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EARTHQUAKE VISITS SAN FRANCISCO-----THOUSANDS OF LIVES LOST AND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS WORTH OF PROPERTY DESTROYED-----FIRE DEMON CREATES HAVOC

URGES ACTION ON IMMUNITY

(Shipp News Association)
Washington, D. C., April 18.—The President today sent a message to Congress urging early legislation in the matter of immunity to persons and corporations. The inter-state commerce commission is also advocating the passage of a law granting right to appeal to government in criminal cases where the defendant has not been put on actual trial on the merits of the case. The recommendation has grown out of the recent decisions of Judge Humphrey of the federal court in Chicago during the beef cases.

W. C. T. U. NOTICE

All members of the W. C. T. U. and any one interested in temperance work are invited to attend a meeting at the home of Mrs. H. S. Massee, corner of Main and Fourth streets on Thursday at 3 o'clock. Dr. Annie W. Williams who is in the city re-organizing and perfecting these organizations will address the meeting.

SPRAY PLANT FOR COVE

Mr. O. B. Shappat, president of the Home Fruit Company, of the Cove informs the Observer that the company has ordered a Bean Spray outfit, which is expected to arrive in a few days. The motive power is a gasoline engine and is an up-to-date plant, costing \$425. When the company commences work they will put a full crew at work and when the individual members of the company have their orchards sprayed, they will accommodate as many of their neighbors as possible. Mr. Shappat says the outlook was never better for a bounteous crop in the Cove, in fact with the assurance of a road to the main line, the Cove people are all encouraged. The Sugar Company have leased several tracts of land and will grow beets. This will furnish another industry which in the past has been retarded by lack of transportation facilities.

Mrs. Curtis J. Wright of Baker City is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Wright of this city.

FRAME AND BRICK STRUCTURES ARE WRECKED BUT THE MODERN STEEL BUILDINGS STILL STAND

San Jose and Santa Rosa also Destroyed—Agnew Asylum Wrecked and Four Hundred Inmates Killed

San Francisco, April 18.—One of the most severe earthquakes known to the Pacific coast visited the city this morning. As a result the destruction to property and the loss of life is truly appalling. At noon the most conservative estimates place the number of dead at not less than two thousand. The first shock was felt at eight fifteen and before the frightened inhabitants had time to fully realize what was taking place, buildings were tumbling down in every direction. As if by a common impulse, all who were able started for the ferries, the desire being to get across the bay and out of the imperiled city. The rush for the ferry landing was so great that a veritable panic ensued, and many who dropped from exhaustion, were trampled to death upon the pavement.

FIRE ADDS ITS HORRORS

No sooner had the buildings tumbled than the debris ignited in dozens of places. To add to the terror of the situation the gas mains burst, thereby furnishing the flames with additional energy. To make matters still worse, the water mains also burst, making it necessary to shut off the supply. The cutting off of the water

entirely removed every means of fighting the flames, and the conflagrations continued unabated. Many of the fire stations are totally destroyed, and those remaining utterly helpless on account of the lack of water.

FIFTY BLOCKS WRECKED

The wrecked district includes fifty blocks south and east of Market Street, including Sansome, Mission, Battery Front, Davis, and Drummond Streets.

TO BURY AT SEA

The authorities have made application to the United States government for transports to take the bodies to sea for burial. So many are so mutilated that it will be impossible to care for them on shore.

OTHER CITIES SUFFERED

The cities which lie across the bay suffered, being severely shaken. The San Francisco suburban departments are fighting fire in many places.

FELT AT SACRAMENTO

The shock was felt here, and continued for a period of three minutes. While no one was injured, many clocks were stopped and a number of windows shattered by the force of the shock.

EXTENDS HUNDREDS OF MILES

From advices received from various points along the coast, it is certain that the earthquake has extended hundreds of miles south of San Francisco, though no where have the shocks been so severe as in the Golden Gate city.

SOLDIERS ORDERED OUT

General Funston has ordered out the entire force under his command at Presidio and Fort Macon to guard property and preserve order. As yet there is little disorder, as the people can hardly realize the great calamity that has befallen the city.

A BLAZING FURNACE

Howard and Mission Streets are simply a blazing furnace. On Battery Street the wholesale firms of Levy Straus, Payo Upham Company, Hayman and the California Game Association are destroyed as are also the Mutual Life Insurance building on Market and Beal and the Rosenbaum clothing house on Sansome Street. Buyron Jackson, large pump dealers, Vanwink Alexander and Yost hardware store on Market and Sacramento Streets are simply gutted.

An old pioneer of this city who was familiar with San Francisco in the sixties is authority for the statement that for many years the ordinances of the city prevented the building of brick structures. All buildings, being of wood to prevent danger from earthquake.

About twenty years ago an earthquake did considerable damage to buildings, but while every few months slight shocks are felt nothing of a serious nature has occurred for many years.

AT LEAST 2,000 DEAD

Estimates of the dead vary, are confusing and conflicting, but it is believed at least two thousand are dead.

Reports centering at police headquarters are most appalling and most all upon investigation prove to be verified by the awful disclosures.

LOCATION OF DAMAGE

Along Pine, Bush and Market streets, the fronts of many buildings fell into the street exposing the interior to view. At 9:30 the dome of the city hall fell, the Majestic theatre collapsed and is a total ruin. The Occidental hotel roof fell in, the huge stones went through floor after floor, not a window is left in the building. Four entire blocks along Market street from First, Second and Third streets are burning fiercely. The Rialto building is wrecked.

FIRE CHIEF KILLED

Fire Chief Sullivan and Policeman Frennor were killed while passing along

under the ruins of a building which toppled over.

BUSINESS SUSPENDED

All business is suspended and the mayor has ordered all of the saloons in the city to remain closed until the excitement has abated.

FIRE ONLY LIGHT

The light furnished by the burning buildings, will be the only light in the stricken city of San Francisco tonight, as the electric light and gas plants are disabled and will not be able to furnish a single ray of light.

Buildings are destroyed along F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z, Beale, Main, Stewart, East and South streets. Fire started in scores of places and there is absolutely no means by which the inhabitants can combat the fire. The Palace hotel, the best known hotel in the United States, for a time resisted the ravages of the fire, but at last ignited and is now (12:30) a mass of flame.

WORK OF RESCUE

The work of rescue was commenced almost at the very beginning of the earthquake and within an hour over three hundred bodies were brought to the Mechanics Pavilion, which is being used as a morgue, and others are arriving every minute.

The scene at the morgue is heartbreaking. The police have great difficulty in keeping the crowds out of the building. Thousands are demanding admittance in order that they may discover some information regarding missing friends and relatives. Many bodies are so badly burned that identification is impossible.

MODERN BUILDINGS STAND

The report at this time is to the effect that the modern steel buildings stood the shock with but little damage, but that the brick and frame buildings crumbled like Continued on page 4

FIRE AT UMATILLA JUNCTION

Fire broke out in the Round House at Umatilla early this morning and burned the building to the ground as well as destroyed six large passenger engines. The fire originated near an oil burner engine and quickly spread throughout the entire establishment before the blaze could be brought under control. The falling debris aided by the flames put six passenger engines out of commission, and lowered the motive power of the O. R. & N. passenger service to such an extent that No. 6 had to be brought over the hills with inadequate power and arrived here over an hour late. Engine No. 196 was destroyed and the oil burner which started the blaze was demolished along with four others. The loss is estimated at \$75,000.

GOOD JUDGES OF VALUE

The closest estimates made on the show windows at the Golden Rule Co.'s store were as follows:
Window No. 1 Mrs. Harry Frawley
Window No. 2 Mrs. H. Spence
Window No. 3 Mrs. T. H. Stringham
Window No. 4 Mrs. W. I. Hogam
Window No. 5 Laura Hawes
Window No. 6 The between Mrs. Emma Simmons and Mrs. Battie Kohl.
Total, Mrs. J. D. Ackley.

Watch For Our Silk Announcement the Latter Part of This Week



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Made in double breasted and single breasted suits from Worsteds, Scotch Tweeds, Chevoits and Cassimera, with full or skeleton linings, and every suit fully warranted free from imperfections, and perfect in workmanship. In fact just such suits as particular dressers of today demand. When you want a suit don't buy until you have seen our line of Kirschbaum Warranted Suits. Prices

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For men and women in Patent Calf, fine Vici Kid and White Canvas. Full assortment of this season's newest lasts in Welts and Turned Soles.

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Direct from the importers. We sell you the regular \$10.00 Panama hats for \$8.50 also an extra good value at \$5.00

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The best and most complete assortment we have ever shown. Shapes and colors to suit every individual taste.

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City Phone Black 1301

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