

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

The business department of the WEEKLY GUARD is caused considerable trouble by correspondents addressing the proprietors personally.

ROPS AND PRUNES.

Yesterday's Salem Statesman says: Rops are holding up splendidly, and the choicer grades are selling very fast.

A BRAVE RACE.

The New York Press brings back to life the letter of Beverly Tucker, written from Canada in 1865, and charging President Johnson with having procured the assassination of President Lincoln.

It recalls Johnson's ambition, his natural revengefulness, notes the mortification of the last Lincoln inauguration day, when Johnson was so drunk and when he was directly snubbed by Lincoln; the killing of Booth, that dead men could tell no tales, and makes out a strong case that Johnson was the only person on earth who had a strong personal interest in having Mr Lincoln killed.

ELK PROTECTION.

The Sain Journal well says that the new law which prohibits the killing of elk for ten years, should be made perpetual hereafter.

It may have been this terrible slaughter of the beautiful beast that inspired the Astoria gentleman to introduce the law making it unlawful to kill elk.

three months, or both fine and imprisonment. It is to be hoped that at the end of ten years some legislator will have the time indefinitely extended.

PUBLIC KISSING.

The Astoria Tidings is somewhat disgusted with the abominable public kissing custom and is moved to make the following timely remarks on a recent display of the shocking nuisance:

The rigid rule has been laid down that Christmas boxes for the soldiers at Manila must not contain quantities of sweet things calculated to disturb the digestion of men living in the tropics.

The average yield of wheat in 1897 was: In the United States, 13.4 bushels per acre; in England, 29 bushels; in Scotland, 37 bushels.

The representatives elected to the legislature last June will get two whacks at the public crib—stationery, spatons, etc. The Albany Democrat remarks that it is not often that the same set of men pass two appropriation bills, but that will be done in Oregon.

The Kansas prohibitionists have played a unique character on their state ticket for governor, in the person of ex-Senator Peffer.

The Jacksonville Times says that one orchard in Jackson county paid \$100 per acre clear of all expenses and this the second year bearing.

A New Industry.

Albany Herald: Mr A Brownell today shipped to Fresno, Calif, twenty one boxes of moss, gathered around Gates, to a big nursery there to be used in shipping fruit trees.

Twenty pairs of Chinese pheasants will be shipped to Jackson county from the Willacette valley for breeding purposes within a few days.

A CAFFODIE'S SERMON

"Oh, daffy-down-dilly, the air is so chilly! How can you keep warm, you bright little thing?"

AN ESCAPE.

Major Owen passed almost with a look of relief down the steps from the crowded reception room into the garden.

So the major, who, though he had few ideas, was not an impractical man, suggested that he should take Christine into his supper.

"Well, yes," he said. "These lanterns and things aren't bad. If you get right up to the far end, you can hear the music—at least, not enough to matter."

"The passion deepened in her voice. 'You've been hiding in the garden with Phoebe Horton.' She tried to laugh. 'I thought you'd had time to explore it.'"

Freedom was at an end. His comfortable chambers, that early in the evening he had regarded as his permanent abiding place, now seemed the unsubstantial fabric of a vision; the breath of Hymen, and they were gone.

He waited, a perfectly ghostly figure, in the shops of fashionable milliners, feeling that every lady customer who entered regarded him as an insult and outrage.

Christine certainly behaved very nicely to him. He bought her a ring (diamonds and sapphires), and her reception of it gave him great pleasure.

Christine's progress during the last few weeks had been so rapid that she had not time to see her father or mother for her wedding flowers, which she could not bear to have in her room, or out of season fruit, which she was not allowed to eat.

By the time she had recovered her health her complexion was completely ruined with the indignities of a company, and she had to do something to please her father. It would be a fair trial, it would be a fair trial.

"But why do you go to Delaney?" he said. "I was going to have my portrait done, I had things to look at. Delaney always got men of that sort."

Christine's letter lay on the table. He took it up and read portions of it. "It was your impetuosity that drove me into it. I was frightened and hardly knew what to say and gave way."

"Did you go up to the far end just now?" asked Christine. "What do you mean?"

"Oh, come! One doesn't say those things for nothing." "Very well, then. For the last half hour you've been hiding in the garden."

"The Cardinals in the winter story of a first edition, from the 'Tome of Two Friends,' by William DeWitt Howells and John J. Westcott. It was published at Columbus, O., at the authors' expense, and financially it was a dismal failure."

Traveling in logs, he made his way through the forest, but when he came to a clearing he had no recollection of the spot and had never even heard of the 'Tome of Two Friends.' He did, however, dispatch a clerk to the city, and after some search the missing log was found. It had never been opened.

In the English official regulations it is stated that the mean extreme range of the Lee-Matford bullet may be taken as about 3,500 yards, although with a strong wind 5,760 yards have been observed. The bullets find their way through joints of walls unless the walls are made very fine and set in cement.

What 32 cents per bushel. A number of wild geese were flying over the city today.

Dallas Observer: "Mrs. Dora Cooper, of Independence, is teaching at Valley View, west of Saver."

Anderson Harlow informs us while he was at Brownsville Thursday night a young man by the name of Orrill was so diagnosed early in the evening, and died at 2. No one to be held.

Miss Mildred Watters, daughter of Rev and Mrs D A Watters was operated on at the Salem hospital Tuesday for appendicitis. She was operated on successfully and it is thought she will recover. The family formerly resided in Eugene.

J N Fell, ex-sheriff of Malheur county, and a prominent resident of Southern Oregon, died of paralysis at Vale Friday morning, aged about 56 years. He had been stricken six months ago, but had almost recovered, and was considered well, when he suffered the second stroke which ended his life.

The newspaper men were in favor of the state legislature. Snyder of the McMillonville Transcript, Moderator of the Juneau Times, Middleton of the Oregonian, Figg, an ex, and C J Curtis an ex, all have steady positions that will probably last through the regular session and several months after, all at about \$10 a day, a fortune in a newspaper man's life.

Our readers will remember of a gun accident, an account of which was given in the GUARD about three months ago, whereby Wm Yale came near ending his life by carelessly pulling a trigger from a wagon with the muzzle to his person.

The law passed by the legislature providing for the payment of \$150 per day to persons who attempted to enlist with the soldiers who went to Manila from Oregon, probably only includes those persons who were members of military companies before they enlisted or volunteered for the United States service. It will not include persons who attempted to enlist in the two batteries nor persons who attempted to enlist with the Oregon recruits who went to San Francisco later than the first shipment.

From DRAIN.—Waterman: Miss Laura Hyllion left on Friday morning's boat for a visit with her sister, Mrs B Strawn of Eugene. Rev T R Ford of Eugene, will lecture at the M E church next Wednesday evening on the subject: 'The Perils and Guards of Young Men.'

A WINDY SET.—Oregalis Gazette: "The Eugene GUARD is somewhat marred in its remarks about Lane county's venereal epidemic, Rev D Driver, about his 107 years as Senate Bill 78, 'To protect citizens from venereal attacks from the public press.'"

Shipping Muck.—We have heard a good deal of joking about Oregon muck, but it seems to us to be utilized at last. We mean the mass of the trees, not that of some of the natives backs.

Forty Years.—In conversation with T H Hendricks today he incidentally remarked that he arrived in the Williams valley at Pleasant Hill, Lane county, fifty years ago yesterday. He well remembers the day and says it was five days, Sunday and pleasant. He was a barefoot boy of ten years of age. There were few settlers in Lane county then, and very few of those who saw that pleasant day remain to enjoy this sunshine with Mr Hendricks.

Goodale's Mill.—J C Goodale was in the city today. He informed us that the shinglers were at work and that machinery were also putting the top circular saw in position and that sawing would commence again Monday. Since starting up the mill about 200,000 feet of lumber has been saved. He has just made a contract with the S P R R, to furnish the company with 500,000 feet of timbers. He expects his run of 3,000,000 feet of logs down in about ten days.

Angora Goats.—Geo A Houck of Monroe, now residing temporarily in Eugene, is making a reputation as a breeder of Angora goats. He has just received an order for his stock from Orland California. Mr Houck has about 600 well bred Angoras on his place near Monroe. He has made it a rule not to dispose of bucks until they are two years old, and his patrons never complain of their purchases.

Orator.—Eugene Lodge No 337, B P O Elks will observe memorial services on the first Sunday in December, as provided in the constitution of the order. Judge J W Hamilton of Reeling Lodge, has accepted an invitation by the lodge to deliver the memorial address upon the occasion. This is an excellent selection. The best of music will be secured.

Fifty Car Loads.—W R Cioe and J E Bratt, of Arkansas, who are here buying apple trees this is a great apple country if the trees were properly cared for and through spraying was indulged in. They have orders for 50 car loads of apples at fine prices. They are the gentlemen that purchased Mr Tallo's crop at 90 cents per box.

Globy Tickets.—Yesterday evening County Clerk Lee issued a marriage license to William H Gilsert, 28 years, and Miss Vera M Ishmed 28 years; Also this forenoon he granted a license to S E Markley, 28 years, and Trava D Drew, 19 years.

All Contract Let.—The mail contract for carrying the mail, twice a week between Cottage Grove and Anson has been let to J J Lane, for \$164 per annum. The mail will leave Cottage Grove at 7:50 a m, Tuesdays and Saturdays.