THE ORCHARDS

Are Now a Panorama of Horticultural Beauty.

STRAWBERRY NOW QUEEN

Orchardists of Rogue River Valley Now Reveling in Anticipation of Abundant Crop.

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started for the Applegate.

did strawbery patch and orchard on gredients of excellence in any line. after the Bampbelli method.

of grapes each season. He is con- railroad, at a garden home owned by Dgo. Scotch Dance. vinced from experience and store of M. A. Mitchell. observation that granite land is the The Mitchell place is truly a wonequal of any other for the culture of der, and beyond the descriptive faucy froits, the only requirement being in of either the poet or novelist. Nestled Pegasus Galop tense cultivation. His prunes, pears between two hills, where nature has and apples are unsurpassed in the spread a verdant canopy over a happy and apples are unsurpassed in the spread a verdant canopy over a happy valley for healthy growth and pro- home, is a fertile little fruit form

proceeded to Murphy and on up the of a granite hill, the incline of Appleagte passing the large Carson which is greater than the roof of the vineyard, which is looking fine this average house. And again, this season. When the party reached the pretty garden home is devoid of S. H. Cook ranch there was a royal either hoof or horn. All of the tilwelcome. That Mr. Cook is thoroughly lage is done by hand and the industry acclimated to Southern Oregon is at expended has frigthened every weed tested by the fact that he has been from the place. Here are grown in imbibing the sunshine, invigorating profusion not only pears, apples. ozone and clear water from the peaches and grapes, but strawberries, mountain peaks of the Pacific coast Logan berries gooseberries and grapes, for the past 40 years. There is a besides all sorts of vegetables. The grape vine in Mr. Cook's front yard strawberry patch is on a side hill so which is a foot or more in diameter steep that an angors goat would at the trunk and has been trained wink the other eye and go around over a trellis for more than 100 feet rather than climb it. The product of this one vine is from

and a spot which might easily inspire sold for within the next five years. new camp, Sunday evening after hav-

the artist or the writer of song. It is one of those homes which typifies the civilization and culture of the Rogue AND VINEYARDS river valley and beckons the lover of art and beauty to come and dwell among us.

On our way home Mr. Sherman suggested a brief tour for the following afternoon which would take the press gang northwest of town and accordingly at 1:30 Monday afternoon Olding's Maxwell carried us to the plant of the California Pine Box & Lumber Co., where the foreman of the factory and Capt. Robie, the manager showed the coterie a plot of Japanese clover, something entirely new and which promises to become an important forage plant in this section because of its great nutrition and its value as a fertilizer of the soil. This plan promises to become an important factor in the dairy industry in Southern Oregon.

The newspaper "frat" of Grants farm of C. Ferdine, just beyond the Pass is not, essentially, a coterie of race track where we found the lady millionaires, enjoying prominent of the farm and a young man picking popular and influential men in the representation on either Lombard or strawberries for the market. This was southern part of Josephine county, was Saratogs. Neither is the wish father and when Mr. Ferdine began setting vicioums bull belonging to Thos. to the thought, but when someone out grapes and strawberries there a Gilligan, near Deering last evening. lights the pipe and talks about di- couple of years ago, he failed to heed vers things collossal, this protege of the admonition of these was said "its ing from his mine and at the time of land papers. New England journalism who have only a waste of time and money." the accident was crossing Gilligans' heeded the admonition of the sainted Well, today, there are over 95 per cent pasture when the inforiated animal Greeley-"Go west, young man," of the grape vines growing, right in attacked him. Had it not been for etc. some of us are from the state of the granite soil and without the aid of the timely arrival of Mr. Gilligan irrigation.

As before indicated there is a meter | The next place visited was a luxuri- be near by, and fought the bull away, on the bank account, but, aroused by ant little garden owned by H. Hulbort, Mr. Webb would, in all probability the stories of the orchards, vineyards over in the granite hills some four or have been gored to death. A physiand strawberry patches of the county, five miles west of town, a veritable cian had not arrived at the time this they were bound to test of the pud- oasis, where few men might have message was mailed and it was imding and so, chartered a couple of thought to have cultivate, the soil possible to know how seriously Mr. automobiles at Olding's garage last with any hope of remuneration. Webb had been injured. His many Sunday afternoon and, accompanied However, Mr. Hulbert, in his earlier friends in this vicinity will await by W. B. Sherman, the Tokay man, life, became addicted to the news- further news of the accident with inpaper babit and during the spell terest. At H. E. Getbing's some four miles learned that perseverance and intensouth of Grants Pass, we found a splen- sity of purpose are the essential in-

purely granite land, which in the The application of this same indusearlier history of Josephine county try has transformed a portion of Mr. the wiseacres said was nil. Despite Hulbert's farm, formerly a forest upon this "knock" Mr. Gething realized a granite hill, into a prolific garden. \$250 off one quarter of an acre of straw- His strawberries, Logan berries, black berries last season and his faith is berries, Phenomenals. Queen Ann such that he has planted four acres cherries, grapes and other fruits were moreon the same kind of soil, though a vivid picture of the fruits of industalented young music teacher, present-he does not employ either irrigation try and a fertile soil. Mr. Hulbert ed her elder pupils in a splendid piano or fertilizer. Mr. Gething is one of was most courteous in giving out in recital at Redmen's hall Tuesday eventhe most thorough fruit farmers in formation relative to both the soil and ing, and was greeted by a good attendthe county; he believes in frequent culture of fruits. He is a man of ance. cultivation and the elimination of more than average horticultural know- throughout' is the verdict of competent weeds, in fact he says that there is ledge, and in fact his experiments critics who attended. The renditions not room for weeds and strawberries have in fact attracted the attention of or other fruit on the same plot of the agricultural department at Wash-creditable to both teacher and pupils. ground. He conserves the moisture ington. His concord grapes last sea- Following is the program, which was by frequent and shallow cultivation, son are said to have been the best a sequel to the one given by her junior grown in the valley.

duction, and this on what is called of berries, apples, pears and peaches, of some 20 acres The greater por-From here the diciples of the press ton of this little farm is on the side

After seeing Mr. Mitchell's fruit a ton to a ton and a half per season. farm the most skeptical will be com-And this is not all for Mr. Cook's pelled to admit that there are at least front yard suprorts a cherry tree 100 a half million acres of land in Jose- east of Grants Pass, recently opened torrid rays of Old Sol, but should excite the muse of the poet.

The soil here is both granite and black loam, the product of which has defed the tests of the skeptic who was frightened by the first suggestion of granite. Mr. Cook's home is a veritable haven of rest for he and his estimable wife in their declining years, and a spot which might assily inspire.

Was n. g., but the newspaper bunch after a fair and impartial investigation of its tillage and the various products which it is equally as good as the red land and for general gardening at the Layton hotel of this city, and his protested to January 3, 1906. Interest brother Dan, who are brothers in law of the Harrison brothers, discoverers are thousands of acres now that may be had for less than half what it will be had for less than half what it will be had for less than half what it will be had for less than half what it will be had on the city treasurer's Notice.

City Treasurer's Notice.

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L. R. Webb Attacked in Pasture at Deering.

The Timely Arrival of Men and Doge Only Avert His Instant Death.

Waldo, Or., May 17 .- Special to the Courier .- L. R. Webb, one of the most

It appears that Mr. Webb was returnand a Mr. Albright, who happened to

On inquiry Friday forenoon we learn that the condition of Mr. Webb is not serious.

MISS ETHEL PALMER AND PUPILS GIVE RECITAL

Miss Ethel Carolyn Palmer, the "The program was good were much enjoyed and were highly pupils a week ago Tuesday night:

.. Leilah Caidwell

Valse D Fint Doo, Ganzonetta

Duo, Gauzonetta
Cora Feizner, Mies Palmer
Hongarian Rhapsodie No 12.
Alma Wokle
In about three weeks Miss Palmer expects to risit at various points about the state for a month after on coast After that she plans on going to New York City to study

\$2,000 A DAY TAKEN **OUT ON WILLIAMS CREEK**

Harrison Brothers and Others Stake Out Dozen Claims in Past Week

ing spent a couple of days at the dig-gings. Both brought in some fabu-Roth had lously rich specimens. Both had been over the grounds now being worked by the Harrison and Jones brothers and confirm all the exciting reports heretofore brought in from

Frank Johnson in a conversation with a Courier representative Monday morning, said that the Harrison and Jones boys, between them are now taking out from \$1000 to \$2000 per day of almost pure gold. Thursday of last week Robert Harrison, senior mem-A PROMINENT MINING NAN ber of the Harrison brothers, took out one pan of dirt which yielded \$600. While this is a small pan compared with some they have already taken out, it is a sample of almost daily occurrence and ought to be sufficient to startle the average miner if not the general public.

> Ten or 12 claims have been staked off in the new camp within the past week and the indications are that a

FIRE FIEND AGAIN VISITS GRANTS PASS

The Flour Mill Burned Early Thursday Morning Entailing A Loss of \$10,000.

A disastrous fire about 3:30 yesterday morning completely destroyd the flooring mill to the west part of town, belonging to H. A. Corliss, entailing a loss of \$10,000. The fire was well under way before discovered and the fire department in spite of strenuous efforts, was powerless to save the building.

The mill was erected about two years ago and after running but a short time was shut down, owing to a shrinkage in the volume of business, and has since been idle.

The origin of the fire is unknown but it is supposed that the building sought shelter there for the night.
It appears there was no insurance on the prop rty and hence the conflagration results in a total loss. The plant was finely equipped, and in fact is said to have been one of the best mills in the content of the conflagration mills in the state.

Mr. Corliss, who was the principal owner is engaged in mining operations on Galice, creek He was in the city yesterday and says that the plant will

of the laundry and the flames got a follows: good start before it was discovered. stroyed, together with a greater part of the contents. The unoccupied frame structure adjoining the laundry on the south, owned by Roy Wilson, was also destroyed. The Wilson building carried \$500 insurwhich she will spend a month or two ance. The origin of the fire is un-

Presbyterians Call Rev. McLean.

Bethauny Prebstyerian church has Tresham; time, meroing.

extended a call to Rev. Robert Me-Lean to become its pastor, a special meeting of the congregation being held Thursday evenning for the purpose of voting on his name. Rev. McLean was the first pastor of Bethany church and continued his labors for II years, then taking the pastorate of the Third Presbyterian church at Portland for the past six years he Excitement in the new gold camp has been engaged in missionary work on Williams creek, a few miles south- in Porto Rico with splendid success, but the health of his family necessiinches in circumference and 50 feet phine county susceptible to cultiva- up by the Harrison Brothers, con- tated his leaving the work. The high which, produces more than a ton tion, and which will produce fruit of tinues and the volume of yellow metal call has been wired to Mr. McLean at of fruit each season. This graje vine whatever variety the horticulturist being taken out is daily increasing. New York and an answer is expected and therry tree are perhaps the largest may choose to plant. In time past The actual facts relative to this new shortly. Mr. McLean is one of the and most prolific bearers in the Rogue most people, those who have lived discovery are almost unbelievable, most prominent ministers of the de-River valley. There are other cherty here for years as well as the new and should the same amount of gold nomiation and Bethany church will trees in Mr Cook's yard; shrobbery, comers, have looked upon granite soil be taken out in Nevada, Colorado, or be fortunate to secure his return to and flowers, which not only defy the with derision and have said that it California the furore would, ere this, Grants Pass.

GRADUATES NEXT of 1909.

Will Be Center of Attraction All Next Week.

Will Deliver Baccalaureate Sermon Sunday Night.

The annual commencement exercises big rush will soon follow. Many in- of the Grants Pass High school will quiries have already been received be held next week, when "the sweet from miners in Nevada, California, girl graduate" in all her pristine Walls treets, or a summer home at another bona fidle granite land farm seriously, if not fatally gored by a Washington and various towns glory, will constitute the center of throughout the state of Oregon about attraction and command the undividthe new strike as a result of the pub- ed attention of her numerous friends. licity given the matter in the Port- As is usual, the few weeks preceding this annualed ocational event have been fraught with much earnest effort in the matter of preparation for the finale of the school year.

The class this year reaches the lucky 18-as against eight last year and four the year preceeding. It is a class of which both faculty and the people of the city have reason to be

The commencement week will open with the baccalaureate sermon Sunday evening at 8 o'clock at the New man Methodist church, by the Rev. | MEMORIAL DAY EXERCISES Austin J. Hollingsworth of the Christian church.

CLASS DAY EXERCISES. The class Day exercises will be held at the opera bouse Tuesday evening. May 26th at 8:15 and will open with the following literary and musical program: Piano Sole-Waltz De Concert,

Prophecy Zora Address to the 8th Grade Zora Perry, '10

Class Poem Helen Class Class Will Valedictory

The above progarm will be immed the church in a body. diately followed by the presentation by the class of a comedy in two acts About 1:30 Tuesday morning a entitled "Mr. Bob," a very pretty R. C. will meet in their hall at 1 Louise Fetsch, Miss Palmer fire alarm brought the department to the Chinese laundry on F street. The Galetea, Fiedermans—Walzer.

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Calculated "Mr. Bob," a very pretty little thing, which promises to be one o'clock p. m. and march in a body to the Chinese laundry on F street. The fire seems to have started in the rear week. The cast of characters is as Clements will deliver the Decoration of the laundry and the flames set of the cast of characters is as

CAST OF CHARACTERS. Flavia Hackett

La Costa Mangum

owned by Lou Heberle, was soon denoted the control owned by Lou Heberle, was soon denoted the control owned by Lou Heberle, was soon denoted the control owned by Lou Heberle, was soon denoted the control owned by Lou Heberle, was soon denoted the control owned by Lou Heberle, was soon denoted the control of the contr Bensen Herbert Gilkey Jenkins, Miss Rebecca's butler George Baker Rebocca Luke, a maiden lady

Kittie Loughridge Katherine Rogers, her niece Bella Letcher Marion Bryant, Katherine's friend Patty, Miss Rebecca's maid. ACT I. Scene-Breakfast room at

ACT II. Scene-Same as Act 1; The comedy will be followed by the

class song and a response by the class

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES. The regular commencement exercises will be held at the opera bouse Friday evening, May 29th, at 8:15, when the following program will be ren-

CLASS ROLL.

George Hale Bacher, Helen Clarke, Georgia Ethel Coron, Herbert James Gilkey, George Lyle Harper, Randall John Hood, Edith Olwen Hughes, Isabella Letcher, Kittie Loretta Loughridge, Mary Alice McFarland, George Edward O'Neill, Robert Harold O'Neill, Lora Bell Pammill, President, George L. Harper; secre-

tary, Alice McFarland. Class Colors—Blue and Gold. Flower-White Rose and Maiden

Hair Fern. Motto-"Arbeit Offnet das Thur." HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY.

R. R. Turner, superintendent; Clifton G. Smith, principal; Noua S. Bridge, assistant; Katherine Kahley, assistant; H E Mielke, assistant.

BOARD OF EDUCATION R. W. Clarke, T. P. Cramer, C. G. Ament, Dr. J. G. Smith, H. L. Gilkey and E. S. VanDyke.

ARRANGED BY G. A. R.

The Sermon Will Be Delivered at Newman M. E. Church Sunday Morning.

Salutatory Lora Pommill
Oration—"True Aim of Education," Randall Hood
Class History Alice McFarland
Prophers Decoration Day, Memorial services will be held at the Newman M. E. church at 11 a. m. Sanday morning when the Rev. F. C. Lovett of the First Baptist church will deliver the memorial sermon. All members of the G. A. R. and the Woman's Re-Helen Clarke

Edward O'Neill

Owlen Hughes
Lydia White, '09

A. R. and the Woman's Relief Corps, all old soldiers, sailors,
mariners, Spanish war veterans and
exconfederates are requested to meet Response. Lydia White, '09 at G. A. R. hall at 10:30 next Sun-Piano Duet—''Qui Vive,'' at G. A. R. hall at 10:30 next Sun-Elizabeth Davis, Beatrice Webb day morning, and march from there to

> DECORATION DAY, MAY 80. Members of the G. A. R. and W

> After the exercises at the opera house the members of the Post and of the Relief Corps will form in line on Sixth street and march to the Rogue River bridge where the closing exercises will be conducted by the Relief corps.

The School children and all the various civic societies of the city, and exconfederate soldiers are cordially invited to participate in these exer-

Scythes and stones at Hair-Riddle's.

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So is O'Neill with his large line of warm weather necessities

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House cleaning is oh, that hard laborious work which every woman hates, O'Neill will help you make it easy with the many things he has for that purpose—SEE THEM.

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Window Screens-the kind that keep the flies ont. Screen Doors-Stained or natural finished, varnished.

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Shades, Pictures,

Picture Moulding

Stoves and Ranges, gteware, Thoware, Woodenware. Villoware, Cutlery Crockery, Lamps, Front St., bet, 6 and 7

lassware, Fancy China, Go-Carte, Baby Carriages.