## THE QUICKENING

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CHAPTER XXVI.

The blue autumn night haze had alost the consistency of a cloud when Gordon leaped the wall and set his face toward the iron-works. Or, rather, t was like the depths of a translucen of Mountain View avenue shone as blurs of phosphorescent life on hand, and the great dark bulk of Leb anon loomed as the massive founda

tions of a shadowy island on the other.

Farther on, the recurring flare from the tall vent of the blast-furnace lighted the haze depths weirdly, turning the mysterious sea bottom into fathomless abysses of dull-red incandescence for the few seconds of its duration—a slow lightning flash submerged and half extinguished.

Gordon was passing the country colony's church when one of the torch-like flares reddened on the night, and the glow picked out the gilt cross at the top, of the sham Norman tower. He flung up a hand involuntarily, as if to put the emblem, and that for which it stood, out of his life. At the same instant a whiff of the acrid smoke from the distant furnace fires tingled in his nostrils, and he quickened his pace. The hour for which all other hours had been waiting had struck. Love had called, and religion had made its silent protest; but the smell in his nostrils was the smoky breath of Mammon, the breath which has maddened a world: he strade on doggedly, thinking only of his triumph and how he should pres-

ently compass it. The two great poplar-trees, sentineling what had once been the gate of the old Gordon homestead, had been spared through all the industrial changes When he would have opened the wicket to pass on to the log-house offices, an armed man stepped from behind one of the trees, his gunbutt drawn up to strike. Before the blow could fall, the furnace flare blazed aloft like a mighty torch, and the man grounded his weap-

"I beg your pardon, Mr. Gordon; I-I took ye for somebody else," he stam-mered; and Tom scanned his face sharply by the light of the burning

"Whom?—for lestance," he queried.
"Why-e-yeh—I reckon it don't make
any diffrence—my tellin' you; you'd ought to have it in for him, too. I was layin' for that houn'-dog 'at walks on his hind legs and calls hisself Vint

Who are you?" Tom demanded. Kincald's my name, and I'm s'posed to be one o' the strike guards; leastwise, that's what I hired out for a little spell ago. I couldn't think of nare a better way o' gettin' at---"

Gordon interrupted bruskly. "Tell me what you owe Vint Farley. If your debt is bigger than mine, you shall have the first chance."

The gas-flash came again. There was black wrath in the man's eyes.
"You can tote it up for yourself, Tom-Jeff Gordon. Late yeste-day evenin', when me and Nan Bryerson drove to town for your Uncle Silas to marry us, she told me what I'd been em on to you; and I allowed I'd jest put off goin' back West till I'd fixed his lyin' face so'at no yuther woman'd

Gordon staggered and leaned against the fence palings, the red rage of murder boiling in his veins. Here, at last, was the key to all the mysteries; the that had been built up between his love and Ardea. When he could trust himself to speak he asked a question.

"Who knows this, besides yourself?" "Your Uncle Silas, for one: he alhe wouldn't marry us less'n she told him. I might' nigh b'lieve he had his suspicions, too. He let on like it was Farley that told him on you, years

the three men who saw us up yonder at the barrel-spring?" Yes; and I was another one of 'em. I was right hot at you that mornin'; I

"Well, who else knows about it?" "Brother Bill Layne, and Aunt M'randy, and Japhe Pettigrass. They all went in town to stan' up with me

Then Tom remembered the figure coming swiftly across the lawns and the call of the voice he loved. Had to go away and leaves the wretched Japheth told her, and was she hastening to make such reparation as she could? No matter, it was too late now The fierce hatred of the wounded say age was astir in his heart and it would

not be denied or silenced. "Give me that gun, and you shall have your first chance," he conceded. I make but one condition: if you kill

"I was only allowin' to sp'ile his face some, and a rock'll do for that. You can have what's left o' him atter I get thoo-and it'll be enough to kill, I

At the moment of weapon-passing there came sounds audible above the sob and sigh of the blowing-enginesa clatter of horses' hoofs and the grinding of carriage wheels on Gordon signed quickly to Kincald and drew back carefully behind the bole of the opposite poplar.

It was the Warwick Lodge surrey, and it stopped at the gate. Two men got out and went up the path, and an instant later, Kincaid followed stealth-

Gordon walted for the next gas-flare and by the light of it he threw the breech-lock of the repeating rifle to Still the vise-grip held, and the great make sure the cartridge was in place. Then he, too, passed through the wicket and went to stand in the shadow of the slab-floored porch, redelent of memories. He had forgotten the lesser vengeance in the thirst for the greater—that he had come to fling their misfortunes into the faces of the father and the son, and to tell them that the work was his. He heard only the voice of the savage in his heart and that was whispering, "Kill! kill!"

It was close on midnight when the por giving on the porch opened and the two men stood on the threshold. The younger of the two was speaking. "It's quieter than usual to-night That was a good move-getting Ludlow and the two Helgersons failed. I slag, firing the very air with shriveling was in hopes we could snaffle old Ca- heat, was pouring down the slope. with the others. He pretends to he

peacemaking, but as long as he is loose these fools will hang to the idea that they're fighting his battle against us." "It is already fought," said the older man, dejectedly. "My luck has gone. When Henniker puts us to the wall,

we shall be beggars." The young man's rejoinder was an exclamation of contempt. What you "You've lost your nerve. need most is to go to bed and sleep. Wait for me till I've made a round of

the guards, and we'll go home. Better ring up the surrey right now." He left the porch on the side near-est the furnace, and Gordon saw an active figure glide from the shelter of a flask-shed and go in pursuit. He followed at a distance. It was needful only that he should know where to find

Farley when Kincald should have squared his account. The leisurely chase led the round of the great gates first, and thence through the deserted and rulned coke yard to the foot of the huge slag dump, cold now from the long shut-down. Tom looked to see Farley turn back from the toe of the dump. There were no gates on that side of the yard, and

consequently no guards. But the short cut to the office was up the slope of the dump and along the railway track over which the drawings of molten slag were run out to be spilled down the face of the declivity. There had been no slag-drawing since the new "blow-in" earlier in the day; but while he was watching to keep Farley in sight in the intervals between the gas-flares, Gordon was conscious of the note of preparation behind him: the slackening of the blast, the rattle and clank of the dinkey locomotive pushing the dumping ladle into place under the furnace lip.

Farley had taken two or crambling steps up the rough-seamed declivity when the workmen tapped the furnace. There was a sputtering roar and the air was filled with coruscating sparks.

Then the stream of molten matter began to pour into the great ladle, uge eight-foot pot swung on tilting trunnions and mounted on a skeleton flat-car; and for Gordon, standing at the corner of the ore shed with his back to the slag drawers, the red glow picked out the man scrambling up the miniature mountain of coooler scoriathis man and another man running swiftly to overtake him.

He looked on coldly until he saw Kincaid head off the retreat and face his adversary. Instantly there was a spurt of fire from a pistol in Farley's right hand, a brief flash with the report swallowed up in the roar from the furnace lip. Then the two men closed and rolled together to the bottom of the slope, and Gordon turned his back.

When he looked again the trampling note of the big blast-engines had quickened to its normal beat, the blowhole was plugged with its stopper of the reflection from the surface of the great pot of seething slag had succeeded to the blinding glare. Where there had been two men locked in struggle mistrustin' for a month back—that there was now only one, and he was Vint Farley was the daddy o' her chil- lying quietly with one leg doubled unthere was now only one, and he was We's done might' nigh ever'thing der him. Gordon set his teeth in anshort o' killin' her to make her swear gry disappointment. Had Kincald

roken his compact? The first-long-drawn exhaust of the dinkey engine moving the slag kettle out to its spilling place ripped the sience. Gordon heard-and he did not hear: he was watching the prone figure at the dump's toe. When it should rise, he meant to fire from where he source of all the cruel gossip; the stood under the eaves of the ore-shed, foundation of the wall of separation The murder-thought contemplated

nothing picturesque or dramatic. was merely the dry thirst for the blo of a mortal enemy. The puffing locomotive had pushed the slag-pot half-way to the track-end before Farley sat up as one dazed and seemed to be trying to get on his feet Twice and once again he assayed it, falling back each time upon the ago, when you was a boy."

and doubled leg. Then he looked up and saw the slag-car coming; saw and and doubled leg. Then he looked up cried out as men scream in the death agony. The end rails of the dumping

track were fairly above him. Gordon heard the yell of terror and witnessed the frenzied efforts of the doomed man to rise and get out of the path of the impending torrent. Where ipon the murder demon whispered in his ear again. Farley's foot was caugh one of the many sears or seams in the lava bed. It was only necessary wait, to withhold the merciful bullet,

man to his fate. Like a bolt from the heavens, this the very midst of the cold-blooded, murderous triumph, came a long-neglected form of words, writing itself to flaming letteds in his brain: shalt do no murder." And after it another: "But I say unto you, love you nemies, bless them that curse you, do

good to them that hate you." Something gripped him and before he realized what he was doing he wa running, gasping, tripping and falling headlong, only to spring up and ru again, with all thoughts trampled out and beaten down by one: would h still be in time?

There was something wrong with the dumping machinery of the slag-car, and two men were working with it on the side away from the spilling slope Gordon had not breath wherewith to shout; moreover, the sarety-valve was still screeching to gulf all human cries Farley was lying face down and mo-tionless, with the twisted foot still iela fast in a wedge-shaped crack i he cooled slag. Tom bent and lifted him; yelled, tugged, strained, kicked fiercely at the imprisoned shoehee kettle on the height above was creak ing and slowly careening under winching of the engine crew. If th

slope now, there would be two human inders instead of one. Suddenly the frenzy, so allen to th lordon blood, spent itself, leaving him cool and determined. Quite methodi-cally he found his pocket-knife, and been collected enough to choose and open the sharper of the two blades. There was a quick, sure slash at the shoe-lacing and the crippled foot was freed. With another yell, this time glad triumph, he snatched up his bur den and backed away with it in th tilting half-second when the deluge o

under him, and fainted as a woman CURRENT EVENTS night-when the thing was done

CHAPTER XXVII. Mr. Vancourt Henniker was no. greatly surprised when Tom Gordon asked for a private interview on the

morning following the final closing down of all the industries at Gordonia. Without being in Gordon's confidence, or in that of American Aqueduct, the banker had been shrewdly putting two and two together and applying the result as a healing plaster the stock he had taken as security for the final loan to Colonel Dubbury. "I thought, perhaps, you might wish to buy this stock. Mr. Gordon," he said. when Tom had stated his business. "Of course, it can be arranged, with Mr. Farley's consent to our anticipating the naturity of his notes. But"- with a genial smile and a glance over his eyeglasses-"I'm not sure that we care to part with it. Perhaps some of us would

"I reckon you don't want it, Mr. Hen-niker. You'll understand that it isn't worth the paper it is printed on when I tell you that I have sold my pipe-pit patents to American Aqueduct." Then the plant doesn't carry the are all right for young folks. patents? You've kept this mighty

like to hold it and bid it in."

quiet, among you!" 'Haven't we!" said Tom, fatuously. "I know just how you feel-like a man who has been looking over the edge of the bottomless pit without knowing it. You'll let me have the stock for the face of the loan, won't

you?" But the president was already pressing the button of the electric bell that summoned the cashier. There was no time like the present when the fate of a considerable bank asset hung on the notion of a smiling young man whose mind might change in the winking of

With the Farley stock in his pocket Tom took a room at the Marlboro and spent the remainder of that day, and all the days of the fortnight following, wrestling mightily with the lawyers in winding up the tangled skein of Chla-wassee affairs. Propped in his bed at Warwick Lodge, the bed he had not left since the night of violence, Duxbury Farley signed everything that was offered to him, and the obstacles to a settlement were vanquished, one

When it was all over, Tom began to draw checks on the small fortune realized from the sale of the patents. One was to Major Dabney, redeeming his two hundred shares of Chiawassee Limited at par. Another was to the order of Ardea Dabney, covering the Farley shares at a valuation based on the prosperout period before the crash With this check in his pocket he went home-for the first time in two weeks.

(To be continued.)

#### BRANDED WITHOUT A PAIN

In April the coats of cattle become dull and dead, and will rub off easily, disclosing the close new coat underneath. In "Farming It," Judge Henry A. Shute describes how he discovered this fact. One morning, in rubbing down his Jersey cow, he found that with his fingers he could pull the old coat off in tufts, and that she apparently enjoyed having it pulled.

Without really thinking of what was doing, I wrote my initials, H. A. S., on her back by pulling out the dead development of Alaska. hair. Seeing how easily I could do this I drew, or rather pulled, on her side near the curve of the belly, a grotesque figure of a small boy, then a circular brand on her shoulder, and the house and awaited develop-

ments. In a moment my wife came to the to that cow?" she demanded.

"Oh, nothing." I replied. "That's the way range cattle are branded. This cow had a good many owners, and evidently each one branded her."

"It's no such thing!" she retorted hotly. "You did it yourself. That explains why she bellowed so this win-

She had bellowed a good deal when I took away her calf, but I did not say so, for I always like to get a rise out of my wife.

"I think it is just horrid in you, and about the cruelest thing I ever heard of, and you have just spoiled her

looks." Now out of the corner of my eye I could see old Cyrus, the neighborhood sites. nuisance, peering over the fence and listening to the conversation. After giving him time to satisfy himself horoughly, I led the cow back to the barn, followed by my wife, and there illustrated the matter by drawing on ugal is said to be tottering and its fall the off side of the animal a serpent is expected at any time. and a circular brand, while the delighted animal stood with eyes half-closed

in ecstasy. Much relieved and amused, my wife went back to the house, laughing over the ridiculously decorated animal.

Cyrus brought a charge for "Cruelty and all the German nobility follow his n burning, cutting, branding and oth- example. erwise torturing a certain Jersey cow," and I was arrested and brought to

trial. the court that the cow was then and one was killed. here in transitu, and that I should all her as my first witness, and asked the court to adjourn to the square.

I stripped off the blanket, and there in plain sight were the various marks on the cow's hide. At my request the ourt and the attorney ran their hands over her and found no scars.

"Now to show your honor how these arks were made---

"It is unnecessary," said the court. I have owned cows myself, and peraps I can !llustrate as well as you;" and stepping forward, with hands he fashioned upon her side the permanent tariff commision appointed. word "Stung." at which there was a oar of delight from the crowd.

"Respondent discharged," he contined, "and court is adjourned."

### Had Time to Spare.

Passenger-I say, conductor, does our bus ever go faster than this? Conductor-If yer ain't satisfied you an git aht and walk.

Passenger (with a sweet smile)-Oh, I'm not in such a terrible hurry as that, you know .- Exchange.

Thirty-eight in every thousand Englishmen who marry are over 50 years

# OF THE WEEK

### Doings of the World at Large Told in Brief.

General Resume of Important Events Presented in Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

William E. Corey, president of the United States Steel corporation, has resigned.

The Supreme court upheld the bank guarantee laws of Kansas, Nebraska A Juvenile court official of Portland

says picture shows and skating rinks Seventeen persons were killed in a fire and panic at a religious New Year

celebration near Mexico City. Western railroads have cut freight rates in response to orders of the In-

The government has lost its famous libel suit against the New York World in connection with the Panama canal. Speaker Cannon has been willed a fortune of \$2,500,000 by the widow of practicing law.

A blackmailer was caught in Seattle just as he reached for a decoy package, which had been placed where he had designated in a letter to his intended victim.

The battleship Oregon, now being overhauled at the Bremerton navy tory orators for it. yards, will soon be turned out a better the Spanish war.

house. The house was finally set on stroyed. Similar conditions are re-

A Portland detective brought in a of dollars' worth of livestock. prisoner, handcuffed to himself as a precaution, and found he had no key to nessee, Kentucky and northern parts unlock the handcuffs, and was obliged of Mississippi and Alabama. to tow his prisoner about town until he found a brother officer who had the

Masons of San Francisco will build a million dollar temple.

The street car system of Everett, Wash., is tied up by strikers. Central Montana points report

temperature of 38 below zero. John W. Gates has given \$250,000 to a Methodist business college at Port Arthur, Tex.

lost in the Baltic sea. An Alsaka capitalist charges Pinchot and Roosevelt with blocking the

one man was frozen to death. Rockefeller has given the University the Japanese officer, she says:

Two masked robbers held up a that he was about to tell his secret. Southern Pacific passenger train nine miles west of Odgen, killed a colored suitcase and found a secret pocket. In porter, injured two passengers, and got away with all the money and val-

uables of over a hundred passengers. Killing of Hoxsey put a pall on the aviation meet at Los Angeles.

Reports say that the gold camp at Iditarod, Alaska, is worked out. Pinchot advises Taft to cancel the

Cunningham coal claims in Alaska. Archbishop Glennon, of St. Louis, declares military men are but para

Ivy Baldwin, an aviator at Santa Barbara, fell 20 feet, but escaped ser-

ious injury. The provisional government of Port-

It is estimated that the gross earn-

374,531. Berlin tailors are angry because the But the affair did not end there. Old kaiser has his clothes made in London,

An earthquake rocked the palace of the sultan of Turkey, and badly fright-At the close of the trial I assured ened the inhabitants near by, but no

> game warden recommends that no 1,000 rifles, two machine guns and a ary, 6.82 inches; March, 1.63 inches; crabs be taken in California waters large quantity of ammunition. The April 1.89 inches; May, 1.75 inches;

for two years. England is surprised that the king created no new peers for New Years,

which is contrary to custom. A severe blizzard swept the Middle West and Eastern states, the thermometer at some points falling 46 de-

grees in eight hours. A movement is on foot to have The Pennsylvania railroad has declared a dividend of 4 per cent, mak-

A stray bullet, thought to have been fired by New Year celebrators, instantly killed an 18-year-old boy standing on the street in Salt Lake City.

ing 7 per cent this year.

President Lowell, of Harvard, denounces college yells and ragtime Colonel Roosevelt will visit Oregon nation wide. The production during music at students' dinners. A portrait of Julia Ward Howe has been refused a place beside other noted

Americans in Fancuil Hall, Boston. cross the Atlantic in a dirigible bal- making tour, which is expected to ad- Oregon cheese is in demand all along will drag after it.

WINTER HITS SOUTH.

Record Broken in Texas-Chicago Strikers Suffering.

Chicago-All doubts that winter of the old fashioned variety has settled down upon the country were dispelled Wednesday when dispatches from all points West and South told of temperatures near or below zero. In some instances cold is accompanied by fine snow frozen to the consistency and sharpness of glass, and which is drift-

ing badly, driven by high winds. In Chicago a new mark of four degrees above was reached, which means intensely cold weather because of the proximity of Lake Michigan, and the moisture, which penetrates the very marrow of one's bones.

Michigan peninsula, where 20 to 50 below zero is not uncommon, suffer intensely from the damp cold in Chicago. All the city, county and private

charitable institutions are crowded to pears. These are the standard fruits, companies are compelled to furnish the limit. The garment workers' strike has thrown 45,000 destitute persons upon the bounty of the city and county, and this additional load, with the already large number of helpless Oregon was valued at close to \$8,000,- police power over the railroads cannot

charitable bodies. These thousands of dependent persons are too poorly clothed and nourishwork that is offered them, so they con- duction of all other fruits. stitute a constant drag upon the charita client whom he befriended while all winter. Work in comfortable fac- with \$1,423,800 for 1907. The total striking garment workers, but they prefer to remain dependent upon chariples." The majority of them are fraction over 1,000,000 boxes. not citizens of the country and have a about, taking the word of inflamma-

A feature of the present siege of vessel than when she participated in cold weather is its penetration of the of \$286,600, while this season the more or less Sunny South. Dispatches A pitched battle was waged for sev- from San Antonio, Tex., say all reeral hours between London police and cords have been broken there, and all soldiers on one side, and a band of an- over Southern Texas, where early archists who were barricaded in a crops of garden truck have been defire and the anarchists perished in the ported in New Orelans and vicinity. Texas reports two deaths from freezing and the destruction of thousands

Snow fell in Texas, Arkansas, Ten-

WOMAN TELLS JAP WAR SECRET

Letter Says Maps Made of Defenses on Pacific Coast.

Washington-Warning from a new and unexpected source of activities of the secret service agents of the Japanese military establishment was re-ceived in Washington Wednesday. From St. Joseph, Mo., there came to Speaker Cannon a letter which created A German balloon carrying four men surprise. The writer was a young is missing and is believed to have been woman, who, through acquaintance with a Japanese of standing, came into possession of embarrassing facts and who had been carrying her secret for a long time, but whose patriotism moved her to write to Mr. Cannon. In her At St. Paul a million-dollar fire letter, after telling who she is, which raged in the midst of a blizzard and fact the Speaker gallantly concealedand explaining that she is in love with

circular brand on her shoulder, and three X's on her flank. Then I quietly led her to the hitching post at the side of the house and awaited develop
Rogue river at Prospect. The voltage sign has not vet signed the lease.

Rogue river at Prospect. The voltage sign has not vet signed the lease. across something about what they are carried in the wires from this point to A Pennsylvania locomotive engineer discussing in the house of represent-had his skull fractured by striking a atives and said, 'You have a fine lot of volts, whereas the present voltage is door with wide-open eyes. "For gradout water pipe as he leaned out of the cab, but he ran his train 400 feet and meant and he said: "They are as brought it to a stop at the regular ignorant of what we are preparing to place before he fell unconscious.

The plant at Gold Ray, ten miles from Medford, has been found inade-

> it there were diagrams of parts of the Pacific Coast. The weak points were marked by arrows. I kept out a very small diagram and have it still. It was some part of the coast of Washington state. He does not know that I have it, but I am expecting him to miss it any time, and ask me for it. Please accept this from a patriotic woman.

Hardware Business Good. buying of hardware in 1910, and mer- 7 months old for which he has refused

chants only bought goods as needed.

Rebels Capture Truxillo. New Orleans-A dispatch from Puerto Barrios under date of January 2 1910 was 37.66 inches. This is a little announces the capture of Truxillo, lighter than the usual precipitation but \$12@12.50 per barrel. Honduras, by the revolutionary gun- the rain came at opportune times both surrendered without firing a shot. The not to interfere with harvesting. The Hornet arrived in Laguna La Gracias Junes, 1.16 inches; July, no rainfall; \$1.25@1.35 per hundred. December 28, proceeded to the island August, .08 inch; September, 1.2 inch-

Gallagher Not Crazy.

captured the bay islands."

time to appear crazy."

Roosevelt to Visit Coast.

Washington - It is announced that loon, attached to a lifeboat, which it vance progressive Republicanism be- the Pacific slope, and brings a premium fore the country, as he views it.

### INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

\$8,000,000 FRUIT CROP.

Oregon Raised Vast Quantity Apples, Pears, Peaches and Other Fruits. Oregon's fruit crop for 1910 had a value of close to \$8,000,000, or almost double the amount of three years ago. state, while wonderful up to this was affirmed in an opinion written by

increase during the next five years. bearing-will within the space of a the railroad's failure to furnish a num-Visitors from the extreme North- few years give the state a crop that ber of refrigerator cars to ship apples west, British Columbia and the Upper will bring more than \$20,000,000 to the from Milton, Or., to the East. growers and shippers.

made in the production of apples and which provides that all transportation and naturally more growers go into suitable shipping facilities for perishthose lines than in others. For instance, while the total fruit crop of rectly and the state's right to exercise inhabitants, is taxing the resources of 000 the past season, the value of the be questioned, in spite of the argument apple crop alone was almost half of the effect that the interstate shipping this, and with pears the aggregate was laws of this state conflict with the Ined to take advantage of any other more than half of the state's total pro- terstate Commerce commission's regu-

Oregon has an apple crop this season able institutions, and will continue so that is worth \$3,500,000, as compared tories at top wages is open to all the production of apples in the state this season was 3,500,000 boxes, and the average price received was a dollar a ty rather than surrender their "prin-box. The apple crop of 1907 was a

The great growth of the pear indusvery remote idea of what the row is all try can readily be understood when the figures are given, which show that the state's total crop three years ago amounted to 247,760 boxes, of a value growth reached a grand total of 1,000,-000 boxes of a value of \$1.25. Even this great showing is scarcely repre sentative of the enormous strides made by the pear industry within recent years, for since 1897 the planting has been the greatest in the history of the state, and these trees will not be bearing fruit for some years.

Peaches grow to perfection in Oregon. There are several districts ideal and the quality of the fruit is such that the product brings a premium of some extent over all other offerings. In the territory tributary to be sunk as soon as the first is in work-The Dalles the greatest growth of the peach industry of the state has been shown during recent years.

PROSPECT PLANT ON SOON.

Work in Spring.

Rogue River Electric Company Starts

Medford-The Rogue River Electric company with headquarters at Medford, will start work on its new plant at Prospect early in the spring. H. C. Stoddard, secretary and consulting engineer, is in the East at present consulting with Colonel Frank Ray, the head of the company, concerning the purchase of machinery for the new dam and power plant on the Upper Rogue The plant at Prospect will be river. in the West. Hydraulic engineers es- 40 years at a yearly rental of \$100.

do—' then he caught himself, realizing quate to supply the needs of the cities "While he was away I searched his and industries in the valley. The Rogue River Electric company lights all the cities and towns in the valley, which include Grants' Pass, Medford

COWS AND POULTRY PAY.

Farmer Nets \$605.50 in Year From 173 Hens; Butter Yields Big.

Oregon City-R. L. Badger, who lives on the Beaver Creek road, has illustrated what can be done with cows and poultry in the Willamette valley. St. Louis - The Norvell-Shapleigh He has 50 acres, with 23 acres in cul-Hardware company, St. Louis, Mo., tivation, and with 173 hens he has report a gain in sales for 1910 over netted \$605.50, after paying for the 1909 of \$1,450,000. In 1909 they feed of the poultry and allowing a cost gained more than \$1,500,000 over 1908. of \$1 a hen. Mr. Badger has four In two years they have therefore cows, from which he clears \$60 a gained over \$3,000,000 in sales. The month, obtaining 36 pounds of butter company stated their gain in 1910 was a week, an average of nine pounds made by the same number of salemen, from each cow. His hens are a cross and without opening any new territory, between Brown Leghorns and Buff nings of the railroads of the United or making any changes in their lines Orpingtons, but he proposes later to States for the past year 'were \$2,835,- of goods. There was no speculative have straight breeds. He has a heifer

> Albany's Total Rainfall 37 Inches Albany-Albany's total rainfall for of Bonacca, established a base and then es; October, 2.64; inches November, 10.04 inches; December, 3.89 inches.

the liner Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse into effect. The number issued here 5; fair to good, \$4.50@4.75; comm anyone, although he tries hard all the 385. A total of 899 was issued in 1909, calves, \$5.25@6; common calves, \$3.75 the first year the law was in effect. @4.75; good to choice stags, \$4.50@5;

Cheese Production is 4,500,000. Oregon's fame as a cheese state is during the coming spring and make 1910 reached a total of 4 500,000 \$4.75@5; old wethers, grain-fed, \$4.25 one speech in the state, probably in pounds, of which the Tillamock country @4.50; choice ewes, grain-fed \$3.75@4; Portland. Thirteen other states, alone produced about 3,500,000. Coos goodito choice ewes, grain-fed, \$3.50@ among them Washington, California, Bay is another thriving section where 3.75; feeders, \$2.25@3; choice lambs, Nevada, Idaho and Montana will be cheese is manufactured, and the indus- grain-fed, \$6.50@7; good to choice, wherever offered

HARRIMAN ROAD IS LOSER.

Fruit Shipper Gets \$2,000: Supreme Court Gives Decision

Salem-The judgment of the lower court of Umatilla county for damages in the sum of \$2,258.25 to F. V. Martin, a fruit shipper, against the Ore-Growth of the fruit industry of the gon Railroad & Navigation company, time, gives promise of still further Justice Slater, of the Supreme court. The action was brought by Martin to The acreage now planted—but not 316.50 and \$1,000 attorney's fees for tin's right to recover damages was based solely upon section 26 of the The greatest strides have been Oregon railroad commission's laws, able goods. The Supreme court holds

Fear Too Many Railroads.

Lebanon-A petition was filed with the city recorder of the city of Lebanon a few days ago on a franchise recently granted to the Albany Interurban Railway company, asking that it be submitted to a vote of the people at the next general election which will be held in December, 1911. This will tie up the franchise of the proposed new road for a year. One of the main objections to the franchise on Second street is that it brings the two railroads too close together.

Oil at Depth of 700 Feet.

Bandon - With the shaft down less than 700 feet, enough oil mixed with gas has been found in a test well driven at Bear Creek, seven miles east of Bandon, to make almost certain the existence of a paying oil field. The Miocene company of this city, which is sinking the oil shaft, is confident of success and has bought more than 5,000 acres of land believed to contain oil. Should the first well prove the bonanza expected, a dozen more will ing order.

Black Sand Mining Profitable.

Bandon - Coos and Curry county black sand mining is being exploited and successfully conducted under royalties paid to the Phelps Mineral Extraction company of 2201 South Main street, Los Angeles. Charles A. Phelps, promoter and head of this concern, has been in Bandon two days making all necessary arrangements for installing his fourth in Oregon at Whiskey Run, eight miles north up the beach from this city.

Newport-The Port of Newport commission has been granted a lease on 430 feet along the waterfront for dockone of the finest and largest of its kind ing purposes. The lease will run for

> PORTLAND MARKETS. Wheat - Track prices: Bluestem, 83@84c; club, 81c; red Russian, 79c; valley, 82c; 40-fold, 82c.

> Barley-Feed, \$23 per ton; brewing, \$25@25,50. Millstuffs-Bran, \$23.50@24.50; per ton; middlings, \$31; shorts, \$25.50@ 26.50; rolled barley, \$25@26.

Hay-Track prices: Timothy, Willamette valley, \$19@20 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$21@22; alfalfa, \$14; grain hay, \$14.50@15.50; clover, \$13 @14. Corn-Whole, \$29; cracked, \$30 ton. Oats-No. 1 white, \$28 per ton.

Poultry-Live: Hens, 16c; springs, 15@15%c; turkeys, \$22@25c; ducks, \$18@20c; geese, \$13@14c. Dressed: Turkeys, choice, 28c; ducks, 20@22c; geese, 18c. Eggs-Oregon ranch, candled, 371/ @40c; California, 35@37 %c.

Butter-City creamery extre, 1 and 2 bound prints, in boxes, 35c; less than boxes, cartons and delivery extra.

Pork-Fancy, 11@11%c per pound Veal-Fancy, 85 to 125 pounds, 13@ 4c per pound. Apples - King, 40@75c per box: Wolf River, 75c@\$1; Waxen, 75c@ \$1; Baldwin, 75c@\$1.25; Northern Spy, 75c@\$1.25; Winter Banana, \$1.75 @3.50; Red Cheek Pippin, 75c@\$1.25. Sack Vegetables-Carrots, \$1@1.25

hundred; parsnips, \$1@1.25; turnips, \$1; beets, \$1.25@1.50. Green Fruits-Pears, \$1,25@2 per box; grapes, \$1.75@2; cranberries,

Vegetables-Beans, 121/2c per pound; boat Hornet. The garrison in Ruatan for the development of crops and so as cabbage, \$1@1.25 per hundred; cauliflower, \$2@2.25 per crate; dispatch says: "After the Hornet left record of the rainfall by months fol- \$3.25; hothouse lettuce, \$1@1.25 pe The report of the California fish and New Orleans, she picked up 100 men, lows: January, 6.54 inches; Febru- box; pumpkins, 11% per pound; sprouts, 7@8c; squash, 1@116c. Potatoes - Oregon, jobbing prices:

> Onions - Buying price: \$1.25 per hundred. Cattle - Prime steers, \$6.75@7.50; good to choice, \$6@6.50; fair to good, Linn County Hunting Licenses Many. \$5.25@5.75; common, \$4.50@5.25; Jersey City - Allan McLane Hamil- Albany-More than 500 more hunt- choice to prime cows, \$5.50@5.75; ton, a member of the board of alien- ing licenses were issued in Linn county good to choice beef cows, \$5@5.50; ists commissioned to examine James J. in 1910 than in any former year since fair to good, \$4.50@5; common to fair. Gallagher, who shot Myaor Gaynor as the law requiring permits to hunt went \$2@4: good to choice heifers, \$4.75@ was about to sail for Europe last fall, each year is as follows: 1905, 1,457; to fair, \$4@4.25; choice to good fat declared his belief that Gallagher was 1906, 1,369; 1907, 1,479; 1908, 1,508; bulls, \$4.25@4.50; fair to good, \$3.50 perfectly sane and should stand trial. 1909, 1,637; 1910, 2,152. The num- @4; common, \$2.50@3 25; good to "Gallagher is the picture of health," ber of fishing licenses issued in this choice light calves, \$7@7.50; fair to said Hamilton. "He is as rational as county in the year just closed was 1,- good, \$6.50@7; good to choice heavy

> > Hogs-Choice, \$8.75@9; good to choice, \$8.50@8.75. Sheep-Yearling wethers, grain-fed.

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A German inventor will attempt to visited in Colonel Roosevelt's speech- try is growing there at a rapid rate. grain-fed, \$6@6.50; poor lambs, \$4.50

Hay-fed sheep and lambs 50c lower than grain-fed.