail for Caracas within sixty days. H. Z. Clarke, naval constructor for the Venezuelan government, is in charge of the work.

DRAFTING PEACE TREATY

DE MARTENS AND DENNISON BEGIN WORK ON DOCUMENT.

TH SIDES ARE DISSATISFIED

Russian Military Party Thinks Witte Could Have Made Better Terms. No Word From Japan About Reception of Tidings.

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 31.—Actual work of drafting the "treaty of Portsmouth" has been begun. It was done by M. De Martens and Mr. Dennison, acting as legal advisers for the respective sides. While the "bases" of peace have been accepted by the plenipotentiaries, considerable detail remains to be worked out in the elaboration of the articles of the treaty. This is especially true in regard to the articles dealing with the Chinese Eastern railway and the surrender of the leases of the Liao Tung peninsula and Port Arthur and Tientsin (Dainy).

Expected Witte to Fail.

A very anomalous situation exists as to the impression created by the conclusion of peace. While the outside world applauds, in Japan there is evidently great disappointment in the terms, and in Russia, where it would seem that there should be universal rejoicing over the great diplomatic victory M. Witte has won, the government seems to have received it coldly. With the people it will make M. Witte a great and popular figure and add to his laurels, but at court evidently the very victory that M. Witte has achieved, makes it all the more bitterly resented. It is an open secret that when the emperor appointed M. Witte chief plenipotentiary the "military party" expected him to fail. Instead, upon the very terms upon which the emperor told Mr. Meyer he would make peace and upon which the military party did not believe it possible for peace to be negotiated, M. Witte succeeded in securing a treaty honorable and, under the circumstances, favorable to Russia. This has evidently only exasperated his enemies the more, and intrigue is again at work to discredit him. Since Japan was in a conciliatory mood, they say he made a mistake in surrendering half of Sakhalin. Yet he did so by the czar's orders and himself insists that personally he would have stuck to the end to his original declaration not to cede territory or give indemnity.

No Word From Japan.

Not a word or a line about the receipt of the news comes out of Japan. In view of the situation, both at Tokio and St. Petersburg alarmists are inclined to make much of the fact that the minutes of Tuesday's fateful meeting have not been signed by the plenipotentiaries of the two powers. It is pointed out that either side could still repudiate the agreement, but both plenipotentiaries refuse to admit even the possibility of such a happening. The following statement of the Japanese argument which governed their decision to waive the question of indemnity can be accepted as authoritative. Japan realized fully she was making a sacrifice for peace, but she was looking to the future. It was not a question of whether the war could be successfully continued, but of whether peace was not now more advantageous to Japan. Japan had already gained all she fought for. It was only "the spoils of war" that remained, and having achieved the real objects of her war she could afford to forego the spoils rather than be placed in the position of fighting for money. While Japan believed she was entitled to the spoils, she felt that her position was so strong, her successes so complete that she could yield without detracting from the force of her victory. The armistice was not arranged, and it is not improbable that the armistice will be concluded directly by the generals on the field of battle.

TAFT PARTY HEADED HOME

THEY SAILED FROM MANILA FOR JAPAN TODAY.

GIFTS FOR MISS ROOSEVELT

The Natives in Manila Harbor Flocked on Board With Many Valuable Presents for the President's Daughter and There Was Notable Farewell.

Manila, Aug. 31.—Secretary of War Taft and his party from the United States sailed on the transport Logan at noon today for Japan, on the return trip.

There was a notable demonstration in the bay just before the Logan sailed. Many valuable gifts were presented to Miss Alice Roosevelt by the natives, just after she had gone aboard the Logan.

There was prolonged cheering and well wishing as the big boat sailed out of the harbor.

NOT YET OUT OF THE WOODS

President Roosevelt's View of Situation at Portsmouth.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Aug. 31.—"Whistle softly, we are getting into the thin timber, but we are not yet out of the woods." This homely admonition represents accurately President Roosevelt's view of the situation at Portsmouth. Peace is in sight, but is not yet an accomplished fact. Profoundly as he is gratified at the results already achieved by the plenipotentiaries, the president realizes fully that the most important work remains yet to be done. Until that is accomplished, it is scarcely the part of wisdom, he thinks, to go more than "whistle softly."

The president has no definite idea how long the plenipotentiaries may be engaged in the negotiations of the treaty of peace. He believes that it ought not to take a great length of time, because the points of difference having been resolved, the incorporation of the tentative agreement reached becomes practically only a question of phrasing. The importance of the text of the various sections of the treaty is not minimized by the president and he appreciates thoroughly that obstacles may arise at any moment that might delay seriously the negotiations, or possibly wreck them entirely. The woods will not be cleared entirely until the treaty is signed and sealed.

Two Killed in Wreck.

Augusta, Ga., Aug. 31.—City Police Officer F. J. Murphy, acting as quarantine officer, was killed outright, Flagman G. J. Lott so badly injured that he died at the hospital shortly afterward and three others were slightly injured in a wreck of a Southern railway passenger train on its way to Charleston, within the city limits here.

Prince Louis in Auto Accident.

Toronto, Aug. 31.—Prince Louis of Battenberg narrowly escaped injury while on his way to Berlin, a German town in Waterloo county. As the party neared the town, the touring car on which the prince was riding suddenly took to the ditch. The chauffeur had his wrists badly hurt, but the prince was uninjured.

COURT MARTIAL FOR YOUNG

BONAPARTE CRITICISES BENNINGTON'S COMMANDER.

TRIAL IS ORDERED FOR WADE

Head of Navy Department Thinks Report of Court of Inquiry Too Lenient With Officers of the Ill-Fated Vessel.

Washington, Aug. 31.—Secretary Bonaparte, in his action upon the findings of the court of inquiry in the case of the Bennington explosion, severely arraigns some officers of the vessel for failure to look after the safety valves, orders Commander Lucien Young before a court-martial to "clear himself of the charge of neglect of official duty" and disapproves the court of inquiry's finding that the Bennington was "in an excellent state of discipline and in good and efficient condition."

Ensign Wade was in charge of the machinery. The action as to Commander Young was taken in view of the fact that the court of inquiry in its findings and opinion did not pass expressly upon his conduct and the question of his responsibility for the explosion. Secretary Bonaparte, however, approves the court of inquiry's endorsement of the creditable conduct of all the survivors of the crew of the Bennington "after the explosion occurred."

St. Louis Attorney Tires of Life.

St. Louis, Aug. 31.—T. E. Talston, a prominent attorney, for years chief counsel of the Wiggins Ferry company, committed suicide by shooting himself in the stomach.

TORNADO STRIKES CARBONDALE

Houses and Barns Demolished in Pennsylvania Mining Town.

Scranton, Pa., Aug. 31.—A tornado struck the northern part of Carbondale last night and demolished a score of houses, barns and railroad cars, but fortunately caused no fatalities. The storm came from the west and whirled towards the east, having a path of 200 yards. Its center had the appearance of a funnel-shaped cloud, not black, but luminous. There was no accompaniment of lightning, thunder or rain, and the stars were shining immediately before and after it passed. A peculiarity of its effect was that adjoining buildings were blown in diametrically opposite directions. The planks of the storm seem almost incredible. A barn was blown away and a cow, which it housed, left unharmed, lying on the floor calmly chewing her cud. A horse was found bruised and maimed on the porch of its owner's residence, 200 feet from the demolished barn in which it had been stalled. A six-inch beam, which came from no one knows where, passed through a door of a residence, thence through the ground floor and then passed into the ground for a distance of three feet.

VICKSBURG HAS FEVER

TWO CASES DISCOVERED IN MISSISSIPPI METROPOLIS.

EPIDEMIC AT OTHER TOWNS

Two Physicians at New Orleans Among the List of Stricken by Scurge—New Cases Hover Around Same Figures for Three Days.

New Orleans, Aug. 31.—Yellow fever report: New cases, 46; deaths, 4; total cases, 1,878; total deaths, 271; new foci, 13.

The number of new cases has hovered around the same figure for three days. The new feature of the situation outside the city was the development of two cases at Vicksburg. Other country reports show new cases as follows: Patterson, 7; St. Bernard parish, 2; Corinne, 2; Pointe Celeste Plaquemine, 2; St. Rose, 4; Pecan grove, 2; Amelia, 4; Hanson City, 5; Kenner, 2; Gulfport, 2; Natchez, 1.

Following a shower in the forenoon, the weather turned warm again, and it is probable that the low temperatures of the last few days are over for the present. If the weather settles, orders are to go out for fresh inspection and for a repetition of the salting of the gutters. Among the list of stricken are two physicians, making four in all who have succumbed. The latest victims are Dr. J. T. Wolf, who lives below Canal street, and has a large practice among the yellow fever patients in that quarter, and Dr. L. A. Mereaux, health officer of St. Bernard parish. Both were undoubtedly infected by steamer while en route among their patients.

As to the Gulfport infection, Governor Vandaman of Mississippi says that it came from Mississippi City and that Mississippi City got it from New Orleans before quarantine was put on, due to the fact that the authorities here acted in bad faith in concealing the fever. A controversy of large proportions is expected to develop as to who has been credible.

DR. SALMON IS EXONERATED

Chief of Bureau of Animal Industry Found Not Guilty of Wrongdoing.

Washington, Aug. 31.—The investigation of charges that D. E. Salmon, chief of the bureau of animal industry of the department of agriculture, was a member of the Howard Label company of Washington, which has the contract to furnish meat inspection tags to the government, was concluded and that official completely exonerated of any wrongdoing. It was determined also that his administration of the meat inspection service had been as fair as appropriations warranted. The investigation was conducted by Solicitor George P. McCabe and approved by Secretary Wilson in the following comment:

"Inquiry discloses the fact that Dr. Salmon had an unfortunate connection with the firm of George E. Howard & Co. While this connection was not an ideal realization of a government officer to have with a firm doing business with the department, I am convinced that Dr. Salmon never intended to profit by work done by Mr. Howard for the department of agriculture and that he has never been connected with the Howard Label company or received any benefit from the contract of that company with the department. The case does not seem to call for further disciplinary action."

Burglars Carry Off Safe.

Stamford, Conn., Aug. 31.—A steel safe of considerable weight, which is understood to have contained \$150 in cash and jewelry valued at over \$20,000, mysteriously disappeared from the summer residence of Paul Bonner at Nirvana, on the sound, during the night. The family believe that burglars entered the house through a window on the lower floor and conveyed the safe to the shore and placed it aboard a vessel.

PIERCE HAS A FIRE TODAY

PENTICO CANE FACTORY IS GUTTED BY FLAME.

STORY OF FILE THAT MELTED

Purchased From a Chicago Catalogue House as a Bargain, the Metal Partly Melted While the Wooden Handle Remained Intact.

Pierce, Neb., Aug. 31.—Special to The News: The cane factory of Mr. Pentico caught fire here this morning. Before the blaze was extinguished, the building was gutted and great damage had been done to the stock. A number of canes in the building were ruined. A file that had been purchased of a Chicago catalogue house as a bargain, melted in the flame while the wooden handle remained intact. Proprietors of the Chicago department store didn't turn out to help fight the fire—it was the Pierce department, composed of home merchant folk, who did that.

BERGH ASKED TO EXPLAIN

American Consul Fails to Respect the King of Sweden.

Washington, Aug. 31.—The state department has been supplied with copies of newspapers published in Gothenburg, Sweden, attacking the American consul there, Robert S. Bergh, because of alleged failure on his part to show proper respect for King Oscar on the occasion of his birthday anniversary. The Aftonblad charges that the flags of their countries were hoisted by every foreign consul in the town except by Mr. Bergh. This caused much remark and speculation on the part of the townspeople, who inquired whether King Oscar had in any way offended President Roosevelt that he had ordered his consul to refrain from joining in the celebration. The papers call attention to the fact that Mr. Bergh is a Norwegian by birth, but does not think that he is thereby excused in view of the public he occupies. Assistant Secretary Brown has decided to call on Mr. Bergh for an explanation.

Boycott a Failure at New Chwang.

Washington, Aug. 31.—Consul General Sammons at New Chwang has reported to the state department as follows in regard to the progress of the anti-American boycott in China: "In regard to the attempt made here to arouse a feeling of hostility to American goods, I have the pleasure to report that the movement has been a failure. Several attempts have been made to organize the anti-American sentiment, but each meeting resulted in stronger declaration in opposition to interfering with the sale of American goods. A number of the leading Chinese merchants assured me that they would have nothing to do with a movement to boycott American goods and they advised their friends to refrain from agitating the subject."

Observe Eclipse of Sun.

St. Johns N. F., Aug. 31.—All stations along this coast report satisfactory observations of the eclipse of the sun, but lack of telegraphic communication with Labrador makes it impossible to learn if fully favored results attended the efforts of the scientific parties there.

GENTENARIANS CELEBRATE

THE BIRTHDAY OF TWO PERSONS MORE THAN A HUNDRED.

ONE IS 104 AND THE OTHER 105

One is in Meriden, Conn., and the Other in Freehold, N. J.—Both Old Ladies are Still Enjoying Good Health.

Meriden, Conn., Aug. 31.—Mrs. Elizabeth Hunt, who lives with her grand daughter, Mrs. H. Wickes in Brooklyn, N. Y., arrived here last night and is spending the day with her relatives in this city, celebrating her 105th birthday. The old lady is still fairly strong and healthy and her mental faculties are scarcely impaired to any extent. She has a wonderful memory for the events of her earlier life, but cannot remember occurrences of a later date with equal accuracy. She spent the day quietly with members of her family and received many callers and scores of letters and telegrams of congratulation.

Mrs. Hunt was born in Lancaster, Pa., coming from Dutch parentage. She was the oldest of six children, all of whom reached an age of sixty or more years. One of her sisters died two years ago at the age of ninety-one. At twenty-three Elizabeth became the wife of a man named Hunt and left the old homestead in Lancaster to go with her husband to New York. She lived most of her life in Brooklyn. Her husband died more than forty years ago and she never married again. She had six children, of whom only two are living now. She has twenty grandchildren, thirteen great-grand children and four great-

THE CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Temperature for Twenty-four Hours. Forecast for Nebraska.

Condition of the weather as recorded for the 24 hours ending at 8 a. m. today:

Maximum	73
Minimum	62
Average	67
Barometer	29.80
Rainfall	.06
Rainfall for month	3.32
Total rainfall for year	28.49

Chicago, Aug. 31.—The bulletin issued by the Chicago station of the United States weather bureau this morning, gives the forecast for Nebraska as follows:

Showers and thunder storms with cooler tonight, Friday fair and cooler, great-grand children.

Freehold, N. J., Aug. 31.—"Aunt Betsey" Coward of Allentown, the oldest woman in this part of the country, is celebrating her 104th birthday today. The Cowards were among the early settlers of Upper Freehold township. They are of Quaker origin. "Aunt Betsey" was born in Allentown, but spent most of her life in Upper Freehold. She is still in good health and comparatively strong and vigorous and reads her paper every day.

CHRISTEN THE VERMONT

NEW AMERICAN BATTLESHIP IS LAUNCHED AT QUINCY, MASS.

IT IS DESIGNATED A FLAGSHIP

Miss Jennie Bell, Daughter of Governor Bell, Stood as Sponsor for the New Battleship When She Broke a Bottle of Champagne Over the Bow.

Quincy, Mass., Aug. 31.—The new American battleship Vermont was launched here today in the presence of a large number of invited guests and representatives of the government. Governor Bell of Vermont, accompanied by Mrs. Bell, Miss Jennie Bell and her younger sister, the members of the governor's staff and many prominent citizens of the sponsor state arrived here this morning and were received by representatives of the Fore River Shipbuilding company, which built the battleship. Miss Jennie Bell stood as sponsor and christened the new battleship by breaking a bottle of champagne over the bow when the big hulk smoothly slid from the ways.

Last Engagement of the War.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 31.—A dispatch from Lidzupuzze contains the details of what will probably be the last engagement of the war. This encounter took place on Aug. 28 and resulted in an advantage to the Russians, who took 130 prisoners. A number of Japanese were killed. The Russian losses were eight killed. The remnant of the Japanese retired, bearing their wounded.

THE DAY'S BASE BALL SCORES

Results of the League Contests Played Throughout the Land.

American League—Detroit, 5; New York, 3. St. Louis, 4; Boston, 0. Chicago, 1; Washington, 1 (15 innings). Cleveland, 2; Philadelphia, 6. National League—Boston, 3; Chicago, 1. American Association—Kansas City, 3; Louisville, 6. Milwaukee, 1; Indianapolis, 5. St. Paul, 5; Toledo, 2. Minneapolis, 0-5; Columbus, 5-4. Western League—Des Moines, 5; Omaha, 1. Pueblo, 2; Sioux City, 4. Denver, 10; St. Joseph, 5.

Butte Takes Second Place.

Butte, Neb., Aug. 31.—Special to The News: Butte defeated Bonesteel yesterday, 15 to 10. The score stood 12 to 2 up to the seventh inning, in favor of Butte and at the end of the ninth it stood 10 to 15. This gives Butte second place in the league.

Bloomers Easy for Lynch.

Lynch, Neb., Aug. 31.—Special to The News: The game between Lynch and the Bloomers was attended by 1,000 people. It was sort of a picnic for the home team, the girls being altogether too light. Score 10 to 6.

By Innings:
Lynch 5 0 4 1 0 0 0 0 x-10
Bloomers 2 0 2 0 0 0 2 0-6

Pretty Game at Stanton.

Stanton, Neb., Aug. 31.—Special to The News: Stanton ball team defeated Wisner in one of the best played games ever seen on the local diamond. The feature of the game was the pitching of Laub who held the Wisner team down to four scattered hits and struck out ten men, score 3 to 1.

Summary: Three-base hits, W. Holstein, two-base hits, J. Holstein and Hurd. Base hits: Stanton 10 and Wisner 4. Struck out by Laub 10, Atkinson 4. Umpire, Kitterman. Time of game one hour and fifteen minutes.

Standing of Bonesteel League.	
Club	P. W. L. Percent.
Lynch	10 8 2 .800
Butte	10 6 4 .600
Bonesteel	10 4 6 .400
Spencer	10 4 6 .400
Fairfax	10 3 7 .300