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## UNLIKELY STORY

### About Baldwin's Boast of Wealth.

### HE WAS WORTH HALF A MILLION

Year Ago, According to a Logansport Dispatch. Which States Banks Failed Last Spring.

Under the head "Death of Baldwin a Great Shock to Dague," a Logansport dispatch to an Indianapolis paper says, among other things, of the death of D. P. Baldwin of the late banking firm of Baldwin & Dague, whose banks at Goodland, Fowler and Ambia failed last December and who were recently indicted by the Newton county grand jury on the charge of embezzlement:

Mr. Dague, who was a partner with Mr. Baldwin in the private banks at Ambia, Fowler and Goodland which were closed last spring by order of State Auditor Billheimer, has been here since Sunday. He arrived in the city early Sunday morning and went directly to Mr. Baldwin's downtown office. He has a key and he went in. At 11 o'clock John G. Meek, an attorney who has an office in the same building, curious to know who was so nervously pacing up and down in Baldwin's office, went to the door and rapped for admittance. Mr. Dague told him to enter.

"Where is Baldwin? I had an appointment with him here at 9 o'clock," said Mr. Dague, recognizing Mr. Meek.

"I'm afraid that Baldwin won't keep his appointment," said Mr. Meek.

"Why? Why not?" asked Mr. Dague.

"Why—he's dead."

"Dead! Dea-a-d!" gasped Mr. Dague. Then he collapsed and sank into a chair. It was some time before he recovered. The shock was a great one and the death of his partner has visibly affected him.

A year ago this coming Christmas, Mr. Baldwin made the remark to a Logansport friend that he had reached the goal of success which he had started out to attain—that he had accumulated \$500,000. He stated that when a boy, walking behind the plow in Madison county, New York, his thoughts were of attaining great wealth, and he then resolved that he would amass a half million dollars. Last Christmas, in conversation with this friend, he stated that his boyhood dream had come true; that he had amassed a half million dollars and was ready to take life easy; that the remaining years of his life would be devoted solely to writing and lectures.

But all this was before the closing of his three private banks. Then he was buoyant of spirit and ambitious in a literary way. When the crash came this spirit became crushed and health that seemed robust impaired and failed fast. The indictments returned by the Newton county grand jury, charging embezzlement, was the blow that killed. Baldwin never dreamed that criminal charges would grow out of these bank tangles, and when he was arrested on bench warrants, the proud spirit became completely crushed.

Just how much of that alleged \$500,000 which Mr. Baldwin possessed at the time of his death remains is not known. All of his known real property some time ago was turned over to the receivers appointed for the defunct banks, but it is believed that he possessed much personal property that no one knew about. His will promises to prove very interesting and local people are anxiously waiting for it to be probated.

As a matter of fact the Baldwin & Dague banks were closed last December, the week before Christmas, and not last spring as stated in this dispatch. It is not likely, therefore, that Mr. Baldwin made any such boast of having accumulated a half million dollars last Christmas, if he ever did, or was worth any such sum. He was credited with being worth about \$100,000, and this was no doubt too high. He may have carried considerable life insurance, and this, if payable to his estate instead of members of his family, will help out in settling with the depositors of the banks of which he was the financial head. Nothing has been said as yet regarding any life insurance, that we have heard of.

WINTER IN COLORADO.

F. E. Martin, the well known real estate dealer who was formerly located at McCosburg, this county, writes us from Englewood, Colo., in renewing his subscription to The Democrat, and says: "Find enclosed check to renew my subscription. I could not do without The Jasper County Democrat, as it is like a letter from home when it arrives. We have had quite a lot of snow out here this winter, and the hard-est winter for 24 years, so they tell up."

me, though it is nothing to the winters in Illinois or Indiana. We have a fine climate here. I think it can not be beat. Will close by wishing you Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

ROLLER SKATING RINK.

O. G. Maxwell of Remington has rented the two rooms in the Nowels block, formerly occupied by the hotel office and restaurant and Wildberg's clothing store, and the arches front and rear connecting the two rooms will be taken out and both rooms used, the track being through the arches. This ought to make a nice rink.

NEW 5-CENT THEATRE.

Two young men from Oxford have fitted up the down floor of the former Ransford store building on west Washington street and started a 5-cent theatre. The room has been newly papered, good chairs and a new piano put in, and it is said they have one of the best moving picture machines that can be bought. They were to open up last night for the first show.

EUGENE DILLEY FOUND AGAIN.

Franklin, Ind., December 17.—A telegram from Hillsboro, Ill., states that a person answering the description of Eugene Dilley, who recently disappeared from Trafagor, has been arrested. Mrs. Pickeral, a sister-in-law, left yesterday for Hillsboro. Mr. Dilley is mentally unbalanced and has been missing for several months. He has a wife and several children.

LEAVES THE OLD HOMESTEAD.

John W. Mauck left yesterday for Chicago to spend the winter with relatives. His sale Tuesday was very well attended and he was very well satisfied with the prices his property brought. Mr. Mauck and his sister, Mrs. Frank Critser, have lived all their lives on the old farm in Newton township, both having been born there. Their parents located there in the early fifties, coming here from Virginia.

SHEETZ-GALBRAITH.

Rev. G. H. Clarke of the Christian church officiated Wednesday evening at the marriage of Mr. Albert R. Sheetz, a prosperous Benton county farmer, near Mt. Gilboa, and Miss Myra Galbraith, a former teacher of Jasper county, but who has been at Remington for the past year or more. The marriage took place at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Mary Galbraith, in the east part of the city, in the presence of a few relatives only.

CHOPPED OFF HIS THUMB.

While cutting up meat yesterday morning, John Remley had the misfortune to sever the bone of his left thumb with the ax. Just as he went to strike, something caught the end of the ax handle and he didn't hit the place he was looking at, but instead the ax swerved and went into his thumb, between the first and second joints. Fortunately it was not very sharp, and enough flesh and skin remained unsevered so that Dr. Miller, who was called to dress the wound, will be able to save it.

LIKELY TO COME NEXT WEEK.

President Robinson of the Commercial Club received a letter Wednesday from the Chicago Industrial Co., stating that one member of the metal furniture concern that is talking of locating here was called out of the city on business to be gone all this week. As soon as he gets back the matter of setting a date for their coming down here and looking over the ground will be taken up and it is likely some day next week will be decided upon for the coming.

WILL TAKE EXTENSIVE TRIP.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Critser will leave Monday for an extended visiting and pleasure trip. They will first go to Mrs. Critser's parents old home at Luray, Virginia, which Mr. Mauck, Mrs. Critser's father, left about sixty years ago. They expect to spend Christmas there. They will also visit relatives in West Virginia and Pennsylvania, and will visit the national Capital while in that vicinity. They expect to be gone until about the first of March, when they will return and take up their residence in Rensselaer.

WILL MOVE TO IOWA.

August Rosenbaum has traded the furniture and fixtures of the Nowels hotel owned by him, to E. V. Ransford for the furniture of the hotel owned by Mr. Ransford at Edgewood, Iowa, and has bargained for the purchase of said hotel. The restaurant business owned by the Rosenbaums has been sold to F. W. Bedford, the owner of the restaurant building, and by him sold to Ray Collins, who with Ed Catt as assistant is now in charge. The Rosenbaums expect to leave for Edgewood in a very few days. The Nowels hotel will again be closed

and the merchant who expected a good holiday trade is not the only one to complain of this sort of weather. The dressed poultry shippers all over the country have been hit hard again. They were caught on their Thanksgiving shipments in precisely the same way, the weather turning warm after they shipped their stuff, and hundreds of tons of dressed poultry reached its destination in a almost rotten condition. A great many shippers lost a lot of money then, and now they catch it again.

## THE COURT HOUSE

### Items Picked Up About the County Capitol.

Howard Burr of Goodland was over Wednesday as a witness in the Carr ditch proceedings.

Isaac Kight, trustee-elect of Union township, was down from Fair Oaks on business Wednesday.

D. J. Pettet of Wolcott and John W. Taylor of Carpenter township were in the city Thursday as witnesses in the Carr ditch hearing.

It was thought as we go to press, Friday afternoon, that the remonstrators in the Carr ditch proceedings would finish their side of the case yesterday, and that court would then adjourn until Monday, when the petitioners would be heard as to the contested remonstrators. No doubt it will take several days yet to finish the case.

The county commissioners will meet next Wednesday to let the annual contract for stationery and to close up the business of the term. All appropriations lapse Jan. 1, and all parties now having warrants due them from the county or who may have allowances made to them at this special session, should not fail to take up same before Friday, Jan. 1. Remember this and act accordingly.

Marriage licenses issued: Dec. 16, Albert R. Sheetz of Benton county, son of John R. Sheetz, aged 36, occupation farmer, to Myra H. Galbraith of Rensselaer, daughter of Sylvester Galbraith, aged 23, occupation housekeeper. First marriage for each.

Dec. 17, Fred W. Meyers of San Pierre, Ind., son of William Meyers, aged 27, occupation farmer, to Ola May Turner of Jasper county, daughter of O. M. Turner, aged 17, occupation housekeeper. First marriage for each.

Dec. 17, James R. Akers of Rensselaer, son of Thomas Akers, aged 34, occupation farmer, to Grace May Bales of Newton county, daughter of Albert Erwin, aged 32, occupation housekeeper. First marriage for male, second marriage for female, first husband having died last March.

SHOT HIS HAND OFF.

Kentland Enterprise: Frank Weishaar, a young man living between Brook and Goodland, met with a shooting accident Saturday morning. He and a friend were out rabbit hunting and as young Weishaar was climbing a fence the gun discharged. He had his hand over the end of the barrel and the two smaller fingers were blown off. The third finger was so badly lacerated that he was taken to Chicago Monday where new skin will be grafted in hopes of saving the rest of his hand.

THE MUSICAL HOYLES.

The Madison (So. Dakota) Sentinel says of the Musical Hoyles who are to appear here Wednesday evening, December 30.

The first number in the Star Lecture Course given Saturday evening by The Musical Hoyles gave excellent satisfaction. The opera house was filled with a large and appreciative audience and the entire program was well received. The violin solos and flute and violin and flute and clarinet duets were the gems of the evening, while the orchestra numbers were much enjoyed. The readings were above the average.

With such an auspicious opening the future numbers of the course will be anticipated with much pleasure.

BRUTALLY HOLIDAY WEATHER.

The weather the past week has been anything but desirable for the holiday trade. Warm, cloudy, some light rain, just enough to make the roads and streets muddy, is the sort apportioned to this section of the country. As a result the holiday trade thus far has been very poor. Of course if we get cooler and more pleasant weather next week trade will be very brisk, but it seems that people don't do much buying when the weather is so disagreeable as that of this week.

And the merchant who expected a good holiday trade is not the only one to complain of this sort of weather. The dressed poultry shippers all over the country have been hit hard again. They were caught on their Thanksgiving shipments in precisely the same way, the weather turning warm after they shipped their stuff, and hundreds of tons of dressed poultry reached its destination in a almost rotten condition. A great many shippers lost a lot of money then, and now they catch it again.

## THAT MESSAGE TO CONGRESS.

Brooklyn Eagle: Congress should not be unduly sensitive. It was not singled out for attack or for insult. It shares the fate of many. It shares the fate of the judge who is not a philosopher, and of every other man in the country whose views are not identical with those of the President. To differ from him is to be blind or cunning, or law-defying, or a wrong-doer, or a swindler, or a bribe taker, or a bribe giver, or wrongheaded or a traitor. To see things not as the President sees them is to be either a knave or a fool, with more than a mere possibility of being both.

There is but one infallibility in the country. There is but one conscience subject to no reproach, one mental machine so perfectly organized that it never slips a cog. It is no reflection upon the most high-minded and capable Senator to say that he does not and can not match the matchless; it infers nothing discreditable to the ablest, and most scrupulous member of the House of Representatives to say that the effulgence of the President is radiant by comparison with his own. For proof, refer to the message, to the lash used with "stern happiness," and to the flanks that quiver. It is conclusive.

## BRADY-BRADEN.

Thursday's Indianapolis News contained the following report of the marriage of Rev. J. L. Brady of this place to Miss Stella Braden of that city:

The marriage of Miss Stella Braden, daughter of Mrs. James Braden, of Irvington, and Jesse Lincoln Brady, of Rensselaer, took place last night at the home of the bride's mother in the presence of about eighty relatives and friends. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. Allen R. Benton, an old friend of the family. The bride entered with her brother, Norman S. Braden, of Hamilton, Ontario, who gave her away. Mr. Brady came in with the minister. The guests were received by Mrs. Braden and Mrs. Norman S. Braden. A harpist played as the guests assembled and then at the hour of the ceremony played the march from Lohengrin, followed by "Call Me Thine Own" as the service was read.

The bride wore a handsome gown of white satin and duchess lace, made in empire fashion. Her veil was held by a wreath of orange blossoms, and the bouquet was of white roses. Her jewels were a pearl brooch and a pearl pendant.

The decorations for all the rooms were of palms, smilax and white chrysanthemums. For the bridal party the background of palms filled the bay window, and clusters of white chrysanthemums tied with white tulle were fastened against the wall at either side. A buffet supper was served after the congratulations.

The decorations of the bridal table were of pink and white, with a bowl of pink chrysanthemums for the center and of ices and cakes in harmony of color.

Besides Mr. and Mrs. Norman Braden, of Hamilton, Ontario, there were present Mr. and Mrs. Luther Short, of Franklin; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Coen and Mrs. R. J. Porter, of Rensselaer, and L. E. King, of Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Brady have gone on a wedding trip, and they will be at home in Rensselaer after January 1. The bride's traveling dress is a green panne cheviot with velvet hat trimmed with wings to match.

Mr. and Mrs. Brady are expected home this evening.

## CHRISTIAN CHURCH SERVICES.

The subject of the Sunday morning sermon at the Christian church is "Deliver Us From Evil;" in the evening, "The Blessedness of Christian Service." Special music at both services. All are welcome.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

December 17, to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Adams, of south of town, a daughter.

December 16, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jacks, a son.

94.7 per cent test, the best ever made in a bread contest in Jasper county, December 8th. Bread made from the Gem flour.

## CHICAGO BARGAIN STORE.

It is surprising the great number of Christmas candy bills the boys at the Home Grocery have already sold.

The G. E. Murray Co. are selling flour at \$1.35 per sack. Your money back if it is not the best in town.

Only \$1.40 per sack for the Gem of the Valley flour that won the highest test ever made in Jasper county.

## CHICAGO BARGAIN STORE.

Call at A. F. Long's drug store for Christmas trees, any size wanted.

## BOX SOCIAL.

There will be a box social at Union school house in Marion tp. Saturday evening, Dec. 19. Everybody welcomed.

## PEARL WASSON, Teacher.

You can save 10 per cent and 20 per cent by letting the G. E. Murray Co. supply your Christmas wants.

## THE INSTITUTE.

### Secretary's Report of 19th Annual Session.

## "FARMERS SALT OF THE EARTH."

What Was Said and Who Said It—A Very Interesting Write-up of the Meeting.

The secretary's 19th annual report of the Jasper County Farmers' Institute and Ladies' Auxiliary, held in the Rensselaer court house, December 7 and 8, 1908:

## FIRST DAY.

Invocation by Rev. Kindig was followed by an address delivered by the president, John E. Alter, after which A. G. Burkhardt, of Tipton, spoke of "The Golden Hoof" of the sheep. A very interesting speaker is Mr. Burkhardt at all times and upon any subject. The sheep,

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