

ONLY A FARMER'S DAUGHTER.

By MRS. FORRESTER.

CHAPTER XV.—(Continued.) Within a few weeks of the close of the season a very beautiful Frenchwoman came to London, and was received at once into the best society.

CHAPTER XVI. More than once Sir Howard Champion had met his granddaughter, Winifred Eyre, in society. He had spoken very little; and the result of his quiet scrutiny was that he felt unaccountably pleased with her.

CHAPTER XVII. There was a great many calls, conversations, hints, proposals and suggestions, and finally everything was arranged precisely as the mistress of the ceremonies had intended it should be.

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BLOWN TO PIECES

SCORE OF LIVES LOST BY EXPLOSION AT POWDER WORKS.

Fifty Others are Injured—Nitric Acid Instead of Water Was Poured on Nitro Glycerine—Lowell, Massachusetts, Is Scene of Havoc, but Concussion Is Felt for Miles.

Lowell, Mass., July 31.—Two small gunpowder magazines, situated in the very midst of the humble residences of 50 mill operatives, exploded today with a frightful concussion, and the resultant wave of death cut off the lives of more than a score of human beings and injured nearly 50 others.

It was a long time before the actual cause of the explosion was ascertained. It was at first thought that every one within a radius of 50 feet of the magazines had been killed, but later it was found that Clarendon Goodwin, the foreman of the men who were loading the powder on the teams had survived.

HUNT FOR COVER.

Escaped California Convicts are Handed for the Mountains.

Placerville, Cal., July 31.—Of the 13 convicts who escaped from the state penitentiary at Folsom, 12 are still at large. Joe Murphy, who was serving a 14-year sentence for robbery, was shot at Pilot Hill.

FORCED BACK TO COVER.

Posses's Bullets Met Convicts Emerging From Gulch.

Folsom, Cal., July 31.—Eight, and possibly 11 of the convicts who escaped from the Folsom penitentiary, were surrounded last night in a gulch near Greenwood by posse of manhunters commanded by Sheriff Bosquit, of Eldorado county.

COLORED READY TO QUIT.

Transport Dix Goes Aground.

Washington, July 30.—Quartermaster General Humphrey has been informed by cable that the transport Dix went aground off the Japan coast last Saturday.

REARWASH AT HOME.

A woman traveling abroad narrates the following experience: She had occasion to go to the British embassy at a certain spot, which shall be nameless.

GOES SHABBY HIMSELF.

"They say he makes little more than a bare living for himself."

HAPPENINGS HERE IN OREGON

GREAT FRUIT YIELD. Rogue River Valley Traps Promise Choice Product.

From the viewpoint of the grain-raiser, the year in Southern Oregon, the drought prevailing for the past few months having woefully reduced the average in all small grains.

FIX PRICE OF PRUNES.

Willamette Valley Growers' Association Says 2 1/2 Cent Basis.

The Willamette Valley Prune Association held an important meeting at Salem last week. Delegates were in attendance from Douglas, Lane, Linn, Polk, Benton and Clackamas counties.

NOT ENOUGH WATER.

The voters of the proposed Little Walla Walla river irrigation district near Frewater turned down the proposition to form an irrigation district by 89 to 52.

SMILING FIELDS OF POLK COUNTY.

Excellent samples of hay and grain have been brought to Independence this week. Early oats and spring wheat have commenced to change color, and the heads of each are well filled.

PROSPECTS FOR NEW FLAX MILL.

James Boyce, a millionaire of Muncie, Ind., who is at Salem, is investigating the prospects for a new flax mill in that city.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 77@78c; valley, 79c. Barley—Feed, \$19.00 per ton; brewing, \$20.

BRICKS MADE ON COOS BAY.

The first lot of brick just burt at the new kiln in Catching slough was delivered this week at North Bend to be used in making the foundation for the boilers and engines of the stevedores' mill and door factory.

HUCKLEBERRY SEASON HERE.

Huckleberries are beginning to ripen in the foothills of the Blue mountains. Never before was there promise of such a bountiful crop, there as it is now presented.

COLLECTING MINING DATA.

George E. Boos, of the United States Geological Survey, Washington, D. C., is at Baker City, and will make a complete report of mining in Eastern Oregon, showing production, cost of operation, wages, etc.

READY FOR STEEL BRIDGE.

The approaches and center pier for the Lewis and Clark draw bridge near Astoria have been completed and are ready for the steel draw when it arrives from the east.

JUNE OUTPUT SPLENDID.

Sumpter District Mines Cleaned Up All of \$350,000.

Estimates based on the production of ore in the Sumpter mining district for the past month give much greater returns than heretofore. The deep sinking operations carried on in most of the leading properties have resulted in opening up a larger area of mining territory and consequently an increased production has resulted.

OREGON KING LOOKING UP.

The Oregon King mine, which has been shut down for several years on account of litigation, is again hoisting ore. The management is looking for more miners and preparing to make heavy shipments.

HOT CONTEST FOR LAND.

A contest of more than usual importance was begun in the Oregon City Land Office a few days ago. Important is the contest because an entire section of heavily timbered land located near Corvallis, Benton county, is involved.