

ONLY A FARMER'S DAUGHTER.

By MRS. FORRESTER.

CHAPTER I. Marie Antoinette de Montolieu was a true son of the old French noblesse...

PEOPLE HOMELESS

St. Hyacinthe, Quebec, May 22.—A fire today in the shoe factory of Cote Bros. destroyed that and half a dozen other industries and 250 houses...

FRUIT CROP IS GONE ALSO.

Thermometer Below Zero, with Killing Frosts Prevailing. Butte, Mont., May 22.—Ten feet of snow is reported from Butte, Mont., near the international boundary...

SOUTH CHINA IN DANGER.

France Said to Be Planning Coup While Attention Is Distracted to North. Victoria, B. C., May 22.—Alfred Cunningham, manager of the Hong Kong Daily Press, a passenger on the Kaga Maru...

DINING IN HONOLULU.

Effective Decoration for the Table—Wreaths for Guests. The hostess who was kind enough to ask me to dinner in Honolulu had chosen scarlet carnations for her table...

CHINA COWED BY RUSSIA.

She is Agreeing, One by One, to All the Car's Demands. London, May 21.—According to a Peking dispatch to the Times, dated May 19, the situation at Niu Chwang and in Manchuria, in spite of proclamations and assurance, is unchanged...

STREET CAR TAKES FIRE.

Fainting Women Trampled Upon and One Man Badly Hurt. New York, May 21.—In a wild rush of frightened passengers to escape from a burning street car near Cypress Hills, Long Island, Michael Murphy, of Jamaica, was pushed through a window and so badly cut by the glass that his condition is critical.

SHEEP AND CATTLE FREEZE.

Loss by Unexpected Blizzard on Montana Ranges Amounts to Millions. Great Falls, Mont., May 21.—The heaviest sheep and cattle loss in the history of Montana, the damage of which will foot up as high as \$5,000,000, has been caused by the terrible storm which has been raging for the past three days...

COMMISSIONERS REPORT NO PROGRESS.

Washington, May 20.—No progress is reported from the United States treaty commissioners in China. The exact nature of the obstacle to the consummation of the trade treaty is not known.

GERMAN WINE MAY BE EXCLUDED.

Washington, May 21.—Acting Secretary of Agriculture Moore has requested the secretary of state to ascertain from the United States consul at Mayence the facts regarding the trial of Dr. Schlamp von Hope, who is charged with the adulteration of Nistner wines.

NEW FOLLER OF NORTHERN PACIFIC.

The Northern Pacific has just issued a handsome Yellowstone park folder, descriptive of the trip through that scenic region, and also dealing with Alaska and park, and also dealing with Alaska and park, and also dealing with Alaska and park...

EARNINGS OF RUBBER COMPANY.

New York, May 21.—The annual report of the United States rubber company shows total earnings to be \$51,888,757 and the total net income \$2,774,398, which, after deducting interest and bad debts, left a surplus for the year of \$1,342,448.

HAPPENINGS HERE IN OREGON.

LAND FOR RESERVE.

The interior department has decided upon another forest reserve for Oregon, this time in Southern Lake county, in the Warner mountain country.

MILL AT LUCKY BOY MINE.

A contract has been made by the Lucky Boy company in the Blue river district, for the machinery to increase the mill at the mines to 50 stamps, and other machinery for the operation of the mine.

STRIPPED OF TIMBER.

W. H. B. Kent and H. D. Langell, of the department of agriculture, are in Baker City from Washington to examine the lands and report in regard to the establishment of the Blue mountain forest reserve.

HALF A HOP CROP.

Much complaint is being expressed by the hop growers around Harrisburg. From some cause the vines have not come up in many hills in the yards thereabout, while many of the vines are blighting.

SURVEYING CRATER LAKE PARK.

Superintendent W. F. Arant has received word that Crater Lake national park will be surveyed by the department as soon as the snow disappears from the mountains.

BETTER CATCH OF FISH.

Reports from the mouth of the river are to the effect that the catch of fish is a trifle better, but as the catch during the last week or ten days has been very small, this does not mean much.

DIED AT GREAT AGE.

Joseph Bashaw, who, as near as can be figured out, was at least 115 years old, was found dead in bed at the home of his stepson, near Sidney.

FRUIT OUTLOOK BRIGHT.

Prune growers from different parts of Marion and Polk counties report that their trees are in excellent condition and promise an enormous crop.

FIRE AT ASHLAND.

Fire which broke out at Ashland last Monday in the middle of the business houses on the west side of Fourth street, between A and B, near the Southern Pacific depot, gained such headway and burned so fiercely that almost the entire block was destroyed.

CUTTING DOWN DEBT.

The semi-annual financial statement of Wasco county, computed by County Clerk Lake, shows a reduction in the indebtedness of the county of \$41,705.34 within the last six months.

READY TO DIG.

Ditch digging implements and supplies for the Columbia Southern irrigation company, on the Tumello, have been going in for several days, and active operations are expected to be in progress there soon.

ALL ARE BUSY AT HELIX.

The prosperous little village of Helix, in the very heart of the great wheat belt of Eastern Oregon, enjoys the distinction of not having an idle man, a vacant storeroom or dwelling house within its limits.

HEAVY BUYER OF TIMBER LANDS.

Deeds have been filed for record conveying the title to nearly 3,000 acres of timber land along the Klatskanie river to W. W. Roman, of Forrest, Pa., making a tract of about 7,000 acres that he has recently purchased in that vicinity.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 70¢71¢; valley, 74¢. Barley—Feed, \$20.00 per ton; brewing, \$21. Flour—Best grades, \$3.95@4.30; Graham, \$3.45@3.85. Millstuffs—Bran, \$23 per ton; middlings, \$27; shorts, \$23.00; chop, \$18. Oats—No. 1, white, \$1.10@1.15; gray, \$1.05 per cental. Hay—Timothy, \$20@21; clover, \$10@11; chest, \$15@16 per ton. Potatoes—Best Burbanks, 50¢ per sack; ordinary, 25@40¢ per cental; growers' prices; Merced sweets, \$3@3.50 per cental. Poultry—Chickens, mixed, 11@12¢; young, 13@14¢; hens, 12¢; turkeys, live, 16@17¢; dressed, 20@22¢; ducks, \$7.00@7.50 per dozen; geese, \$6@6.50. Cheese—Full cream, twins, 16 1/2¢; Young America, 17@17 1/2¢; factory prices, 16 1/2¢; less. Butter—Fancy creamery, 20@22¢ per pound; extras, 21¢; dairy, 20@22 1/2¢; store, 16@18¢. Eggs—16@17¢ per dozen. Hops—Choice, 18@20¢ per pound. Wool—Valley 12 1/4@15; Eastern Oregon, 8@14; mohair, 35@36¢. Beef—Gross, cows, 3 1/4@4¢ per pound; steers, 4 1/4@5¢; dressed, 7 1/2¢. Veal—8@8 1/2¢. Mutton—Gross, 7@7 1/4¢ per pound; dressed, 8@9¢. Lamb—Gross, 4¢ per pound; dressed, 7 1/2¢. Hogs—Gross, 7@7 1/4¢ per pound; dressed, 8@8 1/4¢.