The Gate Keeper

Conducted by E. L. Thorpe.

Report of State Grange-Reports-Work Done-Public Measures Approved-Grange Notes.

Four days at Hood River with the be sold to settlers at \$2.59 per acre. was attended by about 600 represent- over community property. ative men and women of the order. It was resolved that the acceptance of The principal social events were exem- fees by state officers was illegal and plification of the first and third degrees, action to recover was demanded. a welcome by the associations and people of Wasco county, observance of Memorial Day and a banquet of strawberries and cream. Three solid days following is a brief synopsis:

STATE OFFICERS' REPORTS. State Master Buxton in his report told of the effective work done by the grange through co-operation and spoke for extension of this phase of its activity. He also called attention to the organization as a factor in regulating legislation, and urged the members to work for measures to their common interest. In speaking of the State Agricultural College be declared its facilities and teaching corps should be enlarged to meet the need of a rapidly increasing attendance.

Mary S. Howard, secretary of the State Grange, reported the organization of 11 subordinate granges since last meeting. The total membership at present is 6465 in 18 counties, the increase in membership being 833 for the year. The receipts for the past year were \$4100.93. The expenses of the secretary's office amounted to \$404.78. Other expenditures brought the total up to \$3667.71. Total receipts and balances were \$10,027.79, leaving on hand \$6647.82. Of this amount there are unpaid liabilities amounting to \$3379.97, leaving an actual balance of \$3267.85.

Treasurer Hirschberg made his annual report of the financial condition of the Oregon State Grange as follows:

Total \$10,020	ARCEIPTS. ash on hand last report \$ 5,92 teceived from secretary 4,10	
Balance on hand \$ 6,376		
	Balance on hand \$ 6,3	6.48

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.

bear the full text of the law, and senti- for consideration at the next session. ment is against it.

A resolution was adopted appointing a committee of five to secure information on assessment and taxation and voted the sentiment of the meeting also approved : prison labor on public highways.

Thursday the grange held joint men rial service with Canby Post, G. A. R. The grange dead, in honor of whose memory the service was held, were Judge R. P. Boise of Salem: Mrs. Eliza Willins of Turner: Plympton Kelly of Evening Star: Mrs. Mary Walker of Albany; Albert McConnell of Mayville,

and Mrs. Iantha Kruse of Tualatin. The cash prizes for excellence in lodge work were awarded by the state master. the winner of the banners in five districts being: Evening Star Grange, Milwaukie Grange, Hope Grange, Oretown Grange, Blue Mountain Grange All of these granges were also awarded cash prizes also of \$15. Other granges years. also won smaller prizes.

The fifth and sixth degrees were conferred upon a c'a s of nearly 200 at an evening session, after which the entire grange partook of a strawberry festival in the opera house as the guests of the Wasco county members.

PUBLIC MEASURES.

Among the measures affecting the public welfare the grange goes on record as favoring a law which will place the inheritance tax in the common school fund. A resolution reaffirming demands for a parcels post was adopted. Another resolution favored employment of conviet labor on public highways.

A resolution from Lentz Grange, fathered by Rev. Hiram Vrooman, favoring a special grange tax commission, to study laws and methods of other states, said commission to be empowered to draft conslity laws, all at the expense of the State Grange, was defeated after a sharp debate. The grange opposed new laws on taxation, insisting that en forcement of existing laws was all that is needed. As a compromise, however, the appointment of a committee of five was decided upon to look into the question and report at next session.

The executive committee was instructed to examine all laws passed by the last legislature, and, if necessary, bring matters opposed by the grange to notice of the next legislature with request for

amendments or repeal. The grange reaffirmed its opposition to the Tuttle and Johnson road laws and authorized the state master to draft a road law requiring the state to pay 50 per cent of road improvements, the counties 35 per cent and road districts 15 per cent. The bill is to be introduced in the next legislature and its passage gene." requested. The state lecturer's suggestion of county trolley lines was in

Senator Bourne and Representative to secure justice to settlers in the matter favor of abolishing the 3 per cent rebate. of the Southern Pacific land grants, ex- The resolution was thus approved. tending from Portland to Marysville, Nearly 200 members were invested and demand is made that railroad lands, with the fifth and sixth degrees.

Oregon State Grange in an experience A resolution was adopted thanking no one should have missed. The sest the last legislature for passing the bill sion was one of the best ever held and giving women equal rights with men

INITIATIVE INVOKED.

Two initiative laws were authorized were devoted to business of which the and the executive committee was instructed to prepare them. The first came up in a report from the committee on education, advising the grange to to help settle the Normal school difficulty. It recommended the adoption of the state lecturer's suggestion on yes and no vote. A committee of three was also authorized to get information and facts relating to Normal schools from other states concerning learning and general educational systems and submit same to the executive committee as a help in preparing the proposed

Upon this question there was a difference of opinion between two state ofadvised the grange to take up a matter which the legislature had refused to settle. Mrs. Waldo said the people had been turned down by the legislature and state executive; that the grange represented the people and should give them an opportunity to have a voice in the matter. She said the grange was only an instrument and offered to personally raise the money to defray all expense of

The other law to be initiated by the grange was taken up on a resolution by A. I. Mason, and a measure will be submitted which will deprive the legislature of all power in repealing a law

made by the initiative. The committee on legislation submitemergency clause. It was contended room. W. S. U'Ren was the principal speaker that only copy should be necessary for at the session. He argued against a a person soliciting signatures and that proposed amendment to the initiative the state should bear all expense. It and referendum. The stand taken by was shown that if an emergency clause the grange is that the amendment prac- should be attached to any bill there tically makes the amendment prohib- would be no recourse, nor any danger for some seconds in silent bewilderitive, owing to the great expense it en. of loss by technicalities, and that such a ment. Then Mr. Traill rose and came tails and the fact that but 20 signers can |aw should be part of the state constigo on each petition, which must also tution. The matter was referred back

KILLED IN CONVENTION The following measures introduced by

report at the next meeting. It was members of different counties were not

To bring about the division of coundistricts.

To give the public full ownership and

control of railroads. Changing bylaws in regard to method of electing delegates and payment of

mileage. It is proposed to hereafter pay but 3 cents mileage each way. Changing the bylaws fixing tenure of ffice of delegates at two years; also to initiate amendments: also to raise sal-

ary of secretary of State Grange to \$350 To apportion state school money upor

the basis of attendance. To change duration of policies in grange fire insurance from three to five

To fix a compensation for the legis lative committee. That subordinate lodges retain all of

15°cents a quarter on each member. To give subordinate granges the power to initiate laws and measures independent of the State Grange.

nitiation fee, and pay State Grange but

GRANGE LEGISLATION. The following resolutions were adopt Opposition to any change in the Aus

ralian ballot law. Representatives to National Grange were instructed to vote for establish-

nent of a National Grange paper. Friday, September 20, was chosen Grange Day at the state fair

It was recommended that active w be taken up in several counties where most needed as an experiment in deputy work, and \$2500 was appropriated

The sceretary was authorized to have 650 copies of the session journal printed for distribution among the subordinate

Officers of subordinate granges are not to be elected successively for more than two years, and all changes in bylaws were voted down.

STATE GRANGE NOTES. The referendum upon the university appropriation by Linn county was sus-

tained by resolution approving filing of petition by secretary of state. Eugene was chosen as the next meet

ing place and State Master Buxton received a telegram from Mayor J. D. Matlock of that city, saying: "Congratulations and welcome from Eu

The committee on assessment and taxation submitted a report suggesting no change in the present methods of assessment. The question was vigor-Hawley were indorsed in their efforts ously debated, the sentiment being in

England before the Esmeralda was



THE START FROM WELCH'S FOR MT. HOOD.

The PILLAR OF LIGHT

By LOUIS TRACY.

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The child ran to meet her, and Enid, cers. State Master Buxton was op- flushed with excitement, began to exposed to any initiative law upon Normal plain that Mrs. Vansittart, was in bed school matters, while State Lecturer suffering from collapse and in a fever-Waldo favored such a procedure and ish state. The doctor's verdict was that she was in some danger, but would recover if carefully tended and

kept in absolute quiet.
"Is Constance with her?" asked Pyne.

"And where is Mr. Brand?" "He will be here soon. He asked me to call—and tell you—and Mr. Traill what had happened."

Enid's speech was not prone to trip. Pyne's eyes gleamed into hers.
"Mr. Brand asked you to see my uncle?" be said cautiously.

"Yes," she faltered. "Did he say anything else?" "Yes-cousin."

"Let me take you right in. I guess it would make a sensation if I-bere, Mamie, just hug Miss Enid good and hard for me, will you?"

The committee on legislation submit-ted a resolution to amend the initiative be accompanied the girl up the stairs and referendum laws by inserting an and threw open the door of the sitting

> "Here is somebody you want to see, uncle," he cried and rejoined the little "Hoo-roosh!" he yelped. "Now let's

> Enid and her father faced each other

do or say. This tall, stately man was one who should be dearer to her than any one else in the world. She was his daughter, yet they were strangers one "I-I"- How could she utter conventional words in such a moment?

Her lips quivered, and tears trembled in her eyes. Then he knew. The lace around her white neck was fastened leafed shamrock in emeralds. He looked at her with a profound reverence and caught her by the shoulders. "My dear," he murmured, "you are

"I am glad," she said and kissed him.

CHAPTER XIX.

WEEK passed. In the fickle memory of the outer world the story of the Gulf Rock lighthouse was becoming mellow with age. Men now talked of war in Africa, of the yellow peril, of some baccarat squabble in a West End club.

But its vitality lingered in Penzance. There were side issues which Pyne's device had kept from the public ken, but which the town's folk pondered Lady Margaret Stanhope, obeying her son's behests, tantalized her friends by smiling serencly and telling them nothing when they pestered her with ques tions-that is to say, she spoke not one word about the lady who was being nursed back to health in the lighthouse keeper's cottage, but filled their souls with hitterness when she hinted at marvels concerning Constance and

In such a small place, where every man's affairs are canvassed by his neighbors, it was impossible to prevent an atmosphere of mystery from elinging to Mrs. Vansittart. Again, the gossips were greatly concerned about Enid. For a young woman "in her position" to be engaged to an offiin the royal navy and admitted to the sacred ranks of the aristocracy was a wonderful thing in itself. But that she should be on open terms of the greatest intimacy not alone with the elderly Mr. Traill, but with his good looking nephew, even calling the latter Charlie and treating him as a near relative, was an amazing circumstance only surpassed by the complacency with which Lady Margaret and her son regarded it.

The actors in this comedy seemed to be sublimely indifferent to public opinion. That was the worst of it. Enid was escorted about the town by each and all of the men at all hours. she was at the hospital cheering Bates and Jackson or the injured people from the wreck, now arranging for the departure of some of the poorer survivors when they were able to travel, now flitting over to Marazion to see Jim Spence, and once actually visiting Mr. Jones, the innkeeper.

At last a part of the secret eked out. Enid went with her father to ask how Mr. Emmett, the sick chief officer, was getting on. They found him smoking the front garden of the house in which Brand had lodged him.

He started when he saw them ap proaching, and his weather beaten face puzzled look with which he regarded Enid one night on the lighthouse stairs.

Traill noticed the sailor's covert at her a slight color was visible through glances at Enid, so he said: "By the way, Mr. Emmett, you were on the Britannic when my wife and I, her sister and two children came to

"Vos sir" He named

During many an Atlantic crossing he candor. eyous journey when he, a boy who him. ad just joined the service, sat at their table, as was the custom of junior ofif a load were off his mind, and then, ficers in those years.

Mr. Traili smiled. He knew what

was in the other man's mind.
"Do you see a likeness in this young lady to any one you have ever having traveled from Boston as soon

known?" be asked. as the first tidings of the wreck reach-"Well, sir, I hope it will not burt ed her. your feelings, and it's a good many years ago now, but I could have sworn well. I must out with it. She is the living image of your wife."

"The association of ideas might prove helpful," she suggested, with a "Indeed that cannot burt my feelings, as she is her daughter." "Her daughter! Your daughter!"

gasped Emmett. A small serving maid with the ears of a rabbit was listening spellbound at the open window. Here indeed was a clably. choice tidbit for the milkman and the postman and the butcher's and gro cer's boys. From this lower current the stream of talk flowed upward until it reached the august drawing room of

Mrs. Taylor-Smith. She drove in frantic haste to Lady Margaret's villa and fired questions

"Oh, ves." said Jack's mother suavely. "It is quite true. Of course I have known it from the first. According to present arrangements, the marriage will take place in the spring. Enid's marriage settlement will be nearly a quarter of a million." Like most women, she loved that

word. A million, even in fractions, is so glib, yet so unattainable. The only person who was slightly dissatisfied with the progress of events

was Pyne. Constance never appeared. She shared with Mrs. Sheppard the care of her mother. Enid, blithe and guileless in the public eye, did the housekeeping and represented the

its to the hotel, remained invisible. He did not mention Mrs. Vansittart's name. He was pale and worn, a man at war with himself. The young Philadelphian-for Pyne's family home was in the Quaker City, though his estate lay principally in New York-was not leased by the slight signs perceptible behind the screen of Brand's reserve.

"Constance takes after her father," he told himself. "There may be trouble about her mother. In the scurry I may get left. I must think this out." shine when Enid announced that the uvalid by the doctor's orders was car-

"Has Mr. Brand seen her yet?" asked 'No." replied Enid, with a little

cloud on her fair face. "He never mentions her. And how we wish he would He is suffering, but keeps silent, and neither Constance nor I can make any "But what will be the outcome?" "How can I tell? That night after

we left the botel he told us the story his married life. It did not seem be utterly impossible to straighten matters, but we knew nothing of her career during so many years. Was she ther. He believes she was, but is not certain."

"Father" was Mr. Traill; Brand remained "dad." Thus did Enid solve the difficulty. "Is she aware that Constance knows

she is her mother?" "We think so. Indeed we are sure. She has been so ill and is yet so fragile that we dare not excite her in the least degree. So Constance has been very careful, but every look, every sylole, shows that her mother is in no

"It's a pretty hard nut to crack," said Pyne. He blew clgar smoke into rings. Seemingly the operation aided reflec-

weather is fine tomorrow do you think Connie would come out for a drive?" "I don't know. Certainly she needs some fresh air. What between her

anxiety and her mother's illness they are beginning to look like sisters. "Just mention to Connie in her father's presence that if the sun shines at 11 I will be along in a dogcart. Mrs. Vansittart will be downstairs by that time."

you just find an errand in town. Rope Jack into the scheme or any old dodge of that sort. Take care Mr. Brand knows of it. By the way, send Mrs. Sheppard out too."

"What in the world"-"You're just too pretty to think hard, Enid. It causes wrinkles. Do as I ask, there's a good girl."

Enid was delighted to find that Brand strongly supported the suggestion that Constance should take the drive. Pyne, sharp on time, drew up a smart pony in front of the cottage and did not twitch a muscle when Constance, veiled and gloved, ran down the pathway.

"Excuse me getting down," said Pyne. "I dispensed with a groom. guess you know the roads round here. She climbed to the seat beside him. "It is very good of you to take this she said, and when he looked

"How is cour mother?" he asked ab-

be acknowledged with such sudden

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"Please, sir," she said, "the lady says she is anxious to see you."

He walked firmly to the door, opened It would be best to ask his wife to discuss matters in a friendly spirit and for their daughter's sake agree to some arrangement whereby Constance secret had been well kept. It was known only to those whom they could trust, and they might part without heartburnings, while Constance would be spared the suffering of knowing that her mother and she were sepa-

These things were well ordered in his "She was a young, nice looking aunt, brain when he looked at his wife. She too," he said cheerfully. "And I was

Still she said nothing.

was seated near the window, and her

They shone with the dumb pain of a

and for whom he had suffered.

Still she said nothing. Her large eyes

gazed up at him as if she sought to

read in his face the thoughts he might

not utter, the memories be might not

mouth twitching at the corners.
"Nanette," he said again, though his

him, "I appeal to you not to give way

to-to emotion. You may-become ill

Still clinging to his hand, she sank or

"Stephen," she whispered faintly, "I

cannot ask you to foret, but you have

spoken of forgiveness. Can you for-

He bent over and would have raised

My poor wife," he murmured, "who

"But," she panted in that unnerving

whisper, "I treated you so vilely. I

fought to save me. I deserted my hus-

band and my child for the sake of the

money he bequeathed to me. In the

out of my heart. And now that God

has humbled me I must humble my-

self. Stephen, I am not your wife. I

"Nanette," he cried, "L cannot bear

to see you kneeling at my feet. I ask

no revelations. I forgive you any

beautiful womanhood. I meet my hus-

band, whom I might have loved and

into which my neurotic impulses drove

The bitter self condemnation in her

voice was not deflant, but subdued.

She had traveled far in spirit through

the vale of tears since the Gulf Rock

Though she asked a question she

seemed to expect no answer. Brand,

was still looking through the window

and watching the steady churning of

the tender toward Carn du and thence

"When I entered this room," he said.

I meant to avoid a scene which must

have been as exhausting to you as it is

painful to me. Yet as it happens it is

well for both of us that you have lifted

the veil from what has gone before.

"Tell me what you wish to do.

"Don't you think it will be better if

we defer a final settlement? You have

'No, Stephen. Speak now. I will not

Now it should be dropped-forever."

barred her onward progress.

onored, patiently following the path

ber. She clung to him with such en

am I that I should deny that which

hope to obtain from my Creator?"

left you to join the man you

ergy that he desisted.

obtained a divorce"-

was too deep for such kindly aid.

recall. Her lips distended. He saw her

wounded animal.

touch of her old manner. "That is what struck Elsie," he admitted. "She said she didn't know why I couldn't marry Aunt Louisa right off, and then we could all live together so-"Oh! And what did the lady say?" "She thought it was a great joke un-til I said that unfortunately I had made other arrangements. Then she guessed her nieces had got a bit out of

"Have you seen the poor fellow whose arm was broken? Haid has not had a moment to give me details of

"That's all right," he announced, as

Elsie and Mamie had quitted Pen-

zance the previous evening, an aunt

powerful fond of those two kiddles."

tertained her with the news.

From that point their conversation dealt with generalities. Soon the girl perceived his intent. His sole desire vas to place her at her ease, to make her realize that no matter what troubles life held they could be vanquished if faced with a smile. She responded to his mood and enlivened the drive with comments on the people they mgt and the houses and villages they passed. For two hours the world went well because it was forgotten.

Enid, the conspirator, waited until the pair in the dogcart were out of sight. Then she went to the little room at the back of the cottage where Brand pretended to be busily engaged in compiling a scientific account of his auri-

"I am going out, dad," she said, trying to appear unconcerned. "All right," he answered, laying down his pipe. "I only came to tell you because Mrs.

Sheppard is out too." Obviously Enid was determined that if Pyne's calculations were worth anything they should have fair play.

"Oh," he commented sharply, "but the maid is in?" "Yes. She is such a stupid girl in some things. If-if our guest rings you will hear her. Would you mind asking Mary what it is in case she gets mud-

He glanced at her. She was pulling on her gloves and vastly bothered by a

refractory button. "If I bear the bell I will inquire," he said, and she escaped, feeling quite

When he was alone he did not resume his task. In the next room, separated from him only by a brick wall, was his wife. A wall! Why should there always be a wall between them? It was not of his building. Had she made it impassable during the long years? And what would be the outcome now that Constance was in daily communion with her mother? The doctor in kindly ignorance had told him that Mrs. Vansittart was convalescent and would be able to travel in a few days. In response to a question the

doctor added that the lady herself asked when she might be moved. What was her plan? Mr. Traill that day had written him a sympathetic letter, mentioning the fact that Mrs. Vansittart had voluntarily rescinded her promise to marry him and indeed. judged by the light of present knowledge, had determined on that course since she first knew that her former

ousband was living. Suddenly Brand pushed back his chair from the desk at which he sat. "The young dog!" he growled. He

"Say, Enid,' he went on, "If the had, in fact, followed the exact mental process which Pyne mapped out for The letter, the drive, Mrs. Sheppard's absence, Euid's uneasy wriggling at the door, were all parts of an ordered plan. He was to be given an opportunity of seeing his wife and disentangling the twisted strands of him. Stephen, do you think my punish twenty years. He rose impatiently and | ment is complete?" paced the room quietly withal lest the roman in the next room should hear him. A decision had been forced on

him. He could shirk it no longer. "Pyne has contrived this," he mut-"He thinks he can see more clearly into the future than a man twice his age. Enid is in the plot too. And Connie! No, not Connie. Dear heart! She is worn with anxiety, yet she has never once mentioned mother to me since she carried her in-

to the house like an ailing child." with the problem. See his wife he must and before she quitted Cornwall. Was it advisable in her present state of health to take her by Pyne evidently thought so. And the doctor! Good heavens! Was the doctor In the thing too?

At last be tugged at the bell. "Mary," he said, "ask Mrs. Vansittart if she feels able to see Mr. Brand.' There: it was done.

already taxed your frail powers be-Mary, rosy cheeked and soft vond their limit." speech, dreading only Mrs. Sheppard's matronly eye, knocked at the door of faint nor yield to weakness. I will the sitting room. He heard her deliver live. Have no fear. Death does no his message. There was no audibl come as a skillful healer of the wound answer. He was lamenting his folly, ed conscience. It may be sought, and I hoping against hope that no ill results have thought of that. But Constance might be forthcoming to the invalid would suffer, and if it will spare her thus taken by surprise, when he caught pain I will endure to the end. Surely I She did not expect the relationship to Mary's formal "Yes'm," and the girl owe her that reparation. I committed

Every Man His Own Doctor.

The average man cannot afford to employ a physician for every slight ailment it and entered. He had made up his or injury that may occur in his family, mind what to say and how to say it nor can he afford to regiect them, as so slight an injury as the scratch of a pin has been known to cause the loss of a limb. Hence every man must from should see her occasionally. There necessity be his own doctor for this class need be no tears, no recriminations, no of ailments. Success often depends uppainful raking through the dust heaps on prompt treatment, which can only of the vanished years. The passion, the be had when suitable medicines are agony, of the old days was dead. Their kept at hand. Chamberlain's Remedies have been in the market for many years and enjoy a good reputation.

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owing described real property, to-wit: Southwest quarter of 'northeast quarter and He walked toward her and held out bis hand. Her illness had brought out bis hand. Her illness had brought out northwest quarter of southeast quarter Sec. 36, certain resemblances to Constance. T. 1, N. R. 4 E., Mulinomah county, Oregon. She looked younger, as some women do look after illness. Surely he could not, even had he harbored the thought, use cruel words to this wan, stricken I will on Monday, the tenth day of June, 1907,

use cruel words to this wan, stricken woman, the wife whom he had loved county court house in Portland, Multno "Nanette," be said, with utmost gentleness, "do not be distressed. Indeed n hand, all the right, title and interest which the within named defendant had on the twenty-fourth day of April, 1900, the date of there is no reason why our meeting should be painful. It is better that we should have a quiet talk than that we the judgment, or since that date had in and to should part again in anger and bitterthe above described property or any part
thereof, to satisfy said execution, judgment

R. L. STEVENS. Sheriff of Multnomah county, Oregon ns & Emmons, Attorneys.

moral suicide once in my life.

olce was not well under control and The fixed plan of the study, with its omething rose in his throat and stifled carefully arranged phrases, was not so readily acceptable to the man now. What would become of his wife if he again-and I would never forgive mydrove her forth this time of his own accord to live in mournful solitude brooding over a wasted life and look her knees by his side. But there was no wild burst of tears. Her sorrow

from her daughter?

A host of impossible ideas jostled in his brain. He strove desperately to settlement which appealed to him as the fitting one, but his soul revolted from the notion of formulating a decree of banishment against this ethereal, ghostlike creature who had been thrust back into his very keeping from out the heart of the storm

conflict in his eyes belied the calm gravity of his words. "Perhaps you are stronger than I." he said. "We must meet again, tomorrow or next day. Some of young people will be returning soon If you wish it I will not tell them I

have seen you."

He stood up and faced her, careless

"It is for you to decide, Stephen." She seemed to be quite hopeless, re signed to any twist or turn of fate the spectacle was torturing. He had never understood her as a bright young girl and a bride of nineteen. He did not understand her now. A man of his oaklike qualities could not grasp the nature of a woman who bent as a reed before each puff of wind.

It was hard to utter even a cor place farewell. She held him by her very helplessness. But the rapid trot of a horse caught his ears, and while he stood irresolute he saw Constance alighting from the dogcart. His wife looked out too. They heard their daughter laughingly regret that she could not ask Mr. Pyne to luncheon-meals were

rregular events just then, Brand felt a timid hand grasping his and a choking sob proclaimed that Con-

stance's mother was crying. He stooped with a motion that "Don't cry," he said. "I cannot bear

"I can bear anything, Stephen," she sobbed, "if only you will let me stay

"Do you mean that, Nanette?" he gasped incredulously. "I have prayed, yes, dared to pray, my child. She has brought us together again. Let us not part, for her sake and for mine, Stephen, if it is not

den path, could not believe her eyes when she saw her father lift her moth-

er into his arms and kiss her. TO BE CONTINUED.