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LINCOLN'S OLD HOME

SPLENDID TRIBUTE TO BE PAID
HIS MEMORY THERE.

Plans for dedicating the Marble Memorial Hall by President Roosevelt Have Been Fully Arranged—Four Addresses Are Scheduled.

Simple and yet splendid with the presence of the first citizen of the United States will be the homage paid the old homestead of Abraham Lincoln in Larnie county, Ky., on the occasion of his centenary, February 12. The plans for dedicating the marble memorial hall by President Roosevelt have been fully arranged. It has been determined that the five trains that will be run to Hodgenville from Louisville on February 12 shall bear the various delegations, and that the representatives of the republican and democratic committees of Kentucky will be given a place of prominence in the ceremonies. Mrs. Roosevelt and Miss Ethel Roosevelt will be members of the president's party. This announcement has proved of great interest to the Kentucky women.

The first train will leave Louisville at 7:30 a. m. February 12 and will carry all who desire to reach the farm and roam over the acres where the child Lincoln played. The second train at 7:45 a. m. will carry a band of sixty volunteer militiamen, eighteen cavalrymen and fifty newspaper men. The third, at 8:15 a. m., will bear the federal and confederate veterans who are to act as escorts to the president, the veterans of the Spanish-American war and Gov. August E. Wilson and his military staff. The fourth, at 8:35 o'clock, will carry Louisville business men in charge of the celebration, and the fifth train, at 9:35 o'clock, will bear the president, Mrs. Roosevelt, Miss Roosevelt, Secretary Loebe and Secretary of War Luke E. Wright.

Eight states have made February 12 a holiday, but the observance this year will not be limited to those states.

BRYAN NOT INJURED.

Commoner Arrives at Jacksonville in the Best of Health.

William Jennings Bryan reached Jacksonville, Fla., Sunday from Deland and emphatically denied the report that he was injured in an automobile accident near Tarpon Springs. Mr. Bryan was met here by his cousin, Wm. S. Jennings, and taken to his home. Upon reading the report of the accident he said he was in Lakeland until noon Saturday, when he left for Deland, speaking there Saturday night and leaving there for Jacksonville.

Mr. Bryan is in perfect health and expressed himself as pleased at his reception. He delivered his lecture, "The Prince of Peace," Sunday afternoon.

WIRELESS OPERATOR DROWNS.

A Seaman in a Brave Attempt at Rescue Also Sinks.

While standing on a pond near Wood's Hole, Mass., Sunday, Charles Gottliebson, wireless operator of the revenue cutter Acushnet, broke through the ice, and both he and Seaman Oscar Rongved, also of the Acushnet, who made a brave attempt to rescue him, were drowned.

Several of their shipmates endeavored to reach the drowning men from the shore by tying their handkerchiefs together to make a life line, but the ice kept breaking under them. A tree was then secured, but before it could be put on the ice both men had gone under.

Quarrel Over a Seat.

Confusion bordering on a panic ensued in a crowded 5-cent theater in Halsted street, Chicago, when a patron, quarreling over a seat, drew a revolver and shot a man. Two more shots stopped the show and caused the audience to rush to the street. The wounded man, Daniel Zucarelli, probably will die from his wounds. His assailant escaped.

School for Chinese Pupils.

A school for Chinese students, organized and maintained at the expense of the imperial Chinese government, was dedicated with befitting ceremonies in San Francisco Monday. This is the first institution of the kind in that city, although similar schools have been provided at Sacramento, Los Angeles, Vancouver, Chicago and New York.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Saturday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top Cattle, \$4.80. Top hogs, \$6.40.

Gen. Fredericks Guilty.

Gen. Fredericks, former governor of Nizhni-Novgorod, Russia, whose trial on charges of complicity in the grain scandals that attended the distribution of famine relief in 1906, has been going on for the past five days, was convicted of negligence and corruption.

Violent Earth Shocks.

At Tiflis, Transcaucasia, two violent shocks of earthquake were experienced Sunday night, but no damage is reported.

CYCLONES HIT SOUTH.

Sections in Dixie Land Devastated by Storms.

Mayor Geo. H. Brier, of Cullman, Ala., wires that seven people are known to have been killed in that county Friday afternoon by the tornado which passed over that section of the state, but that wire communication is impossible with the stricken locality. At Kayosa, a mining camp west of Birmingham, on the Southern railway, five houses were blown down, but only one man was injured, a Mr. Logan.

The property loss in the territory north of Birmingham appears to have been very large. Telephone communication to the north is impossible. Death for nearly a score of people, loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of property, and the crippling of many telegraph wires resulted between noon and dusk Friday from a series of small cyclones and tornadoes which swept Dixie from the Tennessee line to the Texas Panhandle.

The storms were accompanied in most cases by hail, darkness and terrific lightning flashes and sheets of rain.

Most of the towns where the losses of life occurred are isolated so that news from them has been coming in but slowly.

Arkansas and upper Louisiana rice fields were injured to the extent of many dollars, while the larger cities had rains and darkness illuminated by lightning bolts that made the atmosphere quiver.

NEGRO RUNS AMUCK.

Terrorizes a Section of North Memphis Before He Is Killed.

Henry Morton, a negro, was killed by police and citizens of Memphis, Tenn., Friday, after he had held up another negro, fired repeatedly on street cars and houses and terrorized a section of North Memphis.

After forcing a negro to give him a bundle of hides Morton tried to make a trade with a produce dealer, while threatening him with a pistol. Failing, he sent a confederate to dispose of the booty and both escaped before the arrival of the police.

Morton later was located on a street car, but as a police man approached he jumped from the car, firing blindly several times.

A riot call brought a squad of police, who were joined by many citizens, and Morton was finally brought to bay on a porch. Morton continued firing, but his bullets went wild, and then he fell dead before a volley fired by the crowd.

NO VERDICT IN THE GOW CASE.

The Jury Is Unable to Reach an Agreement.

A Brooklyn jury, before which William Gow, formerly president of the International Trust company and director of the Borough bank of Brooklyn, was tried on a charge of larceny of \$145,000, disagreed early Friday, the vote standing eight for acquittal and four for conviction. Gow already was held under \$27,000 bail and this was continued.

The charge against Gow was based on the withdrawal of \$145,000 in the Borough bank. It was charged, to finance the organization of the International Trust company. Another charge of larceny of \$250,000 is also pending against Gow, as also are three charges of misdemeanor, based on the alleged overdrawing of his account with the Borough bank.

BODY FOUND IN CISTERN.

Another Dayton, O., Murder Mystery Added to List of Crimes.

Another murder mystery has been added to the long list which have already occurred in Dayton, O. Late Friday afternoon the body of a young woman was dragged out of a cistern in the rear of a vacant house. Her brother has identified her as Lizzie Fulhart, 15 years old, of Vandalia, O., and her sweetheart, Albert Wilkie, employed at a local machine shop, is being held on suspicion. He declares, however, he had not seen the girl since December 29.

Miss Fulhart came to Dayton on December 29, and was staying with her aunt, Mrs. Samuel Deeters.

Bridge Burns Near Norfolk, Neb.

The burning of a three-span bridge on the Omaha road blocked all traffic between Sioux City and Norfolk, Neb., Friday. The bridge was over Pigeon creek, between Winside and Hoskins. The cause of the fire is unknown. No accident resulted. The passengers and mail were transferred.

Police Rout Strikers.

As a result of violence being offered Friday by the striking miners at the Tremont coal mine, Belle Vernon, Pa., near Pittsburgh, to the nonunion miners who went to work, a troop of state constabulary charged the strikers. Several persons on both sides were slightly injured.

Fire Loss Is \$220,000.

The most disastrous was at Charlottesville, Va., in twenty-four years Friday destroyed property valued at \$220,000. The blaze originated in the building of the Charlottesville Hardware company.

Man Blown to Atoms.

James Cody, while operating a machine drill in the Bluebird mine, at Victor, Colo., drilled into a missed shot and was blown to atoms.

OBJECT OF SOME COMMENT.

Frisco Agog Over Movement of War Munitions.

The close of the present week will see an unusual amount of war material and supplies shipped from San Francisco to the Philippines and the Hawaiian Islands. This fact taken in connection with the arrival of the transport Buffalo from Honolulu painted leaden gray, the color that is associated in the popular mind with the fighting garb of the American navy, and the unexpected return of the torpedo flotilla from the south is causing some local comment.

Saturday the bark Mohican left for Honolulu, riding deep in the water under the weight of the two great disappearing guns destined to form a part of the defense at Pearl harbor, the site of the new naval station in the Hawaiian islands. Saturday the Pacific mail liner Asia sailed for Manila and Japan, carrying 3,500 tons of cargo, 2,000 tons of which consisted of army and navy stores for the Philippines. Included in this shipment are 2000 submarine mines which are to be placed beneath the waters of Subig bay at the entrance of Manila harbor and 2,500 cases of small arms ammunition.

The army transport Sheridan left for Honolulu laden with 300 tons of general supplies for the troops in the islands.

While admitting that there is unusual activity just at present in Pacific coast naval circles, officers of the navy profess themselves unable to explain it.

SHOOTS WOMAN AND CHILDREN

Long Island Man Then Hangs Himself in an Attic.

In the little village of Farmingdale Long Island, a few miles from Oyster Bay, Frederick Buckholt, 40 years old Thursday night shot and killed Mrs. Elizabeth Rust, wounded her two children as they stood clinging to her skirts, and then hanged himself in the attic of his home. The tragedy occurred in the presence of Buckholt's wife.

Mrs. Rust, a divorced woman, boarded her children in Buckholt's home. When she called to see them Buckholt demanded an increase in the board she was paying. A dispute followed which enraged Buckholt, and the tragedy occurred. The children are not dangerously wounded.

PASSED LOWER BODY.

Johnson Bill Goes Through the California House.

Gov. Gillett sent a message to the assembly Friday asking that body to reconsider the vote by which it passed the bill compelling Japanese children to attend separate schools. This action is the result of a message received from President Roosevelt, appealing to him to devise some means of blocking the measure in the legislature.

The governor's message to the assembly was a strong appeal to the members to stand by the administration and deal with the question of treaties with Japan and other nations.

Kills His Brother-in-Law.

Leslie Brophy, after fatally shooting his brother-in-law, George Mayer, at St. Louis, Mo., Thursday, walked to the police station and surrendered. Mayer had been quarreling with his wife and his mother-in-law and the shot was fired after Mayer, it is said, had threatened violence. Mayer died at the city hospital.

Easy for Abe Attell.

Abe Attell, of California, found little difficulty in retaining the featherweight championship when he met Eddie Kelly, of New York, in a scheduled ten-round bout before the Southern Athletic club at New Orleans, La. Kelly's second threw up the sponge in the seventh round.

Head Beaten to a Pulp.

Joseph Vigne, residing at Coconalla, a few miles west of Sand Point, Idaho, killed his wife in a jealous frenzy, beating the woman's head into a pulp with the butt of a gun. Vigne then dragged the woman's body into the cellar, where it was found by the officers.

Cock Fight Is Raided.

Sheriff Jerge early Friday at Buffalo, N. Y., raided a cock fight on the outskirts of the city. Over 100 men were arrested and 75 dead and live birds were captured. The prisoners include men from Ohio, Pennsylvania, Canada and down-state points.

Boy Given Life Penalty.

Harvey Hazel, 17 years old, of Toledo, found guilty of murdering his mother, has been sentenced to life imprisonment. Hazel was convicted of slaying his mother January 1, 1908, by beating her to death with a hammer.

May Be Johnson's Brother.

In the morgue at New York City there is an unclaimed body of a negro believed to be that of Rosecoe Johnson, a brother of "Jack" Johnson, champion heavyweight fighter. He died in the New York hospital from pneumonia.

Prince's Auto Hits Pole.

Crown Prince George of Servia suffered another automobile accident as a result of indulging in fast driving Friday. He is nursing cuts on his face and bruises on his head received in a collision with an electric light pole.

Anti-Bucketshop Bill Passes.

The anti-bucketshop bill passed final reading in the senate Friday at Nashville, Tenn. The bill prohibits the dealing in futures.

NEBRASKA

STATE NEWS

WOULD SETTLE QUESTION.

Whether White Men and Colored Women Can Legally Marry.

Some time since James Hand, a white man, and a negro woman, were arrested in Nebraska City, they having been living together. The couple claimed to have been married in Council Bluffs and on their own testimony they were released by the county judge. The county attorney, D. W. Livingston, is not satisfied with the finding of the court, and wanting the question settled as to whether a white man and a negro woman can live together in this state, even if married in another state, has appealed the case to the supreme court. In the meantime Hand and his dusky wife, who borrowed the money with which to fight the case and secure their release from jail from a poor widow, have packed their belongings and it is said have gone to Oregon, where the laws permit the mingling of people of different colors in legal marriage.

LONELY DEATHS THEIR LOT.

Auburn Man Pens Explanation Before End Comes.

"Salmon made me ill," wrote Elmer Zook a few minutes before he died a lonely death in a house on his farm a few miles from Auburn. Finishing this brief statement he dropped back on a canvas cot and peacefully succumbed. When found his face was as calm and unaccounted as that of a sleeping baby.

He had borrowed a horse and buggy from his brother-in-law, D. H. Melnich, and expected to return in the early afternoon. Night came and he did not return and his wife became uneasy. About 10 o'clock her brother got a team and drove to his farm. On the table was the remains of the lunch which he had bought at a store starting to the farm. On an envelope were written his last words.

KEARNEY BONE MILL BURNED.

Went Up in Flame About Five Tuesday Afternoon.

The Hardy bone mill, located just east of Kearney, was burned Tuesday afternoon about 5 o'clock. The mill was not running and the cause of the fire is unknown, unless tramp sets the fire. The machinery was badly damaged, and the fertilizer and feed stored in the mill was all destroyed. The loss will be over \$5,000 with only \$2,000 insurance.

The mill was owned by C. A. Robinson and Robert Hardy. It will probably be rebuilt.

Heavily Fined.

In district court at McCook Bill Hall, Minnie Brown and Ruth Barry, three keepers of disorderly resorts in that city, pleaded guilty to selling liquor illegally in their houses of disrepute, and were fined \$250 each and costs, amounting in each case to over \$300. These three houses were raided about a year ago by officers of the Anti-Saloon league and a large quantity of liquors found in them.

May Be a Fraud.

The farmers about inland contributed generously to an oily tongued agent and between them bought a carload of oil. The carload of oil is on the sidetrack at inland and has been there for some time, but the agent has not showed up. Perhaps it would be a good thing for them to get together and investigate to see whether the barrels contain oil or water.

Boy Injured.

While Ray Gantt, the 5-year-old son of Amos Gantt, of Falls City, was riding with the man who was delivering coal at his home Sunday afternoon he fell from the wagon, which contained two tons of coal, and the wagon ran over his body. At first it was thought that he was most seriously injured but upon examination it was found that no bones were broken, but some very severe bruises sustained.

Narrow Escape.

Frank Williams, a blacksmith at Wyoming, had a narrow escape from being instantly killed. He was using a gasoline engine to run some machine over which he was working and undertook to stop the machine by throwing the belt off. He had a long slash cut in his face, his right eye was nearly cut out, and his head and arm are badly lacerated.

Stella Had Sunday Fire.

At an early hour Sunday morning fire was discovered in the Ramsey drug store at Stella, but had gained such headways that nothing could be done only move the goods out of the adjoining frame buildings on the south. The Sherman Dryly barber shop, G. D. Knapp's drug store and the Moran general merchandise store on the corner were destroyed.

Dies Near Railroad Track.

An inquest was held by the coroner on the body of a man found near the railroad track west of Powell, eight miles west of Fairbury. From papers found on his person it appears that he was E. B. Ellis, of Denver, Colo., and that he was an electrician and a member of a labor union of Denver.

Fire at Nebraska City.

Early Saturday morning the residence in the western part of Nebraska City, occupied by Leonard Taylor and family, was consumed by fire with its contents.

The Omaha University.

Preliminary to the active work of canvassing for funds for the university of Omaha, 100 enthusiasts were assembled at a dinner at 6:30 Monday and listened to partial outlines of the university promoters, followed by comment of some of those present. The plan involves the raising of \$200,000 by Omaha citizens and contingent upon the success of that, it was announced that \$200,000 would be added to it from the educational fund maintained by John D. Rockefeller.

CAIRO BUSINESS HOUSES BURN.

Early Morning Blaze Does Damage Amounting to \$200,000.

A fire, doing damage to the extent of about \$200,000, visited Cairo early Sunday morning, completely destroying the hardware store of McAllister Bros., the general merchandise store of F. W. Goodrich, J. E. Carland's confectionery and residence rooms occupied by J. S. Pickett, Charles Omer and Mrs. W. Miller.

The fire was discovered at about 3 a. m. and upon investigation it was found that the entire stock of F. W. Goodrich was ablaze. An alarm was immediately sent in and every available person joined in the effort to extinguish the fire.

Bucket brigades prevented the spread of the flames to adjacent buildings, though several of the largest business houses suffered some loss from the effects of the fire.

The loss is estimated at about \$300,000, being only partially covered by insurance. J. E. Carland was seriously injured while attempting to remove some property from the burning buildings.

HEATHER BOUND OVER.

Irregularity in Obtaining Money Causes Him Trouble.

The preliminary hearing of Audrey J. Heather on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, was held at Oxford, Heather, last March, induced A. W. Vetter to sign a sight draft with him on a Colorado townsite company, and drew \$75 expense money from the bank on the strength of the endorsement. The draft was protested and Mr. Vetter was held for the amount. The latter averred that he had not been repaid by Heather, who represented himself as being in the employ of the townsite company when he obtained the money. After hearing the arguments put up by the prosecution and defense, Justice Brichtaupt bound Heather over to district court, which convenes in February at Beaver City. The defendant was brought to Beaver City from Pueblo, Colo., a few weeks ago, since which time he has been an inmate of the county jail.

HUNGRY MAN STOLE BULLION.

Explanation Offered by One Caught Stealing Metal.

An unsuccessful effort to steal a large disk of bullion, mostly copper, with probably a little gold in it, resulted in the capture of one of the thieves, John Peto, and his being sent to jail in Omaha for fifteen days on the charge of petit larceny. The other man made his escape and it is not known whether or not he took any of the metal. Neither of the men knew just what he was stealing, and Peto told the judge in police court Saturday morning that he stole because he was hungry.

That the bullion was of great value is discounted by the fact that in the larceny complaint filed against Peto by the smelter officials, gave the value of the metal as \$14.50, although no one knows its exact value, and it is said there was a percentage of gold in the "pig."

KILLED BY A FALL.

Colored Man at Holdrege Discovered Dead.

Gery Gates, a colored porter in the Palace barber shop in Holdrege, was found at the foot of the stairs leading to the room occupied by him over the shop at 3 o'clock Monday morning by the night watchman, dead. Physicians were at once summoned and reached him before his body was cold and gave it as their opinion that the cause of his death was concussion of the brain, resulting from falling down the stairs. He was found lying flat on his face, with both arms extended and there were bruises over both eyes, indicating that he had struck his head on the way down. No inquest is deemed necessary and none will be held.

Farmer Scalded.

Henry Stull, a well known farmer residing a few miles northwest of Plattsmouth, while attempting to scald a hog in a large vat of boiling water, accidentally slipped and went into the steaming fluid himself. His hired man fished him out. The flesh on his left arm to the elbow was badly cooked and his feet and lower limbs were scalded. Fortunately Stull's head was kept above the boiling water or he would certainly have lost the sight of both eyes.

Farm Hand Insane.

W. Rhodes, a farm hand, formerly from Wall Lake, Ia., who has been working near Trumbull, returned from Hastings and going to the farm of James Campbell, tried to get a gun with the avowed intent of killing himself. He finally wandered into a draw in a cornfield and went to sleep, where he was found. He will be taken before the insanity board, as he has pronounced symptoms of insanity.

Students Threaten to Strike.

The board of trustees of the Grand Island college held a long session over the threatened departure of some of the students, variously estimated from ten upward. The students in question have been making much complaint against the management of President Sutherland. It was the unanimous feeling that President Sutherland was entitled to the continued confidence of the board.

Want Sunday Ball.

A petition is being circulated at Wyoming favoring the Sunday baseball bill, and it is being liberally signed. It is said that a first class ball team will be organized at that place this spring, and in that event the baseball enthusiasts of Wyoming are anxious to have the bill favoring baseball become a law.

Hot Brick Starts Fire.

In trying to warm their bed Mr. and Mrs. Kovarik, an aged couple living in Schuyler, put a heated brick in their bed. The brick was very hot and soon had the bed afire. The fire was put out by neighbors.

Deaf Mute Killed.

Word comes to Tecumseh that Judson Brown, the deaf mute who was run down and knocked off the track by a Burlington passenger train a mile west of Tecumseh on January 20, died at St. Elizabeth's hospital, Lincoln.

MYSTERY IN FAILURE TO RAISE THE MAINE

What Is It That Is "Incompatible with Public Interest" Which Prevents Action by Congress?

SULZER BILL LONG HELD UP.

Lawmakers May Move at Last to Bring Wreck and Bodies to the Surface.

Washington correspondence:

What is it that is "incompatible with the public interests" and that prevents the raising of the Maine? No one can be found who can or will answer this question explicitly. The Maine lies in its bed of mud at the bottom of Havana Harbor. Sentiment demands that the vessel be raised and that the dead be recovered from her hold, but something stronger than sentiment seems to be in the way.

Recently the report of Charles E. Magoon, provisional Governor of Cuba, was made public. Mr. Magoon, after referring to navigation, wrote: "Even more important is the fact that this wreck, although it contains the bodies of sixty-three American seamen, or what is left of them, apparently is abandoned and forgotten by the government and the people of the United States. * * * It has become a national reproach and an international scandal."

Representative William Sulzer's bill asking for an appropriation to bring the wreck to the surface and to remove the bodies therein to Arlington Cemetery, is in the keeping of the House Committee on Naval Affairs, where it has been for nearly ten months. Several of the committee members are in favor of reporting the bill favorably, but the majority seems to be held back by some shadowy thing of which no one has or seems to have any substantial knowledge.

On the tenth anniversary of the destruction of the Maine, Feb. 15, 1908, Representative Sulzer introduced a resolution asking that the Secretary of the Navy be requested to send to the House as early as possible "all letters and data as to the cost and legal status under which Congress may take immediate or future action for the removal of the wreck of the United States battleship Maine and provide burial for the dead lying with the hulk in the harbor of Havana."

An amendment to the resolution was suggested. It provided for the insertion of the clause "if not incompatible with the public interests" after the request for information. Perhaps there is nothing incompatible with the public interest in the voting of an appropriation for the work of bringing the wreck to the surface, but that there is such a reason and that it is holding back the authorities is the theory which it is difficult to drive from the mind of Washington.

Appropriation Was Not Used.

The Secretary of the Navy sent to Congress, in response to the resolution, certain facts concerning the raising of the battleship. Congress once appropriated \$200,000, but the work was stopped after a comparatively small amount had been expended, and the balance was returned to the surplus fund.

In Cuba the Spanish contingent attributes the failure to remove the wreck to fear, as Governor Magoon points out, that the work "will disclose the incorrectness of the popular belief that the Maine was destroyed by a torpedo or mine, instead of an interior explosion." Certain Americans believe with the Spanish sympathizers in Cuba that the government is afraid to act because an examination of the broken hulk might show "that the Maine destroyed herself" and that the Spaniards had nothing to do with it.

A board of competent men settled to the satisfaction of most people that an "exterior explosion" sent the vessel to the bottom. No one in the service or out of it probably believes that the report of the officers was not accurate, and least of all that a wrong report was turned in intentionally to lift blame from the shoulders of the officers of the ship. Apparently one must leave the question of the cause of the disaster when seeking the reason, if there be one, why it is not compatible with public interests to bring the ship and its dead to the surface.

The records of the Navy Department show that 231 men were killed when the Maine was destroyed; that twenty-four bodies were recovered immediately and buried at Key West, Fla.; that 144 bodies were recovered afterward and buried in Havana, but later brought home for interment in the national cemetery at Arlington. The bodies of sixty-three sailors of the Maine never were recovered or accounted for, and it is supposed that they are entombed with the wreck in the mud of Havana harbor.

The Nebraska State Railway Commission has issued an order which will have the effect of compelling railroad companies of the State to install telephones in all stations whenever patrons make the request, to be maintained by the railroads. There are between 900 and 1,000 stations in Nebraska.