

WILD GROWDS AWAITERS

Many Portland People in Doomed City and Hundreds Attempt to File Telegrams of Inquiry.

NUMBERS WENT DOWN TO ATTEND GRAND OPERA

People Who Have Relatives Living in San Francisco Frantic With Fear for Their Safety—Guests at Hotels From Bay City Try in Vain to Communicate With Families.

There were wild scenes at the local telegraph offices this morning when the news of the great San Francisco disaster became general throughout Portland. It developed that numbers of Portland people were in the stricken city, and hundreds attempted to file messages of inquiry concerning friends and relatives. For all there was but one answer:

"We can accept no messages for San Francisco."

Upon this announcement consternation became general. Crowds surrounded the Postal Telegraph office at Third and Washington streets, watching as bulletins were posted in the window telling of the progress of the fire. At last there came one that struck the crowd with a deeper horror. It read:

"Postal building burning. We have to move."

Men made wild offers to get a message into San Francisco by a circuitous route. All had to be denied. Every bit of news was eagerly devoured. Groups of men stood on the street corners talking of the catastrophe.

At the office of the Western Union at Third and Stark streets the same state of affairs prevailed. All messages were refused. Crowds stood about the corner and across the street by the Chamber of Commerce building discussing the event.

Many Worried Over Relatives.

Portlanders who have relatives in the stricken city besieged the telegraph offices, the railway offices and bucket-shops eagerly seeking upon every bit of fresh information.

At the Belvedere hotel both proprietors, F. Strobel and C. Barensteecher, were attempting to communicate with San Francisco and learn of the fate of their families. They are visiting in the city by the bay and were to have started home tomorrow.

"I would give anything to get a message through," said Mr. Strobel. "My family and Mrs. Barensteecher's folks are visiting within two blocks of the city hall, which they say is in ruins. It seems we can do nothing but wait. There is no way to get news of our relatives."

H. F. Tiedeman and wife of San Francisco are at the Belvedere. Mr. Tiedeman is the representative of a liquor house. He has a home not far from the city hall, and many relatives in the city. He was also attempting to get a message through, but was told none could be accepted.

At 1 o'clock, when the Postal posted a bulletin stating that the San Francisco office was burning, there were more than 200 people surrounding the window. The office was crowded and men and women were pleading for messages to be filed. It was explained that there was no wire.

No Messages Accepted.

"Hundreds seem to have friends and relatives in San Francisco," said an employe. "We can do nothing for them; we have orders not to accept any messages unless they cannot be delivered."

Many residents of Portland were in San Francisco to attend the grand opera. It was impossible to get news of them this morning. J. R. McCracken and wife are in the city. Sig Reich and wife are there. Harvey W. Scott and H. L. Pittcock were to have reached the city at 7 o'clock this morning from Los Angeles. Other Portland people in San Francisco are John Carson, Harry Beck, Mabel Beck, Clara Levy, Bertram Levy, Louis Lutz, James Galland, Miss Kathleen Lawler and Mrs. E. E. Lytle. J. P. O'Brien and his family have been at the Palace hotel for several days.

At the Portland hotels this morning there were frantic guests. Not one of the leading hotels but has on its register people from San Francisco. These were all endeavoring to communicate with the doomed town. Traveling salesmen talked in groups, wondering whether the establishments for which they worked were destroyed.

One Year for Trade.

"I don't know whether to go out and sell goods or not," said Henry N. Anderson, representative of a San Francisco coffee house, who is staying at the Hotel Portland. "I don't know whether I have any goods to sell."

"I guess it is all up with me," said F. L. Ellison at the Oregon. Mr. Ellison, who is a wholesale dry-goods firm, "if the reports concerning the fire are correct, my firm must have lost heavily."

At the Hotel Portland was William G. Hawes, whose bride of three months was quartered in the Palace hotel. When news of the destruction of that hostelry came Mr. Hawes sought to learn whether his wife had escaped, but was unable to get a message through. He said that unless he was able to get a message this evening he would leave at once for the south.

Louis Trummer of Portland was in San Francisco, and it is known was stopping at the Palace hotel. Friends were making vain efforts to get word from him this morning.

Crowds surrounded the bulletin board in front of the Journal office eagerly reading every fresh bulletin. Many spoke of having friends in San Francisco. Others left the board when the news of the disaster was confirmed by the Journal's special service and rushed to the telegraph offices to file messages, but there to be met by the refusal of the superintendent.

"We can file no messages for San Francisco."

Much Fear for O'Brien.

Among Harrison railroad officials in Portland and New York great anxiety is felt for the safety of J. E. O'Brien, general manager of the Oregon lines. Mr. O'Brien is known to have left Los Angeles yesterday in his car attached to train No. 21 over the coast division, due in San Francisco at 11:45 last night. On leaving Los Angeles he telegraphed to his Portland office that he would go to San Francisco and remain there several days. It was his intention to stop at the Palace hotel. Nothing has since been heard from him.

It is believed that owing to the late hour of his arrival in San Francisco he would have remained all night in his



St. Francis Hotel.

STRICKEN DURING PROSPERITY

Appalling Disaster Today Found City of San Francisco in Era of Great Progress.

Building Operations on Extensive Scale

Last Few Years Has Seen Erection of Many Huge Skyscrapers in Business District and Rapid Development in All Lines.

Building operations in San Francisco within the last four or five years have been on an extraordinary scale, and huge skyscrapers have been erected all over the business district. The rapid development of Oriental trade has attracted an immense amount of eastern capital to the California metropolis, and local capital has also been turned to the improvement of property which had been neglected for many years. The change in the appearance of many of the downtown thoroughfares has been remarkable. Market, Montgomery, Kearney, Geary, California, Howard, Mason, and other streets in the business center have been the scene of extraordinary activity in the building line, and many of the structures are among the handsomest on the Pacific coast.

The great Fairmount hotel, the most sumptuous establishment of the kind in the west, is one of the most notable of recent improvements. The St. Francis street in Phelan's is another huge hotel, some 15 stories in height. Only two blocks away is the new Flood building, on the site of the old Baldwin hotel, and three blocks further down Market street is Phelan's building, running from Market to Geary.

The Merchants' Exchange, at California and Market streets, is 15 stories high, and one of the finest of the modern office buildings in San Francisco. The Hayward building, just opposite, was completed about three years ago, and is tenanted by many of the leading attorneys and brokers. The Rialto, on New Montgomery street, is another fine structure, only a short distance from the Palace hotel.

The Call building is of earlier date, but has been one of the picturesque features of the city, towering to a height of 18 stories. It commanded a magnificent view of the city and the bay. According to the reports received this morning, it is now in ruins.

Mission, Howard and Polson streets have witnessed extraordinary building activity within the last two years, and many eight and ten story buildings have been erected. The "South of Market" district, long neglected, has attracted many investors, and its recent development has been on a very large scale.

Improvements in the residence districts have kept pace with the growth of the business sections, and many handsome homes have been erected. Few cities in this country have had so rapid growth as San Francisco in the last four years.

ST. FRANCIS HOTEL

Nothing can be learned as to the effects of the earthquake in that quarter of the city. Southern Pacific officials in Portland, spurred by their own anxiety, as well as repeated telegraphic requests from New York, have tried vainly all day to get wire communication with San Francisco. Absolutely nothing has been learned by them up to a late hour this afternoon.

Juston and Family There.

L. E. Juston, restaurateur, with his wife and daughter, have been guests at the Lock house in San Francisco during the past two weeks. They were planning to leave this evening for Portland. Mr. Juston recently spent several months in Europe, and was met in New York by Mrs. Juston and daughter. The party visited friends in many American cities.

Among the Portlanders in San Francisco are Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Shannon and F. M. Ruffner of 418 East Harrison street.

Mrs. C. W. Knowles, wife of the manager of the Imperial hotel, is at present in San Francisco, where she is stopping at the Hotel St. Nicholas.

E. W. Commins of San Francisco is registered at the Imperial. He was endeavoring in vain to get news of his family at home.

W. F. Howatt, traveling salesman for a San Francisco fire hose and apparatus supply house, is registered at the Imperial. Though unable to get news from his firm, he fears that the establishment for which he works is damaged, at least to some extent. He has relatives in the city, but said that he thought them outside the danger zone.

Some Who Are Worried.

Mrs. R. Schneider, mother of Deputy Clerk Herman Schneider, is visiting relatives in San Francisco.

F. A. Bancroft, father of a local newspaper reporter, lives in the stricken city, as does C. A. Lindsay, a cousin of Mrs. Frank S. Fields. Mr. Lindsay is an attorney with offices in the Call building.

John Cruise and M. A. McLaughlin, cousins of Deputy Sheriff John Grusel, are residents of San Francisco.

Mrs. Morden, mother of Chief Deputy Sheriff George Morden, lives at Pacific Grove, a few miles south of San Francisco.

Mrs. Louise Dammasch and daughter of Portland are in San Francisco.

Deputy Sheriff John relatives in business in the district destroyed, and fears for their safety. His cousin, L. Sotena, is the head of the commission firm which bears his name, and which is located at Washington and Davis streets. Another cousin, John D. Martini, is in the wholesale commission business across the street.

Special Train Nagged.

Traveling salesmen at the Hotel Portland made arrangements at noon today with the Southern Pacific company to run a special train to San Francisco at a cost of \$1,934, the train to accommodate 18 persons, with berths, and to cost each about \$10. A notice was posted at noon on the hotel bulletin board that the train would start half an hour after the party was formed. At 12:45 o'clock 11 of the necessary 18 had been bound, and it was thought at that hour that the party would be made up and the train start before 5 o'clock this evening. The railway company will give the train right of way over everything and a record run will be made.

Mrs. Everett White and Mrs. Edson Wright and son of Newberg, S. M. Everdale of La Grande, William A. Moon of The Dalles, J. H. Penton of Dexter and James Scripps of The Dalles are registered at the Hotel Perkins.

Ying Toyk, one of the ranking Chinese priests of the Pacific coast, is registered at the Hotel Oregon. He is in the city on business connected with his religious duties.

THREE-STORY BRICK AT TENTH AND MORRISON

A three-story brick building will be erected at the corner of Tenth and Morrison streets by Drs. S. A. and E. C. Brown at a cost of \$14,000. The lower floor will be used for stores and the second and third for offices. McGinnis & Reed are the contractors. The building permit was issued yesterday and work will begin soon.

Other permits issued yesterday follow: First Methodist church, Eleventh and Salmon streets, cost \$200; Martha Mason, cottage, Commercial, between Beach and Falling streets, cost \$1,150; W. W. Ayers, cottage, East Morrison, between East Thirty-ninth and East Thirty-sixth streets, cost \$1,100; R. Swank, cottage, East Yamhill, between East Thirty-ninth and Prettyman streets, cost \$1,500; A. Antich, repairs to cottage, 486 Gilliam street, cost \$150; John Tercek, cottage, East Ninth, between Falling and Shaver streets, cost \$600; J. J. Dubruelle, repairs to cottage, corner East Alder and East Eighteenth streets, cost \$150.

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A Sure Winner

Frank W. Benson of Roseburg is considered to be the strongest man in the race for secretary of state. Vote for him at the primaries Friday.

Withycombe, Governor

There is no longer any question of Dr. James Withycombe's nomination for the office of governor on the Republican ticket. Official number on ballot 22.

CLAIMS WORDS ON BALLOT ARE AN ARGUMENT

Attorney-General Objects to Giving Anti-Prohibitionists and Others Equal Privileges.

Attorney-General Andrew M. Crawford for the state of Oregon today filed in the supreme court of the state a complaint and petition asking that an injunction be issued restraining Secretary of State F. I. Dunbar from allowing the use of the words "giving Anti-Prohibitionists and Prohibitionists equal privileges," as a part of the title of the proposed local option law amendment on the official ballot to be used in the coming election.

In his complaint Attorney-General Crawford sets forth that on January 22 of this year a bill, proposed by Initiative petition, and designed to amend the local option law, was filed in the secretary of state's office. The persons filing this bill, the plaintiff alleges, designated that the measure should appear upon the official ballot under the title, "For amendment to local option law giving Anti-Prohibitionists and Prohibitionists equal privileges."

The attorney-general holds that that portion of the title which reads, "giving Anti-Prohibitionists and Prohibitionists equal privileges," is not properly, fairly or legally descriptive of the proposed amendment, but is an argument in favor of and in support of the measure, calculated to influence improperly the electors of the state in the coming election. He argues that because of this, his por-

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OREGON LABOR PARTY'S STATEMENT

To the Electors of the State of Oregon: The purpose of this organization is to unify the force of the wage-earner in the primary campaign on the 20th day of April, 1906, to the end that union men and friends of organized labor may be nominated for election to the several offices in the state and county of Multnomah as indicated.

It will doubtless be conceded by all who honestly work for a wage that the time has certainly arrived when the wage-earners must have recourse to the ballot if they hope to participate justly in the products of their toil; therefore the Oregon Labor party has been organized and the following tickets indicated:

Republican Ticket.

United States Senator—Jonathan Bourne Jr.

For Congress, Second District—Judge William R. Ellis.

Judge Circuit Court, Department No. 4—C. U. Gantenbein.

County Senator, Multnomah and Clackamas Counties—George M. Orton.

State Senator—John Gill.

Representatives—L. H. Adams, J. C. Beyer, David C. Burns, John B. Coffey, John Driscoll, W. F. Keady, S. A. MacIntosh, A. H. Sandstrom, Edward Taggart, Edgar H. Thornton, William Warner.

County Judge—R. R. Giltner.

County Commissioner—George A. Tilgen.

For Sheriff—N. H. Blyd.

County Coroner—Samuel C. Slocum.

Constable, West Side—John L. Day.

Democratic Ticket.

Representatives—W. P. Adams, T. J. Conannon, John Dannels, S. N. Emery, E. A. Gessell, Fred C. King, H. L. Kriedt, Isaac Swett, G. M. Wells.

For Sheriff—Tom Worn.

Note—The difference in the endorsements of the Republican and Democratic tickets is due to there being very few contests on Democratic ticket.

In endorsing Jonathan Bourne Jr. we logically espouse the principle for which we stand; he alone, of all the candidates for United States Senator, having made the fight of the campaign for statement No. 1 of the direct primary law, and we, having endorsed the same principle in our party platform.

Our endorsement of Judge W. R. Ellis for United States congressman is the result of much deliberation and discussion. We have concluded that Ellis is the only man in the fight who can defeat J. L. Reid, our avowed enemy.

We have one motive in our endorsement of the above Republican legislative ticket as a whole, to wit: These gentlemen have unequivocally subscribed to statement No. 1, and have placed after their names upon the official ballot these words: "Promise, always to vote for people's choice for United States Senator."

The same reason may be advanced for our support and endorsement of the above democratic legislative ticket.

In behalf of the several candidates for county and state offices appearing upon our ticket we feel safe in asserting that the interests of the laboring people and the community as a whole will be honestly conserved by those gentlemen should they be the choice of the voters at the polls, which by the earnest and united support of the wage-earners must certainly be the result of the effort.

Let every wage-earner remember that it devolves upon him as a sacred duty to himself and those who are dear to him to be at the polls early on Friday, the 20th day of April, urge his friends and neighbors to rally to the support of our ticket and roll up such a grand majority for our friends as will be a warning to the politician to the effect that the Oregon Labor party is not to be despised, but stand today as the nucleus of a mighty party, destined in due time to control the public affairs of the glorious state of Oregon.

Anyone desiring further information can secure same by communicating with us at our headquarters, room 8, 222 1/2 Washington street.

Primary election from 12 o'clock noon to 7 p. m.

On account of deceptions practiced in elections in the past, the genuine ticket of the Oregon Labor party contains a fac simile of the signatures at the bottom of H. G. Parsons, chairman, and F. McDonald, secretary.

By order of Executive Board.

OREGON LABOR PARTY.
H. G. PARSONS,
Chairman.
F. McDONALD,
Secretary.