The Contrabandist;

TRUE STORY THE SOUTH

chateau, Rose, but not that your father

was going away. I learned it from him last week," said Robin.

"He preferred that I should not then.

and, perhaps, will remain away but a

only I am afraid you will forget me-will

companion, in a tone of gentle reproach.

You know, Robin, that I could not for-

Rose. You will have a great deal to say

to your father, and you will be better

There was sympathy and tenderness in

He held out his arms.

She went in. Her father, standing in

"Well, you know now," he said, with

sorrowful gentleness, as she came up to

meet his sad embrace-"you know now,

"I do not know; do not ask me, I en-

"But where are you going, and how

I cannot tell you where I am going.

She sat down, poor little Rose, and cov-

ering her face with her hands, wept sad-

arms, and despair on his dark counte-

'has not my revenge turned upon me?'

The next evening Robin came.

"O!" he murmured, with fierce grief,

seemed more serious than usual, and

Yes, and Rose will go to the chateau

-morrow evening. The marquis and

"Yes, Robin," she said; "to-morrow

Robin sat down by her, and tok her

"Rose," he said, "do you not think this

makes me as sorrowful as you can be?

What shall I do when you are here no

longer? I cannot see you in your new

home as I have seen you here. I cannot

come there in my rude dress, though, one

day, I mean to make myself worthy to

"Ah, Robin," uttered Rose, with tear

ful eyes, "do not go! What shall I do with no one left?"

the young man, sadly; "can you not see it

we may not meet now you are to dwell

at the chateau. We both would be more

unhappy should I stay. If I go away I

may gain some situation where I may

position worthy to come back and win

sponded, striving to check the fast flow-

'Let me go to-morrow morning, Rose

I cannot bear to see you go away-to

which she was forced to inflict on one

who loved deeply and truly. Francis Eg-

erton had inspired her with a sentiment

of the most earnest esteem; but the

her had almost decided her, at first, to

break off an intimacy which, on his part,

harsh a measure. She could not persuade

herself to go so far. She liked him sin-

cerely; her regard for him was too real

-too deep, to permit her thus absolutely

to relinquish the occasional society of

Lord Egerton; while she trusted to cure

him, in time, of the passion, which she

own preference in a different quarter, she

Since his arrival just after Rose had

become an inmate of the Chateau Montau-

ban, she had begun to feel that she had

a means of assistance at hand. She did

not pause for time to define any plan,

or to say to herself, in so many words,

that such and such an ultimate issue had

been guessed at, or hoped for, by her;

ed to her, and trusted that they would

Meeting, on the very first evening of

his arrival at the chateau, with a repulse,

gentle, though firm, from Helen-a disap-

pointment to hopes long, yet doubtfully, cherished; and feeling that the dejection

and unhappiness which he felt would, if

of those about him, he endeavored to con-

He found himself thrown daily into the

society of Rose Lamonte, often by

chance, oftener by Helen's own agency.

draw upon him the attention

but she appropriated the means presen

should never be able to return.

obtain wealth, and rise gradually to

you. Now, Rose, tell me I may go."

ing tears. "But I shall be so lonely!

wait till you are gone."

And thus it was.

is for the best? I cannot stay here with

out meeting you daily, as of old.

"Do not weep, mignonne!" entreated

vening I shall be gone."

And I am going in two days."

"In two days?-so soon! O, papa;

his glance and caress.

soon, papa?"

He bent down and kissed her.

"You did? and you did not let

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The next day Robin came again. 'Rose," he said, "I saw, yesterday, going away from here, when I was coming down, a man whom I think I have seen before. Do you know who it was?" You mean, I think, Gasparde, my

cousin. But hush!-here he comes." And at that moment the individual designated entered the cottage door. He made a civil obeisance to Rose and the young man, and accosting Hugh, requestd, in a low tone, to speak with him

den. There a somewhat lengthy conference was held, during which time Rose and Robin were conversing together infrequently mentioned in the course of their dialogue. The young man seemed asked several questions concerning him, by which he gathered the knowledge that | alone. Gasparde had some time very deeply of know then, I dare say, on what day he is fended both Rose and her father; but he going, and can tell me. I should like to also heard of his having come the previous day to make apologies for so do

And, meanwhile, Hugh ended the colloquy between himself and Gasparde in the opposite doorway, looking out into the garden, when they prepared to rethe garden, turned quickly and beheld enter the house. The countenance of the former was gloomier and darker than

"Captain," said the man, "I don't remember having seen that person in the Rose? kitchen before. I suppose you won't "Yes think it impertinent if I ask you who he is?"

But it will not be long before I shall see you again? You will come home

"He is to become the husband of returned Hugh. "His name is Robin Marron." And he glanced closely treat, Rose:" He spoke with the desat the countenance of his companion to detect some signal of his feelings at this "But where are you announcement. But all was undisturbed

"So Rose is to be married?" said Gasparde. "Well, he will make her an excellent husband, I hope; and I wish her much happiness, with all my heart. I suppose, monsieur, you have not forgotten the time when I wished so earnestly ly. Hugh paced the floor with folded to marry Rose myself-have you? But," he continued, "I am going to be married to another young girl, at some distance

in, and Gasparde remained a short time longer, affecting an air of the most per- heard of the arrangements for the defect friendliness towards Robin. And parture of Hugh in silence. At length when he took his departure, to return to the village, Robin accompanied him, after to-morrow? went along the road talking together of one thing and another in a careless way, speaking on a great many subjects, and dwelling on none long, till they came to a little grove, past which the

tage and the village. A pleasant place yonder," observed Robin, nodding his head towards it. 'Yes-yes; pleasant enough," responded Gasparde; "but I dare say there are

road ran, about half way between the cot-

"Just so, my friend," rejoined the young man; "you are right. And those that have more agreeable associations, as enter even that proud place; There is well. For instance, if a man had been nothing for me to do but to go away." shot there by an unseen enemy, the place wouldn't be quite so attractive as many

He glanced casually at the face of his companion as he said it; but beneath the careless tone and manner was a meaning. and in that glance he read, like lightning. the expression of Gasparde's face. It was one of sudden, startled uneasiness. The man looked quickly up at him, without answer. The effect was satisfactory. Robin went on:

day, wounded in the manner which I have described, and in that very wood which we have passed."

"And he told you about it?" said Gasparde, watching Robin closely. You are right. He told me about it.' "Did he guess who fired at him?"

"I suppose so. Though he kept it to himself. He said he meant to punish the rogue when he could catch him "Who was your master, if I may ask?" The Compte d'Artois. You may have

heard of him possibly. But I must bid you adieu, my friend; for here I am at

"Adieu," returned Gasparde; and he knowledge of the depth of his regard for continued his route, muttering, "I have you now, my master! You think I am cowed-do you? Ah! wait-only wait! You are taking a great deal of trouble to win my pretty cousin; but I shall have her yet! Only time-time. I will let you just grasp the prize, and then tear it from you. The later my vengeance, the sweeter it will be!"

It was sunset again, and our pretty heroine, Rose Lamonte, was returning from the Chateau Montauban, whither she had gone early in the afternoon to see Mademoiselle Montauban, who, she was told by her father, wished to speak with her on a matter of importance. With a light and happy heart, Rose had gone meet the lady, and, three or four hours afterwards, was returning home, with tears in her eyes, and a step very different from that usual with her. Walking slowly along, wrapped in sorrowful meditation, she was suddenly aroused by the voice of Robin pronouncing her name. He was just going down to the cottage. Why, what ails you, my Rose?" he

asked, tenderly. "You are weeping! Why "O, Robin, my father is going away!

was her sad answer. "Going away? Ah, how sorry I am for you, dear child! But how soon is he gong, and where will he go to?"

I do not know. He did not tell me; ceal all evidence of his feelings under a Mademoiselle Helen told me, and she calm exterior, and to evince as much inknew nothing further than what I have terest in affairs about him as was possijust said to you. But I am afraid it will be very soon." And the tears chased each other over her fair cheeks.

Why did he not acquaint you with this

He admired her beauty-her innocence "Indeed, I do not know. Perhaps he and grace, had a charm for him. Heleb had not the courage. Poor papa! And Montauban knew it. He first merely acbesides, the Marquis and Mademoiselle knowledged, and was sensible of her Montauban are to keep me at the chateau presence; then he sought it. Rose conantil he returns; that was why she wishmann to tell and seemed to evince a pleasure in his

ociety. It was plain that she did not dislike him; and Helen, although she had many doubts at first, changed them finalfor most agreeable yet secret specula ions on the future, little dreaming that Francis Egerton was yet true to her, or that Rose Lamonte's thoughts, even in his presence, turned and dwelt fondly, though sadly, on the memory of her humole, yet unforgotten, lover.

Meanwhile, Mademoiselle Montauban hought often and anxiously of her cousn; for Louis had not written once since his departure from the chateau, and two nonths had now clapsed, and nearly the third, since that time. Her father also nentioned him frequently, and expressed his perplexity at his silence, and no less

at his prolonged absence. Many an hour, at nightfall, Helen knelt sadly at her easement, with her glance sorrowfully fixerd on the road below that wound through the valley and beyond the hillsthe road over which he had passed on

"When will he traverse it again?" she asked herself. "When, kneeling here, at But do not weep," dear Rose!" said the my sad post, in the twilight or the dawn, young man, soothingly; "he will return, shall I behold him returning?"

One afternoon, being oppressed with a short time. And it will be pleasant for you to be at the chateau a little while. slight headache, she had thrown herself upon her couch to dispel it, if possible, by slumber. Suddenly her uncle's step, light and quick, came through the galtered the chamber, bearing a light. Her face was suggestive of something pleas-She came on tiptoe to the bedside. "O, I am awake, Jessie," said Helen; but I have slept a great while."

Yes, mademoiselle-a long time; but To-morrow I will come. You will I hope your headache has quite left you now; for monsieur le compte, your cous-in, mademoiselle, Monsieur d'Artois—" lievers. "Jessic, is he here?" asked Helen, quiet-

Yes, mademoiselle, he has just come. She entered her dressing room, and hastened to bathe her face and head and re-arrange her hair. But she trembled from head to foot. She descended the stairs just in time to meet Louis himself. He it was, but paler and thinner than usual. He came forward with an exclamation of pleasure.

"Yes, father-I know; you are going "Helen, my dear cousin!" he cried, warmly embracing her. Her cheek burnt-her heart beat rapidas he pressed his lips to hers. She

ould not speak at first. "My own fair Helen, and so lovely as ver!-yes, a million times lovelier!" he face so that the glow of the pendant lamp above them fell full upon it. "But not guilty. know you welcome me." "Indeed, I welcome you, Louis, most

But you are pale-you have

"I have been ill-yes; but not long or

He pressed her hand in his with kindly grouped about it, chatting together, as exposition. she came in. She was greeted with unanhe said: "You are going, then, the day imous exclamations of pleasure, and drawn into their circle. There were inconversation Louis re-entered.

'My dear uncle, I cannot express the once more," he said, "and particularly in the midst of such excellent company."

In a little while the evening repast was board, a congenial party enough, as it went; afterward they repaired, by the invitation of the marquis, to the library. where they passed the remainder of the evening. Rose and Francis Egerton. who, of late, had occasionally sung to- facturers and importers of the United quis and his guests to do so now. Both had fine voices and excellent taste, and their united melody poured forth in one sweet, harmonious strain, that could not fail to please. Louis, standing behind quiet but closely observant glance. "Is not Rose a little nightingale?" soft-

ly whispered Helen, looking up at him. "A sweeter one never sang. By-the-by, my dear cousin, when did she come Rome.

She is prettier than ever; do you not for free trade. think so? "Decidedly. Francis seems tacitly to

agree with us, too, it appears to me. Is Japan is waning. he not very attentive to her? And yet, he does not look quite happy to-night. What ails him, I wonder?" (To be continued.)

was not without a sigh of regret that Helen Montauban observed the pain

Fiendish Woman, Mr. Subbubs-Thank goodness the winter's nearly gone and the summer is coming, when I won't have to bother about the old furnace. Mrs. Subbubs-That's so. By the

way, dear, don't you think you'd better claimed something more than the name of friendship. This, however, seemed too look at the lawn mower and see if it needs any repairing?-Philadelphia

Attachments. ormed in our profession. Hamakter-Alas, 'tis true!

Polonious-Why that note of melan

choly in thy tone? Hamakter-I was thinking of my wardrobe which my landlord has this day attached.-Ohlo State Journal.

Microbian Humor. First Microbe-Have you ever gone up against any of these microbe killers the doctors are talking about?

Second Microbe-Lots of them. First Microbe-Aren't you afraid? Second Microbe-Afraid, nothing. for 15 years. Why, I'm a microbe-killer killer, I am.

Art in the Proper Direction. photograph of yourself? Stout Gentleman-Enlarged! What

Agent-That's so. But-say-let us make you one three sizes smaller. The Question Nowadays.

Friend-I understand your receiving teller has skipped out? Bank President (sadly)-That's what! Friend-Did he leave much?-Puck.

A Dilemma. Mrs. Von Blumer-I don't know Von Blumer—What's the matter new? The property loss in that town alone "She threatens to stay."—Life.

The property loss in that town alone will reach \$2,000,000.

The property loss in that town alone proposition. ve shall do about that cook. "She threatens to stay."-Life.

EVENTS OF THE DAY

GATHERED FROM ALL PARTS OF THE TWO HEMISPHERES.

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week, Presented in Condensed Form, Most Likely to Prove Interesting to Our Many Readers.

Advertising, like irrigation, must be kept up. One application may do some good, but it takes several to mature the crop.

The Russian squadron has returned

at St. Louis. There were 50 carloads

More alarmist reports are being sent out concerning the Russo-Japanese sit-Bar pilots, after spending a day in

taking soundings, find there is 19 feet John Alexander Dowie and 3,000 of

where they intend to convert the unbe-Congressman Jones, of Washington, will follow the wish of his constituency and vote for Cuban reciprocity, al-

though opposing it. Convicts Wood and Murphy, who with others escaped from Folsom, Cal., penitentiary and were recaptured have been held to answer to the charge of

Senator Hansborough, of North Dakota, will introduce a bill for the sale of timber lands at auction, and requiring final proof before desert entries can be transferred

After being out 20 hours the jury in said, smilingly, as he gently turned her the Tillman case returned a verdict of Morrocan rebels have won another

victory, and the position of the sultan is becoming desperate.

The interstate commerce commission has granted several railroads more time seriously; and as soon as I recovered, for compliance with the safety-appli-

The sultan of Turkey is considering stood by the hearth, and the guests were Turkish participation in the St. Louis

cisco and between Chicago and Galvesindisposition, and infinite rejoicings at ton is to be established by the Wabash. The Standard plant of the United

States Reduction & Refining company "My dear uncle, I cannot express the pleasure it gives me to find myself here process more," he said "and particularly in after an idleness of six weeks on account of a strike. Registration frauds in connection

> already appearing. Fifty Italians were given naturalizartion papers on reach-Surgical instrument dealers, manu-

gether, were prevailed upon by the mar- States and Canada are about to organize an association to be known as the American Surgical Trade association. While digging for coal in an aband-

oned mine near Dravosburg, Pa., Daniel the seat of Mademoiselle Montauban, re- Sorg and two brothers discovered about garded Rose and her companion with a \$5,000 worth of clothing, drygoods, hardware, etc., secreted in a deserted portion of the mine.

The czar has abandoned his visit to Lord Rosebury has come out strongly

The fear of war between Russia and

Chief Newell declares that Oreogn is At the Indianapolis, Ind., city election, the Democratic nominee for mayor

was elected. Monastir is becoming peaceful, Turkish soldiers having practically annihi-

lated the insurgents. The trial of ex-Lieutenant Governor Tillman, of South Carolina, is finished

and has gone to the jury. It is not likely that the government

will purchase pnart of the townsite of Bremerton for use as a naval station as Pacific management and its engineers the price wanted is too high. Yellow fever in Texas is spreading.

Doctors, however, believe they will soon have it under control. Three men were killed and as many others injulred in a freight wreck in

the Kansas City switch yards. War between Russia and Japan ap-

to remain in possession of Manchuria Colorado has begun its answer to the suit of Kansas to enjoin the formea the frontier districts dependent upon Agent-Don't you want an enlarged from further appropriation of the wat- the government and private charity,

> drawn from entry 20 sections in the Spokane land district.

The Warner valley stock company has received its patent, the document coming direct from the secretary of the interior. The only course now open to settlers in that section is the courts.

hundred are homeless and without food.

LOSS OVER A MILLION.

Entire Business Portion of Aberdeen is Destroyed by Fire.

REPUBLICAN.

Aberdeen, Oct. 17.-Seven solid blocks, embracing every business house of prominence in Aberdeen, a large number of dwellings, the opera house, the central school building, the Edison and Olympus theatres, the Crescent hotel, the new fire department headquarters, the council chambers, the fire alarm system, every law office, and a hospital-all were included in a district covered by a fire which started yesterday in the Mack block on Hume street. The loss is estimated at not struck in this section. ess than \$1,000,000, and the insurance is not more than one-third.

There were four fatalities from falling walls and suffocation and five other The entire Philippine exhibit is now persons were slightly injured. All the buildings burned, except the Kauffman block, were of wood, and only vacant areas of land here and there prevented the entire town from being fuel for the

The fire started in the Mack block, a meals on small oil stoves. In one of his followers have reached New York these rooms a blaze was seen but before the department got to work the in- some profit for the owners. terior was a mass of flames. Two lives were lost in the building.

> The lack of sufficient hose and the failure of the big new engine to work properly kept the fire department from saving property and dynamite was used at several points to stop the progress of of argiculture in the common schools the fire.

> Montesano and Hoquiam and a large man. The purpose of the introduction corps of volunteers from each place of this study would not be to teach helped materially in getting the fire the children the technical side of scienunder control. The fortunate circum- tific farming, but rather to give them stance of the fire is that no mill property was burned and no one is thrown facts and principles as every person out of employment, except store clerks who resides in an agricultural country and this will be but temporarily.

> by all business men it is looked upon such a study should be placed in the in one sense as being auspicious for the future of the city as the council the teaching of this branch is comwill establish a fire district and permit menced, time should be given for the only the erection of brick and stone teachers to prepare for the work they

> > TRAILED BY HOUNDS.

affection, as he released her. She turn-ed and entered the saloon. Her father the recommendation of the porte for Near Helena.

Helena, Mont., Oct. 19.-Six sticks Through sleeping car service between of dynamite were found on the North-Chicago and Los Angeles and San Fran-ern Pacific track near Birdseye, eight years has wheat been planted so early exploding it.

this morning by section men, flattened into thin sheets in its frozen condition. spread and they gathered about the with the coming New York election are It had been placed under the rail, the fishpaltes of which had been removed. The train that passed over the powder was pulled by Engineer Moffit, who said that the track appeared to be all

> Chief of detectives McFetridge, of St. Paul, in charge of the Northern Pacific detectives and officers, left with a pack of bloodhounds soon after the finding

> George Hammond, suspected of being implicated in the dynamite explosions on the Northern Pacific, was arrested this morning half a mile from where the explosive was found on the track and brought to Helena and put in jail He was found in a deserted barn with his horse by Detective McFetridge.

He was armed with a Colt's revolver and had a belt full of cartridges. He says he worked in Colorado a year ago alseep as regards interest in irrigation. and was injured in an accident in the stealing supplies in the vicinity where land; he was found.

Two other arrests have been made in the same vicinity, but the names of the men are not known, and they will The convention will be held at New not be brought to town until late to- Orleans October 27. night.

Will Vote on Strike.

Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 19 .- Strained relations exist between the Canadian and firemen, and a strike may result. A committee has been at Montreal for some time endeavoring to secure concessions from the company, but so far the negotiations have resulted in naught. The committee returned to Winnipeg and a big meeting of representatives of the engineers and firemen was held today, at which it was decided to take a poll of the men on the question of striking.

Refugees Must be Alded.

Sofia, Bulgaria, Oct. 19 .- The minis try of the interior has sent a circular to the local authorities intimating that, as there are 20,000 destitute refugees in ers of the Arkansas river for irriagtion measures must be taken to domicile them in various parts of the country during the winter, pending the conpletion of arrangements with Turkey for their repatriation. The work will be entrusted to local committees.

HAPPENINGS HERE IN OREGON

RICH BOHEMIA LEDGE.

Carrying \$7. Eugene-Information has been re-

ceived at the office of the North Faira very rich strike that has been made largest deposit of free-milling ore ever Tunnels and shafts already made

block out over 100,000 tons of oxidized decomposed quartz, carrying an average of \$7 per ton in free gold. The ledge is a great true fissure, and is from 18 to 40 feet wide where it has been opened. In the different crosstunnels the ore shows continuous cropthe present indications there are over is 40 feet wide at the west end of the of water on the Columbia bar at low three story structure, occupied by im- claims, where a tunnel on the vein poverished bachelors, who cooked their will tap the ore body at a vertical depth of 1,200 feet.

This ore can be mined and milled for \$1.50 per ton, which leaves a hand-

TO TEACH FARMING.

A New Study for Common School Course Is Proposed.

Salem-The teaching of the elements of Oregon is advocated by Superinten-The arrival of the departments of dent of Public Instruction J. H. Ackeran understanding of such elementary should know. Superintendent Acker-While the fire will be severely felt man believes that at some future time common school course, and that before will be required to do. He would have every applicant for a teacher's certificate take an examination in the subject of elements of agriculture.

Seeding Season at Pendleton.

Pendleton-This is the busy season Blue mountains district. Not for is already above the ground and so rap An extra freight east bound passed over idly are the farmers rushing the work end of this month. The rains of a few condition. The acreage planted this year is about the same as last year. Some of the wheat this year, however, was spring sown, but there will be less of that for the 1904 crop.

Cascara Hunters Disappointed.

Corvallis-Corvallisites who went to Alsea and Fachats region in search of cascara homesteads are returning home They did not generally meet with the sucess they anticipated. Cascara tree ocators whom they were to pay \$50 for each quarter located failed to place them on lands that promised to justify the required outlay. None of those who returned have as yet filed homestead papers. Something over six sections of land have, however, been filed on under the homestead arrangement within the immediate past.

Gevernor Bestows Some Honors. Salem-Governor Chamberlain has

appointed the following residents of Oregon as delegates to the Mississippi River Improvement association conven and was injured in an accident in the Sun & Moon mine, and came into the Ladd, W. L. Brewster, John Van hills to get a rest. He confessed to Zante, William Reid, Phil Herz, Port-W. M. Kaiser, Salem; Mose Fouchs, I. B. Bowen, Baker City; C. E. Oliver, Portland; Eugene Schow, La Grande; Owen Caraher, Portland.

Few Hop Sales in Polk County.

Independence-There are large quantities of hops stored in the warehouses here and but few have been sold. A part of some of the crops were contracted last year and have been delivceived from 24 cents to 25 % cents per @4; rye wheat, \$4.50. ound. The latter price seems to be Oats-No. 1 white, \$1.10; gray, \$1 he highest that has been paid in the @1.05 per cental. county yet. Many are holding, expect-ing to get even better figures than 25 1/4 dlings, \$24; shorts, \$20; chop, \$18;

Apportionment of School Funds.

Albany-The Linn county school fund has been apportioned among the per pound; dairy, 16 %@20c; store, various school districts by County 15@16c. various school districts by County School Superintendent W. L. Jackson. The total amount of the fund is \$6, 399.30, and it has been apportioned among 22 districts. The amounts range from \$133.06, which is the sum set aside for the smallest district to \$2,183.70, the amount that will support the district embracing the three Albany schools.

Building Material Scarce.

La Grande-La Grande is in a bad way for lumber and other building material. The construction of a sewer through the main business portion of the city is at a standstill for the want of lumber. Dwelling and business block building is at a standstill for the want of material. There are a number SMELTER FOR UNION.

usands of Tons of Quartz Great Plant to Be Installed Shortly in

Eastern Oregon. Union-The consummation of one of the most gigantic mining propositions view Mining company, in this city, of ever promoted in Union county, if not in the entire state, was announced here in the Belle of Fairview claim, in the a few days ago. George H. Downs, the Bohemia district, showing probably the mining promoter, who has been making the town of North Powder his headquarters the past two years while at work upon this big deal, stated that his project has the backing of New York capitalists, and that the matter has reached the point of certainty of

consummation. The company has just perfected its incorporation, and the articles will be filed with the county clerk here and pings for 2,300 feet over on the west with the secretary of state. The name slope of Fairview mountain, and from of the corporation is the Eastern Oregon Mining, Milling, Transportation, Smelt-1,000,000 tons of the same quality as ing & Generating company. The capithat already blocked out, and the vein tal stock is placed at \$5,000,000. The first officers of the corporation will be: H. O. Gorham, president and treasurer; W. H. Gorham, vice-president and George H. Downs, secretary and gen-

eral manager. The company proposes to erect a 250ton smelter near the town of North Powder, in Union county, about 15 miles south of Union, for treating all the various grades of gold and copper ores found in the southern part of Union county and northern part of Baker county, and in order to bring such ores to the reduction works it is proposed to build a number of short electric lines to the mines, covering a listance of over 50 miles.

These lines are to be built not only for carriyng ores, but passengers and freight as well. Manager Downs delined to give particulars as to the routes of the lines, but says the entire project is a certainty.

Ontario — Some weeks ago a suit was instituted against the Ontario Land & Irrigation company for damages caused by insufficiency of water during the season, when the water had been paid for. A decision has been handed in by the jurors of the circuit court allowing Dr. G. A. Pogue \$1,800 damages. This ditch over which the suit arose, is controlled by David Wilson, and goes by the name of the Wilson ditch. The winning of the suit for the farmers of this portion of the gives ground for damages each year until the ditch is improved.

Medford-The Rogue River Fruitgrowers' association shipped two carthe powder during the night without all seeding will be completed by the loads of Winter Nellis pears this week -one to Cincinnati and the other to days ago put the ground in excellent New Orleans, La. They also shipped one carload of apples to New York. E. J. DeHart just received returns from a carload of very fine Buerre de Anjou pears, which were shipped to Chicago. The pears were sold f. o. b. Medford for \$1.50 per box, and Mr. De Hart was highly complimented on his methods of packing and the quality of

Ground in Condition for Plowing.

Salem-The rains of the past week have moistened the ground so that it is in good condition for plowing and grain farmers will have an opportunity to get their fall work done in a seaso able time if subsequent weather should be favorable. The rain has also been beneficial to pastures. In the hills. where prune drying is late, the rains have caused some of the fruit to crack, but the loss from this cause will not be

Johns Will Lecture on Mining. Baker City-Hon. C. A. Johns, this city, has received an invitation, which he has accepted, to deliver an address on the subject of mines and mining at Eugene December 16. Mr. Johns is already collecting data for his address, which will certainly be most novel and interesting. Mr. Johns is a forceful and interesting speaker.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat-Walla Walla, 74c; bluestem, 78c; valley, 76@77c. Barley-Feed, \$20 per ton; brewing,

\$21; rolled, \$21. Flour-Valley, \$3.75@3.85 per bar-rel; hard wheat straights, \$3.75@4.10; ered. Some few growers have sold and hard wheat patents, \$4.20@4.50; grahave sold well. Those selling have reham, \$3.35@3.75; whole wheat, \$3.55

linseed dairy food, \$19. Hay-Timothy, \$16 per ton; clover, \$13; grain, \$10; cheat, \$10. Butter-Fancy creamery, 25@27%c

Cheese - Full cream, twins, 14c; Young America, 15@16c; factory

Poultry-Chickens, mixed, 10@10 % per pound; spring, 10c; hens, 11@11%c; broilers, \$1.75 per dozen; turkeys, live, 15@16c per pound; dressed, 16@18c ducks, \$6@7 per dozen; geese, \$7@10. Eggs—Oregon ranch, 27 1; Eastern,

Potatoes-Oregon, 65@75c per sack; weet potatoes, 2@21c. Hops-1903 crop, 19@22c per pound

ccording to quality.
Wool—Valley, 17@18c; Eastern Ore gon, 12@15e; mohair, 35@37 1/c.

Beef—Dressed, 6@7c per pound.

Veal—Small, 7@8c; harge, 5 1/2 6c

Mutton-Dressed, 5@5%c; lambe

Pork-Dressed, 7%@8c.

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