

# The Assassination of President Lincoln.



ON April 14 just thirty-three years will have passed since President Lincoln was shot down in Ford's Theatre, Washington, by John Wilkes Booth. The excitement all over the United States today, caused by the war scare, brings to mind the thrill of horror and excitement that passed over the country thirty-three years ago, when, just as the minds of the people had become settled after four years of war, the country was started by the announcement of Lincoln's assassination.

Announcements had been made in Washington papers that President Lincoln and Gen. Grant, accompanied by their wives, would visit Ford's Theatre (now a pension office) on the evening of April 14.

Gen. Grant found it necessary to visit Burlington, N. J., on that memorable 14th of April, and he accordingly sent to President Lincoln a note of regret at his inability to accompany him to the theatre that evening, leaving Washington on the 6 p. m. train.

To Schuyler Colfax, then Speaker of the House, the President extended an invitation to attend the theatre as late as 8:15 p. m., for it was not until then that the President's party left the White House. President Lincoln manifested a

curious reluctance to go, but stated that the papers had advertised that himself and Gen. Grant would both attend, and since Gen. Grant had left Washington, he did not want to have the audience disappointed, as the people would expect to see at least one of them.

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Meanwhile the shrieks of Mrs. Lincoln made clear to the audience the nature of the horrible crime that had just been perpetrated. Pandemonium reigned. Women screamed, men howled and children sobbed. Miss Laura Keane advanced to the footlights and called out: "For God's sake, have presence of mind! Keep your places and all will be well!"

Miss Harris called to Miss Keane to bring some water, which the actress did, and afterwards accompanied Mrs. Lincoln to the house opposite, to which the unconscious President was at once removed. It was found that he had been shot through the head, above the back of the temporal bone, and that some of the brain was oozing out and that death was inevitable.

Within a comparatively short time the terrible news had spread all over Washington, and by midnight every member of the cabinet, except Seward, whose own life was attempted, had gathered at the bedside of their dying chief. Mrs. Lincoln was present, prostrated with grief, and other members of the family, Senator Sumner, Speaker Colfax, military officials of the War Department, several generals and physicians, the latter including Surgeon General Barnes, who had from the first assisted Dr. Stone, the President's family physician.

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remark: "Now he belongs to the ages." The South lay in Lincoln, one who would have proved to be his best friend, as he, perhaps, was realized. In a letter written to Gen. Van Allen on the last day of his life, Lincoln wrote words that strike the keynote of his character. It is thus said:

"I thank you for the assurance you give me that I shall be supported by conservative men like yourself in the effort I may make to restore the Union so as to make it, in your language, a union of hearts and hands as well as of States."

Over all the members of that presidential theater party a black and awful fate hung menacingly.

The fate of the assassin, John Wilkes Booth, is too well known for repetition—like a dog, as he was, in a burning barn.

Many have not followed the end of others indirectly associated with the tragedy. The stricken widow of the martyred President and the family may not last as long as the poet, but the flowers will be prettier, the candy will taste better and both will be more appreciated.

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afterwards made to elaborate his still remembered character of Lord Dundreary.

The assassin, Booth, familiar with the theatre, visited the box about 9 p. m., looking in for a last survey of the various positions of its occupants. It was supposed, at the time, that it was due to a

mistake or the exercise of an impudent curiosity. Unknown to the presidential party, Booth had, during the day, bored a hole through the door of the box for observation or perhaps to fire through.

At 10 p. m. Booth again entered the box, quietly holding a pistol in one hand and a knife or dirk in the other. Maj. Hathorne rose and asked this intruder his business. Booth rushed past the Major without making a reply and, placing his pistol close to the President's head, actually in contact with it, fired and instantly sprang upon the cushioned balustrade of the box, when he made a backward plunge with his knife, aimed at the face or breast of Mr. Lincoln. Maj. Hathorne, springing forward to protect the President, received the stab in his arm.

It was towards the latter part of the play. Perfect stillness reigned throughout the house. The audience listened to the dialogue between Florence Trenchard and May Meredith, when the pistol shot rang through the theatre. It was apparent that Booth had sought the scene of the stage, and it was accepted by the audience as an introduction to some new passage, several of which had been in the repertoire in the early part of the play. Booth had been noted as a leaper, but

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## Speculation Was Slack.

Payments Through Clearing-Houses Less Than a Year Ago.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says:

Whether the new year will surpass or keep pace with the old is the question which gives special interest to every week's returns. Comparing now with business by far the largest and most prosperous ever known a year ago, more than 40 per cent larger than in January, 1908, which, in its turn, had shown heavier business than in any preceding year, it cannot be expected that such a gain will be repeated. But the decrease of 8 1/2 per cent in payments through the clearing-houses is wholly due to great speculative activity at New York last year, with sales of 12,031,832 shares against 6,518,920 to the same date this year, for payments outside this city have been 4 1/2 per cent greater than a year ago, and greater than in the same part of any other month.

This week one contract of 10,000 tons for a Western road, and two for bridges requiring 11,000 tons, are the only big transactions reported in iron products.

Perhaps the most important industrial event is the marketing of wool-goods at prices averaging 18.4 per cent higher than last year, many makes, being promptly sold up and withdrawn, while others sell so well as to give great encouragement.

Business in cotton goods begins to increase, though in staples it is still moderate.

The market for breadstuffs is not active nor have changes in prices of elevator wheat been any commensurate, but the active May option shows a sharp decline. Atlantic exports continue far below former years; in three weeks, 6,095,325 bushels against 13,224,082 last year.

Failures for the week have been 242 in the United States, against 248 last year, and 40 in Canada, against 22 last year.

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Mrs. Ellen Crosby had a narrow escape from being buried alive in Crawford county, Indiana. She was pronounced dead, and preparations for the burial were being made. While this was in progress her daughter, 19 years old, worn out by exhaustion, lay down to rest, but her eyes had scarcely closed before she sprang up and perceptibly insisted that her mother's body be returned to the bed. She remarked that her mother had called to her in her sleep, saying, "Mary, don't let them bury me alive." The undertaker complied with the daughter's request, saying it was but a dream, but the daughter stoutly claimed the contrary and would not be denied. Nearly eight hours passed when Mrs. Crosby slowly opened her eyes and looked at her daughter, who had remained by her bedside, constantly watching for her return. Mrs. Crosby is now considered in the city free to recover.

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## Pacific Coast Trade.

Seattle Market.

Onions, new, \$1.50@1.75 per sack.  
Lettuce, hot house, \$1.25  
Potatoes, new, \$1.00@1.20.  
Beets, per sack, 75c@85c.  
Turnips, per sack, 60c.  
Carrots, per sack, 50c.  
Parsnips, per sack, 75c@85c.  
Cauliflower, 75c@1 per dozen.  
Cabbage, native and California, 75c@1.00 per 100 pounds.  
Apples, \$1.25@1.50 per box.  
Pears, \$1.00@1.25 per box.  
Prunes, 60c per box.  
Butter—Creamery, 32c per pound; dairy, 17c@20c; ranch, 34c per pound.  
Eggs—20@21c.  
Cheese—Native, 16c.  
Poultry—13@14c; dressed, 14@15c.  
Hay—Fogot sound timothy, \$12.00; choice Eastern Washington timothy, \$18.00@19.00.  
Corn—Whole, 23c@24c; cracked, 23c; feed meal, 23c.  
Barley—Rolled or ground, per ton, \$21; whole, \$22.  
Flour—Patent, per barrel, \$3.25; blended straight, \$3.00; California, \$3.25; buckwheat flour, \$6.00; Graham flour, \$3.00; rye flour, \$3.80@4.00.  
Milletstuffs—Bran, per ton, \$14.00; shorts, per ton, \$16.00.  
Feed—Chopped feed, \$19.00 per ton; middlings, per ton, \$20; oil cake meal, per ton, \$30.00.  
Fresh Meats—Choice dressed beef steers, 7 1/2@8c; cows, prime, 7c; pork, 10c; mutton, 8 1/2c; veal, 8 1/2@10c; lamb, 10c; ham—Large, 13c; small, 12 1/2c; breakfast bacon, 12 1/2c; dry salt sides, 8c.

Portland Market.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 50c@51c; Valley, 50c; Blumstein, 52c per bushel.  
Flour—Best grades, \$2.90; Graham, \$2.25; superfine, \$2.15 per barrel.  
Oats—Choice white, 25c@26c; choice gray, 24c per bushel.  
Barley—Feed, \$13@16.00; brewing, \$18.00@18.50 per ton.  
Milletstuffs—Bran, \$17 per ton; middlings, \$22; shorts, \$18; chop, \$16 per ton.  
Hay—Timothy, \$9.50@11; clover, \$7.8c; Oregon wild hay, \$6@7 per ton.  
Butter—Fancy creamery, 50c@55c; seconds, 45c@48c; dairy, 30c@37 1/2c; store, 23 1/2c@27 1/2c.  
Eggs—17@17 1/2c per dozen.  
Cheese—Oregon full cream, 12 1/2c; Young American, 14c; new cheese 10c per pound.  
Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$2.50@4.00 per dozen; hens, \$4.50; springs, \$2.50@3.50; geese, \$1.00@1.50 for old; \$1.00@1.50; ducks, \$0.90@1.00 per pound; turkeys, live, 15c@17c per pound.  
Potatoes—55@80c per sack; sweets, 20@24c per pound.  
Vegetables—Beets, 1c; turnips, 90c; per sack; garlic, 7c per pound; cabbage, 1 1/2c per pound; parsnips, \$1; onions, \$1.15@1.50; carrots, \$1.  
Hops—72 lb; 1888 crop, 5.00 c.  
Wool—Valley, 12@13c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 8@14c; mohair, 27@30c per pound.  
Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, 2 1/2c; dressed mutton, 6 1/2@7c per pound; lambs, 7 1/2c per pound.  
Hogs—Gross, choice heavy, \$6.00; light and leathers, \$4.50; dressed, \$5.00@6.00 per 100 pounds.  
Beef—Gross, top steers, \$3.50@4.00; cows, \$3.50; dressed beef, 6 1/2@7 1/2c per pound.  
Veal—Large, 6 1/2@7 1/2c; small, 8@8 1/2c per pound.

San Francisco Market.

Wool—Spring—Nevada, 12@15c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 12@16c; Valley, 20@22c; Northern, 10@12c.  
Hops—1899 crop, 11@12c per pound.  
Butter—Fancy creamery 25c; do seconds, 23@24c; fancy dairy, 21@22c; do seconds, 18@20c per pound.  
Eggs—Store, 18@20c; fancy ranch, 23c.  
Milletstuffs—Middlings, \$17.00@20.00; bran, \$13@14.00.  
Hay—Wheat \$6.50@9.50; wheat and oat \$6.50@9.00; best barley \$3.00@7.00; alfalfa, \$6.00@7.50 per ton; straw, 30c@45c per bale.  
Potatoes—Early Rose, 85@90c; Oregon Burbanks, 85c@1.10; river Burbanks, 60c@85c; Salinas Burbanks, \$1.00@1.25 per sack.  
Citrus Fruits—Oranges, Valencia, \$2.75@3.25; Mexican—Limes, \$4.00@5.00; California lemons 75c@1.50; do choice \$1.75@2.00 per box.  
Tropical Fruits—Bananas, \$1.50@2.50 per bunch; pineapples, nominal; Persian dates, 6c@7c per pound.

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