

DAILY PLANNER

TODAY

Today is Monday, Feb. 25, the 56th day of 2019. There are 309 days left in the year.



TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On Feb. 25, 1986, President Ferdinand Marcos fled the Philippines after 20 years of rule in the wake of a tainted election; Corazon Aquino assumed the presidency.

ON THIS DATE

In 1570, England's Queen Elizabeth I was excommunicated by Pope Pius V, who accused the monarch of heresy.

In 1793, President George Washington held the first Cabinet meeting on record at his Mount Vernon home; attending were Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson, Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton, Secretary of War Henry Knox and Attorney General Edmund Randolph.

In 1836, inventor Samuel Colt patented his revolver.

In 1862, Nashville, Tenn., became the first Confederate state capital to be occupied by the North during the Civil War.

In 1901, United States Steel Corp. was incorporated by J.P. Morgan.

In 1913, the 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, giving Congress the power to levy and collect income taxes, was declared in effect by Secretary of State Philander Chase Knox.

In 1919, Oregon became the first state to tax gasoline, at one cent per gallon.

In 1922, French serial killer Henri Landru, convicted of murdering 10 women and the son of one of them, was executed in Versailles.

In 1964, Eastern Airlines Flight 304, a DC-8, crashed shortly after taking off from New Orleans International Airport, killing all 58 on board. Muhammad Ali (then known as Cassius Clay) became world heavyweight boxing champion as he defeated Sonny Liston in Miami Beach.

LOTTERY

Megabucks: \$8.6 million
6-10-11-12-34-42

Mega Millions: \$245 million
18-24-31-34-55-4-x4

Powerball: \$322 million
4-6-14-20-32-PB 13-x2

Win for Life: Feb. 23
32-33-65-71

Pick 4:

Feb. 24
• 1 p.m.: 8-0-7-5
• 4 p.m.: 8-2-8-7

• 7 p.m.: 9-5-9-0
• 10 p.m.: 1-3-1-7

Pick 4: Feb. 23
• 1 p.m.: 5-4-4-7
• 4 p.m.: 4-7-6-0

• 7 p.m.: 8-9-4-6
• 10 p.m.: 7-5-8-7

Pick 4: Feb. 22
• 1 p.m.: 9-8-4-2
• 4 p.m.: 7-0-5-4

• 7 p.m.: 3-8-5-6
• 10 p.m.: 3-9-0-5

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"He who never leaves his country is full of prejudices."
— Carlo Goldoni, Italian playwright (born this date in 1707, died 1793)

NORTHEAST OREGON HISTORY



Hayes was the first U.S. President to visit Northeast Oregon.

By **Dick Mason**
The Observer

Q: Who was the first U.S. President to visit Northeast Oregon?

A: Rutherford B. Hayes.

Republican Rutherford B. Hayes became the initial sitting U.S. President to visit this region when he came to Umatilla County in early October of 1880. Hayes, about a week earlier, had become the first president to step foot in this state when he entered Southern Oregon via stagecoach after a visit to California, according to a story by David Loftus for the Oregon Encyclopedia, a website run by the Oregon Historical Society.

Hayes and his party left for Eastern Oregon from Vancouver, Washington, on a steamship. In the area of The Dalles, he boarded a train that took him to Umatilla and Walla Walla, Washington.

Hayes was in the Umatilla-Walla Walla area from Oct. 3 to Oct. 6.

Members of the Umatilla Indian tribe, Loftus wrote, performed an hour-long dance for the president during his visit.

Hayes' party began its trip back to the Portland-Vancouver area either Oct. 6 or Oct. 7.

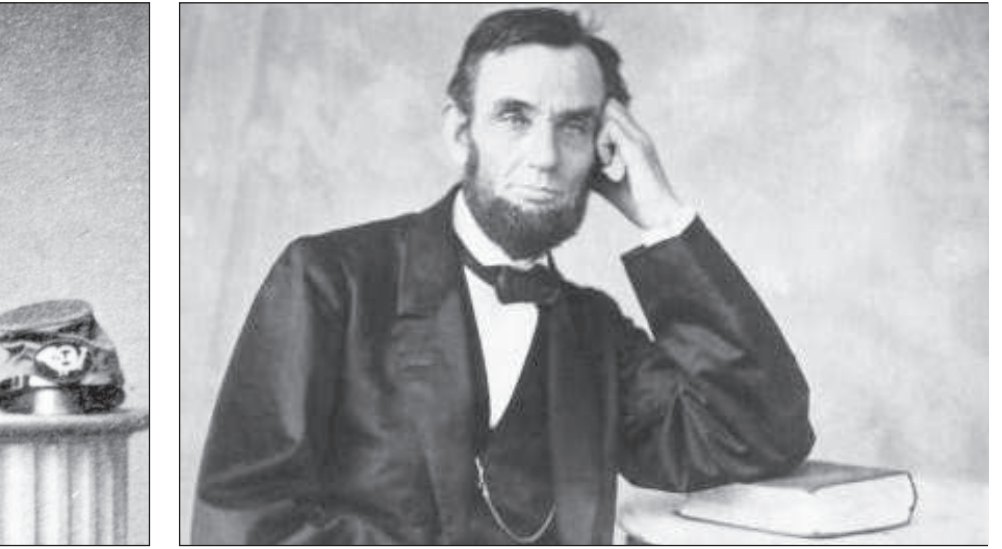
The president's western trip may have been inspired by a controversial election he won in 1876 against New York Gov. Samuel Tilden, a Democrat.

"The disputed election troubled Hayes throughout his presidency and fueled his desire to reunify the nation in a demonstrative way," Loftus wrote.

The Oregonian reported in late September of 1880 that Hayes had long been intrigued by Oregon.

"Hayes has always expressed a great interest in our state and an earnest wish to see it. Its climate, rivers, mountains, great trees and fertile valleys have always interested him, as they have every other person who has heard much about them," the Oregonian reported.

The newspaper lauded Hayes for his demeanor: "He sustains in a simple



Courtesy photo

Lincoln turned down an offer to be the territorial governor of Oregon.

and quiet way the dignity of the position he holds."

The president started his journey west in September 1880 via the transcontinental railroad, eventually reaching Sacramento and San Francisco. Hayes, a former governor of Ohio, was with a party of 12 that included his wife, Lucy Webb Hayes.

While in Portland, the president stayed at the Esmond Hotel on Front Avenue, toured the city and visited its schools. On Oct. 1, Loftus wrote, the president gave a speech at Mechanics' Pavilion attended by a crowd estimated to be as high as 9,000.

Hayes later returned to California, where he boarded a train that took him back to Washington, D.C., where he arrived in November. Hayes, who did not run for a second term as president, retired in 1881 to his home in Fremont, Ohio. He died in 1893.

Q: Was Abraham Lincoln offered the chance to become territorial governor of Oregon?

A: Yes.

The history of the United States may have been altered dramatically had Abraham Lincoln accepted an offer by President Zachary Taylor in 1849.

Lincoln, then a U.S. Congressman from Illinois, was offered the position of governor of the Oregon Territory by Taylor, according to the book "Best of the Old Northwest" by Marge Davenport.

Lincoln turned down the position because of objections from his wife, Mary Todd Lincoln. Lincoln had previously declined an offer from Taylor to become secretary of the Oregon Territory. The appointments, Davenport wrote, were offered because of past favors Lincoln had done for Taylor.

Oregon had had a territorial government since Aug. 13, 1848, and was about 10 years from being granted statehood.

After turning down the governorship of the Oregon Territory, Lincoln went back to practicing law in Illinois. However, he did maintain close relationships with several friends from Illinois who became Oregon politicians, according to a story

on Oregon Public Broadcasting's website. One of those friends was Edward Baker, one of Oregon's first U.S. senators once the state was granted statehood in 1859.

Baker, who knew Lincoln from his days as a politician in Illinois, introduced the president to the crowd at his 1861 inauguration, wrote historian Randol B. Fletcher in his book "Hidden History of Civil War Oregon."

Baker later joined the Union army. He was still a U.S. senator when he was killed in the Civil War on Oct. 21, 1861. Lincoln learned of Baker's death while at the headquarters of Gen. George McClellan in Washington, D.C. Fletcher wrote that Lincoln was so upset upon hearing the news that he left immediately and almost collapsed after stepping out on the street next to McClellan's headquarters.

Lincoln's son Willie, who was 10 at the time, later wrote a poem in tribute to Baker, according to Fletcher.

Baker County and Baker City were later named in honor of Edward Baker. ■

OREGON IN BRIEF

From wire reports

Suspects in Colorado slaying held in Oregon

ROSEBURG — Two men suspected in a crime spree across three states, including a deadly Colorado carjacking, have been arrested in Oregon.

Oregon State Police said Sunday that 31-year-old Jose Lopez-Jovel and 30-year-old Matthew Anthony Fanelli are being held on multiple charges in separate county jails.

Authorities say Lopez-Jovel was taken into custody Saturday afternoon after an attempted carjacking at a Roseburg restaurant but Fanelli fled in their car.

Police say Fanelli fired several shots while driving down an interstate. He struck a patrol car and a passenger vehicle.

He then tried to carjack a couple's vehicle. Police say he shot the man, critically injuring him, and assaulted the woman.

He was subsequently caught when his vehicle became disabled.

Authorities say Lopez-Jovel and Fanelli are suspected in robberies in Utah and Wyoming and fatally shooting a man in Denver.

Fifth possible measles case reported in Oregon

PORTLAND — Officials in Oregon's Multnomah County are reporting a fifth possible case of measles.

The Oregonian reports four people already diagnosed with measles were exposed to the highly contagious virus from an ongoing outbreak in

Washington state's Clark County.

Multnomah County health officials announced the fifth possible case Sunday. They said a link between the case and the Clark County outbreak has not been identified.

Officials say people might have been exposed to the virus at Portland International Airport and Randall Children's hospital.

In Washington, health officials say 66 people have been affected by the viral illness.

Most of the cases have involved young children under 10 years old who weren't immunized. There's been two cases of people who got measles despite being immunized.

No injuries reported in food cart explosion

EUGENE — Residents in Eugene's Whiteaker neighborhood were jolted by an explosion of a food cart in the area Sunday morning.

The Register-Guard reports no injuries were reported from the explosion that occurred at Buck Buck Food Cart just before 8 a.m.

Eugene Springfield firefighters are investigating the cause of the blast.

The cart was located just outside Oakshire Brewing Public House on Madison Street.

The food cart and brew pub were both closed at the time of the explosion.

Skier dies after falling into Mount Hood tree well

PORTLAND — A Timberline Lodge spokesman says a skier has died after falling into a tree well on Mount Hood.

The Oregonian reports the 42-year-old man was skiing with a friend when he fell into the tree well on Saturday.

Timberline Lodge spokesman John Burton says efforts to revive the man were unsuccessful.

The skier's name was not immediately released.

Tree wells are areas of loose snow around tree trunks that can suffocate people who fall into them. They are considered most dangerous after periods of heavy snowfall. ■

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