

DOINGS OF THE WEEK

Current Events of Interest Gathered From the World at Large.

General Resume of Important Events Presented in Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

Reports from the English and California hop fields are sending up prices. President Taft will again veto the amended legislative, executive and judicial bill.

Carson D. Boren, the last survivor of the party that founded the city of Seattle, is dead.

Lawyers for Darrow are making a strong effort to have all remaining charges against him dismissed.

Eastern women are busy organizing the campaign work of all the national political parties among women.

General William Booth, head of the Salvation Army, is believed to be dying at his home in London, England.

While watching a boat at a distance of 900 feet, a Cottage Grove, Or., man was instantly killed by a flying rock.

Reports of the secretary show that the Progressive convention at Chicago cost \$19,401, and a balance of \$474.63 was left on hand.

A special committee appointed by Governor Harmon, of Ohio, has recommended a pension system for widows with children under 14 years of age.

A bill has been passed by the house authorizing the sale of 10,800 acres of rich farming land in Oklahoma belonging to the Five Civilized Indian tribes.

Blondy, the pet dog of the late financier John W. Gates, will have an imposing funeral, his body being taken from New York to Port Arthur, Texas, for interment in the family cemetery.

The Chinese general assembly has demanded that Yuan Shi Kai explain the recent execution of Generals Chang Chen Wu and Aeng Wei, who were loyal supporters of Dr. Sun Yat Sen's progressive party.

Roosevelt begins speech-making tour of Eastern states.

General Orozco evacuates Juarez, with Federals advancing.

The first American-built submarine boat was launched at Philadelphia.

The Senate passed a bill placing at the disposal of Luther Burbank 12 sections of land in California, New Mexico, Arizona and Nevada for the propagation of spineless cacti.

London firm sends representative to this coast to investigate conditions.

One hundred and forty-three fishermen were drowned off the coast of Spain during a gale.

Steamer City of Seattle, which was grounded in Alaskan waters recently, is freed by high tide.

A prominent Oregon lumberman fought a Frenchman on board the liner Olympic over a card game.

American marines were ordered by the War Department to stop the bombardment of the Nicaraguan capital.

The express messenger was locked in the chest from which \$3000 were taken by robbers on a train in North Carolina.

Nat Goodwin, comedian, was seriously injured when he attempted to deliver a note in a small boat to an Indian, a few miles off shore, near Los Angeles. His craft was dashed on the rocks.

Albert H. Young, a law student at the University of Washington, who is a subject of the German Emperor, cannot become a citizen of the United States because his mother is a Japanese.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat—Track prices—New, club, 76c; bluestem, 79c; forty-four, 77c; valley, 78c.
Mills—Bran, \$25 ton; shorts, \$28; middlings, \$32; rolled barley, \$29.
Hay—Eastern Oregon timothy, \$15; valley timothy, \$12.50; alfalfa, \$11.00; clover, \$10; oats and vetch, \$10.00; grain hay, \$10.00.
Corn—Whole, \$9.00; cracked, \$4.00 ton.
Oats—Spot, \$26 ton.
Fresh fruits—Apples, new, 10c; 1.75 box; peaches, 35c; 75c box; plums, 75c; \$1.10 box; pears, \$1.20 @1.50 box; apricots, \$1.25 box; grapes, 65c; \$1.75 crate; blackberries, 50c; \$1 crate.
Melons—Cantaloupes, 50c; \$1.50 per crate; watermelons, \$1.50 per crate.
Onions—Walla Walla, 90c; \$1 sack.
Potatoes—Jobbing prices: Burbanks, new, 60c; 90c per hundred.
Vegetables—Artichokes, 65c; 75c dozen; beans, 2c pound; cabbage, 10c; cauliflower, \$1.25 dozen; celery, 75c; 85c; corn, 15c; 25c; cucumbers, 50c; eggplant, 75c; 10c pound; head lettuce, 20c; 2c dozen; peas, 8c; 9c; peppers, 8c; 10c; radishes, 15c; 20c dozen; tomatoes, 50c; 75c box; garlic, 80c; 10c pound.
Eggs—Case extra, 23c dozen; candled 25c; extra 27c.
Butter—Oregon creamery butter, cubes 31c pound; cream 32c.
Pork—Fancy 11c pound.
Veal—Fancy 14c pound.
Poultry—Hens, 13c; 13c; 13c; broilers, 15c; 15c; ducks, young, 11c; 12c; geese, 10c; 11c; turkeys, live, 18c; 20c; dressed, 20c; 25c.
Hops—1912 contracts, 19c; 20c; 1911 crop, nominal.
Cattle—Choice steers, \$6.75; 6.50; good, \$6.65; medium, \$5.75; 5.75; medium, \$5.50; 5.50; choice calves, \$7.00; 6.50; heavy calves, \$4.75; 6.50; bulls, \$3.50; 3.50; stags, \$4.75; 6.50.
Hogs—Light, \$5.00; heavy, \$6.25; 6.75.
Sheep—Yearlings, \$3.00; wethers, \$3.00; 4.00; ewes, \$2.85; 3.75; lambs, \$4.00; 5.25.

LEADERS ARE TAKEN.

Ecuadorian Rebels Defeated By Government Near Guayaquil.
Guayaquil, Ecuador—Government troops have defeated a force of rebels near Fort Piedra, a short distance outside this city. The leaders of the revolt were made prisoners. The uprising was started by Colonel Bejarano, aided by other former army officers, and is reported to have been the backing of the adherents of the late president, Eloy Alfaro.

The Ecuadorian congress, which reconvened in Quito, the capital, has conferred on General Leonidas Plaza, the president-elect of the revolution, full powers to cope with the revolutionary movement.
General Plaza was elected president on March 31, and does not take office until September 1. Meanwhile the reins of government are in the hands of Alfred P. Morgan, the president of the senate. General Plaza was commander of the government troops which put down the revolution following the death of President Estrada last December. He was president of the republic from 1900 to 1904, and in 1905 represented his country as minister at Washington.

After the death of President Estrada, General Pedro Montero was proclaimed president by the troops in Guayaquil. The army at Quito favored General Plaza, and the action of the Guayaquil troops precipitated a revolution.
Plaza succeeded in capturing Guayaquil, and Montero, after being tried by courtmartial, was dragged into the streets and beheaded, his body being burned by the angry populace.

Five of the most prominent revolutionists, including General Floyd Alfaro, former president, and his nephew, General Flavio Alfaro, former minister of war, were taken to Quito and imprisoned. When their presence in the capital became known a mob stormed the penitentiary and put them to death.

TRIBUTE FOR HEROES.

Women of Bolivia Send Contributions to Titanic Arch.

Washington, D. C.—One of the huge blocks which will be used in the construction of the great arch in Washington in memory of the men who died on the steamship Titanic that the women and children might be saved, will be the most valuable piece of building material ever used in this country. It will be made of virgin silver from the mines of Bolivia, and will represent the contribution of that South American republic to the project planned by the North American women in recognition of the bravery of men.

The offer of this interesting contribution came from an organization of the women of La Paz and was made through Horace G. Knowles, American minister to Bolivia, who says:

"The women of La Paz and Bolivia contend that the heroes of the Titanic were the noblest men of all mankind, greater than Americans or any particular nationality."

QUAKE LASTS FIVE MINUTES.

Williams, Ariz., and Surrounding Region Shaken Heavily.

Albuquerque, N. M.—According to a special dispatch received here, Williams, Arizona, 400 miles west of here, was severely shaken by an earthquake Monday afternoon. The shock lasted from 2:05 to 2:10 p. m. Buildings rocked on their foundations, windows and crockery were broken and the inhabitants of the town were greatly frightened. The shocks were felt as far east as Winslow, 100 miles. Holbrook, another town nearby, also was severely shaken. It is believed no lives were lost.

Holbrook, Arizona—The severest earthquake ever felt here occurred shortly after 2 o'clock Monday afternoon. The shock, which lasted 15 seconds, was felt at Gallup, west of here, and also at Seligman. No serious damage has been reported.

American Miners Besieged.

El Paso, Tex.—Reports of fighting by 20 Americans of the Tomlin mine, in the state of Sinaloa, with rebels and strikers besieging them, have reached here. It is said by officials here that no federal troops can be spared to go to the aid of the Americans. The Tomlin mine is situated 80 miles from the coast. The American consul at Mazatlan has received an appeal for aid. A letter received here contained also a telegram asking for assistance, to be sent to Governor Colquitt, of Texas.

Honor to Be Paid.

Wagonville, Ill.—A granite shaft erected by popular subscription soon will mark the grave of Dr. Joseph Dawson, a physician who never asked a fee. Dawson died and was buried in the little cemetery two years ago, but his grave always has been unmarked. Dawson came to town with one friend; a collie dog, and soon established a wide practice. Those who wished to pay for his services could do so, but he never insisted on a fee. The money he did not use for the necessities of life he gave to charity.

Sports Offer Big Prize.

Paris—Edmond Audemars, a Swiss airman, who has made a number of ascensions in the United States, has started from Issy, five miles southwest of Paris, on a flight to Berlin. He is competing for a prize offered for the longest distance covered in one day by an aeroplane. Newspapers say that a group of sportsmen have posted a prize of \$20,000, payable to the first aviator who flies from Paris to Berlin.

Man Thought Stain Is Found.

St. Joseph, Mo.—Sebastian Englerth, 58 years old, who disappeared from here 14 years ago when it was thought he was murdered, has been located in Norborne, Mo. He says all his memories of his former life is that he was released from an asylum or hospital. Englerth was loading a car with his household goods preparatory to moving West when he disappeared. He had \$700 on his person.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE

DALLAS FAIR BIGGER ONE.

Second Annual Harvest Festival to Be Held in October.

Dallas—The second annual Harvest Festival and School Fair will be held here on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 2, 3 and 5. This was decided upon at a meeting of the Dallas Commercial Club held in this city recently and a committee on preliminary arrangements was appointed. Last year this fair was given during the hopping season, and this fact injured its success. However, it is believed this year that this festival will be one of the best events of the season. It will be larger and better than last year and will be advertised much more.

It is planned to have a Salem and Portland day, and to have a special train run from Portland to accommodate the Portland visitors. Upon this day the Chamber of Commerce of Portland and the Salem Board of Trade will be invited to furnish some speakers for exercises to be held.

The Commercial Clubs of Independence and Falls City will be asked to lend their aid this year to make this the biggest affair ever held in Polk county. The County Court has appropriated a liberal amount of money for it, and the Dallas Commercial Club has authorized an expenditure of \$1,000 to make it a success.

AGATE CARNIVAL IS HELD.

Curry County Has Largest Attendance on Record.

Port Orford—Port Orford's second annual agate carnival was closed with a fine display of fireworks and a reproduction of the famous Indian battle of Battle Rock on a larger scale than last year. The largest attendance was gathered in the history of Curry county. Over 500 automobiles came from Coos and neighboring counties.

Mrs. Robert McKenzie won the loving cup offered by Frank B. Tichenor, of Portland, for the best display of agate. Mr. Tichenor suggested the idea of an agate carnival to the Commercial Club here last year which was adopted and will be made an annual feature. He has also suggested the building of an agate park to be owned by the same company as Oregon Sons, and this has been unanimously adopted by the Commercial Club. It will be built in time for the next, or third annual agate carnival.

Port Orford has the best agate beaches on the Pacific Coast, but owing to the inaccessibility heretofore the outside world has not known this year the ball game, foot races, horse races and other events created great enthusiasm and all agree that this was the biggest and best celebration ever held in Curry county.

PORTERS ACQUIRE TIMBER.

Hill Line Man in \$257,000 Deal on Siuslaw.

Astoria, O. M. Stuart, of Portland, who was in the city recently, reports that the Stuart & Ferguson Lumber Company, a number of stockholders of which reside in Astoria, has closed a deal for the sale of approximately 5,000 acres of yellow fir timber in the Siuslaw River district to Johnson P. Porter, of Portland, a member of the firm of Porter Bros., who are the confidential contractors of the Hill line.

The consideration paid is \$257,000. Porter Bros. own about 3,000,000 feet of timber in the Siuslaw district, as well as a sawmill near the mouth of that stream, and this purchase is simply adding to their already extensive holdings. The Stuart & Ferguson tract there containing 304,000,000 feet of fir.

Medford—Because of the great influx of pears from California, Rogue River growers are holding their crop as long as possible in the hope that better prices will prevail. The pears are sizing beautifully and unless extreme heat sets in they can remain on the trees for at least another week.

The Southern Pacific is anticipating the picking and has 19 cars on the side tracks ready for immediate transportation.

One carload from the Dazert ranch has already been sent East and it is planned to forward it from there to Liverpool. This is the first time that a carload of pears have been sent abroad from Medford.

Dallas Considering Paving.

Dallas—An effort is being made to get the business section of the city paved with hard-surface pavement. This city is one of the few in the state to have paved streets, and nearly every street has been macadamized. However, the macadam upon the principal streets that was put in first will soon be crumbling, and a great many of the citizens are urging the construction of hard-surface pavement to take its place. It is believed that next season will witness the construction of at least five blocks of this kind of pavement in this city.

Eugene Building Planned.

Eugene—Decision has been reached by the Eugene Loan & Savings Bank to add four more stories to their building at Eighth and Willamette streets, work on the new foundation to begin this fall, and the superstructure to begin with the opening of Spring. The total cost of the addition will be \$75,000.

Since the present two-story building was erected a number of years ago, and the building has acquired another lot, and the building on this other lot will be made to conform to the style of the first building.

Albany to Help Eugene Celebrate.

Albany—The Albany Commercial Club is inaugurating plans already for a big excursion from this city to Eugene, when the Lane County city celebrates the completion of the Oregon Electric. Hundreds of Eugene people came here on July 4 to help this city commemorate the completion of the Albany-Albany extension and residents of Albany desire to join with the Eugene people in the festivities in honor of the extension of the line to Eugene.

CHILDREN WILL CONTEST.

\$500 Subscribed by Business Men for Coos-Curry Fair Awards.

Conville—The business men of Conville, Myrtle Point, Marshfield, Bonduelle and North Bend have subscribed \$500 to be distributed as prizes in the children's industrial contest at the Coos-Curry County Fair to be held at Myrtle Point September 26, 27 and 28. Prizes are offered under each heading in the following list: The first prize ranging from \$2.50 to \$5. A thoroughbred Poland China pig valued at \$10 is offered for the best general class of farm products by school children of the county. A prize of equal value is offered to the girl who will make the best exhibit of sewing. Many school children of the county have been at work since early last Spring preparing exhibits for the contest and a fine showing is expected. The great variety of products which may be entered on the soil of this section and for which prizes are being offered at the fair will make the agricultural exhibit especially interesting.

In addition to the prizes offered in the children's contest, several hundred dollars will be distributed to adult exhibitors of farm and dairy products. The County Court has been asked to appropriate \$1,000 to be used for this purpose.

TRESPASS HEARING HIGHER.

Assistant U. S. Commissioner Next to Get Bunting Case.

Klamath Falls—The testimony in the case of the United States vs. C. A. Bunting, of Merrill, Ore., for trespass on the Klamath River, before the Government is being tried before Assistant United States Commissioner Ferguson.

The Government bought from the owners of a dam and lateral called the Adams Canal, but the lateral has not obtained all of the rights-of-way. To guard against trouble, there was retained from the purchase price \$5,000 in the name of the United States, called the Stukel lateral, and built by the Stukels, who then owned the land. The canal people furnished some of the work and teams used in the work, with the understanding, so they claim, that the lateral should be the property of the canal company, when finished, but no deeds passed and the Stukels sold the land to Bunting, who has claimed the ownership of the lateral in question. If the lateral is decided in his favor, the owners of the canal will have to settle with him. If he loses he will have costs and perhaps damages to pay.

SEASON BEST IN TEN YEARS.

All Morrow Crops Are Promising Well.

Heppner—Never in the history of Morrow county have the crop prospects been as good as they are this year.

The largest wheat crop ever harvested in the county is now being garnered and the hay crop is immense while all kinds of vegetables are making a better yield than for several seasons. This is especially true of the potato crop. There will in all probability be more potatoes raised in this county this year than there have been for a number of years.

All kinds of fruit promise a bountiful crop, and in fact everything seems to be as favorable as could be wished for.

Prices for wheat are fairly good. Weather conditions have been favorable for the harvest so far, and if the present weather holds for another two weeks the major part of the crop will be in the stack where headers are used.

As compared with former years this season of 1912 is the best and will show a larger yield of grain, hay, fruit and all vegetables than any season for the past ten years.

COST OF LIVING SOUGHT.

Labor Commissioner Would Know of Working Girls' Conditions.

Salem—To ascertain the cost of living among working girls in Portland and other cities of Oregon, Labor Commissioner Hoff has started an investigation as to conditions. He will issue blanks to the various employers of girls and secure information from them by correspondence to be incorporated in his biennial report.

Among other things he will ask for the wages paid, the cost of rent, car fare, food, laundry, clothing, playthings, and other things, including church dues, lodge dues, insurance, education, such as newspapers, books and other features, and any other expenditures which the girls may see fit to give.

The girls are not required to state their names in connection with the answers, the object being to determine as accurately as possible just the cost of living among the average wage-earning girls.

Compare Systems of Printing.

Salem—Declaring that his office is receiving many inquiries as to the relative merits of the old fee system and the proposed flat-rate system in the printing plant, Governor West has made a formal request of State Printing Expert R. A. Harris that he furnish a report showing the cost of operating the plant under the present fee system, wherein it appears the state is paying excessive charges, and what saving will be made under the new law if approved by the people at the next election.

Roseburg Wants Elks' Home.

Roseburg—Roseburg is an applicant for the new National home projected by the Grand Lodge of Elks at its recent convention in Portland. A resolution setting forth the climatic and other advantages of this city has been adopted by Lodge No. 225 of Roseburg and will be forwarded at once to the committee appointed at the Grand Lodge reunion to investigate and report on the plan for the new home at the next annual meeting. If such an institution is established it will probably be west of the Rocky Mountains. It is believed.

Klamath Gets New Train Service.

Klamath Falls—The new train between this city and Red Bluff, Calif., is proving a great convenience to the traveling public. It leaves Klamath Falls at 8 o'clock a. m. and arrives at Red Bluff at 5:55 p. m. where it connects with a train for Sacramento. The return train leaves Red Bluff at 10:35 a. m. and arrives at Klamath Falls at 8:40 p. m.



STANTON WINS.

At the beginning of great automobile race the mechanic of the Mercury, Stanton's machine, drops dead. Strange youth, Jesse Floyd, volunteers, and is accepted in the race during the twenty-hour run. Stanton meets a strange man, Miss Carlisle, who introduces herself. The Mercury wins race. Stanton receives flowers and a letter from Miss Carlisle. Stanton meets Miss Carlisle on a train. They attempt to shake hands, but Floyd follows in auto. Accident by which Stanton loses car. Stanton meets Miss Carlisle at her home. Stanton again meets Miss Carlisle and they dine together. Stanton comes to track sick, but makes race.

CHAPTER VI. (Continued.)

There was a bad turn. His eyes on the machine in front, Stanton rounded the banked curve at a pace which sent the shrieking crowd of spectators recoiling from the danger-line and sprayed yellow soil high into the air.

As the Mercury lurched into the straight stretch beyond, as Floyd was in the act of turning to examine the rear tires, there came a sharp explosion and a reeling stagger of the car as a rear casing blew out, wrenched itself bodily from the wheel and rolled like a hoop into a field a hundred yards away.

The machine tottered to the edge of the road, stopping under the powerful headlights. Stanton and Miss Carlisle, who had followed to the wheel-box, they had no need or time for conversation, as they worked people from all directions flocking around in a pushing, eager circle to watch the proceedings.

The two worked well together, Floyd's deft fingers balanced by Stanton's strength. When the task was finished, the driver felt relieved his place.

"Get in," he ordered crisply. "Are you going to take all day, or am I going to catch that Atlanta?"

Floyd obeyed first and retorted second; an invaluable habit.

"If you're going to catch anything but a smash, I'd suggest a slow-down for that turn," he countered, in the blurred accent so softly deceptive.

"No tire built is going to stick on a wheel under such roughing."

Stanton shot a glance askant out of the corner of a stormy blue-black eye. He was irritated by the last time, he felt more ill than he could have been brought to admit, and interference pricked him like a spur.

"I'll give you a lesson in driving," he cast across his shoulder, and bent over the wheel.

It was Stanton at his worst and best who made the next two circuits of the long course. Other racers, warned by their mechanics of the thunder-bolt beginning down upon them, drew prudently to one side, preferring the chance of later regaining the advantage. From every angle and curve the people fed, at sight of the gray car followed by its whirlwind of dust and carrying the hush—"5" on its hood.

Twice the Mercury rushed past the grandstand, to a tumult of cheers drawn by the car's own roar. The second time the two men glimpsed an official rising, megaphone in hand, and rightly guessed that they had made the fastest circuit of the day.

And Floyd had received the promised lesson; Stanton had safely negotiated the turn that before cost them a fire, at a phenomenally fast.

Safely, once, but not content, he came around the second time driven as furiously, with unslackened speed. Down upon the turn they swept again, Stanton unerringly repeating his exquisite feat of skill and twisting the Mercury around on the two inside wheels; then the predicted happened.

The crack of an exploding tire came while they were on the bend, instantly echoed by the bursting of its mate from the opposite wheel; the car tore itself from control under the double shock and shot off the course into the field beyond, plowing deep furrows in the soft earth until it overturned with a final crash.

Partly held by his steering wheel, Stanton was flung out on the meadow grass as the car sped then so much checked that he escaped scarcely bruised. Floyd, unprotected, had been hurled from his seat by the first shock and lay half-stunned near the edge of the course.

From far and near came the people's cries of horror and shouts for aid. But before the first man reached them, Stanton was up and at the side of his mechanic, who was endeavoring to escape the grasp of the crowd.

"Floyd!" he panted. "Floyd!" Floyd was already rising to one knee; gasping for breath, soiled with dust and grass-stains, and with the blood welling from a jagged rent in his left arm, but with his attention only fixed on Stanton.

"You're all right?" he articulated. "Yes. A fool always is. You—"

But he could see for himself that the mechanic was not seriously injured, without Floyd's reassuring nod.

"Call me what you like," Stanton permitted, between clenched teeth, as he dragged out his handkerchief to bandage the slender arm.

The appalling crowd was upon them. With a spattering roar the Duplex machine rounded the turn and sped down the straight stretch, its mechanic starting back over his shoulder at the wreck. But Floyd brushed the girl's curls off his forehead and staggered erect, helpless laughter shaking him.

"Call you? I think you've got the best disposition an' the worst temper I ever saw! 'Tis this up an' we'll right the car. We've got to be movin' on."

There were plenty of sympathetic helpers. Incredible to the witnesses, but as Floyd had foreseen, the Mercury had not materially suffered. The big car was righted by fifty hands; Stanton and Floyd—unaided, accord-

But, after all, was the food was brought, Stanton could eat none of it; although maintaining a pretense of doing so, which forbade his companion to comment upon the fact.

"Were you feeling ill yesterday?" Floyd inquired, when the last course was removed and they were left to themselves. His own bearing was less assured than usual, his gait subdued to quietness almost savoring of timidity.

"Not until evening, after dinner." The mechanic looked at him, stammered to speak, checked himself, and at last impulsively put the indiscreet question:

"Do you mind telling me where you dined?"

"Of course not," Stanton returned, without a trace of hesitation. "With Mr. Carlisle of the tire company, and his daughter. They are here for the races. He wanted to talk tires to me. Heaven knows why. We didn't get very far; after Miss Carlisle left I began to feel so sick that I excused myself and got away to the nearest doctor."

Floyd turned his head, and caught his breath in a brief, quick sigh. When he looked back at his host, his candid eyes were clearer and more gentle than they had been since the assistant manager had given the account of Stanton's amazing disappearance.

"Acute indigestion, your doctor called your attack?"

"Something like it."

"Miss Carlisle doesn't seem to be a lucky companion. Floyd observed dryly. "She made you miss your train here, you came near breaking your wrist with her car, and her dinner seemed to have poisoned you. What did she give you, lobster and ice-cream?"

"No—I hardly know. I never care what I eat." He passed his hand impatiently across his forehead, suddenly gliding.

Floyd leaped nearer.

"Stanton, how did you feel? What? Tell me; I'm not just curious."

"Nausea, violent successive attacks of seasickness that left me too weak to stand. I've got the headache yet."

His voice died out; he had a vague impression of Floyd starting up and coming toward him.

"I had to make the doctor steady me with some drug so I could race," he resumed abruptly. "I'm brute enough without that in me, Floyd."

"Hush, try to rest," urged his mechanic's earnest young voice across the mist.

"I'm tired," he conceded.

It seemed to him a long time afterward that a sensation of exquisite coolness extinguished the flame-like pain binding his temples, although the rich sunset glow was still in the room when he opened his eyes. Floyd was bending over him, bathing his forehead with light, firm touches. Stanton's savage irritability of a strong man.

"What a position for you and me! What will you do for me—the engine is shaking loose from the chassis, by the feeling? Get your tools."

"Don't try to talk. I have sent for a doctor," soothed Floyd. "You are all right. Here, a hand was slipped behind his head, a glass of water held to his lips. "Drink this."

"You might have been a nurse," Stanton wandered dreamily. "Your sister couldn't do better. And you're so nonsensically good-looking! Floyd," the feverishly brilliant eyes flashed wide, "what is your sister's name?"

"Jessica."

"You mean that you don't want anything personal to do with your brute of a driver? Oh, say so."

"No, no! Only—"

The steel-keen eyes sent one direct glance into the troubled gray ones.

"Good-by," pronounced Stanton defiantly, and turned on his heel.

"Stanton!" cried Floyd, in distress. The other kept on, unheeding.

"Stanton!" Floyd appealed, overtaking him; "Please—I give you my word I never meant that. I've got to be back at my own hotel, tonight, that was all. I'll do anything you say."

Stanton slowly halted.

"What you mean now, to dinner? Suit yourself."

"I'd like to," was the humble surrender. Like a woman, Floyd