

NLY A FARMER'S DAUGHTER.

MRS. FORRESTER.

CHAPTER III.

before that Errol Hastings had sat with

her under those very beeches, and talked

to her in the low, fascinating tones pe-

culiar to him when addressing women

And she had fancied she read love in his

deep blue eyes. They had met more than

once since the adventure in the wood,

and he had always stopped to speak to

her. And the previous day, as she had

been sitting reading in the garden, she

had heard the prancing hoofs, and, look-

an hour before in the lane, and, throwing

the reins to the groom, jump down and

Winifred's heart beat fast as she saw

again, I shall not regret it too much."

'Can I say anything to him for you?'

some surprise that it was an old French

"Will you let me send you some books

"Oh, how kind you are" exclaimed

"What shall it be?" asked Mr. Hast-

you will agree with me in admiring that,

"Sometimes," laughed Winifred, "Do

"Yes," said Errol, "I must plead guil-

when I am alone I like to sit and look

distance from us seem golden. Do you

one of the celebrities of the olden times?

I should like to have been Alexander, and

conquered the world; or a Leonidas, dy-

His voice had dropped while he was

Winifred colored deeply, and the tone

"I would not have been Guinevere to

the noblest Launcelot who ever breathed.

"I beg your pardon, I ought to have

remembered; but for the moment I did not think of her falseness, I only recol-

lected that she was beautiful and charm-

Winifred's face while he had been speak-

ing. And as he watched her, he thought

that of all the women he had ever known.

none had such a sweet grace of womanli-

"Pardon my Intrusion, Miss Eyre;

And Errol Hastings held out his hand

to her. She put her own timidly into it.

and he clasped it for a moment with

brought the blood rushing to her face.

verted by seeing a young farmer, Mr.

"Good afternoon, Miss Eyre," he said,

have detained you already too long.'

flee the temptation.

she sat.

have been Gulnevere."

enter the little gate.

asked Winifred.

book very engrossing?"

struts, which had frightened her se

Poor Winifred! it was only the day

ity, delighted with everything she saw. CHAPTER II .- (Continued.) "Very well, then. I went over to lunch | Flora was rather silent as she rode with Hastings, as you know, and after home. She was thinking how pleasant Hastings here," said Mr. Fenner, wrathlunch we had a game of billiards, and it would be to be the wife of a man like then went into the stables to look at the Errol Hastings, and the mistress of a horses. And such horses, too! Well, af- place like Hazell Court. He was speakter we had left the stable and chatted a ing to her in low, earnest tones; and bit, he ordered the chestnuts round, and as he passed the Farm did not turn to we started to come over here. How those look for Winifred. And Winifred, sitting horses did fret, and prance, and rear: under her favorite clump of beeches, But he took it as coolly as possible, and book in hand, looked with wistful eyes soothed and quieted them, until they went after them; and when he had passed out off like lambs. They continued very quiet of sight, without once turning to look for about a mile, when we came to a gate for her, she hid her face in her hands where a girl was standing, and then they and cried bitterly. shied and reared again, until I thought they would have upset us in the ditch. But Hastings was not a bir disconcerted; he held the reins with one hand, and with the other took off his hat to the girl as if she had been an empress. She was so graceful, and had such lovely eyes! I was auxious to know who she could be, and asked him. Guess, Flo, who it was." "How should I know?" answered his

sister, pettishly. "How provoking you "Well, then, it was our cousin, Miss Eyre; and I can tell you she is nothing ing up, had seen him buil up his flery to be ashamed of, either. I could see how much he admired her, and was just going to tell him of our connection with her when the chestnuts bolted, and, by the time he got them in hand again, it had gone out of my mind. However, the Mr. Hastings coming up the garden toinformation will keep till another time." "Reginald," cried his sister, white to

tell him that low-born girl is related to he at home?" Errol asked. us?-you will not dare?" "Reginald knows better than to do anything so foolish," interrupted Mrs, Champion. "But in case you should be tempt-ed to do so," she added, turning to her son, "remember that not a tithe of that five hundred pounds I promised you for

your last season's debts shall pass into "Oh! very well, that's enough," re sponded Reginald, sulkily. "But I can tell you one thing. Flo-I believe he's tremendously cut with that girl, and that

he's gone off after her now." And having uttered this remark with the amiable intention of annoying his sister, he proceeded to quit the room, think Reginald gets more unbeara-

ble every day," exclaimed Flora, an-"Twenty-one is not generally a very to read?" Errol asked, gently. "I make agreeable age in a young man," remarked a point of collecting all the best works,

And so the fates conspired to keep a be such a pleasure to me to think some secret from Errol Hastings, which, as it one besides myself would take an inturned out, was very important he should terest in reading them."

He called at Hurst Manor the day af- Winifred, eagerly, blushing with delight; ter Reginald lunched with him, and ac- "it would be such a treat to have some

cepted Mrs. Champion's invitation to stay thing new to read." 'Mrs. Champion," he said, as they sat ings-"history, novels, poetry, or theol

together in the drawing room, "I am go- ogy? When you read Tennyson, look for ing to beg a favor of you and Miss Cham- my favorite poem, 'Oenone;' I am sure "I am sure we shall be but too happy Do you sometimes indulge in romance,

to grant it, if it is in our power," she re- Miss Eyre?" "I think of giving a ball at the Court,"

Mr. Hastings continued, "and before I issue my invitations I want to secure the ty, although I am long past the age when promise of your presence and co-opera- that youthful foible is permissible. But

"A ball at the Court; that will be at a beautiful landscape, until my very charming!" exclaimed Miss Champion, power of vision is absorbed in thought; with unusual animation. "Bachelors al- and I like to go back centuries, and live ways give such charming parties; besides, in the past ages, that from their wide which, it will gratify my long-felt desire ever fancy you would like to have been

"If you really have any englosity to see my domain, I trust you will not wait for the ball. Why not ride over this afternoon before dinner? Your brother, I have ing gloriously in battle; an undaunted

no doubt, will accompany us." Miss Champion looked at her mother in Caesar; a Mark Antony, beleved a dutiful interrogative manner, and Mrs. Cleopatra; or a Launcelot, if you might Champion replied immediately:

"Certainly, my love, if you persuade Reginald. You look a little pale-a ride speaking, and as he uttered the last senwill do all the good in the world."

Reginald being agreeable, the horses eyes sought hers with a passionate exwere ordered round, and Miss Champion pression of admiration.

left the room to equip.

"Apropos of the ball," said Errol, "I of her voice was haughty as she made am expecting an influx of visitors to the answer, looking far away into the woods:

Court, and I shall beg of your charity to come and help me to entertain them. Sir Clayton and Lady Grace Farquhar Had I been chosen by such a godlike are coming for a fortnight, until their knight as King Arthur, I think I could place at Endon Vale is ready, and she have appreciated him too well to requite has promised to play hostess for the oc- his love with falseness." casion. Lady St. Ego and her daughters will come up from Hertfordshire. Mr. and Mrs. Rivers, Lady Marion Alton and her niece, and several bachelor friends, so I shall need some assistance in my novel part of host."

"When is the ball to take place?" inquired Mrs. Champion.

"I hardly think I am justified in dignifying my gathering by the name of a ball; but I mean to invite every one round for twelve miles; and as this is such a very quiet time of the year, I do not apprehend many disappointments. Indeed. only intend giving ten days' notice."

"That will be quite enough," Mrs Champion agreed; "no one thinks of giving parties in the country at this time a strong, passionate clasp, looking into of year, and a ball will be quite a boon her eyes the while with a look that to the young people. I prophesy your Then he turned slowly, and went back entertainment will be a great success." "I hope so," said Mr. Hastings, "I as- to his phaeton, her eyes looking dreamily sure you I shall spare no pains to make into the distance. Her reverie was di-

everything go off well. Flora came in at this juncture, looking very handsome in her perfectly fitting the road, hitting off the tops of the grass habit, and they all walked out of the viciously with his stick. She had seen

Reginald usurped the greater part of the conversation on the way, much to his sister's annoyance, but she had no "I suppose I may come in now you are intention of here." intention of betraying any ill-humor be- disengaged?" fore Mr. Hastings. When they arrived Whitfred was compelled to give him her at Hazell Court they dismounted, sent hand, sorely as it chafed her that his the horses to the stables, and proceeded coarse, heavy touch should brush off the to explore the house. Miss Champion not tender clasp of Mr. Hastings' lithe finsaly expressed herself, but was in real- gers.

"Certainly you may come in," she as FINDS A BIG GRAFT when you pleased before. I was not par-

icularly engaged." "Oh! you did see me, then? I thought

Winifred was beginning to get angry; this man had never presumed to use such tone to her before.

asked abruptly. "No, I don't; I left him not an hour ago in the turnip field-I want to see

"Oh, very well," remarked Winifred;

tion that her companion quailed.

any idea of what you are talking about?"

exclaimed, passionately.

riously, "understand, once for all, that I wish me to entertain the slightest regard some three weeks ago, and

"I have come to call on Mr. Eyre-is "No," replied Winifred; "he has been out since two o'clock, and I do not ex-"I am sorry." Errol had answered, looking in her face, as he always did now; "but if you will allow me to make his farmers' daughters." absence to-day an excuse for calling

"I am afraid not," Mr. Hastings said, house and shut the door. Then she ran improperly. 'it is on a question of a new up to her room and, throwing herself on method of farming, which I fear is too her knees by her bedside, she sobbed and abstruse for me to discuss with you. But cried passionately. I am interrupting your reading-is your

At last she rose and went to her piano. And as he spoke he glanced at the cover of the book and observed with singing low, sweet songs to herself, until at last the cloud was chased away gan to bring smiles in place of tears,

p and called: "Elizabeth!"

pation chased all unpleasant memories the men themselves, and 8390 away, and when she went to bed she had "widows and dependents." T

But the next day poor Winifred was plunged into the depths of sadness again, been rejected. for Mr. Hastings passed, bending over his saddle to talk to her stately cousin, and had never once turned to look for her, (Yo be continued.)

THE PASSPORT IN RUSSIA.

You Cannot Move About the Country hero, like Alcibiades; an emperor, like

Without the Document. The train slows down as it crosses neys have been active among the the frontier, and creeps gently up to men who served either in Cuba or in the platform of the first station on Rus- the Philippines and especially so sian soil. Furtively peeping out of with widows or dependent tence in a low, thrilling whisper, his the window, you behold a number of tives of those who were killed or died stalwart men uniformed in the Russian style, and wearing the peculiarly Russian top boots. The polite conductor comes to the compartment and bids you get the passport ready. After a few of those who were killed or died in the service. They have induced many men to file claims when there was no chance of securing an allowance, but in the hope of securing a small fee for their pretended service. get the passport ready. After a few The high rate of rejections-higher minutes of waiting, during which anx- by far than the rate of allowances-inbety is not diminished, an officer in dicates the class of claims that have smart gray-blue uniform comes along, been filed. attended by a soldier with a wallet. He demands the precious document, and, noting its foreign origin, casts upon its possessor a keen, searching glance, steamer Huddersfield, which sailed Then he looks for the all-important visa from here yesterday from Grimsby or indersement of the Russian official collided with the Norwegian steamer in the country of issue; and on finding the country of issue; and on finding have foundered. Twenty-two of her nt ne passes coldly on without a word.

passengers, Austrian and Italian immigrants, are said to have lost their you feel as a prisoner feels when the lives. chain of evidence is tightening around lieved the passengers were crushed hlm; your thoughts wander back to the past, and you wonder whether any indiscretion of your insignificant youth ness as this one. He rose suddenly to mony against you. The utmost care is taken in the study

and registration of these documents; every Russian must have his passport; every foreigner entering or leaving the country must have it, too. Whether native or alien, you cannot move about trip to America. Mr. McCormick, the the country without the document; when you arrive in a town it must be Senator Scott are fellow-passengers of submitted to the local police; where you Mr. Choate on the Kronprinz Wil-Tom Fenner, sauntering leisurely down leave that town the police must indorse him pass before, when she was talking the passport with their sanction to the saddle, mounted himself, and bidding au noved her. He came deliberately in at tevoir to Mrs. Champion, they started the garden gate, and walked up to what revoir to Mrs. Champion, they started the garden gate, and walked up to where and wise is the stranger who complies carefully with every part of the formal-Ity.—Chambers' Journal.

St. Vincent's hospital of New York City has an electrical ambulance. It can travel at the rate of ten miles an the Missouri state line, at 5 o'clock can travel at the rate of ten miles and hour, and cost over \$2,000. It does not differ materially from the ordinary differ materially from the ordinary and five were injured, ed outright and five were injured, ed outright and five were injured. horse-drawn ambulance.

fine new friend to look at me."

POSTMASTER GENERAL PAYNE CAUSES

APPEST OF MACHEN

to Have Received \$19,000 as a Rakeoff on Patent Letter Box Fastener-Fraud Was Discovered Accidentally-

such an imperial air of amazed indigna- dent of the free delivery service, was will be under water. arrested on a warrant issued upon the "Mr. Fenner," she said "have you information of postoffice inspectors Look here, Miss Winifred!" uttered charging him with having received of use your pretending not to understand the local firm of Groff Bros., for a me, because you can't have mistaken my patent postal-box fastener. The warmeaning this last month. I've loved you for this year back. And so to-day, in the for this year back. And so to day, in the turnip field, I spoke to Mr. Eyre, and 1900. It is alleged at the department, he said he had no objection, provided you liked me, and I said I wasn't afraid of however, that this amount does not represent all that Machen obtained that, for you had always been so kind from his contracts, it being charged in your ways to me, which you wouldn't have been if you hadn't meant as I did."
"How dare you say I know what you contract mentioned in the warrant. meant or gave you encouragement," she Other arrests are to follow,

Immediately after Mr. Machen was "Because you did!" he returned, with taken into custody the Postmaster-temper. "If you didn't mean anything General issued an order removing by your smiles, and tricks, and ways, him from office. He had been practi ou must be as false as fair."
"Enough of this!" cried Winifred, impepending investigation into his bureau.

The discovery of Machen's alleged never had and never shall have, the re- interests in the contracts was made motest feeling of love for you; and if you quite accidentally by the inspectors for you, you will never again adopt such then their energies had been directed a tone to me as you have done to-day." toward making out a case. Last night 'So," he said, in an insolent tone, "you after the authorities had become concould be all very well to Tom Fenner, the vinced that they were in possession farmer, until your fine new lover came of the necessary evidence, Mr. Machalong; but you must turn high and mighty en was notified to appear at the dedirectly you've been seen with a London partment this morning. He did so, Lewis and Clark Expositions, in St. But I can tell you one thing, and was subjected to a "sweating" Miss Winifred," he added, with an in-sulting air that was indescribable, "Hast-Bristow for three hours, but no admis Both houses ings of Hazel Court don't mate with sions that he had profited by the contracts could be secured from him. He the reading of Governor Toole's mes-"You insolent, mean-spirited coward." declined to answer many questions, she cried, stamping her foot; "leave this on the ground that they related to his to be a general demand for a display place immediately, and never presume to private business, but insisted to the of the state's products and resource

EAGER FOR PENSIONS.

Spanish War Veterans are Freely Asking Government Aid.

Washington, May 29.—Pension from her face, and bright thoughts be- Commissioner Ware calls attention, as did his predecessor, to the fact that thought, "or he would not have held my a greater proportion of the veterans hand so long, and looked into my face of the Spanish War have applied for than did the veterans Her thoughts were suddenly interrupt of any previous war of the United by a ring at the bell, and she paused ed States in a like period follow-"Some books for Miss Eyre, with Mr. ing the close of a National conflict. Hastings' compliments," said a man's Most of the applications on file come coice, to the servant who answered the from members of the volunteer regiments, 65,436 applications of When it was closed again she jumped class now being of record, and all filed since the close of the Spanish acres.

In round numbers, over 22 per cent "Give them to me, and bring the lamp, of the men who enlisted for service in the war with Spain have this early And she began with eager delight to applied for pensions. Out of the to examine the handsomely bound volumes. tal number of claims filed, 57,046 are It was a happy evening; her new occu- known as "invalid" claims, filed by even forgotten the existence of Mr. Fen- have been allowed to date 9881 invalid pensions and 3160 widows and dependents, while 18,185 claims have

applications are being filed daily by the hundreds, and the indications are that by the close of the present year nearly 50 per cent of the men who were enrolled on the army lists during the brief war will have applied to the government for a pension. This high percentage is said by the department to be due to the activity of pension attorneys. These attor-

Steamers Collide at Ses. Antwerp. May 29.—The British

Choate on His Way Home.

London, May 29.-A crowd riends assembled at Waterloo Staion today to bid farewell to Ambassador Choate, who is making a flying American Ambassador to Russia, and helm, which sailed from Southampton shortly after noon today. Ambassa dor Tower and Mrs. Tower and Miss

Nine are Killed Outright.

FLOOD IN KANSAS.

Many People are Driven From Their Homes-Wheat Crops Ruined.

Salina, Kan., May 26.-This city is tonight the scene of the worst flood in its history, fully 100 families having been driven from their homes, and the "Do you want to see my father?" she Head of Free Delivery Service is Alleged extent of the damage is estimated to be hundreds of thousands of dollars. Another heavy rain fell tonight, making four inches of rain that has fall-

through trains are running over the feet of the old. Rock Island from Lincoln Junction, Mr. Smith claims that the indica-

The entire district for miles northwest and southwest from the station is flooded. As far as the eye can reach, the wheat fields have been transformed into great lakes of rag-Crops are ruined and

EXHIBIT FOR FAIRS.

Montana Legislature in Special Session Makes Appropriation.

Helena, Mont., May 26 .- (Special.) session, at the call of Governor Toole, for the purpose of making an appropriation for Montana's representation at the Louisiana Purchase and the Louis and Portland, respectively, in ground before the time for the public

Both houses met in joint session shortly afer 11 o'clock and listened to to qualify the interest of the buyers sage, which stated that there seemed enter it again!" and she turned into the end that he had not received a cent at these Expositions, hence his call for an extra session.

Before the day was over three bills had been introduced and passed appropriating \$50,000 for St. Louis, \$10. veloped, but it is known that all the from St. Louis to Portland, and \$15,journed sine die.

MANY HOMELESS BY FIRE.

ew Hampshire Blaze Causes a Loss of \$400,000.

Laconia, N. H., May 26.-Nearly 100 buildings have been burned, 350 persons are homeless and a loss between \$350,000 and \$400,000 has been caused by a fire in the Lakeport section, the be posted in a few days. At present area burned over being about room of the H. H. Wood hosiery mill. which is the county seat now, Rain-The flames spread briskly, and in a jer and Clatskanie. A hard fight will very short time, under the influence be put up from three points. It is of a brisk southeast wind, the entire generally conceded that Rainier will structure was burning. Next it spread to the finished-lumber plant of receive a majority of all votes, a sec the Boulia & Gorrell Co., and then to ond election will be held in August, the works of the Laconia Electric and the vote will be taken between Light Company. In less than an hour the two highest. these plants were destroy-The city fire department was helpless to stay the progress of the

want of material. SLAVERY IN NEW FORM.

flames, and destruction went on until

Secret Service Men Find Judges Pro-

moting Peonage in the South. Washington, May 26 .- At the quest of the Department of Justice the United States Secret Service has indertaken an investigation of the charge of peonage, or holding another in servitude to work out a debt, which has been made against persons living in the vicinity of Montgomery, Ala. One man, named Robert N. Franklin has already been indicted for keeping a Negro in servitude, and information in the hands of Chief Winkle tends to show that a regular system has been practiced between certain magistrates

and persons who want Negro laborers The plan is to bring a poor Negro before a magistrate on a flimsy charge. He is convicted, and white man offers to advance him the noney provided the Negro will make a labor contract with him for a length of time sufficient to reimburse him for the money and trouble he has taken to keep the Negro out of jail. The Negro is thereupon taken away, and begins what is frequently a long term of cruel servitude.

New York Celebrates.

New York, May 28.-New York to day officially commemorated the 250th anniversary of the establishment of discretion of your insignificant youth may not now be brought up in testing may not now and the brought may not now and t land, New York. The city hall, where the main exercises were held, and city hall park, were the center of attraction. In the public schools 500,-000 children took took part in the exercises. Mayor Low, General James backs and steelheads. The chinooks Grant Wilson, Secretary of War Root, Governor Odell and Bishop Potter cents, and the steelheads, 3 cents per per

> German Report on the Massacre. Berlin, May 28 .- The German Jewhouses were destroyer, 600 shops to Kishinef who reports that 700 sacked and that about 10,000 persons are homeless, as a result of the recent Blanchard, Iowa, May 28.—A most massacre. Forty-five persons were destructive and fatal tornado struck killed outright during the massacre the town of Elmo. Mo., eight miles stated outright during the massacre, south of Blanchard, and just across were slightly injured. The number of

HAPPENINGS HERE IN OREGON

CONFIDE OF SUCCESS.

Prospectors for Oil Do Not Lose Faith Rich Veins of Ore Reported by Prospec-Because of Reverses.

The Umpqua Valley Oil Company, en here during the last 24 hours. The of Roseburg, which has been boring "but please let me know at once what you want of me, it is time to go in and see about the tea."

"Oh, you weren't in such a hurry jast new, when you had that puppy of a Hastings here," said Mr. Fenner, wrathfully.

Winifred rose like a young Juno, with such an imperial air of amazed indignation.

"Others implicated.

Others northwestern portion of the city is for oil at Myrtle Creek, has abandoned A passenger train on the Lincoln "plugged," and in such a manner that that this new find will prove the richbranch of the Union Pacific is held be- it is now impossible to work it at all.

SEALED BIDS FOR WOOL.

First Pool Sale This Season Held at Arlington-Sale Small. first wool sale of the season

under the system of sealed bids, intime last year, came off in Arlington ruling prices had fallen below the over the sales made this morning by sale when all the buyers should ar flax industry for Oregon. rive. This may have had a tendency in the other lots listed.

Fruit Trees Feel Frost.

A killing frost blighted the prospects for an abundant fruit crop around Baker City last week. The expropriating \$50,000 for St. Louis, \$10. veloped, but it is known that all the land owners over 1000 acres land, as the current was about early fruit is badly damaged, and in some localities all the fruit is killed. 000 additional for the maintenance of the State Capitol and grounds. Be frost in Pine and Eagle valleys, or will save this as well as the banks fore midnight the session had been ad- down on the Snake river, below Hunt- which the current has been moving ington. These portions of the county at the rate of about 20 feet a year in comprise the principal fruitgrowing sections of the country. night the prospects were favorable for the greatest fruit crop ever known in

Dainier is Confident.

this, the Powder river valley,

The county-seat fight in Columbia county is on. The election notice calling a special election for July 6 will 15 there are only three candidates for the The fire started in a boiler honors of county seat. St. Helens, be first in the race. Should no point

Pine Lands Cut Out.

The General Land Office at Washington has received the amended map the fire actually burned itself ou for filed by the Oregon Development Company, showing lands on the Up-per Deschutes river in Eastern Oregon, which it proposes to reclaim under Carey act. On this map, the company has eliminated nearly 15,000 acres that were included in the original selection, this action being taken because of the report of Special Agent Green, that much of the original selection was land covered with merchant-

able timber. Damming of the Rogue.

The Golden Drift Mining Company has resumed with a vim the work of completing its big power dam across three miles above Grants Pass. dam was begun early last year, but was not completed before the arrival of the fall rains. The dam, even in its uncompleted state, withstood the very high water and several freshets ing, \$21. of the Rogue during the winter.

Catherine Creek Claims Taken.

There is another small rush on in ocating timber in the Catherine creek district, east of Union. About claims have been located during the past ten days and others are investigating. Last year many locations were made, but filings suddenly ceased when it was rumored that there had been frauds in making locations, and that the government was investigating the matter.

The White Island Seining Company's grounds, about two miles above Cathlamet, have begun operations, and have been catching about half a ton of fish per day, which more than pays expenses. About half the catch is chinook, the balance being bluepound.

Rich Strike in Gray Eagle.

A narrow streak of fabulously rich ore has been struck in the Gray Eagle mine, in the Sparta district. The ore assays \$2000 per ton. A five-foot ledge assays \$15. The property is owners of the Bonanza.

Irrigationists Surprised.

The abandonment of the semi-annual meeting of the State Irrigation Association comes as a surprise to most of the friends of irrigation in the eastern part of the state.

COPPER NEAR ROSEBURG.

tors in Collier Creek Country. Frank Reed arrived in Roseburg a ew days ago from the Collier Creek country, in Curry county, where he was later found that the weil had been discovery, but it is generally believed

est yet discovered.

The ledge is about 16 miles south tween two washouts two miles north of here. The passengers were ing oil that it has again let a contract of Rogue river, and is at present a Fenner, with great earnestness—"it's no "rake-offs" from contracts made with brought to this city on handcars. The to Loyd Smith, a practical well-driller, very difficult place to reach, as there Union Pacific tracks for three miles who will immemiately commence op-west of here are washed out, and all erations on the new well within 12 it is expected that operations will oon commence on the development of these mines, as Mr. Reed is a member Rock Island from Lincoln Junction, Colo., to Manhattan, Kan. The Union Pacific station here is surrounded by water and the railroad yards are tive copper is abundant throughout Southern Oregon, but those owning most of the mines have not sufficient capital to work them properly.

Oregon Can Grow Flax.

That the Pacific Coast and especialunder the system of sealed bids, in-augurated in this state for the first of Oregon is especially adapted to the culture of flax, and that of the very last week. It was a sorry disappoint finest quality, has been demonstrated ment to both seller and buyer. Over beyond any possibility of a doubt by 500,000 pounds of wool was offered for Mr. Eugene Bosse, the celebrated Belsale, but only about 50,000 pounds was gian flax culturist, who has been consold. Prices paid for those sold ducting a scientific course of experi-The Eighth Legislative Assembly ranged from 11½ cents to 13 cents. ments in and around Salem for more assembled here today in extraordinary the offers on the largest and best than a year past, and is now engaged clips were all declined because the in raising the second crop for the purpose of proving this fact to the enowners' expectations. Dissatisfaction tire satisfaction of those who are now was expressed by a number of buyers backing him financially, and have shown heretofore a disposition to the local bank to a buyer on the doubt the veracity of his broad asser-ground before the time for the public tions regarding the possibilities of the

Curb on Willamette.

Extensive work is being done on ne Willamette river just north of Independence. captain Ogden states that work will be continued all of the summer. The jetty being constructed below Independence will save to the land owners over 1000 acres of wash through a number of the best farms and change the course of the many places.

Headed Toward Burns.

Sumpter Valley Railroad, is in Baker City prepared to begin the work of other material for the extension have begun to arrive and the sawmills are ousy cutting ties for the new road. Just how far the road will be built this season is not stated, but it is certain that it will penetrate some distance into Grant county in the direction of Burns, the county seat of Har-

ney county. Preparing for Dry Summer.

Baker City authorities are preparing to supply the city with an abundance of water, for what promises to be a long, dry summer. The new reservoir on Goodrich which was completed last fall, will be in use this season in addition to the Eagle creek supply. Several of the water mains are being replaced with larger pipe, so that both the supply of water and the pressure may be equal to the demand,

Geological Survey Begins.

Government Engineer Sutton, who has been getting together his corps of assistants and outfit in Union for the past week, has just commenced his field work of making a complete geological survey of the county in this section. The work was started in Unon and will branch out covering about 1000 square miles, requiring about two years' work.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat-Walla Walla, 70@71c; valley, 74c. Barley-Feed, \$20.00 per ton; brew-

Flour — Best grades, \$3.95@4.30; gra-ham, \$3.45@3.85.

Millstuffs-Bran, \$23 per ton; middlings, \$27; shorts, \$23.00; chop, Oats - No. 1 white, \$1.10@1.15;

gray, \$1.05 per cental. Hay - Timothy, \$20@21; clover,

\$10@11; cheat, \$15@16 per ton. Potatoes-Best Burbanks, 50e per sack; ordinary, 25@40c per cental, growers' prices; Merced sweets, \$3@

Poultry-Chickens, mixed, 11@12e; young, 13@14c; hens, 12c; turkeys, live, 16@17c; dressed, 20@22c; ducks, \$7.00@7.50 per dozen; geese, \$6@6.50. Cheese-Full cream, twins, 161/2@

17c; Young America, 17@17%c; factory prices, 1@1%c; less. Butter-Fancy creamery, 20@22c per pound; extras, 21c; dairy, 20@221/c;

store, 16@18c. Eggs-16@17c per dozen. Hops-Choice, 18@20c per pound.

Woll-Valley 1214@15; Eastern Oregon, 8@14; mohair, 35@36c. Beef — Gross, cows, 31/4@4c per pound; steers, 41/4@5c; dressed, 71/4c.

Veal-8@8 %c. Mutton-Gross, 7@71/c per pound; Lambs-Gross, 4c per pound ;dressed,

Hogs-Gross, [7@ 1/7c per] pound; dressed, 8@8%.