



EXECUTION AT EUGENE

Claud Branton Hanged for the Murder of John Linn One Year Ago.

HE WAS COOL TO THE LAST

Asked for Sympathy and Prayer and Urged His Hearers to Walk in the Right Way.

EUGENE, May 12.—Claud Branton was hanged today for the murder of John Linn.

Branton retired last night at 11 o'clock after writing several letters. He slept well and got up at the usual time this morning, but would not eat breakfast.

At 9:30 his people were admitted to the jail door, and conversed with him a few moments. Sheriff Withers then read the warrant.

Branton left the cell at 10:45 under the charge of the sheriff and two deputies. He walked upon the scaffold unshaken, and took his place on the trap. Being asked if he had anything to say, he replied that he had but little.

In a firm voice he told those present that he did not want them to bear any ill-will against his people on his account. He asked for sympathy and prayers, and urged them to walk in God's way.

Sheriff Withers sprang the trap at 10:50, and in 15 minutes later life was extinct, and the body was cut down. Not a hitch occurred in the whole proceedings, everything passing off as smoothly as possible. The body dropped five feet.

HISTORY OF HIS CRIME The crime for which Claud Branton paid the penalty of death was that of taking the life of John A. Linn, a stockman of Clatsop county, Ore.

April 10, Branton and Charles Green, who is serving a life sentence in the penitentiary for complicity in the crime, left their homes near Waterville, Lane county, to go to work for him, hiring a band of horses. While working in Clatsop county, Branton and Linn had a quarrel, and Linn was killed.

Early in June they persuaded Linn to move his band of horses to a range in Crook county. Linn had endeavored to get Branton to take an interest in the band, offering him halving inducements, and had been unusually liberal in his offers, taking a great deal of interest in the young man.

However, the young man seemed bound on mischief, and upon arriving at the range in Crook county and not finding a suitable place there to dispose of Linn, they induced him to cross the mountains with them, representing to him that upon arriving at Branton's home at Waterville, he would trade him a piece of land for an interest in the horses. Linn finally agreed to the plan, but before going he was cautioned about the trip, he was about to take and was told that the boys had planned to get away with him. He did not believe it.

They crossed the mountains and arrived at a point in Lane county known as Linn's corral near the foot of the mountain, on the evening of June 15. They put the horses in the corral, ate their supper, and then Linn retired in his blankets near the fire and went to sleep. After he had been asleep for some time Branton shot him two or three times with a revolver, and then, assisted by Green, placed the body on the camp fire. They remained all night and frequent fire was maintained, until the body was entirely consumed. Then they raked the small pieces of bones from the ashes, beat them in a sack and hid them.

As soon as it was daylight they took the band of horses and started down the valley. Branton tried several times to get some of his friends to testify that they had seen Linn on this side of the mountains, saying he was in trouble, and offered to pay them by giving them the peak of the horses. Failing in this, he took the horses to a pasture after dark and hid them, and would call for the horses in a couple of weeks. Branton then left the country and the story of the crime soon got out.

On the morning of July 2, Courtland Green told the officers the whole story of the crime and a search was immediately commenced for Branton. In the latter part of July he returned to Eugene and was arrested soon afterward, and before he knew that the crime had been made public, his conviction followed.

BRANDSTREET REPORTS A WEEK OF FAVORABLE TENOR

Iron and Steel and Lumber. Advance in Quotations, and Frank Chearson the Largest of Any Week Known.

NEW YORK, May 12.—Brandstreet's market report says:

Reports as to trade conditions are generally of a favorable tenor, notable among these being the advanced quotations for many articles of iron and steel, the increased activity in the building market, the increased activity in the lumber market, the common goods markets, sympathized in by the raw product, bank discounts surpassing all the records for this week of any year, railroad earnings maintaining their recent gains, and business failures, as for some time past, down to the minimum.

It is interesting to note that in some instances the price of iron and steel has advanced since the beginning of the year.

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GENERAL GOWEZ THE GOVERNOR

His Influence Dictates the Policy of the People of the Island of Cuba.

ANEXATION ONLY REMEDY

Brigandage as Bad Now as It Was Under Weyler—Cuban Army Breaking Up.

NEW YORK, May 12.—The Herald quotes Osgood Welch, a Cuban planter of 30 years' experience, as saying:

"There is no getting away from the fact that Gomez and not General Brooke, is the actual governor of Cuba. The Americans own and rule the cities, but the insurgent troops rule the army and the people."

"Brigandage is as bad now as it was under Weyler. The Cuban army is breaking up. The American people do not know what is going on, because the information is kept from them. American owners of plantations are afraid to come out openly for annexation, because they fear the insurgents. But because they fear the insurgents, they are working under cover. As the people are one of the largest plantations near Santiago, I am not afraid to tell the truth. If annexation does not come pretty quickly this government is going to have more trouble than it has ever dreamed of."

"It is stated" it was suggested "that the difficulty is more complicated than that, so far as the employment of labor is concerned. There is a scarcity of safe and capable in Cuba this year. Everything was eaten up when the island was in a state of blockade. I believe there are men enough to handle all the work there is to do this year, and in the future there will be no difficulty in getting men to work the plantations."

"We need not expect much help from the insurgents in that respect. They do not want work, and they will not work. That is not their idea of the victory. The Americans have won for them. They are looking for government positions and for plunder. Their army is breaking up into bands of brigands. The Spaniards know this, and they know that under Cuban rule existence would be made a burden to them. They are finding it hard to do this year, and in the future there will be no difficulty in getting men to work the plantations."

"No light on the case. Disappearance of William S. Hamilton Still a Mystery. Post-Intelligence.

The mystery surrounding the disappearance of William S. Hamilton, first officer of the United States lighthouse tender Manzanita, from his ship on the afternoon of April 25 at 2 o'clock, remains as deep as ever. The police did not hear yesterday from the dentist, who was to do some bridge work for Mr. Hamilton. They have made strong efforts to find this man, but all in vain.

The impression is gaining ground that Mr. Hamilton slipped and fell into the bay. There are really no circumstances to strengthen this theory, but in the absence of others, it is gaining ground. In her letter Mr. Hamilton says that she cannot believe her husband is dead. She wonders if it is possible he may have wandered away while ill. She is heartbroken and asks Chief Reed to do what he can to solve the problem.

PERSONAL MENTION Samuel Elmore is in Portland for a few days. Geo. W. Hicks, of Fort Stevens, was in the city yesterday. T. G. Scotholder, the Eureka cannery man, is in the city on a brief visit. P. H. Sovey is now in control of the Evening News as managing editor. W. W. Ridebaugh left for Portland yesterday morning on a brief business trip. Councilman Untinger is suffering from lameness, the result of an injury to his back. Commissioners Lewis and Paterson left for their respective homes yesterday evening. Mrs. James Delgity and Mrs. Captain Skibbe will leave this morning on the State on a visit to San Francisco.

WHO IS TO BLAME News from Madrid says that General Martinez Campos has insisted upon the appointment of a commission to investigate the conduct of the war and to place the responsibility. Carelessness and neglect all through the war gave rise to the most disastrous conditions, but no more dangerous than come from neglect of the health. It is every one's duty to guard his health. It is easier to keep it than regain it. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters taken honestly will not only create health, but will preserve it. It is the medicine which for 50 years has made weak stomachs strong, and has overcome that terrible dragon, dyspepsia, and all the evils such as constipation, biliousness, kidneys and liver troubles, malaria, and fever and ague, which follow in its train.

THE LOUVRE CONCERT. Following is the programme of the Amme Orchestra at the Louvre for the week beginning today:

1.—March, "The Chantiqua" (Grieg) 2.—Waltz, "I Love Thee" (Waldteufel) 3.—Symphony, "Poor Jonathan" (Milkover) 4.—Polka, "The Bohemian" (L. Delibes) 5.—Dance des Sultanes (Polak Danais) 6.—Meditation, "Memories of Tara" (D. Will) 7.—Valse, "Kiss" (Bail Kirchner) 8.—Serenade, "Branco" (L. Delibes) 9.—Polka, "Libre Air" (L. Delibes)

10.—March, "The Handicap" (Rossy) 11.—Overture, "Spanish Comedy" (L. Delibes) 12.—Waltz, "The Bohemian" (L. Delibes) 13.—Meditation, "American Village Songs" (L. Delibes) 14.—Serenade, "The Bohemian" (L. Delibes) 15.—Polka, "The Bohemian" (L. Delibes) 16.—Meditation, "The Bohemian" (L. Delibes) 17.—Waltz, "The Bohemian" (L. Delibes) 18.—Finale, "The Bohemian" (L. Delibes)

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THE DIMENSIONS OF THE YACHT SHAMROCK

One Hundred and Thirty Feet-Over All With Water Line of 89 Feet-Over Heavy Keel Ballast.

NEW YORK, May 12.—A dispatch to the World from London says:

The Yacht World gives the measurements of the Shamrock, as follows:

Length over all, 130 feet; water line length, 89 feet; extreme beam, 21 feet. This shows the total overhang of the Shamrock to be 41 feet.

The shaping and fitting of the Manganese plates has been tedious, but has been almost completed.

The keel was cast in a solid block of lead weighing 30 tons. This has to be bolted to the frames, necessitating the boring of many holes through the immense block of lead from the top to the bottom.

The difficulty of this operation can be understood when it is stated that the keel tapers in depth from two feet two inches to four feet six inches.

The great weight of the immense mass of lead makes it impossible to transport it to proper boring machines.

Another difficulty due to the nature of the metal is that the lead has a tendency to break off and choke the bit. This latter trouble has already delayed the work much longer than was anticipated.

A boring machine of a novel design has recently been employed with satisfactory results, and the work is now progressing more rapidly than before, but June will be well advanced before the Shamrock is ready for the water.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE IN SUGARAL OPERATIONS

ASTORIA, May 12.—Editor Astorian: Nothing in today's issue (May 12) three different dispatches concerning Christian Science. I take the liberty of calling your attention to the following clipping from the "Living Church," a paper printed in Chicago, and ask you to print it for the information of your readers. The opinion of so eminent a physician about this much-talked-of subject should carry some weight.

WM. REYNOLDS SHORT. It is not often that we stray into the literary pastures of the medical profession, but while glancing over the table of contents of a recent number of The Journal of the American Medical Association (Vol. XXXI, No. 11, March 18, 1899) our attention was arrested by the title of an article on "Christian Science," by one of the most eminent surgeons in the country. \* and we immediately became interested in what he had written on the subject, of course we expected to find this learned physician an opponent of the new cult, but what we were anxious to ascertain was to what extent his point of view and his general estimate of Mrs. Eddy's sect and its principles coincided with those of orthodox theologians.

Dr. Andrews, while promising that "the discussions of theological opinions in a medical journal is felt to be altogether to avoid taste," justifies himself by the fact that "Christian Science intrudes itself upon us both as a religion and a healing art inextricably mixed together." He partly alleges that it employs its peculiar theology as a weapon to attack the science of medicine, and with it all the other physical sciences. After giving a condensed account of Mrs. Eddy's system of theology and philosophy, the singular trait of which he remarks "is the steady habit of self-contradiction," he says his attention to her heresies, here the self-contradiction is even more marked. For the entire "treatment" of Christian Science proceeds upon the idea that disease does not exist, is a delusion of "mortal mind," and yet the "doctors" will boast to outsiders of wonderful cures performed upon those afflicted with the most dangerous and fatal diseases. The writer asks: "Why do these people say at one time that the disease never existed, and then describe the horrible character, and boast to us how they cured it?" It appears, however, that up to the present time Christian Science are rather intransigent to the science, although it is claimed that discredited homes have been set by the power of "moral" medicine without touching them. We cannot forbear to ask our readers to enjoy the gentle sarcasm of Dr. Andrews upon these alleged surgery cases: "It must be very interesting to see a non-existent bone, having only the substantiality of thought, which had never existed, going back without being mended into the imaginary socket with a thumb-screw to all bystanders."—The Living Church, of Chicago, Ill.

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NOTICE! NOTICE! NOTICE! SUMMER NORMAL.

Sealed bids will be received by the undersigned, at No. 144 and No. 148 Fourth street, Portland, Oregon, up to and until May 18th, 1899, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purchase of the entire stock of drugs and medicines, goods and merchandise, all shelving and trade fixtures, excepting only two nickel plated show cases in the rear end thereof, contained in that certain drug store formerly owned and occupied by the Estes-Conn Drug Company, at Nos. 513-515 Commercial street, Astoria, Oregon. Terms of sale, cash on delivery. All bids must be accompanied by certified check or deposit of \$500.00 or bid will not be considered. If bid is not accepted, deposit will be immediately returned. The right to reject any and all bids reserved.

Bids will also be likewise received by me at the same time and place, for the purchase of that certain two-story frame building situated upon the west 100 feet of the north half of lot 3, block 33, in that part of the city of Astoria as laid out and recorded by John Adair, in Clatsop county, Oregon, together with the contents of such building, excepting fixtures. Terms, cash on delivery. The warranty frame building will be sold subject to a mortgage thereon. Dated April 28, 1899. LOUIS BLUMAUER.

STATE TREASURER'S FIRST NOTICE SALEM, May 10, 1899.—Notice is hereby given that there are funds on hand with which to redeem all outstanding state warrants endorsed "Presented and not paid for want of funds" prior to this date, with the exception of those drawn up the swamp land fund, the state seal bounty fund and those drawn on the general fund for conveying insane to the asylum since February 26, 1896, and that all such warrants, properly endorsed, will be paid upon presentation at this office, interest thereon ceasing from and after this date. CHAS. S. MOORE, State Treasurer.

History contains no record of a ballgame by statisticians and college professors. I consider it not only a pleasure but a duty I owe to my neighbors to call about the wonderful cure effected in my case by the timely use of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. I was taken very badly with flux and procured a bottle of this remedy. A few doses of it effected a permanent cure. I take pleasure in recommending it to others suffering from that dreadful disease.—J. W. LYNCH, Dorr, W. Va. This remedy is sold by Charles Rogers.

It has been demonstrated that marriage is such a serious matter that the Wisconsin legislature has provided a margin of five days after the license has been issued in which the contracting parties can think it over. WHEN NATURE Needs assistance it may be best to render it promptly, but one should remember to use even the most perfect remedies only when needed. The best and most simple and gentle remedy is the Syrup of Figs, manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Company.

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Colonel Bryan's idea that "an idea once turned loose in the world can never again be chained" is quite an idea.



TO TENDER-SKINNED MEN

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Some people are harder upon their shoes than others. Some are apparently hardy upon them. That's when the shoe has something to do with it. It's easy to be hard on a good shoe—hard to be hard on a good one. How much longer will one shoe (good) last than another (bad)? Just twice in most cases. That perhaps surprises you.

EXPERIMENT, TRY OURS against any others you can get in town. Compare in other respects—all respects too.

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PROPOSALS FOR FUEL.

Office of C. Q. M., Vancouver Barracks, Wash., May 2, 1899. Sealed proposals, in triplicate, will be received here until 11 o'clock a. m., June 2, 1899, and then opened, for furnishing fuel for the several military posts in this department for fiscal year commencing July 1st, 1899. Information furnished here or by quartermaster's office, U. S. reserves right to reject or accept any or all proposals or any part thereof. Envelopes containing proposals should be marked: "Proposals for Fuel at..." and addressed to undersigned, J. W. JACOBS, C. Q. M.

GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS WANTED

Office of C. Q. M., Vancouver Barracks, Wash., May 8, 1899. Sealed proposals, in duplicate, will be received here until 11 o'clock a. m., May 15, 1899, and then opened for transportation of troops and supplies, from Seattle, Wash., to Wrangell and Tyeon in Seattle, Wash. Information furnished here or by Quartermaster's Office, Wash. U. S. reserves right to reject or accept any or all proposals or any part thereof. Envelopes containing proposals should be marked: "Proposals for Fuel at..." and addressed to undersigned, J. W. JACOBS, C. Q. M.

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