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## LAMAR VS. ST. JOSEPH

**Holland's Drummers, Famous Western League Team Will Play a Game With the Lamar League Team at Association Park**

**Tuesday, July 27th, 1915**

First Time a Class A League Team Has Ever Played in the Arkansas Valley. Every Ball Fan in the Valley Should Be Here

Manager Holland of the St. Joseph Drummers, the team that has turned out more major league stars than any other Class A league team in the country, has scheduled a game with the Lamar team of the Arkansas Valley League at Association Park on next Tuesday, July 27, at 2:30 in the afternoon. The St. Joe team is on its way to Denver and does not begin the series there until the 28th, therefore they have an open date on Tuesday. They telegraphed for a date along the line for an exhibition game, and Manager Mitchell of the Lamar team backed by the local fans closed with the deal at once. A team will be made up, the strongest in the valley, and as this league has proved that it outclasses any other minor leagues in this section of the country, they should be able to give the drummers a good argument. All the fans of the valley are invited to come here and see the greatest ball game ever known in this section, and view some of the future major league stars in action. St. Joe has several men in their line-up who will be in the big leagues next year and one or two are said to be coming stars.

If you care anything at all for the great national game you can't afford to miss this chance, as it will be a long time before another like it is offered. The expense of the game will be heavy but the Lamar management decided to give the fans a treat regardless of expense.

Turn out.

### LOSE HARD ONE

**Rocky Ford Has the Hoodoo Sign on Lamar Ball Team**

#### Valley League Standing

	P	W	L	Pct
Rocky Ford	14	9	5	.643
La Junta	15	8	7	.533
Fort Lyon	14	7	7	.500
Lamar	15	5	10	.333

The Lamar team could not see McGraw's fast one tells the whole story of last Sunday's game at Rocky Ford which temporarily checked Lamar's winning streak. The team played good ball otherwise and Hill pitched a good game but as McGraw insisted on throwing that fast one and the milk maids couldn't lamp it at all there was nothing doing. Fifteen milk maids struck out and only three got hits, one stingy single each, being all Mr. McGraw would allow. Under the circumstances the score of 2 to 1 shows that a good game was played. It was Rocky Ford's fifth straight game from Lamar this season and puts us in the same fix that Las Animas was last year. We might be in the race if we could just play Rocky Ford.

Hill pitched eight innings and allowed only seven hits but an error turned two into runs. Little finished the game and allowed nothing. Lamar still occupies the cellar.

At La Junta the valley record for length of game was badly shattered as Fort Lyon and La Junta tied up in the ninth and then played nine more

innings before either could score. In the last half of the eighteenth La Junta put over a score that won the game. At the end of the first half of the ninth the score was 7 to 2 in favor of the navy boys but they had one bad half right there and La Junta tied the score.

The box scores are as follows:

FORT LYON		AB	H	PO	A	E
Byers, ss	.....	4	1	1	3	1
Wyckoff, cf	.....	5	0	4	1	0
Keeler, 1b	.....	7	4	11	1	0
Bush, rf	.....	7	1	6	0	0
Regan, cf	.....	7	3	4	1	0
Ellis, 2b	.....	6	0	5	1	1
Mellecker, 3b	.....	5	0	3	2	1
Bergerhoff, c	.....	3	3	2	3	1
Renell, p	.....	8	1	1	2	1
*Lomax	.....	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	.....	66	13	53	19	4

LA JUNTA		AB	H	PO	A	E
Merrill, 3b	.....	7	2	9	0	0
Forester, 1b	.....	5	3	1	1	0
Brown, lf	.....	4	1	3	0	1
Payne, c	.....	7	4	18	2	2
Walker, rf	.....	7	4	18	2	2
Thrallkill, cf	.....	7	2	3	0	0
Pyle, ss	.....	7	1	3	3	2
Overling, 2b	.....	7	2	4	3	0
Griffin, p	.....	2	2	4	3	0
Totals	.....	62	16	64	15	5

Run for Bush in ninth.

Fort Lyon: 1020001300000000000000-7  
La Junta: 010100005000000000001-8  
Summary—Stolen bases, Bush, Keeler, Lomax, Payne, Forester, Thrallkill. Two base hits, Keeler, Bergerhoff, Payne, Thrallkill. Three base hit, Bergerhoff. Struck out, by Renell 21, by Griffin 9, by Thrallkill 9. Bases on balls off Renell 2, Griffin 4, Thrallkill 1. Double play, Wyckoff to Ellis, Innings pitched, by Griffin 7, hits 7, by Thrallkill 11, runs 0, hits 6. Umpire, Hill.

LAMAR		AB	H	PO	A	E
Pate, ss	.....	4	1	1	2	0
Kenlin, lf	.....	4	0	2	0	0
Herring, cf	.....	4	1	1	0	0
Zink, 1b	.....	3	0	9	0	1
Lemon, 2b	.....	2	0	0	1	0
Himes, 3b	.....	3	0	9	2	0
Kramer, c	.....	3	0	9	2	0
Evans, rf	.....	3	0	2	0	0
Hill, p	.....	2	0	0	2	0
Littler, p	.....	1	1	0	0	0
Totals	.....	29	3	24	8	1

ROCKY FORD		AB	H	PO	A	E
Jackson, cf	.....	3	0	0	1	0
Smith, ss	.....	4	1	1	0	1
Maxwell, 1b	.....	4	1	7	0	0
McGraw, p	.....	4	1	0	3	0
Cornway, rf	.....	4	0	1	0	0
Gobin, 3b	.....	4	2	1	1	0
C. Swink, 2b	.....	4	1	1	3	0
A. Whalen, c	.....	3	0	0	0	0
R. Swink, lf	.....	3	0	0	0	0
Totals	.....	32	7	27	9	1

Lamar: 0000000000000000000000-1  
Rocky Ford: 0000000000000000000000-2  
Summary—Stolen bases, Gobin, C. Swink, A. Whalen 2. Two base hit, Smith. Struck out, by McGraw 15, by Hill 9, by Littler 1. Bases on balls, off McGraw 1, off Hill 2. Innings pitched, by Hill 7, runs 2, by Littler 1, runs 0, hits 0. Umpire, Love.

### Mr. Lawson's Statement

In response to a request of the district judge, asking him if he had anything to say as to why sentence should not be pronounced against him, John R. Lawson read a carefully prepared statement in court at Trinidad yesterday which we venture to say is unparalleled in the history of Colorado or any other state.

The statement is abusive, vindictive, contemptuous and insolent to the last degree. Lawson has determined to pose as a martyr, and taking advantage of the liberty permitted by the court, he took occasion to impugn the honesty of the court, the fitness of the sheriff, the integrity of the jurors, and in short, maligned anybody who was connected with the prosecution of this case.

These extracts from Lawson's statement show its tenor:

"First of all, in the name of the courts of my country, which I respect, I protest against your right or power to pass any judgment against me. It is undeniable in this case that you were

appointed to the bench this spring for the trial of myself and my associates. Fresh from the employment of the very coal operators of Colorado and the country, including the Rockefellers, who have pressed and engineered these prosecutions.

"Yourself a coal company attorney, engaged to assist as a practicing lawyer in the trial of cases arising, like mine, out of the industrial disturbances of 1913 and 1914, you had no right, when challenged, to sit as trial judge in the case of any striking miner.

"You were so deeply prejudiced against me that my case was a travesty on justice from the start. Notwithstanding the affidavits of reliable citizens who have sworn to your prejudice, you have persisted on the bench.

"Second only to the resolution with which you held your seat upon the bench was the method adopted by you for selecting a jury to try me.

"You refused to permit the jury to be drawn from the regular jury box provided by law and you ordered an open venire. This method was exactly adapted to procure what none were surprised to discover: a hand-picked jury of coal company partisans.

"After you had removed the coroner as a summoning officer, over my protest, you selected your own instruments to pick this jury. And the jury so chosen was naturally subject to the self-same coal company influences which with hue and cry now seek to drive me to the penitentiary."

These extracts will indicate the tenor of Lawson's speech all through, and it is a matter of great surprise that the court permitted him to continue in such an abusive strain.

For there is not a word of truth in most of what Lawson said. It is true that Judge Hillier might at some time have assisted in prosecuting cases as a lawyer, but there is not a scintilla of truth in the statement that the Rockefellers, or coal companies, had anything to do with his appointment to the bench from his home at Lamar. And it is a significant fact that when Hillier was appointed to the bench by Governor Carlson he was unanimously confirmed by the senate and the democratic members of that body were even stronger in their praise of him than the republicans.

But Lawson and his lawyers have agreed that everybody must be crooked who takes part in a conviction of a member of the United Mine Workers. The jury in this case was selected after very careful study. It was composed of farmers and business men and not a coal mine employee was upon it. Lawson's lawyers are among the best in the state, and until the verdict was announced they thought they had picked a jury for acquittal.

The fact is that Lawson and his friends cannot conceive why any jury should be found that would convict them of their crimes of rioting, and treason and rebellion. They believe they have the right to go forth and slay and never be punished. They believe they are a privileged class and that the laws which apply to other people do not apply to them.

While they continue their baseless and unwarranted attacks upon the courts they pass over the fact that the same courts have brought in acquittals of other labor leaders. The case of Bob Diamond followed Lawson. It was the same court, same sheriff, same "Rockefeller" district, and yet Diamond was acquitted. Was that a travesty upon justice, by a suborned court and a "hand picked" jury. What about the La Veta murder cases which were tried in Pueblo a few months ago? There is no doubt that the victims of these outrages are dead, but yet the jury returned a verdict of acquittal of the miners charged with the crime. Was that another travesty on justice?

It appears to us that liberty of speech is degenerating into license when Lawson and his lawyers are permitted to get up in a court and read a document which impugns the honor of the governor, and the supreme court, and the minor courts,

and the judges and juries of the state. The United Mine Workers have their rights as citizens, but the right is not given them to insult and abuse everybody else.—Colorado Springs Telegraph.

### GUESSES LIKE "SON-IN-LAW"

**Cousin of Secretary McAdoo Makes Wheat Guess That Looks Like Son-in-Law's Revenue Estimate**

The Pueblo Chieftain and a number of small papers at the west end of the valley gave considerable space last week to a statement by A. R. McAdoo of Kansas, cousin of President Wilson's secretary of treasury, to the effect that Colorado farmers could not successfully grow wheat and had better turn their attention to something else. This is all well enough for Rocky Ford and the garden truck area west, but if "son-in-law's" cousin will come down into the real farming area of Colorado we will show him thousands of acres of wheat any one of which will make the best acre ever grown in Kansas by comparison look like a sunburned patch of buffalo grass. He misses his guess as bad as his cousin did when he reported some months ago that the end of the government year, June 30, would show a surplus, whereas a deficit of \$75,000,000 was the actual result. When whole fields of wheat will average over 70 bushels per acre, and 60 bushel crops are common Kansas can begin to talk of being a wheat region. The average yield of wheat in Prowers county last year was three times the Kansas average, and better wheat at that. As one Kansan told us several years ago after riding through May valley, "the difference between raising wheat in Kansas and in Colorado is that in Kansas the sunflowers hide the wheat, while in Colorado the wheat hides the sunflowers."

### Our "Manana" Administration

News of battles in Mexico continue to divide interest with reports of battles in Europe. Now and then word comes to us that another American has been robbed and slaughtered by one or another of the Mexican bandit bands whose predatory leaders make "patriotism" an excuse for pillage and "liberty" a shield for their murders. The administration witnesses these crimes with a gentle forbearance that only infrequently exhibits petulance in the arrest of an exile or the issuance of another elegant, scholarly, and unheeded pronouncement.

On the subject of the Mexican disorders President Wilson over a month ago took in hand his pen to write one of those state papers whose fine felicity of language allied to an elegant dubiety of meaning has made him internationally famous, and uttered the following:

"I therefore publicly and very solemnly call on the leaders of all factions in Mexico to act together and to act promptly for the relief of their prostrate country. I feel it to be my duty to tell them that if they cannot accommodate their differences and unite with this great purpose within a very short time, this government will be constrained to decide what means should be employed by the United States to help Mexico save herself and save her people."

Very beautiful and charmingly graceful; but, so far as results are concerned, wholly inefficacious. It can be said without fear of successful contradiction that no similar ultimatum has been couched in such delightful diction. "This government will be constrained to decide" is a literary pink pearl that shines amid the other pen gems in that paragraph with purest ray serene.

But what did our poetic President mean by it? If the leaders of all factions in Mexico did not do something in a very short time, this government would do something. How long is a very short time. When a man is constrained to decide, and for what period does the constraining last? Is it possible that President Wilson has so closely studied the Mexicans that he, too, has become imbued with their chief characteristic—manana?—Portland (Ore.) Spectator.

### BOOST FOR THE FAIR

**Everybody Pleased at the Prospect for Fair and Date Meets General Approval**

From all sections of the county there comes a general and unanimous approval of the announcement made last week that we are to have a county fair this year, and all appreciate the spirit shown by Mr. Maxwell in not letting the annual event lapse by missing a year.

There has never been a year when so general and universal good exhibits could be made, and from every section of this and neighboring counties comes the same statements that the later dates will enable them to gather and prepare much better displays. It not only gives an opportunity at the later crops of the section, but comes at a time when the farmers are not so busy and can therefore take more time not only to prepare exhibits but to attend themselves.

The dry land sections all report that they will make the irrigated section go some this year to keep their rank as first in displays of all kinds. They have some bumper crops of grain and silage crops of many varieties that are hard to beat.

The racing men report that the new dates please them and the speed program will be better than ever. The grounds are in splendid condition and as this is an unusual year the chances for fine weather are better the last week in September than most any other period of the year.

### Not a Webster

Whether Mr. Bryan means to take the field directly against Mr. Wilson and contest the nomination with him, or, using the one-term plank as a pretext, contemplates a rumpus and a bolt, the future will disclose.

He has shown himself capable of any folly not to say treachery. The circumstances of his resignation, if there were nothing else, sufficiently attest the disingenuous in his character. It is known that he had been grinding his teeth with rage for months because he was no longer considered or consulted as Secretary of State. Doubtless his amour propre was justly offended. The President has a winning way of making himself disagreeable when he has no further use for a servant. A Webster, or a Clay, a Calhoun, or a Hay, would, with the first sign of slight, have folded his cloak about him and scornfully withdrawn.

Not so with the faker of Nebraska. He is nothing if not a showman. He must make commotion. He must have his exploitation. Dignity is nothing beside gate money. So, with an equal lack of self respect and fidelity, and the ill-judgment marking all his proceedings, he eats his leek and bides his time, till the trumpets blare and the big drums beat, and the occasion insures the spectacular.

Even here it is not Bombastes, but Pecksniff, who crosses the scene and occupies the stage. Truth to say, Mr. Bryan is preposterous. Having a proper grivance against Mr. Wilson—had he taken this in time—he waives it and snivels a hypocritical "good-bye" and "God bless you," whereas, if he had hoisted the black flag at once, with a simple "go to the devil, you son-of-a-gun," many would have approved his spirit who yet doubted his wisdom.

"William, William, what's the reason You are always out of season?"  
—Courier-Journal.

### Hardly Credible

Little Mabelle went with her mother to spend the summer at a resort by the sea where mosquitoes abounded. When she returned to her home in the city and attended Sunday school her teacher told the story of Noah and the ark. When she had finished the story she glanced around at her little pupils and asked if any child would like to ask any question.

"I would, please, ma'am," said Mabelle, timidly.

"Very well," said the teacher, "what would you like to know?"

"I'd like to know, ma'am," said Mabelle, "if you are quite sure that Noah only took two 'skeeters into the ark?"