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## San Francisco Is Almost Wiped Out

**Terrible Earthquake and Fierce Fires Destroy Almost Entire City and Kill Thousands of People -- Entire State Felt Shock.**

By far the worst earthquake of modern years and perhaps the worst in the history of the civilized world, visited the state of California in and near San Francisco at 5:15 o'clock Wednesday morning, shaking down the monster buildings of that city and adjoining towns, killing thousands of people and doing damage to the extent of many hundreds of millions of dollars. Close in the wake of the terrible earthquake fires broke out in several places in the city and swept unchecked over the principal business part of the city destroying everything that the earthquake had failed to ruin. The water system was made useless by the upheaval of the earth and although hundreds of fine buildings were blown up with dynamite in an effort to check the flames the work was all in vain and nearly twelve square miles of the heart of San Francisco now lies in ashes.

We have not space to enumerate all the damage done but will mention some. In San Francisco alone it is said over a thousand lives were lost in the earthquake and fire and property to the value of about \$200,000,000 was destroyed. Practically all of the finest buildings of the city are ruined. The noted Cliff House slid into the ocean during the internal disturbance and not a stone is left to mark its standing place. Across the bay Oakland suffered severely from the earthquake and the Berkeley and Leland Stanford universities are heaps of ruins. San Jose, 50 miles south of San Francisco, suffered severely and Santa Cruz and Santa Rosa were practically wiped off the map, with many people killed. At Salinas, 118 miles south of San Francisco, over \$2,500,000 worth of property was destroyed and several lives lost. All of the towns in the vicinity of San Francisco suffered more or less from the disturbance and the shock of the earthquake was felt as far north as Sacramento and as far south as Los Angeles, where it is said the buildings rocked fearfully. After the shock at San Francisco all the wires went down but one and it was almost impossible to get out any news over it although the associated press did heroic work in sending out what dispatches it could. As yet there are thousands of people in the stricken city from all over the country whose friends and relatives are trying to get news of but so far in vain. At San Francisco the homeless are gathered together in the parks where they are being cared for as best they can and the city is under martial law and being paroled by U. S. troops to prevent crime.

It will be a number of days yet before an estimate can be made of the property loss and loss of

life and even then it will be very incomplete as many persons were caught in the falling buildings and later burned up by the fierce fire. It is almost impossible that the damage can be any less than mentioned in the reports sent out so far and it is quite probable will be found much greater when all is learned.

Samuel Goldstone and son and the Misses Binnard were stopping at the Savoy hotel in the heart of the city and it is not yet known whether they escaped uninjured or not. Their friends here all hope for their safety.

### Kendall Commits Suicide.

Rass Kendall, formerly a farmer of the Greencreek section and later a resident of Lowe, where he run a blacksmith shop, committed suicide Tuesday evening at his home by shooting himself in the head with a revolver while resisting arrest. Kendall had been guilty of the crime of rape upon the person of his wife's sister, a young girl, and Deputy Sheriff Blackburn was sent out from Granaeville to arrest him. Deputy Blackburn found Kendall at work in the field a short distance from his house and on going to him found he held a revolver in his hand. Blackburn then read the warrant to Kendall and placed him under arrest and started toward the house with him. Before reaching the house Mrs. Kendall appeared and tried to throw stones at the officer but was restrained by a man named Cross. Kendall then tried to shoot Cross but Blackburn held him to prevent it and was then fired at himself but dodged in time to escape being hit. Before being able to draw his own weapon and prevent further harm Kendall jerked loose from the officer and fired a shot into his own head, dying two hours later. Kendall was the father of four children by his first wife's death, about three years ago, he married a 16-year old girl, whose sister he is said to have outraged. The county coroner left at once for the scene of the shooting.

### May Build to Waha.

O. W. Click was in the city late last week from Ilo conferring with M. F. Fuchs regarding the building of an extension of the Nezperce Co-operative Telephone line from this place to Waha. Mr. Fuchs informs us that Westlake and Forest both want the extension and will put up handsomely to get and as the company already has a line from Lewiston to Waha it would be an easy matter to connect from Forest to Waha after the line was built to the former place and thus provide two through lines to Lewiston owned by the one company. This would give an excellent service and one would be very unliabte to find both lines out of commission at the same time. Just what steps will be taken by the board of directors at its next meeting regarding the building of the extension remains to be seen but it is quite probable the line will be built if the company can see its way clear to do so.

## News Around The State

**Items From Various Places Reproduced for the Benefit of our Readers-Stories Rehashed from our Exchanges.**

During a dance at Winchester Saturday night Arthur Rese was stabbed twice in the back in the dark by an unknown assailant and badly wounded.

Jeff Hendron had his arm and several ribs broken the first of the week near Stites by having his horse fall with him while riding after cattle.

It is stated that the Western Federation of Miners has secured W. Bourke Cochran to assist in defending Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone in their murder case.

Dr. J. W. Givens, superintendent of the insane asylum at Orofino, has gone to Blackfoot and will bring back a number of insane patients to be kept at the new asylum.

C. H. Jackson, chairman of the democratic state central committee, has issued a call for the committee to meet in Boise on May 21 to fix the time and place for the state convention.

Two seats in the smoking car on the Spokane train were ruined Tuesday morning by a fire which started from a roll of blankets on which an Indian had spilt a bottle of alcohol. For a time it was thought the entire car would burn.

A new railroad camp is being installed this week at Kippen and it is stated about three miles of side tracks will be put in at that place to accomodate the business to be handled there. Forty five Italians who were working on the Sweetwater irrigation ditch, have joined the railroad force.

Jerry Quick, an old man who had been working with the Milwaukee surveying party up the Middle Fork of the Clearwater above Kooskia for some time, was drowned early last week while working in the water trying to get a boat around a bad point. His body was carried away by the stream and has not yet been recovered.

County Attorney Crow, of Lewiston, has decided that the saloons at Canyon City, above Culesac, at Kippen and at Winchester must close and will notify them that they will be prosecuted unless they comply with his orders. They are within the five mile limit of the railroad camps and according to the state law cannot operate.

It is reported from Lewiston that a huge timber deal, involving over a million dollars, is being closed in the Clearwater country by a number of independent eastern buyers who have also secured a mill site, presumably at Spalding and will put up large mills to manufacture their timber into lumber. The buyers are said to not be associated with the Weyerhaeuser company. The Schofield timber holding, com-

prising about 10,000 acres of the finest timber in the Clearwater country, has been purchased by the new company and it is stated that the company is still buying claims wherever they can be secured. It is now believed that a man who has been in this section trying to purchase timber land on an extensive scale was a representative of the new company and that their aim is to secure as large a tract of timber as possible, both on Craig's mountain and in the Clearwater country.

### An Incubated Infant.

While Mr. and Mrs. George Carbuhn were visiting in Portland, Ore., last January, Mrs. Carbuhn gave birth to a baby boy four months before maturity. The little piece of humanity weighed but 1½ pounds. The parents decided to place it in an infant incubator under the care of a trained nurse and if possible preserve the spark of life in the little body. The child grew and waxed stronger each day after being placed in the incubator. When born the nails on the fingers and toes had not yet formed.

When Mr. and Mrs. Carbuhn returned several weeks later the baby was still living and growing nicely. The first of the week they received word from Portland that the child was now fully developed and had reached a point in its existence where it could be brought home and placed under its mother's care. Mrs. Carbuhn left for Portland yesterday morning to bring the little fellow home. They are expected to arrive Sunday.—Uniontown Press.

### Greencreek Gatherings.

Jos. Kaufmann and family visited at J. M. Willenborg's Sunday.

B. Stubbers and family took dinner with the Arnzen family Sunday.

Mr. Jno. Arnzen and Miss Katie Dasenbrock were published last Sunday. They will be married in two weeks.

Mrs. Sophia Jansen, who has been visiting here all winter, left Tuesday for her home in Illinois. She was accompanied as far as Spokane by J. M. Willenborg, who will take a sojourn in Canada.

Wm. Hehl, a young German living on Rice creek, was shot and perhaps fatally wounded Wednesday morning by Grover C. Davis, a boy 20 years of age. Hehl was a cattle man and Davis' father a sheep man and there had been trouble between them over a fence. When the shooting occurred young Davis was carrying some posts to build a fence when Hehl came up and commanded him to carry them back. Davis refused and Hehl said he would shoot him if he did not but as he reached for his gun young Davis shot him. The boy then rode to Grangeville and gave himself up. His plea will likely be self defense.

## Cottonwood Gets Electric Lights

**Frank Wright Secures a Franchise and Will Install System at Once - Have it Operating in Two Months.**

Cottonwood is at last to have an electric light system.

Frank Wright, who has been figuring on the proposition for some time, has secured the promise of a franchise from the village board and has decided to order the necessary machinery, wires and lights at once. He had Mr. Engelhorn, manager of the Nezperce light system, over late last week to assist him in the preliminary work and they circulated a paper and contracted for a large number of lights to be put in business houses and residences here as soon as the plant is in operation. Mr. Wright expects to run the light plant with the power from his planing mill and for the present will provide a 10 o'clock service. He will order the necessary equipment at once and expects to have everything in shape to turn on the "juice" inside of two months.

This place has long wanted an electric light system and the new enterprise will no doubt have a good patronage from the start. We understand about 300 lights have already been contracted for and when the plant is once in operation this number will be increased rapidly as the people see the advantages of the new lighting system. Mr. Wright will be granted a very liberal franchise and should have no difficulty in making his venture a paying proposition.

### Keuterville Klippings.

John Maugg, with his wife and daughter, Theresia, and Jos. Schmidt were Grangeville visitors Monday.

B. C. Wiltse and Dave Patterson, of Grangeville, were in town Saturday looking at some of the timber in this vicinity.

Lewis Maugg, a scholar of the Keuterville public school, is the proud possessor of an 8th grade diploma secured at the last examination.

The sawmills are starting up all around and soon all of them will be working in full blast. Ben Krieger's mill commenced Thursday. Hubert Hattrup's shingle mill has been running for some time. It has a daily capacity of about ten thousand shingles of a splendid quality.

### We Have a Few Bargains

That will not last long. A relinquishment on 160 acres of government land for \$500.

160 acres one mile from the new town of Ferdinand. 25 acres in fall wheat, 50 acres in spring grain, 50 acres more can be ploughed. All fenced and have plenty of water and fair buildings. We have several other bargains in the Ferdinand country. Write us for particulars. CROM & STEWART, Westlake, Idaho.