The Quest of **Betty Lancey**

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CHAPTER XX.

Half an honur later Le Malheureux joined them in the rose and hummingbird patterned chintz drawing room. Benoni withdrew and Le Malheureux, still veiled, congratulated Larry Morris

"If you wish to be married before you leave here," he said, "there is the old French priest who used to be my mother's chaplain still here. He is a nonogenarian, but still a priest for all that. He will marry you yet to-night., if you wish, and I think, Miss Lancey, it might be better if the ceremony were celebrated. Do you not think so" There's no knowing what may await

Betty blushed, but Larry hesitated not a minute.

"Bring him on, bring him on," he cried. "We'll be married to-night!" "And I'll be the best man," shouted

Johnny. "And City Editor Burton can ush-

"Will you let Meta be the -bridesmaid?" questioned Betty. . "Oh, but what shall I do for a wedding gown?" "If you weren't so big," said Tyoga, surveying her critically, "we could loa : you Mrs. Hackleye's mother's bridal mutiny."

robe. I have it still upstairs in an old Meta and Tyoga had come in silently in the wake of Le Malheureux. "But, mother," interposed Meta, "there are other garments up in the old chest.

Perhaps we could make some of them "Your wedding clothes will fit as well as mine, anyhow," ventured Larry.

Put a woman on a desert island and the prospect of a wedding will cause her inventive faculties to evoke the flesh-pots of Egypt from the barrenest

"The old chest" proved a treasure house. The gowns, the youngest of them, were at least a quarter of a century old, and some of them were of the mode of the French empire. All were rich with rare lace and heavily wrought hand-embroidery. Some were of cloth of gold, tarnished now with the scowl of time, but exquisite still. There were quaint old slippers, and a bridal veil of the filmlest Honiton that ever came

No bride could be decked with more loving hands than was Betty for her midnight marriage in mid-Africa. Meta, as bridesmaid, had a glowing frock of riet satin and faintest amber lace, and great topazes about her shining ebony neck, and Tyoga produced a new frock from somewhere. But Betty, ah. Betty! An old court gown of cloth of gold and yellowed satin was her bridal robe. Over it all ran delicately wrought roses in faded pinks. The marvelous web of Honiton draped her sweet face and rippled to the hem of her dress. The neck of the dress was low, and Betty's white shoulders were a sparkle of diamond pendants falling from a high diamond collar Tyoga had placed around her throat, and her plump arms were half covered with flowery bracelets. When they reached the chapel Le Malheureux himself pu: a diamond girdle around the bride's none too slender waist.

"My gift to the bride," he explained. Johnny's head was the brightest spot in the chapel. From the musty odor within and the drip of water on the moss-grown walls, the chapel, which had been reached through weird ways, was evidently a subterranean room. The altar was of ivory, the service dazzling beyond belief, and the altar cloths of exquisite workmanship. The ebony pews were miracles of the carvers' art, and the ever-present leopard skin rugs were on the floor. The priest, bent double with years, and with hair and skin as gray as the peit of a field mouse, mumbled through the long Latin ritual, at a slow, nerveracking pace. The candles flickered and the scent of the jasmine and lotus with which Benoni had wreathed the altar, and filled the great vases that flanked the sanctuary, grew unbear-

The wedding supper was laid in the little sitting room. There were many flowers, and the viands, oddly assorted to occidental eyes, rested royally on platters and dishes of pure gold. Nobody ate much, though Meta, Tyoga and Benoni served assiduously. Le Malheureux touched nothing at all.

Betty, after several urgings, forbore to press him. She had noticed that he never drank before anyone, and had long since grown accustomed to the down-dropping veil, the closely shrouded figure, the well-concealed feet and hands. When the last course was served Le Malheureux arose.

"Let me not be the skeleton at the feast," he temporized, "but Time does not pause for us. The woman you know as Cerisse Wayne, in reality Cerisse Wayne Hackleye, was my fullblooded sister. The letters that were found in her safety deposit box in San Francisco bore reference to the diamond mines at Tlougaley. For reasons I cannot now make known to you, their location for years was known only to me. My father in some way discovered their situation-beneath and beyond the castle to which Miss Lancey, now Mrs. Morris, was taken when she first arrived in Africa, and from just know how. Merely the scientific which she has so recently departed.

"You must know that though he is American born and bred, that for thirty years my father has lived in this section, as absolute king over several deck or standing on the highest capthousands of the most desperate race of blacks that inhabit this continent. just the application of the rules of

fear of what they considered his mag-Tyoga, there, was the wife of the rightful king. Meta, her foster daughter, and Benoni, as you have guessed, her son. For love of my poor mother, they not only served her, but have tended the family most faithfully ever since. Father has sent the blacks up there to pre-empt those mines, and charged to bring back with them a goodly load. Unknown to him his subjects have long been rebelling against him. But the half of them went to Tlougaley. The other half remained hidden here, and at any time may storm the castle. Many of the house servants are with the mutineers, and that enhances the danger. I cannot blame them for revolting. My father has been a cruel and despotic master. Their woes have been many. Tyoga can usually check them. It was during her absence in America that they broke bonds. That is why she left Tiougaley so long alone with but Meta and Mrs. Morris to guard it. We

"Then we did come just in the nick of time," exclaimed Johnny Johnson. Larry squeezed Betty's hand thank-

thought they were safer there than

they would be here. We did not know

that father had discovered Tiougaley

and had sent a force there to storm

it! At that time we knew only of the

"No time for congratulations now," admonished Le Malheureux. "We must

depart with the dawn." 'How many of us will there be?" asked Benoni.

See-the two children, Mr. and Mrs. Morris, Johnson there, myself, Meta, Tyoga, my father, if he will go; the Cure, and Hackleye," counted Le Malheureux.

"The murderer of your sister?" broke in Johnson.

Le Malheureux raised his hand. 'Hush," he said, curtly. "You have no right to accuse! We are not lawmakers-we dare not judge nor charge. And be careful what you say before the children. I beg of you that. We will try to get to Khartoum, From there passage for you and the children to England will be easy. And it will leave me free to deal with what I

CHAPTER XXI.

An hour later brought the dawn. Guided by Meta, Larry and his wife, reached the yacht that had brought Betty from America and found the children still sleeping and Tyoga and Hackleye already aboard. The Cure, fat and waddly, was trying his best to clamber on. Benoni was not in sight, neither was Le Malheureux. A few moments later they appeared, Le Malheureux with a wallet in his hand, Benoni carrying the old man, who, cursing and screaming with all his might, was struggling against the iron grip of the black.

"My diamonds, my diamonds! Let me have them. What else is worth in life to me now since Cerisse has died. Murderer, murderer!" he shrieked at Hackleye. "Ah, let me at him!" Mr. Wayne raved like a maniac and tried to leap on shore again, but they lashed him to a chair and put a gag in his

"Many as are his crimes, we dare not leave him to their hands," said Benoni, half regretfully, it seemed to Larry.

The yacht took the river like a gull on the wing. The morning breeze was chill and portent of rain hung in the sky, though the sun was fighting to prick the thickly banked up clouds. Fifty leagues had they gone, when City Editor Burton, who had not been left behind, to Betty's great delight, roared like a hurricane. Following the lion's stare to the left

of them on the shore, they saw advancing up the river bank toward them a horde of blacks. Benoni hurried the women down stairs where the children and the Cure already were, and reached to lift the senior Mr. Wayne from his moorings. But he was too late. The yacht was now abreast of the barbarlans, whose leader with fine aim shot his quendom termenter straight through the heart with a long, fine ar-

Benoni drew the gag from the old man's mouth and leaned over to look at the arrow. Even superficial examination showed him the futility of aid. He knew too well the poisoned barbs of the tribe. Hundreds of arrows whistled about the yacht, but glanced harmless from its sides, and by rare chance none struck Benoni. When he realized that Mr. Wayne was beyond human help he left the body as it was and crawling to the hatchway dropped be-

There he found the women in a torment of terror and the children, awakened by their sobbing, nervously complaining about the cramped quarters and the rocking motion of the yacht. "What sort of flends' work is this boat?" questioned Larry, though Benoni and Le Malheureux had both risen

in his estimation since they had seen

him successfully married to Betty. "It's my own invention," replied Le Malheureux, with not a little pride in hs tone. "Simple enough, too, if you application of a few of the fundamental principles of electricity. This little mirror here reflects your whole course as plainly as if you were above tain's bridge that ever was built. That's wohdned them years ago through convergence and infraction of light. As

for the propulsion of this boat-well, a series of buttons on this keyboard does it all. It's as easy as playing on a plane or writing on a typewriter, or a sewing mackine or running a telephone switchboard, if you just know how. This is my wireless apparatus. I've found it useful-no, indeed," as he read the query on Larry's face-"no press dispatches from this. I told your wife that on the way over. And I warn you as I warned her not to tamper with

When Le Malheureux paused, Benoni went to him and spoke in African patols. Betty made out that he was Malheureux turned his post over to imposed a fine of \$6,000 on Haas and his work of the a vacation of several Benont. Then he went up alone to \$5,000 on Peckham, which they paid and will take a vacation of several Twelve sawrille. view his dead.

when he came back he neither ques- them were not pressed. tioned nor was questioned. Afterward found the body gone, and the deck freshly scrubbed, they asked Benoni what had been done with the corpse. Benoni pointed silently to the river.

All day they followed the river and its chain of lakes. At every possible interval Betty or Larry or Johnny tried to hasten the solution of the mystery still palpable before them, but neither Le Malheureux, nor Hackleye, nor the Cure, nor the three blacks would speak, and the yacht sailed on and on.

CHAPTER XXII.

December was crisping the air when hey told Narcisse Harcourt she might eave the hospital.

"Not for any length of time, but just for a trip down town, if you wish," said Dr. Fothergill. "Who do you want to

"I'd like you, and Mr. Hartley," answered Mrs. Harcourt, frankly. 'I want to go and buy some presents for these nurses who have been so kind to me, and I want-I want to go and see my husband."

Dr. Fothergill telephoned for Philip and he was there shortly before noon as the doctor had asked. Philip had terday from New Orleans for Bluenot been able to buy a new overcoat that winter, and he felt more the Perl outside the gate than ever, when Mrs. Harcourt, in her rich furs and radiant beauty, followed the doctor into the parlor. The months in the hospital had worked wonders with Mrs. Harcourt. The old, unfathomable brilliancy had left her eyes, but there was a sweeter, a more human look within them, and the weird alabaster tones of her skin were replaced with a more babyish purity of luster. She was more a woman, less a strange, unreal phantom from another world. They State department by Estradas. did their shopping first, but curtailed it because the crowds in the stores stopper to gaze open-mouthed at the startling beauty of Mrs. Harcourt, the grim plainness of Dr. Fothergill, and Philip Hartley's assiduous attentions to both the ladies. Then in one department store, some one whispered that the woman in the luxurious furs was "that mysterious Mrs. Harcourt, you know, and Phil had much ado to get both his charges unharmed into a waiting taxi-

Thither they went direct to the fall. Harcourt had not been told of their coming visit, as his wife had expressly wished it so. She went rapidly throug ly at the bars of the door. Harcourt He did not heed the rustle of silken skirts nor the faint perfume that aureoled his wife.

"Harold," she called, "Harold, oh, Harold."

At sound of her voice he turned and gasped. Then he rose, and like an old. old man, walked over and thrust his hands through the door.

"Narcisse," he faltered, and whether it was fear, or wonder, or admiration in his face and voice, one could not tell. Plainly he was ill at ease.

(To be continued.)

Human Beings Hibernate.

"The human hibernation that goes on in the Russian province of Pskoy has a good deal of interests for scientists," a scientist said. "In fact several committees will visit Pskoy this winter to study the human hibernators

"These poor peasants have very little to do in the winter and very little to bridge, Mass. eat. So they lie down in their beds with a bottle of water and a few loaves and sleep and nibble, sleep and nibble, till the coming of spring.

"A man of 180 pounds will sleep forty-eight hours, awake and take a sip of water and a mouthful of bread, then fall asleep again for forty-eight hours more. A loaf and a bottle of water will last him a tortnight. When four months later he rises, pale and weak, and begins to plow the melted soil his 180 pounds has fallen to 110, but otherwise he is well enough. Indeed, these Pskoy hibernators are noted for their longevity."-Philadel phia Record.

Very Fastidious,

"You have a wife-beater in jail here?" "Yes."

"Here are some roses for him." "Sorry, madam, but he doesn't ac cept any flowers less expensive than orchids,"-Louisville Courier-Journal.

Always Growing. "Every time I meet that fellow he tells me a hard luck tale." "The same old story?"

"No; he runs it as a serial."-Louisville Courier-Journal.

Step by Step. I believe in improving environments but when we have made the world fit for men to live in we shall still need both concerns. to make men fit to live in it .- Sir James Duckworth.

Stung

"Dear, if the old clothes man comes around this week you had better sell him what old clothes we have." "Not till you get me some new ones." -Houston Post.

Not to repent of a fault is to justify

CONSPIRATORS ARE FINED.

Moses Haas Pays \$6,000, F. A. Peckham \$5,000 in \$1,000 Bills.

Washington, D. C .- Moses Haas, of New York, and Frederick A. Peckham, of Cincinnati, after fighting for five years against indictments returned against them in the cotton leak in the department of agriculture, have entered pleas of guilty to the count in the indictment charging conspiracy to effect a misconduct in office.

On the recommendation of the and were released from custody.

Haas and Peckham paid their fines win S. Holmes, Jr., the former associate statistician, were taken by surguilty and were not prepared to say what course they would take for their

Holmes was tried in 1906 and the jury disagreed. Charges are still machinery is all first class. pending in the New York courts against Theodore H. Price, the cotton operator implicated in the scandal.

APPEAL TO THE UNITED STATES

Nicaraguan Government Asks That Filibustering be Stopped.

Washington, D. C .- It was reported here that a large armed vessel carrying munitions of war for the Madriz sprinkling system to use fresh water. government in Nicaragua sailed from New Orleans and that the Estrada into the United States to send a warship after her.

steamer Columbia, which cleared yesfields, carried a large quantity of munitions of war for the Madriz army and also three large high-speed gasoline launches equipped with machine guns,

The launches, these men say, were marked "J. I.," and were to be uncoast, near Bluefields. They say the Railroad & Navagation company. mark "J. I" consigns the launches to ed a plenary commissioner over the east half of Nicaragu.

A protest will be addressed to the

WOMEN RIDE IN AIRSHIP.

Ten Brave Dangers of Long Flight In Zeppelin Craft.

Dusseldorf, Germany-The Zeppelin airship made a four hours' excursion over the industrial cities of this dismade without incident. The machine took a second but shorter excursion in

The Deutschland, on the longer trip, chimneys of the great Krupp works at pound.

On the return the Deutschland encountered a rain storm and had to fight her way against a head wind. On landing the women passengers said they had not experienced a moment of discomfort.

STRENUOUS ONE WILL REST.

Roosevelt Hopes to Renew "Tennis Cabinet" Matches at Sagamore

Oyster Bay, N. Y .- Theodore Roosevelt has begun what he hopes will be a period of real rest at Sagamore Hill, When he went home it was with the express intention of remaining there with a few of his old friends until next Tuesday, when he is to start for Cam-

With him were Gifford Pinchot, chief of the forestry service, and James R. Garfield, ex-secretary of the interior. The tennis court at Sagamore Hill has been put in shape for the season and it is expected there will be a renewal of the "tennis cabinet"

4-Mile Auto Record Made.

St. Paul-For the third successive day a new world's automobile record was established by Barney Oldfield, when he drove his 200-horse power machine around the local circular track for four miles in 3:24. This is 10 1-5 seconds better than the previous record made by Ralph de Palma on the same track one year ago. Oldfield averaged 52 seconds to the mile. Aside from Oldfield's record-breaking drive and several flights by Glenn H. Curtiss in his aeropiane, the program was only ordinary.

A. B. Hammond Defendant. San Francisco-United States Attorney Robert Devlin has filed suit in to which Hammond had no title. The different corporations, but it is charg- boxes of apples this year.

Spain to Ignore Vatican.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME ST

BANDON'S MILL WORKING.

General Superintendent Closes Great Year's Cut in Wallows Wa Task-Will Take Vacation.

Marshfield, .- M. F. Logan, the general superintendent of the George W. Moore Lumber company at Bandon, passed through here on his way to Chi- town. From a paltry ship On the recommendation of the use passes of the last 12 months, the partment of agriculture, Justice Gould big work on the company's new mill tation promises The weeks. The new plant has just been He was gone a very long while, and other indictments pending against started. The old mill was destroyed blast within a radius of 11 by fire in August, 1909.

Mr. Logan was superintendent at when the Americans went above and in \$1,000 bills. The lawyers for Edpany, and with the assistance of George ber company and the Bear Company W. Moore, of Port Huron, Mich., the ber company. The daily cut at prise when Hass and Peckham pleaded president of the company, he designed 12 sawmills is averaging very the new mill.

The new plant is second to none on the Coast as to modern equipment and Marmaugh Lumber company, convenience of arrangement, and the operation for the first time the

The equipment arrangement is a great economy of labor and time, and is sawing in the neighborhood three men can operate the entire work of the resaw, handling an average of each averaging over 20,000 fet better than 30,000 feet of lumber a and the other mills are sawing

it is fireproof throughout. There is largest mills expect materially arranged a standard fire protection system, with a tank holding 50,000 gallons of salt water, and there is also a

The plant started out at once manufacturing 80,000 feet of lumber a day. surgent representatives have appealed The capacity will be increased at once to 125,000 feet a day. The steamers Bandon and Fifield are engaged in car- 60x120, exclusive of the lumber It is being asserted here that the rying the output of the mill to San Francisco.

Horse Breeder Files Complaint. Salem -- A. C. Ruby, who breeds fine horses and has headquarters at Portland, has filed a complaint with the railroad commission against what he alleges unfair treatment by the Southloaded at Pearl lagoon, on the east ern Pacific company and the Oregon

The railroads, according to Mr. Julian Irias, whom Madriz has appoint- Ruby, are universally slow in delivering stock after it arrives, the service is poor and the freight charges exorbitant. Mr. Ruby says all stallions and jacks are billed at 3,000 pounds, regardless of their actual weigth, and some weigh less than one third that figure. The men who accompany horses are compelled to pay full first class passenger fare to ride in a box car with the animals. The cost is therefore very high.

Recently it cost Mr. Ruby \$137 to ship four head from Pendleton to Ontrict. The return and landing were tario. It costs about \$100 to ship a horse from Klamath Falls to Portland.

Big Cherry Crop

Eugene-The season's crop of the three weeks to care for the fait. carried 32 passengers, the largest num- famous Royal Anne cherry of the Euthe dingy hall, and rattled imperious- The passengers included 10 women. At cannery of the co-operative association one time, running with the wind, the of growers started up this week with was sitting moodly in one corner of great dirigible attained a speed of 56 1/4 200 girls and women at work. The miles an hour. The trip was from this yields from older orchards run 12,000 city, to Essen, Dortmund, Bochum and pounds per scre upwards. Cherries In some places in the river when return. The airship passed over the will average not less than 31/2 cents a

> After a short season of handling the to hit the bottom of a vessel when green fruit the manufacture of the ing out loaded. Maraschino cherry will begin and about two carloads per week will be shipped to New York. The cherries are given a preservative liquid bath here, then barreled and sent to New York, where they are again treated and made into the tidbit that goes into the cocktail that makes the New York-

Inheritance Tax Fortune.

Salem-The state tresaurer's office has received the inheritance tax from the estate of the late Caroline Ladd, amounting to nearly \$14,000. The net value of the estate was \$1,491,194.57. There were five children, each of whom pound; apricots, \$1.25@1.35 per received \$298,238.92, on which each paid to the state \$2,932.39, a total of 1.25; gooseberries, 50:6c pound;

The law provides that a discount shall be given for payment of inheritance taxes within eight months. This was taken advantage of, the saving to the estate being \$733,10, and leaving the net amount paid to the state treas- dozen; asparagus, \$12.502 pm ury \$13,928.85.

Stage Line to Coos Bay.

Roseburg-C. P. Barnard has put on a stage line between this city and dozen; peas, 4505c pound; pepped Coos Bay. When the regular mail radishes, 15@20c dozen; spin schedule opens next mothh the Coos Bay mail, intsead of going by way of Myrtle Point and then by train to parsnips, 75001. Marshfield will go by way of the old Coos Bay wagon road from this city and will reach Marshfield early in the pound. morning instead of at noon. Mr. Barnard will also operate a stage line from Roseburg to Myrtle Point.

Cool Weather Hepls Apples.

Hood River—The cool weather in the prices average 1 5c per pound Hood River valley has aided the apple regular butter prices. crop. Orchardists are propping the the United States Circut court, alleg- of fruit. Apples have never been so trees, preparing for the heavy burden dozen. ing that A. B. Hammond, the millon- large. The box factories are running iare lumberman, has cut \$211,85.10 full crews making boxes to meet the worth of timber from lands belonging demands. A large number of the growto the United States government and to which Hammond had no title. The timber was cut under the names of two River is expected to market 400,000 squabs, \$3 per dozen.

Big Berry Dryer Ready.

Brooks—The largest dryer ever built fair to medium, \$4.50@4.75; ost fair to medium, \$4.50@4.75 Madrid—At the conclusion of the been completed by Aspinwall brothers fair to medium, \$3,50@4.75; but been completed by Aspinwall brothers fair to medium, \$3,50@4.75; but been completed by Aspinwall brothers cabinet meeting Premier Canalejas an-here. This dryer is a wonder of its @4; stags, \$3.50@5; calves, and an analysis of the completed by Aspinwall brothers fair to medium, \$3.50@5; calves, and an analysis of the completed by Aspinwall brothers fair to medium, \$3.50@5; calves, and an analysis of the completed by Aspinwall brothers fair to medium, \$3.50@5; calves, and an analysis of the completed by Aspinwall brothers fair to medium, \$3.50@5; calves, and an analysis of the completed by Aspinwall brothers fair to medium, \$3.50@5; calves, and an analysis of the completed by Aspinwall brothers fair to medium, \$3.50@5; calves, and an analysis of the completed by Aspinwall brothers fair to medium, \$3.50@5; calves, and an analysis of the completed by Aspinwall brothers fair to medium, \$3.50@5; calves, and an analysis of the completed by Aspinwall brothers fair to medium, \$3.50@5; calves, and an analysis of the completed by Aspinwall brothers fair to medium, \$3.50@5; calves, and an analysis of the completed by Aspinwall brothers fair to medium, \$3.50@5; calves, and an analysis of the completed by Aspinwall brothers fair to medium, \$3.50@5; calves, and an analysis of the completed by Aspinwall brothers fair to medium, \$3.50@5; calves, and an analysis of the completed by Aspinwall brothers fair to medium, \$3.50@5; calves, and an analysis of the completed by Aspinwall brothers fair to medium, \$3.50@5; calves, and an analysis of the completed by Aspinwall brothers fair to medium, \$3.50@5; calves, and an analysis of the calves, and an an nounced that the government's religious program would be carried out that and is an indication of the profit \$5.75@6.75; heavy, \$4@6. ious program would be carried out. that may be derived from the produc-He said the protest of the Vatican against the imperial decree of June 11 brothers buscious berry. Aspinwall dium, \$8.40@9.15; fair to media against the imperial decree of June 11 brothers have 25 acres set with the would be ignored and that the decisions of the government already and largest crow this section of the government already and largest crow this section of the government already and largest crow this section of the government already and largest crow this section of the government already and largest crow this section of the government already and the government already ions of the government already an-nounced would stand. Vines and they expect to harvest the to good wethers, \$4004.50; lambs, choice,

DOZEN MILLS BUSY

20,000,000 Fest, Wallows-The lumber in Wallowa is daily becoming a me portant factor in the growth

Twelve sawmills are ru this city and all are marketing product here, the bulk of it bel

200,000 feet. The largest mill, that of the r son, is cutting about 50,000 feet, day; the Bear Creek Lumber of 000 feet daily; four other a 5,000 to 15,000 feet, according The building is so constructed that and capacity of the mill. crease their output within then weeks.

In order to make the most of product, the Nibley-Minnsugh ber company will have in op about July 1, one of the finest of mills and box factories in Essten gon, It will occupy a floor see and power house. It will conter modern machinery for the units lumber and the making of boxs.

Flowing Well for Railroad Salem-A flowing well, man strong to supply from 70,000 to 8 gallons of water daily, has ben ped on the property of the Sa Pacific company nearly across tracks from the depot. The well

feet in depth and gives out a 20 y

pressure. Practically 3,000 ga

hour is furnished. The compa pects to use this water for its supply hereafter. Nearly 100,00 lons a day is used. Plans Big Cherry Celebration .Cove Cove citizens are proge for the first annual cherry shows will be held when the ripening in at its best. The cherry crop will

boasted of bumper crops, but the of fruit will be better and it will ture much earlier. About 300 pickers will be nee Cove alone this year for a per

be quite as heavy as last yes,

Cove was one of the few districts

Clearing River Channel

Bandon-C. A. Dolph, the dies at work sounding the river blasting out the rocks that the water is 16 to 18 feet deep, 1 rocks have been sticking up farm

PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat-Track prices: Blueden @82e; club, 78e; red Rudssia,

valley, 80c. Barley-Feed and brewing, # per ton. Corn-Whole, \$32; cracked, III

Hay-Track prices: Timothy, amette valley, \$200:21 per ton; ern Oregon, \$220224; alfalfa, \$18 grain hay, \$17@18. Oats-No. 1 white, \$25,50 per ls

Green Fruits-Apples, Orego

town, \$2 per box; cherries, 5@lk

peaches, \$1.25 per box; plums, rants, \$2-per box. Berries Strawberries, \$1.20 per crate; blackberries, 90c@\$1;\$

berries, \$1.65@1.75; loganberries @1.25; blackcaps, \$2 per box. Vegetables-Artichokes, 60075 cabbage, 214@214c per pound; flower, \$2 per dozen; head letter, @60e per dozen; hothouse letter @\$1 per box; green onions, lk 10e pound; rutabagas, \$1.250 sack; carrots, 85c@\$1; beets,

Potatoes-Old Oregon, 60819 hundred; new California, 13,62

Onions-Bermuda, \$1.50@LT crate; red, \$2@2.22 per sack. Butter-City creamery, erica, fancy outside creamery, 280028 pound; store, 200/23c, Butter

Eggs-Oregon candled, 26020 Pork-Fancy, 11 1/ @12c per 1 Veal—Fancy, 10@11c, per per Lambs—Choice, 8@11c per per Poultry—Hens, 16c; broilers, 19 Hood turkeys, live, 20c; dressed

Cattle-Beef steers, good to California, \$5,75005,90; good to Eastern Oregon and valley, \$5.60

Hogs-Top, \$9.50@9.75; fsir Sheep—Best wethers, \$4,5095

lambs, fair, \$4.75@5.25.