

## PACKERS EMPLOY NEGROES IN PLACE OF STRIKERS

### In Chicago the Packing Trust Has Been Paying Lower Wages Than the Independent Companies.

Price of Meat in New York Advanced Two Cents Per Pound — Standstill at Kansas City, With No Effort to Operate the Plants—Vigorous Efforts at St. Louis and Omaha to Secure Scab Labor, Packers Arranging to Board and Lodge the Strike Breakers in the Plants—Companies of Policemen Detailed to Keep the Peace.

Chicago, July 13.—Peaceful was the condition of affairs in the stockyards territory this morning. Knots of strikers were to be seen looking over the situation, but there was no disorder except a case where a number of Poles upset a couple of cinder wagons.

Eighty negroes were taken into the plants last night to assist in transferring beef to coolers. Most of the work being done is in the nature of a clean-up, getting the odds and ends together.

Several hundred police are within easy reach of the yards should trouble appear.

President Donnelly, of the Butchers' Union, this morning said to the Scripps News, that all that is being asked of the packers is that 18 1/2 cents per hour be maintained for laborers, and in view of the fact that the average working time in nearly all departments is less than 40 hours per week, it could readily be seen the union's demands was reasonable. All the independent companies, Donnelly said, are paying a much higher rate than the union asks the trust companies to pay.

**Kansas City Peaceful.**  
Kansas City, July 13.—There were no desertions from the packing strikers' ranks this morning, nor did the packers hire laborers. The packing house district is comparatively de-

scribed this morning. No extra police are on duty.

**Hiring Strike Breakers.**  
St. Louis, July 13.—Despite the fact that 4500 employees of four large packing houses have struck, Armour's manager claims the company will continue to slaughter; that enough men will be secured in the course of the day to fill the places of the strikers. Other packers make similar statements. There have been no demonstrations by the strikers, but the police are prepared for trouble.

**Premium for Strike Breakers.**  
Omaha, July 13.—Fifty-five hundred strikers are now out from the packing plants here. The packers declare they will run the plants and are said to be offering 19 cents, board and lodging for men. Cots and dishes are being unloaded. Generally the situation is quiet though one man was beaten up this morning while seeking work.

**New York Butchers Strike.**  
New York, July 13.—Thirty-four hundred butchers and other employees joined the meat strike this morning. The packers called on the police for protection, which was granted. The retailers lost no time boosting prices two cents.

**Muskogee Zeal.**  
Indian Territory Confidently Promised to Parker.

**MYSTIC SHRINERS MEET.**  
Thirtieth Annual Session of Imperial Council.

**WHY THEY COULD NOT SEE HIM**  
Coal Miners Lacked the Required Court Manners.

**Echo Couple Wedded.**  
John Oliver and Miss Myrtle Mitchell, both of Echo, were married at 2 o'clock this afternoon in the parlors of the Hotel Bickers, the Rev. Dr. Jonathan Edwards officiating. Only the relatives of the young couple witnessed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver will reside at Echo.

**Cloudburst in Philippines.**  
Manila, July 13.—Two hundred lives were lost and \$2,000,000 damage as the result of a cloudburst at San Juan Delmonte. Rain fell incessantly for 20 hours and reached the unprecedented aggregate of 17 inches. In San Juan boats are the only method of communication. People are seeking safety in the hills.

**Shaniko, July 13.**—Twenty-eight houses and several barns were destroyed at Mitchell.

**One Man Missing.**  
Portland, July 13.—Telephone communication has been re-established with Mitchell, the county seat of Wheeler county, which was recently nearly destroyed by a cloudburst yesterday. So far no other deaths are reported than Martin Smith and Mrs. Bethuen.

**The man who rode ahead warning**

cutting through the wall, yet they did not attempt to notify Deputy Davis of what was going on. For this reason it is believed that White may have intended returning and attempting to overpower Davis and secure keys with which to liberate other inmates. If he had outside help, as seems probable, weapons may have awaited the liberated men.

Deputy District Attorney Collier was notified of the circumstances today and went to the jail and made a personal investigation. He is said to be convinced that the attempted break was the outcome of a plot in which outsiders were interested and may file an information against White. Mr. Collier himself refuses to discuss the affair, even going so far as to deny that he had been notified of an attempted break.

White claims to be 18 years old. His father has stated that he is 20. He was charged jointly with Joe Duffy with stealing two steers and a cow from Sol Lemery. The two steers were sold at Walla Walla, but were recovered by the owner. White was sentenced last Monday, at that time breaking down and weeping bitterly in court. Duffy is out on bonds and will be tried at the next term of court.

**SUCCESSFUL FLIGHT.**

**Airship Ascends Over Harbor of Montpelier, France.**  
Montpelier, France, July 13.—Count Delavaul ascended in his new airship this morning and remained for an hour over the sea, watched by torpedo destroyers. The experiment is reported as successful.

**PLEADED GUILTY.**

**Fourth St. Louis Alderman to Take That Step.**  
St. Louis, July 13.—John H. Schnetter, the alderman convicted of bribery and released by the supreme court on a technicality, entered a plea of guilty this morning. Sentence was deferred.

**Murderer Attempts Suicide.**  
Walla Walla, July 13.—Frank Hottman, who was taken from here Sunday to Kansas City to answer a charge of murder, attempted suicide while confined in the Denver jail between trains. He twisted strips of his blanket into rope and was found by the jailer in the act of hanging himself.

**Chicago Grain.**  
Chicago, July 13.—Old July wheat opened 93 1/2, closed 95 1/2; new July opened 93, closed 94 1/2. July corn opened 48, closed 48 1/2.

## MALHEUR READY FOR IRRIGATION

### CITIZENS WILL SECURE RIGHT FOR GOVERNMENT.

**Water Users Association of Malheur County Will Be Formed to Make Way Clear for Construction of Government Project — People Have Every Hope That Harper Basin Project Will Be Constructed — Advice of Government Engineers Will Be Heeded.**

**Ontario, July 13.**—Before the government will accept the Malheur irrigation project known as the Harper Basin scheme, the citizens of this county must organize and secure all the possible water rights necessary to the construction of the scheme, from private parties and make the way clear for the government in other ways.

This is the gist of the information given out to Malheur citizens by F. Newell, chief hydrographer, and Morris Bein, his chief legal advisor, who have recently visited the Harper Basin project on a tour of inspection.

Following the advice of Mr. Newell, a Water Users' Association will be formed for the purpose of acquiring water rights and removing difficulties now in the way of the construction of the proposition.

The people of this county are enthusiastic over the prospects and have no fears that the government will abandon the plan, as the wishes of the engineers will be complied with in every detail, so far as lies in the power of the united people.

**American Peaches for England.**  
New York, July 13.—England is in the American market for peaches, and arrangements are under way for the exportation of part of the large crop that has been produced here.

The peaches from the Ozark mountains seem to be most favored for export.

**Crippled for Life.**  
Hood River, July 13.—William Eccles, the 21-year-old nephew of David Eccles, president of the Sumpter Valley railway, and also of the Oregon Lumber Company, was horribly mangled in a sawmill here yesterday evening. His right hand was cut in strips and his arm may have to be amputated.

**German Society Event.**  
Berlin, July 13.—While the crown prince was riding from Potsdam at the head of the guards today, an elegantly dressed young woman carrying a baby, threw herself before the prince's horse. Asked what she desired, she said she was an officer's orphan, and that a prominent courtier had betrayed her, and besought the prince to compel him to marry her. Frederick William promised to report the case to the kaiser, and placed the petitioner in care of the chaplain's wife.

## U. S. SHIPBUILDING.

**Bureau of Navigation Reports New Vessels and Tonnage.**

Washington, D. C., July 13.—The bureau of navigation reports that 137 vessels of 51,807 gross tons were built in the United States and officially numbered during the month of June. The largest steel steam vessels are the Minnesota of 20,718 gross tons, built at New London, Conn., for the Great Northern Steamship Company; the Sahara of 5785 tons, built at Lorain, O., for the Globe Steamship Company; the City of Atlanta of 5,433 gross tons, built at Chester, Pa., for the Delaware River Shipbuilding Company, and the Martin Mullen of 4636 tons, built at Cleveland, O., for the Lakewood Steamship Company.

The bureau of navigation also reports that 1092 sail and steam vessels of 439,573 gross tons, were built in the United States and officially numbered during the year ended June 30 last, as compared with 1215 sail and steam vessels of 376,592 gross tons, built here in 1903.

**SITKA-SEATTLE CABLE.**

**Will Be 1100 Miles Long and Entirely in the Open Sea.**

Washington, July 13.—The cable ship Burnside, engaged to lay the war department cable from Sitka, Alaska, to Seattle, has reached a point several miles south of Sitka, according to advices received here, and the laying of the cable will be begun immediately.

This section will be 1100 miles long over the route which the cable is to follow, which is outside Vancouver Island, and entirely outside British jurisdiction.

The war department's proposed Sitka-Valdez cable is now being manufactured in New York, and will probably be laid late this summer. This cable is about 750 miles long. Nearly 500 miles of the cable have already been finished by the manufacturers and shipped by rail to Seattle.

**Murdered by Thieves.**  
New York, July 13.—George F. Abbott, aged 68, a junk dealer, and W. H. Vanhalster, his employe, were found murdered today in their dingy shop. The bodies indicated the crime was committed two days ago, by thieves.

**Giant Steamer Launched.**  
Glasgow, July 13.—The new Cunarder, Caronia, 21,000 tons, the largest steamship ever built in England, was launched today. Mrs. Choate, wife of Ambassador Choate, officiated at the christening.

## DEED MAY HOLD COUNTY SEAT

### UNION COUNTY DISCOVERS A NEW DIFFICULTY.

**Deed to Court House Property Provides That Grounds, Buildings and Appurtenances Must Revert to Original Owners When No Longer Used for County Purposes—Steel Vaults and Cells Cannot Be Taken Out of Buildings—Hannah Heirs Will Bring Action to Recover Property.**

La Grande, July 13.—A new phase of the county seat removal question now confronts the people of this county.

When the deed was made to Union county for the present court house grounds at Union, by Samuel Hannah in 1874, it stipulated that the title to the property should remain with the county only so long as it should be used as a court house site, but when it should cease to be so used, then it and all appurtenances should revert to the heirs of the Hannah estate.

Now that the county seat will come to La Grande, and the building on the Hannah property will cease to be used as a court house, the heirs have already begun action to recover the property and prevent the removal of the vaults in the offices, and the steel cells in the county jail, to La Grande, claiming that by the provisions of the deed, these are "appurtenances" and belong to the real estate.

Steel vaults and cells have been placed in the court house and jail at a cost of about \$25,000 by the people of the county and this new phase of the question has had a cooling effect on the enthusiasm over the county seat removal.

The new city hall at La Grande, which is to be used as a court house, has not been provided with vaults, by the builders, and this additional expense to be borne by the county may have some effect on the removal of the county seat, as the law prohibits a county from incurring more than \$5000 indebtedness.

The Hannah heirs reside in Baker county, where Mrs. Hannah married Joseph Kennison, after Mr. Hannah's death, many years ago, and has several living children from her union with Mr. Hannah.

## SLAUGHTER OF THE JAPANESE

### Unsuccessful Attempt to Capture by Assault a Strong Russian Position.

#### AFFRAY WAS ON LAND SIDE OF PORT ARTHUR.

Later Dispatches Announce the Possibility That the Same Stronghold Was Afterward Captured—Russian Dispatches Claim the Japanese Lost 30,000 Men in the First Assault—Japanese Are Making Material Progress Toward Investing City of Liao Yang.

London, July 13.—The Evening Star Tsin correspondent repeats the report that 1000 Japanese were killed in an unsuccessful attempt to take Port Arthur from the land side.

**Advancing on Liao Yang.**  
St. Petersburg, July 13.—The Gazette today reports that Japanese patrols have reached a point 12 miles from Liao Yang.

**Extravagant Russian Claims.**  
St. Petersburg, July 13.—The Russian general staff officially states that the Japanese attack on Port Arthur positions the night of the 10th were repulsed with enormous losses. It stated the casualties on the Japanese side were 30,000.

**Renewed Attack Successfully.**  
London, July 13.—St. Petersburg telegraphs a sensational rumor to the effect that the Japanese, after a terrible repulse Monday night, attacked the same Port Arthur positions with a new force and succeeded in taking them. The message concludes, "The rumor seems incredible."

**Five Thousand Homeless.**  
Berlin, July 13.—Five thousand persons are homeless and 400 houses destroyed as the results of fire in the town of Proszysuscha, Russia.

**JOHNSON RELEASED.**

**Not Clear That He Had Any Criminal Intent.**

C. P. Britton, alias Johnson, arrested on suspicion of uttering a forged check, was released by Sheriff Taylor yesterday on the advice of Deputy District Attorney Collier. He was said to have given Gus La Fontaine a check for \$10 on the First National Bank of Denver when he had no account there.

An investigation has convinced the authorities that the man had no criminal intent. He showed them that he had used the name of Johnson by permission of the man bearing that name, who is a resident of Portland. He also gave them names of people to whom they could write in his name for several hundred dollars, proving that he did not need to resort to forgery in order to secure money. The check will be sent East, and Britton says it will be cashed on reaching its destination.

**40,000 BARRELS OF FLOUR.**

**This Amount is Now Stored in Byers' Warehouse.**

The movement in this season's wheat crop has hardly started. At Byers' mill two loads of new wheat have been received. It will be a week or two before a line of teams attached to wagons loaded with wheat will be seen on the streets.

At Byers' mill 40,000 barrels of flour are on hand. Three warehouses are half full of flour at this time, while about half the space in another yet contains old wheat. The prices are low, but there is a tendency toward the upgrade. Several shipments of flour have been made to Portland recently by Mr. Byers.

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