

## LINCOLN COUNTY LEADER

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Everything will be made of cement by and by.

Perhaps the only sure way to beat a tax on inheritances will be not to die.

Save your old wastebaskets. A little trimming will convert them into fashionable spring hats.

Even classic Boston butts into the municipal corruption procession with a million-dollar graft case.

Mr. Blinn, the wireless hero, was fittingly given a ride in a horseless carriage when he reached home.

There is a post office in Nebraska named Tonic, but it is not believed that the postmaster took the office for his health.

English women are in prison for attempting to see Premier Asquith. Judging by his pictures he is not much of a sight, either.

The Treasury Department is to change the pictures on the greenbacks. Most of us will continue to have the same designs on them, however.

Princes George and Alexander of Serbia have traded names, but the people of Serbia are busy hoping each may have retained his own character.

No matter how high prices of bricks may be boosted by a combine of manufacturers, it is not probable that the practice of throwing them will be rendered less popular.

A Missouri judge decides that when a man merely does the chores around the house he is not working. That will hold some men for a while who think they are models of industry.

Prominent citizens who are figuring on taking luncheon with the new President will learn with deep regret that Mr. Taft takes only an apple for lunch, and does not leave any core.

A well-to-do merchant of New Castle, Pa., wrote a scathing letter to his wife and she committed suicide. When he heard of it, he collapsed and was taken to a hospital. How much nicer kindness and forbearing are!

What is heroism, after all, but doing in exceptional circumstances what would be plain duty in ordinary circumstances? It is the one who habitually does the second that fills the bill when given a chance at the first.

A young woman in New York eloped with a gentleman and was greatly surprised to find that she had become the stepmother of nine children by that act. Therefore she deserted her new husband. Is there no romance possible for a widower with children?

While he was on his way home from a bull fight recently King Alfonso of Spain stopped for the purpose of laying the corner stone of a free soup kitchen for the poor. He was probably actuated by a desire that there should be a fitting disposition of the remains of the bulls killed in the ring.

Mother Shipton's alleged prophecy, so long regarded as the most wonderful prediction ever uttered until it was proved to have been a "fake," failed to provide for the automobile, although she did foretell the steam locomotive. But the automobilist's case was anticipated many centuries before. See Nahum, chapter 2, verse 4: "The chariots shall rage in the streets; they shall jostle one against another in the broad ways; they shall seem like torches; they shall run like the lightnings."

"Passengers riding on the platforms do so at their own risk," according to the rule of almost all street railways, and the statement is by no means a mere form of words. A Boston lad stepped from a car in order that two women might alight. As he boarded it again the car started suddenly, and he was injured. He sued the company and got a verdict, but the Supreme Court of Massachusetts has set it aside on the ground that "by voluntarily becoming a passenger on a car so crowded that he could not get inside, he took the risks incident to transportation under these circumstances." It seems hard that an act of courtesy should lead to misfortune, and that this in turn should be met with a "served you right;" but such warnings are meant to discourage not the practice of courtesy, but the assumption of unnecessary risks.

President Taft, according to the omniscient newspapers, is helping Mrs. Taft to make the White House a home. The idea is that these good Americans

are going to try to live in the White House as they would if it were their private property, to relegate business to the executive office buildings, to diminish the ceremonious trappings of high position, and make their friends feel "at home." There are difficulties in the way. A public official, no matter where he lives, must resign himself to having his parlor turned into a conference-room. One of the most retiring of distinguished American women recently complained that her house had become a public institution. Moreover, no American, shifting and restless as we are, ever feels quite at home in a house hired, or borrowed, for a limited time. It lacks the extra bay window that we put on ourselves, and the "ellum-tree in the front yard that father planted.

The British chancellor of the exchequer is said to be working sixteen hours a day to contrive ways and means to meet an estimated deficit of sixty-five million dollars in his coming budget. Among the means under consideration are increased license duties, income tax and land tax. Doubtless the new secretary of the American treasury has a fellow feeling with Mr. Lloyd-George, though he has no responsibility for raising revenue to meet the deficiency. That is the business of congress. On both sides of the ocean there seems to be more thought of raising new revenue than of reducing expenditures. Over there they attribute the deficit to old age pensions, which will require nearly forty-five million dollars, though the responsibility might well be shared with increased army and navy requirements. Here we might in the same spirit charge the coming deficit to Civil War pensions, which require more than the largest estimate made of it. We cannot pretend, two generations after the end of the war, that these are anything than a special form of old age pensions. Nevertheless we think that the American people would disband the army and hang up the navy before they would allow the pension list to be touched. Whether we admit it or not, every form of public pensions or other care for the old or poor or helpless is a recognition of the obligation of modern civilization to take charge of the poor it makes. Orphanages and homes for the aged and hospitals as well as almshouses express the sense of this obligation on the part of private founders as well as the state. The industrial civilization by which alone increasing millions can be maintained on the earth's surface produces inevitably extremes of riches and poverty. Privation and suffering intolerant to modern humanity can be prevented only by some form of distribution of the excess among the deficient. They who cry out most loudly against the heresies of Socialism recognize this necessity in other ways.

### THE "BELL" OF 1909.



—Louisville Times.

### A Burdened Man.

A certain small boy in grade number six was rapidly assuming manly ways. Not long ago, says a writer in the Cleveland Plain Dealer, there was to be an entertainment at his school. Songs, recitations and a grab-bag were the principal features. The small boy waxed eloquent of the coming glories of this show, and more especially of the part he was to take.

On the morning of the entertainment his mother suggested that he should take his little sister, about four years old, with him. He hung his head.

"Don't you want to take her?" his mother asked.

"No, I don't," he answered.

"Why not?"

"Cause there ain't none of the other fellers has to bring their children," was the reply.

### Varying Impressions.

"The days are growing longer," said the man who keeps a lookout for the first robin.

"I don't notice any difference," said Sirius Barker; "they seem, as usual, to be getting longer if you count from one pay day to the next, and shorter if you figure the time between rent days."—Washington Star.

If you want to be of assistance to a friend in trouble, do not say, "I'm sorry." That will not help him any, but it may bore him.

The family with a 16-year-old boy in the house has no earthly use for a thirty-six volume encyclopedia.

## NOTED PERSONS TAKEN

Death Has a Recent Harvest of Four People of International Prominence.

EACH WAS GREAT IN HIS LINE

Modjeska, Crawford, Hitchcock and Swinburne Had Carved Their Names in Halls of Fame.

An actress, a statesman, a novelist and a poet, each standing in the foremost ranks of those in his particular line, have been called from the various scenes of their brilliant earthly careers within a short period recently. Each was known and admired internationally and their deaths, all within three days, deprive the world of further great works which it had every right to expect from such fruitful lives.

### A Great Tragedienne.

The death of Helena Modjeska closes the career of one of the most remarkable women ever seen on an American stage. As a tragedienne none of her



MME. MODJESKA.

contemporaries was her superior, and but few if any her equal. Her life was a romantic one. She was first married to Gustav Modzejewski, by whom she had one son, Ralph. Her second marriage was with Count Bozenta in 1868. The count was exiled from Poland, in 1876, for his political writings and his wife was forbidden to appear on the Polish stage. The couple came to this country and were naturalized, the countess taking as her stage name a modified form of the name of her first husband. Her debut in this country was made in San Francisco in 1877.

In happy contradiction of the fate of many great artists she did not die poor. She earned during her stage career a million dollars, but gave to charity with an open hand. She founded an industrial school for girls in Cracow, Poland, and her generosity accounted for the disposal of the larger part of her earnings. She left an estate amounting to about \$120,000.

In spite of the decree of exile pronounced against her husband, and despite the decree, issued after she had delivered an address at the World's Fair in Chicago on Russian-Polish politics, barring her from all Russian possessions, it is her husband's intention to take the body back to her native town of Cracow for burial.

### An American Statesman.

The death of Ethan Allen Hitchcock, Secretary of the Interior under Presidents McKinley and Roosevelt, removed a statesman whose record for honesty and whose high sense of duty were recognized by his country. Mr. Hitchcock was the grandson of General

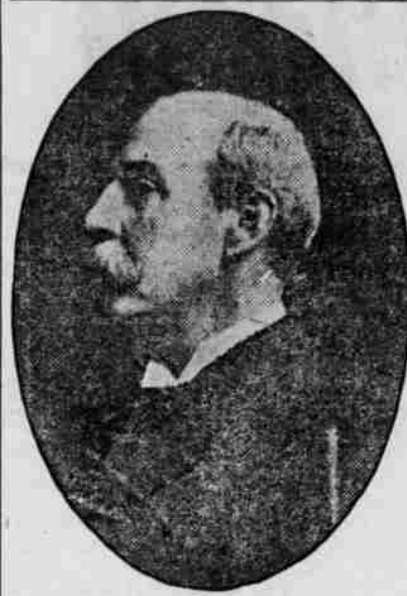


ETHAN ALLEN HITCHCOCK.

Ethan Allen of the Revolution. His death came April 9 at the age of 74. In 1867 he was appointed by President McKinley as envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Russia, and the following year the post was raised to an embassy. In 1898 he was called home to become Secretary of the Interior, a place which he kept under

President Roosevelt. He served until March 4, 1907, when he resigned to return to private life.

Secretary Hitchcock was a foe to land frauds and the most prominent of his reforms was the determined effort



F. MARION CRAWFORD.

to put an end to such frauds on the Federal domain. He prosecuted many wealthy land grabbers among whom were men well known in public life and private business.

### A Famous Novelist.

The great American novelist, F. Marion Crawford, one of the most prolific our country has produced, breathed his last at his home at Sorrento, on the Bay of Naples, the evening of the same day as Mr. Hitchcock. Mr. Crawford had a training that gave him not only the secrets of language and literature, but an intimate knowledge of many peoples and of many lands. His father was Thomas Crawford, the noted sculptor whose "Liberty" is on top of the Capitol at Washington. His mother was a sister of Julia Ward Howe and of Sam Ward, the author. Young Crawford spent much of his life in Italy, where he was born, returning time and again after his wanderings over the earth, and there he finally married and made his home. He attended St. Paul's at Concord, N. H., and later entered Trinity College, Cambridge, still later going to Heidelberg. He made a deep study of many languages through his travels.

Though he spent most of his years after marriage in Italy, he made several visits to this country. His chief recreation was yachting and he held a



ALGERNON CHARLES SWINBURNE.

professional master's certificate from the Association of American Ship Masters and from the United States Marine Board. He wrote an astounding number of novels, having produced one every year from the time he wrote the first in 1881, and sometimes three in twelve months. He wrote only one play, which was produced by Sarah Bernhardt in Paris.

### English Man of Letters.

England's great poet and essayist, Algernon Charles Swinburne, died at the age of 72, at his home in Putney. One of the greatest poets of the Victorian period, all England expected Tennyson's mantle of poet laureate to fall upon his shoulders. But Swinburne was strong in his likes and dislikes and some of his works were tinged with his animosity against kings and priests. He created a style of his own and cared little for criticism. He was early inspired by Shakespeare and later became a devout worshiper of Browning. Upon leaving Oxford he spent some time in travel. He contributed a wealth of impassioned poetry to the English language and in addition was a keen critic. His strong personality has left an indelible mark upon literature.

### Cruel Suspicion.

"Bliggins is a great reader. He invariably buys a newspaper before getting on a street car."

"I have noticed the paper," answered Miss Cayenne. "But I am not so sure he reads it. Maybe he holds it up because he's too polite to see a lady standing."—Washington Star.

Don't kick a man to-day because he is down. You may be down to-morrow.



### Good Hard Soap.

Put five pounds of grease over the fire and as it melts stir in a quarter of a pound of borax. When this is dissolved and the grease is a little more than lukewarm, turn into the kettle slowly a can of patent potash, dissolved in a quart and a pint of salt water. Stir steadily until all the ingredients are thoroughly incorporated, and you have a smooth, thick paste. Turn into molds, and when firm these should be cut into cakes.

### Supper Salad.

Mix one and one-half cupfuls of cold cooked chicken, cut in cubes; one cucumber, pared and cut in cubes; one cupful of chopped English walnut meats, one-half cupful of French peas and a cupful of celery cut in small pieces, thoroughly chilled in ice water. Moisten with mayonnaise dressing and garnish with strips of canned red pepper arranged ribbon fashion, and celery tips.

### Flannel Cakes.

One pint of sour milk, three teaspoonfuls of melted lard, three eggs well beaten, one teaspoonful of soda, flour to make a good batter. Mix well, beating the whites and yolks of the eggs separately, and adding the stiffened whites last of all. Fold in lightly and quickly, then bake the batter on a griddle as you would other pancakes. They are delicious.

### Anise Seed Cookies.

Into two cups of granulated sugar stir five eggs, put over the fire and beat steadily until the mixture is lukewarm, then take from the range and beat until cool. Add enough flour to make a batter that can be poured without running, add anise seed to taste. Put by the teaspoonful on tins and set aside overnight. In the morning bake in a slow oven.

### Egg Test.

Take a flat-bottomed dishpan, put at least four inches of water in it and drop the egg in the water. If fresh it will lie perfectly level; if it rises at the thick end in the least it is not fresh. The older the egg the more it rises at the thick end. If it should leave the bottom and swim it is not fit for anything.

### Butter Scotch.

Into a pound of brown sugar stir a cup of water and two tablespoonfuls of vinegar. Cook steadily for ten minutes, then stir in four tablespoonfuls of butter and cook until a little dropped into cold water hardens at once. Pour into buttered tins, and as it cools mark off into squares.

### Nut Bread.

Two cups of milk, one-half cup of sugar, four cups of flour, one cup of broken nut meats, four teaspoonfuls of baking powder, one teaspoonful of salt, two beaten eggs. Put into greased pans and set aside for twenty minutes, then bake for thirty minutes in a moderate oven.

### Spanish Stew.

Two pounds of beef ribs, one pint of canned tomatoes, one large onion, one red pepper, six cloves. Cover with a quart of water and simmer very slowly for two or three hours. Salt to taste and thicken the gravy with browned flour just before serving.

### Lamb Chops.

A remedy for woolly taste of lamb chops. Rub chop thoroughly with a preparation of lemon juice and butter in the proportion of one teaspoonful of butter to two of lemon juice. Broil them; they are delicious.

### Stuffed Tenderloin.

Procure a pork loin roast. Do not remove the tenderloin, but slit it and stuff with dry dressing made of stale crumbs highly seasoned with salt, pepper and sage. Roast in usual manner and serve with potatoes, brown gravy and apple sauce.

### Short Suggestions.

After cleaning ivory expose it to the sun. This assists in bleaching it.

Clean mahogany with cold drawn linseed oil and polish with clean cloths.

Marble should be washed with ammonia and water rather than with soap and water.

A great many blemishes on wall paper may be removed with a rubber on a lead pencil.

Try a little lemon and salt mixed the next time a price mark sticks to the bottom of china dishes or bric-a-brac.

Kerosene will polish zinc, if it is rubbed on with a soft cloth until clean and then washing the zinc in boiling water.