

ers in the Lewiston district expect to harvest from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000.-000 worth of fruit and other parts of northern and southern Idaho also report the outlook bright for big yields while indications are that Montana and Oregon will have larger crops than ever before. Fast train service between points in central Washington and St. Paul and Chicago is promised.

SPOKANE TO EXPEND THOUSANDS ON PAVING

Spokane, Wash .- Five hundred and twelve thousand dollars for paving 48 streets of a total of 10 1-2 miles in the western part of this city, is the amount involved in a contract just awarded to a Chicago firm. The city engineer's estimate for the work was \$599,000. This is the first division of 26 miles of paving to be awarded this year and is one of the largest single contracts ever entered into in the Pa-cific northwest. The company will install a plant and begin work in a short time, also making Spokane its headquarters for business in northwest . With the paving now in progress and that contemplated the city will be responsible for an improvement expenditure of \$2,785,526, while including the bridge work, to begin within 30 days, the aggregate is \$3129,898. Contractors and architects estimate that more than \$10,-000,000 worth of buildings will be erected in Spokane during 1910, as against nearly \$9,00,000 expended on new structures in 1909.

Wonderful New Palace.

St. Petersburg .- The czar's new palace at Lavadia, in the Crimea, will be a wonderfully beautiful building. It Dill be built entirely of Balaklava stone, which, when polished, resembles pure amber, giving buildings of which it is constructed a fairy-like appearance.

The new palace will be completed in 1912

The only part of the present palace which is to remain standing is the chapel, built about 100 years ago, and considered a masterpiece. Among other treasures this building contains an elegant marble cross mounted on a pedestal of Crimea porphyry, which was presented to the Czar Alexander II, by the workmen of Livadia as an expression of their gratitude for the emancipation of the serfs.

Farmers in the northwest, Mr. J. J. Hill told President Taft, "are a month ahead of time planting their crops, because of the fine weather.' And the fine weather, he did not add, la due to a republican administration and the Payne-Aldrich tariff law. Think what a backward, doleful spring we would have had otherwise,

Nature creates merit and fortune brings it into play .- La Rouchefoucauld

EXPLOSION BRINGS WIFE HOME loaded with household goods stop over in Madras every night.

driven to desperation.

Scranton, Pa .- Dynamite was re-Most of these continue on to south saved the government two cents sorted to by Michael Holostitch to ef- orn Crook and northern Lake coun- ink. Will you please add this to oct the return of his wife, who had ties, where there are still many secstrayed from the family circle. There tions of government land open to enre seven children in the family and try

when they demanded in chorus that While most of the desirable governtheir mother return. Holostitch was ment land in this section has been filed upon, the entires made with the

"During the last year, by omitt to cross my 't's' or dot my 'i's' I ha

salary? I am now using lead p cils down to one-half inch. I h in this way to save another cent. Lo live this economical administration "I am short of paper or I woo We are

write a longer letter. Following a quarrel, the wife had land commissioner at this place aver- year nearer the poorhouse."

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