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SAMUEL COTNER DIES SUDDENLY

Founder of Cotner University Drops Dead as He Enters His Sister's Home

WAS THERE TO PAY A VISIT Said He Wished to Visit His Sister Before She Died.

LEFT OMAHA ON WEDNESDAY Cotners Have Lived in Omaha for

Forty-Six Years. WAS NOT COMPLAINING AT ALL

Pioneer Was Apparently Hale and Hearty When He Left Omaha Two Days Ago-Body to Be Brought Here.

Samuel Cotner, pioneer banker and real estate dealer, founder of Cotner versity and a resident of Omaha for many years, dropped dead at the home sister, Mrs. Mary Barnett, of heart failurs yesterday afternoon.
"I must visit sister before she dies

she's 80 years old now," said Mr. Cotner general manager of the Bankers Life Insurance company, Omaha, and founder of Cotner university, Lincoln.

Mr. Cotner and his wife went to Logans port, Ind., to visit Mrs. Mary Barnett and he dropped dead of heart failure as he entered her home. He was @ years

Cotner had been a resident of Omaha for nearly forty-six years, he and his wife having come here from Logansport in 1865, five years after their marriage. Mr. Cotner taught school on the site new occupied by Bellevue college and through the early days was one of the most ardent of those who fought for more thorough and higher education. He but of their means for educational ad-vance. They endowed Cotner university

Burnettsville, Ind. Mrs. Cotner at the cific Junction this morning: "I know time was a teacher in the Burnettsville from my acquaintance with the people of Normal school and Mr. Cotner was a young Logansport business man. Before her marriage Mrs. Cotner was Miss Sarah little contact with them on my annual

tober 30, 1911, at the home of their grandson, Olin Devries, who resides in Dundee.

Mr. Coiner is survived by his widow Mr. Coiner is survived by his widow has a progressive victory once the real of gasolene up to the building from the sinu one son. Samuel Coiner, jr., who lives in the Hig Horn basin.

By the progressive victory once the real of gasolene up to the building from the lisaues are understood. I am here to oil room and was about to mix some paint. That was the last thing known,

chase of a machine after he had taken her for several rides in the car. Once "undertaking business," according to the witness, and on another occasion she explained she intended using the machine on her honeymoon with Smith. Arguments followed Eban's testimony.

New World's Record in Torpedo Firing

PENSACOLA, Fla., April 5.-A new PENSACOLA, Fis., April 8-A new istration, declared the senator in his adverse here, the number going from 18 to good, and the capitalization from 18,780, the United States destroyers Trappe and Monaghan. Every torpede sent from the Monaghan Every torpede sent from the tubes of these vessels struck the bulls-

eye of the target.

The entire group of five vessels made an average of 70 per cent of hits, which is above the average for even daylight under favorable weather cond tions. Last night's conditions were not

The Weather

For Nebraska-Generally fair; cooler north and east portions. For lowa-Generally fair; cooler. Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.



Comparative precipitation depar-

Temperature and Deficiency Since March 1 23
Normal precipitation 58 inch
Deficiency for the day 58 inch
Total rainfall since March 1 250 inches
Excess since March 1 3 inch
Deficiency for cor. period, 1811. Al Inch
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Reports From Stations at 7 p. m.

Station and State Temp. High-Rainof Weather. 7 p. m. est. fall.
Cheyenne part clouds 56 5 50
Davenport, clear 70 72 50
Denver, cloudy 52 52 50
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Lander, clear 65 52 50

North Platte, cloudy.
Cunaha, clear
Pueblo, cooldy
Rapid City, cloudy
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Sheridan, cloudy
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FOUNDER OF COTNER UNIVERSITY DIES SUDDENLY.



LA FOLLETTE BEGINS TOUR

Wisconsin Senator Makes First Speech at Plattsmouth.

HAS MESSAGE FOR NEBRASKANS He Says the Issue is Whether the People Are Strong Enough to

> Control Their Goverament.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., April 5.-(Spe-Follette dictated this message of greeting to the people of Nebraska through the and from them it got its name.

Mr. and Mrs. Cotner were married at press while crossing the river from Pachautauqua and lyceum circuit trips that The golden wedding unniversary of Mr. they are the same kind of people we have and Mrs. Cotner was celebrated on October 30, 1911, at the home of their grand-littical ideals. I am confident that the

sind one son, Samuel Cotner, jr., who lives in the Big Horn basin.

The body will be brought to Omaha for burial.

Suicide is Defense

In Vermilya Case

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CHICAGO, April 5.—Contending that Bichard T. Smith committed shields, counsel for Mrs. Vermilya, har siting for the restoration of government will become truly representatively by night, Only three witnesses were called by the defense, Mrs. Vermilya, he saited and does not testified that Smith had threatened suicide.

F. Eban, an automobile demonstrator, in the wind so of the state's rebuttal testimony said Mirs. Vermilya paid him \$50 toward the purchase of a machibe after he had taken her for several rides in the car. Once her for several rides in the car. Once her for the several reads of a machibe after he had taken her for several rides in the car. Once her for the suite of says appeal which disregards them."

Issues are understoed. I sim here to make as clear as I can, the great dominating and was about to mix some point of ill road and substitute that he had hardly turned his back when the entire room, overling an area of \$60 square feet, was envel to see the his back to make the control of their was government. The most the purchase of the rise of square feet, was envel to see the substitute of the substitute of

in Nebraska till that time. I am told that there is a spiendid chance for a pro-

gressive victory in New Jersey."

A great increase in the number of A great increase in the number of thousand people were attracted to the trusts occurred during Roosevelt's admin-fire, and after 5 o'clock kundreds of administration. At present, said the senator, there is no competitive market left in America. Rossevelt, he said, has stood "in pat" with the trusts.

NEBRASKA CITY, April 5.- "Forget me if you will on primary day, but don't forget to vote for the district legislation nendment," said Senator La Follette in his address here this afternoon. He devoted most of his talk to a discussion of ama canal were made here. the initiative and referendum amend to the Nebrasks constitution, which is to be voted on at the primaries.

Good Crowd at Aubura. given by Senator La Pollette of Wiscon- premiums were too large. He spent sin here this noon to a large crowd of people. The senator compared himself a new steam heating plant, so as to rewith an engine and declared that he had plenty of "sand in his sand box." Paul and Julian were the stalions passed ily insured, almost up to its entire valu through by the special without long stops At Julian, where the population is largely

FALLS CITY, Neb., April 5.-Facing the birgest crowd he had met in Nebraska in the center of the standpat district of the state, Senator La Follette declared here this afternoon that the governmental crisis now pending in the United States that the present generation faces the recombinations of wealth and power

turned out to cheer the senator as he

Two Men Murdered at Granbury Tex

GRANBURY, Tex., April 5.-Dr. J. R. Thilley and Luther Garrell were instantly killed and T. M. Wilson badly wounded at Hill City, near here, today. Their tempt to keep down the cost of home assailant was Mack Parker, a young pecasities, for in this instance the govassaliant was Mack Parker, a young pecessities for in this instance the gov-farmer, who telephoned for Granbury ernment for the first time will depend to officers to come and arrest him. The a considerable extent on evidence obfarmer, who telephoned for Granbury officers to come and arrest him. The cause of the shooting is unknown here.

Dr. Thilley was shot dead as he stood in his drug store. Wilson was fired on as he stood at a telephone. Garrell was killed in a field on his farm just outside of Hill City,

mittee to employ every means possible a considerable extent on evidence obtained by a woman. She is Miss Ida is adopted. Committee given power of court.

Appropriations Committee Chairman Fitzgeraid, after conference with president and field on his farm just outside of Hill City,

of Hill City,

FIRE WIPES OUT ENTIRE FACTORY

T. F. Stroud Manufacturing Company Sustains Loss of \$200,000 in Disastrous Blaze.

ONE MAN BURNED TO DEATH

John Lausterer, Woodworker, Dies in Attempt to Secure Tools.

STARTS FROM SWITCH ENGINE Spark from Passing Missouri Pacific

Train Probable Origin. SMALL INSURANCE CARRIED

Only \$5,000 on Plant and Buildings Valued at More Than \$200,00 Low Water Pressure Retards Work of Department.

man is dead and property worth the result of a fire which started yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the T. 1' Stroud Manufacturing company's plant at Twentieth and Ames avenue. The fire is supposed to have been started by sparks from a Missouri-Pacific switch engine which passed close to the paint room where many hundreds of gations of gasolene and oils are kept. Onl. 10,00 surance is held on the plant.

Rushes After Tools, years, who lives at Nineteenth and Clark streets, was the victim of the Lausterer was out or the building the fire was first discovered, as were all of the other employes. Ho watched the flames for a few minutes when he exclaimed that his woodworking tools were in the burning paint shool. He rushed in and a few moments late: he was seen frantically trying to rules a window to get air. As he was tugging and his wife gave not only of their time, cial Telegram.) -Senator Robert M. La at the window the entire building burst into a sheet of flame and when later his body was recovered, it was burned to

Coroner Crosby took charge body and is endeavoring to locate his re-latives. Last night it could not be ascertained whether he had a family here He had been in the employe of the Stroud company for several years and was

Gasoline in Shop.

Men who were working in the paint result in the primaries of Nebraska will shop where the fire started, say that one employe had just brought twenty gain

by any appeal which disregards them."

Senator La Foliette made the first extinguished it by keeping the smoking speech of his Nebraska tour here this mass constantly deluged with water.

number of persons who occupied these began to move their belongings. Several ousand people were attracted to the street car company, too, did a big business, and the traffic on the Sherman avenue line was so heavy that extra cars were put on.

The Stroud Manufacturing co. few months ago T. F. Stroud, who is the sole owner, was offered \$50,000 for the plant, but refused to seil. Farm Lincoln, Springfield, Jacksonville, Peters machines were sent monthly to all parts tools and implements used on the Pan

Light Insurance. W. I. Kierstead, 409 Florence boulevard, ings before going east. one of Mr. Stroud's closest friends, told a Bee reporter that the reason Mr. Stroud AUBURN, Neb., April 5-A review of had only \$5,000 worth of insurance on the Wisconsin's progressive legislation was plant was because of the fact that the nearly \$10,000 only last year in putting in

but recently Mr. Stroud allowed his policies to be cancelled. French, the entire population of the town about his heavy Mr. Strond was not much downcast

fly insured, almost up to its entire value

Egg Board Will Be

Prosecuted

CHICAGO, April &-Criminal prosecution by the federal government against the Chleago Butter and Egg board and the Eigin Board of Trade was reported today as the aim of an investigation being conducted here through agents of the Department of Commerce and Labor. The proceedings are expected to be under the provisions of the Sherman law and will be distinct from a civil case, now pending.

Special interest attaches to the new at-

SHALL THE PEOPLE

RULE? INSTRUCTED DELEGATES 246 ROOSEVELT 24 ALABAMA FOR TENNESSEE

Uncle Sam-"Oh! I Reckon So"

From the Baltimore American

WILSON INVADES ILLINOIS Striking Weavers

It Begins to Look as if They Will

Governor of New Jersey Begins Two Days' Tour of the State.

Colonel Roosevelt will arrive in Chicago tomorrow to begin a three days' speakmorning.

Wand Fans Flame.

"My campaign will be for the most part limited to the states which have presidential primaries," he stated, "I will not be able to visit lilinois, as their primary comes on April 2 and 1 will be. oan A description will be held April 9.

Governor Woodrow Wilson arrived from Washington, D. C., this morning prepared to close his Illinois campaign with a two days' speaking tour of the state. He is scheduled to visit fifteen citie fire, and after 5 o'clock kundreds of automobiles crowded the vicinity. The street car company, too, did a big busi-state democratic preference primary for president against Champ Clark.

committee of friends, and later held a short conference with his Illinois The Stroud Manufacturing company paign managers. At \$:15 o'clock he left was one of the largest wason and farm on a special train for a tour of illinois

He is scheduled to speak today at burg, Mason City and Peoria.

Tomorrow he will speak at Galesburg Moline, Rock Island, Sterling and Dekalb and return to Chicago in the evening where he will address three mass meet-

Sees Stevenson at Bloomington. BLOOMINGTON, III., April 5.—Wood-ow Wilson was met in the depot here by a committee headed by former Vic-President Stevenson and taken to the introduced to a big crowd by General Stevenson. Governor Wilson gave great (Continued on Second Page.)

The National Capital Friday, April 5, 1912.

The Senate. In session at 2 p. m.
Adverse report on house steel tariff retision bill submitted by finance commit

The House.

Met at noon.

Continued consideration of Indian bill.
Resolution empowering judiciary committee to employ every means possible
in Investigating so-called "money trust"
is adopted. Committee given power of

Attack Officers at

SOUTH

Garfield, N. J. PASSAIC, N. J., April &-A bettle

tween several hundred striking slik mill operatives and forty deputy sheriffs and policemen occurred today outside the Forstmann & Huffman slik mill at Garfield, the strikers raining brighs and stones at the guards and the istier using their clubs and revolvers. Some of the deputies fired over the heads of the strikers and dispersed the crowd, which included 100 or more women. Six arrests

Among those nursing wounds made by clubs are a dozen women strikers who gathered outside the plant at Garfield and jeered the employes in the mili were ordered to disperse, whereupon Charles Rothfisher, one of the organisers of the industrial Workers of the World mounted a box and told the crowd the

order and a general fight took place.

Rothfisher was among the number ar-rested and taken to the Hackensuck jail.

Depositors Attack Bank in Chicago

CHICAGO, April 5.—Several hundred angry depositors gathered in front of a private bank at 918 Blue Island avenue owned by Frank U. Gugitelmi and demanded their savings today. The police were summoned to prevent a disturbance. Guglielmi has not been seen since last Saturday, when he told his clerk, John Oliver, whom he left in charge, that he was going to leave the city for a few days, as his wife was dying.

bank to withdraw money, but 'Oliver found' all the money and books were locked in a vault which he could not

Today when several hundred depositors visited the bank in a body and threatener to wreck the building unless given their money Oliver became alarmed and sum

Chief Crazy Snake is Reported Dead

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okl, April "Crazy Snake," the Indian responsible for the last uprising in Oklahoma, died today, according to a report received from Vinetz. The old chief's end came near Old Hickory, the stamping ground of the

HARVESTER COMBINE MAY AGREE TO DISSOLUTION

WASHINGTON, April &-As the resu of the negotiations now in progress it is stated authoritatively the government has substantial hope of reaching an agreement with the International Harvester company for its disintegration un-der the Sherman anti-trust law, and thus avoiding a prolonged fight in the courts. Edgar B. Bancroft, general counsel for the corporation, has returned to Chicago to put in writing certain propositions for dissolution he made orally to the attorney

The government has not yet accepted the company's plan of two corporations. No definite conclusion has been reached

COUNTY DADS IN FIST FIGHT

John C. Lynch and Tom O'Connor Go to Floor Over Hospital Charge,

TWO OTHERS HAVE NEAR-FIGHT

Frank C. Best and Peter E. Elause. Come to Close Quarters, but Other Commissioners In-

Blows were struck, two commissioners clashed as men clashed when the world was young, charges and counter charges of politics and covering up dirty work were made, and threate and counter were hurled yesterday afternoon at onof the most sensational meetings of the Board of County Commissioners held in

attempted investigation of sensational re-ports of scandalous conditions and de-ings at the county hospital, which came to light after a fist fight at the hospital between Louis J. Storkan, hopital druggist, and Ralph P. Higgins, one of the

Investigatia Choked Off.

to the side of Commissioner Frank C. Best, chairman of the county hospital committee, and Commissioner A. C. Harte and the investigation was abandoned before it was begun,

The wrangling almost ended in physical ombat between Commissioner Eleasser, democrat, and Commissioner Best, re publican, but still cool-heads prevented this. The fire of battle burned on and grew hotter, until Commissioner Lynch, republican, and Commissioner O'Connor, democrat, jumped from their chairs.

Lynch and O'Connor Battle. The two went first to the table and nen onto the floor, Lynch on top. Severaj blows were struck and some found ineir marks before the two could be separated. When the fight started Com missioner Harte telephoned to Sheriff McShane's office for help, but by the time two deputies, breathless, arrived, ing surly, sat in a chair near one end of the committee room. At the other end Courthouse Superintendent J. M. Calabria was washing blood from a scratch on Lynch's right cheek.

What it Was About. statement regarding affairs at the county nospital, full of sensational charges of nismanagement, incompetence and im

It developed at the board meeting that Druggist Storkan and Interne Higgins nave been discharged, Storkan having been removed Wednesday and Higgins

The whole hospital matter probably will be laid before the grand jury today. ALFRED H. MONROE IS

AGAIN UNDER ARREST

CHICAGO, April 5.-Alfred H. Monroe president of the Globe association, a mail order concern, was arrested by United States officers today on a warrant charging he was about to forfelt his bonds of \$5,000. Monroo is under indictment for alleged fraudulent use of the mails in connection with the operation of his busi-

EIGHT ARE KILLED BY AVALANCHE IN AUSTRIA

INNSBRUCK, Austria, April 5. - A but the friendly spirit which it is said characterizes the negotiations gives rise to the hope that the question will be scaled by agreement. The problem is extremely complicated, officials declare.

CREST OF FLOOD IS YET TO COME

Mississippi River Continues to Rise at All Points Below Cairo, Illinois.

CONDITIONS BECOME CRITICAL Levees Above Memphis on Both Sides

of River Are Weak. THOUSANDS OF LIVES IN DANGER

Warning is Sent to All Persons Living on Lowlands.

CAIRO HAS A BAD SCARE

Report that Levee in Front of City Had Broken Causes Great Excitement-Eighteen Lives Lost to Date.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 5.-Telephone advices that the government levee at Hickman, Ky., has broken have been verified. This dyke protects the Reel Poot lake region, which is thickly populated. A large area is certain to flooded and great damage has been ex-pected should this levee break.

While reports today from upper stretches of river territory were on the whole encouraging to thousands of high water refugees in towns along the Miswater retugees in towns along the sus-stastippi, nevertheless indications continue to point to the development of an even more serious flood altuation in the lower valley than now exists.

Today was marked by the usual num-ber of alarming ruppers of serious disasters, many proving erroneous upon in-vestigation. The backwater from a drainnge pump at Cairo. Ill., led to the report that the levee which protects Cairo from the Ohio river had broken and that the city was doomed. A prompt denial of this report was made by the United States

weather observer at Cairo, who said no serious danger was apprehended. The creat of the flood will not be reached in the St. Louis-Memphis stretch of the Mississippi for a day of two and even in the event of continuous fair weather the immense volume of water now pour-ing into the Mississippi from its numer-ous tributaries threatens critically high

stages at lower river points.

The creet, of the present flood wave in

the Oriot to present rood wave in the Ohio is expected at Louisville during Saturday night or Sunday.

The death list throughout the flood area today reached eighteen. A family of five was frowned near Bird's Point, Mo.; two farmers are reported drowned in the same neighborhood and a logger in castern Kentucky lost his life.

CARIO, Ill., April E.—The backing of water from the Tenth street drainage pump this morning threw eithers into a panic and the raport spread that the layer which holds the Ohio river out of Carlo had broken al Tetth street. The report proved untrue. This message is being sent from the Western Union office less than two blocks from the Tenth fice less than two blocks from the Tenth

william Lonn, wife and three were drowned in the flood between Bird's Point and Wyait, Mo. Lynn was a farmer and was overtaken with his family by the rising water. J. S. Cary). a farmer, four miles from Wyatt, is missing. His skiff was found today and it, is thought that he was drowned. Henry Baker, a farmer at Texan Bend, is reported drowned.

Drainage District Flooded. The drainage district north of Cairo this morning presented a desolate scene. The lumber from houses and sheds under the debris floats about the district in joined with Commissioners Peter E. El-sasser and John C. Lynch and in calling and there the tops of houses may be

of the district last night with a rush and a roar. The lumber piles at the lumber yards were turned over and tossed about like tooth picks. Water reached the subway under the Jilpols Central bridge approach shortly before dark and at midnight had simost reached the top of the bulkhead when it reached its level. All of the workers have been brought from the drainage district to Cairo to work on the levees here. The work has not relaxed a particle

and will continue until the high water is past. The big subway and Calvo cross levees stood firm against the angry rush of waters in the drainage district. The only rail connection Cairo has today is by tugboat to Mound City to reach the through the drainage district went out with the flood last night and more than 2,000 feet of the road is gone. The river at Cairo has fallen one-tenth in

the last twenty-four hours.
ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 5.-Weather Observer Barron at Carlo, Ill., telegrap

Everybody who is advertising in The Bee classified columns gets results.

No matter what they have for sale or what message they are sending to the immense number of Bee readers, they are getting many returns on the money invested.

If you have any slightly used goods, planes, auto-mobiles, lawn mowers or garden implements that you wish to sell—

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