

# Lincoln County Leader

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## CURRENT EVENTS OF THE DAY

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Collected From the Telegraphic Columns.

A bill making immediately available \$250,000 for saving life and property along the Mississippi has been agreed to in congress in an amended form and sent to the president for his signature.

United States Minister Denby, at Peking, has notified the department of state that, as a result of the efforts of the British government, China has consented to open to commerce West river, which is situated in Canton, and at the mouth of which lies Hong Kong.

Representative Spaulding, of Michigan, has introduced in the house a joint resolution providing for the annexation of Hawaii to the United States. It gives consent of congress that the Sandwich Islands be made into the state of Hawaii, with a republican form of government.

Captain E. W. Reed, of the ship T. F. Oakes, was arrested in New York on a warrant issued by the United States court. The Oakes is the ship on which, during its last voyage, there was much suffering and several deaths, resulting, as alleged, from insufficient food.

The issue raised between Peru and the United States with regard to the imprisonment of Ramsey, the American sailor, is becoming a serious matter. The Peruvian government refuses to accede to the demand of the United States minister, McKenzie, to set Ramsey at liberty immediately.

An attempt was made to destroy Altoona, Pa., four incendiary fires being kindled in different parts of the city between the hours of 11 and 1:30 o'clock. Prompt work by the fire department alone saved the town from possible destruction. The entire loss will aggregate between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

Word is received in Brooklyn of the death from jungle fever last January, in Central Africa, of Samuel H. Armour, a young physician in the service of the Belgian government. Dr. Armour was well known socially and among the medical fraternity of Brooklyn. He obtained his education at the Long Island college hospital. He is a nephew of Justice Walker, of Ohio.

Governor Rogers, of Washington, has hopes of being able to retain all companies of the state militia now in service. While the merger appropriation would not allow more than six, or at most eight, companies, if they received the full allowance, arrangements may be made to allow one-half of the former appropriation to companies in smaller towns where armory rent is cheaper and expenses are less.

It is reported in Washington that President McKinley will shortly send a commission to Cuba to participate in the investigation of the Ruiz murder.

The United Press, having its principal office in New York, has made an assignment for the benefit of its creditors. The collapse was due to the withdrawal of four New York dailies.

Eight lives were lost by the wrecking off Pensacola bar, Fla., of an oyster sloop bound hence from St. Andrews. The craft was caught in a squall, was swamped and sank within a few minutes.

The sultan of Morocco has prohibited the usual pilgrimage of his subjects to Mecca, on account of the prevalence of plague in the districts through which they must travel on their journey to the shrine.

Captain Meyers, of the steamer Danube which has arrived in Victoria, reports that the steamer Willapa is now a complete wreck, waves having pounded her to pieces. The captain and passengers are still at Bella Bella.

The secretary of state has sent the following identical note to all maritime powers, about thirty or thirty-six in number: "The Grant municipal inaugural committee has requested the president to officially invite the maritime nations to send warships to participate in the ceremonies on April 27 next, when the Grant Monument Association will formally deliver to the city of New York the tomb of General Grant, erected by voluntary subscription, at Riverside park. It will be gratifying to this government if this invitation could be accepted."

The secretary of the treasury is in receipt of information from the minister of Tokio, Japan, that during the present session of the Japanese diet, a governmental coinage bill will be presented for consideration by that body, which will, if passed, change the standard of value in Japan from silver to gold. It is proposed to fix the government ratio between the two metals at 32 to 1. The unit of value will be a gold yen, which will be one-half the weight and value of the old gold yen, which is the same weight and fineness as the gold dollar of the United States. The proposed unit of value will, therefore, be the exact equivalent of 50 cents in United States money.

## A FARMERS' TRUST.

An Alleged Plot to Control the Produce Markets.

Toledo, April 5.—Farmers are trying to form a trust. It is to spread all over the land, and if present plans carry, not a dollars' worth of farm produce of any kind will be sold for general consumption. In a nutshell, the idea is for the farmers to limit crops to the actual living needs of the members of the trust. The organization is secret, oathbound, and its principles known just now to only a select few outside of those directly concerned in its development. According to the promoters, however, the country is practically in condition to be placed in the grip of this remarkable combine.

Lancaster, Pa., was the birthplace of the trust. It saw light there several months ago, and was incorporated under the laws of New Jersey as the Agriculturalists' National Protective Association. The supreme body is made up of one representative from each state, whose duties are similar to those of the board of directors of an ordinary corporation. Each state has a subordinate board of directors, consisting of one representative from each congressional district. Each district in turn is governed by a board of two members from each county. Each county is under control of a board of from five to eleven in number, who direct the movements of the township organizations.

It is the purpose to do nothing this year in the way of controlling the markets, because the organization is not complete. Next year, however, the crops will be limited to actual living needs of members.

If the plan is carried out, not a dollars' worth of farm product of any kind will be sold for general consumption, it being the purpose to compel the people to import all food products. It is believed that by this method the power of the association can best make itself felt.

### To Enable the Deaf to Hear.

New York, April 5.—It is announced from Denver that Professor Dussand, of the university there, has invented an apparatus to enable the deaf to hear. A microphonograph he has just issued magnifies the human voice in the same way that a lens magnifies matter. It is simply a telephone connected electrically with a phonograph, but a far more sensitive phonograph than Edison's ordinary model. A battery of from one cell to sixty, according to the degree of deafness, is used.

Of course the apparatus is useless in the case of absolute deafness, but such infirmity is far rarer than is supposed. Ninety-five per cent of stone-deaf persons can be made to hear and understand by Dussand's invention. You speak into the phonograph and make it repeat the words which are transmitted by a sort of microphone and speaking tube into the deaf ear. Professor Dussand is preparing for the 1900 exhibition an apparatus which will enable 10,000 people who may all be deaf to follow the lecture.

### Butler Tried Suicide.

San Francisco, April 5.—Murderer Butler has made his anticipated attempt at suicide. Despite the presence in his cell day and night of guards supposed to be watchful, the fiend of the Blue mountains almost succeeded in cheating the gallows today. Early this morning Butler was observed to be unusually quiet. Investigation showed that his blanket was tight-drawn over his head, and when that was removed his face was found to be covered with blood. Butler has allowed his thumb nail to grow very long, and with the nail had opened an artery in his forehead from which he hoped to bleed to death. The wound was closed and greater precautions than ever will now be taken to preserve his life at least until after he sails on the Mariposa for Australia tomorrow afternoon.

### Colonel Grant Declined.

New York, April 5.—Colonel Fred D. Grant has decided to decline President McKinley's offer of the position of first assistant secretary of war.

Mr. Garnt sent the following telegram to President McKinley: "Although you are pleased to urge me to think over the matter, it is impossible for me to consider the position of assistant secretary of war, which you were good enough to offer me. I therefore decline with thanks the appointment, at the same time regretting that I am not to serve the administration, for which I worked earnestly."

Mr. Grant declined to be interviewed beyond giving out the foregoing telegram.

### A Powder Mill Wrecked.

Shamokin, Pa., April 5.—All the buildings of the Shamokin Powder Company were wrecked by a terrific explosion which occurred in the mill early this morning. Fortunately no lives were lost, all the men having gone home. Three houses half a mile away were damaged badly. Mrs. David Hann was badly cut about the face and body. Mr. and Mrs. Hann and Mrs. Klinger were buried in their beds beneath debris and boulders weighing 200 pounds. The loss is nearly \$50,000.

### Child Instantly Killed.

San Francisco, April 2.—A child named James Holmes was instantly killed today by being run over by a loaded truck. The driver, H. Meyer, was charged with manslaughter.

## FROM THE FLOODED DISTRICT

Great Damage to the Delta Farming Country.

LIVES ARE IN NO DANGER

Destitution Is Being Relieved as Fast as Possible—Helena, Ark., Not Out of Danger—From Other Points.

Memphis, April 5.—The flood situation in the Mississippi delta above Greenville is decidedly better tonight, as regards the threatened loss of life and further destruction of levees. The half dozen crevasses on the Arkansas and Mississippi shores between Helena and Greenville have drawn an immense volume of water out of the main channel, which is spreading over the lowlands, but not with that degree of rapidity that cuts off escape by the inhabitants of the low countries. The river shows a decline from a point below Helena to the Wayside crevasse. The decline above Greenville in many places is as great as ten inches. However, Helena, Ark., is not out of danger, for the waters from the St. Francis basin in Arkansas are still sweetening the channel of the main river from the south of Helena, as no break occurs until Westover is reached, ten miles below that city.

The damage to the farming country in the delta cannot be exaggerated. Five counties will be for the most part under water for thirty days and the main line and branches of the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley road will have more than 100 miles of track inundated.

Opposite Perthshire, at the upper crevasse, a mile of track has been completely washed away. Probably twenty railroad stations and small towns are flooded tonight, among them being Gunnison, Rosedale, Perthshire, Terry, Riverton, Dahomey, Storm, Benoit, Beulah, Wayside, Longwood, Refuge, Swift Water and Australia.

The greatest danger now is to the south of Greenville, as the levees from Wayside to the mouth of the river must begin to feel the pressure of the movement of water back into the channel from the delta through the White river country and St. Francis basin. From Memphis to Crawley's ridge, the river is forty miles wide. A line east and west on the water across Rosedale would probably be fifty miles long. All of this water must pass out between the two walls of the levee, in many places but a few miles distant one from the other. Another rise of 1-10 of a foot in the river at Memphis is shown by the official bulletin. The gauge tonight registers 36.4 feet. At Cairo, an encouraging fall in the river is shown, while Paducah reports a fall of 7-10 of a foot. At Vicksburg the river is stationary. Shreveport and other points below Vicksburg report a continued rise.

The Louisville & Nashville has communication with Nashville, after a cessation of two weeks.

The local relief committee this afternoon sent a boat to the Francis river country, both to bring out people and carry supplies and food to man and beast. It is said that the destitution in the territory to be covered is fearful, but the news of it did not reach Memphis until today.

### Situation at Greenville.

Greenville, Miss., April 5.—Over 10,000 people are homeless in the flooded districts. Many towns and cities are submerged, and desolation reigns over this lovely valley. A dismal waste of water covers the surrounding country on every side of Greenville, and the city is a desolate island, connected with the outside world by a mere thread, a telegraph line running east; Railroad communication is cut off north and south.

### Northern Rivers.

Omaha, April 5.—A Bee special from Sioux Falls says: The Big Sioux river is higher than ever known, and is still rising. Lake Kempesta, where the river has its source, has risen five feet, and is still rising. At Castlewood, the lowlands are flooded. At Brookings, the same condition exists. At Egan, the water is rising rapidly, doing much damage. At Sioux Falls, business along the river has been suspended. The water is still gradually rising, and will soon put out the fires in the Bell electric lighting plant and the pumping station. The bottoms above the city are a sea, and much fear is expressed, as the flood from the north is still to come. Damage to bridges in Minnehaha county alone so far is \$50,000.

### At the Twin Cities.

St. Paul, April 5.—The Mississippi river is at the high-water mark of 1881 and danger lurks along its path. It reached a stage of 19.7 in 1881, and late this afternoon the gauge showed 15.7, and still rising. Yesterday morning at 7 o'clock the river showed a height of 13.5, and this morning, it was 15.3, a rise of almost two feet in twenty-four hours.

Minneapolis, April 5.—A huge ice jam, which formed in the Mississippi at Forty-second avenue north, broke late yesterday afternoon.

## RIVERA TO BE SHOT.

Indignation in Havana at His Intended Execution.

New York, April 5.—A Havana dispatch to the World says:

General Rivera probably will be shot soon, as General Weyler has given orders that he be tried by court-martial and shot immediately. He may be put to death on Saturday, in spite of his wounds, or the Spanish may cure him, and then shoot him. The certain execution of the brave, wounded prisoner of war excites indignation and disgust here. No other alleged civilized nation is capable of such an act.

Colonel Baccalao, who tried to carry off his wounded commander on his back, although himself wounded, will die with him. It is predicted that these executions will provoke General Gomez to shoot all Spanish prisoners hereafter instead of releasing them.

The Cubans are not disheartened at the loss of General Rivera. They say General Roloff is in Pinar del Rio, and will become second in command of the whole army.

Insurgents in great numbers are coming from the East, and concentrating in Havana province. They have plenty of ammunition and good cavalry. A World courier from Santa Clara reports seeing one column of 1,500 well-mounted, well-armed insurgents passing west toward Matanzas. This same courier says a very large expedition has landed near Remedios, and that most of the arms are for the western provinces. General Weyler remains in Cienfuegos. He is better, but still sick, and is doing nothing effective.

Permission asked by Mr. Marriott, a colleague of Mr. Crosby, the correspondent of the Chicago Record, killed in the field, to go and secure the body and effects, has been refused by the authorities. Minister de Lome wired the request, and General Lee seconded it. Mr. Marriott took General Lee's letter to the palace, but General Ahumada refused to see him, saying the request could not be granted.

## NO TIME WAS LOST.

The New Board of Control in Charge in Washington.

Olympia, Wash., April 5.—The new board of audit and control was organized this morning, with Governor Rogers ex-officio chairman. M. H. Holmes, of Seattle, was appointed clerk of the board, at a salary of \$1,000 per annum. The board appointed Dr. F. L. Goddard, of Tacoma, superintendent of the hospital for the insane in Steilacoom, to succeed Dr. Wanhop. The resignation of H. L. Achilles, commander of the soldiers' home in Orting, was called for, and S. M. Allen, of Seattle, was appointed. Warden Musgrove, of the state penitentiary, was removed, and Deputy Warden C. E. Reed was placed in charge for the present. The salaries of two accountants at Eastern and Western Washington hospitals for the insane were reduced to \$1,000 yearly for each.

Traveling Auditor Ernest Lister will leave for Steilacoom in the morning to investigate the condition of affairs at the asylum there, after that he will go east of the mountains.

The board appointed J. B. Gehr clerk of the penitentiary.

### The Boy Showed Pluck.

North Yakima, Wash., April 5.—Harry Steele, a boy of 14, was knocked down in this city this morning by several freight cars, during a flying switch. He fell between the rails, but was "nervy" enough to lie quiet until all of the cars passed over him, though the wheels passed over his right hand and mashed it so that amputation of three fingers was necessary. The cars were loaded with rock, and were not seen by the boy, who was watching the engine on another track. The boy showed pluck all through the affair, saying he was glad it wasn't his head that had to be amputated.

### Robbed and Beaten in Spokane.

Spokane, Wash., April 5.—J. M. Olmstead, a groceryman, was held up early this evening at the corner of Sixth and Washington streets by two highwaymen. The men asked for his money. He refused to give it up, and they set upon him and beat him nearly into insensibility. They then took from Olmstead \$40 in gold and silver and made their escape. The means of identification are small. This is the third hold-up of the week.

### Two Ambassadors Nominated.

Washington, April 5.—The president today sent the following nominations to the senate:

Andrew D. White, of New York, ambassador extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Germany.

William F. Draper, of Massachusetts, ambassador extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Italy.

Chandler Hale, of Maine, secretary of the embassy at Rome, Italy.

Samuel L. Gracey, consul at Fuchai, China.

Anson Burlingame Johnson, of Colorado, consul at Amoy, China.

### French Port Tax Adopted.

Paris, April 5.—The chamber of deputies adopted the port duties bill, imposing a tax upon foreign vessels of 1 franc 25 centimes per metric ton upon merchandise and upon each head of cattle or hogs landed.

## A Young Woman Gains 20 Pounds

Her Physicians in Iowa Said She Was Going Into a Decline, and That Her Lungs Were Affected—They Sent Her to Nevada.

But to Fight Lung Troubles or Any Wasting Disease, Build up Your Flesh.

From the Express, Los Angeles, Cal.

Two years ago, back in Eastern Iowa, Miss Maude Lease began to go into a decline. She lost flesh rapidly. Her appetite failed. Fearful headaches nearly drove her frantic. She consulted local physicians—good, honest, practitioners. They told her that her lungs were affected; that medicine might alleviate, but a change of climate was the only remedy that offered a prospect of cure.

Ill and despondent she delayed as long as possible her departure, but at last it became imperative, and she came to an aunt at Verdi, Nevada, in the hope of finding health and strength in the pure air and among the pines of the Sierra Nevadas. But she continued to fail, and to add to her miseries, learned to know the anguished sufferings which attend that complication of ill, that for want of better nomenclature, has been denominated "female weakness."

And now comes the miraculous part of the story, just as she told it to the interviewer last night:

"I ran down to 118 pounds," she said, "suffered tortures from those terrible headaches and from sleeplessness. My aunt persuaded me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. I had used nearly every kind of 'prescription,' could get no relief from them, and hoped for none from these pills. But to please auntie I began to take them. From the first day I noticed a beneficial effect. The headaches grew less severe; my appetite gradually returned. I could sleep nights and began to get good and strong."

"I used to take one of them three times a day. In two months I weighed 138 pounds, and was entirely well, and have been well ever since. The winters at Verdi were very cold and, besides, I had heard so much about Southern California that I came to Los Angeles."

"Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have helped me more than anything I have ever taken. I thank them for my health and ability to enjoy life. I am living at No. 800 Hope street, Los Angeles, and shall be only too glad to repeat what I have just said to anybody, either in person or by letter."

So spoke young and attractive Maude Lease, and no one who saw her big eyes snap as she said it could doubt the earnestness and sincerity of her statements.

And that is why we say the story of a miracle is floating through the air, although now the miracle has become an established fact.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills contain, in a condensed form, all the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood and restore shattered nerves. They are an unfailing specific for such diseases as locomotor ataxia, partial paralysis, St. Vitus' dance, sciatica, neuralgia, rheumatism, nervous headache, the after effect of la grippe, palpitation of the heart, pale and sallow complexions, all forms of weakness either in male or female. Pink Pills are sold by all dealers, or will be sent post paid on receipt of price, 50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2.50 (they are never sold in bulk or by the 100), by addressing Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y.

A London scientist has invented a mirror of celoid which accurately reflects every object. The celoid mirror is unbreakable, and is cheaper than glass and lighter.

The hissing sound produced by serpents is greatly exaggerated, as the quantity of air contained in a snake's lungs is too small to produce a loud sound when ejected.

In the opinion of Crispi, former prime minister of Italy, Americans are working to prepare a future for the people of the Old World which is not an agreeable one.

Hunters in Kansas earn about \$2 a day slaying jack rabbits. The skins are sold for three cents each to Eastern hatters, who use the hair in the manufacture of soft hats.

In the mountains of Sweden, Norway and Lapland all vegetation would be destroyed by the Norway rats were it not for the white foxes, that make special game of the rodents.

The lighting of certain of the London prisons by electricity is under consideration, and is proposed to erect a special description of treadmill to supply the motive power.

In the fords of the Norway coasts the clearness of the water is wonderful. At a depth of thirty fathoms objects the size of a silver dollar may be clearly seen.

The banks of Newfoundland are made by the sand, ice and stone brought from the north by the icebergs.

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