NO. 3.

ERE

CHAPTER XXII (Continued.) The capataz made a wry face.
"There will be probably plenty of blows

"There will be probably plenty of blows to receive, and very little profit to derive from such an expedition."

"I believed that you were devoted to me," the general remarked bitterly."

"Your excellency is not mistaken: I am truly devoted to you, but I have also a fondness for my skin."

"I will give you twenty-five ounces for every silt it receives: is that enough?"

every slit it receives; is that enough?"
"Come, I see that your excellency
wishes me to be cut into mince meat!" the capataz exclaimed joyously.
"Then that is agreed?"

"I should think so, excellency, at that price a man would be a fool to refuse."
"But about horses?" "We have at least ten or a dozen in

That is true: I did not think of that," the general exclaimed, striking his forehead, "have seven lassoed at once." "Where must I take the senorita?"

"Bring her to this house, for she shall not set foot in the convent again."
"Very good, when shall I start, general?"

"At once, if it be possible." "In twenty minutes I shall have left

the house." In the meanwhile the carriage dashed along; it passed at full gallop through the San Lazaro gate, then turned suddenly to the right and entered a some what narrow street. At about the mid-die of this street it stopped before a house of rather modest appearance, the gate of which at once opened, and a man came out holding the bridles of two prairie mustangs completely harnessed, and with a rifle at each saddle-bow. The Frenchman got out and invited his com-

panion to follow his example.

"Resume your usual dress," he said, as he led him inside the house. The Tigrero obeyed with an eager start of joy. While he doffed his gown his companion mounted, after saying to the

young ladies:
"Whatever happens, not a word—no a cry; keep the shutters up; we will gallop at the door and remember vour two are in peril.

Don Martial at this moment came out

of the house attired as a capallero.

"To horse and let us be off," said M.

The Tigrero bounded on to the mus tang held in readiness for him, and the carriage, in which the mules had been changed, started again at full speed. The house at which they had stopped was the one hired by Valentine to keep his

Half an hour thus passed and the car-riage disappeared in the thick cloud of dust it raised as it dashed along. Don Martial felt new born; the excitement had restored his old ardor as if by en-chantment, he longed to be face to face with his foe, and at length come to a

settlement with him. All at once the Indian uttered a cry.

The two men looked back with alarm and saw a body of men coming up at full speed. At this moment the carriage was following a road bounded on one side by a rather thick chapparal, which exended for some distance; on the other by a deep ravine.

At a sign from the Frenchman the carriage was drawn across the road and the ladies got out and went, under Curumilla's protection, to seek shelter behind the trees. The two men, after seeing that their friends were concealed, with their rifles to their shoulders and fingers on the triggers, stood firmly in the middle of the road, awaiting the on-pet of their adversaries, for, in all probability, the newcomers were enemies

CHAPTER XXIV.

Curumilla, after concealing, with that Indian skill he so thoroughly possessed, the young ladies at a spot where they were thoroughly protected from bullets, had placed himself, rifle in hand, not by side of the two riders, but, with characteristic redskin prudence, he ambusended himself behind the carriage, probably reflecting that he represented infantry force, and not caring, through a point of honor, very absurd in his opinion, to expose himself to a death not only certain but useless to those he defend.

The horsemen, however, on coming within range of the persons they were pursuing, stopped, and by their gestures seemed to evince a hesitation the fugi-tives did not at all understand, after the fashion in which they had hitherto been pursued. The motive for this hesitation. which the Frenchman and his companion could not know, and which perplexed them so greatly, was very simple

Carnero, for it was the general's capataz who was pursuing the carriage, with his peons, all at once perceived, with a secret pleasure, it is true, though he was careful not to let his companions notice it, that while they were pursuing the carriage other horsemen were pursuing them, and coming up at headlong speed. On seeing this, as we said, the party halted, much disappointed and greatly embarrassed as to what they had better

They were literally placed between two fires, and were the attacked instead of the assailants; the situation was critical, and deserved serious consideration. Carnero suggested a retreat, remarking with a certain amount of reason that the sides were no longer equal and that suc-

ess was highly problematical. peons, all utter ruffians, and expressly mined a profound respect for the integrity, of their limbs, and were but very slightly inclined to have them injured in oo disadvantageous a contest with people who would not recoil, were disposed to follow the advice of the capatan and re-

before a retreat became impossible Chappily, the Zaragate was among the peons. Believing from his conversa-tion with the colonel that he knew betfor than any one the general's intentions, and attracted by the hope of a rich reand attracted by the hope of a rich xe-ward if he succeeded in delivering him of his enemy, that is to say, in killing Valentine; and moreover, probably im-pelled by the personal hatred he enter-tained for the hunter, he would not listen to any observation, and swore with horrible oaths that he would carry out the general's orders at all hazards, and that, since the persons they were ordered to stop were only a few paces before them, they ought not to retire until they had, at least, attempted to perform their duty. and that if his comrades were such cow-ards as to desert him, he would go on alone at his own risk, certain that the general would be satisfied with the way n which he had behaved.

After a declaration so distinct and peremptory, any hesitation became imwere rapidly comnig up, and if the capatax hesitated much longer he would be attacked in the rear. Thus driven out of his last intrenchment, and compelled against his will to fight, Carnero gave the signal to push on ahead.

But the peons had scarce started ere hree shots were fired, and three men rolled in the dust. The newcomers, in this way, warned their friends to hold their ground and that they were bring-jug belp. The dismounted peons were not wounded, though greatly shaken by their fall, and unable to take part in the fight; their horses alone were hit, and that so eleverly that they at once fell.

"Eh, ch!" the capataz said, as he gai-loped on: "these picaros have a very sure hand. What do you think of 112" "I may that there are still four of as; that is double the number of those whit ing for us down there, and we are suffi-

cient to master them. "Don't be too sure, my good friend, Zaragate," the capataz said with a grin : "they are men made of iron, who nobe killed twice over before they fall."

The Tigrero and his companions had heard shots and seen the peons bite the

"There is Valentine," said the French-"I believe so," Don Martial replied.

"Shall we charge?"

And digging in their spurs, they dashed

Valentine and his two comrades, Relhumeur and Black Elk (for the Frenchman was not mistaken, it was really the hunter coming up, whom the Canadian had warned) fell on the peons simulta-neously with Don Martial and his companion.

A terrible, silent and obstinate struggle went on for some minutes between these nine men; the foes had seized each other round the body, as they were too close to use firearms, and tried to stab each other. Nothing was heard but angry curses and panting, for what is the of insulting when you can kill?

The Zaragate, so soon as he recognized he hunter, dashed at him. Valentine, although taken off his guard, offered yigorous resistance; the two men were entwined like serpents, and, in their forts to dismount each other. At last both fell, and rolled beneath the Teet of the combatants who, without thinking of them, or perceiving their fall, continued to attack each other furiously.

The Zaragate, some years younger than Valentine, and possessed of his full bod-ily strength, while urged on by the love of a rich reward, made superhumny ef-

forts to master his opponent and plunge-his navaja into his heart. Still Valentine felt that his strength was becoming exhausted, the unexpected resistance he met with from an enemy ap-parently so little worthy of him exasperated him and made him lose his coolness, Collecting all his remaining vigor to attempt a final and decisive effort, he suc ceeded in getting his enemy once again under him, and pinned him down; but, at the same moment, Valentine uttered a ery of pain and rolled on the ground

orse's kick had broken his left arm. The Zaragate sprang up with a tiger und, and bursting into a yell of de light, placed his knee on his enemy's chest, at the same time as he prepared to bury his navaja in his hader tine felt that he was lost, and did not at-tempt to avoid the death that threatened

"Ab, sh!" the Zaragate said, with a ferocious grin. "I hold my vengeance at length, accursed Trail-hunter."

He did not complete the sentence uddenly seized by his long hair, while knee, thrust between his shoulders, forced him to bend back, he saw, as in a horrible dream, a ferocious face grinning above his head. With a fearful groan he rolled on the ground; a knife had been buried in his heart, while his scalp, which was suddenly removed, left his denuded skull to inundate with blood the

of his friend, whose life he had just saved once again, and bore it to the side of the Valentine had fainted.

The chief, so soon as he saw his friends charge the peops, left his ambush, and while careful to remain behind them, followed to the battlefield. He had watched eagerly the long struggle between the hunter and the Zarngate; trying vainly to assist his friend, but never able to succeed. The two enemies were so en-twined, their movements were so rapid, and they changed their positions so sud-denly that the chief was a raid lest he might would his friend in attempting to help him. Finally the Aravcano bounded like a wild beast on the Mexican, and without hesitation scalped and stabbed him with the agility characteristic of the redskins, and which he himself pos-

essed in so high a degree.

Almost at the same moment the horsenen also finished their fight. The peons had offered a vigorous resistance, but had offered a vigorous resistance, but being hadly supported by the capataz, who was disabled at the beginning of the skirmish by Don Martial, and seeing the Zaragate dead and three of their friends dismounted and incapable of coming to their assistance, they gave in The capataz had been wounded at his own request by Don Martial, in order to sive appearables with the martial

own request by Don Markel, in order to save appearances with me general; are 6,000,000 feet of timber ready for he find a wide gash on his right arm, the mili and the various logging camps very severe at the first givee, but insignificant in reality. A pica had been almost smashed by Belhur air, so that the field of battle remained in the lands of the hinters.

of the hunters. When their victory was assured, they assembled anxiously round Valentine, for they were alarmed at his condition, and has just closed a very successful said at once set, whose arm Curumilla had at once set, with the skill and coolness of an old practitioner, soon reopened his eyes, reassured his friends by a smile and offered the Indian chief his right hand, which the latter laid on his heart with an expression of indescribable happiness, as he uttered his favorite excianation of "Ugh" the only word he neemfitted his company that operates the evaporator "Ugh!" the only word he permitted himself to use in joy or in sorrow, when he felt himself choking with internal emo-

"Senores," the hunter said, "it is only an arm broken; thunks to the chief, I have had an ensy escape. Let us resume our journey before other enemies come up."

"And we, senor?" the capataz cried,

Valentine rose with the chief's assistpeons. "As for you, miscrable assassins," he said with a terrible accent, "return to your master and rell him in what way you were received. But it is not sufficient to war a series of the miversity, the aliumit and the board of regent particularly are making to war a series of the miversity, the aliumit and the board of regent particularly are making to war a series of the supporters of the miversity, the aliumit and the board of regent particularly are making the series of the supporters of the miversity appropriation next June. The supporters of the miversity appropriation next June aliumit and the board of regent are supporters of the miversity appropriation next June. The supporters of the miversity appropriation next June aliumit and the board of regent are supporters of the miversity appropriation next June aliumit and the board of form of the mixing in some way performed what the follo

field, he, on his part, gave his companions, the signal to staff. Don Martial had hurried to reassure the ladies, who were are now in line at the Lakeview land hurried to reassure the ladies, who were standing more dead than alive at the office awaiting the date of filing, Octospot where the chief had concealed them, ber 28, on the lands recently opened to He made them get into the carriage entry. County Treasurer Lewis and again, without telling them anything except that the danger was past, and that search for claims went to an out-of-the-there was not the slightest doubt but way place, south of Silver creek, where

the ladies. He would not consent but usisted on mounting his horse, assuring, them, in the far from probable event of their being attacked again, that he could be still of some service to his compan-ions in spite of his broken arm. The latter were too well acquainfed with his inflexible, will to argue or press the point with him further, so Curumilla remounted the coach box and they started.

The rest of the journey was performed without any incident, and they reached. the quinta twenty minutes later. 't two miles from the country house. On

reaching the gates, Valentine took leave of his friend without dismounting. "What!" the latter said to him, you going. Valentine, without resting for into effect at once. moment?

"I must, my dear Rallier," he answered; "you know what imperious rensons claim my presence in Mexico."
"But you are wounded."

to resist a surprise. " Have you a garrison?"
"I have a dozen servants and my two

brothers.' "In that case I am easy in my mind; besides, there is only one night to pass, and I believe that after the lesson his people have received, the general will not

venture on a second attack, for some days at least. Besides, he reckons on the suc-cess of his promulciamento. You will 'In that case I will be off." "Will you not say good-by to the la-

see me ; so good by till to morrow.'
(To be continued.) Listening for Bombs.

"They are not aware of my presence

and" it will be better for them not

"What makes Bilkins jump so at every little noise?" "He's been over in Russia a year and it's got to be a babit with him."-

The Saliara has over one-half the continuation of it to the Red Ses.

Detroit Free Press.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

BIG COOS SAWMILL STARTED

Cody Plant Will Cut 150,000 Feet of Hood River Fruit Grower Makes Dis-Lumber Daily.

Bandon-The new Cody mill sawed the first log of last month which marks business on the Coquille river. This plant is the largest in operation in Coos

saving machinery and appliances, among which are live rolls everywhere the lumber has to be handled. The mill and grounds cover 35 acres and nave log booms accommodating 15,-000,000 feet of timber. Already there

Successful Prune Run.

Engene-The local fruit evaporator has just closed a very successful sea-son's run on prunes, curing over 600;-000 pounds of green fruit; which makes company that operates the evaporator here has built one at Irving of similar capacity and other smaller ones have been built near Eugene. The crop this year was almost as large as last.

Solid for Appropriation.

University of Oregon, Eugene—A plan is being promoted by some of the alumni among the students to form the student body into a committee of correance, and took a furious glance at the peons. "As for you, miserable assassina," the state to pass the university appro-

office awaiting the date of filing, Octowhat the rest of the journey would be they supposed no one would be, but performed in safety.

Valentine's friends tried in vain to make him to get into the carriage with the ladies. He would not express but the general belief is that everyone will be ladies. secure at least a contest case.

Reign of Wheat Kings Ended.

Pendleton—A sensation has been created here by the announcement that Agent McFatridge has received positive instructions to institute new conditions on the Umatilla Indian reservation regarding the leasing of Indian land. -In future the leaseholder must reside on the land leased, which will do away with the wheat kings of Pendleton and other places who have been farming thousands of acres of reservation land. The new rule will make smaller farms "are and more people on them. It will go

Shark's Tooth in Benton.

while investigating the gravel bods on | Vegetables-Turnips, \$1.25 per sack my hurt? Do not be anxious about me; found a shark's tooth and considers it per sack; the sack; beets, \$1.25 per sack; beets, \$1.25 per sack; beets, \$1.25 per sack; cabbage, le per pound; caubesides, L intend to see you again soon. as additional evidence that this was at liflower, 25c@\$1 per dozen; celery, 35c to resist a superior to me strong enough ope time an inland sea and the abode @\$1 per dozen; celery, 35c ope time an inland sea and the abode @\$1 per dozen; corn, \$1031.50 per of marine life, Mr. Crawford is an sack; cucumbers, 10@15c per dozen; expert geologist and student of all forms onions, 15@20c dozen; pareley, 20c per of life and is gradually making a cold dozen; peppers, 8@10c per pound; lection of evidences of prehistoric and pumpkins, 1@1½c per pound; ancient life of these lands. His cold-square, 50c@\$1 per box; tomatoes, 35 is highly interesting.

Exit Wells-Fargo Express.

Astoria-W. E. Carpenter, traveling come to me to-morrow at daybreak, will auditor of the Wells-Fargo Express company, has been engaged during the past week in closing up the company's affaire at the express offices along the line of the Astoria & Columbia river Rrailroad and turning the business over to the Northern Pacific Express company, which will conduct the press business on this line in the fu-

Big Peaches on Willow Creek.

Vale-J. T. Logan, one of the best known farmers of Willow creek, Eggs—Fresh brought into Vale last week a sample of 35c per dozen. ten peaches that are prize-winners. The smallest measured a little more 4@5c per pound. than 10½ inches in circumference and Wool—Eastern Oregon, average best, than 101 inches in circumference and Sacramento Irrigation congress.

FINDS SEEDLESS PEARS.

covery of Fraak.

Hood River-A discovery has been nade by A. I. Mason, vice president of an epoch in the history of the sawmill the Northwest Fruitgrowers' associaplant is the largest in operation in Coos plant is the wizard of Santa Rosa, Cal. It continues the will give a capacity of 150,000 feet per day.

The plant is equipped with labor. The plant is equipped with labor thrists at Hood River and many others thrists at Hood River and many others. tion, that may rank with the greatest and is pronounced the most wonderful example of entirely seedless deciduous fruit ever seen or heard of. Unlike the seedless apple, the Mason seedless pear, as it has been named, is a perfect one, being from 3 16 to 4 16 inches in height and 4 to 5 inches in circumference.

In telling the story of his discovery Mr. Mason stated that the tree on which they grew was bought for a Clapp's Favorrite, and is but three years old. Last year it had but few pears on it and little attention was paid to them except to note that they bere later than that variety is supposed to.

This year, however, it had several boxes of large, fine fruit and in being prepared for canning one of the pears was cut open and to the astonishment of Mason's wife, had no seeds in it. Thinking this was just a freak on the part of one pear, Mrs. Mason cut open another which also had no seeds or core and called Mr. Mason's attention to the fact. Hurriedly he cut open half a box of the fruit and found it all seedless and coreless, and not being posted on pears, as apples, he came to town to discover if any one knew of a similar Lane Says the Traffic Grows Faster

None could be found among either growers, shippers or students of horticulture and the pear was pronounced not a Clapp's Favorite, but one of unknown variety that gives every evidence

sizes of \$4.10 per box. J. W. Perkins is the grower. This is the record price for fruit of this variety. Nearly every car shipped from McMigrathis year has broken existing records. All pear records at all varieties now hald by Med.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat-Club, 86@87c; bluestem, 88 @89c; valley, 85@86c; red, 84@85c. Oats—No. 1 white, \$28; gray, \$27 Barley-Feed, \$25.50 per ton; brew-

ing, \$26.50@27; rolled, \$26. Corn—Whole, \$31; cracked, \$32. Hay—Valley timothy, No. 1, \$17@ 18 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, \$19@20; clover, \$11; chest, \$11; grain hay, \$11@12,; alfalfa, \$12@13. Fruits-Apples, \$161.75 per bcx

cantaloupes, 75c@\$1.50 per crate; peaches, 60c@\$1 per crate; prunes, 50c per crate; watermelons, 1@11.6c per pound; pears, \$1@1.75 per box; grapes, 40c@\$1.50 per crate; casaba, \$2.25 per dozen; quinces, \$1@1.25 per box; huckleberries, 7@85 per pound; Albany J. G. Crawford, of this city, cranberrries, \$8609 per barrel.

lection is valued at a higa figure and @50c per box; onlons, dry, \$1.50@1.65 per sack.

Potatoes-Delivered Bortland, 7566 85c per hundred; sweet potatoes, 234 per pound.

Butter-Fancy creamery, 2714@35c per pound. Venl-75 to 125 pounds, 814@9c; 125-to 150 pounds, 714c; 150 to 200

pounds, 66 7e. Pork-Block, 75 to 150 pounds, 8@8 %c; packers, 734@8c.

Poultry-Average old hens, 11@12 p pound; mixed chickens, 11@12c; spring chickens, 11@12c; old roosters, 8@9c; dressed chickens, 13@14c; turkeys, live, old, 16c; young, 18c; geese, live, pr pound, 8@9c; ducks, 121, c; pigeons, \$1@1.50; squabs, \$2@3. Eggs-Fresh ranch, candled, 32 14@

Hops-1907, 9@10c per pound; olds,

pound.

SMALL IS OUSTED.

Striking Telegraphers Refuse to Con-

sider Surrender. Chicago, Oct. 14 .- The national exeutive board of the Commercial Telegraphers' union last night suspended President Small, the order to take effect immediately. The notification adds hat the executive board will hereafter direct the strike, and that it will be "run by men with red blood."

New York, Oct. 14.-Followed by a storm of denunciation and hisses, Samuel J. Small, national president of the Commercial Telegraphers' union, was practically driven out of Clinton hall at a mass meeting of striking operators yesterday afternoon. Mr. Small at-tempted to explain his action in send-ing out notices to all locals Saturday ing out notices to all locals Saturday night asking them to vote on the ques-tion of suriender, but before he could finish shouts of "resign," "get out," and other exclamations even less com-

New York, Oct. 14,-Following the visit to this city of Labor Commissioner Neil, President Small, of the Commercial Telegraphers' union, Saturday afternoon took decisive steps to close the telegraphers' strike. He sent the following telegram to all the leading

cities in the country:
"New York, Oct. 12, 1907.—Prominent New Yorkers appealed to me to call the strike off. All efforts at negotiations are exhausted, and the company's officials say they will fight to a finish. The treasury is depleted and no more funds are available. Requests for relief from all sides are heavy and urgent. The general assembly cannot meet them. The strike having been ordered without the president's sanc-tion, I recommend that locals vote on the proposition."

CARS STILL SCARCE.

Than the Supply.

Washington, Oct. 14,-Interstate Commerce Commissioner Lane returned today from a trip to the Pacific coast, thorogunly convinced that the business

cords at all varieties now held by Med-ford growers having been wrested away the old markets have been accustomed from California within the past two years, up to which time California had taken and held all pear records. Five hundred acres of Beure Bosc pears men, making it unprofitable to place will come into bearing fure next year. Wood on the market in large quantities. If the winter is mild and short, the ng, otherwise there will be hardship.

CHINESE VERSUS JAPANESE.

Canada May Throw Down the Bars Against Mongols.

Ottawa, Oct. 14 .- At the approachng session of the Dominion parliament, which opens next month, it is understood that a move will be made to throw down the barriers against Chinese immigration into Canada by abolishing the head tax on Chinese, which is practically prohibitive. It is asserted that this step would afford a solution of the Oriental problem, which is now assuming an acute phase among the people of British Columbia, particular-

ly in the coast cities.

It is pointed out that, when the Chinese were allowed to enter the Dominion at a nominal tax rate, there was very little trouble with Japanese arrivals, and absolutely none from the Hindus. If the head tax were abolished or even reduced to a nominal amount, there would follow a big inrush from China. The Chinese would work for such small wages that the people of British Columbia would be able to solve the Japanese immigration problem by giving Chinese labor the preference.

Prairie Fire in Montana.

Great Falls, Mont., Oct. 14 .- One of the biggest prairie fires in recent years in Montana is sweeping the ranges in the Eastern part of the state, not less than 80 miles of choice grazing ground already having been burned over in the vicinity of Culbertson. Stockmen are making desperate efforts to stop the spread of the fire, but the flames by wind, have thus far had little check put upon them. On the Fort Peck reservation many houses and buildings belonging to the Indians have been destroyed.

Elevators and Coal Chutes Burn.

Madison, Ill., Oct. 14.-The Glover Leaf grain elevator, containing 25,000 bushels of grain, was destroyed by fire The Saliara has over one-half the area of the United States. Its population is very small for its area. The Libyah and Nublan deserts are only a Saliara has over one-half the largest was 11% inches around. A 16@22c per pound, according to shrink-early today. Several small cottages have a valley, 20@22, according to fine-near the elevator, together with the coal Libyah and Nublan deserts are only a Saliara has over one-half the largest was 11% inches in curcumference and wool—Eastern Origon, average best, business of grain, was destroyed by fire area of the United States. Its population of four weighed 27% pounds, age, valley, 20@22, according to shrink-early today. Several small cottages have a supplied to the largest was 11% inches around. A 16@22c per pound, according to shrink-early today. Several small cottages have a supplied to the largest was 11% inches around. A 16@22c per pound, according to shrink-early today. Several small cottages have a supplied to the largest was 11% inches around. A 16@22c per pound, according to shrink-early today. Several small cottages are only a supplied to the largest was 11% inches around. A 16@22c per pound, according to shrink-early today. Several small cottages are only a supplied to the largest was 11% inches around. A 16@22c per pound, according to shrink-early today. also destroyed. Loss, \$00,000