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## THOUSANDS PAY THEIR TRIBUTE TO MOVIE STAR

Several Persons Injured in Crowd Gathered in Front of Funeral Home

## FUNERAL SERVICES MONDAY MORNING

New York, Aug. 24.—(United Press)—The public today was given a chance to pay tribute to the memory of Rudolph Valentino, movie star, who died yesterday.

After a crowd which began forming at 8 a.m. had grown to over 3,000 and had gone so far beyond police control that a window in the undertaking parlor was broken, those in charge threw open the doors of the funeral home to the people an hour before the appointed time.

Several had been injured in the crowd. Others had suffered.

New York, Aug. 24.—(United Press)—Men and women came in a steadily increasing stream to a funeral establishment on Broadway where lay the body of a man who, risen from obscurity, stirred the emotions and reached the hearts of more millions than, perhaps, any man in theatrical history.

Rudolph Valentino, the great lover of the screen, is dead, and a busy world stopped long enough in its daily routine to pay him tribute. Yesterday this young Italian, who started life as a gardener and although he lived but 31 years became one of the greatest motion picture idols of all time, died at a hospital

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## VESTAL TO BE HERE THURSDAY

Congressman from Eighth District to Attend Republican Meet Here

Committee men will meet in this city Thursday of this week, to complete their organization. L. A. Graham, county republican chairman, announced today. Congressman Albert H. Vestal will be in the city Thursday to assist Mr. Graham in the organization work.

The republican meeting will be held at the Industrial rooms at 7:30 o'clock and Mr. Graham has urged that all candidates and precinct workers attend the meeting.

Plans will be made for the opening of the republican campaign in Adams county and it is probable that several meetings will be held during the coming campaign at various places in the county.

The chief purpose of the meeting is to organize the county in preparation for the registration of voters the next four weeks. The new law requires that voters either must register in Decatur during the month of September or else their registration must be signed by two voters of the precinct.

## W. H. Taft Scores "Sob Sisters" In Discussion Of Crime Situation

Editor's Note:—The United Press today carries the second installment of the exclusive interview granted by Chief Justice William Howard Taft of the United States supreme court and the nation's only living ex-president, has little fear of "maudlin sentimentalism" of the "weakly emotional" who "belongs to the lunatic fringe of society" on the future of American justice.

In yesterday's installment, Mr. Taft discussed certain legal phases of the crime question which is creating intense interest throughout the country. Today he speaks of some of the human elements.

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## REPORT TICKET SALE IS LARGE

### Many Persons Are Buying Season Tickets for Com- munity Chautauqua

Ticket sale for the Decatur Community Chautauqua, which will be held in this city next week commencing Monday, August 30, has been larger than ever before, John S. Peterson, chairman of the ticket committee, said today. Mr. Peterson urges that all persons having tickets to settle for them at once, in order that a complete checkup may be made before the opening of the program next Monday night.

Tickets have been placed on sale at all three Decatur banks; at the Peoples Restaurant, and at the Daily Democrat office. They may be secured at \$3.00 for adults and \$1.50 for children at any of the above mentioned places or from any of the local business men.

Season tickets admit the holder to all programs, both afternoon and evening. The average cost to a season ticket holder is less than 30 cents per session.

Mr. Peterson has asked that the few people holding tickets settle for same with him or with any of the ticket distributors at once.

### Allen County Citizens Seek New State Highway

Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 24.—(United Press)—Headed by James Jackson, brother of the Governor, a group of Allen county citizens conferred late yesterday with the state highway commission in the interest of a proposed state highway from Fort Wayne, past the hospital for the feeble minded.

It was indicated following the conference that the commission might assume control of the highway in the near future.

Jackson is head of the institution.

### Chicken Swallows Lost Beads

Hartshurg, Ill., August 24.—(United Press)—A strand of Indian beads, lost by a daughter of Mrs. Lena Johnson, was found recently in the gizzard of a chicken she was preparing to cook. The beads were missing

next week.

The children's season tickets will entitle the holder to take part in the Junior work as well as attend all other sessions of the chautauqua. The Junior program will start Saturday and the adult program will begin Monday o'clock.

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