The Quest of **Betty Lancey**

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The warrant was served on the Harbut a cordon of sleuths was appointed management was sorely wroth, and amount of cash, and the mollified management became less censorious. Early that afternoon, Mrs. Harcourt fell very ill with a seemingly malignant fever—an outgrowth of their long residence in India, so her husband said. There was a brief preliminary hearing at 2:30 in the Harcourt apartments.

I live in the Hill district, in India," attested the witness, when called. I am 35 years of age and have been mar-She is 24, and we have been traveling for her health during the past two years, following the accidental drowning of our baby son. My wife's mind has never been perfectly clear since the harrowing moment when she pulled our dead son out of the clutches of a treacherous pool, not fifty feet from her bedroom window. At the advice of physicians, we have gone from country of the unoccupied save for several to country, seeking novelty and change, suits of clothes, wearing the imprint hoping to restore her to her normal none. I receive a large income from inherited properties, so does my wife, and jointly we own several rich diamond mines. We never saw the young woman, Miss Lancey, I believe her name is, at all. I am positive my wife never did until last evening. Why we should be held like this is incomprehensible to me. On this card you will find the names of a number of London, and Calcutta firms, who will give you

any references of me you may desire.
"The night of the murder of Cerisse Wayne we were in Milwaukee as our hotel bills and receipts will show. The following afternoon late we arrived and went to the Directory Hotel. That evening I was trying to explain to my wife some changes I was contemplating in my Indian estate and was sketching the plans with the idea of keeping her amused, as she had been particularly fretful and nervous all The room was close, and insufferable with the smell of steam pipes. so we had raised the window wide and flung high the shade. I drew out my wallet to get a memorandum and in doing so pulled out by accident a little photograph of my wife that I always carry with me, and some important passports. The wind sent the curtain flying and whisked these papers out of my hand. I hurried to the window and saw them light on an opposite fire escape and tried to recover them. As the hotel clerk has probably told you

the papers were not recovered." that my wife and I will be allowed to proceed without any further reference or entanglement in this most undesirable

"Wasn't there a letter dropped out of your wallet?" asked Larry Morris, stepping forward. "If you please, I'd like to submit two exhibits in evi-He produced the picture and the letter that had been fished from the fire escape and proceeded to relate how they had been acquired.

Harcourt's face flushed with pleasure at sight of the photograph. Whe letter was handed to him he paled. whether with fright or with anger, was indistinguishable.

"This is an insult," he hissed. "What's your wife's name, Mr. Har court?" asked the court.

"My wife? Her name? Mrs. Harcourt, of course." "Her first name?"

"Did you ever see this letter be

The hotel register was brought into the room, and as expert testimony went to the effect that the signature on the register tallied with the conforms tion of the writing not only on the letter that had been picked up in the court-room, but with those found to the Wayne death chamber, Mr. Harcourt was requested to make copies of the documents and hand them to the court. He did this with great trepidation, but the results were very unlike

A movement was begun to prove that Mr. Harcourt had painfully disguised writing and the matter was thrown to the experts again.

The man's garter Johnny Johnso had picked up in the closet of Mrs. Wayne's room, and a second one, only too plainly its mate, in the same gold smerald and amethyst design, marked with the initial "H," that he had found inside the threshold of the Flanders house at 94 Briarsweet place, shown to Harcourt. He disowned these emphatically and declared he had never seen either of them before

Larry Morris, sworn next, told of the the reasons for Betty's visiting the Harcourt apartments displaying sev eral photographs and sketches that had been made of the late Mrs. Wayne. remarking on the great similarity between the appearances of the two women, and begging the court to see

With Harcourt indignantly fuming a comparison between the living wor an and the photograph was made. Mrs as she lay prostrate on the wide bed. death pale and with her hair half unbound, the inquest of the preceding day

dead seemed one. . Harcourt was bound over till the fall

CHAPTER IX. Bankers, San Francisco, California, ar-Betty Lansey were still in a chaotic gions mapped as unexplored. Man-Aperilla. His going was like his diamond mines of great value appar-

coming-unseen by man, unknown and ently. One typewritten letter was in

all untraceable. Hamley Hackleye, too the strange lessee of 94 Briarsweet courts that morning at six o'clock. place, was not to be found. The milk-Out of consideration for Mrs. Har- man, who claimed he had been paid for court, whom her husband claimed was a month's wares in advance, continue delicate, and who really looked as to leave a daily allowance of milk and fragile as a piece of porcelain, the cream on the back stoop, and the accu-Harcourts were not removed to the fail mulation of bottles on the Flanders doorstep was waxing large. to patrol their apartments. The hotel from London brought word that Hackleye was a younger son of the late Sir tried to insist upon the departure of Walter Hackleye; that for four years the Harcourts, but Harcourt came past he had been conducting tropical down handsomely with an enormous explorations, and that he was possessed of an immense private fortune. The immediate family, an aged mother and widowed sister, and two brothers, both unmarried, lived in England for years, and had heard nothing of Hamley that bore upon his life with any degree of definiteness. He was a bookish sort of fellow; imaginative and fond of original research, quiet, and of no bad hab its so far as they knew, agreed all reports. No photographs of him since he was a plump little codger of six ried to my wife for the past six years. were to be had. A copy of one of these so ran the message, was being made in

London, and would be forwarded immediately upon completion. Johnny Johnson felt that he had drawn a blank in his sleuthing expedition through the house at 94 Briarsweet Place, where the death chambe visitor had vanished. The rooms smelled musty and the house bore the stamp of a Picadilly tailor, hanging in the My occupation? Why, I have closet of one of the bedrooms. These must have fitted a man of medium height and build. There were no personal memoranda around, and to all intents the house was the same as when Attorney Flanders had let it. nearly a week previous. The garter Johnny had found on the threshold

was a woeful aggravation. "If the owner had only lost one of them," sollloquized Johnny, "I might have traced him by matching the pair As it is now, there's no chance at all! Mr. Franz, who was a plump little German, a shade too well-tailored, s whit too urbane, had fetched with him a picture of Cerisse Wayne that tallied exactly with the portrait that had blown from Harcourt's window. That the same negative had permitted both

prints was manifest. Then they led him into the presenc of Mrs. Harcourt. She was sitting in he shadow of the window wrapped in wadded gown of coppy ted was very listless and had not spoken a word for hours. Harcourt declared that this had been her wont at intervals since the death of the baby.

They sent Franz into the room a lit-tle ahead of his escort. "Mrs. Wayne," ejaculated the banker, letting fall his little black vallse. "Why, they told me you were dead!"

He advanced a few steps, and reached forth his hand, but the moment he glimpsed Mrs. Harcourt's eyes he dropped his outstretched arm and stepped

nurmured, studying closely the face and figure before him. Mrs. Harcourt dropped her eyes in a terrified fashn and raised them again to find the oft, calm gaze of Philip Hartley fixed steadily upon her. For a full moment he looked sharply, composedly at Hartley, then from him to her husand, and then again to Franz. Springng from her chair, with the terror of child, she flung aside her wrappings, and throwing herself upon Hartley, lung to him, screaming:

"Oh, can't you save me from them; ave me, take me away; they kill m with those awful drugs!" Franz paled and turned his horriled gaze out of the window.

"The delirium again!" cried ourt. "Poor girl, poor girl." Harcourt strove to take his wife but she would not loose her rasp upon the arm of the reporter and there was no gainsaying the clasp f those cold and tautly interlocked ngers.

Hartley, the tender, coaxed the rightened woman into the bedroom nd despite Harcourt's expostulations ent for a doctor. Harcourt swore they yould kill her and declared himself etter man of medicine than half the ractitioners in the town. Every time e approached his wife, however, she roke into frightful screams, and kept er eyes constantly averted from her husband's gaze. The sight of France ppeared to have broken some chain forged some link in her mind that bore directly upon this mysteryinfolding mystery.

While they anticipated the doctor he examination of Henry Franz went n. It was disappointing in its in inefiniteness of result.

But the body of Cerisse Wayne had en taken from the vault where it lay ending identification by Mr. Frans from Mrs. Harcourt's rooms they ed him to the body. Then the coffir lid was loosened and the shrouded figure of the dead woman was revealed. She was more the image of Mrs. Harourt than Mrs. Harcourt herself. For Mrs. Harcourt, when they left her, was unk in a deadly coma, and the liver of death seemed reflected on her coun-Cerisse Wayne lay alm, quiet and all at ease, like sleep

ing marble. "Wonderful, wonderful! The like ness." commented Mr. Franz. crutinized the face and hands of the

rpse closely and said slowly "I am positive that this is the womn that our firm knew as Cerisse Wayne. Who the woman at the Directory Hotel may be, the woman who closely resembles ser, I cannot say All I know of Mrs. Wayne is that her rose like a mirage! The quick and deposits with us have been coming, as I wrote you, for some time. we had notice of her death we delayterm of court. No count was found ed opening her safety deposit box till we had a court order. Within we found the most gorgeous collections of jewels imaginable-here are photographs of When, two days later, Mr. Henry D. them-necklaces, stomachers, all of Franz, of Franz, Doubleday & Co., them trinkets for the adorning of woman. Also copies concerning transrived, the Wayne murder mystery and fers of various property interests in the unaccountable disappearance of Central Africa, particularly in the reand unsolveable state. Likewise the of these make mention, indefinitely, of

"My Dear Daughter-It is with despair that I urge upon you again, the necessity for finding your prother Francis, and securing from him the route to the Tiougaley Mines. He is the only living soul who has this knowledge. His refusal to divulge the information to me is but another proof of his unnatural and unfilial attitude. I must insist that you find Francis and make him tell you the lo-cation of the lost fields. Cease seeking our will o' the wisp ideal-your foolish love. Find Francis instead and having found him return home Hackleye as soon as possible. He is graning uncontrollably fealous of you. and not only threatening your life, but mine, and that, of the children, too. They are both well, but Paula has had much trouble with her throat since the rains began. I'm afraid she will never be well in this climate. Do not misunderstand me. Hackleye is where you cannot trifle with him any longer, and the demands on our moneys have een so great that unless we get hold of the new fields, we will be poverty-stricken at the end of the year. I wish u would quit your gaming. I do not mean less wealthy, mind you, but practically poor. Reflect what this means. Cerisse, seek out Francis, find him if possible, and by all means make him draw you a chart or map of those fanous and almost forgotten fields. Take care of yourself, my daughter. With "Your Fond Old Father."

"That straightens it all out for us icely now," chattered Hank Smith's on the air. "Hamley Hackleye Cerisse Wayne's husband, and Wayne must have been her maiden ame. Evidently she didn't love Hackleve, and she ran away to love somebody else and to find her brother Francis, and to learn about those diamond mines. Now if the whole bunch of them lived in Africa, I'd believe that the Man-Aperilla is a trained ape, a sort of body servant that followed along after the Desterle house, leased the Flanders home, and then called on her surrepti- ley's comet sweeps the earth. tlously. I don't believe Hubby ever went to murder his little wife, but they got into a family row because Wife didn't want to go home with Hubby. and in the fracas that followed wife got 'he worst of it, and, by the way"here Hank's voice sank to a whisperwonder if she really was dead or only drugged? And have any of you noticed the similarity between the Harcourt?"

"You reason like a woman, Hank," growled Larry Morris. "You're contradictory from the start."

"Perhaps." (To be continued.)

STUDIES AMERICAN WAYS.

yrian Girl Learns to Wear Corsets and Hat After Severe Trial. Betrothed seven years ago in her Syrian home to William Bofysil, now of this city, 18-year-old Mary Abraham marry him, the Owosso (Mich.) correpondent of the Detroit News says. But marriage is a serious business in "Whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder," is interpreted literally there. So William and Mary are sensibly preparing themselves for matrimony so that no mistake shall be made and their lives

It is really a trial betrothal. Willso it is necessary that his wife be- kes. He sued the estate for \$50,000. and also be given time to decide whether she will be satisfied here. dead. With forethought Bofysil has arranged that the girl be given a practica course in domestic science. His plan is proving successful, and the wedding will undoubtedly take place within a

Mary arrived about three weeks ago. She was still clad in the picturesque garments of the fatherland. She wore bright-colored bodice and skirt, and wooden sandals. Her crinkly, abundant black hair was bare. She had never worn a hat.

Bofysil has relatives here in the dry goods business, and the wife of one of these relatives undertook the task of getting the newcomer into American clothing. Mary had never seen a corset, much less worn one, and she up the stays: "O-oh! It is hurting my heart!" In a few days she became reconciled to it, as she has to a becoming hat which was purchased for her At first she said with a wilful

pout: "I have never worn a hat, and I won't wear one now! I hate any thing on my head!"

Miss Abraham is studying the Amer ican way of keeping house in the home of an American family in this city She speaks no English, and they do not, of course, understand her language, but by means of signs and a few phrases which each has added to the common vocabulary, they get along famously. The girl calls the man of the house "papa," as she has heard his daughter do, and calls his wife "mamma." The groom-elect comes each evening and is delighted at the progress which she proudly recounts

to him. The colloquial name for the aristoc racy in Mary's home town-which is Andara, Lebanon-is "Turkey." her state of mind can be dimly imagined when Mr. Bofysil chanced to remark the other day that they would have "turkey" for Christmas dinner. Earnest and repeated explanation, in which everybody in the house took part, was necessary before Mary grasp war soon. ed the fact that Americans are not addicted to cannibalism. In fact, only a sight of the bird which was to grace the board on the feast day council allay

the last lingering suspicion. Kissing Privileges Barred.

George Shute of New Jersey, has just been bound over under a heavy penalty for kissing his wife against her will. Justice Ware warned the man not to kiss his wife again without first obtaining her consent.

National Differences.

"Chinamen are very different from us in one thing, ain't they, pop?" "In a great many, but what's your one?" "Why, if a Chinaman don't get a yellow-jacket on him, he's stung."

the box, addressed to Mrs. Wayne and CURRENT EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Doings of the World at Large Told in Brief.

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

Prohibition was defeated in Denver city elections

Henry Watterson says "yellow journalism" is causing the press to lose its preventable. hold upon public opinion. Two dogs at Condon, Ore., were so

padly injured in a fight with a porcupine that they had to be killed.

they supposed were mushrooms. Millions of dollars were secured from cotton buyers all over the world

by swindlers who used bogus bills of

A lieutenant and eight men from the regular army will spend the summer dent indemnity, are at present receivnaking maps of the coast about Seaside, Oregon. A millionaire gas manufacturer of

aid to the bribery investigations now in progress there. Shippers from the Pacific coast to

increasing freight rates. Ignorant aud superstitious people all over the world are in mortal fear of the consequences when the tail of Hal-

The city jail at Portland is crowded with drunks who are celebrating their last days before the comet comes. All holiday records were broken Tuesday

night. A California 5-year-old was burned to death while playing with matches.

A tornado swept Texas and Oklahoma, killing one man and injuring many. John W. Gates, famous New York stock market plunger, settles lawsuits by flipping a coin.

Roosevelt was received quietly in London by an immense throng of people, owing to his sad mission there.

A Chicago club man committed suicide by jumping from a 13th-story window and landing on a marble pave-

Dr. Hyde, of Kansas City, has been convicted of murdering his wealthy pahas arrived here from over seas to tient, Col. Swope, by giving him cyanide of potassium. A negro convict in Alabama set fire

> were kept at a coal mine, and 36 victs were burned to death. To prove that she was married for love alone a California girl deeded to her brother every cent of her \$100,000

to the stockade in which the convicts

estate just before her marriage. Albert J. Hopkins, an attorney of iam is fond of America; he will never Chicago, will get \$14,219 as his fee in go back to the "old country" to live; settling the estate of Charles T. Yer-

> E R Carriott chief forecaster of the United States weather bureau, is

The Herschel Parker Mt. McKinley

expedition has sailed from Valdez for Mourning over the death of King Edward has hushed all political troubles

in England. It is announced that California's new primary law is a piece of patchwork

and woefully inefficient. Remarkable attentions paid to Roosevelt in Germany are causing much comment in Europe.

A woman who had been bitten by a rattlesnake was taken 80 miles in an auto to a doctor by the Louis W. Hill party, now touring Eastern Oregon.

Roosevelt arrived in London as spe screamed with pain and fright when cial American ambassador to attend the lady and a girl clerk began lacing the funeral of King Edward, which will entitle him to the highest honors.

> The flood of emigration from the United States to Canada is beginning to worry officials of the departments of agriculture and commerce and labor.

Hunan, state that the Yale mission in Great Britain, the United States and that city has been placarded for de- Germany remain the leading powers. struction by fire. The foreigners, who were beginning to return to Changsha,

are again living on boats in the river. Harry F. Waugh, of Seattle, a mining prospector, member of the Arctic club and leader of the Waugh sledge expedition to the delta of the Mackenzie river, committed suicide by hanging himself. Failure to interest capitalists in his mining project when suc cess seemed within his grasp is believed to have been the canse.

Forest fires in Wisconsin have destroyed six farm houses,

visors and nine of the 15 aldermer An alleged combine in the fish trade at San Francisco is under probe Eight high school students at Wilkesbarre, Pa., were drowned while boat

riding. It is rumored at Washington that Peru and Ecuador will come to open

Three hundred pounds of powder exploded in a magazine near Logansport, Indiana, killing one man and injuring

An explosion in the Wellington coal mine in England has entombed 137 miners. Fire has broken out and there is no hope of saving any of the men.

A carload of dynamite near Tacoma jumped the track and exploded, blowing two brakemen to bits and tearing up the track for a considerable dis-That the four great express compan-

tance. chants' association of New York. TO PROTECT WORKMEN.

National Manufacturers Association Considers Safety Appliances.

New York, May 18 .- The beginning of a new era in the safeguarding of the country's vast industrial army will be witnessed at the 15th annual convention of the National Association of Manufacturers, now in session.

The absolutely vital necessity of preventing accidents in industrial establishments has forcibly been brought home to the 3,000 manufacturers forming the association by the fact that 500,000 persons suffer from accidents each year in the United States. Two hundred and fifty million dollars is the estimated economic loss annually, in this country, due to accidents. least half the accidents are considered

A comprehensive report of a committee appointed some time ago by John Kirby, Jr., president of the national association, will be made, and the convention will be addressed by A Tacoma man, his wife and daugh-ter, are critically ill from eating what of the American Museum of Safety; Miles M. Dawson, who has studied aceminent speakers.

President Kirby said on the subject: "The question of appliances for preventing accidents to workmen, and acciing more attention than any other isthe field of industry. They are live Illinois has offered extensive financial questions of vital importance to members from an economic as well as humanitarian standpoint.

"In preparing its report, the committee has communicated with 25,000 the East have challenged the railroads employers in all parts of the United to prove that any necessity exists for States, as well as 250 national, state and local organizations of employers. Every state legislator of every state in the Union was also written to. Special correspondence was carried on with American and European experts.

"A little more than 10,000 replies to the various communications have been received. There were only three protesting, even in a mild manner, against taking up the questions of employers' liability and workmen's in-demnity. It was disclosed that 99 percent of the membership of the association favors a constructive, progressive policy of dealing with this difficult

SEVEN BOILERS BLOW UP.

Instant Death to 13 Men and Injuries to Thirty More.

Canton, Ohio, May 18 .- Quick death boilers this afternoon at the American the manner of payment for it. Sheet & Tin Plate company. Among the injured are half a dozen who prob- turn of the assembly, and at no time ably will die before morning.

total loss. A mere shell of the building is left.

Identification of the men was difficult. Arms were blown from bodies, and roofs of houses and in trees.

roically to the n rescue their fellow workmen from the burning ruins. The body of one man was blown

through a house 700 feet from the plant. The body entered the house from the east side and continued in a straight line through a bedroom and out the west side.

The torso of another man was found in a garden 500 feet away. One injured man begged to be killed. He had an arm torn off and a great hole gaped in his side. The plant had five mills. All the

employes working at mills 1, 2, 3 and 4 were either killed or injured, while the men in mill No. 5, farthest from the boilers, escaped serious injury.

Navy Next to Britain's.

Washington, May 18 .- The United States leads the world in the total displacement of completed warships, with the single exception of Great Britain. but is behind five other countries in the number of such vessels. Reckoning the war vessels built and building, America and Germany are running on equal terms, but the former is leading in displacement when the ships provid-Advices from Changsha, China, the ed for in the pending naval appropriacapital of the disturbed province of tion bills are added to the calculation.

> Denver Will Remain Wet. Denver, May 18 .- The anti-saloon element was beaten in the elections city council for a franchise. The com- cabbage, 31/2c per pound; celery, \$3.50 yesterday by a majority of from 5,000 to 10,000. The extension of the fran- within five months after franchises \$1 per box; green onions, 15c per dozchise from the Denver Union Water company, and which was to run for 20 years, was decisively beaten. It is claimed by the chairman of the Citizens, party, which placed a ticket in is being done at the terminal grounds. 75c@\$1. the field against Republicans and Democrats, that they have elected at least one of their candidates for the election commission, three of the four super-

Many Burned With Hotel.

Phoenix, Ariz., May 18.-Only 71 out of more than 100 patrons who were in the Hotel Adams, which was destroyed by fire today, have been ac- 30,000,000 feet of lumber here ancounted for tonight, and fears are ex- nually. pressed that many may have been burned to death. The register of the hotel was destroyed by the flames, which caused damage estimated at more than \$275,000, but many whose names are remembered by the clerk are missing. The search continues.

Political Riot is Fatal.

Madrid, May 18 .- A collision be tween Republicans and gendarmes is reported from Valencia, in connection with a manifestation in honor of the arrival there of the Republican deputy. and the Republicans used knives and stones. An officer was stabbed and ies get net returns of from 43 to 115 killed and many persons were woundper cent more, on the capital employed ed. Fifty arrests were made and oractual express operations, was der was finally restored after the manstated in a report issued by the Mer- ifestants had sought refuge at the Republican club.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

BERRIES NEED PICKING.

Indians Have Failed. Hood River-The berry season has ommenced in earnest with a shipment real estate made in Eugene for some of 150 crates. It is now expected that time is the sale of the Jonathan Johnthe shipments will double rapidly and son farm, known as the old B. F. Dunn that by the first of the week the season place, half mile north of the city limits will be on in full force. Prices for of Eugene and containing 1,138 acres.,

against the most serious shortage of acre, or \$56,900. Two years ago Mr. labor this year ever known, and that Johnson paid \$15,000 for the place. eident prevention abroad for the Rus- who are making every effort to secure is admirably adapted to that culture. sell Sage Foundation, and by other pickers from Portland, the Willamette As a further example of the rise in valley and Eastern Oregon.

The highest prices ever paid for picking berries prevail, but it is feared and a half ago bought the Whitney the valley to gather the crop. Many been bought by Seattle capitalists, for of the school children are being asked \$37.50 an acre, and six months later sues which attract public interest in to help out the ranchers as soon as sold it to J. O. Storey, of Portland, for school closes, May 20, and everyone \$60 an acre. Two years later, only a who can be spared will take a hand at berry picking. A number of orchard- to J. P. Howe and others, of Seattle, owners who are living in town and hav- for \$250 an acre. ing their places looked after by hired help announce that they will give their friends a lift, but it is estimated that to get the crop to market.

GRANGE TO FIGHT ASSEMBLY.

Ringing Resolutions Passed in Clos-

ing Hours of Meeting. Oregon City - The Oregon State been considered by the committee and labyrinths. reported for adoption.

Two problems of overwhelming imroads proposition the grange took an to 13 men, serious injury to 30 other advanced position, recommending that employes of the plant, and damage to the legislature abolish all restrictions pleasant, and can only be made by the the buildings amounting to many thou- against indebtedness as to such im- aid of pack animals. The government, sands of dollars-these are the results provements, leaving the people as the of the explosion of a battery of seven sole judges of the work to be done and

The grange was opposed to the rewas there in evidence any indication of The force of the explosion was ter- defeat of the resolution condemning it. rific. The big plant is practically a The work of the grange occupied a great deal of time and the important resolutions were left until the last day. After making every effort to clear the secretary's desk of accumulated busiand fragments of the bodies were ness and laboring until after the time blown blocks away. Bits of human set for adjournment, a number of im-flesh have been picked up on porches portant resolutions were still on the table. A resolution was passed laying One hundred men were at work in on the table for lack of time the prothe plant at the time of the accident. posed tax amendment, with others, Only a dozen or so escaped some in- leaving the matters to the action of

> Lebanon Fair June 15, 16, 17. Lebanon-The Strawberry Fair and Festival committee held a meeting this week, at which the dates for the fair were set for June 15, 16 and 17, when the growers say the berries will be at their best. Last year the fair was hibits. This year the delicious fruit will ripen at least a week earlier, and the fair is set for nearly a week later. which should bring the fair on at the very height of the berry season.

Lostine to Move Near Depot. Wallowa-After more than two years of negotiating, the George W. property, containing 40 acres, surrounding the Lostine depot, has been secured by an option and real estate dealers of this city will manage the platting of the new townsite and the marketing of the lots. This will be marketing of the lots. This will be Hay—Track prices: Timothy, Wilplaced on the market as soon as the lamette valley, \$20@21; Eastern Oreservices of the county surveyor can gon, \$22@25; alfalfa, \$16.50@17.50; be secured. As Lostine is one and a grain hay, \$17@18. half miles from the depot the business men began to realize that their future

success depended upon moving.

Build Road to Marshfield. Transit company, the proposed electric potatoes, 4c per pound. railway being promoted by Major Kinney, is negotiating with the Marshfield pany agrees to have the road completed @4 per crate; hothouse lettuce, 50c@ are granted in North Bend and Marsh- en; radishes, 15@20c; rhubarb, 2 W. P. Evans, of North Bend. field. president of the company, states that rutabagas, \$1.25@1.50 per sack; carthe street car line will be built. Work rots, 85c@\$1; beets, \$1.50; parsnips,

Big New Mill Will Start.

Wallowa-The first trainlead of logs for the big Nibley-Mimnaugh Lumber company's mill has arrived at the mill. A large number of logs are banked out, ready to be delivered. The mill is ready. The mill has a capacity of 50, 000 feet per day and is the largest of ten mills which will market a tote! of

Planning Cherry Orchard. Eugene-E. M. Warren, who owns the tract of land on Bailey hill on squabs, \$3 per dozen. which was located the old Tom Segar prune orchard, has grubbed up every tree in the orchard, 16 acres, and may plant the tract to Royal Ann cherries

Stamp Mills to Start. Gold Hill-A new 10-stamp mill at the Grey Eagle mine on Sardine creek is now in operation, and the stamp mill Senor Seriano. The gendarmes charged at the Kubli mine will be started Mon-

the near future.

Idaho, consideration \$7,000

40 Acres Sell for \$7,000. Freewater-H. M. Williams has sold nominal; 1910 contracts, nominal. his alfalfa ranch of 40 acres in the Hudson Bay country to J. W. Foster of

FARM BRINGS \$56,900.

Crop Abundant and Prices Good, but J. Johnson Buys Farm for \$15,000;

Clears \$41,000 in 2 Years. Eugene-One of the largest deals in berries are good, but pickers scarce. | to W. B. Holeman, of Puyallup, Wash. It is believed that growers are up The price paid for the tract was \$50 an

unless it is obtained quickly considerable loss will be sustained. The large First National bank of Puyallup, will number of Indians who unsually come move to Eugene to reside and will into the valley, it is said by Joseph erect a fine residence on a hill on the Tayhi, the Indian foreman who has for tract which he has just purchased. A several years supplied hundreds of his part of the farm lies on a sloping hill fellow tribesmen and their squaws, and a part in a beautiful valley exwill not be here this year, as they have tending from Spencer's Butte six miles found employment looking after their to the city of Eugene. Mr. Holeman places on the reservation. This has will divide the farm into smaller tracts thrown a big scare into the growers, and will plant most of it to fruit, as it

land values in this vicinity, Mr. Johnthat not half enough will come into farm of 200 acres, which has recently

Roadway to Josephine's Caves.

Grants Pass-To make more pleasthe valley must secure 2,000 outsiders ant the trip to the caves this summer the great limestone labyrinths of Grayback mountain, known as Oregon's Marble Halls, will be put in shape to receive visitors at an early date. These caves are said to be the largest marble halls in the world, and every year are visited by tourists from all sections of the United States. Form-Grange went on record as opposed to erly the caves were controlled by prithe assembly. A ringing resolution vate individuals, but are now within was adoped practically unanimously, the confines of the Siskiyou forest recondemning the effort to remove polit- serve, and much the same as a national ical power from the people, and sup-park. They will be protected and porting the idea of government by the cared for by rangers of the forset servpeople directly. Without discussion ice, in fact, one of the main camps of the resolution was passed, it having the rangers is near the entrance to the

Thousands of people would visit the caves but for the hard journey. Loportance were before the grange-good cated 55 miles south of Grants Pass roads and the advancement of govern- and with the last 22 miles of the disment by the people. On the good tance covered only by a narrow, rough and tortuous mountain trail, the trip through its appropriations for such purposes, will construct a road to the caves from the main highway at Williams valley, and will provide suitable shelter at the caves.

> Cherries Ripening in Umatilla. Stanfield-Ripe strawberries about Stanfield, Hermiston and Umatilla attest the earliness of Umatilla and Morrow counties in fruit production. Cherries are nearly full grown. Last year at Stanfield the first ripe cherries were picked May 12. The early season applies as well to peaches and apricots as to the varieties named. This extreme earliness is one of the best possible features of a fruit producing district and may explain in part a recent sale of Northern Umatilla county unimproved land at \$1,000 per acre.

Live Lobsters Coming. Boston-A specially constructed government car filled with lobsters has left the Maine coast for Portland, Or. But they are not to be eaten, at least for a while. They are going to the United held on June 5 and was two weeks too States hatchery, where they will be given their liberty. While on the way the temperature will be maintained at 42 degrees, and salt water will be sprayed upon them at intervals. These are probably the lobsters which

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are to be planted in Yaquina bay.

Wheat-Track prices: Bluestem, 88 90c; club, 84@86c; red Russian, 82c; valley, 87c.

Barley-Feed and brewing, \$22@23 per ton. Corn-Whole, \$33; cracked, \$34 ton

Oats-No. 1 white, \$26@27 ton. Fresh Fruits-Strawberries, Oregon, \$1.75@2.25 per crate; apples, \$1.50@3 per box; gooseberries, 6@7c per pound. Potatoes—Carload buying prices: Marshfield - The Coos Bay Rapid Oregon, 40@50c per hundred; sweet

> Vegetables-Artichokes, 60@70c per dozen; asparagus, \$1@1.25 per box; @216c per pound; spinach, 8@10c:

Onions-Oregon, \$2 per hundred; red, \$1.75 per sack.

Butter-City creamery, extras, 28c per pound; fancy outside creamery, 26 @27c; store, 20c. Butter fat prices average 116c per pound under regular butter prices.

Eggs-Fresh Oregon ranch, 23@24c

Pork-Fancy, 12@13c per pound. Veal-Fancy, 916@10c per pound. Lambs-Fancy, 10@12c per pound. Poultry-Hens, 18@20c; broilers, 27 @30c; ducks, 18@23c; geese, 121/c;

turkeys, live, 20@22c; dressed, 25c; Cattle-Beef steers, hay fed, good to choice, \$6@6.25; fair to medium, \$5@ 5,50; cows and heifers, good to choice, \$5@5.15; fair to medium, \$4.25@4.75; bulls, \$3.50@4.25; stags, \$4.50@5;

calves, light, \$6@7; heavy, \$4.50@ Hogs-Top, \$10@10.55; fair to me dium, \$9.25@9.55.

Sheep-Best wethers, \$9.25@9.55; fair to good, \$4.75@5; best ewes, \$4.75 @5; lambs, choice, \$7@8; fair, \$6.50 Hops - 1909 crop, 12@15c; olds,

Wool-Eastern Oregon, 14@17c per pound; valley, 17@20c; mohair, choice 32@33c.