## WEST SIDE TELEPHONE, deplorable state of affairs here. The city is litterly in ruins, and the people MCMINNVILLE, FRIDAY, SEPT. 3, 1886.

THE TILLAMOOK COUNTRY.

The whole drift of the public mind to-day seems to be on the gold-producing portions Southern Oregon, or the broad prairies of Eastern Oregon, Washington and Idaho Territories and Yaquina bay. While this is the case we wish to rise to a point of order and call attention to the fact that there is a section nearer our doors that towers high above any or all of the above in point of true excellence and worth, and which in a few years will receive the attention that it so justly merits. This section lies west of us, and its name is Tillamook. It is a large county and its wealth is not derived alone from one source. Who ever crossed the coast range from here to Tillamook that did not admire the beautiful timber? Large monarchs of the forest rising two hundred feet, straight as an arrow ane almost free from knots. This timber is already attracting the attention of San Franciscans. Several ship loads have left the bay this season; and it is but the beginning of a trade that is sure to be a source of great wealth to our sister county. As a dairving country, this excels all others -the butter from there commanding from five to ten cents more per pound in Portland than that manufactured in any other section. The salmon industry ha sprung into prominence during the past few years. At Tillamook bay a cannery or two are operated and the revenue de rived from this source benefits the country to a considerable extent. At Nestucca, further down the coast many fine fish are taken, but here instead of being canned the fish are dried and are said to be excellent. The many salmon that are brought to the valley are readily sold here at a good price, attests the fact that this fish is sought after by everybody. Another fact has been demonstrated and that is that by proper planting and care the Netarts will pro duce as good oysters as can be found on the coast; this would be another source from which much ready cash could be derived. Near the Nehalem coal has been found in large veins, that would perhaps pay if there was any way to get it to market. The soil of this county bordering the coast, is the best in the world. It is a black loam, several feet deep, and capable of producing the larg est crops and furnishing grass in abund-All kinds of cereals and vegetaance. bles, all raised with success. But as it costs so much to get these products to market, of course only enough for home consumption is raised. At present there are three harbors along the coast of Tillamook-Tillamook bay, Netarts bay and Nestucca bay, that are entered with safety by vessels, and by these the people get their supplies and in return ship their butter, eggs and other produce. There is no finer place on the coast for recreation than this county. Her mountain streams abound plenteously with trout; good camping places are abundant, and every few rods the purest, coldest natural beverage gushes out of the Clearwater country and the Rig Bend rocks to quench the thirst of the traveler. Three good wagon roads have already been constructed to the coast- to the annual production of the country. two by Nestucca and one down the While all the local zircumstances are Trask. Another is in course of construc- thus favorable it is to be regretted that tion from Forest Grove, and we have it from good authority that at an early date a road will be built up the Willamina. across the mountains, its objective point being Netarts bay. And we have considerable faith in yet being able to ride over the mountains and down the coast behind the iron horse. When all these roads are completed, and the many acres of unclaimed land are taken up and made into homes for the hundreds, then will Tillamook step to the front as one of Oregon's richest counties.

are living in the squares and public parks. There is a great rush to the railroad depots to get away, but owing to the earthquakes no trains are able to be dispatched from the city. Telegraphommunication is also cut off, save one wire of the Southern telegraphic compa-

ny, which is loaded with anxious private dispatches. It is impossible to depict the ruin and desolation that prevails. Not a single dace of business in the city is open, save drug store, which is busy preparing perscriptions for the wounded. It is imossible also to give any correct estirate of the killed and wounded, as boles are constantly being disinterred om the debris of wrecked houses. One indeitaker interviewed stated that e had furnished eight coffins up to noon o-day. Many of the dead are lying unouried, these being of the poorer classes of colored people, who await burial by county. There are not half a dozer ents in the city, and the women and hildren are experiencing great privaions in consequence. As night approaches most heads of families are trying to construct tents out of bed sheets. pare awnings and other material that omes to their hands. The sun is about o set upon what is feared may be anothr night of horror, even without any other violent shock of earthquake. It s calculated that at least three-fourths of the city will have to be rebuilt entirely, if the houses are to be inhabited.

THE HARVEST.

The season of general harvest is now practically over. There are, as usual, ome tardy farmers, but the instances are few where grain is not already safely housed. The season could not have been more favorable. Good weather has been continuous; contributing not only to the convenience of harvesting, but to economy as well. It is still too soon to know much about results in the aggregate, but the general condition is mplied in the report which comes from everywhere-"Better than expected.' In the Willamette valley particularly the harvest has more than realized the highest hopes. The average is far beyond the expectations of early spring in all the counties, and the surplus for export will exceed that of last year by ome thousands of tons. In the Celum bia river basin the grain yield has been snormous, and railroad officials who have looked over the field carefully in detail insist that the quantity to be brought to the seaboard will equal that of last year. About Walla Walia and ome of the other older centers, it is true, the surplus will not be so great, but in the new ccentry, that is those sections recently penetrated by rail, the quantity of wheat is something prodigous. So splendidly has the country responded to its new opportunities that the railroad managers are encouraged to further extension of their lines and it is intimated that next spring will witness a PIONEER BRICK YARD. boom in branch-line building in various parts of the Inland Empire. Among the sections likely to be opened are the country, whose development, it is esti-



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DEATH AND DESTRUCTION.

An earthpuake visited the southern and middle states Tuesday night, destroying a large amount of property besides killing and wounding many. At Charleston the damage amounts to \$10,-000,000. Following we quote from the dispatches:

earthquake such as has never before early in the sesson at low prices and upbeen known in the history of this city swept over Charleston last night shortly ing. Some of these growers will actuafter 10 oclock, causing more loss and injury to property and far more loss of in spite of the high prices prevailing at life than the great cyclone of a year pro- dus time .- Oregonian. viously. Its wrecked streets are encumbered with masses of fallen bricks and tangled telegraph and telephone wires, and up to an early hour it was almost impossible to pass from one part of the city to another. The first shook was by far the most severe. Most of the people, with their families, passed the night in the streets, which even this morning are crowded with people afraid to re-enter their homes.

More than sixty persons were killed and wounded, chiefly colored. Among the whites the killed and fatally wounded are: MJ Lynch, Dr RA Hamlin and Ainsley Robeson. Fire broke out in different parts of the city immediately after the earthquake, and some are still burning, but there is no danger of their spreading. There is no way of leaving the city at present.

Two slight shocks of earthquake have been felt since the first, at 8:25 this morning and one at 9:30 p. m., neither doing any further destruction. Not even during Gen. Gilmore's bombard ment of the city has there been such a

there seems little prospect for a material advance over the prevailing prices of grain. So far as can be seen, nothing but a war in Europe could advance prices to any important extent and there s small prospect that the difficulty in Bulgaria will develop into more than a local affair.

Of all the productions of the country, hops alone command a high price this year. Not only in price high but the yield is exceptional in both quantity and quaity. The hop harvest is now fairly under way and nothing likely to happen can hinder a splendid return. Growers have been compelled to share the ad-

consideration of low prices. A general EVERY years past have accepted low wages in advance in wages will add about twentyfive per cent. to the cost of gathering, and this comes very hard on those hop CHARLESTON, Sept. 1-11 a. m .- An growers who contracted their product on the basis of last year's rate for pickally lose money upon the season's crop

vance with the pickers, who for several



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