#### Good Reports From Fruit. PORTLAND, Oregon, June 14, 1897.

WESTERN OREGON.

Weather.-Slightly lower tempera tures, with more clouds and a few spr nkies of rain, have been the weather characteristics for the week-Frosts were general the morning of 9th, which, in exposed localities, in jured tender vegetation to some ex-

Wheat, Oats and Hay .-- More rain is badly needed. The dry weather has mate lally affected the hay crop, especially clover and timothy, and the correspondents are of the opinion that not over one-half crop will be secu ed Haying has commenced, though the showers in the northern portion of the district have retarded the work. It can safely be estimated that the bay crop will be short. Rains, such as are necessary to improve the late hay, are not probable, hence no material improvement can be expected in the erep The area of killing frost is very small Fad and winter sown cats and when are very promising; without more rain they will make very good crops, and with rain the crops will be excellent Spring grain of all kinds is badly in need of rain. The showers were of benefit, but they were not heavy enough. Spring wheat, in a favorable year, yields from 20 to 35 bushelper acre; but this year, unless most Unusual changes occur, it will not yield over from 10 to 20 bushels, Spring oats should yield 40 bushels to the acribut if they give 20 bushels this year the present expectations will be re-

Small and Orehard Fruits.-Strawberries are about over. Blackberries and raspberries are ripening rapidly and both are full crops. Of cherries the May Duke is ripe; the Royal Anne and Black Republican are ripen ing rapidly, and before the current week closes the major portion will be picked and shipped. Some trees are filled with cherries, while others are only partially so. The cherry crop, as a whole is good; in some years better yields have been had, and in others much worse.

The prane crop now promises to be better than was anticipated a few weeks ago; the total prune product will be, from present appearances, larger than ever before, but the yield per tree; in some orchards will be less. The dropping which has been reported, appears to have ceased. The peach crop now promises to be very heavy; hand pruning is in progress. The apple crop promises to be fair; some varieties have all the tree can | bear; while some are light. Pears are almost the same as apples.

Hops and Gardens.-Hops are grow ing rapidly. The hop louse has appeared and spraying has commenced. The hop prespects are excellent. Gardecs are doing remarkably well. Petatoes, peas, beans, cauliflower, and other garden produce, are plentifus. Corn is making a much better growth than usual. Grapes also promise a heavy yield.

# EASTERN OREGON.

Weather. - Slightly warmer weather has prevailed during the past week The highest temperature was \$4 degreeon viriday and Saturday; the lowest 42 degrees, on Thursday, to the Columbia River Valley, and 34 degrees over the Plateau Region. In the latter section injurious frosts were general. Scattered showers occurred Sunday and today; but they were light.

Grain, Hay and Stock .- The lack of tain is being markedly shown. Fall and winter sown grain are heading, but the grain cannot be plump without more moisture. Spring wheat and cats are almost at a stand still, and will not make even good hay without rain. The cloudy weather has been of benefit, and rain would make an entirely new phase upon the conditions. Rath within two weeks will save the spring-sown crops. The prospects are still good for all grains, but they are becoming rapidly poorer, Rye is do ing well and will make a fair crop; the same for barley. Grasshoppers and squirrels are doing injury in Morrow county, and the farmers there are well nigh discouraged.

The hay crop will be good on irrigated land, but elsewhere it is poor Stock is in good condition. Large numbers of cattle continue to be sold and driven out of the state.

Fruit prospects continue to be good. Columbia River valley, and are ripering over the Plateau Region. Cherries are ripening in the valley.

The conditions can be summarized, briefly, as: Grain needing rain; fruit good; hay a fair crop.

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#### THE LILY.

dreamed that after wandering long I came To a dark garden with frail souls for flowers And sew the gentle lady we call death Pace to and fro. Abore each bloom she bent. Then passed. A shundrons say above her rolled Glood upon cloud, and from those human

Good upon cloud, and from those huma-flowers.

A tragic odor like exaction rose.
I followed in her steps, and now she toucked.
Some poppy that had been a dreamer fruit,
Or rose that was a passionate eastern queen.
But on a sudden I implored her hand
and abouid have fallen. From a lily near
What sweet and paining odor to my brain
Larted, with delicate, unhappy groul. Darted, with delicate, unhappy smell Of trouble old and gladness far away! knew more surely than from any face, More certainly remembered than at words And, slowly swooning, mid: "Tis she! "Tis

ahe!"
Then, looking to that lady cold, whose face
No sternness and no pity had, I said:
"Lady, this flower but a little while—
Oh, but a little while—has risen here. Oh, but a little while—has risen here.
Have a deep care of it. A small neglect,
A brief oblivious overburdens it.
For she that is this flower, and merely blows
Bo strangely elicit and so white, was used
To be much level and guarded whatfully.
Oh, from this flower be never far away!"
But she to whom I talked moved alowly on, And as I walked beside her I awoke.

—Stephen Phillips in Speciator.

# NOT UNUSUAL.

"Are you going out tonight, Phil?"

"And you will be late coming in, I sup-

"A wise supposition, that! Yes, I shall be rather late. What do you want to

Phil Greville glanced across the dinner table at his young wife somewhat curi-ously, and she, meeting his gaze, shrugged her shoulders without answering his ques-

"You needn't sit up for me," her hus-

hand remarked carelessly.
"Thank you. I suppose I can please

You generally to that, and you know well enough that I never lay down any special laws for you."

She looked at him, with a little smile sarving her lips.

'And were you to do so, do you think I hould obey them?" she asked.
"My dear child, I have never given the

abject a thought.

"But do you?" she persisted.
"Don't bother!"

"How very like a man to avoid answer ing a question by saying 'don't bother! the returned, laughing.
"And how exceedingly like a woman to

plague one with senseless questions? "You called men child just now," his wife remarked, rising from her chair and eaching across the table for a box of eig

"May I ask what you are going to do new?" Greville asked. You may ask certainly, but I can please

nyself about answering," she said and ck turned toward him.

'Excuse my smoking before you've finshed your desert," she said as she blew whiff of smake from between her red ps and turned and faced blue. He looked at her with a puzzled expres

ion in his eyes. "Since when have you learned that very charming accomplishment?" he inquired

She drew her presty brown together per-

"I'm really sorry I can't tell you, but I've forgotten how long ago it is. He gave a short length and watched her as she daintily flicked the right off her eig-

arcite, and he wondered why it did no anger him to see her smake, since usually abhorred to see a woman do so. It struck him also that had she done the ame thing a few months before it would

have called down upon her head his wrathful indignation, but now be felt totally indifferent as to what she might choose to do. It mattered to him less than nothing, tired of her. 'You don't object to my smoking,

Philis's his wife inquired, watching his face keenly. "It can't really matter much what I do-at least to you What a sensible remark!

"The truth is often that." She threw the eigarette into the fire and furned and soked at his handsome face half wistfully

"What a pity it is we ever got married! she cried, with a little break in her votes What an awful, awful pity!" Then sh ran quickly out of the room in an exceedingly undignified manner.

Phil Greville looked rather astonished.

'I wender if she meant u?" he solilo "She said it as though she did "And how jolly pretty she looked smoking that eignrette! I wonder why she did it? e thought it would stray me she was mistaken. All the same, I hate to see any weman smoke-it's vulgar and low though I'm banged if she didn't make the thing look downright well. I bet Jim Taunton would think so. Pour fool! He's desperately in love with her. What msand pities he didn't marry her! believe I wish he had. Still, if she wasn so confoundedly soft hearted she wouldn't be half bad, and she's uncommonly pretty at times. Jim Taunton told me he th she looked ill, but, then, he's so far gon that there's no accounting for what he does or says. Poor devil! It must be rather hard lines being in love with an other man's wife-not that it matters much nowadays, for it seems a fashlonable complaint." Here his reflection ceased, and he rese and left the room.

The sound of his wife's voice, singing an old fashloned song, reached him as he crossed the hall, and he paused for a few seconds at the drawing room door and lis

He hardly knew what prompted him to enter the reem, but when the slender, white gowned figure at the plane turned round he was standing by the fire, looking down at the glowing embers, and his wife's face flushed with pleasure as also came toward bim

It was something new for him to foin partment and reads as follows: her after dinner, and her heart gave a glad

leap, and hope seemed born within her As she crossed the long room, with the soft, subdued light of candles shining on her fair face and dusky hair, she made a picture beautiful enough to gladden any man's heart, but the time had gone by when her beauty had held Phil Greville spellbound and fascinated him as no other woman's leveliness had power to do. Strawberries are about over in the looked at her now with even pulses and cool, critical eyes and rather wondered why he had been so mad about her. After she was not any better looking than dezens of other women, he argued, and yet how Jim Taunton raved about her! But, then, Jim was in love with her, and be-well, he was not. \* \* \* A complacent smile stell over his face as he pondered thus, for he know how utterly and wholly she worshiped him and was abso-

#### THE CONJURER. lutely sure of her faithfulness, but not

would have put the thought away as be

against the manualpiece. "You know you don't love me. Phil.

shoulders.
"I do bore you, then!" she asked.

His wife's lips trembled and quivered.

wherever I go, though, of course, I'm not supposed to. Shall I tell you what It is?

that you are tired to death of me and re-pent your marriage from the bottom of

your heart. For once people tell the truth.

husband burst into a bolsterous laugh.

teresting news to tell me before I got

mon occurrence-not at all unusual.

shining eyes to his.

such an everyday thing. I heard some one whisper today that it was 'quite a com

"Let me have a good look at you. Phil," she said, tilting her head slightly

handsome face with a smile larking round

she whispered, "even when you are an

Greville made her a meeking bow, but

she only smiled that strange little smile

again and stood on tiptoe and placed het

you against your will for worlds. Goo

I smoked." She raised her pale little fac-

to his, but with a muttered growl is

"No, I'm banged if I will his you after

your remarks," he eried scaffingly, and strode out of the room with quick, angry

strides, banging the door behind him with

homeward a few hours later be had the

good grace to feel rather ashamed of him

muttered as he let himself into the house

himself one also.
"It's a pity she's so tender hearted," is

continued, hanging up his coat. "because

I'm really awfully fond of her, though I

stood looking down at her with a new and

his heart. How fair she seemed to hir

with the coarse, painted and berouges

A great wave of regret swept over lib

soul with overwhelming force. It seemed

to strike him how terribly he had neglect

ed her, how cruelly he had treated to

frail, clinging little creature, and he bent

down and gently pushed the soft scenter hair from her forehead and, pressed a rev

erent kiss on her smooth, rounded check but he drew back with a cry of terror

Her face was cold-toy cold-and the blood

He placed a trembling hand over her

heart. It was quite still-dendly, horribly still-and with a groon of agony he re-

parted lips did not answer, though a smile

Fulfilled the Law.

the funniest came from Waterford, Pulse

county, Ills., and is a model of comprehensiveness, if not of grammatical pre-

sion. It is on a file at the postoffice de

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Waterford, fulton

queer documents were furnished.

When it was first arranged for postmas-

seemed to freeze in his wins.

beart disease.

his passionate caresses.

for the dead -Queen.

vet cushions-how fair and fragile

"What a brute she must think me!" be

pushed her roughly away from him.

considerable gusto.

What a good looking buy you are!"

side and regarding his fair

"Please yourself."
"All right, I'll tell you then. It's only

stupld lot of questions.

once did the thought strike him of his craci reglect, which was killing her by toches. Probably had it struck him he He was only a poor little Frenchman, ing too trivial for his smart, up to date ti's worderful, world renowned circus. He did not notice that as she encountered his gaze all the gladness died out of her face, and he knew not that the caresallow little man of 50, to fall in love with pretty Nellie Waring, the principal bareless indifference she saw in it entered into her soul with intelerable angulah.
"I am not going to here you with my company for long." he said, leaning

Jack Thornhill was the big, hundsome

tropere attist.

Why don't you tell the truth and say you don't intend being bond by me?" she an-There was use man named Hayeraft, swered quickly.
"One doesn't always like to say what
one thinks," he replied, shrugging his tice of this at first, but one evening, when "You here me when you aik such a the bouquet a mained a bracelet ser with pearls and a note asking for a meeting at "Do you know what people are a great she went on slowly. "I hear it

an appointed place, Just set with to what he should do, and promptly to ceived the only advive the poor little man could think of giving-to similarge the This, Jack explained fellow to a duel. was impossible in England, bur said that the next best thing would be a thrashing, and asked his trand to accompany him to the place next day and "watch the per-

Don't they?"

She pushed her hair back from her forchend with a weary little gesture, and her "Yes, for once people have hit the mark nearly in the right place," he said, with

"Have you any more in up and flinging the pieces in his adver sary's face. Then be told him to "put his hands up, if he were a man." Haycraft was no coward, but he knew he was no match for Jack, so he stepped back. Is that interesting? I should have thought it drendfully stale to you who

have known it so long, and besides it is back a pace or two and drew a revolver, Jack sprang at him with his fist clanched and grasped the revolver. There was a She laughed softly and raised a pair of short struggle, during which they fell to gether on the ground. Then there was a report, and then Jack rose, breathless, leaving his opponent lying still and m tionless, with the revolver clutched in his

A very ugly rumor began to gain ground among the company, and all advised Jack to clear out of the neighborhood for a time. It was to the effect that Haycraft had sworn that Jack Thornfill had shot him and that a warrant was out for his arrest for attempted murder.

small hands on his great, broad shoulders. "Good night," she said. "I know you Jack's apparance on the trapeze was just before the Panjandrum's show, and it are longing to go, and I wouldn't keep was while the former was taking place that the little man noticed among And, oh, Phil, I'm awfully sorry dience one night, with his eyes fixed in tently on Jack, a barly inspector, whom he had seen several times in the town He at once went to Montmorenet and

told him that he intended making son small change in his tricks for that night. He stepped into the arena and was great was a great favorite with the audience

'Ladles and gentlemen, tonight I have Though Phil Greville's conscience wa se honor to present to your notice a trice which is new, all entirely. I was make a very minute one, it gave him little res that evening, and as he wended his way omelet cook in an socik 'at, cef any go tleman shall be sugged as to lend him m to the inspector and leading him, but un-willingly, into the areas sould a rear of laughter, "he will be so good as to assist and indeed, to do him justice, he though

'I borrow your scelk 'at, sare," the little man went on, taking the hat from the inspector's hand with a flourish, "and I breaks zeso two eggs in him as you see.

was too bad tempered to tell her so when He produced the two eggs, apparently from the victim's breast pocket. His eyes she told me what people were saying." He crossed the hall and noticed a streak of sparkled strangely as he went on, tapping the Inspector knowingly two or three light shining underneath the drawing room door, and, somewhat surprised, he Hines on the treast, where he heard the turned the handle and entered the room rustling of paper. Then he proceeded to break the shells and let the yolk fall into He paused on the threshold, and an exclamation broke from his lips, for on one of the lounges lay his wife, apparently in "Good heavens! What brings her here

at this unearthly hour?" he murmured and walked across the room softly and and apparently from newbors Now you must bold yer unaccountable tenderness stirring within under se at till they are quite burnt out The inspector took the paper as directed

in her childish white gown, with one arm and held it at some distance under the thrown lightly over her head and the hat till the last portion was consumed other lying carelessly on the crimson vel when the Panjandrum, ofter a few moon Her beauty struck him more forcibly than it had ever before, and he mentally and some cabalistic words, produced the omelet in a dexterous manner and show ed the hat uninjured. compared the pure, high bred face, which looked unnaturally paid in the dim light

While the audience was clearing outthe theater, the inspector remained smoot ing in the arena, when he turned round to faces he had seen at the music ball that Montmorenci and said:

pleasant at all, but I've got my duty to perform, and it must be done. There some of you people wanted for attempted murer and I want to take him away now It's Jack Thornhill.

a cigarette, stepped into the middle of the group and said Perhaps the gentleman, before he takes

our friend away, will tell us his authority

He put his hand into his breast pocket;

membered that her mother had died of then he turned pale and hastily felt in the He fell on his knees beside her silient ther ones, and, oblivious of the presence lady artistes, he used a bad word. form and took her little cold hands in his I've lost it," he burst out. warm ones, calling to her in wild accepts of despair to speak to him. But the softly

Before a new warrant could be obtain Haycraft had relented and confessed that he had shot bluself by accident.

seemed to haver round them such as one sees on a child's face when asleep, and the Nellie had been married; the world redarkly fringed cyclids did not quiver at nowned circus and entertainment came to Barchester again and the inspector came Through the cosement a faint gleam of to spend a friendly evening with the comlight shone pale and yellow, showing that a new day had dawned for the living and pany

In the course of conversation he asked Panjandrum if he could imagine what wherenpon the little Frenchman, with a shrug of his shoulders and a wink at his already pacified. ters to send in quarterly reports, many friends, answered:

"You used them to cook the amelet."-

# The Poker as a Text.

There was a little old woman in the city crop is a sared. of Glasgow who much admired Dr. Chalmers and diligently attended all bis ser mons on Sundays and week days, whether they were doctrinal or practical, theological or astronomical

to uplift human nature.

ject, the doctor and herself by so gross a materialization of the "moral lever, bursting with indignation, she asked:

poker?"-Pearson's Weekly.

### PAST DRIVING TO FIRES.

Counciman Gray shows his level enter (and only) presidigitateur, conjurat headedness when he objects to and sleight of hand artist as "Mentmuten taking hose carts to fires behind Still, it was rather impudent of him, a trucks at breakneck speed. The very haste may defeat the purpose hack rider. Poor Nellie teld him it could for which it is made by some accident, which is very liable to "Besider," she said, "there's Jank, 100 occur to the apparatus when a team is drove in a run over rough streets is all right, but there is alugand high cross walks.

Another serious objection to this to leave been of exement the duor for fast driving is the danger to life. Nellie and threat lean nets to her every and limb. Corners are turned as and limb. Corners are turned so ture, if you please. hastily that any chance passer by, either afoot or in a vehicle, is liable to be run down. Far better let the fire burn a few minutes longer than kill or cripple some person.

It is not only in taking appara tus to fires that undue and dangerous speed is exercised. We have seen several teams at one time driving through the business streets standing, and asked him of the note was his writing. He received the deflant the fire apparatus and therety selling as it was to an extra request to mind his own business. Jack answord this by tearing the letter cure the reward that is paid. This, too, when streets were crowded, and there was real danger of some one being run down, especially when tioned. Our young men are as corners were turned.

> Japan protests against the annexation of the Sandwich Islands. A feeble voice, A far mightier power-Great Britain - several months ago recognized the inevitable, and crawled into her hole. This acquisition will render the position of the United States impregnable in Pacific ocean naval affairs. These i-lands are the key to be ontrol of Pacific commerce. It would have been inexcusable to have allowed them to slip from our grasp.

The attention of fruit growers is called to the fact that in New York market evaporated apples which have been delet on wo si-slat trays sell at one-eighth of a cent per pound higher than apples evaporated on wire trays. Fruit which has been evaporated on galvanized wire trays is not available for ex port as the slightest trace of zinc on the fruit condemns it in Ger-

The weather is not of the most encorraging variety for the sweet girl graduate and her friends of the female persuasion. Rain and mud that are most emphatic in there the last and removed laughter at its own- do harmonize with the white mands for tariff discretization "Now you must cook 'em, but I not hurt zo 'at. I take rese two pheres of paragraphs," which he produced very quickly is greateful for is grateful for the rain and the goose becomes quinine and de girl- will heroically bless the cause of their discomfort and disappoint-

> The University of Oregon again sends forth a class to represent her in the busy walks of life. May they do honor to their alms mater and worthily take their places with the alumni that are filling positions of responsibility in all portion. of there are but five saloons the Northwest.

The rock crusher is doing good The Panjandrum, now quietly smoking work for Lane ounty roads. When this broken rock is hauled on the road it will stay where place! instead of shifting about and making "Cornainly, I have a warrant signed by depressions as is the case with

It is estimated that the uger tariff | gislation will not the trusts \$12,000,000. No wonder that they went deep into their pockets and Six months afterward, when Jack and brought forth stuff to spend for McKinley.

Spanish lawmakers are showing signs of a desire to embarrass Weyler by asking him why he wants the Panjandrum if he could imagine what had become of the warrants on that night. \$100,000,000 to pacify a people

> All kinds of growing crops have sixty million dollars a year. been greatly benefited by the rains and cloudy weather. An average

THE GYPSY BAND -Portland Tribune: The band of gypsies that have One day she went home in great per inflicted themselves upon the city for One day she went nome in great par-clexity. Dr. Chalmers had dwelt much the past ten days are now camped at on a "Moral Lever," with which he wished Carson Heights, just outside the city What a "moral lever" was the little old boundary line, near Riverview cemewoman could not divine. A friend took the poker and placed it on the bars of the grate, trying to realize the idea and make grate, trying to realize the idea and make my. Some their advent in South Port The little old weman paused, mustd and band they have captured that entire at last the fire burned. She bethought of section of the city and make house to the indignity done to the pulpit, the sub-house visits for donations. Between house visits for donations. Between thing it comes in contact with. relling fortunes (and a good fortune contempt proceedings. can be had for the reasonable sum of Do you mean to tell me that Dr. Chal- 10 cents), and stealing, the band apthere would preach for an hour about a parently are making a very comforts. of age today. The twelf-

COLLEGE SPORTS The following from the Yanhii

County Reporter may have a tedency to set people thinking about some of the so-called college spora "There is a prevalent sentiment

that our state schools and college are growing wild in the matter of physical culture. Physical culture danger of the sportive tendence pt ting uppermost, and then it be comes something else-brute of "The editor of the Dallas Oberne

was an eye witness to the field day exercises at Salem, and this is what he says: "The schools of long teach that the first requisite to six cess in life is to be a good animal We attended 'field day' at Sales Saturday, at which all the rate institutions of learning participaed. It was a sportive day, semal physical culture. That both ber and mind must be cared for, to a tain the best results, is not que indocile, and the state schools as fast teaching them to know how a unwisely lose time."

One bright gem of McKinley administration will be the ansention of the Hawaiian islands, his well that we have a statesman g the head of the government instal of an obtuse accident like the as that last occupied the White Hope M .Kinley's name will be remenbered by reason of the acquisiting these islands when all his other public acts shall have been to The Northwest Pacific Farms

says in all the struggles in congra for a high protective tariff one two of the representatives actuals stopped fawning after the rich or porations long enough to vote is an export bounty on staple agcultural produce. These represen tatives had best be careful; the might accidently help sgriculus along a little.

Perhaps you have noticed be the papers that how! loudest our foreign descrimination spin American products are the paper for the gander.

Several years ago Corvallis # long on saloons and shot a churches. In fact the town is quite a bad reputation. This is been reversed. Then the town is nine saloons and six church balk inge. Now regular services of held in eleven church edifice, si

Congress is still engaged figure out how a present of several ions of dollars annually on made to the sugar trust. McKing prosperity promises appar have had reference to the miss aire sugar men. As usual the #

ple will pay for it. President McKinley is sail have decided to count from the date of appointment instal from the date of confirmation, reckoning the four years term ! district attorneys, marshals a collectors of internal revenue.

Senator Cannon of Utah, istr duced a cill the other day props ing to pay an export bounty and farm products. The cost of 1 proposition would be a trife !

Oregon wool growers are getting tired of waiting for promised vances of wool. A sale of 58 000 pounds was made at Echo Eastern Oregon last week.

As usual Albany people he very little to do One of the employed counter fortyeen s valion nests on the brick l

By a peculiar reversal of natural order of things Aut p sugar seemes able to dissolvered

The Oregon State University COM MINIOS DI COL