

MRS. FORRESTER.

are as fresh as a new picked rose."

fresh. Did you both have a pleasant men contrasted her unfavorably with her

least Evans gives you all the credit." the park," resumed Lady Grace; "he says his arm to the old French lady.

elegant 'tarnout' in London."

grave, half ironical.

her toward herself. "My dear, what ails you to-day? You say these things before. Has Mr. Hast- drawing room he said to her: ner to him was most chilling. Did he Eyre. Will you give me the pleasure of ever offend you?

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

But her voice trembled, and she hur-

"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 por romantic child fell in love with him. an excuse to call at the Farm, and she When Winfer and the voice, as she was, and flattered and talked to of the moment. her as men of the world will. She mis- "After all, my took it for love for a romantic devotion, your thanks." had conceived might be possible between Hazell Court, and her own humble self. I warned her-I wanted to spare her the heartache-the misery that such a deshe was so honest, so true herself, she lesson-I am not at liberty to tell you how-she found that, while he was feigning 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,

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

CHAPTER XIII.

Lord Harold Erskine had never been to stay at Endon Vale since Winifred had lived there, and this was the only her presence it kept the nephew whom she loved away. Once, when she had a letter from him, she read it, and sighed

"I know you are unhappy because you Please let me go away somewhere for a time, and let him come here, if he does "I do not think, my dear, that he minds

meeting you so much as that be fears innocence. his presence might make you uneasy?"
"Oh, Lady Grace," cried Winifred, "why should you-why should be think of me? Am I not here from room kind-ness and charity? I was only too much henored by his ever thinking of me; but

he will have forgotten me now, and why had never happened?" "I will tell him," Lady Grace said; and she wrote to him that very day, begging presently.

great delight. The meeting between him you do now?"

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 ner the following day.

"I shall most likely sleep at the Court to her room, she cried bitterly, and hated to-night, aunt, and we will ride over to- and reproached herself unreasonably. gether to-morrow morning. Of course, he stays here the night?"

seeing Mr. Hastings again, particularly before Lerd Harold; and then she wondered if her name would be mentioned they would say about her. Mr. Hastings correspondent was Mrs. Clayton. had an unpleasant recollection of Mr. "Dear Winifred" (she wrote to

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* On her return from the ride, Winifred day. The following morning Lord Harweni, 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 on, dear madame-it makes one feel had once thought fascinating, both these

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 ast 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 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 in a low, almost caressing voice, Mr. Hastings thought; and it made his blood Lady Grace took her hand and drew

Errol had, of course, never heard Miss are not like yourself. I never heard you Eyre sing. When they went into the "I hear you sing very beautifully, Miss

> hearing your voice?" "I do not think my singing would give you any pleasure," she answered, coldly. "You are, of course, accustomed to hear highly callivated voices-mine is only a rude, untaught, country one."

He drew back, wounded to the quick. "Do come and sing, Winifred," ex-

claimed 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 or sang more beautifully than on that is to anyone else; but you have her night, and Ercol leaned against the eminterest as much at heart as I have. The brasure of the window, where his face summer before last, when he first came was screened from observation, and ome, 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 be-No wonder, then, the fore or afterward as he loved her that night, listening for the first time to the

When Winifred finally left the piano, s at home alone. I dare say he took she passed close to the curtain, and Errol our Louislana 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

You did not sing for me," he answer-

Later, thinking over the events of the evening, he found it an utter impossibil. no matter which kind samples you you ity to arrive at any definite conclusion will wish it had been some other kind, fluenced Winifred's conduct toward him. bite quite as bad as that one. There are could not believe the man she worshiped did she bear an unrelenting anger toward as a hero could be capable of what she 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 Farquhar 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 nately, though, this glant mosquite up with my husband and his learned

Lord Harold wept 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 previheavily as she laid it down. Winifred ous day Winifred had never in her life understood what the sigh meant. She been provoking or a flirt, but of course 'days. summoned up courage the next time they those qualities must have been dormant somewhere in her heart, or they would scarcely have cropped up like the dragdo not see Lord Harold, Lady Grace. on's teeth at a moment's notice. The whole ride through she flattered and fifrted with Lord Harold, and uttered little malicious, biting remarks to Mr. Hastings, with the most naive, unconscious

The ride must have been fraught with ly rise up as big as a hickory nut, turn considerable enjoyment for Errol, as every turning, every fence, every heath seemed to bring to Winifred's mind some agreeable reminiscence connected with her other companion. As they were nearing the park gates, a farmer stopped should we not meet as if such a thing Lord Harold to speak about some business, and Mr. Hastings and Wipifred rode on. Errol bent down toward her

"Miss Eyre, have I no hope that you The next day he arrived, to his aunt's will ever feel kinder toward me than "I have no unkind feeling toward you.

Mr. Hastings." "Then shall I say less indifferent?"

"Can one help feeling indifferent?" re-He turned away, stung to the quick.

Winifred kept up the same demeanor see him, although he was coming to din- toward the two men during the whole ride; and then at night, when she went "I do love him-I do love him!" she

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-

letters in the same handwriting-one for between the two men, and if so, what Winifred, the other for Lady Grace. The

"Dear Winifred" (she wrote to the for-Clayton's remarks about Miss Eyre's mer)—"Do ask Lady Grace Farquhar to firtation with Lord Harold Erskine, and 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 golden opportunities; and Lord summer, and I am going to spend a few 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 Hazell woods. By common consent, then, her name was avoided as much as possible, and the two men had plenty of other

# husband and aunt have quarreled, and CONFERENCE ENDS

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

"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. Mr. Clayton is in town."

Winifred had not been five hours in her 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. f not quite, hated the man whose name

During the time that Winifred stayed at the Cedars, she had plenty of oppor-

tematically cold and repellent in her manner toward him. He saw it, and laughed the conference. secretly to himself.

indignation with huge propriety. Per-haps the simpleton thinks that I am in churia are abundant. Orders were though the interior was damaged some

"For heaven's sake, Marion, don't make shipped to Harbin. that horrid noise; you have not a vestige of voice left. Do get up, and let Miss

"If you cannot admire the beauty of Fee's singing, I take it as no compli-

ment that you should praise me."
"My dear Miss Eyre, pray don't be violent," said Mr. Clayton, with a maicious smile. "I am afraid your temper is getting spoilt by Mrs. Clayton's example; mine has suffered already from her baneful influence."

"I think she must be an angel to have lived with you so long!" Winifred ex laimed, in hot, angry championship of her 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.

. Monster in Siz . spend an hour or so fishing in some of house.

dark and noisome swamp bayous, and as to the feelings and motives which in- for it will seem that no other kind could Was his presence really hateful to her?- gray mosquitoes-long, gaunt, wolfishlooking fellows-reddish-brown mosquitoes, black mosquitoes of a bluish cast 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 wide, and a kit 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 a suction pamp. As he can bore through large and 14 smaller islands and the your boot and puncture your foot with ease and dispatch, you may well imagine how much protection clothing or nately, though, this glant mosquito Pneumonia is Gone and Chief Danger is 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

"All the remaining eight varieties are 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 the smallest one of the lot. This is a gray mosquite, not more than an eighth peared. of an inch long, but every place that he sinks his stinger in on you will instantas red as fire and pain like a hornet's sting. As the reservoir containing that larger than a fly speck, the virulence lords May 7, when he proclamed of it may be imagined.

"The experienced person never goes bayous," continued the Louisianan, ac- was concluedd at Teheran, Fberuary 9 less he has his head and face incased in nation treatment to each country, and 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 open water bayous of Louisiana. Perch. bass, jackfish, as the pickerel is called down there, and other fish of fair game few hours' sport with his hook and

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 .ouple lived. Francis Clayton's manner officials has ended. Fxultation over to his wife was in itself an offense, al-most every word he addressed to her con-churia was the dominant note in the Winifred detested him, and was sysbut it was denied that was the object of

given to Port Arthur contractors last what by water. He redoubled his attentions on seeing week for an immediate supply of build-

listening to. Come, Miss Eyre, won't you sing me something?"

"No, I will not!" cried Winifred, angrily, one day, tears of vexation in her objected, they explained, to having the Portland flouring mills were not expected. The warehouse of the w consuls accredited to the Chinese government 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 Press Association, a curious rumor was current in the lobby of the house of defiance to the police. commons tonight to the effect that some which, it is understood, belong to Great dent of Bayou Sara, "but if you should tion on the subject will be asked in the

rected by the officials here so far as

could be ascertained tonight. A very plausible explanation of the manding officer in the Philippines simply had sent one or more of his vessels ner on Milwaukie street. and hoisted the flag of the United States over some islands near the coast of Borneo which were purchased by the United States from Spain subsequent to the treaty of Paris, and that the sovereignty of the United States has been preclaimed formally. These were the Cagayan Zulu group, comprising one larger island of Palawan.

MAY LINGER FOR DAYS.

# From Weakness.

Rome, July 16 .- The pope's condition shows practically no change since yesterday. 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 conditions, the doctors say that they think the pneumonia has practically disap-

British Treaty With Persia.

London, July 17 .- The treaty be tween Great Britain and Persia, which was hinted at by the Marquis of Landsinsect's venom cannot possibly be downe in his steech in the house of "British Monroe doctrine" in the Persian gulf, is made the subject of a fishing in those mosquito-infected blue book issued today. The treaty cording to the New York Times, "un- It grants reciprocally the most-favored netting, fixed on a light steel frame, undertakes to allow British merchanand with thick gloves on his hands. dise any reduction conceded to merch-

Mrs. Blaine Dead.

Augusta, Me., July 16 .- Mrs. James G. Blaine died at the Blaine homestead 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. enthusiastic angler is willing to dare 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 rived today from the Orient, had secretary for foreign affairs, Dr. von among her passengers Crown Prince Muchlberg. The German newspapers Rupprecht Marie Luitpold Ferdinand pressions on the subject indicate the the world on account of a scandal atbelief that the American pro ositions taching to the crown prince which agiare impracticable.

### WOOLEN MILLS DESTROYED.

REPUBLICAN.

Fire at Oregon City Throws' Three Hundred Out of Work.

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 Impullery building is given as the origin Gathering Possibility of Taking Any of the fire, which destroyed the wool Backward Step Scoffed at - More room, dye room and boiler room of the sion of mill operations for at least three early '50s. They consist of some statisunity of observing how this ill-assorted The conference of prominent Russian months and the throwing out of employment for that period of about 800 was then territorial marshal for Clack-amas county in June, 1850. In that

churia was the Commant note in the gathering. The possibility of taking any backward step is scoffed at if mentioned by outsiders. It was admitted that the war possibility was discussed but it was denied that the war possibility was the object of successions. The second test of the second that the war possibility was discussed but it was denied that the war possibility was the object of second the second is successed but it was denied that the war possibility was the object of second is successed is succession. The flames were discovered issuing to this county was \$1,020,344, classified as follows: Real estate, \$836. Go; personal, \$183,694. The schedule of wages paid at that time was remarkable. The average monthly fire alarm was responded to by the fire wage to farm hands, including board, department and citizens, who found was \$80; the average wages paid day beroically. The main woolen mill laborers with board was \$4, with "Little fool!" he thought, contempts since the arrival of General Kuropat- building was on fire several times, but out board \$6; average daily wages ously, "she assumes these airs of virtuous kin, the minister of war, and of the inunder the direction of Fire Chief Rufor carpenters, \$12; board per week
ndiguation with huge propriety. Pertention to bring more troops to Man-

Vigorous and timely action alone Western Star, Multnomah. down to the piano, he would get up and accommodate 20,000 soldiers to be flouring mills company. The large business at that early date may be saved the property of the Fortians of the value and business at that early date may be flouring mills company. warehouse of this company was aflame The officials explained that Russia's a number of times, but by brave work opposition to opening Manchurian the building and adjoining mill were Eyre sing. Her performance is worth towns to foreigners was not based upon saved. The warehouse of the O. R. &

burned. The firemen did most effective work.

SIX NOB 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 scene, six desperate highwaymen last 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 business center of East Portland, the hold-"You may talk about your mosquitoes up here in the North," said a resion them. It is probable that a questimidnight.

Daring and cold blooded, the highwaymen boarded an out bound car at 11:45, shot Fred Day in the back with- become permanent residents. 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 There are eight or nine different vaofficials in Washington as it was to and turned their attention to the rest be the heaviest in years. This is the

> 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 Philippine waters, and no exploitation along the lines indicated has been di watches snatched quickly and thrust spring and Mr. Millis into the pockets of the highwaymen.

> Nor did this content them. Not nervous in the least over their bloody large amount of stock will have to reported occurrance is that the com- deed, they stopped in their flight long sent out of the country in order to enough to hold up and rob O. N. Bitt- even up for the shortage of the feed

## POWED WANING.

Age Gradually Saps the Strength of Pope Leo.

Rome, July 15 .- Another remarka ble rally in Pope Leo's condition oscurred yes'erday alternoon, after a morning in the course of which his hol- Many did not sell and since that time iness suffered spells of delirium and at some have sold at 15 cents. times his strength sank to the lowest ebb, and now he lies in no worse condition than he was on Monday evening. except for the steady diminution of his strength.

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 mules were killed. A boxcar jumped he track just as the train ran on the little Missouri river bridge, with such force as to wreck the bridge and allow the 35 cars of stock and men killed to fall into the stream below, a distance of 40 feet.

Last Attempt to Reclaim Dead. Hanna, Wyo., July 16 .- Preparations are being made to resume the work of for ladies. opening 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 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.

Victoria, B. C., July 15 .- The steamship Empress of India, which arhave hitherto manifested very little in- of Bavaria and the crown princess, who terest in the commission. All the ex- have been making an enforced tour of

# HAPPENINGS HERE IN OREGON

CLACKAMAS FIFTY YEARS AGO.

Wages and Assessments. In rummaging about his office a few days ago County Clerk Sleight unwoolen mills. The company will im-mediately replace the burned buildings, tain some interesting statistics with but the blaze will necessitate suspen- reference to Clackamas county in the

There were published in the county at that time two weekly papers, namely. Oregon Spectator, Territorial; and that they annoyed her. If his wife sat ing materials for building barracks to saved the property of the Portland of the value and profit in the lumber 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 specia election indicates that the voting population of Columbia county has creased several hundred since the gen eral 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 considerable increase in the number of fam lies which have become actual res

County School Superintendent Cope and has received complete returns rom almost every school district in he 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 new comers from the East are arriving. and the majority of them expect to

### Heavy Sales of Live Stock.

The sale of sheep, cattle and horse members of parliament in London. No of the passengers.

information that such a step was con
At least 40 people were on the car, of the stock department of the O. R. expects that still larger shipments will be made this fall. He says a 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 wool sold at from 13 to 14 cents 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

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 equip ped with all the latest conveniences There will be 320 troughs. At first they will be conducted so as to care for 20,000,000 fish, but in case a large number is required 40,000,000 eggs can be hatched without overcrowding. F. C. Brown will be in charge of the in-

Will Enlarge Baker City Depot. In response to the crying needs of Baker City the O. R. & N. Company has decided to enlarge and improve the passenger and freight depot provements is now on the ground and just as soon as the carpenters can be relieved from the Heppner branch the relieved from the Potator B. in that city. Material for the im-Heppner branch the work will commenced. The improvement will consist in the enlargement of the deoot building, so as to permit of the addition of a separate waiting room

## Great Boon to Ontario.

The contract for building the new steel bridge across the Malheur river. er, about two miles below Ontario, has been let. The price is \$4100. This bridge will supply a need. It gives an opportunity for the per pound; extras, 22c; dairy, 200 people living on Dead Ox Flat of coming to Ontario to do their trading without going about ten miles above Ontario to the Halliday bridge.

Charles A. Jensen, of the departhas been sent out to make a survey of the soils of Baker county. He has esand is now actiely engaged in the It is thought this is one of the preliminary steps to government-aid-

# 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 forest reserve to the main line of the Southern Pacific railroad at Winchester, five miles north of Roseburg. After the improvements are made the company is given the right to collect a maximum toll of 50 cents per thousand feet for floating logs for other persons in compensation for the outlay in improving the stream. The estimated

cost of the improvements is \$200,000 Besides improvements is \$200,000.
Besides improving the stream, the company expects to erect a sawmill of 100,000 feet daily capacity at Winchester, to be ready for use as soon as logs can be floated, and other parties also expects. 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.

### early 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 district and the report gives the following statistics. ing statistics as to area in acres un-

ing statistics as to area in acres unappropriated and unreserved:

Surveyed, 455,048; unsurveyed, 141.

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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 classification this year is 5,629,846.

Map of State Institutions.

Secretary of State Dunbar is hav-Blue prints of the map will be kept at each of the institutions and the original will be kept in the Secre-'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

### the institutions. Outlook for County Seat Fight.

County Judge J. B. Doan, whose home 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 Clatska-nie, at the first special election, will go

solid for Rainier

Union County Cherry Crop. 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,

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Wheat-Walla Walla, 70@74c; valley, 77c.

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

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

gray, \$1.05 per cental. Potatoes-Best Burpanks, 50@65c per sack; ordinary, 35@45c per cental, growers' prices; Merced sweets, \$300

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; 3; 30000, \$6.00@

Cheese-Full cream, twins, 151/4@ 16c; Young America, 15@15%c; factory prices, 1@1%c less. Butter-Fancy creamery, 20@22160

22 %c; store, 16c@18.

Eggs—17@20c per dozen. Hops—Choire, 18@20c per pound. Wool—Valley,12½@17c;Eastern Oregon, 8@14c; mohair, 35@37 %c. Beel-Gross, cows, 31/04c, per pound; steers, 5@51/c; dressed, 81/c.

Venl-716 @8c. Mutton—Gross, \$3.50 per pound; dressed, 6@6%c. Lambs-Gross, 4c

dressed, 7%c.
Hogs—Gross,
dressed, 7@8s.