### Mosier Bulletin

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### Newsy Items Gathered from All Parts of the World.

Less Important but Not Less Interesting Happenings from Points Outside the State.

The strike at Buenos Ayres has been

Decision on French stirke depends on the action of parliament.

Taft says cities are under obligations to provide playgrounds for children.

Hundreds of persons are on the verge of starvation in the Zicaturaro district, Mexico, following a forest fire.

Edgar Thompson, an American who became king of one of the Fiji islands, is dead. His son will succeed him.

German banks will refuse to give Abdul Hamid's funds to the Young Turks unless ordered to do so by the

Graft prosecutors will try to prove Calhoun was directly connected with bribery of the San Francisco super-

Collector Loeb, of the New York port, has removed five assistant weighers for alleged fraud in the weighing of imported cheese.

The international exposition of dry farm products will be held during the Dry Farming congress at Billings, Mont. Thirteen Western states and territories, two Canadian provinces, Mexico and Russia will send exhibits. China has decided to establish mili-

tary traning schools for officers. Wreckage from the steamer Shores has been seen on Lake Michigan.

A boom has been starteud in New

York to run Roosevelt for mayor. Many vessels have been lost by

hurricane off the coast of Yucatan. The Illinois legislature has been called on to cut appropriations \$10,000,000. A new postage stamp commemorative

A systematic smuggling of Chinese from El Paso to Chicago has been dis-

A man has been cleared of a murder charge at Chicago by a comparison of finger prints.

The French government and employes are gathering their forces together for a gigantic struggle.

The premature explosion of a small bomb at Mazatlan, Mexico, started a fire in which 50 houses were burned.

At the Portland primary election Joseph Simon was nominated by the Republicans for mayor and M. G. Mun-

Speaker Cannon has just celebrated his 73d birthday.

Wheat and corn have had another advance in California.

Admiral Evans is emphatic in his ideas against disarmament.

Jerome may be the Tammany candi-

date for mayor of New York. Business is at a standstill at Bueno Ayres on account of the strike. There

is much rioting. A rumor is current in New York that Gould has lost control of the Western Pacific to Mackay.

The lake steamer Shores sunk while and crew numbered 21.

unveiled at Washington. A grand- from office. daughter of the poet pulled the silken

H. E. Huntington is ransacking the globe for rare plants for his home near Los Angeles. He has had a force of 40 gardeners at work two years.

Indictments have been returned against six employes of the American Sugar Refining company for alleged frauds in connection with weighing sugar for determining duty.

Rapid progress is now being made in the Calhoun trial. Roosevelt declares the country has

right to pick immigrants. An industrial exposition will be held

in Chicago during August.

More cold weather is being experienced through Kansas and Nebraska. The death list in the Adana, Asiatic

Turkey, massacre, is estimated at 23,-

owing \$25,000, with an estate worth as no woman wearing high-heels could only \$1,500.

The government has just sent \$50,-000,000 in coin from the San Francisco mint to Denver.

Captain Franklin, United States army, is to be court martialed for stealing several hundred thousand dol-

Francisco gave abrilliant dinner to Ad- exhibit for the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific miral Ijichi, commander of the Japanese warships in that port.

The shah of Persia has granted constitution.

The fourth Dry Farming congress will be held at Billings, Mont., October 26, 27 and 28, Taft has declared himself in opposi-

tion to an income tariff tax except as a last resort. Harriman is planning a motor car service in Eastern Oregon and Wash-

ington in competition with electric lines and a rate war is looked for. Three Wisconsin assemblymen are

GENERAL STRIKE BEGUN. French Postal Employes Throw Down

Gauntlet to Government. Paris, May 12.- The chamber of deputies, after a stormy session of four hours yesterday, adjourned the debate on the interpellations on the postal sitthe employes was quick and decisive. Within half an hour the federal committee had issued an order for a general strike and the railway mail clerks walked out in a body. An hour later a meeting of 6,000 postal employes took up the battle and unanimously voted to strike. No great enthusiasm was shown, but determination to force the hand of the government was apparent. "The government is playing for time; we must not be caught napping," was the spirit of the meeting as expressed by Pauron, a dismissed postman and one of the most active or-

ganizers of the movement. Dispatches were received from many cities announcing the support not only Boyle has implicated the Whitla of the postal employes but of the variboy's uncle in his story of the kidnap- ous trades unions. The miners' congress, now in session at Lens, also

oledged aid. The president of the committee declared that today not a letter must

leave Paris. The general opinion is that the government, with the aid of the soldiers and the co-operation of the commercial bodies, will be able to maintain crippled services. The main danger is that violence may occur and that passions may be aroused by the appearance of the general Federation of Labor.

#### VICTORY FOR LUMBERMEN.

nterstate Commerce Commission Orders Lower Rates.

Washington, May 12 .- Two deciand lumber interests of the Northwest were handed down today by the Interstate Commerce commission, the complainants against the railroads being Milling company and others engaged in two counties will be here. the lumber manufacturing business in Montana, instituted complaints against the Great Northern Railway and other ines asking that they be accorded differentials on the rates established in the Spokane case. The differentials requested were an average of about 21/4 a hundred pounds. In the opinions announced today, the committee sustains the contentions of the complainants and issued orders that the differentials are to be established by the railroads not later than August 1 next. The of the A.-Y.P. fair will be issued June orders have the effect of large reductions in rates on all lumber products from the Montana mills both east and west, and will afford them an advantage of approximately 2 cents a hundred pounds over the mills in the Spokane group on Eastern shipments.

The rates established are required to be maintained by the railroads for at least two years.

NEW CABINET IS IN TROUBLE Turkish Ministers and Military Men

War Over \$8,000,000. Constantinople, May 12 .- A differ-Shefket Pasha, commander of the Constitutionalist army that entered Constantinople April 24, and the present cabinet.

Shefket Pasha is of the opinion that the cash found in the Yildiz Klosk after the expulsion of Abdul Hamid should be used to pay the expenses of his army, while the ministers want the money turned into the national treas-The funds is question now ury. amount to almost \$8,000,000 in cash and immediately marketable securities. Shefket Pasha has one advantage in the controversy inasmuch as the money is in the possession of the military and

has been deposited in the war office. Djeved Bey, former governor general of the Adana vilayet, arrived here on the way to Duluth. The passengers with the object of explaining to the minister of the interior the origin and cause of the race conflicts in his terri-A statue of Longfellow has just been tory. Djeved Bey has been dismissed

Heavy Snow in Montana.

Butte, May 12.-Reports from eastern, central and southern portions of Montana tell of a heavy snow storm yesterday. A foot of snow fell in Gallatin county, being the highest at this time of the year in the history of the county. Bozeman had to abandon its arbor day exercises because of the deep In Beaverhead county six snow. inches of snow fell on the level, while in the mountains the fall was much heavier. It is feared that this snow, which is melting rapidly, will cause serious floods.

Loses by Her High Heels. Oakland, May 12.-Because she was Mrs. Anna Peterson lost her suit for by the local buyers. damages against the Oakland Traction company. Counsel for the corporation advanced the plea that Mrs. Peterson Ex-Senator Stuart, of Nevada, died was guilty of contributory negligence, expect to navigate a level street, let alone step hurriedly from a street car, without being overbalanced by such footwear. Superior Judge Fred V. Wood held the same view.

Hawaiians Going to Fair. San Francisco, May 12.-The liner Alameda, which arrived from Honolulu Commercial and civil bodies of San today, brought part of the Hawaiian exposition at Seattle. The rest will go direct on the transport Dix. Lloyd Koa tables for visitors to the fair.

> Mexican Town Wiped Out. Acapulco, Mexico, May 12.-News was received here today that the town of Mazatlan, 20 kilometers from Chilpancingo, was almost totally destroyed by fire Friday. Many citizens escaped of land from Mrs. R. E. Warner, near from their homes with nothing and Priceboro, in the southern part of this China fats, \$6.75@7. hundreds are reported to be starving. county, and will sink a well. The malan was a town of 5,000 inhabitants. menced about June 1.

# OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

HAS RECORD CLIP.

uation until May 13. The response of Over 3,000,000 Pounds of Wool Ex- Large Tract in Yamhill and Polk to B

pected in Malheur County. Ontario-The wool clip in Malheur years, as the fleece is in much better fer of over 7,000 acres in which the tocondition, and there are also more tal money consideration was about sheep in the county than for several \$275,000 were reported. years. The clip last year totaled about

21. There has been very little bad the Columbia Trust company and by weather this year, which is the particular reason for the fine condition of the five, ten and 20-acre tracts and put on of Netherby may seem the proper thing fleeces. The sheep have come through | the market.

the winter with less loss than for sev-

eral years previous. Prices this spring range from 20 to as the prices in this part of the country have always been good.

sions of importance to the railways complaint being that they shear too and it is probable that a time will be but this does not seem to be credited near future. by many of the growers.

The annual meeting of the Malheur victorious in each instance. Many and Harney Wool Growers' association months ago the Kalispell Lumber com- will meet in Ontario on June 22. At pany and others and the Big Blackfoot that time all the wool growers of the vicinity of Ontario during the past

#### WOOL CLIP GOOD.

Mitchell Growers Say Quality is Better Than Usual.

Mitchell-Woolgrowers in this localty report that the season which is just closing has been the most favorable for also sold 2,000 acres for \$20,000. lambing for many years. The weather has not only been ideal but the range grass was more abundant than usual, which fact enables the ewes to start the sucking period with plenty of nourishment. All the sheepmen report that the crop of 1909 lambs will go beyond the 100 per cent mark. Shearing will start here about May 10, although those who have yearlings and mutton sheep contracted for early driving are just commencing to shear them. The wool this year is of a better quality than usual, and the prices are likewise. Farmers of this section are beginning to complain of drouth and cold north winds. Fall sown grain is not doing so well as it should and the spring sown crops will need moisture to in sure a good stand. A larger acreage has been sown to grain this year than in former years and all concerned re- quality than last season, the past wint-

While the weather has such a backward effect on the crops, it is pleasing to know that the range is abundantly supplied with the finest crop of grass that the stockmen could desire. All classes of stock are in fine condition. and prospects point to a favorable grazing season. No cattle or horses are moving on the market at present, but G. L. Frizzell, of Girds creek, will drive 300 head from this county to l'oppenish, Wash., via Arlington, about he middle of the month.

Farmers' First Annual Picnic

Weston-The annual meeting of the Umatilla county Pioneers' asociation will be held in this city May 28 and 29, when it is expected that practically every old settler will be on hand to recall the "good old days" when Eastern Oregon was the home of coyotes and the land was covered with sagebrush. The first pioneer society to be organized in Eastern Oregon was founded here, and annually the meetings have been held for over 20 years. Over 25 of the early settlers of the county have passed

away during the past 24 months.

Baker's Wool Is Well Sold. Baker City-The Baker county sheep shearing plants will be running in full @20; clover, \$11@12; alfalfa, \$13@ blast May 15. The wool clip will be 14; grain hay, \$13@14; cheat, \$14@ much larger than last year and of a 14.50; vetch, \$14@14.50. better quality. About all the wool in the county has been sold with the ex- strawberries, Oregon, 12 %c per upon his shoulders, and was a comely ception of a few lots owned by growers | pound. who are well able to hold, with a view of speculating. The prices range considerably higher than last season, the

Hopyards Looking Very Poor. Portland-Hopyards of the Willamsprouted and in no instance is the | ter prices. showing better than 15 per cent. Generally speaking, fully 33 1-3 per cent of the hops which appeared last year 28@30c; fryers, 22@25c; roosters, are missing thus far this season and 10c; ducks, 14@15c; geese, 10@11c; while some may appear and produce turkeys, 20c; squabs, \$2.50@3 per hops, it is unlikely that the average dozen. will be changed materially.

Cruising Benson Timber. Mist-Between 20 and 30 timber cruisers are working on the large Ben-Childs, special agent for Hawaii to son timber holdings, located on the 1 the exposition was a passenger on the headwaters of the Clatskanie river and Alameda. On her next trip the liner along Oak Ranch creek to the Nehalem valley, fine, 22 1/4c; medium, 21 1/4c; will bring 10 pretty Hawaiian girls, river. It is rumored among timber- coarse, 20 %c; mohair, choice, 24@25c. who will serve canned pineapples on men that this tract will change hands by the end of the month. A promin- fair to good, \$5@5,25; common to meent Michigan syndicate is said to be in dium, \$4.50@4.75; cows, top. \$4.25@ the deal.

> Prospect for Oil. Albany-A company of oil men from California have leased about 300 acres

FARM LANDS SOLD.

Subdivided. Portland-More heavy buying of county this year will be much larger Oregon farm lands has just come to than it was a year ago, or for several light. Three deals involving the trans-

Broadmead, better known as the 2,750,000 pounds and was considered Ladd & Reed farm located in Yamhill very large, but this year it will be and Polk countieis, was sold to a Port- Maude's letter must be answered. This. more than 3,000,000 pounds and it will land syndicate, composed of J. R. Pat- again, was not so easy to do. When the be cleaner and much thicker per sheep terson, D. E. Keasy, L. R. Menefee girl you are in love with appeals to you than it was last year.

terson, D. E. Keasy, L. R. Menefee girl you are in love with appeals to you than it was last year. One and one half million pounds have Keasey-Menefee syndicate secured an to somebody else, the obvious course already been sold here, for May and option on this property some weeks ago would seem to be to run away with her June delivery, and buying continues at from Martin Winch, representing the a rapid rate, so rapid in fact that there Reed estate, and from the Ladd interwill be very little public selling this est which was closed up by the formal year, as the sales days for Ontario have transfer of the title. At the same right of sanctuary; but seen closely, it is been set so late. They are June 7 and time the property was turned over to

Millmen Have Protest. Oregon City-Complaint has been 21 cents. Last year they were about made at Salem by 17 lumber manufac-12 to 161/2 cents. Very little of the turers of Clackamas county against the wool in this vicinity is going to the Chicago warehouse. Most of it will be ject of compelling the corporation to sent to Boston, as in former years. A provide adequate facilities for loading number of wool growers throughout the cars at Oregon City. It is stated that vicinity joined the warehouse plan, but the complainants are unable to inthe majority continued in the old way, crease their business and market their products because of the failure of the Southern Pacific company to afford fa-Much of the shearing this year will cilities for loading lumber in car loads. be done by machine. Some complaint The lumbermen ask for an investigaof the machines have been heard, the tion by the State Railroad commission close for the best health of the sheep, set for a hearing at Oregon City in the

Ontario Lands Bring \$80.000. Ontario-Eighty thousand dollars' worth of property changed hands in the week. The prices ranged from \$125 to \$200 an acre. Among the sales were 100 acres owned by A. M. Moody, which sold for \$20,000; 75 acres owned a home ere long to offer her through his by Judge J. T. Clement, \$15,200; 160 acres owned by Dave Dunbar, \$20,000. This land was purchased by Portland parties, and the entire acreage will be planted to fruit trees. A. A. Brown

Heavier Clip in Umatilla. Pendleton-Many quiet sales of wool are being made in this section, though it is expected that the larger part of and posted, Grenville Rose feels more unthis year's clip will be held until the first sales day, on May 24. In general prices are much in advance of last year, the ruling price being around 20 cents for the better grades. This is a general average of several cents in advance of the ruling prices of last year. Fool that I have been!" he mutters; "I The largest advance in wool is in the sand qualities, some of this selling for hint of my feelings. I wish I had that almost twice as much as it commanded last year.

Shaniko Wool Clean.

Shaniko-Wool generally in this territory is of a much cleaner and finer er having been exceptionally favorable for sheep. The output from presen indications, will be considerably larger she hardly realizes the facing of this, than last year. It is estimated that her first genuine trouble. She is awaitthere will be marketed at Shaniko ap- ing the post anxiously this morning; Gren proximately 4,000,000 pounds during is certain to write to her by return, and the three scheduled sales, June 1, 15 her belief in Gren is unbounded. and 20. The growers' opinions vary as to the probable price to be paid.

Work on Fair Buildings Begun. Eugene-The work of building the randstand and pavilion for the Lane county fair, which will be held in September, is under way. The fair grounds will be a busy place during the summer, as little building has yet been done. The track, which is being opinion must be hers outwardly, though used for training, is in good condition. in her heart of hearts she may rebuke The capacity of the grandstand will be 1,000. The pavilion will be large, well side arranged and modern.

## PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat-Bluestem milling, \$1.30@ .35; club, \$1.20; Turkey red, \$1.26; girl, instead of tearing it open as was her valley, \$1.17; forty-fold, \$1.26; red of her dress. Maude felt as if she pos-Russian, \$1.17@1.20; Corn-Whole, \$35 per ton; cracked,

of her own chamber, and there she betook Barley-Feed, \$34@35 per ton. Oats-No. 1 white, \$40 per ton. Hay-Timothy, Willamette valley the large grey eyes opened wide with \$14@18 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$18 astonishment. Grenville's tale of passionate love would have moved most girls, albeit he has not as yet in these pages figured to any great advantage-still Fruits-Apples, 65c@\$2.50 per box; Grenville Rose had a shewd enough head

Potatoes-\$20 per hundred

Vegetables-Turnips, \$1.25 per sack; carrots, \$1.25; parsnips, \$1.50; beets, lowest price paid in this section was \$1.75; horsersdish, 10c per pound; wearing high-heel shoes when she was 16% cents, early in the season. As asparagus, Oregon, 75c per dozen; letnjured by a fall from a street car, high as 20 cents is now being offered tuce, head, 20@50c per dozen; onions, 12 %@15c per dozen; radishes, 15@20c per dozen; rhubarb, 21/031/c per

> Butter-City creamery, extras, 26c; and admired Gren as long as she could ette valley are looking poorer than fancy outside creamery, 221/24c; ever before. In some sections not store, 18c. Butter fat prices average more than 5 per cent of the vines have 11/2 cent per pound under regular but-

Eggs-Oregon ranch, 24@25c. Poultry-Hens, 14 1/2@15c; broilers,

Veal-Extras, 9 1/4c; ordinary, 8 1/4@ 9c; heavy, 7@8c. Pork-Fancy, 10c per pound. Hops-1909 contract, 9c; 1908 crop,

8@814c; 1907 crop, 3@4c; 1906 crop, "All this, my darling, has been ns for months, but how could I tell ou?-how could I seek your love who Wool - Eastern Oregon, 16@21c; had not even a home to offer? What the Cattle - Steers, top, \$5.50@5.75; only know. When I kissed your cheek at parting last time, I nearly clasped you 4.50; fair to good, \$3.75@4.25; com- my son! to you. I did not; it seemed in my arms and poured out the secret of mon to medium, \$2.50@3.50; calves, madness-it is perhaps madness now; but. top, \$5@5.50; heavy, \$3.50@4; bulls my darling, I could not lose you. When and stags, \$3@3.50; common, \$2@2.75. you tell me that another seeks the prize Mrs. Denison, and snubbed or treated his Hogs-Best, \$7.50@7.75; fair to

Sheep-Top wethers, \$4@4.50; fair to good, \$4@4.25; spring lambs, \$5. Rose's wooing.



CHAPTER X .- (Continued.)

Grenville had made up his mind that he

was powerless; but still, all the same.

of as 'absconding,' seems, at a distance

often found inconvenient and scarcely

to do on the first blush of such occasion,

saic term of "robbery with violence."

should not. He can't help, but he can

complicate her troubles. Love is essen-tially a selfish passion. Having no con-

olation to offer her, no assistance to ren

der her, he betakes himself to his desk

and pours forth his story of love and la-

mentation. He exhorts her not to marry

Pearman, but gives her no hint of how she is to combat the difficulties that sur-

round her. He pours forth, in good, hon-

own exertions, and winds up with a tre-

nendous peroration about having loved

her from her cradle. He has done noth-

ing of the kind. His love is a child of

something under a twelvemonth's growth:

fearfully, they thoroughly believe in their

figments at the time. Then comes another

sheet of postscript about "can she love

her answer. And after it is all done

easy than ever. He is not thinking so

much of poor Maude's troubles as What

will she say to his declaration of love?

He racks his brain for every trace of

year. Sweet and cousinly she has been

ever, but no sign of love can he recall.

have been so careful not to give her a

letter back. No, I don't. I don't know,

in short-" and the last fragment con-

ained pretty well the gist of Grenville's

CHAPTER XI.

Once more the icy breakfast table she

can do no wrong." Harold Denison's

herself for not being on her daughter's

"A letter from Grenville for you.

Maude," said her father, as he threw it

lar correspondents, so that it excited no

remark; yet the mother noticed that the

wont, slipped it quietly into the pocket

sessed a talisman against her troubles,

Her cheek flushed as she perused it, and

man to look upon, to boot. He told his

when that old-world story is passionately

old them. There was plenty of warmth

in Grenville's fervent pleading, and after

reading the letter through twice, Maude

dropped the paper on her lap, and, utterly

oblivious to her troubles, fell into a re-

remember, but she had never thought of

herself, of late she had been more solicit-

us about gaining his good opinion and

pleasing him than of yore. "To think

the murmured; "and I-do I love him? I

don't know. He's nicer, and better, and

idn't he tell me this when he was here

eleverer than anyone I ever met.

ook up the letter and read:

you trust me, and wait?"

Gren should care about me in this way!

think so, and yet, almost unconsciously

in this way-at least, she did not

do not reciprocate it, can listen unmove

ove well, and few maidens, even if they

and determined to read it in the solitude

herself as soon as breakfast was over.

thoughts at present.

and though I fear all lovers romance

these days.

# Race

# for a Wife

HAWLEY SMART

I love him now as he would have me: and if I don't quite yet-for it seems all Gren, dear, what am I to write to you? I think it must be 'Yes.'"

It was wrong, she thought, to keep Gren in suspense when he was so dreadfully in love with her; so that night's the receipt of which produced a tremendous state of exhilaration in that

yourself. But, as George Eliot says, "Running away, especially when spoken young Templar. But poor Maude, after the first flush of exultation that enters the breast of every girl at a welcome declaration of ve, quickly awoke to the fact that her osition was not a whit improved by it. She confided her engagement to her mother, and for the first time in her life yet, on mature reflection, it may prove hardly feasible. Mrs. Lochinvar must be "I'm surprised and disgusted with Grenclothed and fed, while the reiving and ville," said that lady, "It's too had of raiding by which that adventurous gallant him, taking advantage of a child like you doubtless supported the lady of his love would, in these days, be known by the proliked him, and, under different circumstances, would have sooner seen you his attention of Colonel Henderson and his wife than any man's I know. But he myrmidons, the grave consideration of his can barely keep himself as yet, and must countrymen, and an eloquent oration, know that his thinking of a wife at all rather to his disadvantage, by a criminal is foolish in the extreme, and that thinkcourt judge, would probably be the tering of you is simply absurd. He's behaved mination of young Lochinvar's career in very badly, and if you don't promise to write and break it off, you can say, by What is he to write? What is he to my desire, I shall tell your father all say? Can you not guess? Of course he about it." will sit down and do the very thing he

"Oh, mother, you won't do that," said Maude. "Not unless you oblige me," said Mrs

Denison, sternly. Poor Maude was electrified. That the nother she had been always accustomed to pet, and do as she liked with, should suddenly rise against her like this, was past her comprehension. Yet to anyone who has made character his study, nothing can be more in accordance with the usual law in such cases. Weak, feeble characters, when, either from caprice or driven by necessity, they exert such power as may be in their hands, invariably do it

tyrannically and despotically. Mrs. Denison has suffered of late from the stern rule of her lord and master. In spite of all her love for her daughter, she as many a woman could bear witness to. has become dimly conscious that there will be no peace at Glinn unless Maude you not easily guess the result? yields assent to the ukase Harold Deni. a high-spirited girl, and bore herself son has promulgated. Women of her him?" he shall know no rest till he gets class can suffer, but they cannot resist. Even now she would not urge Maude to she gave way at last to the moral presmarry Pearman. But that her impecunious nephew had dared to entangle her daughter in an engagement, especially at this time, roused as much wrath within her as her nature was capable of. Most favor she has shown him all the past mothers, I imagine, would deem she had grounds for indignation.

All this while Pearman has not been idle. Slowly, but surely, the legal notices and proceedings progress, and Harold Denison knows full well that within three weeks ten thousand pounds must be found, or Glinn must go to the hammer. The Pearmans conduct the campaign with scrupulous politeness. It is quite in accordance with the old traditions of the Battle of Fontenoy. They apologize for riousness the mother-in-law is perhaps Maude, as she has already explained, every fresh process, and allude to it as a has been having a hard time of it at mere matter of form. They affect to be-Glinn these last two or three days. Life lieve that there can be no doubt Mr. Denas been all so easy to her so far, that ison will easily pay them off at the expiration of the notice of foreclosure. The old gentleman even indulges in pocularity

on the subject. "Mean to have the very last day of us, I see, sir; and quite right, too," he chuckled, upon meeting the squire one so dreads. Her father looks at her as a

culprit who would subvert the old Grecian story, and sacrifice her parent in-I learned the exacting of my pound of stead of presenting her throat to the flesh, to the last pennyweight, in your knife. Mrs. Denison evidently looks upon hands. I have not forgot my lesson. You her as a sainted martyr. She loves and burn it into your pupils' minds pretty sympathizes with her daughter; she approves of her spirited refusal, but she The old lawyer has laid himself open cannot desert her old idols. "The king

to another rebuff, and Denison has no failed to take advantage thereof. Why? Sarcasm breaks no bones, few knew better than that astute "fisher of men. His sentiviness was tolerably blunt, and he recked little what men said to him, or of him, so long as the furtherance of the object he had in view was attained. across. She and her cousin were regu-That his son should marry Maude Denison was the goal he now aimed at, and that that was to be brought about, he still thought far from improbable. To that end he conceived, even while pressing him for money, it was quite necessar: to keep on easy terms with the squire None knew better than he how bitter it is for a proud man to take his words back, and if what he now played for was to be achieved, that was a necessity. The task must be made as easy as possible the unpalatable draught sugared as far as might be.
"He—he!" he answered; "you

have your joke, Mr. Denison. It's a mighty pity you couldn't make up your mind to concentrate the property once more. Beg pardon, Squire," he continued, deprecating Denison's angry gesture "don't fear my alluding to it again. It was presumption on my part, I know, and if I said anything to vex you, I'm sure I'm heartily sorry. You'll forgive an old man, who, not having been brought up with your views, saw nothing but the cor Maude could be brought to think of such a thing. I'm sure I hope the calling-in of the mortgage is no inconvenience; you can easily raise it elsewhere. But Sam's got so deep in the racing now, that we must get that sum together before the Two Thousand. I wish he wasn't: but he's clever, Sam is-clever in his waytoo great a gentleman for me. No offense, sir, I hope; but I'm a plain man."

CHAPTER XII.

last? I think I'd rather have heard i Harold Denison touched his hat haughtfrom himself. Ah! but doesn't he tell ly, and rode home; but the old usurer's me why not?" and the girl once more artful speech still simmered in his brain. Why should it not be? It would cut the tangled knot of his difficulties. He had made inquiries. Young Pearman had try people. There it is that the clash been brought up a gentleman, and visited n several good houses in the county. He of the women, found in schooling, and struggle has been to see you so often, and naturally a little exaggerated this to himyet keep down what surged within me, I self, to justify the course he intended to pursue; nay, for the matter of that, had been pursuing for some days. His wife had told him that she had laid the Pearman proposition before Maude, and that the young lady had declined, with thanks; since which intelligence he had bullied covet, right or wrong. I must speak. daughter with cold indifference. The heads good, \$7.25@7.50; stockers, \$6@6.50; Mande, you must decide between us. Can of the family can make contumacious children conscious of their high displeas-Once more the letter fell in her lap. ure without any unseemly rating-indeed, accused of receiving bribes in connec- A high wind fanned the flames and few chinery will be shipped from California to good, \$3.50@4; ewes, %c less on and the softened grey eyes and slightly that may be looked upon as mere mild and tion with the election of United States buildings were left standing. Mazat- in a few days and work will be comer-that other which, to speak metaphor-"Yes," she muttered, softly, "I think ically, consists in being condemned to the of an almost perfect cross

domestic ice house. It is hard to describe still there will be few of my readers who, if they have had the good fortune not to experience it, but must have seen some culprit enduring that slow punishment-meted out more often, perhaps, to daughters than sons. But don't we all know it; the chilling rejoinder that meets any attempt at geniality-the austere look that seems to say it is heresy that we should presume to forget the measure of our offending-the moral thong always awaiting us should we show any signs of relapsing into cheerfulness? Bah! those physical torturers of the middle ages were mere bunglers at their craft.

From this time poor Maude's life was made heavy to bear. Harold Denison sent for her to his study, and himself put Pearman's proposal before her. He enlarged upon its advantages, and declared that it was her duty to save the property to her descendants; on her head it rested whether the Denisons of Glinn should cease to exist, as of course her future husband must take her name. For himself, he cared not-he was an old man, mail bore a timid, fluttering little note, and it mattered little to him. Any foreign watering place was good enough for him to wear out his miserable life in. He deplored the follies of his youth. was sad that a father should plead before a daughter in this wise. He could bear anything but the thought that the Denisons of Glinn should be expunged from the roll of the county in which they had dwelt and been known since the Wars of the Roses; all this it was in Maude's Maude beheld Mrs. Denison really angry. power to avert. Why could she not marry this man? He hard been brought up & gentleman, and mixed in the best society in the county. If not quite her equal in in this manner. I like him, always have blood, he would repair the shattered fortunes of the family. Such matches were made every day. The destiny of the plutocracy was to strengthen the aristocracy. Far be it from him to put any pressure upon her, but it was his duty as a parent to lay the whole case before her.

Gallantly did Maude fight her battle, and though at the end of this long interview she stood with flushed and tearstained cheeks to listen to her father's final exordium, she was still resolute in her refusal.

But the struggle was too unequal. Under the pressure put upon her by her hus-band Mrs. Denison had not only made Maude write a letter of renunciation to Grenville Rose, but had penned him a very severe philippic herself, in which she in sisted that all correspondence should cease between them. She had further, under the threat of revealing everything to Mr. Denison, extorted a promise from Maude that she would write no more to her cousin. She knew her daughter well, and felt implicit confidence that, her word

once pledged, troth would be kept. I have described the first stage of the attack. It is a common enough story, as far as the general details go. Can bravely in the beginning; but cut off from all communication with her lover, sure brought to bear upon her, and, with pale cheeks and heavy eyes, whispered her mother "that they might do with her as they liked; if she couldn't marry Gren, she didn't care who it was.'

(To be continued.)

### THE MOTHER-IN-LAW IN JAPAN.

Direct Cause of the Increase of Divorces in That Country. There is no such thing as the mother-in-law joke in Japan. Of all the serious things that the Emperor's subjects take with their characteristic seone of the weightiest, says the New

York Sun. The relation between her and divorce statistics in the island empire recently published by imperial commissioners shows how inapt would be a joke about one's wife's mother in Tokyo. According to these statistics 65.516 decrees of divorce were granted by the courts last year. In Iwaie province the proportion of divorces to marriages for the year was 26.30 per cent, the highest per-

centage in all the islands. The commissioners themselves in a commentary upon the increase of divorces in Japan give it as their opinion that the rapid increase is due directly to the growing frequency of clashes between wives and their mothers-in-law. With the introduction of an educative system for girls and the softening of the stringent social bonds that used to keep watch in a place of obscurity has come the manifestation of a new and rebellious spirit among

the women. Since everything in Japan is the reverse of conditions in occidental countries it is not to be wondered at that if there is any pressure from the fabled hard hand of the mother-in-law it falls upon the Japanese wife and not the husband. This is because of the very fundamentals of Japanese religion and

family life. Since the son must always be loval and obedient to his parents during their lifetime, no matter how querulous and exacting old age may make them, when he takes a wife that unfortunate woman is more than her husband a slave to her husband's mother. From the days when Shinto began to be the national faith of the Japanese filial affection and obedience necessitated as a matter of course that though the son might centration of an estate. Yes, I know I marry his abode should be the abode was all in the wrong; it isn't likely Miss of his parents until their death unless their consent to another arrangement

could be secured. This has meant that two and often three generations occupy one house and of all the occupants of one of these communal houses the younger wives are the least important. They remain strictly accountable to their mothersin-law until such time as death steps

in and makes them supreme. Although in the larger cities the western civilization has to a great extent modified ancient custom, much of the irksomeness of ancient restrictions remains in the family life of the counbetween the new-found independence the old scheme of a dominant motherin-law has brought about the greatest number of separations in families of the newer generation.

A Natural Cross.

One of the most beautiful natural rock carvings in the world is the Southern Cross, on the Island of Grand Manan, in the Bay of Fundy. It stands at the head of a ledge of rocks jutting into the bay from the foot of one of the immense cliffs at the southern end of the Grand Manan. Its shape is that