

# Lincoln County Leader

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## CURRENT EVENTS OF THE DAY

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

Commander Booth-Tucker has arrived in Denver to complete the arrangements for establishing a Salvation Army colony in the Arkansas valley.

In Joseph Hayward's saw mill, near Macon, Mo., a large boiler exploded and killed three workmen, Charles Heator, Walter Ferguson and Albert Yost. The mill was blown to fragments.

The graduates of the deaf, dumb and blind asylum at Berkley, Cal., have organized a novel society. Its purpose is to influence wealthy people, and, if possible, the federal and state governments, in establishing scholarships for the blind in leading educational institutions.

The United States steamship San Francisco, the flagship of the European squadron, has arrived at Tangier, Morocco, in order to investigate and obtain redress, if necessary, for the reported flogging of American citizens at Mogador, and also to enforce the promised settlement of former claims of the United States against Morocco.

The inexorable discriminating law of China, which condemns a parasite to death by the slicing process, whether he be the perpetrator of a wilful crime or the victim of an accident, is terribly illustrated by a case now vexing the people of Shanghai. A boy of 11 was swinging some article about his head in play, when it happened to strike his mother, who died from the effects of the blow. He was condemned to be sliced to death, and, though efforts have been made to save him from this fearful end, so far they have not been successful.

A dispatch from Vienna says that the steamer Ika, with a crew of 10, and carrying 50 Australian passengers, was entering the port at Fihme, on the river Flumara, while the bora was blowing hard, when she collided with the English steamer Tira, which was leaving. The bows of the Ika were stove in and she sank in two minutes. Boats hastily put off and saved the captain and seven others, but most of the passengers perished. The casualty took place in full view of thousands who crowded the pier in the greatest excitement and alarm.

According to E. Baldwin, the well-known authority on polar expeditions, there are many reasons for believing Andree, the Swedish aeronaut, is now on his return trip from the polar regions, and may soon be heard from.

Mayor Phelan, of San Francisco, has, in a very pointed way, warned the board of education that if it does not keep strictly within the letter of the law in the matter of appropriations it may be ousted from office, as was the board of supervisors.

Three daughters of Preston Howard were burned to death in their home at Port Alma, Ont. The rest of the family escaped from the burning building. The girls were aged 18, 10 and 8 years. One of them had escaped, but met her death in returning to assist her sisters.

Acting upon the request of the secretary of agriculture the treasury department has requested the secretary of state to instruct all the consular officers of the United States to refuse authentication of invoices of hides of meat cattle from districts in which anthrax exists.

The unclaimed jewels and curios to the value of \$150,000 which were found in the ruins after the fire at the charity bazaar in the Rue de Goujon, have been sold at auction. The money realized will remain bonded for 30 years, after which all the money unclaimed goes to the state.

Congress will be asked at its coming session to make a large appropriation for the manufacture of modern high-power guns to be installed for service on board auxiliary cruisers of the United States navy in time of war. Captain Charles O'Neil, chief of the bureau of ordnance, proposes to make a recommendation in his forthcoming annual report that at least \$500,000 be appropriated for this purpose. It is estimated that \$3,000,000 will be required to equip with modern batteries the 28 steamers now enrolled in the government service as auxiliary cruisers.

Fire was discovered in the main slope of mine No. 2, at Stockton, Ala. About 100 men were employed in the mine. At once an alarm was given. A panic followed among the workmen and hundreds gathered at the main entrance of the smoking mine, while rescue parties were at once formed to relieve the miners. More than 50 were gotten out from the various entrances without harm. Others were overcome by smoke and fell by the wayside. Five men, who were working about the slopes beyond where the fire originated, could not be reached, and it has been regarded as certain that they are dead. It is thought three or four others may be in the mine.

## O. R. & N. TRAIN HELD UP.

Engineer and Fireman Robbed—Highwaymen Captured.

Portland, Or., Sept. 28.—One of the boldest attempts to hold up a train reported here for years occurred Sunday evening at 9:25 o'clock on the O. R. & N. track just five miles beyond the city limits. While the regular Eastern train, No. 2, was leaving the city, two masked men succeeded in stopping the engine by some signal, and after taking the engineer and fireman into the brush beside the track, robbed them of their watches and about \$16 in money. The brakeman went forward as soon as the train stopped, and taking in the situation, crawled under the mail car and opened fire on the robbers, who got into the brush with their two prisoners. Then he mounted the cab, and, amidst a volley of pistol shots, succeeded in backing the train out of danger. No one was injured, and nothing was lost except what was taken from the engineer and fireman while their captors had them under guard in the brush by the track.

Conductor Allison was made aware of the trouble by the slackened speed of the train. The brakeman was ahead of him in going forward, and had engaged in the combat with the highwaymen before he reached the upper end. He was approaching the scene of the shooting, carrying his lantern, when a shot from one of the robbers broke the globe. Realizing that something serious was in progress, he retired hastily to the interior of one of the coaches. As soon as the conductor found that the train was backed far enough to be out of danger he had it stopped, and himself armed, with the brakeman and some of the passengers who could muster a firearm, a hostile array was formed to receive the onslaught of the highwaymen.

The attack did not come, however, but instead of the robbers there came walking down the track the engineer and fireman. They were received with joy, and told their story after it became apparent that the robbers intended no further demonstration against the passengers.

When the train halted, the engineer and fireman were covered by the revolvers of the highwaymen and ordered to get out of the cab. As the two had the drop on the engineer and fireman, they thought there was no other alternative, and obeyed. As soon as they reached the ground they were ordered in front of the engine a short distance from where it stood. Following the mandate of the robbers, they walked in the direction indicated until ordered to stop. Both were searched for valuables. From the engineer a gold watch and chain were secured, and about \$7 in money. The fireman was also relieved of \$8. This accomplished, the two prisoners were permitted to return down the track to where the brakeman had run the train, while the robbers took their departure in another direction.

### Robbers Captured.

The two highwaymen who held up the O. R. & N. train were arrested within 15 hours of the hold-up, and are securely lodged in the city jail. The bungling clumsiness with which they conducted the robbery characterized their movements from the time they laid their first plans.

They were arrested in a lodging house on Seventh and Oak streets, where they took up their quarters on arriving in the city, and whence they returned after their crime. They give the presumably fictitious names of George Jackson and Charles Williams. No lives were lost in the capture, nor was any time wasted. The men when arrested gave every evidence of being desperate characters, but before use could be made of their numerous weapons, the two were covered with revolvers, precluding any attempt at resistance.

Jackson and Williams, the former being about 50 years of age and the latter not more than 32, came to this city Wednesday, on the California steamer, stopping the first night in a hotel, and the next day taking a room in the lodging house at 83 Seventh street. In their room, when captured, were found two fine double-barreled shot-guns, bearing evidence of having been recently fired, and two large revolvers. Some time prior to Saturday night the housemaid, in cleaning their room, observed a fair-sized packet, marked "Handle with care." Saturday night this disappeared from their room, and found near where the train was held up, containing 15 sticks of a heavy high explosive, designated as Hercules, No. 1, powder.

The two men also went to a livery stable Sunday, took a horse and single buggy at about 5 o'clock, and did not return it until 11 o'clock, that night. In this buggy was found next morning a purse that Engineer C. H. Evans identified as being the one taken from him by the highwaymen at the time of the hold-up. In the purse was a \$5 gold piece, which it also contained at the time of its departure from Mr. Evans, but he is unable to identify the piece of money as the one he possessed.

The story of their capture is brief, yet reveals careful and efficient work by the officers, and a determined effort on the part of the O. R. & N. officials to bring the desperadoes to justice.

The great Mohammedan school at Cairo, El Azhar, meaning the "Splendid," has clear records dating as far back as 975.

# TO END THE CUBAN WAR

## Negotiations Opened Between Washington and Madrid.

### NO ULTIMATUM WAS SENT

The Present Negotiations Have for Their Object a Peaceable Solution of the Cuban Question.

Madrid, Sept. 27.—The Correspondencia de Espana asserts that negotiations are proceeding between the United States and Spain for a friendly settlement of affairs in Cuba.

El Epoca, after denouncing as "sensational" the story of an ultimatum, points out that the Cubans have not been at war with Spain without the moral and material co-operation of the American people.

There is a great deal of comment as to the origin of the ultimatum canard. It has been attributed to a foreign ambassador, but all the ambassadors deny responsibility for it. The people do not think that war is inevitable.

It is asserted that the liberals will soon form a cabinet, and that on the return of the queen from San Sebastian to Madrid Captain-General Weyler will be recalled from Cuba and autonomy established in the island, thus leaving no pretext for the intervention of the United States.

### Would Europe Sustain Us.

Washington, Sept. 27.—State department officials refuse to discuss the statement made in the cable dispatch from Madrid, namely, that the countries of Europe, with the exception of Austria, justify the interposition of the United States in favor of a termination of the Cuban war. Still, it is recalled that while Mr. Woodford was tarrying in an apparently purposeless manner in London and Paris, instead of proceeding to his post in Spain, it leaked out that the United States ministers at various European courts had been instructed to sound the governments to which they were accredited, with a view to learning how intervention in favor of Cuba would be regarded.

Although it was generally supposed at the time that this effort would not succeed, there is now good reason to accept the statement in the Madrid cable as fully warranted by the facts.

### No Ultimatum Was Served.

New York, Sept. 27.—A special to the Herald from London says: In reference to the sensational telegrams from Madrid about the alleged ultimatum and inevitability of war between the United States and Spain, the Herald correspondent had a conversation with a distinguished American diplomat, who, though not personally concerned in the American-Spanish negotiations, is in a position to know the exact state of affairs, but who, for obvious reasons would not allow his name to be mentioned. He said: "I cannot, of course, pledge in advance the government of the United States, but so far as the present is concerned such a step is not in contemplation. The United States has probably intimated through Mr. Woodford that the present state of affairs is most deplorable and that if we could be of any assistance in bringing this condition of things to an end we should be glad to offer our services. But you may say absolutely that no ultimatum has been sent to Spain by the United States."

### Denied by Tetuan.

Madrid, Sept. 27.—The Duke of Tetuan, the Spanish minister of foreign affairs, in the course of an interview today with the correspondent of the Associated Press, denies that the government had received an ultimatum from the United States in regard to Cuba, and said he had received a cablegram from Senor de Lome, the Spanish minister to the United States, to the same effect, and denying the existence of an ultimatum.

### Election in Cuba.

Havana, Sept. 27.—According to advices from Puerto Principe, Senor Bartolomeo Maso has been elected vice-president of the Cuban republic, General Gomez minister of war, and Calixto Garcia major-general, General Gomez remaining commander-in-chief of the army of liberation.

Armed insurgents continue to surrender, among them Captain Ojeda and 10 men in Havana province, and the local leader, Blas Varela, in the province of Pinar del Rio, who surrendered with nine others.

Three days ago the insurgents dynamited a pilot train between Punta Brava and Las Mangas, Pinar del Rio. The engineer, Pedro Milones, son of the well-known poet, was seriously wounded.

The beef famine increases. There is no meat in Havana today, and the importation of American refrigerated beef is urged.

It was officially announced today that two insurgent officers and 21 armed insurgent cavalrymen, who belonged to the insurgent force under Trellez, surrendered yesterday to Spanish authorities at Yagurmas, province of Santa Clara. Trellez, it is added, was killed the previous night by three of his followers.

## FIREMEN TO THE RESCUE.

An Attempt to Burn a New Orleans School Frustrated.

New Orleans, Sept. 27.—Efficient work by the fire department in the face of the attack of a mob enabled the department to save the main portion of the Beauregard school building, which was fired last night by rioters, who objected to having the structure converted into a yellow fever hospital. Only the annex and one end of the structure were reduced to ashes.

After the mass meeting of citizens held last night a riotous crowd gathered around the building and openly threatened at the first opportunity that they would fire it.

Throughout yesterday evening Sister Agnes and a number of other Sisters of Charity, together with help from the hospital, had been putting the building in order for the reception of yellow fever patients.

At nightfall Surgeon Bloom, of the hospital, the sisters and others had been warned that they had better leave the building. They did so, and made their way through a dense crowd of panic-stricken citizens. Then a small force of police was ordered to the scene. While the police were engaged in attempting to quell the riotous crowd in front of the building, two incendiaries with a five-gallon can of oil proceeded to the rear and quickly had the building in flames.

An alarm was turned in, but the first neighboring engine had scarcely arrived when the hose was cut. When other engines arrived their hose was also destroyed by the mob. Chief Gaster finally arrived with a squad of officers, which beat the mob back.

### EXPLOSION IN A MINE.

One Man Killed, Three Fatally and Six Severely Injured.

Marion, Ill., Sept. 27.—One man was killed, three fatally injured, and six severely burned and bruised by an explosion of gas in the Williams county coal mine today. An unknown miner is still imprisoned in the shaft, and was undoubtedly killed instantly. The dead man is Frank Farrar, an Italian miner, asphyxiated.

The injured are: G. Grieti, burned by the explosion, will die; Peter Casper, burned internally, will die; Joe Barlow, driver boy, crushed about the head, will die.

A shift of 45 men went down the main shaft in the cage at 7 o'clock this morning. They had proceeded only a short distance up the main gangway when the lamp on the leader's cap ignited a large body of gas. A terrible explosion resulted. Farrar and the unknown miner were knocked down, the latter being buried under a mass of broken timbers and rocks. Those who were able to crawl back to the foot of the shaft signalled for the cage, which had been blown to the surface by the force of the explosion.

Rescuers descended, and soon all the injured men were brought to the surface. Afterdamp followed the explosion, and put a stop to the search for the body of the unknown miner.

### All Quiet at Hazleton.

Hazleton, Pa., Sept. 27.—The coroner's jury investigating the death of the Lattimer victims met again and heard additional testimony. Nothing new was adduced. After a half dozen witnesses had been examined, Coroner McKee closed the inquest and the jury retired. They will meet tomorrow to deliberate and decide upon a verdict. It was the intention of General Gobin to order the withdrawal of part of the militia, but the rain interfered. Battery C, of the artillery, broke camp today and returned to Phoenixville, where tomorrow, weather permitting, the 11th and 12th regiments will leave.

The governor's troop toured the region today. The city troop of Philadelphia will return home next week. All was quiet in the region today.

### Suicide of a Disgraced Seaman.

San Francisco, Sept. 27.—The steamer Moana, from Sydney, via Honolulu, arrived this morning with the following Hawaiian advices, under date of September 16:

Wolf, a seaman on board of the Philadelphia, disgraced and confined in the brig on a serious charge, committed suicide on the 14th by hanging himself with the hammock lashings. Wolf was ashore last Saturday night drinking heavily. Captain Dyer found Wolf was guilty of disorderly conduct and bringing disgrace upon the ship, and sentenced him to five days' solitary confinement on bread and water, at the same time reducing his rating from first to fourth class. The captain believes the man was insane.

### Street Car Strike Threatened.

Chicago, Sept. 27.—Developments of the last 12 hours point to a general strike of all street car conductors, motormen and gripmen in the employ of the Chicago City Railway Company. From the present outlook, the only block to a general walkout would be the surrender of General Manager Bowen and the reinstatement of 29 discharged men, together with the recognition of the new union by the company. A general mass meeting of all the street car men of the city has been called to take final action. This course was decided upon tonight at a conference attended by 25 of the most prominent labor leaders in Chicago and the executive committee of the local street car men's union.

# BRIEF PACIFIC COAST

## A Resume of Events in Northwest.

### EVIDENCE OF STEADY GROWTH

News Gathered in All the Our Neighboring States—ment Noted in All Industries—Patrick Gibson, a farmer, was by a train near Oregon City.

Vale expects to be lighted by city by November 15 next.

The smoke from burning again obscuring the atmosphere along the coast.

W. D. Huffman, of Diamond, just made a sale of 70,000 pounds of wool at 12½ cents.

Malheur river farmers are pushing their third crop of alfalfa, and mostly in the stack.

The next reunion of the sailing sailors of Southern Oregon will be in Medford during September, 1900.

The 10th semi-annual meeting of Oregon State Association of News men will be held in Salem on Wednesday, October 6.

Quail have never been known so thick in the vicinity of Ashland many years, and offer some good for local gunners.

Junction City has a new fire engine for which it recently paid \$1,100. The engine was tested and threw a 1½ stream 215 feet, and two 1½ streams 140 feet each.

The enrollment at the district school at Salem is now 30. Of number, seven are new pupils. Superintendent Knight expects a total of 100 or more within the next few years.

The burglar who broke into the office at Echo got \$40 in money, some postage stamps. The money stamps have been recovered. They were rolled up by the burglar in a stocking.

The Umatilla county court has commenced legal proceedings to recover 28 notes that were turned over to county court by the receiver of the defunct Pendleton National bank in settlement of the county's claim against the bank.

About the largest yield of wheat reported comes from the old Dardeno on the Long Tom. It was Dardeno wheat and was grown by Frank Gardner. Six acres made an average yield of 200 bushels, or 48½ bushels per acre.

Klamath county farmers are harvesting and threshing, and turning out better than was expected. Some crops have yielded 60 bushels. It is reported that the Bros.' crop of oats in Alkali went 766 bushels to the acre.

Five persons were seriously injured in a collision at Eagle Point, which miscraent had picked the switch which let a special go in on the main which held a train of loaded trucks. The special had been with two doctors to attend P. L. who had been thrown from a train and was seriously injured.

J. W. Stamper, one of the pioneer Umatilla county, is in his 75th year, notwithstanding he raised 13,000 bushels of wheat this year with the of a boy, who worked for him 10 months only. Mr. Stamper displays his wheat at 76 cents a bushel and himself in very good shape physically as well as financially. Mr. Stamper has resided for 26 years near Adams.

### Washington.

The Tacoma schools have adopted the vertical system of writing.

The diphtheria scare in Oakdale over, and the two patients are being covered.

Workmen have commenced strapping the telephone wire from The Dalles Goldendale.

The policemen of Tacoma are circulating a petition asking the city for an increase in pay.

During August the Whatcom county paid \$489.46 for cream and \$2,246 pounds of butter.

The drug store in Elberton, contains the postoffice, was burglarized the safe blown open, and \$200 money and \$200 in stamps taken. robbers left no trace.

Sportsmen are shooting Bob Walla quail, near Walla Walla, contrary law, and the gun club of Walla Walla will try to put a stop to the unwholesome destruction of the birds.

Press day in Spokane brought 30 editors of the Inland Empire to the city, the guests of the Fruit Packers association. The Spokane Press joined in the entertaining of the editors, and showed them the city in its glory.

Four companies of the Sixteenth Infantry from Fort Sherman, together with the regimental headquarters band, are soon to take their annual practice march. The march will be easy stages from Fort Sherman to creek, 15 miles west of Spokane, and turn. Passing through Spokane, troops will go into camp for practice day or two.