

## WILFUL WAVE OF DEATH

Further Particulars of the Disaster in Japan.

## WORSE THAN FIRST THOUGHT

Entire Cities Were Washed Away—Some of the Seaports That Were Affected—Thousands Were Killed.

Vancouver, B. C., July 6.—The Empress of China arrived last night from Yokohama news to June 18. Regarding the recent earthquake wave, Yokohama Mail has the following: It will be sometime doubtless, before full particulars reach Tokio of the great disaster that has overtaken the people living on the coast of Pukuzen and Rikku. Between 8 and 8:30 P. M. on the 18th a violent seismic disturbance occurred in the ocean that ran along the northeastern coast of the island. Accounts thus far received place the center of the disturbance in the vicinity of the island Kinkwa-Zan. Following the coast line northward from Kinkwa-Zan, we find the reports from the various places on the beach:

Omogawa, Futhama—Many lives and animals destroyed and houses inundated, but no definite numbers.

Washigamai—Forty persons killed, forty houses washed away; prison doors thrown open and several prisoners supposed to be lost, as well as some of the wardens; quantities of gold and silver swept away.

Motoyoshi (or Shizukawa)—Eighty houses swept away; seventy-two houses recovered.

Kamaishi—Over one-half of the town swept away; many persons and animals killed; telegraph office washed away.

Hiyako—Much injury to life and property.

Kaji—The same fate as above.

Hachinoye, Minato—Eleven persons killed, two missing; school building destroyed; bridges swept away.

Some accounts speak vaguely of thousands of lives lost and 500 houses swept away on the coast of Ojika and Danjo alone, but that seems to be a exaggeration.

The statement is that thirteen shocks were felt in the neighborhood of Ishikawa, but they must have been comparatively slight. Undoubtedly there has been a lamentable loss of life and property, and large tracts of rice fields have been inundated and destroyed.

Following are further details regarding the damage done and lives lost through the tidal wave:

Umani, Motoyoshi—Buildings swept away, ninety; deaths, 400.

Hashikami, Mura—Buildings swept away, 300; deaths, 400; wounded, 100.

Koidzumi, Mura—Deaths 1,450.

Tatsu, Mura, Matoyoshi district—Buildings swept away, 600, there being absolutely nothing left; deaths, 600; wounded, 250.

Okachihama, Momo district—Buildings swept away, 40; deaths, 31; wounded, 5.

Sendai—In the districts of Motoyoshi, Ojika and Momo, in Miyagi province, there was disastrous damage by the tidal wave during the night. Motoyoshi alone had 1,030 deaths, and buildings washed away.

**Protection of Pugilism**

In Francisco, July 6.—There is a movement on foot among sporting men to form a society that will probably be known as a Sportsmen's Protective Association. The object will be the promotion of sports in general, and the carrying of boxing bouts in particular.

Business men interested in sporting affairs are at the head of the movement. It is their intention to interest D. Spreckles, Thomas H. Willard and others equally prominent in sporting circles in the matter, and in this way form an organization that not only do a great deal toward purification of sports, but become an eminent political factor as well.

At present it looks as if the sole use of the organization is to promote "scientific" boxing exhibitions, but candidates for public office are not opposed to such exhibitions will have the support and approval of the association.

**A Quarantine Squabble.**

In Francisco, July 6.—The board of health is prepared to defy the federal government. At a meeting of the board today a letter was dictated by Wallace Wyman, in charge of the marine hospital at Washington, declaring that the United States statutes of the federal government no authority to establish quarantine regulations over San Francisco bay, while California statutes particularly establish the position of the quarantine officer. The board has announced its intention of standing by its authority.

**Was It Andres' Balloon?**

New York, July 6.—A special to the from Winnipeg says: "A mysterious balloon passed over Winnipeg evening. The appearance of the caused people to wonder if it was Andres' balloon. Professor Andrew early in June from Norway Spreckles, from whence he intended to go to the North pole in a balloon."

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**The High Hat Bill Passed.**

New Orleans, July 6.—Representative Dudenhafer's high-hat bill has the house by a vote of 61 yeas.

As amended it provides theaters and other places of amusement where admission is charged provide a suitable reception-room, and an attendant to take care of them free of cost to their parents.

The bill, in effect, prohibits wearing of hats altogether at thea-

## BRUTAL DOUBLE MURDER.

**A Woman and Her Daughter Killed Near Santa Barbara.**

Santa Barbara, Cal., July 8.—A double murder was committed last night in the Montecito valley, the victims being Mrs. H. C. Richardson, aged 55, and her 17-year-old daughter Ethel.

A workman discovered the body of the daughter in a vacant field near the Richardson house, and her throat had been cut and there were several wounds on her head. Near the body was a club, which had evidently been broken in the hands of the murderer. The news of the crime soon roused the whole countryside.

The Richardson house was found locked, and when an entrance was forced, the coroner and sheriff found a trail of blood leading from the front door to Mrs. Richardson's bedroom.

Near the bed lay the body of Mrs. Richardson, face downward, in a pool of blood. A bullet hole in the head of the bed and one in the window-casing told of her efforts to escape the pistol of her assassin. Below the woman's left eye was a bullet hole, and there was another through the left hand. About the face and forehead were deep gashes and the back of her head had been beaten by a stick loaded with lead. When found Mrs. Richardson was still alive, but did not recover consciousness and died at noon.

The murder was probably committed last night, the victim being in their night-clothes. Citizens are greatly excited, and the murderer, if caught, will undoubtedly be lynched.

The suspicious that the officers first entertained, throwing the blame on Thomas A. Richardson, were entirely dispelled by the startling developments tonight. If Cyrus Barnard was the man who murdered the Richardsons, he was certainly brought to a swift reckoning for his crime. While resisting the attempt of Officer W. W. Hopkins to arrest him tonight, and after he had shot twice at the officer, the latter returned the fire, killing him instantly. Barnard was under strong suspicion of having committed the crime, and was kept under close surveillance. About 9 o'clock tonight, Hopkins saw Barnard on his way home, and followed him. Approaching him just as he was entering his house, he called to him, asking him to go to his office. Barnard at first objected, but finally agreed, telling the officer to wait until he left a package in his house. The officer followed him to the door and struck a match. Almost instantly two shots were fired and two bullets whizzed by the officer's head. Hopkins fired one shot, the ball passing through Barnard's head, killing him instantly.

**RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS.**

**Report of What They Have Done During the Last Six Months.**

Salem, Or., July 8.—The board of railroad commissioners was in session at the capitol today. A new freight and passenger schedule for the seashore railroad is being considered. Now that trains are being run, freight handled and passengers carried from Astoria to the seaside, instead of from Young's Bay bridge, as before, it is necessary to make some changes.

Since its last meeting, the board has made its semi-annual inspection of the roadbed, trestles, bridges and equipments of the Oregon Central & Eastern Railroad Company. The commission found that a great deal of work had been done since the last inspection. The bridges and trestles east of Albany are in fair condition, and new ties are being put down rapidly. The bridges and trestles from Albany to Yaquina have been overhauled and strengthened, and a number renewed entire. New ties have taken the place of old ones, and many more are distributed along the line of the road ready to be put in.

A force of bridge and trackmen was found at work. The road is in very fair condition for the summer travel.

During the last week of June, an official inspection was made of the Coos Bay, Roseburg & Eastern railroad. This road extends from Marshfield to Myrtle Point, having a branch to Beaver Hill, a town of 600 inhabitants, where are the Beaver Hill coal mines. The railroad is about 32 miles in length, and has been built about three years. It is well constructed, and the track is of 56-pound steel. The bridges are uniform standard, well built and substantial. The motive power and equipment are sufficient for the traffic demand, and are kept in good condition. The road was found to be in very fair condition throughout.

When the road is extended to Roseburg, 63 miles from Myrtle Point, the present eastern terminus, it will give rail connection to a thrifty section of a now comparatively isolated country.

**Floods in West Virginia.**

Wheeling, W. Va., July 8.—Traffic on the Baltimore & Ohio River roads is practically suspended, many bridges having been washed out between here and Parkersburg and Grafton. The bridge at the passenger station of the Baltimore & Ohio in this city has just fallen, and the Ohio river railroad bridge is in great danger.

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**The West Coast and Puget Sound Lumbermen notes that British Columbia mills have supplied the United States with 29,795,000 shingles during the fiscal year ending June 1, while we shipped 300,000 shingles across the line. The exchange of other lumber and coal products are in proportion.**

## BRIEF PACIFIC COAST NEWS

## EITHER CERTIFICATE GOOD

**A Decision From Washington in the Quarantine Case.**

San Francisco, July 6.—The United States and California had a disagreement about quarantine affairs today. The steamship Mariposa arrived from Honolulu and Australia, and was boarded first by the state quarantine officers, who issued the proper health certificates. Shortly after, the United States quarantine officer boarded the vessel and went through the same performance. There has been a clash between the two sets of quarantine officials, the state employees claiming that the United States has no jurisdiction over quarantine matters in San Francisco bay. Collector Wise had threatened to refuse entry to vessels not inspected by the United States officials, but today he received instructions from Washington that certificates from either local or national health officers were sufficient.

The sawmill on Lobster creek, in Curry county, will soon be at work cutting lumber with which to build a fish hatchery.

The streets of Westport have been under water, because of the flood, and the inhabitants have been compelled to travel on elevated sidewalks.

A telephone line is being constructed from Willamina, through Sheridan and Ballston, to McMinnville, where it will connect with the long-distance line.

Mrs. Malinda Cole, aged 59, a well-known pioneer of Baker and Malheur counties, died at her home on William creek in Malheur county last week.

Philip Brogan, Jr., who lost a number of sheep from poisoning in Dry Hollow, near The Dalles, has found that 500 head, instead of 150, as was at first thought, were killed.

A field found a young sea bird in his spring four miles below The Dalles last week, apparently enjoying a bath in fresh water. He thinks the bird was blown over the Cascades by the high winds.

The Goodale logging crew have commenced scaling and rolling logs at Coburg. The drive will consist of between 4,000,000 and 5,000,000 feet. It is not known just when the run will be commenced.

**THE PITTSSTON ACCIDENT.**

**Governor Hastings Wants the Cause of the Disaster Investigated.**

Wilkesbarre, Pa., July 6.—The men at work in the Twin-shaft mine at Pittston made fair progress today, according to the official report. Mr. Fuller, secretary of the Newton Coal Company, produced a map of the mine and showed what had been done, a distance of about 300 feet down the slope, or about 700 feet from the foot of the slope, having been uncovered. Secretary Fuller said that the report of the pillars of the mine all being worked out, leaving no support for the roof, is untrue.

The Southern Pacific company is repairing the roadbed of its lines throughout the valley. A train of twenty-nine flat cars, carrying about 7,000 ties, are being distributed between Portland and Salem along the main line. Other trains are distributing ties along the branches and south of Salem, and as rapidly as possible the material will be used in repairing bad places along the line.

A hop contract was recently signed by Salem growers in which they agreed to furnish Cincinnati firm 10,000 pounds of hops, for which they are to be paid 7½ cents per pound for the first year's crop, and 8½ cents for the two following years. An advance of 4 cents is to be made annually at picking time, and the product is to be delivered at Gervais not later than October 15.

## Washington.

The first annual fair of Pacific county will be held at South Bend September 23, 24, 25.

The directors of the Adams County bank, at Ritzville, contemplate increasing its capital stock to \$50,000.

The Spokane river apparently has reached about its highest for this year. It is still three feet below high-water mark.

Colfax's school population has increased to 734 from 631 since last year, according to the school census just taken.

The county commissioners of Pacific county have been officially notified that that county is entitled to a free scholarship at the state agricultural college at Pullman.

One thousand cords of wood burned near Hartford, on the Monte Cristo lake last week. The forests were on fire in that vicinity and much valuable timber was burned.

The cargo shipments from fourteen mills in Washington during May were: Foreign—Lumber, 15,366,587 feet; lath, 1,105,670. Coastwise—Lumber, 20,747,503; lath, 4,511,500.

Large quantities of cedar and spruce siding, and cedar roofing and siding are being shipped out between here and Parkersburg and Grafton. The bridge at the passenger station of the Baltimore & Ohio in this city has just fallen, and the Ohio river railroad bridge is in great danger.

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The West Coast and Puget Sound

## OUR RURAL READERS.

## SOMETHING HERE THAT WILL INTEREST THEM.

**Farmers Should Encourage the Study of Theories—How to Make a Good Earth Scraper—Crate for Marketing Produce.**

**Theory and Practice.**

The successful man who prides himself on being a strictly practical farmer, breeder or feeder, with "no theoretical or scientific nonsense about him," may do considerable harm by the force of his example. The fact that he carries on his operations intelligently and successfully is evidence that he carries them on scientifically. He is then, although he may not know it, a scientific farmer, and unconsciously understands which scientific men are trying to impress upon the minds of the ignorant, and at which he scoffs. Such men do harm when they sneer at the idea that theoretical or scientific knowledge is unimportant. It may be unimportant to the man whose practice agrees in the main with correct principles, but to the man whose practice is not correct, and never will be until he understands the principles which underlie it, such an idea is disastrous. If all men could or would conduct their work on right lines it would matter little whether they understand the principles or not. But all will not do this. Most of them must know the principle first or they will not persevere in the practice; some will, anyhow. Let us by all means encourage the study of the theories and principles which are back of practice in agriculture.—Stockman.

**Homemade Earth Scraper.**

A good substitute for the expensive earth scrapers on the market may be

**GOOD EARTH SCRAPER.**

made as illustrated. The material should be hard wood, and the edge in front covered with sheet iron, after which an old piece of crosscut saw may be fastened beneath the edge and turned up at the sides. The iron straps to which the chain is attached should go around the back as well as the sides of the scraper, to give strength. For leveling ridges and filling depressions about the farm, such an implement is very handy.

**Avoiding Sickness.**

There is nothing more essential to the success of a business man than the good health of himself and his family. This is especially true of the farmer, who must give personal attention to every part of his business and whose family is closely connected with his work. Anything that interferes with the usefulness of any one in the average farm home is a serious hindrance. For business reasons, therefore, the farmer cannot afford to have sickness in his household. One of the most common causes of sickness in the country is overwork. Many women especially suffer from this cause and do not seem to realize it, nor do their households. Another common cause of sickness is neglect of sanitary precautions. The country home is usually well situated to avoid trouble of this kind, but so often have we seen surroundings that invited disease that we have thought a country health inspector would not be out of place. It should not be difficult to prevent the pollution of air, water or food in the country, and if these are all pure there need be little fear of trouble.

**Box for Marketing Produce.**

Many a farmer goes to market carrying fruit, butter, eggs and a number of other articles. A convenient package for his use is shown herewith. The box has a bail for carrying purposes. One side, instead of the top, is hinged, disclosing shelves when opened. Fruit, butter, eggs and other small articles can be placed on these shelves, and reached instantly without disturbing

**PRODUCE CRATE.**