# CATASTROPHE EQUALS IT

Johnstown, Charleston, veston, Chicago and Boston Horrors Eclipsed.

### *TREMENDOUS EVENTS* OF PAST OVERSHADOWED

Loss of Life and Property at San Francisco Enormously Greater Than in Any Previous Disaster in America.

San Francisco's terrible catastrophe cilipses in horror anything that has occurred in this country. In loss of life ind property it far exceeds the great conflagrations that awept Chicago and Soston in the early 70s and the earth-pake which devastated Charleston touth Carolina in 1855, the Johnstown lood and the Galveston tidal wave.

Up to the present fime the Chicago ire has ranked as the greatest disaster hat has overtaken any American city, the fire broke out Sunday evening, betober 8, 1871, and raged for two days tractically unchecked. Originating on the west side, the flames quickly leaped the river to the south side, where the usiness district was quickly laid in shes. Fanned by a strong wind the fire gain jumped the river and spread to the north side, laying in waste many locks of handsome residences.

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The total loss of life was estimated it about 250. The burned area was bout three and one third square miles, and the direct property loss was placed it \$190,000,000. Indirect losses added bout \$100,000,000 more. The fire renfered 98,503 people homeless and degroyed 17,450 buildings. The insurance osses were enormous and 56 companies were reduced to insolvency.

Morrors of Chicago. The whole country was stirred by the sews of the terrible tragedy, and aid soured in from all parts of the Union. The total contributions exceeded \$3,500,-

There were many thrilling incidents of the great fire. Anarchy reigned for time, and it was found necessary to rganize vigilance committees for the reservation of some semblance of order. Dozens of men were shot in their racks because found engaged in robery and incendiarism. Many prisoners rere locked in the jail in the basement of the city hall, and when it became aparent that the building would soon be a flames Mayor R. B. Mason was breed to order their release in order to revent their being burned to death. It has with the greatest difficulty and anger that the order was delivered and he prisoners released.

### Great Boston Fire.

Little more than a year later the cuntry was again thrilled by the news r a great conflagration in Boston. The ire broke out in the evening of No-

Palace Hotel, Which Is Reported on Fire; Lotta Fountain in Foreground



Powell Street Looking Up to California Street Hill.

A DANDY FOR BURNS.

Dr. Bergin, Pana, Ill., writes: "I may used Ballard's Snow Liniment; I ways recommended it to my friends, a I am confident there is no better hade. It is a dandy for burns. Those the live on farms are especially liable b many accidental cuts, burns, bruises, rhich heat rapidly when Ballard's Snow winiment is applied. It should always e kept in the house for cases of emergincy." 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by Voodard, Clarke & Co.

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San Prancisco's great catastrophe is naturally compared with the Charleston earthquake, though the latter was far less disastrous. In the first week of September, 1886, carthquake shocks were felt over a large part of the country, extending from New York as far west as Chicago and as far south as Jacksonville, Florida. The first disturbance at Charleston occurred Tuesday night. Coming in the dead of night the inhabitants were driven from their homes in the wildest terror, and the panic among the negroes was indescrib-

About 3 o'clock in the morning the dam gave way and the flood came thundering down the valley, a mountain of water 50 feet high bearing upon its angry crest the wreckage of houses. factories and bridges and growing swifter and deadlier as it moved. The torrent came down the valley at a speed of 2½ miles a minute, rendering escape hopoless.

Trees, brush, furniture, boulders, plg and railroad fron, corpses, machinery and an indescribable mass of wreckage sil inextricably mixed, freighted the torrent. One locomotive was carried a mile. Hundreds of people were, swept along, clinging to wreckage or finding

a precarious foothold on the roofs of buildings.

To add to the horrer of the tragedy, a great mass of wreckage which had piled up at the railroad bridge below Johnstown caught fire and all efforts to extinguish the flames proved futile. Many people were caught in this wreck-age and, while a few were rescued, it was estimated that 500 were burned to death.

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It is supposed that about 4,000 people lost their lives in the Johnstown flood. Exact figures could not be obtained, but the number of dead bodies recovered exceeded 2,500. The contributions for the aid of the survivors came from all parts of the world and reached a total of \$3,000,000.

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The Johnstown flood was exceeded, in loss of life, by the Galveston horror, in 1990. A great tidal wave overwhelmed Galveston on the night of September 8, 1990, and thousands of people lost their lives. The total number of dead and missing was placed at 8,661. A West Indian hurricane, sweeping across the Gulf of Mexico, hurled upon the doomed city a huge tidal wave, which engulfed everything in its path. The gale was blowing at the rate of 100 miles an hour and added to the destruction accomplished by the raging waters. The entire site of the city was overwhelmed, houses, business blocks, churches and public institutions were crushed as though built of cards. Gaiveston had a population of 40,000 people, and the scenes of horror and panic beggared description.

Nor was Galveston the only place to suffer from the hurricane. Sweeping across central and western Texas the storm spread death and destruction. At least 500 people were killed outside those who lost their lives in Galveston, and the destruction of property was on an enormous scale.

Generous contributions poured in as soon as the news of the disaster reached the outside world. The total contribu-

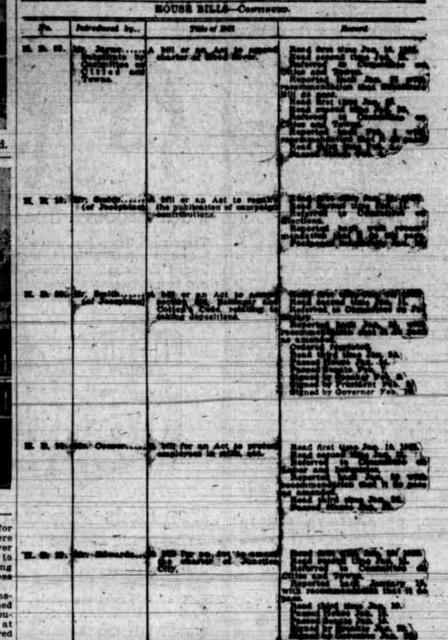
# A Graft of \$515 Per Day by the State Printer

Read These Facts-They Will Make it Plain to You How J. R. Whitney and His Calendar Clerk, "Jim" Finch, Work the Legislative Calendar

The Oregonian of March 5, 1905, showed up the grafting in the state printing office, and the Portland Journal of April 22, 1905, described State I Whitney's method of getting up the calendars of the senate and house during the legislature. State Printer Whitney, aided by his calendar clerk, Finch, had the calendars set in four columns, putting in plenty of blank space, and charging the people of Oregon double price for all of it, including the space. Paying \$35 to 50 a day for the work, and receiving an average of \$570 per day from the state. Mr. Whitney and his allied politicians secured the state treasury \$515 to \$520 MET FEE DAY for each working day of the legislative session—a total of \$16,135.75—by his method of using four or and double measuring.

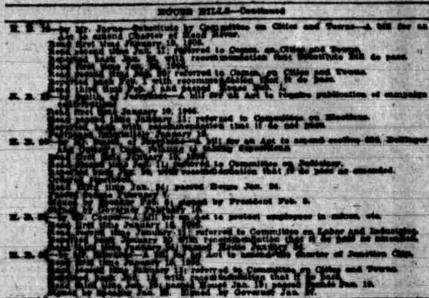
## Page of Calendar, as Set in Whitney-Finch Style

HOUSE CALENDAR - PRIMARY P. 1903



## Same Matter of Calendar, Set in Fair Manner

HOUSE CALENDAR, February 17, 1905



The type and blank space of the Whitney-Finch page measures under printers' rules, because arranged in "four columns," and comes lines of 55 ems; that is, 10,120 ems for the page; cost of composition, \$5.

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If set "Fair," as shown above, it measures 64 lines, or \$,420 ems for \$
same matter; cost of composition, \$1.35.

Here is an overcharge of 7,700 ems, on the page. At 55 cents per 1,000 em
the legal rate of pay, it is an overcharge of above \$4.00 per page. There \$
2,500 to 3,000 pages of the Calendars during the session.

State Frinter J. B. Whitney thus takes from the state, by means of "to
comman" and "double measuring," at least \$10,000.00 more than he should
cetve during a legislative session for composition of the Calendars alone.

The "four column schemes" was devised to accomplish that very result
is a "New Graft," devised to get money for nothing.

Mr. Whitney advertises that he "stands on his record," but doesn't give I
record. This Calendar graft is one item in his record.

Yet Mr. Whitney impudently says he "practices stricted economy in a
people's interest." "Why not be honest?"

Mr. J. S. Whitney and his bunch of rounders are now in Fortland, his "easy money" like drunken sailors, and making a thoroughly discampaign, wherever he thinks money (extorted from the state treasure votes.

## Remedy for the State Printing Graft

## Republicans of Multnomah, You Know Willis S. Duniway's Good Character

He has lived his life here. You know his reputation for strict integrity. If you want to get rid of the nest of grafters and secure business manage it of the state printing office, put your mark before the name of WILLIS S. DUNIWAY for state printer.

# THE EARTHQUAKE

Grants Pass Shaken by Severest Shock in the History of the Town.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Grants Pass, Or., April 18.—A severe earthquake shock was felt in this city at 5 o'clock this morning. Many were awakened, startled by the sound as of distant thunder, followed by a trembling of the earth. The disturbance caused considerable alarm and people arose and went out to learn the cause of it. Slight quakes have been felt here before, but none as severe as that of today, According to reports from the south the shock here occurred simultaneously with that in California.

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Aberdeen, Wash., April 18.—A meeting of committees from this place and

VOTE FOR

CHARLES A. JOHNS

FOR GOVERNOR

and give Eastern Oregon a mem-

## Here Is Something.

Manufacturers' samples of high-grade ladies' muslin underwear and shirtwaists for 62 cents on the dollar. This means that you can secure highly finished ready-to-wear garments for less than cost of materials. Come quick for choice. McAllen & McDonnell.

John C. Robb Buried. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Kelso, Wash., April 18.—John C.

JOHN H. AITKIN LEADS FOR

STATE TREASURER

Your vote for John H. Altkin for state treasurer is an indorsement of an honest business man's administration. He favors the selection of depositories for state funds and the passing on securities by a state board, and will give his personal attention to the duties of the office of

A clean, honest administration is assured by the increase in John H. Aftkin's lead for the nomination of state treasurer.

Robb, an old and highly respected citizen, was buried today. The services
were conducted by Rev. J. C. Abels of
the Prospyterian church, of which Mr.
Robb was a member, assisted by the
Masonic lodge, which took charge at
the grave.

Harsh physics react, weaken the bow-els, cause chronic constipation. Doan's Regulets operate easily, tone the stom-ach, cure constipation, 25c. Ask your druggist for them.

Choose Courthouse Site,
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and give Eastern Oregon a member of the State Land Board.

Statement No. 1 enfranchises the people, curbs the trusts and throttles the grafters. Investigation of opponent's vocation will generally show reason for his opposition.

JONATHAN BOURNE JR.

# SPECIAL



Rocker Sale

Thursday Friday and Saturday

Mission Rocker In weathered oak, spring

seat, upholstered in chase Spanish leather ....\$8.75

Here are three rockers that we are offering at attractive special prices.

Come in and see them.



THIS ROCKER in quartersawed-golden oak or mahogany finish, leather cobbl seat .....\$3.85



ROCKER in golden or mahogany finish, wood saddle or leather cobbler seat ..... \$2.50

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# WALTER L. TOOZE OF WOODBURN, andidate for Congress From the First Congressional District.

(Portland Journal, April 15, 1906.)

For 20 years Walter L Tooze has been citively identified with the Republican arty. Fearless and energetic in his delinase of its principles, he has stumped to state to the extreme boundaries, in yeary town and village extolling the indinative of the grand old party.

Mr. Tooze, in his present campaign, in yeary town and village extelling the invery town and village extelling the invery town and village extelling the invery town and village extended to party town and village extelling the invery town and village extelling the inverse to way for his present campaign, in or to the president in his railtroad rate plan, but its boldly haunched his standard into its political stream and has stuck to its colors. He feared not the opposition of those in politics for gain, but tither has ignored them and-sizuele iraight from the shoulder, reaching the iterests of the farmer, the hopprower, its laborer, the bottled-up coast harses and undeveloped southern Oregon, a his platform he has overlooked no muse of any importance to the first discovery too of freight shipped in and out of the greated on the opposition of the president promoter of the pres