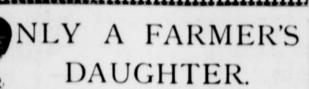
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CHAPTER IX .- (Continued.)

Lady Marion Alton on being informed of her niece's engagement had ing her husband-"Francis, Mr. Hastings ne to Endon Vale and carried her off is here.' to London, and thence to pay a visit to before for London. Miss Champion Mr. Hastings. had stayed on, in the hope of winning back Lord Harold to his allegiance; but evening," he said. now that she found each day attracting him more and more to her cousin, she could endure it no longer. The visit to liciously. "Your memory is not usually Lady Grace, from which she had anticipated such great results, had been fraught with the most bitter mortifica-

That same evening while Lady Grace was in her own little sanctum reading,

there were tear stains on her face.

the girl's overstrung nerves, and the tears act he arose. "O Lady Grace, I am so grieved!"

bad news from home?"

you will be angry with me and never for- so solicitous about me." It is about Lord Harold Ers-Winifred said, nervously, and a not choose my horses to be kept waitsudden chill came into the heart of the ing," he replied, scarcely deigning to look elder lady, for she was very fond of her at her.

About Harold, my dear?" "Lord Harold asked-asked me to mar-

ry him this morning; and, oh, Lady Grace, I am so sorry!" Sorry that he asked you to marry

position made him so far beyond me. I society I was not used to." "Then you do not love him?"

"I do like him very much-I could not help it, he is so good-but, oh, dear Lady Grace, I could not marry him," and the tears rained down.

Then you have refused him?" "I told him the truth-I could not de-

in your own mind that you cannot love girl?" he thought to himself, But are you quite sure? Harold is say she has found out by this time that kind and good; he is handsome, and is money doesn't bring happiness." rich-ought you not to weigh everything in your mind thoroughly before you de-

love him-I cannot marry him!" coaclud- ately. ed Winifred, pitcously.

more. I am sorry, for my boy's sake, and it up. I should have been well content to have | She thanked him; and he put her cloak

And then the kind-hearted woman took arm. the sobbing girl in her arms and Winifred laid her head on the kind breast, seated in the carriage. "Many thanks and cried to her heart's content. There for your timely aid. Will you come and was a good deal more talk before the two see us to-morrow at our hotel?" parted, and it was settled that Winifred and stay there a few weeks; and then in wishing good-by. she should pay Endon Vale another visit, The day after their meeting at the when Lord Harold should have left, But opera Mr. Hastings called on Mrs. Clay-

stroked his head very tenderly. "I cannot tell, my boy, but I am afraid to annoy her husband.

CHAPTER X.

Seventeen months have elapsed since Errol Hastings had stood on the deck of Iterranean, and thinking of the woman he loved so deeply. She was not a woman, though, then—she was only a fresh, young girl; and in her sweet, simple

He was staying for a month in Paris on the way home, and the brilliant so I almost wonder she does not remain clety he mixed with was very pleasant with you." after his long isolation.

To-night, too, he was to meet an old seemed so charming to him as she did how, with her pretty assumption of matronhood. Her husband was detestable, certainly, and she knew it. Surely the continuance of an old friendship must be grateful to one who could not b very happy. And with a strong interest, walked that evening into Mrs. Clayton's

The husband and wife were together alone. The former was gazing intently through his glass at a very showy looking differences, and made an effort to change supernumerary, the latter leant back indifferently, with a strong evpression of discontent and weariness on her pretty Grace Farquhar lately, Mrs. Clayton? face. She was prettier, perhaps, than when we last saw her as Fee Alton; but sadder, more pensive, and her beauty was enhanced by the magnificence of her jew-

Clayton said, smiling up in Errol's face, I wish you had been here sooner. and yielding her hand to his gentle pressure—"I was so dull. None of my friends has been up to see me, and Mr. Clayton

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is so fascinated by some lovely creature The party at Endon Vale was breaking on the stage that he has no eyes for anyone else. Francis," she continued, touch-

> Mr. Clayton looked savagely at her, Francis Clayton had left the and then he gave a surly recognition to "I hardly expected to see you here this

"You know, Francis, I told you I asked

Madame was not in the best of tempers -constant contact with a man like her husband had not tended to increase the

amiability of her disposition.

Mr. Clayton turned away to the stage, Winifred knocked at her door and, in an and left his wife to an uninterrupted conswer to her "some in," the girl went in versation with her friend. But all the same he was trying to hear every word Lady Grace looked up and smiled that passed between them; he was far too kindly, and then she looked again. Wini- small-minded to be free from jealousy and fred did not seem bright and beaming suspicion. Fee was perfectly aware that as was her wont-she was nervous, and he was listening, so she dropped her voice to a whisper, and flirted away in "What is it, my love? You have been a very animated manner with Mr. Hast-

There was such tender solici- ings. Francis Clayton was gradually betade in the tone that it was too much for coming furious. At the end of the third "It is time to put on your cloak," he said in a harsh and unpleasant voice.

"Grieved, my child? You have not had "Why, dear?" asked Fee, looking up with languid innocence, "are you afraid "Oh, no, not that; but I am so afraid I shall take cold? You are not usually "I ordered the carriage early, and I do

> Mr. Clayton moved toward the door, and his wife resumed her conversation

with more animation than ever. "Are you coming?" he exclaimed, turning impatiently.

"Me-coming?" returned Fee, nonchalantly, raising her eyebrows. "My dear "Because-indeed, Lady Grace, I never Francis, what could put such an absurd dreamt of such a thing-I thought his idea into your head?"

To be treated with indifference, and, thought he was kind to me, just from worse, ridicule, is naturally disagreeable generous-mindedness like you, that I to any man; but it made Mr. Clayton, might not feel strange at coming into sulky and ill-tempered as he already was, perfectly allame with rage.

"Marion, are you coming?"
"Certainly not."

"Then I shall go alone. Henry can get you a finere when you feel disposed to follow me." And the amiable husband left the box.

Mrs. Clayton was as bitter and angry as a high-spirited woman would be under And then all of a sudden it flashed on the circumsthances; but she went on talk-Lady Grace Farquhar's mind that there ing to her companion very fast, to conceal and high-minded in her annoyance. She was too proud to this girl's refusing such a position and make any allusion to her husband's treatsuch wealth because she did not love the ment of her; and Mr. Hastings appeared man. A more worldly minded woman not to have noticed it. But he felt for would have held such romantic folly in her keenly. He did not quite justify her, contempt, and thought the girl a fool or think she had behaved wisely, but he for her pains; but not so Lady Grace, saw what the man was, and felt there Still there was a momentary struggle in must have been some strong undercurrent her heart before she rose from her seat of bitterness to change the bright, goodtempered, sunny, little fairy he had 'My love," she said sweetly, "I think known formerly to the indifferent, proou have done quite right, if you feel sure voking woman of to-night. "Poor little

Mrs. Clayton remained until the fifth act was half over, then she asked Errol to see if her servant was in the hall. He "I like him. I respect him, but I do not left the box, and returned almost immedi-

"My brougham is at your disposal, Mrs. Clayton, and your servant is just calling

carefully round her, and gave her his

He promised; and at parting he held

should go home the next day but one, her hand longer than is strictly necessary

Lord Harold left that very day, after see- ton; and Mr. Clayton, suspecting the ing and confiding in his aunt. His part- visit, was purposely at home. Fee brightened up when Mr. Hastings was announce 'Aunt, do you think there is any hope ed. She had always liked him; now in that she will ever come to care for me?" her loneliness and misery she ranked him Lady Grace kissed his forehead and as a dear old friend. Her manner was all the more cordial because she wanted

"Mr. Hastings, I am delighted to see you; I was just feeling so frightfully bored and dull. I hope you bring a whole

budget of news." "I must ask first after my old friend the Enone, looking down into the Med- Lady Marion," he answered. "I cannot forgive myself for my remissness in not doing so last night.

"Aunt is very well, thank you. I heard from her this morning. She says she is purity lay the charm she had for the man dreadfully dull without me, and is longing to see us back again:" "I often think how she must miss you.

"So she would, gladly, but Mr. Clayton

won't let her. Of course, if we have a friend at the opera-a woman whom he difference of opinion she takes my part, had always liked, but who had never and he says something rude to her, and she is offended. Is it not so, Francis?" Mr. Clayton muttered something about

> an aunt-in-law was more than anybody bargained for. "And as matrimony is altogether a com-

mercial speculation," rejoined Fee, with a very keenly awakened, Mr. Hastings delightful smile, "you can't, of course, take more than you bargain for-can you, Mr. Hastings?" Errol was by no means pleased at he-

ing made a third party to matrimonial the conversation. "Have you seen anything of Lady

"She was here not a month ago; and she has adopted such a sweet, charming girl. They are like mother and daugher; and even that selfish old bookworm, Sir Clayton, seems quite taken with her.

know you would have been in love with "I thought Mr. Hastings knew Miss

Eyre," interposed Francis Clayton. "At all events, I recollect hearing the'r names connected in some story about meeting

> Errol started slightly, and it might have een fancy, but Fee certainly thought a deeper color came into his bronzed face, Mr. Clayton seemed to think the same, for he proceeded in his usual amiable manner:

"She and Erskine were awfully sweet on each other when we were staying at the vale. I dare say that will be a match. Lady Grace seems quite agreeable to it; but of course it's a shocking bad one for him."

"Francis," exclaimed his wife, "how you exaggerate! You know Winifred never cared for Lord Harold. She won't confess it, but I am quite sure he made her an offer, and that she refused him. He never will meet her if he can help it." "Did you say that Lady Grace had adopted her, Mrs. Clayton?"

"Yes, more than a year ago; indeed, before I was married. She was in such sad trouble, poor girl. She was very fond of her father, and he was killed thrown out of the dogcart and killed on the spot. They thought she never would get over it, and Lady Grace took her home and nursed her as if she had been her own child. Old Sir Howard Champion would have taken her, but she refused to go near them, because they would not acknowledge her father. She has promised to come and stay with me when we get back to town. You must come and meet her.'

"I shall be-very-happy," stammered

CHAPTER XI. Errol Hastings, riding toward the Bois de Boulogne, pondering much on what he had heard. He was surprised-he tried to believe he was pleased; but somehow or other his satisfaction was not very genuine. Miss Eyre had certainly made a fortunate step in life; true she had lost to emanate from the Russian govern-Farquhar. She would get introduced into government. good society, and perhaps, but that was not a train of thought he cared to fol-Had not Erskine already been at

Mr. Hastings' sollloquy was cut short by seeing Col. d'Aguilar walking leisurely along the Champs Elysees. He drew rein instantly.
"D'Aguilar!" he cried.

"Hastings!" exclaimed the other, and they shook hands warmly.

"I thought you were back with your regiment," said Errol. "I have a month more leave, and my

A great many questions came into Errol's head that he would have liked to ask Col. d'Aguilar at once; but conversation is nelther easy nor agreeable when carried on with a pedestrian from the altitude of a horse's back, particularly when your steed is restive and impatient. "Come up to my hetel to-night, d'Aguilar, will you?" Mr. Hastings said,

"Very well; I suppose you are going to the ball at the Embassy?" "Yes; but not before twelve."

"Then I'll look in about ten." Clayton rolled past in her handsome carriage, drawn by high-stepping horses. She oked like a lovely little Esquimaux enveloped in her soft white furs, and she the wave of a delicately gloved hand. She had not observed Col. d'Agui-

day when they had ridden together down the avenue of broad-leaved chestnuts at Endon Vale. She was not altered-at all events, it did not seem so in the momentary glance he had caught of her smiling Was she then utterly heartless? Could she have lived all these months with such a hateful, contemptible wretch as Clayton, and still go on smiling and riage; he had not even heard that she then she had left him at her husband's command, with a smile on her lips. He

Mr. Clayton, as well as his wife, was arrival in Paris, or he would as soon | 17th level. have trusted his wife alone in that fine city, as he would have walked willingly Jardin des Plantes.

(To be continued.)

Horrible Symptoms. A little man recently walked into a dry goods store and said:

"I do not know how to use the telephone. Will you please call up this number? Thank you." "Here is the number. What shall I

say to the doctor?" "Tell him that his paralyzed patient is walking around this morning."

"Yes." "That I think there is hope of his recovery. I cut off the hair and put fourteen fly blisters on him last night. I found that his appetite is fine, but he won't touch that raw meat. One of his ears fell off during the night and I think he is blind in one eye. I find that there is no use in giving him medicine. It makes him howl. His tongue looks as if it had been put through a wringing machine. What does he want me

"He says to let the patient alone until he gets down town. By the way, Mr. Blank, I don't know your patient, but it must be a sad case."

"Yes," said the little man, as if looking for sympathy. "I think he was at one time the finest collie that ever cracked a bone,"-New York Mail and

All Actors Want It. "There's a man out in the waiting room," said the great man's secretary.

I think he's a bum actor." "Why do you think so?" "He says he's anxious to get an audience."-Philadelphia Press.

God is on the side of virtue; for who ever dreads punishment suffers it, and whoever deserves it dreads it.-Colton. The total transactions of the clearing houses of the country last year

were more than \$84,000,000,000.

CAN'T BE BLUFFED

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT WILL SEND JEW NOTE TO CZAR.

Delay is Not on His Part-Petitioners are Tardy in Sending in the Paper-Kishinef Massacre.

Washington, July 3 .- The position of the administration regarding the proposed transmission of the petition of the Jewish citizens of the United made clear and positive by a statement This statement was inspired by news- 200 and 300 feet. paper publications reflecting the attisuddenly in a very shocking way. His event of the presentation of such a pe-will to remove the debris from the latest edition of Oregon road laws and heur lake. This tract is entirely inhorse ran away with him, and he was tition through the medium of the shaft and reach the entombed miners. ment. It was given very careful con- face. sideration both here and at Oyster All day the rescuing party worked,

of Secretary Hay, that the delay in in the afternoon. forwarding the petition of the Ameri- About 1 o'clock this afternoon four no heed to any statement purporting it is believed all will recover.

"The state department has been es- Of this number two are dead. pecially careful to act only in accord-

ing massacres and outrages." In this connection it was pointed out the dead bodies. ers as to the open door in Manchuria | They reported that many of the men

FIRE SEALS DOOM

No Hope Now for Men Entombed in Wy-Wyoming Mine.

Hanna, Wyo., July 3 .- Fire bas little aster here, and hope for rescuing the 26 and the remainder were Americans. entombed miners has been abandoned. The startling statement was made tonight by an experienced miner and fire fighter who penetrated the mine to the 16th level that the workings below the 17th level are a mass of flames, and where a few hours ago it was believed the rescuers would reach the bodies of the entombed miners not later than tothe flames from reaching the 17th and will rendezvous with the other Amerian indication that the rescuers realize will arrive at Portsmouth July 7. the fruitlessness of further attempts to

any time. The situation is decidedly was on the Iduna, which also started grave, and the citizens are becoming for Eckernforde. alarmed for the safety of those who are working below the surface, and also tended a series of receptions on board those engaged in hauling away the de- the German warships this afternoon. bris from the mouth of the slope. If the entries in which the fire is burning can be successfully walled and the fire confined to a few entries, there will be quantities that the rescuers cannot remain long at a time.

Machen Pleaded Not Guilty.

Washington, July 3 .- August W. Machen, against whom three indictments have been found for accepting a bribe in connection with the government contracts for letter box fastenings was arraigned today before Justice Pritchard, in criminal court No. 1. He pleaded not guilty, and was given until July 20 to file a demurrer, should he wish to do so. Later in the day the Groffs pleaded rot guilty. It was announced that Machen and the Groffs would be tried at the fall term of the

Receiver for Ship Trust.

Newark, N. J., July 3 .- Ex-Senator Smith, of New Jersey, was today appointed receiver for the shipbuilding company. In his decree appointing Ex-Senator James Smith, Jr., receiver, Judge Kirkpatrick orders that all the whatsoever kind and nature, and wheresoever the same may be situated, shall company to the receiver.

HUNDREDS ARE DEAD.

REPUBLICAN.

Awful Explosion of Fire Damp in a Wyoming Mine.

Hanna, Wyo., July 2 .- At 10:30 A. M. today an explosion of fire damp in mine No. 1 of the Union Pacific coal company snuffed out the lives of 236 men, injured scores of others and cansed the destruction of a vast amount of property. The mine was not fired, United States Will Not Hesitate to as stated in the early reports, but the Give Expression to Indignation Over explosion was terrific, and completely shattered the timbers of the main shaft and numerous entrances, filled the workings with debris, and those of the miners that were not killed outright by the explosion were buried alive.

The explosion was heard for many States to the Russian government was the adjoining settlement. Huge timbers and railroad iron were hurled from issued by the state department tonight. the mouth of the shaft a distance of

United States embassy at St. Peters- Their progress into the mine was blockburg, which had been brought to the ed by the foul gases, and several times attention of high officers of the govern- they were forced to return to the sur-

Bay, before a decision was reached to the force being increased from time to make any declaration regarding the time by the arrival of ranchmen and matter. The statement is as follows: others from near by settlements, and "At the state department it was by those of a relief train sent out from stated by a high official, in the absence Rawlins, which arrived about 2 o'clock

can citizens of the Jewish faith as to men were taken out alive, and half an the ill treatment of their co-religionists hour later they were followed by 42 in Russia was solely due to the delay others. Many were unconscious and in furnishing the address to the state had to be carried from the workings. department by the petitioners. The some were injured, but none fatally. state department would, of course, pay Several are in a critical condition, but

Two hundred and eighty-two men a father whom she had loved, but then ment unless such statement was made went down in the mine at 7 o'clock she had gained a friend, in Lady Grace officially in some form or other to our this morning, and up until a late hour tonight only 48 had been accounted for.

Horses and scrapers were put at work ance with all requirements of official hauling debris away from the shaft, propriety, but within the limits thus and cars were pushed down the inclnie, laid down it will most certainly not loaded and hauled back up to the tipple hesitate to give expression to the deep and dumped. The work is progressing sympathy felt, not only by the admin- slowly, owing to the narrow space in istration, but by all the American peo- which the rescuers are compelled to ple, for the unfortunate Jews who had operate, but by daylight the mine amount of clover hay has been cut and been the victims in the recent appall- should be opened sufficiently to permit will be injured some by the rain. A of deep explorations and the rescue of

by another official, who disclaimed any Late tonight a party of rescuers brother asked me to join him here, and purpose to speak in his official capacity, reached four mules that were alive, and that it seemed somewhat strange, to this caused hopes to arise in the breasts say the least, that the Russian govern- of the tired workers and the anxious ment should choose this particular women and children gathered about the method of making a statement to the shaft. It is a faint hope, however, for American people at the very time experienced mine bosses and miners say when, by methods which are certainly that when the imprisoned men are the reverse of friendly to the United reached all vill be found dead. Some States, it sought to induce China to of the miners that escaped say that break the plighted faith of all the pow- they saw 20 dead bodies in entry 17.

> and has endeavored to bar our people were crazed by the explosion and ran from access to the Manchurian trade. hither and thither in the mine. Many of these could have escaped, but they laid down, buried their faces in their hands and gave up the fight.

ried and leave large families. About gave Mr. Hastings a bright smile, and added to the horror of the mining dis- 100 were Finlanders, 50 were colored

BID ADIEU TO KIEL.

Americans Leave German Waters Amid

Great Booming of Cannon. Kiel, July 2 .- The United States squadron sailed at 6 P. M. today from Kiel, all the German ships saluting morrow noon, it now appears the vic- and the Americans replying. The flagtims will be burned. The efforts of ship Kearsarge, Tioggo and San Franflirting, and give no sign? Col. d'Aguilar those working below the surface are cisco will go through to Cattagat, stopknew none of the particulars of the mar- now confined to the work of walling up ping at Kallund Borg, Denmark, for the entries and slope, and putting up two days. The Machias will go by way was happy; he had but met her once, and fireporof barriers which will prevent of Kiel canal to Brunsbuttel and thence other levels a ove. This is taken as can ships off Spithead. The squardon the newcomers into the state. Four

The salutes of the imperial standard profoundly ignorant of Col. d'Aguilar's reach the entembed miners below the were fired as the Hohenzollern sailed Added to the horrors of the fire, pany the emperor and empress tonight. which will doubtless destroy the un- after the cruiser yacht race. The emhimself into the cage of the lion in the derground workings, is the danger of peror started for Eckernforde on board another explosion, which may occur at the Meteor at 7 A. M. The empress

The American naval officers at-

Slays Man In a Frenzy.

Austin, Tex.. July 2 .- Frenzied by supposed wrongs, W. G. Hill, an exlittle to fear, but there is great danger attache of the state controller's office, of the flames breaking through into the to lay entered the private office of State entries from which the rescuers are Controller R. M. Love and killed him moving rocks and debris in an effort to by means of two bullets from a large reach the two score or more bodies caliber revolver. As Hill turned to known to be in No. 17 entry. Here the flee, he was intercepted by Chief Clerk gas has accumulated in such large Stevens, of the department, who engaged him in a scuffle, during which Hill's revolver was accidentally exploded. The bullet entered Hill's abdomen causing a wound from which he died this afternoon.

Eight Killed in Tornado.

Wilder, Minn., July 2 .- A tornado passed over this place tonight killing eight persons and doing much damage to property. The storm first struck the tanch of Dr. Wester, destroying all the farm buildings. from here the tornado turned eastward, taking everything in a path of 40 rods wide and about eight miles long. At the farm of Daniel Gallagher all the buildings were demolished and Gallagher and his daughters killed.

China Sees Methods in Move.

Tien Tsin, July 2 .- The local news papers comment on the alleged significance of the gathering of the American, British and Japanese fleets in the northern part of the Gulf of Pechiliproperty of the different companies of It is asserted that no less than 57 Russian warships of one sort and another are assembled at Port Arthur. The be turned over immediately by the di-rectors and officers of the insolvent leave in North China are said to have had advertised the sale of the property been called home.

WHERE ARE THE GUIDE BOARDS?

There is on section of the road law

reads as follows: his road district a guide or finger- the construction of large irrigation board, containing an inscription in leg- works by the government. inle letters directing the way and spe ipublic place situated on each road re- company, which has secured some 87,mitting their report to the county satisfaction of the court that the pro-

HARVEST PROSPECTS EXCELLENT.

visions of this section have been com

plied with.

Linn County Crops Have Been Helped by the Showers.

Linn county farmers are elated over the excellent prospects for good crops. The damage done by the few days of hot weather early in June has been overcome by the cool weather and rains of the past week and the indications are that almost a full crop will be harvested.

damage to hay. A considerable week's good weather would see a large portion of the hay crop safely har-The fruit outlook is excellnet, although the crop of appies and pears

will be light, there will be an extraor dinary yield of prunes, which constitute by far the greater portion of most orchards. The prune trees in this section will be loaded with all the fruit they can possibly bear. In some instances a part of the fruit will have to be shaken off to save the trees

Lands In a Tangle.

A large stack of disapprovals of lieu ago shows the wholesale manner in which the general land office and the department of the interiaor are turning down Oregon lieu lands. Thousands of acres which have been selected by the state and sold after appreval by local land offices have been rejected recently by the general land office, and the end is not yet. Appeals are being taken to the secretary of the interior, but if that official adheres to his present policy there is small chance of a change in the decisions. Beyond question the state land department is involved in the worst tangle ever known in its history, and it will be a long time before the kinks are straightened out.

Crook's Population Increases.

Crook county is getting its share of hundred and forty-eight claims of different kinds have been proved up since July 1, 1902. Beginning about July 1 the land commissioner says that there will be made at his office here from 10 to 12 proofs a day until October 1. More than 1,000 settlers have come into the county in the last year and every stage from Sahniko to Primville visitors. is crowded with people looking for

Scarcity in Brick and Masons.

The state board of capitol building Commissioners has recently let con tracts for three new brick buildings, an addition to the prison, a new indus trial building at the reform school and a closed cottage at the asylum As a consequence, there is immediate demand for a large quantity of brick and the prison brickyard will be kept working at its full capacity for nearly two months to supply them. The contractors all wish to begin work at once, and hence each wants brick first.

Few Reports Are Made.

There are 9,000 lega'ly organized corporations in this state and only about 500 have filed their annual reports as required by the provisions of the Eddy corporation law. All that have not filed reports will be liable to a fine of \$100 if they continue in de- 6.50. fault for 20 days. Some very prominent corporations have failed to make their reports, and it seems almost certain that they have done this through

Articles of Incorporation Filed. Only two new companies filed articles of incorporation in the office of the secretary of state last week. They Davis Lake Irrigation com-

pany, Roseburg \$25,000; Suitro Lum-

ber company, Linnton, \$25,000.

Raker Will Pay the Taxes. Sheriff Colbath, of Marion county,

has been notified that ex-State Printer Frank Baker will pay the taxes due on to take place this week.

HAPPENINGS HERE IN OREGON

ARID LAND NOT IN DEMAND.

Law Says Road Supervisors Shall Place Department of the Interior Approved Two Applications for Reclamation.

The rush which was made a year ago whi h is more imperative in its require- for land under the arid land law is not ments and which is more disregarded in evidence this year. Only a very few than that which makes it a duty of applications for arid land contracts road supervisors to erect guide boards have been received in the last six at the forks of every highway. If the months, and ail of these are for small law were strictly followed no super- tracts which will be occupied, reclaimed visor could draw his salary until he and cultivated by the applicants. Only unite or cross, yet it is remarked by everyone who travels in the country of the interior. One of these is the that there are very few such boards in application of the Portland company, organized by W. E. Burke, which comevidence. Newcomers in particular organized by W. E. Burke, which paper publications reflecting the atti-tude of the Russian government in the large force of men went to work with a law on the subject is section 30 of the cluded within the reigon recently with-Every supervisor shall erect and keep drawn from entry by the department up at the forks of every highway and with a view to examining it to ascerevery crossing of public roads within tain whether a suitable site exists for

> The other application approved is fying the distance to the next town or that of the Pilot Butte development spectively; provided, that the road su- 000 acres near the headwaters of the pervisors shall not be paid after sub- Deschutes, from which stream the water for irrigating the land will be court until they have shown to the taken. This is the company organized by A. M. Drake. Among the applications pending are those of the Oregon development company for 78,000 acres near the headwaters of the Deschutes; the Three Sisters company, for 27,600 acres between the Deschutes and the Cascade mountains, and the Harney valley improvement company, for 69,-999 acres near Malheur lake, in Harney county. A part of the application of the Oregon development company has been rejected on the ground that the land is timbered and cannot be properly classed as arid land.

> > Mrs. Geer Made President.

The Oregon federation of women's clubs completed a most successful three days' session at Astoria last week by the election of the following officers to serve during the ensuing year: President, Mrs. T. T. Geer, Salem; first vice president, Mrs. Samuel Elmore, Astoria; second vice president, Mrs. A. Bernstein, Portland; recording secretary, Mrs. Hattie Young, Grants Pass; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Samuel White, Baker City; treasurer, Miss Olive Slater, La Grande; auditor, Mrs. Florence Sheldon, Eugene. The federation will meet at Paker City next

Horses Sent to Canada.

A shipment of 23 cars of horses of all sizes and kinds went from La Grande land selections which lay on the desk of the state land agent a few days to Cut Bank, Mont., and be driven from there to McLeod, Alberta. There are about 700 horses, and the purchase price is about \$21,000, of which \$17,-000 was paid to the horse growers of Eastern Oregon. With freight and 20 per cent duty, the purchasers will be in about \$30,000, and will sell out to the local dealers of their section, and come again, should the venture pay.

Prices ranged from \$10 to \$125 dollars.

Apportioning Money. State Superintendent Ackerman has advised the various county school superintendents of the state that the state treasurer, in making the regular apportionment of school money this year. will strictly follow the provisions of the state law on the subject. The disbursement will be made August 1, and such counties as have not filed their report with the state superintendent before that date will not receive their share of

The convention of the Christian churches of Oregon, held at Turner last week, was a great success. There were nearly 40 ministers in attendance

Christian Convention a Success.

the apportionment.

ley, 77c.

and over 200 delegates and very many PORTLAND MARKETS. Wheat-Walla Walla, 70@74c; val-

ing. \$21. Flour-Best grades, \$3.95 @ 4.30; graham \$3.45@3.85. Millstuffs-Bran, \$23 per ton; mid-

Barley-Feed, \$20.00 per ton; brew-

Oats-No. 1 white, \$1.10 @ 1.15; gray, \$1.05 per cental. Hay-Timothy, \$20@21; clover, nominal; cheat, \$15@16 per ton.

dlings, \$27; shorts, \$23; chop, \$18.

Potatoes Best Burpanks, 50@65c per sack; ordinary, 35@45c per cental, growers' prices; Merced sweets, \$30 3.50 per cental. Poultry-Chickens, mixed, 10@11c;

young, 13@14c; hens, 12c; turkeys, live, 16@17c; dressed, 20@22c; ducks, \$7.00@7.50 per dozen; geese, \$6.00@ Cheese-Full cream, twins, 151/4@

16c; Young America, 15@15 %c; factory prices, 1@1%c less. Butter-Fancy creamery, 20@22%6 per pound; extras, 22:; dairy, 200

2214c; store, 16c@18. Eggs-17@20c per dozen. Hops-Choice, 18@20c per pound. Wool-Valley, 12 4@17c; Eastern Or-

egon, 8@14c; mohair, 35@371/c. Beel-Gross, cows, 31/64c, per pound; steers, 5651/c, dressed, 81/c. Veal-7%@8c. Mutton-Gross, \$3.50 per

dressed, 6@6 %c. Lambs-Gross, dreseed, 7%c.