EVENTS OF THE DAY

Parts of the World.

Less Important but Not Less Interesting Happenings from Points Outside the State.

The widow of Claus Spreckles has been awarded \$3,000,000 of her hus-

It now seems as though the Chicago streetcar men will win their fight with

William R. Wallace has been chosen for the Democratic candidate for mayor of Salt Lake.

James J. Hill says too many people are going to the cities instead of staying on the farm. Thousands of acres of pasture and

wood land has been burned over in Sonoma county, Cal., by forest fires. Peary reiterates that he is the only

white man who ever saw the Pole and promises to disprove Cook's claim. David E. Thompson, United States ambassador to Mexico, has secured

control of the Pan-American railroad, a line 244 miles long. The port of Mulege, on the east coast of Lower California, was overwhelmed by a tidal wave September 4.

Considerable property was destroyed By the election of J. P. Morgan, Jr. as director in a Harriman bank, harmonious relations are shown to exist between the Morgan and the Kuhn-Loeb-Standard Oil group of financiers

Dewey says the United States needs a larger navy.

It is said the Harriman estate will not be divided.

The Peary-Cook controversy grown very bitter in New York. Rear Admiral Schley favors Cook notwithstanding that Peary is a navy

Sweden has taken steps to end the labor war. Arbitration will be insisted upon.

The biennial convention of the national association of machinists is in session at Denver. It is expected that 10,000 delegates

will attend the Eagles' national convention at Omaha. St. John's Catholic church, New Or-

leans, has been almost totally destroyed by fire. Loss \$200,000. General Reyes says he has never been a candidate for the vice presi-

dential nomination in Mexico. New York, fears a tong war in its Chinatown, and has sent scores of ad-

ditional police to that section. Cardinal Gibbons says that while he should like to see prohibition rule, he does not believe the present move will

Fairbanks has left China on his way

The Santa Fe has withdrawn its orders for fast trains from the East.

Burglars succeeded in getting away with jewelry valued at \$100,000 in

Spanish forces in Morocco have been greatly reinforced and now hope to de feat the Moors.

The first snow has fallen in Mon tana. Should it continue much uncut grain will be damaged.

Hill has attacked the Southern Pacific land grant in order to force an entrance into Southern California.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound road has offered to carry mail lined up at the tape opposite the Holfrom Chicago to Puget sound in 59

Pernicious anaemia and oedema of

the lungs was the chief cause of Harriman's death, according to Dr. Lyle, his physician. Ex-President Roosevelt has been named as a delegate to the world's mis-

sionary conference at Edinburgh, Scotland, next June 14 to 24. Peary says he will prove Cook was

never at the Pole. Harrman lines are not likely to have

any more one-man power. Canadians are determined to re-open

the Bering sea sealing question. Harriman stocks did not drop on the

stock exchange as was expected.

The first drawing in the Cuban national lottery yielded the government \$100,000 profit.

Latest advices say 10,000 lives were lost in the earthquake which destroyed Acapulco, Mexico.

Chicago carmen are again endeavoring to arrange for arbitration with the streetcar company.

still serious and there is much suffering among the people.

Unusual building operations through-August. Portland shows an increase

J. P. Morgan has offered financial aid to Explorer Cook.

Wireless messages from the Pacific fleet report it near Honolulu.

timated at from \$50,000,000 to \$100,-

British people are inclined to favor Cook against Peary after reading the latter's story.

During his trip through the West Taft will explain the new tariff bill in

FOREST FIRES RAGE.

Blaze Threatens Many Ranches and California Resorts.

San Francisco, Sept. 15.-Several thousand men are engaged in a dozen counties of this state in fighting numerous forest fires that threaten ranch and resort buildings, as well as many square miles of valuable timber lands. As a result of these conflagrations un-Newsy Items Gathered from All Great damage already has been done to ranch houses and several groups of ummer resort hotels and tent cottages have been destroyed.

The most serious fires reported today are in Northern Sonoma, Western Nampa, Mendocino, Santa Cruz, Lake and Los Angeles counties. In Nampa county, where Walter Springs was destroyed and the cottages and tent hous es at Burk's sanitarium were badly amaged, the fire burned itself out today, but in the hills near Preston the

flames are spreading.
In the vicinity of Ukiah the whole country is ablaze. Fire fighters are back firing to save the city from destruction. In the vicinity of Calistoga the conflagration that threatened that town last night has been controlled. A hundred men from St. Helena succeeded in saving suburban residents scattered through the foothills. Near Watsonville a fire has been burning for two days, spreading in the direction of

Rangers suceeded in saving the big trees. Thousands of acres in the foot hills west of Donovan valley, Lake county, have been swept by the flames, but they are now under control For a time the oil region around Whitties was in danger. Most of the fires so far reported originated at points where campers had le t embers or from sparks from engines.

WOULD REFORM FINANCES.

President Opens Western Tour a Boston With Revelations.

Roson, Mass. Sept. 15.-President Taft vesterday began his tour of the country, by coming to this city from Beverly in an automobile, accompanied by Mrs. Taft, his daughter and Professor and Mrs. Louis Moore, and making a speech at the Boston Commercial club, which was devoted mainly to a

discussion of financial reform. The president revealed that the Monetary commission will recommend the establishment of a central bank and that Senator Aldrich intends to stump the country in order to arouse interest in his plan of financial reform. He also dwelt on the need of reform in the laws and strongly deprecated sectionalism, either between East or West or North or South

The president said he was going to take his Western trip because he believed it would enable im to be a much more efficient president and make him better acquainted with the needs of that great section. He also outlined some of the matters to be submitted to the next congress.

SEPARATION IDEA GROWS.

Southern California Taxpayers Begi Spreading Propaganda.

hall yesterday, will meet tomorrow to 40 fold and 77 for club. organize and issue a formal call for a conference to consider the formation of the state of South California.

Under the terms of the resolution the conference is to be held within 30 days. Although yesterday's meeting went on record as favoring state division, the conferences are to consider all phases of the question carefully, and to decide whether the formation of a newstate is desirable. If it decides in favor of it, a convention is to be called, to which all counties and all the principal cities in Southern California will e asked to send delegates.

Boy of 80 Beats It in 10.

Los Angeles, Cal , Sept. 15.-When Dr. B. W. Lawrence, 80 years old lenbeck home to go against time for 50 yards an inconsiderate youth yelled Beat it, kid." The venerable anticigarettist twiddled his white whiskers disdainfully and "beat it" He traveled that 50 yards in 10 seconds flat. The time was taken by two men, but not, of course, under sanction of the A. A. U. "I'll sign against anybody for Thanksgiving day," the aged physician said.

After Western Union.

Omaha, Sept. 15 .- The New York News bureau today authorizes the statement that considerable progress has been made toward consolidating the Western Union and the American Telephone & Telegraph company. The telephone company has been trying to obtain control of the Western Union Lord Roseberry has left the British for several months, but the terms have Radical party and joined the Liberals. not been agreed upon. Recently negotiations were resumed. It is understood the telephone company is seeking to secure the Gould and Sage holdings besides buying in the open market.

Canadian Scores Tariff. Hamilton, Sept. 15.-The annual meeting of the Canadian Manufacturers' association began here today President R. Hobson characterizes the condition of the American senate as The situation in Northern Mexico is violation of the trust reposed in it by the people of the United States and barren of all desire to create closer trade relations with Canada. He Unusual building operations through-out the United States is reported for to take them at their word and bring into effect the surtax act of 1909.

Tidal Wave Sweeps Port Mexico City, Sept. 15 .- The Port of Mulege, on the east coast of Lower California, was overwhelmed by a tidal wave September 4. There were Harriman's fortunel is variously es- several casualities and considerable property was destroyed. The tidal wave flooded the inland district for a distance of about two miles,

> Rome, Sept. 15 .- A dispatch from Portico, on the Bay of Naples, to the Glornale d'Italia says that Mount Vesuvius is active again. Guides report

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

FARM SELLS FOR \$106,500.

Brings Fancy Price.

Ashland-One of the biggest real es

Mr. Anderson has farmed this par- tion of every owner of land.

APPLES AT TOP PRICE.

Hood River Union Closes \$150,000

Deal With Eastern Buyers. Hood River-Joseph Steinhardt, of the commission firm of Steinhardt & Kelly, the New York firm that bought the output of the Hood River Applegrowers' union last year, has set the history. apple buying ball rolling by again purheasing the entire crop handled by the union at a gross figure that will total ver \$150,000.

According to Mr. Steinhardt and the officers of the union, the announcement for box fruit in other Northwest sections, as they have been waiting for was sold for \$15 per ton. A large "They haven't go the signal from Hood River in order to

get a line on prices. The saie includes the purchase of 60,600 to 70,000 boxes of fancy fruit, or about 125 cars, and it is claimed that it will be the biggest deal made Kelly and will be labeled with a new label just adopted by the union and an effort will be made to send one large interstate commerce and anti-trust shipment in a solid train of refrigerator cars to New York.

> Grand Ronde's Greatest Crop. La Grande-Hesvy rains throughout

Union county have greatly delayed threshing, but it is estimated that most of the work will be finished with in the next two weeks, although there will be a small amount that will not be finished in the next 30 days. The run over the 1,000,000 bushel mark. This will be the largest amount of wheat ever grown in the Grand Ronde valley. The farmers are not so inclined as they were at first to hold onto their wheat until it reaches the dollar mark Los Angeles, Sept. 15.—Members and are letting the wheat go in small of executive committees appointed at a amounts every day. The price ranges \$6 to over \$300 per ton. A ten stamp mass meeting of taxpayers in Symphony around 80 cents for bluestem, 79 for mill is now on the way to the property,

> the Klamath Indian reservation. The been reached. matter is in the hands of Rev. H. F. White, who began the task two years ago. At that time it was announced that it would require not more than six Indians have received their lands there of fertile farming land, stock range are opened for settlement it will mean Klamath country and will greatly in- ceptionally good. crease the resources of this section.

> > Medford's Pear Crop.

Medford-Five hundred cars of fruit will be shipped from Medford this seaon. This quantity will be quadrupled within a few years. - In 1908 more carloads of commodities were handled here than at any point in Oregon outyear's record and the total for the year \$15@16. will show a great growth. Passenger traffic is heavier in and out of Medford than at any other point between Sacramento and Portland. Many of these are homeseekers.

Prune Association Formed Roseburg-Prune growers of Myrtle Creek have met and formed an association for the sale of their crops. They also elected a committee to receive offers and do the selling for the pool. They have issued an invitation to all growers to join the pool. The fruit will all be sold together, and whoever buys the pool gets all the fruit. The growers have agreed to dry the prunes in a good marketable condition and expect good prices.

Hop Crop 60,000 Bales. vards is finished. Mr. Krebs estimates the yield of the Krebs yards at 1,800 bales, about 1,200 less than the output ceed 60,000 bales.

Drill for Oil Near Roseburg. Roseburg-The Dillard Development company has received a drilling outfit pound; valley, 23@25c; to be used in drilling for oil near Look- choice, 24@25c. ing Glass, about 12 miles west of this Although the machine is capable of

Pear Crop Short.

depth.

La Grande-The first carload of pears

UMATILLA WHEAT CROP.

Ashland Tract, Cultivated Since 1853, Flood of Gold Follows the Harvest in

Prosperous Grain Center. Pendleton, -The lure of \$3,000,000 tate deals in the history of this section in bright gold pieces, without taint or was the sale of the E. K. Anderson reserve, sends a thrill through the peofarm, five miles northeast of Ashland, ple of Umatilla county, at this season one of the oldest and choicest farms of the year that cannot be appreciated in the Rogue river valley to G. A. by any one who as not felt the charm Morse for \$106,500. Mr. Morse is re- of the grain fields when each golder cently from Louisiana, and he has ex- head nods to the thrifty farmer its tensive investments in this section. readiness to be converted into gold for his purse as reward for his efforts durreadiness to be converted into gold for acres, the sale price being \$350 an ing the 12 months closing with the acre. Of the tract sold 43 acres are gathering in of the sheaves. The call in apple and peach trees from two to of the grain fields has been heard, the even years old. Fifty acres are in tremendous task of saving the harvest a falfa, the remainder being devoted to has been performed, the marketing of general farming. All of it is choice the grain is the duty which calls forth

milled in this part of the state. Some will place fully \$3,000,000 in their grip my arm. "Listen," he breathed. years ago he purchased home property purses. The crop will net about as in Ashland and has only lived on the much money as any produced in the farm a portion of the time, a son, G. county, inasmuch as the price to be re-N. Anderson, having charge of the ceived will be much higher than was taken for the "bumper" crop of 1907, when Umatilla county produced more than 1 per cent of all the wheat grown in the United States. Umatilla county is easily the grain center of Oregon, producing practically one third of all the state. There was a time when Umatilla county "took off its hat," metaphorically speaking, to the Willamette valley in the growing of grain, but that day has long since passed into

Milton Growers Ship Apples. Milton-W. E. Gibson, of the Sibson ton shipping about 100 carloads of prunes bought from the Milton Fruit- b force of packers has been employed in the sheds for two weeks and a larger force of pickers has been engaged in gathering the fruit. The orchards owned by C. L. Stewart, C. W. Ray and John M. Brown, near Crockett, are

Form Colony at Dallas. Dallas - Twenty German families are colonizing 1,000 acres of land near Dallas. The families hail from New Mexico, and are in fairly well to do circumstances. They are particularly well impressed with the soil and climate here as compared with the dry, barren lands they have been tilling. The members of the colony are all fine stockraisers, and are bringing a lot of blooded animals with them to improve the strain of already good stock. The yield in Union county is estimated to place they have chosen comprises some of the best lands in Polk county.

Rich Strike at Gold Hill. Gold Hill-In the Gray Eagle mine development has opened the mine 70 feet below the first tunnel and struck a body of ore which shows values from the mill having been started after the amined the ground carefully. In the Klamath Falls-Complaint is made workings a 13 foot vein has been found of unnecessary delay in allotments of so far and still the foot wall has not

Crop Prospects Good. Klamath Falls-Recent rain through out the entire Klamath country have months to do the work. When the put the fall range in good condition and stock is doing well. The moisture will be left over about 200,000 acres did some damage to the hay crop or the ground, but the loss is slight. and timbered tracts. If these lands Grain was not injured, but harvesting will be a few days late on account of an enormous influx of people into the the rains. The grain yield will be ex-

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat-Bluestem, 97c; club, 87c red Russian, 85 1/6c; valley, 90c; fife, 87c; Turkey red, 87c; 40-fold, 89 %c. Barley - Feed, \$26.50; brewing,

\$27.50 per ton. Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley. \$13@15 per ton; Eastern Oregon, side of Portland, on the Harriman \$16.50@17.50; alfalfa, \$14; clover lines. So far 1909 is ahead of last \$14; cheat, \$13@14.50; grain hay,

Butter-City creamery, extras, 36c fancy outside creamery, 33@36c; store, 21@22c per pound. Butter fat prices average 1 1/2c per pound under regular butter prices.

Eggs-Oregon ranch, candled, 31c per dezen. Poultry-Hens, 15%@16c per pound; springs, 15 1/2 @16c; roosters, 9@10c;

ducks, young, 14 1/4c; geese, young, 10c; turkeys, 20c; squabs, \$1.75@2 per dozen. Pork-Fancy, 10c per pound.

Veal-Extra, 10@10 %c per pound. Fruits-Apples, \$1@2.25 per box; pears, 50c@\$1.25; peaches, 65c@\$1.25 crate; cantaloupes, 50c@1.50; plums, 25@75c per box; watermelons 1@1%c per pound; grapes, 60c@\$1.25 per basket; casabas, \$1.75@2 per

crate: quinces, \$1.50 per box. Salem-Hoppicking in the Krebs | Potatoes-\$1 per sack; sweet potatoes, 2012 1 c per pound. Onions-\$1.25 per sack.

Vegetables Beans, 4@5c per pound of a normal season. Krebs declares cabbage, 1@114c; cauliflower, 75c@ that, while the hops are lighter, they \$1.25 per dozen; celery, 50c@\$1; corn, are of an unusually fine quality, with a 15@20c; cucumbers, 10@25c; onions, very slight amount of mold, consider- 12 %@15c; peas, 7c per pound; peping the unfavorable tonditions. He pers, 5@10e; pumpkins, 114@134e; estimates the Oregon crop at not to ex- squash, 5c; tomatoes, 35@40c per box. Hops-1909 Fuggles, 20c; clusters,

ominal; 1908 crop, 17e; 1907 crop, 12c; 1906 crop Sc per pound. Wool-Eastern Oregon, 16@23c per mohair.

Cattle-Steers, top, \$4.25; fair to city. Indications of oil have been good, \$4; common, \$3.50@3.75; cows, known in this vicinity for a long time, top, \$3.25@3.50; fair to good, \$3@ 3.25; common to medium, \$2.50@2.75; going down 2,000 feet, it is expected calves, top, \$5@5.50; heavy, \$3.50@4; oil will be reached at less than that bulls, \$2@2.25; stags, \$2.50@3.50. Hogs-Best, \$8; fair to good, \$7.75 27.85; stockers, \$6@7; China fats,

\$7.50@8. Sheep-Top wethers, \$4; fair to that will be shipped out of La Grande good, \$3.50@3.75; yearlings, best, \$4: The Pirate of

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CHAPTER XII .- (Continued.) regular breathing of a sleeping man, then I preferred to have him stay with us, as regular breathing of a sleeping man, then I preferred to have him stay with us, as distinguished that of another, and finally there was no telling when we should after each cracking twig, straining our distinguished that of another, and finally there was no telling when we should find eyes and ears for news. When we came hears some one turn and grunt. In some need every able-bodied man we could find, nexplicable way, these men had happened and so he brought the canoe on board,

fruit land favorably located, and the entire tract will eventually be turned into fruit acreage.

I scarce dared turn and crawl away from fear of waking the sleepers, and so lay still, wondering if by any chance they ticular tract of land since 1853, and upon it grew the first wheat ever milled in this part of the state. Some will place fully \$3,000,000 in their state. Off in the distance, clear and long, rose I called to Charles to take my place

We wriggled away from the hemlock, of the headland. crawled back through the woods, and tood erect only when we reached the edge. There we swept the beach and what we could see of the Ship for signs ly morning swim her eyes danced as she

"Shall we run for it?" I asked. "No," said Rodney; "if there are any men there, they're between us and the boat, or on the boat; we'd best keep close to the Cliff until we get our bearings."

The advice was good; like Indians we nade the fringe of the woods, keeping in are the rest of the crew working?" When we were forced to leave this shelter we skirted the cliff, ready to rouch back at a call or to rush forward. night, and it kept them awake." As we neared the shadow of the head-Fruit company, of Chicago, is in Mil- land we saw figures climb over the rocks of the little inland sea and head up the each-four men, silhoutted black against of the sale will cause a quick scramble growers' union. The price being paid the white sand, and not one of them as

"at least, he is not with them."

"That's queer," said Rodney. "I haven't little nook I know of." heard a shot fired. They must have

boarded the Shin " We crossed the causeway, running lightthis year by one firm. The fruit is to be especially packed for Steinhardt and be especially packed for Steinhardt and try here.

as empty as the beach and below and its tranquillity, were now talkative, now silent. Barbara rolled her sleeves above woods and the sky.

"Well," said Islip at last, "that takes the cake. He's vamosed, vanished, cleared out, and I dare say we'll never see hide or hair of him again. This thing's getting positively spooky, Selden. Are you sure that the man was flesh and blood?" "I certainly thought so," I answered.
"But he came in the middle of the night, and he's gone at the same time. Strange! Where on earth could he go?"

"Search me," said Rodney. "I thought the adventure was almost too real to be true. Such things don't happen, you know-that is, not consecutively-within a day's ride of New York." He considered the matter gravely. "But what will Barbara say if she finds we haven't kept

"I was thinking of that myself," I an-to me. Barbara dear, you are all my swered, looking blankly at him. Islip broke into a laugh-such an infectious laugh that I couldn't help joining him. "I dare say we're different in most man stockholders and diretors had ex- ways, Selden," he said, "but we're alike of that sweet, that infinitely sweet face Well, here's how!" out his hand to me.

We shook hands, half seriously, half in jest, and I took back all the unkind things I had ever thought about him. We turned and went down the deck the outer side of the mast. I heard Rod- know of me?" small gold chain was fastened to the edge, He peered over the side and the edge.

came the osprey's cry, clear, quavering to

the waves. I pulled on the chain and up came a undle of clothes wrapped in Duponceau's cloak. Then I understood, and followed at her side. Rodney's example

him, resting now and then to float on the our own element, undismayed.

was breaking far out, beyond the Shifting infinite possibilities more." Shoal. "I saw them coming," he said, "and so I hung my clothes from the side and prove my meaning to you." and took to the waves. They found nothng: perchance now they think me a like that," she said.

ing for the chest, and he showed a great empty. Islip was sitting on the Ship's deal of perturbation, but finally came to deck, and Barbara waved to him and he the wise conclusion that we could do noth- waved back. I felt sorry for him, someing in regard to it then.

he sky was shading pink. CHAPTER XIII

"Morning, Selden!" he exclaimed. "By

I shook my head. "I gave that quesion us some time ago. How about break-"I was thinking of that myself," said resolves; I thirsted for great deeds o do. Rodney. "I don't mind being a hero, but When I came on board I found plans for prefer to play the part on a full stom-

the way, who is Monsieur Duponceau?"

the cabin table.

"I'll signal Charles," I went up o deck, and found that the sun was high up, and shining on a glorious summer world. I fastened a napkin to the broken of his precious chest, and so, after some stump of the mast.

Fifteen minutes later we saw my canoe steal cautiously about the point of the that night. I pointed out the fact that cliff beyond my house and poke its nose in all probability the enemy knew nothing in the direction of the Ship. brought the tiny craft alongside of us. Mr. Felix," he said.

The canoe had brought us hot coffee, under his syes. eggs and rolls. We broakfasted in state in the cabin, with Charles to wait upon papers are, that he should be so fearful that the pines were patrolled by a num-

following."

up of the scraps of the provisions Bar-Motionless, we listened, and caught the bara had brought us. I told Charles that

uld have already found the treasure, or took up their bunks to nap. I was on

the osprey call. Duponceau was in some for a few moments and salved forth to clear that the enemy had not expected danger.

Shore. Barbara joined me at the foot us. "Well? she asked eagerly.

I told her the adventures of the previous night, and when I came to the earof men, but the shore was still empty clapped her hands with delight. "Oh, I thrust a handkerchief into his mouth, as the desert." The sleeper started, struggled, moaned,

> swered sagely. She looked somewhat lor gingly out to sea. "What a beautiful afternoon! And "The rest of the crew are sleeping. They had too much coffee for dinner last

> "And what is Charles doing?" I pointed to the deck. "Fe's on guard. That's the reason I'm here.' "Oh, that's it, is it? I thought you

"And so I did. Suppose we sit here at "They haven't got him," I whispered; the foot of the cliff, where we can look out to sea and can't be seen. There's a

I found the place that I sought-a secret crevice in the rocks-and there we sat and watched the tide do its best to ly, and climbed on board. The deck was reach us as it bounded landward. The as empty as the beach had been when afternoon drifted past, and we, borne on Duponceau was to be found. Rodney and her elbows, and played with the water in I stood in the bow and peered across the a little pool beside our ledge of rocks. We could see nothing save the Her dreaming eyes brooded over the cean. I watched her, tried to turn my yes seaward, felt the irresistible call, and came back to watching her. The time had come when I could think only the

one thought. The sun was low, Barbara was hum ming a little French song. The whole world was adorable. "Barbara, I love you!"

The words were out, spoken without

olition, all of themselves. She looked up; her singing stopped, nd the deep blush-rose crept into her face, while her eyes shrank, "Barbara, I love you. I have loved you since I first found you on the Ship, and I shall go on loving you until I die. I can't help it; it's not only conscious, it's

hope in the world. You are the world. Will you marry me?" I was leaning forward, thinking only

She smiled, her eyes turning to watch the waves, and I waited spellbound for her answer.

added, her voice low; "and what do you

utter amazement, began to throw off his such things in summer. It's all part of the setting. I told you once you were a "What on earth-" I began, but Rod- dreamer. Dreamers are apt to romance, ney only chuckled, and finished undress- and that is probably why you are now in ing. Then from somewhere out in the sea love with the waves and the sunshine and fore she says anything. Here she is, with me." The last words were just a a minor cadence. Islip slipped over the whisper. She raised her eyes to mine for side, crossed the rocks, and dived into a fleeting second, then dropped her lashes. "Believe me, Barbara, it's not that; it's

the truth-the truest thing in the world." She played with the water in the pool "I like you-but, then, I like many

Never have I known such a swim as There's Rodney I like also. Perhaps I that, in the mystery of starlight, through like you better because I have never seen a sea that seemed made of silver. We you in town, nor anywhere but in your found Duponceau by his cry and followed chosen country. But I can't forget that there are other treasures in the seasilver surface, and again racing hand over how can you be sure you won't come up hand out through the mystery. We were on another and a finer? Then, too, no longer men, but free sea creatures, in like men who do things, men who fight and win out-and so you see," she fincreeping between her brows. We swam in a great circle, and at last ished, with a slight smile, "it's not that Duponceau led us back to the Ship. Day I like any one in particular less, but the

She raised her eyes frankly to mine After a time we walked back to We told him our experience in search- path and said good-by. The beach was

"Then," I said stubborniy, "I will wait,

how, for now I knew what he must feel, It was my turn below, and I fell asleep. No wonder he couldn't go back to his bein a glorious glow from the swim, just as loved Wall Street. "Good-by again," she said, and then, that the parting might not be too abrupt, she added, "I think I am growing almost color," she declared .- Youth's Com-

When I awoke I found Rouney seated as fond as you of your little kingdom."
Rule it well." "I shall. I have a great deal to prove She smiled. "Felix of Alastair;" then she turned up the path.

I went back to the Ship mighty with

such deeds brewing. CHAPTER XIV. Puponceau had been prooding all day ver the possibility of losing the contents argument, Rodney and he had decided to

make the effort to move it to the Ship Charles whatever of the chest's position; and had "They're watching the house closely, ir. Felix," he said. "It was all I could poncesu's fears were aroused, and it was do to get down to the river without their evident that he would be satisfied with nothing short of having the strong-box "What the deuce do you suppose those

He had little news, beyond the fact about them?" I asked Rodney when we He shrugged his shoulders, "Heaven

Government suits involving title to rumblings followed by slight seismic this year is being packed now. The oil land in California will be delayed shocks. The small craters have been supply will not be a sabundant as that by the death of Harriman.

Suits is active again. Guides report that will be shipped out of La Grand good, \$3.50@3.75; ewes, 1c best we could, but the morning went less on all grades; spring lambs, \$5@ slowly, and we were glad when lunch whs some experience with Wall Street has put by the death of Harriman.

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live mystery somewhere, and our friend Pierre is a somebody, though whether the Wandering Jew or the lost Napoleon I Suffice it, he's got a treasure cau't say. nest, and it's up to us to sit on it so right that none of its pieces-of-eight can

filter through." Fortunately the night was cloudy, and about eleven we were ready to start. I had never felt so completely the desperado before. We were all three armed with revolvers, I carried a coil of rope wound about my waist, and Rodney a dark lan-tern which Charles had found in the cottage. Duponceau was the least excited. He took command of our expedition with the assurance of a born leader, and, in fact, it was only his overweening confidence that gave the scheme the least prospect of success.

Just before we left the Ship Charles joined us with two spades, and so, a party of four, we stole over the beach and into the dunes. Duponceau led us to the pine, thence we crawled inward, lying silent eyes and ears for news. to the hemlock we lay four abreast and to camp just above the spot chosen by stowed her on the after-deck, and devoted buponceau to hide his chest. stowed himself to the small duties on his new vaguely white ahead. The only sound himself to the small duties on his new vaguely white ahead. The only sound

was a loud and resonant snore. Duponceau crawled forward on one side of the tent, and then beckoned to me to do the same on the opposite side. One man lay within, sleeping. It was

wise. He entered the tent from one side, and I from the other. With a swift movement he was over the sleeping man, and had pinned him to the bed, while he cried. "I've always wanted to try a swim in the dark."

"It's just as well you veren't," I anbound and gagged, rolled from his bed of boughs, and laid at a little distance. While we did this Islip and Charles cut the guide-ropes, and the house of our enemies fell, collapsing like a great white balloon when the gas escapes. We cleared it away, and the place where the chest

was hidden lay before us. Then followed a strange scene for those unhistoric pines of Alastair. With ears keen for the slightest alarm, Duponceau and I dug. Rodney holding his black lantern so as to aid us, Charles keeping watch. A foot down and my spade struck wood. In five minutes the chest was uncovered. Carefully we raised it and placed it on the ground. As his hand touched the unbroken lock I thought that Duponceau gave a little sigh of relief. (To be continued.)

THE ESCAPE.

Sister's Disparaging Comment Was

Little Mrs. Walter Burnett, coming down stairs in her new winter suit. glanced with shy delight from her husband to her sister-in-law. The Burnetts were young, and would have been poor had they not been so rich in other things than money. Mrs. Walter had not had a winter suit since her marriage two years before, and the sensation of feeling herself again in the style made her pretty face under the brown hat as vivid as a rose. Her husband looked at her adoringly, and remarked that she was "a stunner." Her sister-in-law's approval was more classically expressed, but no less warm.

"Even your sister Sue can't find any fault with that," she said. A bit of the brightness faded from

Mrs. Burnett's face. "Oh, Sue!" she said, with a laugh that she tried to make light. "It would be too much to expect Sue to like it. She always thinks the other thi

would have been better.' The sister-in-law eyed her shrinking young relative sternly. "Now, Elsie," she said with decision,

"it is time to stop this." "Stop what?" Elsie parried, feebly. "This allowing Sue to spoil everything for you. Sue is a fine woman. I appreciate her thoroughly, but she has fallen into the habit of skimming the cream of everybody's pleasure by belated advice. Your only chance of comfort in that suit is to stop her beby the way, coming up the path this minute. Now remember-this is your

chance to strike for freedom." "Oh. I couldn't!" Mrs. Burnett faltered, as a clear voice sounded in the

"'Strike for your altars and your fires." her sister-in-law whispered, and then some one else was in the room. "How do you do, everybody?" Sue called, cheerfully. "Isn't this glorious weather? Well, Elsie, so your suit has come home. I wonder-" She eved the new suit consideringly, a frown

Elsie caught her breath, and glanced

desperately at the two allies.

"Don't what?" Sue asked, in surprise "Don't say it-what you always do. you know-about thinking the green would have been better, after all. You see-" and there was a quiver in her voice, "it seems so nice to have a whole new suit, and I just love it, and I want

"Sue, please don't!" she faltered

to think I look nice in it, and-Her sister looked at her sharply. For a moment there was silence-then she laughed. "What nonsense, child! I was fust going to say that brown was your

panion.

mental widow.

pieces."

Sounded Romantic. "There was one time in my life." said the fussy old bachelor, "when I really wanted a better half." "Tell me about it," cooed the senti-

"Oh, there isn't much to tell," an-

swered the f. o. b. "Some chap stuck me with a bad 50-cent piece." Saving the Pieces. "Every little fragment of time should

be saved," said the home-grown philosopher. "Sure it should," rejoined the cynical person. "The moment the day breaks It's up to us to begin saving the

Clara (after she has refused him)never gave you any encouragement. Charles-Yes, you did. You intimated that your father had money.

Shall I forever from her part. Or wed her for better or worse?

The former's sure to break her heart-