

are as fresh as a new picked rose,"

elegant 'turnout' in London,"

Lady Grace took her hand and drew

her toward herself. are not like yourself. I never heard you say these things before. Has Mr. Hast- drawing room he said to her: ings anything to do with it? Your man-

Offend me? Lady Grace-how should he? He was far above me when we met

But her voice trembled, and she hurried from the room

'Madame," said Lady Grace, "can you throw any light on the subject-do you know if anything ever passed between them that should make her seem proud and resentful toward him?" Madame de Montolieu hesitated.

this to anyone else; but you have her summer before last, when he first came Somehow they met again, and he made an excuse to call at the Farm, and she was at home slone. I dare say he took as she was, and flattered and talked to of the moment.
her as men of the world will. She mis- "After all, m took it for love-for a romantic devotion, your thanks." had conceived might be possible between ed, bitterly. a great gentleman like the master of Hazell Court, and her own humble self. lusion might cause her; but, poor child! deemed baseness, and at last, by a cruel lesson-I am not at liberty to tell you how-she found that, while he was feign-died out? ing love for her, he was, in truth, devoting his real attention to her cousin Flora. It was a grievous blow. Perhaps his presence brought back a bitter remembrance, and she involuntarily resented what she deemed his inconsiderate cruelty."

"I cannot understand it," Lady Grace "Twice to-day I saw him look at her as I should have fancied a man could only look when he loved a woman dearly.

And yet-you may be right, for I rememben fancying there was a tinge of regret

CHAPTER XIII.

Lord Harold Erskine had never been to stay at Endon Vale since Winifred reason Lady Grace ever had to regret her presence-it kept the nephew whom she loved away. Once, when she had a letter from him, she read it, and sighed heavily as she laid it down. Winifred understood what the sigh meant. She summoned up courage the next time they "I know you are unhappy because you

not see Lord Harold, Lady Grace. Please let me go away somewhere for a time, and let him come here, if he does not like to meet me."

"I do not think, my dear, that he minds meeting you so much as that he fears innocence. his presence might make you uneasy?"
"Oh, Lady Grace," cried Winifred, "why should you-why should he think of me? Am I not here from your kindness and charity? I was only too much should we not meet as if such a thing

"I will tell him," Lady Grace said; and she wrote to him that very day, begging presently.

The next day he arrived, to his aunt's great delight. The meeting between him and Winifred was cordial and unaffected. The restraint wore off, and they relapsed into an easy friendship; at all events,

the young lady did. Of course, as soon as Lord Harold heard his old friend Errol Hastings was at the Court he betook himself at once to

see him, although he was coming to dinner the following day.

"I shall most likely sleep at the Court to her room, she cried bitterly, and hated to her room, she cried bitterly, and hated to her room, she cried bitterly, and hated to her room, she cried bitterly.

to night, aunt, and we will ride over together to-morrow morning. Of course, "I do love him." she he stays here the night?"

seeing Mr. Hastings again, particularly before Lord Harold; and then she wonbetween the two men, and if so, what they would say about her. Mr. Hastings correspondent was Mrs. Clayton. had an unpleasant recollection of Mr. Clayton's remarks about Miss Eyre's mer)—"Do ask Lady Grace Farquhar to spare you to me for a week. Mr. Clayton an uncomfortable sense of the latter's has taken a villa on the Thames for the present solly an analysis of the present solly and the spare you to me for a week. Mr. Clayton has taken a villa on the Thames for the present solly and the spare you to me for a week. Hazell woods. By common consent, then, her name was avoided as much as possible and was avoided as avoided as a was avoided

topics for conversation, until the next On her return from the ride, Winifred day. The following morning Lord Harwent, as was her custom, to the little old bethought himself of calling on the sitting room appropriated to the use of Champions, and Mr. Hastings volunteer-Madame de Montolieu. Lady Grace was ed to accompany him. They found Lord sitting there, too. She kissed them both. Lancing and his sister playing croquet You bring the outer air in with you, with Flora and Reginald Champion, and my child," said the old French lady; "you on invitation joined in the game. It was curious enough that, although Flora look-We have had a good canter across the ed handsome, and used all the arts they n, dear madame it makes one feel had once thought fascinating, both these ner toward him. He saw it, and laughed the conference. fresh. Did you both have a pleasant men contrasted her unfavorably with her

KLAMATH

"Yes," said Lady Grace, "and I find The two gentlemen did not arrive at you have got the ponies into such order Endon Vale until it was time to dress that they are as quiet as lambs. At for dinner, and only just appeared in least Evans gives you all the credit." the drawing room as the gong sounded He wants to see you drive them in for the second time. Sir Clayton gave the park," resumed Lady Grace; "he says his arm to the old French lady. Mr. with a new set of harness, and you in Hastings took his hostess, and Lord Harthe front seat, there would not be a more old followed with Winifred. They sat side by side at dinner, and Errol felt as Fancy such honor and state for a if he could scarcely take his eyes off her. farmer's daughter!" said Winifred, half She laughed and talked with Lord Harold a low, almost caressing voice, Mr. Hastings thought; and it made his blood

"My dear, what ails you to-day? You Eyre sing. When they went into the grily, one day, tears of vexation in her

"I hear you sing very beautifully, Miss of Fee's singing, I take it as no complihearing your voice?"

"I do not think my singing would give you any pleasure," she answered, coldly. You are, of course, accustomed to hear highly caltivated voices—mine is only a smple; mine has suffered already from rude, untaught, country one."

He drew back, wounded to the quick. "Do come and sing, Winifred," exclaimed Lord Harold.

Sitting down to the plane, she sang her most touching, plaintive songs, one after the other, with a pathos that went to the heart of each one who listened. She nev-"I should not feel fustified in telling er sang more beautifully than on that night, and Errol leaned against the eminterest as much at heart as I have. The brasure of the window, where his face was screened from observation, and home, they met by accident. He was drank in every tone of the voice, which handsome and fascinating, and, I believe, was not only beautiful in itself, but the first man of ton and breeding she which he loved. He never loved her beever met with. No wonder, then, the fore or afterward as he loved her that poor romantic child fell in love with him. night, listening for the first time to the exquisite tenderness of her voice,

she passed close to the curtain, and Errol our Louisiana swamp bayous you a fancy to her, large-eyed, graceful child came forward. She spoke on the impalse would wonder that you ever complain-

"After all, my singing was not worth

Later, thinking over the events of the evening, he found it an utter impossibil-I warned her -I wanted to spare her the ity to arrive at any definite conclusion as to the feelings and motives which in- for it will seem that no other kind could fluenced Winifred's conduct toward him. she was so honest, so true herself, she Was his presence really hateful to her?— gray mosquitoes—long, gaunt, wolfishcould not believe the man she worshiped did she bear an unrelenting anger toward him for his unworthy treatment of her long ago?-and had every vestige of the love he knew she had once borne him

> "Bah!" he thought, "I am a fool for my pains. Is it possible that I, who am to all intents and purposes a man of the world, should find myself eating my heart out for the love of a simple little country girl? To-morrow shall decide my future course of action, and if I see she does not care for me I will school myself to meet her with indifference,"

> At breakfast the following morning both Sir Clayton and Lady Grace Farguhar pressed him to stay antil the next day, and he consented.

'And now," said Lady Grace, "you young people must go for a long ride this gloves are against his assaults. Fortulovely morning, and I shall shut myself untely, though, this glant mosquito up with my husband and his learned

Lord Harold went to order the horses. Winifred no longer rode the quiet old bay horse, but a handsome chestnut Sir Clayton had bought for her. Until the previous day Winifred had never in her life been provoking or a flirt, but of course 'days. those qualities must have been dormant somewhere in her heart, or they would scarcely have cropped up like the dragon's teeth at a moment's notice. The whole ride through she flattered and filrted with Lord Harold, and uttered little malicious, biting remarks to Mr. Hastings, with the most naive, unconscious

considerable enjoyment for Errol, as every turning, every fence, every heath seemed to bring to Winifred's mind some agreeable reminiscence connected henored by his ever thinking of me; but with her other companion. As they were he will have forgotten me now, and why nearing the park gates, a farmer stopped Lord Harold to speak about some business, and Mr. Hastings and Winifred rode on. Errol bent down toward her

will ever feel kinder toward me than you do now?" "I have no unkind feeling toward you.

Mr. Hastings."

"Then shall I say less indifferent?" "Can one help feeling indifferent?" re-torted Winifred.

He turned away, stung to the quick, Winifred kept up the same demeanor toward the two men during the whole

sobbed to herself over and over again; "Of course, my dear," and Lord Harold but the next morning she was as cold rode off. The day seemed a little dull to and repellent to him as ever, and would Winifred after he had gone. She Treaded hardly wish him good-by before he mount-

dered if her name would be mentioned letters in the same handwriting one for Winifred, the other for Lady Grace, The

"Dear Winifred" (she wrote to the forgolden opportunities; and Lord summer, and I am going to spend a few Harold remembered uneasily that some days there before we go to town for the thing had been said about Hastings and season. I expect to be very dull and Miss Eyre wandering together in the quiet, so that if you come to me you will

ble, and the two men had plenty of other in much the same terms: "Do spare Wini- est mercy.

husband and nunt have quarreles, and 1 CONFERENCE ENDS

am so terribly dull." Mrs. Clayton received Winifred with

pen arms. "I am so glad you have come!" she exclaimed; "your companionship will make me forget half my troubles. We shall have a tete-a-tete dinner to-night. M: layton is in town."

friend's house before she was aware that Fee had made a miserable marriage; that she had bartered all her possessions for an inadequate value; and that she almost, not quite, hated the man whose name

During the time that Winifred stayed at the Cedars, she had plenty of opportained a covert sneer, and he seemed to gathering. The possibility of taking find no greater pleasure than in thwart- any backward step is scoffed at if men-

Winifred detested him, and was systematically cold and repellent in her mansecretly to himself.

"Little fool!" he thought, contemptu-

He redoubled his attentions on seeing down to the piano, he would get up and accommodate 20,000 soldiers to be eave the room, or else exclaim: "For heaven's sake, Marion, don't make hat horrid noise; you have not a vestige

of voice left. Do get up, and let Miss Eyre sing. Her performance is worth sing me something?" "If you cannot admire the beauty

ings anything to do with it? Your man-ner to him was most chilling. Did he hearing your voice?" ment that you should praise me."

"My dear Miss Eyre, pray don't be iolent," said Mr. Clayton, with a malicious smile. "I am afraid your temper is getting spoilt by Mrs. Clayton's ex-

her baneful influence." "I think she must be an angel to have lived with you so long!" Winifred exher friend. She was not worldly wise enough yet to abstain from taking up other people's quarrels.

Mr. Clayton remembered her words, and bore malice toward her for them. (To be continued.)

MOSQUITOES IN LOUISIANA.

They Are Many and Active, and One Is . Monster in Siz. "You may talk about your mosqui-When Winifred finally left the piano, spend an hour or so fishing in some of house.

> There are eight or nine different varieties of mosquitoes hatched in those dark and noisome swamp bayous, and no matter which kind samples you you will wish it had been some other kind bite quite as bad as that one. There are looking fellows-reddish-brown mosquitoes, black mosquitoes of a bluish cost and one that is nearly green. The one that will strike you as the most formidable is one we call a gallinipper down there, and it resembles that harmless insect both in size and makeup. It is easily half an inch long in body, with a spread of wing an inch United States from Spain subsequent wide, and a kft in which it carries its tools that is as long as its body.

> "This fearfully equipped insect monster has a saw, a gimlet, a lance and Cagayan Zulu group, comprising one a suction pamp. As he can bore through large and 14 smaller islands and the your boot and puncture your foot with larger island of Palawan. ease and dispatch, you may well imagine how much protection clothing or itn't poisonous. The damage he does to your physical comfort is done by his boring and sawing and lancing of the flesh. That hurts like pounding your thumb with a hammer, and leaves a spot that will be sore and tender for

> full of venom and vim to get it where it will do the greatest harm to the greatest number, but the worst of all is ditions, the doctors say that they think the smallest one of the lot. This is a the pneumonia has practically disapgray mosquite, not more than an eighth peared. of an inch long, but every place that he sinks his stinger in on you will instantly rise up as big as a hickory nut, turn as red as fire and pain like a hornet's sting. As the reservoir containing that insect's venom cannot possibly be larger than a fly speck, the virulence of it may be imagined.

"The experienced person never goes fishing in those mosquito-infected bayous," continued the Louisianan, according to the New York Times, "unless he has his head and face incased in and with thick gloves on his hands. dise any reduction conceded to merch-Gloves, though, are no bar to the big andise imported from Russia. gallinipper mosquito's kit of tools.

"Why does any one go fishing in those noisome places? Because the fishing is always good, while it never is in the bass, jackfish, as the pickerel is called down there, and other fish of fair game enthusiastic angler is willing to dare line."

Pleasantry in Passing.

"Well, I declare," remarked the thin man, who was being uncomfortably crowded by a very stout person, "the trolley company ought to charge passengers by weight."

"Think so?" retorted the stout person. "At that rate it wouldn't be worth their while to take you on at all."-Philadelphia Press.

The greatest firmness is the great

MEETING OF RUSSIAN OFFICIALS AT PORT ARTHUR OVER.

Exultation Over Increasing Power in Manchuria the Dominant Note in the Troops are Being Sent In.

Port Arthur, Manchuria, July 17 .unity of observing how this ill-assorted The conference of prominent Russian onple lived. Francis Clayton's manner officials has ended. Fxuitation over o his wife was in itself an offense, al- Russia's increasing power in Manmost every word he addressed to her con- churia was the cominant note in the ing her wishes and contradicting her or- tioned by outsiders. It was admitted that the war possibility was discussed, but it was denied that was the object of

Evidences of warlike preparations since the arrival of General Kuropatgiven to Port Arthur contractors last what by water. week for an immediate supply of buildthat they annoyed her. It his wife sat ing materials for building barracks to

shipped to Harbin. The officials explained that Russia's listening to. Come, Miss Eyre, won't you opposition to foreigners, whose trade is N. Co. narrowly escaped burning. desired and who would in due time be ernment in towns which are practically under Russian control, which would give the subjects of countries so represented enjoyment of extra rights. They asserted that such arrangements would be certain to result in great friction, such as occurred in Niu Chwang.

ONLY A FEW ISLANDS.

But Uncle Sam's Acquisition Arouses John Bull.

London, July 17 .- According to the current in the lobby of the house of defiance to the police. commons tonight to the effect that some toes up here in the North," said a resi on them. It is probable that a ques midnight.

Philippine waters, and no exploitation along the lines indicated has been di rected by the officials here so far as

could be ascertained tonight. A very plausible explanation of the reported occurrance is that the commanding officer in the Philippines simply had sent one or more of his vessels and hoisted the flag of the United States over some islands near the coast of Borneo which were purchased by the to the treaty of Paris, and that the sovereignty of the United States has been preclaimed formally. These were the

MAY LINGER FOR DAYS.

From Weakness.

Rome, July 16 .- The pope's condition shows practically no change since vesterday. The doctors continue to feel that the patient's condition is extremely dangerous, but they say he may still linger for days. They repeat that all of the ordinary calculations are quite likely to fail in the present extraordinary case. Speaking of the specific con-

British Treaty With Persia.

London, July 17 .- The treaty tween Great Britain and Persia, which was hinted at by the Marquis of Landsdowne in his steech in the house of lords May 7, when he proclamed the "British Monroe doctrine" in the Persian gulf, is made the subject of a blue book issued today. The treaty was concluedd at Teheran, Fberuary 9. It grants reciprocally the most-favored nation treatment to each country, and netting, fixed on a light steel frame, undertakes to allow British merchan-

Augusta, Me., July 16 .- Mrs. James G. Blaine died at the Blaine homestead open water bayous of Louisiana. Perch. here yesterday. Mrs. Blaine was 6 years of age. She was in an enfeebled condition, and had been under almost quality are abundant in those dark, constant medical attention. During sluggish, root-tangled waters, and the the past week she failed rapidly. Mrs. Blaine is survived by one son, James the mosquitoes and other poisonous G. Blaine, and two daughters, Mrs. denizens of those swamps to obtain a Harriet Beale and Mrs. Walter Damrosch, of New York, who were at her bedside during her last sickness.

> International Exchange Opposed. Berlin July 17 .- The United States international exchange commission arrived here yesterday from The Hague. and was received today by the under secretary for foreign affairs, Dr. von Muchiberg. The German newspapers have hitherto manifested very little interest in the commission. All the expressions on the subject indicate the belief that the American pro ositions

WOOLEN MILLS DESTROYED.

REPUBLICAN.

Fire at Oregon City Throws' Three Hun-

Oregon City, July 15 .- Fire last night destroyed property of the Oregon City manufacturing company valued at between \$75,000 and \$100,000. The loss is covered by insurance. Spontancous combustion in a carbonizer in the Old Records Cive Interesting Figures on Franchise Granted for Extensive im pullery building is given as the origin Cathering Possibility of Taking Any of the fire, which destroyed the wool Backward Step Scoffed at - More room, dye room and boiler room of the

ously, "she assumes these airs of virtuous kin, the minister of war, and of the indiguation with huge propriety. Perhaps the simpleton thinks that I am in under the direction of Fire Chief Ru-

a number of times, but by brave work opposition to opening Manchurian the building and adjoining mill were towns to foreigners was not based upon saved. The warehouse of the O. R. &

With a stiff breeze from the northinvited into the country. But Russia east, it is considered remarkable that objected, they explained, to having the Portland flouring mills were not consuls accredited to the Chinese gov- burned. The firemen did most effect-

SIX KOB A CAR.

Daring Hold-Up in Outskirts of Portland One Man Wounded.

Portland, July 15 .- Robbing Fred Day, whom they mortally wounded with a needless shot, taking \$300 in money, watches anud jewelry from 40 passengers on a Sellwood car, then rob bing a lone pedestrian as they left the seene, six desperate highwaymen last Press Association, a curious rumor was night made their escape and now bid

On the crossing of the Southern Paci United States warships had seized about fic at East Eleventh and Division 20 small islands off the coast of Borneo, streets, but half a mile from the busiwhich, it is understood, belong to Great ness center of East Portland, the hold-Britain, and planted the American flag up was committed a few minutes before

dent of Bayou Sara, "but if you should tion on the subject will be asked in the Daring and cold blooded, the highwaymen boarded an out bound car at 11:45, shot Fred Day in the back with-Washington, July 17 .- The reported out provecation, and as he fell in their ed of your New Jersey or Staten Island seizure of islands off the coast of Borneo arms apparently lifeless, held him up mosquitoes as an instrument of torture. by American warships apparently was until they could rifle his pockets, then as great a surprise to administration let him drop in a pool of his own blood

> violently from women's fingers, and watches snatched quickly and thrust into the pockets of the highwaymen. Nor did this content them.

> nervous in the least over their bloody deed, they stopped in their flight long enough to hold up and rob O. N. Bitt-

Age Gradually Saps the Strength of Pope Leo.

Rome, July 15 .- Another remarka ble rally in Pope Leo's condition or curred yes'erday alternoon, after a morning in the course of which his holiness suffered spells of delirium and at some have sold at 15 cents. The times his strength sank to the lowest ebb, and now he lies in no worse condition than he was on Monday evening, Pneumonia is Cone and Chief Danger is except for the steady diminution of his

Yesterday's rally was characteristically opposed to every medical theory and consisted in getting out of bed, on which two hours previouly the pope himelf had made all preparations for death. Unsatisfied with this show of vitality, he transacted considerable business and had an interview with four cardinals, with whom he talked in

an animated way.

According to the physicians the pontiff may die at any moment, even in the midst of one of those extracrdinary intervals.

Stock Train Falls in River.

St. Louis, July 16 .- A special to the Post Dispatch from Poplar Bluff, Mo., says: A freight wreck occurred on the Iron Mountain railroad today between Rouden and Gurdon, Ark., south of this city. Two brakemen, a negro tramp and 35 carloads of horses and the track just as the train ran on the the 35 cars of stock and men killed to fall into the stream below, a distance

Last Attempt to Reclaim Dead. Hanna, Wyo., July 16 .- Preparations are being made to resume the work of for ladies. pening the coal mine here and rescuing the dead bodies of the victims of the disaster of June 30. A party of miners arrived last night from Rock Springs, and others are en route from Diamondville, Cumberland and Spring Valley. These men bave had years of experience in fighting mine fires, and they will make a herculean effort to extinguish the flames and reach the bodies.

Crewn Prince Travels Incog. Victoria, B. C., July 15 .- The

steamship Empress of India, which arrived today from the Orient, had among her passengers Crown Prince Rupprecht Marie Luitpold Ferdinand of Bavaria and the crown princess, who have been making an enforced tour of the world on account of a scandal attaching to the crown prince which agi-

Wages and Assessments.

In rummaging about his office a few days ago County Clerk Sleight unwoolen mills. The company will im- earthed some official records that conmediately replace the burned buildings, tain some interesting statistics with but the blaze will necessitate suspen- reference to Clackamas county in the sion of mill operations for at least three early '50s. They consist of some statismonths and the throwing out of em-ployment for that period of about 800 was then territorial marshal for Clackamas county in June, 1850. In that The flames were discovered issuing from the roof of the wool house at a field as follows: Real estate, \$836. o'clock but the building was already doomed, and the adjoining frame structures were soon ablaze. A general markable. The average monthly fire alarm was responded to by the fire wage to farm hands, including board department and citizens, who loubgt was \$80; the average wages paid day department and citizens, who loungt was \$50; the average wages pand the improvements are made the com-heroically. The main woolen mill laborers with board was \$4, with-heroically wages pany is given the right to collect a

for laboring men cost \$8. There were published in the county at that time two weekly papers, namely, Oregon Spectator, Territorial; Vigorous and timely action alone Western Star, Multnomah. An idea saved the property of the Portland of the value and profit in the lumber flouring mills company. The large business at that early date may be warehouse of this company was aflame gathered from the statistics which show that Benjamin Simpson from 400 logs, for which he paid \$3 each, manufactured 100,000 feet of lumber, which had a salable value of \$75 per

COLUMBIA COUNTY FILLING UP.

Recent County Seat Election Shows Large Increase of Voters.

The returns from the late special election indicates that the voting population of Columbia county has reased several hundred since the general state election held a little over a year ago. While it is true that much of this increased vote is due to the employment of an increased number of hands in sawmills and logging camps, many of them single men, it also is evident that there is a considrable increase in the number of fam lies which have become actual res

County School Superintendent Cope and has received complete returns from almost every school district in the county, and now estimates that there are 250 more children of school age than were shown by the census of last year. Reports from every section of the county indicate that newcomers from the East are arriving and the majority of them expect to become permanent residents.

Heavy Sales of Live Stock.

templated has come from the admiral and every passenger was robbed of & N. He has been over a large porcommanding the American fleet in money and jewelry. Rings were jerked tion of the ranges and reports that feed will be scarce this fall. Large shipments of cattle were made from this district last spring and Mr. Millis expects that still larger shipments will be made this fall. He says a large amount of stock will have to be sent out of the country in order to even up for the shortage of the feed The shortage of feed in some parts is probably due to a lack of rain.

Wool Prices are Climbing.

Owing to the shortage of wool in Montana and Utah the prices of wool in Eastern Oregon will be higher than had been anticipated. At the large sale held at Ontario a short time ago prices are still going up. Some of the leading sheep and wool men say the range is exceptionally short this season, as there has been scarcely any rain since spring. Everything is dried up. There is lots of stock in the district, and it is feared by the owners there will be large losses this year if a wet season does not start soon.

To Build Big Fish Hatchery.

Within a few days Fish Warden Van Dusen will call for bids for the construction at Ontario on the Snake river of one of the largest fish hatcheries in the world. Plans have been drafted in Portland for the building which will be 217x60. It will be equipped with all the latest conveniences There will be 320 troughs. At first they will be conducted so as to care number is required 40,000,000 eggs can be hatched without overcrowding. F. C. Brown will be in charge of the institution.

Will Enlarge Baker City Depot.

In response to the crying needs o Baker City the O. R. & N. Company mules were killed. A boxcar jumped has decided to enlarge and improve the track just as the train ran on the line passenger and freight depot little Missouri river bridge, with such in that city. Material for the imforce as to wreck the bridge and allow provements is now on the ground and just as soon as the carpenters can be relieved from Heppner branch the work will commenced. The improvement consist in the enlargement of the denot building, so as to permit of the addition of a separate waiting room

The contract for building the new 6.50. near where it empties into Snake river, about two miles below Ontario, The price is \$4100. This bridge will supply a It gives an opportunity for the ing to Ontario to do their trading without going about ten miles above Ontario to the Halliday bridge

Surveying Soil of Baker County,

Charles A. Jensen, of the department of agriculture, bureau of soils. the soils of Baker county. He has established his headquarters at Haines. and is now actiely engaged in the It is thought this is one of the inary steps to government-aid-gation.

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HAPPENINGS HERE IN OREGON

CLACKAMAS FIFTY YEARS AGO.

LOG BOOM ON NORTH UMPQUA.

provements by County Court. One of the most important steps made in the development of the lumbering industry in Douglas county was taken when the county court voted to grant a franchise to the Oregon Boom & Timber Company for cleaning out the obstructions in the North Umpqua river and preparing that stream for the floating of logs and timber. This franchise gives the company the right to use that stream in the manner mentioned from the west boundary line of the Cascade est reserve to the main line of the Southern Pacific railroad at Winchesheroically. The main woolen mill out board \$6; average daily wages pany is given the right to collect a building was on fire several times, but for carpenters, \$12; board per week maximum toll of 50 cents per thousand feet for floating logs for other persons in compensation for the outlay in im-

proving the stream. The estimated cost of the improvements is \$200,000. Besides improving the stream, the company expects to erect a sawmill of 100,000 feet daily capacity at Win-chester, to be ready for use as soon as logs can be floated, and other par-ties also expect to erect sawmills and woodworking plants at the same place. New York capitalists are backing the enterprise, their representa-tive, F. J. Blakely, having been here most of the time for the past two

PUBLIC LAND STILL OPEN.

Searly 600,000 Acres Remain in Oregon

City District. The annual report of the United States land office at Oregon City has been completed. Fourteen counties are embraced in the Oregon City dis-

trict and the report gives the following statistics as to area in acres unappropriated and unreserved:
Surveyed, 455,048; unsurveyed, 141. surveyed; 161,190 unsurveyed; 898,469 total, as shown in the report a year ago. The 14 counties constituting the Oregon City land district are: Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Crook, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Multomah, Polk, Tillamook, Wasco, Yambill and Washington. The total area of the land surface of these counties is 7,468,250 acres. The area in acres appropriated last year was 5,675,115, while the acreage under the same while the acreage under the same lassification this year is 5,629,846.

Map of State Institutions.

by American warships apparently was as great a surprise to administration let him drop in a pool of his own blood as great a surprise to administration let him drop in a pool of his own blood of the heaviest in years. This is the of the state institutions at Salem. Blue prints of the map will be took department of the O. R. the original will be kept in the Se 'ary's office. Although located "at Salem," the institutions are a long distance apart. Visitors can get but a vague idea of their location by such directions as are usually given, but by referring to the map, which shows all the roads and distances, a stranger would immediately understand the direction to take in going to any one of

Outlook for County Seat Fight. County Judge J. B. Doan, whose nome is at Rainier, says that St. Helens will have to receive over 1000 votes at the second special election on the first Monday in August to retain the county seat, as it is evident that 2000 votes will be polled as the outcome of the present contest. Judge Doan also expresses the opinion that Marsh land and Oak Point precincts, which gave a part of their vote to Clatskanie, at the first special election, will go

Union County Cherry Crop.

solid for Rainier

The cherry crop is just coming on in Union county. There were reports early in the season that this crop would be very short, but, as with the other products of this county, the prospects get brighter as harvest time approaches. The indications now are that the yield will not be far below the average. There will probably be about 15,000 boxes of the fruit

handled there this season. PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat-Walla Walla, 70@74c; val-

Barley-Feed, \$20.00 per ton; brew ing, \$21.

Flour-Best grades, \$3.95 @ 4.30; graham. \$3.45@3.85. Millstuffs—Bran, \$23 per ton; mid-dlings, \$27; shorts, \$23; chop, \$18. Oats-No. 1 white, \$1.10 @ 1.15;

gray, \$1.05 per cental. Hay-Timothy, \$20@21; clover. nominal; cheat, \$15@16 per ton. Potatoes-Best Burpanks, 50@65c

per sack; ordinary, 35@45c per cental, growers' prices; Merced sweets, \$3@ 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; 7,000@7.50

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 15%@ 16c; Young America, 15@15%c; fact-ory prices, 1@1%c less.

Butter-Fancy creamery, 20@2216 per pound; extras, 22c; dairy, 200 22 %c; store, 16c@18.

Eggs-17@20c per dozen. Hops—Choice, 18@20c per pound. Wool—Valley, 12 1/2 (2) 7c; Eastern Oregon, 8@14c; mohair, 35@37 %c.

Beef-Gross, cows, 31/24c, per pound; steers, 5@51/4c; dressed, 81/4c. Mutton-Gross, \$3.50 per dressed, 6@6%c.

Lambs-Gross, 4c