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BREAD STRIKE FINALLY OVER

HALF OF STARVING POPULATION
IN SPOKANE JAIL GIVES UP
TO BREAD AND WATER

NO INCREASE OF THE NUMBER
OF VOLUNTEERS TO DATE.

Only Incident of Violence Occurred

Last Night When Someone Wrecked
Train Carrying Prisoners.

Spokane, Nov. 11.—The hunger strike was broken this morning. One half of the prisoners took the proffered bread and water and it is believed that all of them will accept food before night. The Industrial ranks are thinning perceptibly this morning and it is believed that the worst is over. There were no volunteers for jail arrests this morning.

A car laden with prisoners for Fort Wright was derailed with an iron bar last night. The leaders declare that it was the deliberate work of their enemies and the police believe that it was the result of the work of some of the revolutionists in an endeavor to free the prisoners.

The Industrials are planning to have a woman's week, next week. There are a hundred women who have reported that they are willing to go to jail for the cause of free speech. Acting Governor Howell, here, says that the situation is not at all as serious as has been reported and that he sees no occasion to call out the state militia. He

says, however, that if the necessity arises for such an action he will do it.

A hundred Industrials, of which 20 will be deported as aliens have been taken to Fort Wright to be placed in the guard house. Thirty government emigration officers have reported for the purpose of ferreting out aliens for deportation. The police are doubling their force, yet are fearful that they will soon be unable to cope with the situation. It is now predicted that the city will have to be placed under martial law within a week. If this should happen the citizens of Spokane will be in more danger than the prisoners and it is feared that the scenes of Cripple Creek and Goldfield will be reenacted.

BIG ISOLATE LAND SALE.

Many Here From All Parts of the Inland Empire to Get Land.

Fifteen hundred and forty-four acres of land, scattered widely over this section of the state in isolated tracts was sold today at auction at the land office. In every case the land that was put up went to the man who applied for the sale and at the price of \$1.25 per acre, the figure at which it was started on the first bid. The land was vacant land without timber. Among the buyers of land were: Allen H. Reynolds of Walla Walla; Roy Hun of La Grande; John Anthony of Rondona; C. A. Hunter of Wallowa; J. W. Bollins of Ukiah; Wm. Makin of Enterprise; Robert R. Chapman; R. F. Wiglesworth of Calloway; C. R. Davis of Ritter; T. O. Hobbs of Austin; F. L. Wade of Elgin; R. R. Cahattin of Milton; A. Walford of Ukiah; J. A. Rust of Pendleton; A. B. Carter of Long Creek and Sam Mc Broom of Long Creek.

A Lake county potato weighs five pounds and is 13 inches long. That's nothing. An average La Grande spd weighs 13 pounds and is five feet long. Come again.

MISSOURIAN AGAINST TAFT

MINORITY LEADER ADMITS HE
WILL ACCEPT NOMINATION IF
EXTENDED TO HIM

OPENLY DECLARES CANNON
MISREPRESENTED FACTS.

Wisconsin Sets Pace in Tossing Forward the Southern Leader For

Next Presidential Race.

Appleton, Wis. Nov. 11.—Democrats are discussing the speech that was made last night by Champ Clark in which he declared that Joe Cannon misrepresented the facts in his recent attack on the insurgents.

This occasion marked the starting of a boom for Clark as president in 1912.

He said that Cannon, through a lapse of memory or otherwise, had misrepresented the facts of the recent Elgin speech when he charged the democrats and insurgents of forming a coalition to defeat tariff legislation.

During the course of his speech he was continually interrupted with cries of "Clark for president." He replied: "I am willing but I am not lying awake nights thinking about the electoral vote that I might get. No man ever refused a nomination for president and I am not going to be the first one."

Stanfield is going to have the best roads and streets in Eastern Oregon says the stuttering young Standard.

JAPANESE TO EXPAND NAVY

ANXIOUS TO KEEP ABREAST WITH
THE TIME GIVEN AS REAL
CAUSE FOR ACTION

NINETEEN TWELVE WILL SEE
A MATERIAL EXPANSION.

Rapid growth of Uncle Sam's Navy is

Cause For Worry in the Realm of the Mikado.

Tokio, November 11.—"Rapid growth of the foreign navies, particularly that of the United States" was given as the cause of the great activity in the Japanese navy department, for it is determined to keep abreast of the times in the matter of navy equipment. According to the plans that were announced today the department will begin to supplement the present naval strength in 1912 by the construction of several additional battleships.

This move is considered imperative in the naval circles of Japan say the officials, if the Japanese wish to continue to hold the balance of the naval strength in the waters of the Pacific.

This announcement clearly follows the announcement by dispatches from the United States to the effect that President Taft favors the merchant marine ship subsidy for the purpose of extending American marine in the Pacific.

LEARN FINCH FATE TONIGHT

INVITATIONS ARE OUT FOR THE
HANGING OF MURDERER.

Governor Benson Swamped in Petition
Prayers for Mercy.

Salem; Nov. 11.—Owing to the fact that additional petitions and information is yet to be submitted at the executive office in the Finch and Daly cases, who are sentenced to hang tomorrow, it is impossible for the Governor to reach a decision before tonight or Friday morning.

The main petition is being circulated in Salem in behalf of Finch on account of the fact that Finch at one time lived there.

Invitations are out for the hanging which is set for tomorrow at 12:30 to be repeated in rapid succession unless the two lives are saved by the Governor in the meantime. The number of invitations is limited though there is a big demand for them.

NEW CARS COME.

Kissel Kar, Hudson and White Steamer
Arrive for Local People.

Merton Kiddle today received a new 30-horse power Kissel Kar from the Portland distributing point, and two 50-horse power cars of the same type are among the shipment which will be used for demonstration purposes, in a few days.

A White Steamer, formerly owned by C. R. Hibbard, arrived today from Portland for J. A. Thompson, the lumber auto fan.

A Hudson 3-passenger 20-horse power car is now at the warehouse for J. C. Henry who has the agency for make in this territory. The machine is a beauty.

VOTERS FAVOR PLAN.

Fourth Ward Only Precinct to Turn
The Question Down.

The city election yesterday on the bonding proposition went off quietly and the proposition of refunding on both the \$20,000 and the \$30,000 issues carried. In the fourth ward 13 votes and in the first ward 1 seemed to think it a poor business proposition to save \$800, so voted against refunding.

The second and third wards gave the proposition an unanimous vote. The first ward failed by one vote to make it unanimous while the fourth ward defeated it. An exceedingly light vote was polled.

OLD TIMERS COME BACK

AFTER FORTY-FOUR YEARS THE
BROTHERSWILL MEET.

M. S. Steers of Island City Enjoying a
Visit from Brother.

Two of the jolliest of jolly old timers arrived in this city last evening and today are going out into the valley four miles beyond Island City to visit their brother, M. S. Steers, whom they have not seen for 44 years. The two visitors are H. P. Steers of The Dalles and C. C. Steers of Park City, Montana and both are known to the old settlers of the Grande Ronde valley as each has played a prominent part in the early history of Union County.

H. P. Steers, The Dalles man, said this morning that his brother, who is with him, holds the world's record for a 50-mile relay ride, and that he made that record on the race track in this city. He rode ten horses, changing every five miles and made the entire run in one hour and 59 minutes. As a retaliatory measure C. C. says that H. P. is the best walker in the world.

Both of these men were in the civil war. The brother whom they are visiting underwent special hardships in the campaign centering in the battle of Pea Ridge, Arkansas. His illness while at the ranch of his son, Lee Steers, brought the brothers to see him.

SMALL HOME IS IN RUINS

FIRE OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN GUTS
SPRING AVENUE HOME.

Housewife away for a moment and
Explosion of Unknown Origin
Occurs.

Fire of unknown origin at 3:30 this afternoon, gutted the Mrs. Stults building on Spring avenue. In the rear of the building at one time occupied by Mrs. D. Crawford as a rooming and boarding house. The building was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Frank George. No fire has been kindled since early this morning. At 3 o'clock Mrs. George went to the Pastime theatre where her husband is employed and soon after the place was in flames. There was no insurance on the furniture on the furniture which was completely destroyed.

A loud explosion preceded the fire, though the nature of the explosion is a mystery.

Another saw mill is being built by Minneapolis people near Klamath Falls.

HOMESTEAD CAUSES SUIT

RECENTLY DISCOVERED HOME-
STEAD IN HEART OF VALLEY
WILL BE CONTESTED

CHARGED WITH TRESSPASSING
WHEN HE TRIED TO IMPROVE.

Townley Starts Suit Against the Man

Who Filed on the Recently Discovered Homestead.

Attorney C. E. Cochran this afternoon filed a complaint against L. D. Ludermilk charging him with trespassing on the land of W. J. Townley near Hot Lake. The suit involves the validity of a homestead filed on by Ludermilk upon a choice tract of land claimed by Townley in the Tulee lake bottoms. It will be remembered that the discovery of supposedly vacant land in the very heart of the Grande Ronde valley last May, created a mild sensation here.

Ludermilk, under the law governing homesteads, had six months in which to establish residence. Assuming that his right to take the land was valid, he marched in on the night of Nov. 5, with bag and baggage and built him a house. The case is an interesting one and the suit will be followed with interest.

REPORT FOR CONGRESSMEN

LAW REGULATION AND NOT DEPARTMENT JURISDICTION.

Matter of Public Lands one of Chief
Matters Before Congress.

Washington, Nov. 11.—The first report of Secretary Ballinger to congress is now in preparation. It will emphasize the fact that the withdrawal of the water power sites is only temporary. It will call attention to the desirability of preventing any monopoly of these sites but will pass up to congress all further responsibility. It is understood that he will recommend the consolidation of several of the claims of western coal lands so as to permit several of the corporations to be given permits to go ahead and develop their holdings, which are excluded under the present laws.

Conservation by law, and not by the will of the executive will be the keynote of the report. It will be stated authoritatively that President Taft is supporting Ballinger's attitude. A bill is already on the congressional calendar calling for the complete revocation of all withdrawals of public lands.

ONLY A FEW INDICTMENTS.

Attorneys Come Home From Enterprise
Where Court Now Convened.

Attorney J. D. Slater returned this afternoon from Enterprise where he has been to attend court. Mr. Slater reports that only a few indictments were returned and these were against the ever present bootlegger, have been returned by the grand jury.

Attorney C. E. Cochran has also returned this afternoon from Enterprise where he has been conferring with District Attorney Ivanhoe regarding the Ludermilk suit against Ludermilk.

Seven men with a cow a Lin-

THE FAIR

Extra Specials for
Friday and Saturday

Ladies fast black hose in all
sizes regular 12 1-2c value .10c

Ladies and childrens knit mit-
tens in both black and colors,
regular value 50c on sale .29c

Childrens heavy ribbed cotton
hose actual 15c value .11c

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Ladies knit petticoats good heavy
weight, variety of colors \$1.35
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Odd lots and sizes in childrens
Vici Kid, Calf and patent leather
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for37c

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