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SAN FRANCISCO IN RUINS

California City Visited by an Earthquake--Many Thousand Lives Lost in City and Surrounding Country.

Fire Followed the Shocks, and the Water System Being Destroyed, Firemen Were Unable to Fight Flames Except by Blowing Up Buildings.—Heavy Shock Felt from Sacramento to Santa Barbara.

Wednesday morning, at 5:15, several shocks were felt in the city. Intermittent shocks occurred until after 8 o'clock, when they ceased. Gas and electric lamps were snuffed and huge water mains cracked, flooding the streets. At least 50 blocks south and east of Market street in the region including Sansome, Mission, Battery, Front, Davis and Drummond streets were destroyed. Buildings tumbled in all directions.

A dispatch to the Journal from Sacramento, dated the 18th, said "The downtown business portion of San Francisco is a raging hell of fire, ruin and death. Every brick building of over three stories in the city is damaged or destroyed by the earthquake."

Later dispatches say that water has been secured in some portions of the city, but others have no water and many buildings have been abandoned to their fate.

The Palace and Grand hotels, the Call, Examiner, Rialto, Spreckles and many other prominent buildings have been destroyed. The Cliff House, the great tourist resort, was tumbled into the sea.

Temporary morgues were established at many points, only to be razed by the flames. To-night (the 18th) the city resembles one vast shamble, fire throwing weird shadows across worn, panic-stricken faces of homeless people wandering the streets or sleeping on piles of clothing or mattresses in the parks and on the sidewalks in those districts not reached by the fire.

The area covered by flames up to this time is about eight square miles or several hundred city blocks. The only means of checking the flames in the worst damaged parts of the city is by blowing up buildings by dynamite.

Reports from cities near San Francisco show the destruction is general. Santa Rosa, 60 miles north, is in flames and the damage is estimated at over \$1,000,000. The loss of life is not known.

At Napa many buildings were shattered. No loss of life reported.

At Vallejo the damage was slight.

All but one of the Leland Stanford Jr. university buildings is reported wrecked and the memorial chapel, one of the finest structures of its kind in the world, is a mass of ruins.

In Oakland five persons were killed. San Jose, Berkeley, Alameda, Sacramento and other places heard from suffered severely.

It is believed that some loss will be sustained by nearly every family residing in the city of San Francisco.

Tall steel structures stood the shock better than the brick buildings, few of them being badly damaged.

Some of the docks and freight sheds along the water front slid into the bay. Deep fissures opened in the filled-in ground near the shore and the Union ferry depot was damaged.

A Lucky Postmistress
is Mrs. Alexander, of Cary, Me., who has found Dr. King's new Life Pills to be the best remedy she ever tried for keeping the stomach, liver and bowels in perfect order. You'll agree with her if you try these painless purifiers that infuse new life. Guaranteed by Brewer Drug Co. druggist. Price 25 cents.

The Spreckles sugar factory at Sausalito is entirely destroyed, loss a million and a half.

Shocks were felt at Monterey and Pacific Grove, but little damage was done.

At San Jose the Vendome hotel annex was wrecked and ten or fifteen killed. It is estimated that fifty have been killed and the post-office building wrecked.

Santa Rosa is a total wreck and 1500 people are homeless. The loss of life will probably reach hundreds. The main street is piled many feet deep with fallen buildings. There is not a brick or stone building left standing in the city and the entire devastated territory has been burned over.

Considerable damage was done in Oakland and East Oakland.

Estimates of the dead vary and reports are confusing and conflicting, but it is believed that there are at least 2,000 dead. Reports centering at the police headquarters are appalling but most all of them are verified. Application has been made to the federal government for transports to take the bodies to be buried at sea. Many of them are so mutilated that it is impossible to care for them ashore.

Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda, Point Richmond and Sausalito suffered and were shaken severely. The suburban fire departments are also fighting many fires.

That the world received news throughout the day of the San Francisco disaster is due to the telegraph operators there, who stuck to their posts and continued to send news and other messages in spite of great personal danger to the operators and officials of the postal telegraph company remained in the main office of the company at the corner of Market and Montgomery streets opposite the Palace hotel until they were ordered out of the building because of the danger from dynamite explosions in the immediate vicinity. The men proceeded to Oakland, across the bay, and took possession of the offices there.

THE LATEST.

The latest we have from the stricken city is that all hope of checking the flames has been abandoned; thousands are homeless; the government is sending soldiers, tents and blankets; money is pouring into the devastated district, Portland has already sent \$100,000; doctors and nurses are arriving from all parts of the country.

San Jose is almost entirely wiped out. Fire has done probably more damage to property in the cities than has the earthquake.

The reports in the earlier dispatches given above are confirmed by those received later. The affair is as serious as stated and no report seems exaggerated.

Devils Island Torture
is no worse than the terrible case of Piles that afflicted me 10 years. Then I was advised to apply Buckle's Arnica Salve, and less than a box permanently cured me, writes L. S. Napier, of Rugles, Ky. Heals all wounds, Burns and sores like magic. 25 cents at Brewer Drug Co.

ANTIQUÉ SEVRES.

You Can Always Distinguish the Genuine by Its Gilding.

False Sevres in the bric-a-brac shops is offered as genuine by "reputable dealers" in London and Paris as well as in New York. It is old, it is true, but only as old as the "restoration" in France, although the marks would indicate a much earlier and better period. The counterfeits may usually be detected by the surface of the gilding. In the real it was burnished in lines by means of metal nails with rounded points, which were set in a piece of wood.

The imitations of later date than the real have been burnished in a similar manner, but with an agate. It required considerably more force to obtain a bright surface by the ancient method than by the use of the agate point; hence the burnished lines in the genuine ware are perceptibly sunken, while in the counterfeit ware they are flush with the general surface of the gilding. There are other means of "spotting" the imitations, such as the inexact copying of the marks which have served since 1753 to denote the date of fabrication, and the use of chrome green, which was not discovered until 1802, but the test of the burnished parts of the gilding is the easiest for the ordinary buyer.—New York Herald.

Granulated Meat For Poultry.

For those who have neither time nor opportunity to prepare meat in other forms for their poultry the prepared granulated stuff is an excellent substitute and is so cheap that it should never be left out of the diet for growing chickens and for winter layers, says A. V. Meersch in Western Poultry Journal. It is made either from horseflesh or from the offal of cattle and is a composition of flesh and bone boiled up and dried and then pressed into blocks, afterward being passed through a mill to be broken up into convenient sizes. It is so prepared that it will keep fresh and sweet for some considerable time, and when chickens are fed entirely on dry food it is convenient to give them their meat in this form. The amount to be given depends largely upon the size of the birds, but a little every day to each one will make a great difference.

Incubator Chicks Under Hens.

A hen to which incubator chicks are to be given should be free from lice and in another nest where other hens cannot disturb her. In the evening two or three chicks at least thirty-six hours old may be placed under her from behind, care being taken not to excite her lest she step on them. At least one chick of each color should be given her, for hens are apt to kill chicks of another breed, color or size than those they have already adopted. The following morning she may be expected to mother as many as are given her.—Bulletin Connecticut Station.

Food of the Oyster.

"Many gallons, probably many barrels, of water are drawn through the gills of each oyster each day," writes a university professor, "and the microscopic beings that it may hold are strained out and pushed along into the oyster's mouth. Each microscopic organism is a long time in traveling from the point where it first touches the gill to the oyster's stomach; all this while it is alive and capable of becoming the parent of new generations when removed from the gill and placed under suitable conditions. Most of these organisms are wholesome to man, and all that enter the oyster's stomach are quickly killed and converted into its palatable and nutritious substance, but so long as they are traveling along the gills all are alive and, some are extremely dangerous to man. The oyster exercises choice in the selection of its food, rejecting some of the microscopic organisms and swallowing others, but those that are discharged into the water with the sewage of cities are not unfortunately among the ones that are rejected, and before these have entered the oyster's stomach they are most favorably placed for gaining entrance into human stomachs and multiplying there."

Perfumes.

In the collection of perfumes two processes are employed. In one, the grease process, boxes with glass bottoms are prepared, the bottom being covered with pure grease or suet, and the flowers, gathered fresh every day during the season, are laid on trays in the box, the grease being left to absorb the fragrance. In the oil process the place of grease is taken by cotton batting saturated with oil, the process being substantially the same. In both cases the vehicle becomes impregnated with the essential oil and odor of flowers.

In these Strenuous Times

When earthquakes are shaking the earth and candidates for office are auguring you to death, don't lose your head. The earth will soon assume its normal condition and candidates will go up Salt Creek, and then peace will be restored.

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18.00 " " " " " "	16.20	\$12.50 boys suit	\$ 8.35
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5.00 " " " " " "	4.50	Like cut in prices on Little Fellows Clothing.		2.65

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G. D. TROTTER,
STAYTON, OREGON.

Is the moon Inhabited.
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Grip Quickly Knocked Out.
"Some weeks ago during the severe winter weather both my wife and myself contracted severe colds which speedily developed into the worst kind of la grippe with all its miserable symptoms," says Mr. J. S. Eggleston of Maple Landing, Iowa. "Knees and joints aching, muscles sore, head stopped up, eyes and nose running with alternate spells of chills and fever. We began using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, aiding the same with a double dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, and by its liberal use soon completely knocked out the grip. Sold by the Stayton Pharmacy."

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