

WELKOWN AUTHOR TO BOOST WILLAMETTE

Lighton Pays Visit to Valley and Will Write Booklet to Be Used and Freely Distributed.

William R. Lighton, author-farmer, whose writings in the Saturday Evening Post and Country Gentleman have achieved a large reputation during the past few years, was a guest of President J. H. Young, of the Oregon Electric and North Bank system, on an extensive trip through the Willamette valley quite recently.

As one of the results of his second visit President Young has induced Mr. Lighton to consider definitely his removal to and settlement upon a small unit farm in the Willamette valley. Mr. Lighton has said that he will do so and he will undoubtedly dispose of his holdings in Arkansas and make his home here.

Mr. Lighton does not plume himself on being a notable exception in shrewdness of farm management, but adds there are many neighbors like him who have done the same thing and have made as good showing as he has within the past few years.

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THE ROUND-UP

Portland's new officials have decided that Sunday baseball is all right, and refused to stop it at the request of church people.

After a year's hard work all rights of way and other preliminary matters have been settled, and the contract was let this week for the construction of a railroad from Metolius to Prineville.

The old C. C. Long residence at Independence burned Wednesday. It was one of the old landmarks of the place.

Mrs. Thomas Taylor, a pioneer of 1853, died at Walla Walla, Wash., Thursday. For many years she lived at Lebanon, in this state.

Milwaukee will know tonight whether or not she is to have an automobile factory, arrangements being under way to have the Beaver State Motor Company locate its plant there.

St. Johns proposes to spend \$30,000 for parks.

A La Grande agency handled 1400 barrels of cherries this season mostly Royal Annes, and they are still pouring in. The cherry shipments for the season will total more than \$60,000 pounds.

Klamath Falls reports an unusually large potato crop, and it is in excellent condition.

H. E. Smith, a Portland man was drowned in the Umpqua river near Kelegg, Thursday while in swimming.

The tugboat Powers, one of the larg-

POPULAR PHOTOPLAY ARTIST OF PRESENT DAY



ETHEL GRANDON

Moving pictures at the Grand today and tomorrow, matinee and evening.

est on the bay at Marshfield, was sunk Thursday in Coe striver from string a snag.

More than 500 teachers will assemble at La Grande in October, the occasion being the regular annual meeting of the Eastern Oregon school teachers.

Lottie Kneutzen, a 15-year-old girl, was bitten on the hand by a rattlesnake at Roseburg. Her arm became badly swollen, but the doctors say she will soon be well. She was stooping over to pick up a handkerchief when bitten.

Completion of the Notl tunnel in October, and the running of trains to tidewater from Eugene at that time is one of the possibilities suggested by W. R. Fountain, assistant engineer of the Willamette Pacific railroad.

Cottage Grove has a cow that record. She gave more than twice her own weight in milk in one month. One day's milk makes three pounds of butter.

The Knights of Pythias are erecting a \$40,000 building at Albany, and a Carnegie library is also under way.

There are 74 cases on the docket for the August term of court in Polk county, 71 civil cases and three criminal. This is near the record.

Independence boasts of having the largest creamery in Oregon.

KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS BY LIGHTNING BOLT

Waldo Hills Man Burned Several About Neck and Soles of Feet, But Will Recover.

In attempting to shelter himself from the rain which fell yesterday afternoon in this vicinity, by getting under a tree, C. E. Denhem, who resides near the Waldo Hills, was struck by lightning and received several painful but not serious burns about the neck and face.

When the storm came up, Mr. Denhem, who was working in the fields, ran to a tree, where he intended to remain until the shower passed over. A bolt of lightning struck the tree, and running down it, also hit the man. He was knocked unconscious, and was not discovered until Mrs. Denhem chanced to look out of a window, and saw him lying on the ground.

The injured farmer was brought to his home and Dr. W. B. Morse was called, and administered medical aid. Mr. Denhem was burned about the neck severely, and the soles of his feet were badly injured.

Most excuses are so thin that blind people can see through them.

SPORTS

FIGHT PROMOTER HAS \$10,000 NOT DESIRED

McCarey Not Anxious to Stage Wolgast-Ritchie Battle, Even if They Want to Fight.

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 2.—Tom Carey is in a dilemma today. The fight promoter has \$10,000 on his hands that he doesn't want. The money being in two \$5000 rolls, contributed by Willis Ritchie and Ad Wolgast to prove that they are willing to bet \$25,000 on their ability to beat each other in the ring.

McCarey has made up his mind that he will not try to stage a Wolgast-Ritchie battle for the side bet if the men actually do fight. He doesn't believe a match of that kind would help the game. Furthermore, he doesn't want to act as stakeholder for the principals.

Ritchie left his money with McCarey before he departed from Los Angeles recently. Tom Jones slipped his check into McCarey's hands just before he rushed for a San Francisco train last night. McCarey stated today that he would hold the money until something definite is decided, but that he preferred not to be an official stakeholder, and that he would adhere to his determination not to stage the proposed match.

WALTER JOHNSON DAY.

Washington, Aug. 2.—Six years ago today the manager of the Washington American League club sent in a rookie pitcher to start the game against Detroit. The same pitcher, believed by many experts to be the best in every respect that the game has produced not even excepting the great Mathewson, starts today's game here against Detroit. It was Walter Johnson day in the District of Columbia, and the big Swedo owned the capital for 24 hours. A popular subscription was raised to present Johnson with a loving cup which was to be presented to him just before the game by President Wilson, provided Mexico and the tariff framers didn't go and spoil the program with less important work for Mr. Wilson.

ODE TO M'MINNVILLE.

The guileless Yokel bites, and having bit, Discovers he is Stung and throws a fit. He throws a dozen Fits and even more, But all they find him is the Frozen Mitt.

ROAD FUNDS ARE GIVEN OUT BY COMMISSION

McKenzie Trail Receives Largest Amount From Total Received for Sale of Reserve Timber.

Under the forestry laws, 10 per cent of the amounts received from the sale of timber from reserves is turned over to the states where the timber is located, to be used in aiding in the construction of roads. This money is apportioned by the highway commission, the counties where the money is expended adding 50 per cent of the amount given them to the fund. The apportionment for the year has just been made as follows:

McKenzie wagon road, connecting Eastern Oregon with the Willamette valley, \$5000. Cook and Green road, link in highway between Oregon and California, \$2,000. This fund already had \$1000, and as the county adds \$1000, there is \$4000 available for this improvement. Ben-Sparks road, \$1000, Crook county adds \$500. Paiseley-Chewaucan road, \$750. Murderer's Creek-Sprout Ranch road, \$1250, Malheur county. Cove-Mineon road, \$600, Union county.

Gates-Quartzville road, \$500, Marion county. Cape Perpetua road, \$2000, Lincoln county. Lehman Springs road, \$750, Umatilla county. Umpqua roads, \$1700, Benton county. Grouse Creek road, \$2000, Baker county. Desolation road, \$2000, Baker county.

KILLS WOMAN FOR READING.

New York, Aug. 2.—Inflamed because a woman with whom he was walking on fashionable Fifth avenue, insisted on reading a letter aloud, a man today shot the woman three times and then blew out his brains before a great crowd. Letters identified the man as Abraham Fink, of Buffalo, N. Y. The woman is not likely to survive.

Where Flowers are Made

'Tis held by some that good Dame Nature sleeps Through the long winter resting from her task Until the sun into her bedroom peeps, And calls her in his gentle rays to bask. This is not true. Our good old mother, Earth, Alias Dame Nature, call her what you will, Has never rested since Time gave her birth. And never for a moment is she still.

Asleep in winter! That's her busiest time, For then she gathers all the forest elves, The fays and fairies, sprites from ever clime, And even the spirits of the air themselves, And in her factory a million rooms Are filled with them, and with the constant hum Of whirling spindles and of rattling looms Weaving the garments for the babes to come

The velvet petals of the glorious rose, The silken draperies of the poppy's flowers, The red robed columbine, that faintly blows Its gold-lined trumpets for the winking stars, The aster's damask, marigold's brocade, The thistle's laces, every dainty thing, Millions of garments, every hue and shade, For all the baby blossoms, born of Spring.

The winter hills are barren, bleak and gray; The fields are sombre, colorless and dumb; But down beneath, the toilers day by day Prepare for coming kisses of the sun That warm to life each dainty, new gowned bloom 'Till spring, with tender hands and smiling eyes, Lifts them full dressed from nature's fitting room To make the world another paradise.

—J. H. CRADLEBAUGH.

GRAND OPERA WAR IS TO BE FIERCE AFFAIR

Latest Announcement of Hammerstein Indicates He Will Fight to Finish This Season.

PROPOSES TO CHARGE \$5 AND SECURE BEST TALENT.

Announcement of Singers, Accompanied With Boost for Comparatively Unknown Tetrastri.

By Beau Bialto.

New York, Aug. 2.—That fur will fly a-plenty in the coming New York opera season is made apparent by the latest announcement of impresario Oscar Hammerstein who heaved another harpoon into the quivering blubber of the Metropolitan opera house while declaring he would charge \$5 for his orchestra seats. When Hammerstein returned from Europe last spring and announced that he would again put on opera in New York, the Metropolitan directors threw a fit. They declared that Hammerstein, by producing opera at all would violate every article of his contract, made when he closed his Manhattan opera house several years ago. The prepared to enjoin Hammerstein. He told them, none too politely, to go as far as they liked. The chauntless Oscar soon came out with an announcement that his best seats would cost only \$3 and the Metropolitan directors took solace from this, believing that opera at half the price of their productions would not seriously cut into their patronage. However, rival opera at \$5 a head is something else again, and the Metropolitan heads are having fresh spasms. Their anxiety is not allayed to any considerable extent by the following clause in the prospectus that Hammerstein has just issued: "Any interference or attempted interruption on the part of the Metropolitan opera company, I have guarded against."

Hammerstein calls his company the American National Opera Company, and will produce his opera in the American National opera house now building at Lexington avenue and 31st street. His season will begin November 10 and will last 23 weeks, just three weeks less than the season scheduled by the Metropolitan.

Among his performers Hammerstein announced Mme. Blanco Barrientos, Mme. Chenal, Mme. Victoria Fer, Germa Bellincioni and Blanca Bellincioni, Mme. Doris, Henry Weldon, M. Marvini, M. Renaud, Senor Vesani, Orville Herrold and several others. The impresario says they are only the "nucleus" of his company. Hammerstein is not the least bit backward about boosting his song-birds. In his prospectus he says they are all better than the best of the singers heretofore known in America. Tetrastri and Mary Garden must take back seats. Of Mme. Bianca Barrientos, he says: "I presented the comparatively unknown Tetrastri to the American public. Barrientos surpasses." Of Mme. Chenal, he says: "She is occupying the first position of lyric soprano in France, profession-

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ers and is the only endowed theater in England. The theater as well as the hall and library which adjoin it, was built largely through the munificence of the late Charles Edward Flower and a few of his associates and was opened in 1877. Since that time there has been a season of plays in it every year beginning on April 23 the birthday of Shakespeare. That date is also the best authenticated anniversary of his death. All the plays of the great dramatist except "All's Well that Ends Well" and "Titus Andronicus" which could not very well be given without some changes, have been presented as they were originally written, with not a line changed. Elaborate modern scenery is used. All of the sets for the American tour have been built in England.

GOVERNOR WEST STOPS OREGON CITY SHOW

West today took a hand in a controversy that has agitated this community for the past week and divided the cit-

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