## THE DESTRUCTION OF SAN FRANCISCO.

Telegraph Wire Fails and Reno Dailies are Only News Source,

#### READING ROOM SERVES PEOPLE.

Letters From Friends and Relatives Eagerly Looked for From Stricken City.

Lats Wednesday the word reached effected. here of the destruction of San Franin last week's Examiner. Thursday river raised fully a foot within a few more dispatches, which are printed Oregon City, chimneys were knocked in another column of this issue. down at Woodland. After that not a word came over the dozens of Laeview people who had beyond Wadsworth. relatives and friends in several of the stricken California cities crowded burg and several small places, at a around the telegraph office waiting for oclock Wednesday morning. messages and many prepared messages to send but could not get a word and many lives lost. brough. The line would not work, and for three days anxious hearts awaited news over the wire. The Examnier prepared despatches to send its violence in San Francisco and vito Oakland and Reno for 400 words cinity. This fact is evidenced by the from the striken district and the dis- various reports from different places patches laid on the operator's table where shockls were felt. until withdrawn three days afterward. | Shocks were felt distinctly at Pais-

the disaster was eagerly sought and L. and many others. F. Conn read the horrifying details to a packed house in the public Read- emy was destroyed by fire and several ing Room. The next night, Satur- buildings collapsed. day, brought another welcome missive and it was read to an anxious Pacific Grove. crowd likewise.

Mrs. R. A. Hawkins received a letter from her sister, Mrs. E. M. Brat- neys. tain, Saturday night. Mrs. Wattain At Hollister the Grangers Union lives in Oakland. She wrote that they warehhouse destroyed. Mrs. Griffith were awakened a little after 5 oclock killed, husband insane from shock. on the morning of the 18 by a terrific At Vallejo the loss is about \$10,000 shock and bricks and glass fell at at Napa many buildings shattered, no their bedside. They were soon up loss of life. The loss will amoun and out of the house, which was par- to \$300,000. At Sacramento a severe tially destroyed by the first shock, shoc was felt, at 5:13 oclock Wednes-The gas plant, in which Mr. Brattain day, buildings rocked like cradles, was interested, across the bay, in San many clocs stopped. A few cracks Francisco was destroyed she said, were discovered in the stone Post-Sherlock's house was not damaged office building, slight damage done to and Brattains, Sherlocks and Cobbs some brick buildings. were all living in that one house. Chimneys and water tanks were Flues were all shaken down and no shaken down at Suison, and at Tracy, fires could be built to cook meals, and At San Jose the Vendorne hotel annot a loaf of bread or a morsal of nex was badly wrecked and 10 or 15 cooked food could be obtained in persons killed. Every business build-Oakland. Mrs. Brattain's letter was ing was demolished, 50 people illed. a touching one, as it seemed it might The death list at Santa Cruz is large. be the last minute the writer might Santa Rosa is a total week and 1500 live. She spoke of how she wished people are homeless. The loss of life the children could be sent away to will reach hundreds. safety, and promised to write every The Santa Fee round house and day, if she lived through the siege. | machine shops at Point Richmond

Mrs. Shirk received a telegram from have collapsed. San Francisco Saturday morning the The state hospital at Milpitas is signature of which was incomplete wrecked and Dr. Kelley, the doctor in but it was supposed to be from Roy, charge killed, number of injured unwho was in the city, notifying his known. folks that he was all right.

Saturday night Mrs. Shirk received vey occupied the same room in a from cornice to foundation. erowd to the ferry and went to Oak- were injured.

Geo. Wingfield was in the city and | The loss at Alameda is estimated at did many others.

across the room by the shock. He 316 feet. but found the wires all broken.

There was rejoicing in Lakeview at the receipt of each telegram-long delayed in transmission-announcing the safety of the different Lakeview people or friends who were in San Francisco at the time of the tragedy.

telegram last Sunday from his brother estimated at \$108,000,000, and the stolen.

Joe, stating that himself and family were well and safe and that, so far,

their property was safe. Mrs. Neilon and Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell were under distressing suspense for five days awaiting news from Jennie Parker, sister and daughter, who was in the city. Their anxiety was relieved Sunday evening by telegram from Mrs. Parker stating that she was

Mrs. L. A. Blair, a former resident of Lakeview, is believed to have left San Francisco before the catastrophe occurred.

stating that his sister, Maud Wood- following table, given by precincts. cock, who was working at the Hotel Santa Rosa, was safe, though the building was destroyed.

The shock was felt in New York City and at Washington, D. C. which ty, which are not given in the follow- Labor Commissioner. shows that the entire continent was

Fishermen who were working in cisco. Operator Burke kindly posted their boats at Oregon City at 5 oclock by the Oregonian with 10 of the 33 can conscientiously support. four dispatches, which were printed Wednesday morning, report that the Mr. Burke succeeded in getting a few seconds, a slight shock was felt in

The shock was felt as far east as jerkwater telegraph line, and the Hazen Nev. which is about 50 miles

Shocks were felt at Ashland, Rose

At San Jose much disaster was done

The earthquake of last week was a world wide occurance, though it spent

The first Reno paper received after ley on the day of the big earthquake

At Watsonville, the Morleand Acad-

Shocks were felt at Monterey and

At the Delmonte Hotel, a bride and groom were killed by falling chim-

The shoe was felt at Santa Barbara. The fine stone buildings of the Lea letter from Roy, written at Oakland. | land Stanford University have suffer-He said himself and Mr. W. M. Har- ed greatly. Cracks split the buildings

hotel in San Francisco, not naming Dumb Asylum is ruined and the the hotel, and that when the shock Berkeley High School was damaged occurred they rushed from the build- by the falling chimneys tearing great ing partially clothed, and that he holes in the roof. The Homestead made his way through the dense Loan Association and Masonic Temple

land. He had not seen Mr. Harvey Great damage was done in Oakland since they left the hotel, and he was while no structures were entirely degoing back the next day to look for molished, a great deal of damage was

left his hotel without his clothes, as \$200,000. No lives lost, but several were seriously injured.

One man who slept in a room on The Tudor bloc, the Methodist the 6th floor of the Palace Hotel was bloc are damaged, railroad tracs thrown from his bed and half way across marsh twisted and tracs sunk

Deaf and Dum institute is a wrec.

The loss of property in San Francisco is estimated at about \$300,000, -000. The greatest property loss ever known in any city in America, from

## RESULTS OF PRIMARY ELECTION IN OREGON.

### Complete Returns From the County Shown By Precincts in Tabulated Form.

The primary election passed off counties yet to hear from: F. W.

registered went to the polls.

ing table of results.

smoothly. The results of the elec- Mulkey for U. S. Senate short term, had \$250,000 000 of risks in the city of Eldon Woodcock received a telergam tion in Lake county are shown in the H. M. Cake long term. Congressman, San Francisco, about one-half of Hawley First District, Ellis for sec-The vote shows to be very light, not ond. Withycombe for governor. near the number of voters who had Gatch, secretary of State. Steel, Treasurer, Duniway printer, Craw-A number of scattering votes cast ford, Attorney-General, Ackerman in the different precincts of the coun- Supt. of Public Instruction and Hoff

> The ticket put up in the county and State officers have been nominated so far as known in the state is a good on the Republican ticket as compiled one and one that every Republican

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CANDIDATES	Thomas Creek	Cogswell Creek	Goose Lake	Drews Valley	South Lakeriew	North Lakeview	South Warner	North Warner	Crooked Creek	Paisley	Summer Lake	Silver Lake	TOTALS	
REPUBLICAN BALLOT. U. S. Sen. in Congress, (short														
Fred W. Mulkey	7	21	13	6	46	34.	10	14	7	27	2	31	218	
U.S. Senator in Congress(long Jonathan Bourne, Jr.,	7	10			23	12	212	16	6	10	2	5	104	l
H. M. Cake Stephen A. Lowell	3	6	3	5	6	1	2	3	2	6		3	26 33	ı
E. L. Smith E. B. Watson	7 3 2 5 1	2 3	2	1	2 23	3 15	11	6	1	5		1 14	22 80	l
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Willis C. Hawley Samuel B. Huston	6	19	10	4	21 30	12 19	8	10	4 2	14 11	1	17	115 109	ŀ
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For Governor Harvey K. Brown	5	11	7		6	5	4	12	2 5	4		8	64	
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Geo, A. Steel			-1		2	1	1	3	1		-	-	8	
Supreme Judge Robert Eakin	11	26	16	6	51	38	12	22	8	31	9	34	257	
Attorney General A. M. Crawford	8	17	8	6			13	14	6	25	1	25	187	
George H. Durham	4	6	7		10	$\frac{24}{17}$	1	8	2	5	î	8	69	
Sup. of Public Instruction J. H. Ackerman	11	25	15	6	52	40	13	00	7	30	2	31	254	
State Printer		13	4		10						120	10		
Wm. J. Clarke Willis S. Duniway		10	12	1	29	12 16	9	13	6		1	19	87 125	
J. R. Whitney Com. of Labor Statistics	3	1			17	16	4	3	2	13		3	62	
O. P. Hoff	9	19	13	6	38	31	9	19	7	26	2	30	209	
Legislative Ticket H. P. Belknap	11	9	7	5	34	19	8	11	7	22	2	26	161	
George H. Merryman	10	12	9	6	42	27	9	13	8	19		17	179	
County Ticket Harry Bailey (Judge)						an.	6						6	
B. Daly (Judge) Albert Dent	11	20	12	5	$\frac{28}{47}$	11	15	12	5 10	28	3	23	69 229	
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J. L. Smith J. W. Tucker	1	12	1	26	24 8	21 3	1	3	11	12 4	1 2 1	4	102	
F. O. Ahlstrom E. K. Henderson	15	27 10	17	- 6	57	45	17	22 2	11	30 29	2	34 36	283 106	
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For Governor	8	20	16	1	28	20	8	10	3		19		185	
Geo. E. Chamberlain Secretary of State												200		
P. H. Stroat State Tresaurer	7	19	16	1	27	20	7	7	.3	18	19	39	178	
J. D. Matlock	8	20	16	1	26	18	7	11	3	13	19	41	183	
Supreme Judge T. G. Hailey	8	19	16	1	27	19	7	10	3	13	19	36	178	
State Printer	7	19	16	1	26	19		9	3	12		38	177	
J. Scott Taylor Attorney General							8							1
Robert A. Miller	7	19	16	1	26	16	6	11	3	11	19	36	171	1
County Ticket B. Daly	4 5	$\frac{21}{7}$	15 11	1	29 17	$\frac{22}{14}$	6 7	7	1 2		17	29	167	1
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rushed down the six flights of stairs | By a miracle the University build- Monday evening. A meeting was ruins. He says it is as near complete back then to find Roy, but they did tracks on the Suison marshes have in his night clothes, but went back to ing at Bereley escaped. The town called at the reading room yesterday as could be imagined. his room for his clothes. He then was not so fortunate. No lives were and an organization was effected to and an organization was effected to land the next day. Mr. Harvey says from Palo Alto states that all but one went to the telergaph office to notify lost, but the damage will be many further the interests of Woman's circular letters to the'r country cushis wife, in Los Angeles of his escape, thousands, the Town Hall fell, the Suffrage. Mrs. Anna Neilon was tomers, stating that owing to the con- directions and he put out for a part ford University have elected chairman and Mrs. A. Bieber learned woman and a good talker.

W. Mapring

ditions that prevail in San Francisco their capacities are totally inadequate an area as possible, and that no more crossed to Oakland, goods than is absolutely necessary be Mr. Harvey said Some one committed theft at the Kimsey lodging house a few nights accompany orders and all bills due the isco at the time of the tragedy.

Wm. Harvey received a five-day-old who had not seen the man to whom he in the here-to-fore greatest fire was ago. A pair of pants and a coat was sold, and did not know what they ed in intensity. The exact time was

next greatest fire in modern history of America was the Baltimore fire with a loss of \$35,000,000. San Francisco was considered one of the safest cities in the world, partly because of its effective fire fighting apparatus, which was destroyed by eatrhquake, and the bursting of the city's water mains rendered the fire company powerless to fight the flames with water, and only dynamite could be used to tear down buildings in an effort to stop the spread. It is estimated that the insurance companies of the world which was carried in America and half in foreign countries. San Francisco any city in America, because of its immunity from loss. A great many were lightly insured, there being no clause in vogue requiring owners to carry a certain per cent. of insurance to the value of property owned as there is in many large cities. As an example, the Chronicle carried \$15,000 insurance on the fire proof building valued at \$500,000. Insurance companies were in a position to hedge against paying a great proportion of the loss, because of many of the buildings being shook down by earthquike before fire occurred. A clause in all insurance policies reads:

"If a building or any part thereof falls, except as a result of fire, all insurance by this policy on such building or its contents shall immediately

The managers of the Insurance companies of San Francisco have given out that no discriminations \*will be water mains and sewer pipes in two made between loss by fire or loss by earthquake and fire. The position Great crevices were made in the pavtaken by these companies is certainly ed streets and debris flew in all direca commendable one. The reports that a quarter of the

city would be saved would probably reduce the insurance to \$200,000,000. It is thought also that life insurance companies would be hard hit, the Conservative Life of Los Angeles will ferry and raliroad depots to find them be a heavy loser.

Congress, immediately upon receipt of the news of California's destruction, appropriated to ma no to a relief fund. Portiane and other Oregon world in a few hours, but not a word towns donated about \$100,000, Seattle could go over the wires for the tele-\$20,000, and many small towns sums graph offices had also been destroyed. ranging from a few hundred to five thousand dollars. The Southern Pa. The Postal Telegraph office stood the first day's dstruction, and the operacific run special trains loaded with tors stuck to their keys until driven provisions from Portland to the out by the fire fighters to clear the stricken cities. Every available buildings for dynamiting, the only building in all the cities in the vicin- method of fighting against the fire. ity of the devastated portion of Cali- Massive buildings and residences that fornia, not destroyed, has been turn- cost millions of dollars were blown up ed into temporary quarters for the with dynamite in order to destroy homeless and starving.

The number of dead will probably The Mayor of San Franccisco gave never be known; hundreds of people orders to shoot down every man who whose existence in San Francisco was was seen to be robbing or attempting not known have been buried deep to rummage. several thieves were under the heaps of ruins, and their shot by the police and other officials. bodies will be cooked and ground into All persons were warned to stay away dirt, never to be seen, or their charr- from the fire front during the night. ed bones remain in the ruins till dug No electric plants or gas paints were out many months and mabye years allowed to run and only the burning hence, when the debris is being clear- buildings gave light or warmpth at ed away for new buildings. Friends night for the hundreds of thousands will only surmise after years of wait- who were made homeless. Reports of ing in vain for loved ones to return loads of dead human bodies being that they may have been lost in the taken to the sea for burial was heart-San Francisco disaster. Others, too, rendernig. The pitiful moans of sick probably, have been dumped into the and injured for food and water was ocean, like the occupants of the Cliff sickening. Not even drinking water House. This structure on a cliff above was obtainable, and thousands of the ocean, was picked up bodily by starving homeless beings were lined the shock and dumped bottom side up up and morsals of food and a few

### What W. M. Harvey Saw.

of the tragedy in San Francisco he left for outside places. says he and Roy Shirk were awakened A hundred pages could not describe by the first shock. He asked Roy the scenes, but a few of the dispatches what it was and Roy said that he are given below: thought it was raining and got out | Sacramento, April 19:-All the newsof bed and looked out of the window, paper offices, banks, wholesale houses then came back to bed, saying it was and office buildings and most of the too early to get up, but about that fine residences are either destroyed or time another shock came which left no doubt in their minds about getting Santa Barbarba, San Diago and other southern cities of California tell of up. They dressed and went down damage by the earthquae, but no stairs, and Bill ran across the street, loss of life has been reported from which was then filled with people. He those cities. One of the dispatches Mrs. E. V. Spencer of Susanville J. D. Venator returned from Los looked back and saw the top of the water front as far as ninth street sunk arrived here Tuesday having spoken Angeles yesterday. John spent three Lick House from which he had jpst in places from three to twelve feet. on woman suffrage at Pine Creek days in San Francisco viewing the emerged, fall to the street. He ran Five miles of the Southern Pacific not meet again till they met in Oak- sunk out of sight. of the city occupied by lower buildvice-chairman. Last night Mrs. to meet the demands, and ask that ings. From here he watched the fire Spencer spoke in the Opera House, sales be limited so as to distribute for a while and then walked around life. She is said to be an accomplished and stocks of country stores over as large the burning ruins to the bay and

would do.

# DESTRUCTION OF CITY TERRIBLE.

**Business Portion of City** Laid Low by Fire aud Quake.

#### DESPERATE STRUGGLE FOR LIFE.

enjoyed the lowest insurance rates of Many Escape to the Streets Only To be Killed by The Falling Walls.

> The whole world has heard the texrible news of the appalling disaster that befell the great metropolitan City of the Pacific Coast. Pen cannot describe the suffering of the nearly 500,-000 human beings in San Francisco and the thousands of others in the other totally and partially destroyed cities along the Pacific Coast. The entire business section of San

Francisco either went down with the earthquake shock or the fires that followed the tumbling of the massive buildings. Some of the more modern steel structures withstood the first shock but ere either gutted by fire or crumbled to the ground with the second terrific shock, which twisted the and tore up the street car tracks. tions. Many escaped death inside the falling buildings only to have their lives crushed out on the streets by the falling walls of the sky-scrapers. People rushed in their night clothes to the only avenues of escape, the destroyed. Thousands rushed to the telegraph offices to wire friends in other cities of their escape, knowing that the news would spread over the food for the flames.

into the ocean with all its occupants. drops of water was rationd by soldiers. Railroads and ferries were forbidden to bring any people to the In W. M. Harvey's brief description city and train load after train load

The splendid Memorial Church, one of the finest structures in the country, destroyed. One student lost his

San Jose, Sacramento, Berkeley, Alameda and other places heard from 5:13 as near as can be ascertained.