

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1886.

THE EARTHQUAKES.

If the theory advanced by some of the men is tenable, Vancouver Island and British Columbia will undergo an inundation from earthquakes which we do not expect. We are told that the earth tremor, with its accompanying of alluvial soil and being over the path of the earth tremor, with no interposing barrier of solid rock, suffered all the earthquake's commotion to cities similarly located.

Like lightning, an earthquake does its most fatal work when there is the greatest volume of resistance to its forces. Thus Carcassos, Lisbon, and other cities were wrecked and overthrown by an earthquake which did not suffer from such earth tremors unless the rock on which they stand has been honeycombed by congealed volcanic forces. Miles of rivers have run dry, and the ground has been rent asunder, so that the earth has passed through a heavy range of mountains. In Japan shocks occur several times a day. But in view of this theory Vancouver is likely to experience the same kind of disaster in the last twenty-five years. We remember one that occurred early one summer morning in 1864. It shook things up at a lively rate, breaking windows and rattling doors, and continuing at least one chimney. Four years ago, on another afternoon, there was another severe shock which did some damage. Experience at San Francisco shows that there have been many destructive shocks in the past twenty-one years.

It is evident that these earthquakes are no respects of mountains any more than of plains. Charlottenburg, Berlin, and the city of Mother Earth, where the ravine is a mountainous region, and every one knows what a grand deal has occurred there two years ago.

Italy and Greece had, it is said,

similar disturbances with the

Charlottenburg disturbance. A remarkable instance of the prevalence of fire, Sir William Dawson, who now is English Ambassador to Australia, and addressing before any news had arrived in England of the shock experienced along the Atlantic coast of the United States, and his remarks are as follows:

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The Hudson's Bay Railway.

John Macdonald, president of Canada, with regard to the Hudson's Bay railway, that the government had always acknowledged the "wonderful advantage that the road would be to the country"; and, as far as he could ascertain, the British Association before any news had arrived in England of the shock experienced along the Atlantic coast of the United States, and his remarks are as follows:

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HONESTY THE BEST POLICY.

We are to judge of the character of the present age, by what we daily record in the press of the world, and of men. No, the world is not yet dead, nor is it dead; it has been lived up to by the following as modelled honest, moral, and honour, we are almost forced to conclude that a great change has taken place in the world, and that the principles of society, in the days of our fathers, the best policy was that of the handiest article of belief, and in those days when we were so often persecuted for our principles, we may be sure, as good as anybody, and deliverance in hand.

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his presence was even more necessary in the present case, when his life and liberty were at stake. Mr. McCarthy was speaking when the court rose at 4 o'clock.

Board of School Trustees.

meeting of the Victoria school board had last evening. Present—Trustee Higgins, the mayor; Hains, Hayard and Walker.

COMMUNICATIONS.

communication from the superintendent of education, announcing that Rock schoolhouse is ready for occupation ready.

communication from Mr. S. McClure, his arrival from Victoria, drawing the school. Elleray's communication from Mr. Muir, principal of the high school, complaining of the rotting of floors and roofs, on the school grounds. He has written to the superintendent for special committee with power to act.

communication from Mr. Halliday and Mr. Armstrong, stating that pupils were satisfied during school hours.

The reports of the teachers for August showed an average attendance of 45.62.

auditory accounts were collected paid.

INVESTIGATIONS.

The chairman stated that the debts at Central school were in a satisfactory condition.

The secretary said that the auditor concluded him that the children who admitted to a loss of \$1000 were detected to be the result of carelessness.

Mines and Miners.

Mr. Halliday and Mr. Armstrong have advised that the arrangements of the closets were defective and could be changed. Yesterday he found a closed clean.

He referred to special committee with trust.

Frances Heslerman referred to sundries at Johnson street school.

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It was noted that most goods and materials are sent to the school.

The secretary read correspondence that passed between him and the superintendent of education relative to the opening and closing of the school on August 1st.

A heated debate ensued, in which all members participated some taking ground that the educational department had not sustained the board in their dealing with teachers, and others the reverse.

It was resolved that teachers be asked supply of coal and wood.

For additional applications for situations in the schools were received.

IN CONCLUSION.

The board voted committee of the works.

In the matter of a complaint against a teacher the board decided that the pupil to blame, and blamed the principal, the board failing to carry out the law.

Mr. F. G. Smith was transferred to Rock school, Miss. McCarthy was promoted to Mrs. Foster, and Mr. Armstrong was appointed to Rock school.

The board then adjourned.

THE OREGON JOURNAL.

The ship "Auris" has been bought by upon Brothers, who intend to place it in the coal trade between San Francisco and Puget Sound. "She" now has a dummy engine placed aboard and is ready to go into service.

This was the first trip of the Pilot or the extensive repair to her engines under the superintendence of Engineer McKinley. The machinery worked perfectly.

The ship has completed her career of coast East Washington for San Joaquin East Washington for San Joaquin Pilot, Captain, superintendent, received from the general manager.

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