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A VOLUME OF POEMS .- Mrs. A. J. Duni ray has lately published a volume of postry the chief portion being the story of "David and Anna Matson," which is a very doteful tale, written in what the author mistakenly calls heroic verse. This book is well-printed and elegantly bound; the portrait of Mrs. Dunniway, as a frontispiece, is good, perhaps a trifle flattered. We are not disposed to seversiy criticise the verses because we have no time to carefully read them, though many may find them interesting. They show that Mrs. D. possesses literary ability of a diversified order, but the glimpse we have of them satisfies us that the author succeeds best in proce. What can be best told in prose should be sotold; the telling of an ordinary story in commonplace verse is not by any means postry.

Leigh Hunt says: "Postry is the utteranc of a passion for truth, beauty and power em bodying and illustrating its conceptions by imagination and fancy." "Its means are whatever the universe contains; and its ends, pleasure and exaltation." Milton describe oetry as "elmple, sensuous and passionate." " Pretry," mid Shelley, " lifts the veil from the hidden beauty of the world and makes familiar objects be as if they were not familiar." Appleton's Cyclopedia defines poetry as "imaginative composition in metrical or highly fanciful language." The highest order of postry the world has ever known can be found in the Sacred Scriptures; Homer has never been equalled by succeeding generations, and from his day down through the ages, to the advent of Josquin Miller, the great posts of the world can be easily counted and cannot be easily replaced. It would be discouragement to those of us who onally attempt verse, to be required to equal Bryant or Longfellow, but the field is open for competition, and also open for critiery planter should manage the orchard himself. As a branch of farming, it cism. Oregon-for a new State so remotely situated,-can take some pride in the renown of Joaquin Miller, who possesses undoubted though not always well-directed genius. We have also occasional flashes of postry man's pestime, never. There is no fortune in it to any one, however much figuring with pencil may promise. HENRY MILLER. from the pen of S. L. Simpson, whose genius however, sometimes falls him in the midst of effort. If he was capable of earnest study and continuous effort we could expect much from him. We would as freely accord praise to Mrs. Duniway as to Miller and Simpson, if her writings realised in any degree the standard we have quoted. Wherever Oregon developes talents we propose to recognize it, but with the kindest of feeling and motives we have never been able to recognize that this lady possesses any true postical ability.

The New York Graphic has a long review of " David and Anna Matson," and the only criticiam it makes is that it is a "sad story," and congratulates Mrs. Dunniway on having "got rid of it," with which we respectfully coineide.

For the Williamette Farmer. Old-Time Orchards and Orchardists. (Continued.)

### PLUMS AND PRUNES.

We next come to Plums. Twelve varieties were first cultivated, but of these we have discarded more than half, and have added instead fourteen or fifteen new names. These old names are out; Green Gage and Jefferson, two worthless little plums; Washington, now Yellow Gage; Red Damask and Sweet Damson are worthless; Smith's Orleans and Naup, good, but better are in their places; Bleeker's Gage is now the Reine Claude de Bavay. Many of these old varieties come yet to market. The best we have now are: Bradshaw, Peach Plum, Washington, G. Egg, Coe's Golden Drep, Reine Claude de Bavay. For Prunes, German, Italian, and Petite Prune d'Agen. Oregon is particularly adapted for plums and prunes; the trees are hardy, regular, and great bearers, and, with the present modes of drying, are a very profitable crop, and, so far, we have no curculio to blast our hopes, and hope we will never have. Plums are dried without pits, and of these stands the Peach Plum at the head. The plum of this name is no doubt the Peach Plum of the books and Eastern catalogues, and if its description does not in all respects tally with those of the Eastern fruit, it is because our climate and our soil are much more favorable for its development than those of the Eastern States. A few years ago, Barry, Downing, Hovey, and other authorities on fruit, during an inspecting tour of California visited many noted orchards and nurseries about San Francisco, and were astonished at the size of most of the fruits, and many varieties appeared new to them, though the trees came from their own nurseries. Our Royal Ann cherry they identified as the Napoleon Bigarreau. Royal Ann is not in Eastern catalogues. If our climatic influence can deceive such men, we need not wander at the differences between ours and theirs, and to this cause I would attribute the difference between the German prune trees that Mr. Settlemier received from the Eastern States and those raised here. We have undoubtedly the true German Prome, though the tree differs from its Eastern brother in stronger growth and less thorn. The prunes are dried

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and would require a mammoth drycan be made profitable; as a gentle-man's pestime, never. There is no hop-mekers are inclined to want their hop-pickers are inclined to want their dinners as well os other laborers; at the same time the loads can be taken to the dry-house as well as at night; in fact, most of hop-raisers dry their hops at night, as one flooring is able to hold what is picked through the day. Again he says: "You cannot have ten pickers in one header-bed, and pick clean"; this is absurd on the face of it. Furthermore, "You will have to pay the hands by the day";— This can be arranged, if there is a will. If one don't wish to pay hands by the day, the header-beds can be divided into as many parts as there are pickers; or divide the amount picked by the

number of pickers in each header-bed. I'll admit the header-bed system is somewhat novel in its character; still I hope this explanation will be satisfactory to my friend E. will conclude by saying that practical investigatians on farming (as well as in other callings) are interesting and profitable to farmers, and of such I ap-

prove when done with good motive. Irving, Lane Co. R. R. R.

DEBATING SOCIETY .- The New Era DEBATING SOCIETY.—The New Era Debating Society, under management of its efficient president, S. Johns, and the secretary, Joseph Parrott, is pros-pering. The last question discussed, "Resolved, That fire is more destruc-tive than water." The next question, "Resolved, That women should have all the political rights that men enjoy." Place of meeting, the school-house in New Era. Time, every Tuesday eve-New Era. Time, every Tuesday evening.



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### **GREGON THROUGH KANSAS** GLASSES.

Wathens Reporter, of Wathens, Kanses, of December 9th. It will be read with interest by our readers :

gon last Monday, and will probably make their Lome in Wathens. As we have been asked a great many times how Albert likes Oregon, we might say that he likes Khanas better. There are many things about Oregon that he likes and much that he delikes. That about her he likes best he bronght home with him. That which he dislikes is the mud. Boween the mud and the web-foot girls a now comer has no show whatever, so he hitched on to a duck and pad-died back to Kanass. In the same reason Ore-gon is a delightful country, especially for excur-sions mp into the mountains, where large numbers of people go to bant, fish, gather ber-rise, and improve their health. But the winter season is intolerable to those who are not accli-mated. It begins to rain early in the fall and continnes with hardly an internission all win-ter. The high mountains set as a condenser of the moisture in the warm Pacific winds and precipitate it back upon the valleys in deliures until the lowlands present the appearance of a saw become accustomed to it, and go on about their work the same as if it was dry and ploas-ast. There is little interruption of farm work, and people often plow wheat is the great runs, there is but one grade and one price. This year the price is 70 cents per bushel, and indeed many farmers make a fortune in a sincle mather able to hold on to their produce until there are many warticies of wheat sown, there is but one grade and one price. This year the price is 70 cents per bushel, and indeed many farmers make a fortune in a sincle meant ball to hold on to their produce until the price justifies them in selling. Lastyear, it was nothing nuusual to find farmer with 16. GOO or 0009 bushels of wheat on hand, having bed has provious year's crop over. Wheat has been sown in every shouth in the year and a pood crop gathered from it. The best farming index are worth from 500 to \$100 per acre, but induciof pooren qualities can be bought all the gon last Monday, and will probably make their Lome in Wathens. As we have been asked a <text><text><text><text>

We take the following about Oregon from the

J. A. Stewart and his bride arrived from Ore-

Rev. Richard Cobden, English author, died a few days ago.

yeast, if you have none, or how to make good hop yeast without any to start with, and oblige very much, Mrs. S. U. A.

WALLA WALLA, W.T., Jan. 1. MR. EDITOR: I notice in the FARM-ER of Dec. 22d that E. G. Noyer, of Howard's Mills' Clackamas co., wants-Howard's Mills' Clackalmas co., wants-to know where Poland-China pigs can be had. I would say that I have the pure blood, and can supply a limited number of pairs in the spring. Price, forty dollars per pair, boxed for ship-ment. ORLEY HULL.

## From Rev. Sylvanus Cobb. of Boston, formerly Editor of the "Christian Faceman,

Perman, Dear Sir-It may be some satisfaction to yon to be informed of the result of the trial of the Pratuvian Syster in my family. My daughter was brought low by a typhoid fe-ver lest Spring, and after the fever left her she continued very wark, and the simplest food distressed her. For months she re-mained in the same debilisted condition: but from the let of September list, when she commenced taking the Syrup, the digestive functions improved, and she steadily gained strenzth and viventy; and now, after taking two bottles, she is restored to a good state of health; indeed, she appears more really health; indeed, she appears Yours truly.

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