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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," 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 hardest winter for 24 years, so they tell

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 a 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 Trafagar, has been arrested. Mrs. Pickrell, 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 up.

## 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 Cakes on business Wednesday.

D. J. Pettett 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.

## BEASTLY HOLIDAY WEATHER.

The weather the past week has been anything but desirable for the holiday trade. Warm, cloudy, some little 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, and 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, sunlax 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 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.

Call at A. P. 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.

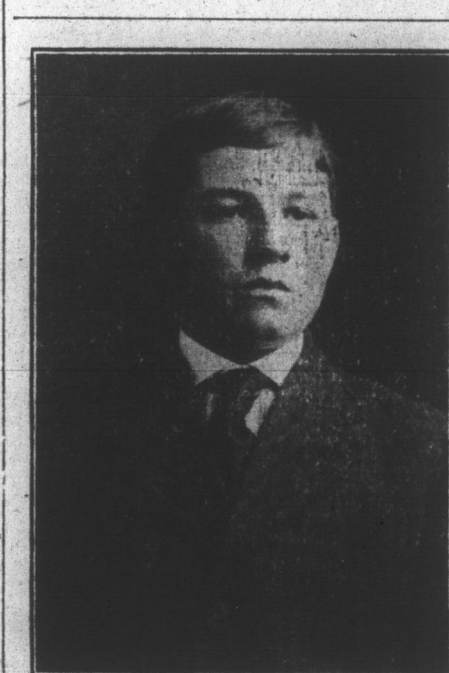
## "FARMERS SALT OF THE EARTH."

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," or the sheep. A very interesting speaker is Mr. Burkhardt at all times and upon any subject. The sheep



ALBERT AUGSPURGER.

Above is a picture of Albert Augspurger, the 15-year old Newton township boy who carried off the honors of the County Corn Contest, which was held in connection with the Farmers' Institute last week.

is called the Golden Hoof because there is more clear profit in the proper management of this animal than any other. The wool usually pays for all the ewe eats in one year, and the lamb is net profit. No other animal will come so nearly destroying all weeds as the sheep.

Sam B. Woods, of Lake county, is a very successful dairyman, keeping cows that annually clear, above cost of feed, \$100 per head. His subject was cow barns and how to build them. No Jasper county dairy man could afford to be absent during this talk. A great many questions were asked by the audience, and Mr. Wood was found to be well posted and a valuable instructor.

"Cement on the Farm," by Amos Alter, was something new to us all. It was not theory, for Amos had the goods with him. Cement posts that he makes himself and fences his fields, and he says "they never rot."

At the afternoon session Bill Bat exhibited a part of his great line of curios. Strange things picked up in Nubbin Ridge and other lands. Here he had portions of animals from the everglades of Florida, sea shells from Japan, leaves from Africa, bones from Central America, wild cloth from the bottom of the Kankakee river. Johnnie did not say how he came into possession of so many strange things and we thought it might prove embarrassing to him should we ask him, so that part we are unable to report at present.

But Sheriff O'Connor astonished all by his lecture on "Ropes, and How to Splice Them; Knots, How to Tie," etc. Mr. O'Connor is an old sailor, we must remember, and has sailed the briny deep for many a month and what he don't know about knots and ropes certainly would not take very long to learn. He exhibited an old rope used in the ocean that was perhaps 100 years or more old. The information he gives to farmers about how to splice ropes and how to tie knots that will never get tight is certainly very valuable. Mr. O'Connor is certainly a very successful platform lecturer.

The Patriotic Chorus sang a song entitled "The Jersey Cow Medley." A reminder of the bye-gone-days when fences were few and the farmer often failed to find his cows that had wandered down the banks of the Iroquois river and he missed his milk that day.

"Co-operation Among Farmers" by Sam B. Woods, in which he showed the audience the great disadvantages that met the pioneer that had no neighbors to co-operate with. He also spoke of the many advantages that so many farmers miss at present by neglecting to co-operate with their neighbors. He says as a rule, farmers, and especially farmers wives, are doing too much hard work and taking too little recreation. Games and fun

are as necessary as clean clothes and health.

The president appointed a committee on finance—B. D. Comer, Marion I. Adams, Ira T. Meader.

Committee on resolutions: H. J. Dexter, A. J. Bellows, Amos H. Alter.

Committee on nominations: James McClanahan, John Norman, J. T. Hordeman.

"Sheep Raising in Jasper County," by Robert J. Yeoman, of Newton township, was one of the most valuable papers that was ever brought out on that subject. Mr. Yeoman has been engaged in the sheep industry since he was a boy and his article shows that he is most thoroughly posted upon that very important branch of farm life. People used to raise sheep almost exclusively for wool. From 1870 to 1890 a lack of interest among sheep breeders was noticed, as wolves and dogs and diseases of various kinds made trouble for the sheep men. But now the marshes are mostly drained, the wolf is gone, only the worthless cur is with us. Foot Rot, one of the worst diseases that trouble sheep: place a trough filled with a parasite destroyer, such as coal tar preparation, drive sheep through it. Scab is cured by dipping. For stomach worms use gasoline in sweet milk, tablespoonful three times a day. Keep sheep on dry land, change pasture often, salt and water well. Start with a small number of grade ewes, learn the business as you grow into it. Lambs should arrive in April, clip tails when two weeks old.

"Duties and Privileges of a Farmer's wife," was discussed by A. G. Burkhardt. Mr. Burkhardt went at this question in his own peculiar square open manner and made all of his points very plain. If you do not like farm life, never marry a farmer. Love is only one of the reasons for marriage. No matter how much you think of a man, if he follows a calling unsuited for yourself you make a mistake in accepting him as a life partner. When a woman is in her proper vocation she eliminates one-half of the drudgery of life. The ideal farmer's wife is ever ready to look after his business in his absence, while she may not do his work, she can see that it is done. If she is not interested in his work she is not in her proper sphere. Mr. Burkhardt believes that a woman should choose her calling in life as well as a man. Let both work together, be interested together in the same garden, the orchard, the truck patch, the cow lot, the barn, the poultry yard and fields, one pursue for both.

"Dairy Breeds" was well discussed by Barney Delphi Comer. He had the samples with him—Holstein or great flow of milk, Ayrshire for field gleaners, Guernseys and Alderneys for milk and butter, Jerseys for rich cream and butter, and Barney is building up a herd of Jerseys so his wife can do all the chores when he fails to get home in time; and Barney is often late.

Sam B. Woods spoke of "Feeding a Dairy Herd." He is a great friend of the corn silo and feeds grass, oats and Canada peas or ensilage whenever the pasture dries up. Evening session: Song by male quartette. Select reading by John E. Alter on "Agricultural Difficulties." Johnnie raises swine. One sow had twins but two of them died next day.

The first day's session closed by a most eloquent address by Mr. Burkhardt on "The Farmer and His Calling."

## SECOND DAY.

The second day's session opened at 10 a. m. by invocation from Rev. Bundy of Parr, after which A. G. Burkhardt gave a good illustrated talk on "The Ideal Farm." His ideal was not a large farm, not over 160 acres. But his diagram showed the handy arrangements of pasture and fields in relation to the well and barn. It did away entirely with small lanes that you often see leading to some back pasture. The wood lot and pasture was back of the barn. From this lot gates opened into every field on the farm, allowing stock to fall and winter pasture stubble and stalks at the owner's pleasure.

All of his talk was practical. It was not an ideal farm in the way of imagination, but real.

Marion Indianapolis Adams was there, but through sheer politeness asked that his topic and talk be passed in order to give the next topic more time, but the audience noticing that he wore that brand-new suit of clothes that his wife had bought for him, refused to let him off. So Mr. Adams delivered a very instructive talk on "Corn Culture" which was responded to by Mr. A. J. Bellows, who has plowed corn more seasons than the writer has spent summers on this earth.

These speakers both agreed exactly in their talks. Viz: Plow what you can in the fall, but in spring plowing always plow shallow, no matter whether the season be wet or dry. For corn always grows better, and does better on solid ground than very loose ground. But cultivate the corn continually as soon as planted. Harrow till it comes up, then use cultivators and gophers. Surface cultivation at all times. You will not injure the roots and will keep the top well pulverized, which is very important.

Mr. Burton also agreed with these gentlemen on shallow cultivation. Miss Ethel E. Berry of Jewel City, Kansas, now of Purdue University, gave a valuable talk on "Domestic Science in the Public Schools." She believes in teaching

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