

# Lincoln County Leader

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## THE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Called From the Telegraph Columns.

A Birmingham, Ala., special says that Joe James, colored, was lynched at Woodstock. He attempted to assault Fannie Smith, aged 17, while she was on her way to school.

An irade has been issued granting amnesty to all Armenian prisoners, except those sentenced to death for murder. The terms of the amnesty include about 100 Armenians under sentence of death for other offenses than murder.

Contrary to advices from Spain, it has been ascertained that the Spaniards were ignominiously defeated by Philippine insurgents in the combined naval and foot attack on Noveleta from November 8 to 14. The Spaniards lost heavily.

A special from Paris says it is suggested that Great Britain, France and Italy, the powers most interested, offer their services in the Cuban question in order to prevent a conflict between Spain and the United States, and terminate the revolt.

Dr. E. Forbes, representing a London firm, arrived on the last steamer from the Orient in San Francisco, with cases of medical instruments valued at \$80,000. He claims they are works of art, and should be admitted free of duty. The customs authorities are withholding the instruments, however, until the duty is paid.

The postmaster of Des Moines, Ia., had his carriers look up worthy cases of poor families and delivered presents to them on Christmas morning. Several hundred dollars was subscribed by business men for the purpose. Scores of letters were received from poor children telling what they desired Santa Claus to bring them.

Senator Mitchell, of Oregon, has proposed an amendment to the sundry civil appropriation bill, providing for auxiliary fishcultural stations at points to be selected by the commissioner of fish and fisheries in Oregon, Washington and California, for the propagation of salmon, trout and other fishes. The amendment appropriates \$17,600 for the purpose.

Jerry Burke, the colored boy, who hacked Mrs. John Foss and her daughter, Mrs. Cavanaugh, with an ax, at their home at Cllo, Livingston parish, Louisiana, last Sunday, was captured by a posse of citizens about a mile from the scene of the crime. In view of the fact that the ladies are not dead, the plan to burn him at the stake was abandoned, and he was simply riddled with bullets.

The secretary of the treasury has sent to congress a computation of the Pacific railroad debts as made by the government actuary. The statement shows that the advances to the Union Pacific, including the Kansas Pacific, by the government, will, at maturity, the first of next July, amount to \$92,846,285, of which sufficient has been repaid to reduce the amount to \$53,289,593. The balance due on account of the Central Pacific on July 1 next will be \$60,318,377.

Dr. Thomas Powell, of Missouri, recently made some remarkable experiments before a party of doctors in Los Angeles in order to prove the efficacy of his remedy for certain diseases. He alarmed the physicians present by injecting bacillus tuberculosis and bacilli diptherial into himself, appearing to take them without evil effect. He also injected some bacteria into two guinea pigs, which promptly died. His next experiment will be to inject sputum from a woman dying of consumption into himself.

The annual statement of construction published by the Railway Age, of Chicago shows that during 1898 only 1,802 miles of railway lines were built in the United States. This is one mile less than the total reported for 1895, and the smallest mileage built in any year since 1875. The number of lines on which this track was laid is 163, which is eleven less than the number of new lines added in the previous year. Track was laid in thirty-eight of the forty-four states and territories. The longest mileage was built in California—187 miles on eight lines.

A Paris paper publishes interviews with prominent men of France and a foreign diplomat, all of whom reproach Great Britain and Spain for abandoning France in the Mexican expedition of 1862, the object of which, they say, was to create an American government to counterbalance the power of the United States.

The Russian ambassador, M. de Nelidoff, has had an audience with the sultan of Turkey, at which he urged the introduction of reforms and the granting of amnesty to imprisoned Armenians. The sultan asserted that the reforms agreed upon by the powers already had been executed and promised to issue an amnesty decree in a few days.

### A HALF MINUTE FIGHT.

Peter Maher Knocked Out Steve O'Donnell in Short Order.

New York, Dec. 28.—It took just 27 seconds' time for Peter Maher, the Irish pugilist, to again demonstrate his superiority in ring tactics and hard-hitting qualities over Steve O'Donnell, the Australian boxer, in the arena of the Greater New York Athletic Club at Coney island today. Both men were in excellent condition and trained to the hour. Each of them was confident, but Maher's backers made him a hot favorite, the odds ranging from 3 to 5 to 1 on the Irishman's chances of winning.

O'Donnell was the first to enter the ring. He climbed through the ropes at 8:30 o'clock, clad in a gray-colored bath robe. His seconds were Sam Fitzpatrick, Billy Madden, Mike Butler, and Gus Ruhlin, the Canton, O., giant. When Maher emerged from his dressing room five minutes later a cheer went up which shook the building. As soon as he got into the ring Maher bowed his acknowledgment for the warm welcome extended to him, and he never looked better in his life. He was escorted by Peter Lowry, of Dublin; Peter Burns, of Harlem, his sparring partner, and Jack Quinn, of Brooklyn. Maher weighed 177½ pounds, and O'Donnell 181 pounds. The men shook hands at 8:46, and Referee Aleck Brown lost no time in bringing them together.

There was intense silence when the men put their fists up and Maher rushed across the ring almost to O'Donnell's corner. Both sparred for a few seconds, and O'Donnell led with his left for the body. Maher blocked his blow with his right glove. Peter then jabbed his left hand on the chin and landed a heavy left swing on the face. This staggered O'Donnell, and he seemed to be unable to avoid Maher's rushes. Maher sent O'Donnell to the floor with a hard left on the chin, and the Australian stayed down 4 seconds.

As soon as he got to his feet O'Donnell assumed a defensive attitude, but Maher quickly sent his left once more on the chin, and as O'Donnell was falling caught him quickly with a half-hook, knocking the Australian down. Steve rolled over on his back in a helpless condition, and the referee slowly counted him out. The big Irishman stood about twelve feet away from his fallen opponent while the referee was counting off the seconds, and as soon as the referee tallied ten a tremendous shout went up from 1,800 people who had watched the brief encounter, and the band played "The Wearing of the Green" in honor of the victor.

### A Fire in San Francisco.

San Francisco, Dec. 28.—Fire this afternoon destroyed the plant of Francis, Valentine & Co., one of the largest printing firms in this city. The fire broke out in the basement, occupied by the Commercial Light & Power Company, and spread to the first floor, where the Ruswell Bookbinding Company was wiped out. The upper floors were occupied by Francis, Valentine & Co. Their presses, which were insured for \$30,000, were slightly damaged, while the stock and wood cuts were nearly destroyed. The total loss will probably be under \$50,000. Two years ago today the same building was burned. The fire was more disastrous, for the Call was burned out and the building had to be reconstructed. Today Peter McCabe, a fireman, fell from the two-story building adjoining and was badly hurt. No bones were broken, but internal injuries are feared.

### Simon Was Despondent.

San Francisco, Dec. 28.—Despondent over his failure to obtain employment, Simon Brauer, a German, 22 years old, attempted to commit suicide early this morning by hanging himself from a timber extending over a tank wall, at the old reservoir on Reservoir hill. He tied one end of a small rope about the timber, the other about his neck and swung himself off the curbing of the well. The rope broke, however, and he fell fifteen feet to the bottom of the well, badly spraining his ankle. Having failed in his attempt to end his life, and becoming frightened by the intense darkness that prevailed in the well, Brauer began to shout lustily for help. He was rescued by Mrs. Margaret Allman at 7 o'clock.

### Debs Going to Colorado.

Denver, Dec. 28.—A Terre Haute, Ind., dispatch says: Eugene V. Debs has promised President Boyce, of the Western Federation of Miners, that he will go to Colorado the first of the week to help the Leadville strikers. He will speak in Colorado cities, beginning in Leadville, where a labor demonstration is to be given on his arrival. President Boyce says public opinion is still with the strikers and they can hold out indefinitely. President Boyce received a letter saying \$2,000 had been sent from Butte, Mont., to aid the strikers.

### From the Glenmorag.

Astoria, Or., Dec. 28.—Captain Burns came over from Ocean Park, Wash., today and states that the Glenmorag is again in a favorable position to be floated. Her bow is now pointed seaward, and as soon as the tides are favorable she can be taken into deep water with the aid of a tug.

## A TRAP IS SET FOR GOMEZ

Spaniards Forming Three Lines to Crush Him.

### OPERATIONS ARE IN MATANZAS

Weyler Expected to Strike a Hard Blow, So That Spain Can Call for Another Loan—Cubans Confident.

Cincinnati, Dec. 28.—A special to the Commercial Tribune from Key West says:

Havana advices are that Gomez's advance guard has captured the town of Las Pasiega, in Santa Clara province, taking the entire garrison and all the stores. A battalion of fresh troops was sent from Havana to Matanzas this morning, to be sent to the front. Great exertions are being made to get a strong force to oppose General Gomez, and three lines are being forced to get the Cubans entangled between them and crushed.

### Funds Running Low.

New York, Dec. 28.—A Madrid special to the World says:

It is rumored that General Weyler has delayed fresh operations against the insurgents in order to give time to discover the disposition of bands and their chiefs since the death of Maceo, with a view to feeling his way to prepare the ground for finishing the present Cuban war like the past insurrections in Spain and Cuba, where official negotiations proved more telling arguments than force of arms, directly the insurgents saw no more hope of foreign aid.

It is also believed in diplomatic circles that Spain will take advantage of the disposition of President Cleveland and Secretary Olney to negotiate quickly and directly with the United States to secure a neutrality by granting discriminating concessions in the contemplated Cuban tariff, and fair promises of colonial autonomy before the accession of McKinley.

One of the principal reasons of the Spanish government for insisting upon Weyler making a decisive attempt to clear the provinces of Pinar del Rio, Havana and Matanzas, within a few weeks, is the urgent necessity for scoring a military success before Spain has once more to appeal to the native and foreign markets for fresh loans, when she shall have exhausted the money obtained by the recent interior loan, which will be in March of next year.

At present the minister of the colonies disposes of this cash, and Cuban bonds to the value of about \$5,000,000 only remain out of the proceeds of the loans. The expenses of the war in Cuba are \$12,000,000 monthly, and in the Philippines at least \$4,000,000. Up to the present time, the Spanish treasury has assisted the Cuban treasury by guaranteeing advances made by foreign and native bankers upon Cuban bonds, and by pledging the sources of imperial revenue for the recent \$80,000,000 loan.

The moment is fast approaching when the Spanish parliament and the Spanish taxpayers must be asked to provide, in the shape of additional taxation, \$26,000,000 annually for the interest and sinking fund of \$250,000,000 thus far raised, to meet only in part the expenses of the Cuban war, up to March, 1897, and which the Cuban budget and the Cuban taxpayers could not possibly undertake to pay, even if the war were soon terminated, considering that their budgets showed deficits, averaging \$5,000,000 annually, before the present insurrection.

### Rivera Warns Weyler.

New York, Dec. 28.—A special from Key West to the World says: Steamship passengers say that General Rivera, who is in command of the army of Maceo, has sent a formal warning to General Weyler. General Rivera notified the Spanish captain-general that if he persisted in his threats to kill pacificos found in the country, the Cubans will make reprisals on all Spaniards whom they may capture.

General Weyler is affecting to disregard the warning. Those near him, however, say he will not dare to carry out his ideas as ruthlessly as he intended. His guerrillas still have full authority to capture or to kill pacificos in the country and to force their families into the garrisoned towns. As the troops in such places have little extra food and the residents none to spare, this order lays a great hardship upon the poor country folk. Hundreds will soon be starving.

General Rivera is moving out of his entrenchments. All indications point to an important engagement soon.

General Weyler has visited various points on the trocha and San Cristobal. He is always accompanied by a large force.

There is skirmishing daily along the trocha and on the outskirts of Artemisa.

A battle has been fought in Santa Clara province between guerilla bands. The Cubans forced the Spanish to retire into Remedios with heavy loss.

Regia, across the bay from Havana, was attacked again last night almost under the guns of the fortress. Several houses were burned and a running fight maintained for two hours.

### A MOB OF BOHEMIANS.

Tried to Lynch a Motorman Who Ran Down a Boy.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—George E. Denmark, 7 years old, was killed by a trolley-car at Troop and Eighteenth streets, this afternoon. Fred Bernier, motorman, was threatened with lynching, for killing the boy, and was with great difficulty rescued from the mob of Bohemians, who, incensed at the terrible accident, surrounded the car and dragged Bernier from the platform, determined to hang him. Patrick Hanley, the conductor, managed to save Bernier from the mob, and then a riot call was sent to the Maxwell street station. The police took charge of the motorman and conductor and locked them up.

After the boy had been killed, Motorman Bernier took refuge in the car, which stood within a few feet of where the accident occurred, and in an instant it was besieged by angry men. He attempted to keep them out by latching the doors on the inside, but they broke the doors in, knocked him down and kicked and beat him for a few moments in a shocking manner. He managed, however, to get away from them, and ran to the door of the drugstore, where he was handed a pistol, and was admitted inside by Mr. Kvitck, the proprietor, before any further harm befell him. The crowd surged around the store and yelled: "Break it in! Kill him!"

It looked for a minute as if the store would be raided, but Mr. Kvitck had made use of the telephone. He called on the Maxwell station first for an ambulance, but by that time matters had got so warm that he requested a patrol wagon. In a few minutes the wagon brought a number of officers, who did all they could to quiet the mob. When some degree of quiet had been restored the police arrested the endangered men and took them to the station. There the men seemed unconcerned, and declined to make a statement.

There were many versions given of the accident. Well-informed people living in the neighborhood said they had been expecting something of the kind for a long time, and were only surprised that it did not happen sooner.

### THE SON'S SACRIFICE.

Benton Wilson Went to Prison to Save His Father.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 28.—Benton Wilson, who went to the penitentiary for a long term of years for murder, came into Spokane last night, and today went to Mica, where his parents live. He had been unexpectedly pardoned.

The circumstances under which Wilson was sent to jail were most peculiar. Two years ago, some small boys unearthed the body of a man that was subsequently identified as that of James Johnson, brother-in-law of Benton Wilson. The body was found two miles from the Wilson homestead. Benton Wilson and his father were arrested and charged with murder. The father was first placed on trial, and the case looked black for him. Perceiving this, Benton arose and confessed to having murdered his brother-in-law. He said Johnson had abused his wife, Wilson's sister; had returned to the farm and had threatened his wife, if she did not come back to the city. Wilson said that he accompanied them to a lonely stretch of woods, and, at an opportune moment, fell upon him and clubbed him to death. For this he was sentenced to a long term of years in the penitentiary. It is a case of a son sacrificing his life to save that of his father.

### CHARGED WITH SMUGGLING.

American Arrested for Driving Into Prohibited Mexican Territory.

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 28.—Harry Mansur, the American who was arrested several weeks ago by the Mexican customs officials at Tia Juana for alleged infraction of the laws governing the free zone, has been released by the Ensenada authorities and is again at his home on this side. His release was obtained through the intervention of Hon. Anthony Godbe, American vice-consul, and a cash bail was obtained, which allowed Mansur to leave the country.

Mansur said today that his case was temporarily settled, and he did not expect it to come up again for six months or a year. It is probable the cash bail will be quietly accepted and no further action taken, especially as Mansur's infraction of the law was slight.

Mansur's wife's family lives at Rosario, about two miles south of the free zone. Mansur had often visited them, taking his team and paying no attention to the law, being an old resident and acquainted with the officials. But a new administration of the Tia Juana custom-house, Senor Motavelasco, caused Mansur to be arrested for smuggling a horse into the country, and imposed a heavy fine upon him. Failing to pay the fine, Mansur was arrested and sent to Ensenada to be dealt with by the higher authorities. Since that time until a day or so ago he had been in jail.

A steel fly wheel twenty five feet in diameter and requiring 250 miles of wire in its construction, has been made in Germany.

## BRIEF PACIFIC COAST NEWS

A Resume of Events in the Northwest.

### EVIDENCE OF STEADY GROWTH

News Gathered in All the Towns of Our Neighboring States—Improvement Noted in All Industries.

A project is on foot in Brownsville to have a free reading-room.

Stockbuyers are paying \$12 to \$15 for 2-year-old steers, and \$15 for cows in Grant county.

Cattle on the range in Grant county are looking thinner than ever at this time of the year.

Empire City's town treasurer holds \$1,200 town funds, and the city has no indebtedness.

The colored miners at Beaver Hill in Coos county, are organizing a lodge supposedly of Masonry.

There are about thirty taxpayers in Wallawa county, who pay taxes on property valued at over \$5,000 each.

Elgin has shipped 787 carloads of grain, stock, wool, lumber and ties in the last ten months valued at \$105,000.

Strange as it may seem in midwinter the bunchgrass is growing on Grant county's hills, says the Canyon City News.

Mr. Herrick expects to have work begun on his cannery at The Dalles in a few weeks, to put it in shape for the spring run of salmon.

S. B. Edson, representing Edson Bros., of Gazelle, Cal., who has been in Lane county for some time buying cattle, will ship about 350 head, eight carloads, to Gazelle. The cattle are mostly 3-year-old steers.

In answer to a request from the Milton board of trade for a conference upon the question of dividing Umatilla county, the Pendleton chamber of commerce has written that the question of division is one for the people of the county; but that, as an association, it is opposed to division.

Last summer P. Boler, who lives in Springfield precinct, in Lane county, raised several hundred bushels of canary seed, and sold it in Portland, Salem and Eugene. He received 10 cents per pound for the seed. It is better than the canary seed raised in California and the other states, weighing considerably more to the bushel.

An old couple, while on their way to The Dalles last week in a two-horse hack, were upset in a snowdrift on a steep grade on Ten-Mile, and were rolling down the hill. A young man went to their assistance tried to get the horses out of the drift, and the horse and hack went tumbling after. Fortunately, no one was seriously hurt, nor was much damage done to the rig.

Harold Parker has returned to Baker City from Omaha, after an absence of several months. Last spring Mr. Parker left Huntington with 12,000 sheep, the property of Gutnerie, Fox & Co., of Omaha, to be driven overland to Clark's, a station near the metropolis of Nebraska. Although it took Mr. Parker four months or more to make the drive, he was so successful that he lost but ninety sheep.

### Washington.

A great deal of wheat has been sold in Ellensburg lately.

The city treasurer of Fairhaven has issued a call for warrants numbered from 2970 to 3080 inclusive, drawn upon the general fund, there being funds on hand with which to pay them.

Buckley citizens are now circulating a petition for the establishment of a wagon road from that town to the Summit mines, and pledges of assistance are said to be numerous.

The aggregate value of real property in Klickitat county in 1896, as equalized by the county board, is \$1,612,500. The population of the county is 7,500. The county has fifty-six organized school districts, with an attendance of 2,530 pupils.

The Washington state board of pilot commissioners for the Columbia river and bar have submitted their report to the governor of vessels bound in and out of the Columbia river from July 1, 1896, to October 5, 1896. It shows that there were sixty-four bound in and sixty-one bound out between these dates.

The city of Ellensburg has been ordered by the court to make a special tax levy of four mills a year for four years to pay the amount of the judgment in the Lorence case, wherein a verdict for damages against the city was rendered, because of an accident resulting from a defective sidewalk. The judgment now amounts to about \$10,000.

Superintendent Barnett, of the St. Louis mine, was in Everett the other day from Silverton. He brought down five pack horses, and had to make them swim the Stillaguamish river three times. It was a perilous undertaking, for the stream was high and swift. The company has a drilling outfit ready to put in the mine as soon as the machinery can be transported by rail, and then work will be continued all winter.