RAILWAY TRACKS SUNKEN

Communication of Every Sort Except Intermittently by Wire Broken.

SACRAMENTO HEARS OF WRECK EARLY

First News From the Stricken Town as It Came to the Nearest Point of Direct Communication for Many Hours.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Sacramento, Cal., April 18.—An earthquake shock at 5:15 o'clock this morning is reported to have practically wrecked half the city of San Francisco. All the wires, telephone and telegraph, are down except a private railroad wire from Oakland, but the news from the railroad officials just received states that the city hall, the Call, Chronicle and many of the tallest buildings in the city have been wrecked and every building over three stories high badly damaged. The Palace hotel and many other buildings are on fire, and there has been great loss of life.

The city water works were partially wrecked, and no water is available for fighting the fires. The greatest damage has been done by fire, which has gained such headway it is impossible to control it. Dynamite is being used freely.

The railroad tracks between Suisun and this city and at San Francisco have sunk six feet, cutting off railroad communication. The shock is very severe in this city.

The new federal building at Ninth and Mission streets is badly cracked. Chimneys were torn down all over the city. Magnificent new buildings in course of construction are collapsing.

There were also severe shocks of earthquake at Stockton, San Jose and surrounding towns, but no loss of life is reported outside of San Francisco.

The wildest panic prevailed in all the hotels and lodging houses and private residences. The Lick house is badly damaged, as were many other structures. Many occupants were buried, and people fled in the wildest confusion onto the streets clad in their night clothes. The South of Market street district suffered heaviest. The houses are very thick, of flimsy construction, and many people are injured.

There is little water to fight the flames, although at 10:30 o'clock the damage to the water works had been partially repaired.

Many buildings on Market, Mission and Howard streets have collapsed.

Fire is raging fiercely, and in many regions is beyond control. Business is completely suspended.

Card of Thanks.

I desire to express the sincere thanks of my family and self to the many kind friends for their sympathy and attention during the last illness of my wife, and also for the beautiful floral offerings that were contributed.

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The Portland Municipal Association

takes the liberty of recommending for nomination the following candidates at the primary election on Friday.

Good government is the sole object of this association, and these recommendations to voters are made after careful inquiry, and in the belief that the candidates named are worthy of the support of all good citizens:

REPUBLICAN PARTY.

17th Senatorial District—
50 CONNELL, SAMUEL.

17th Representative District—
53 CROSS, HARVEY E.

18th Senatorial District—
56 GILL, JOHN.

18th Representative District—
59 BAYER, J. C.
62 BURNS, DAVID C.
64 CHAPIN, WILLARD H.
65 CLAUSSENIUS, H., JR.
66 CLEVELAND, CHAS.
69 DRISCOLL, JOHN.
71 FARRELL, ROBT. S.
74 GRUBER, SAMUEL H.
82 NORTHUP, HARRY E.
85 TAGGART, EDWARD T.
87 THORNTON, EDGAR H.
89 WILSON, ROBERT W.

For County Judge—
91 LEWIS, A. T.

For County Commissioner—
93 BARNES, F. C.

For County Clerk—
104 FIELDS, F. S.

For County Treasurer—
105 LEWIS, JOHN M.

Portland Justice of the Peace District.
For Justice of the Peace—
114 BELL, J. W.

For Constable—
122 LILLIS, W. P.

East Portland Justice of the Peace District.
For Justice of the Peace—
116 OLSON, FRED L.

DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

18th Representative District—
32 WATSON, D. M.
33 WELLS, G. M.

For County Judge—
34 VAN ZANTE, JOHN.

For Sheriff—
36 WORD, TOM M.

For County Surveyor—
39 NEVILLE, WILLIAM N.

Take this to the polls for reference.

AITKIN LEADS

It Is Time the Truth Was Known.

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Mr. Aitkin was the first candidate who publicly announced that the interest on the state funds belong to the state.

He is the only candidate for state treasurer who is a merchant having mercantile interests in both Baker county and the city of Portland.

Vote for John H. Aitkin and you will know that you assure the administration of the state treasurer's office in a thoroughly honest, business-like way.

Owing to his clean business record, the Republican press of almost the entire state are strongly advocating Mr. Aitkin's candidacy.

Among the number are the following: Astorian, Astoria; Labor Press, Portland, Eugene Register, Eugene; Albany Herald, Albany; the Journal, Salem; the Coast Mail, Marshfield; Baker City Herald, Baker City; the Observer, La Grande, the Tribune, Pendleton; the Chronicle, The Dalles; the Argus, Ontario; the News, Eagle Valley; Blue Mountain Eagle, Canyon City; the Gem, Granite; the Review, Prineville; the Journal, Prineville; the Oriano, Vale; the Gazette, Vale; the Gazette, Heppner; the Times, Heppner; the Chieftain, Enterprise; the Oregon Scout, Union; the Republican, Union; the Herald, Joseph; the News, John Day; the Wheatfield, Lexington; the News, North Powder; the Blue Mountain American, Sumpter; the Globe, Condon; the Times, Condon; the Record, Arlington; the Recorder, Haines; the Irrigator, Irrigon; the News, Burns; the Searchlight, Burns; the News, Wallowa; the Eagle, Milton; the Ranger, Long Creek; the Criterion, Lebanon; the Umpqua Valley News, Roseburg; the Observer, Grants Pass; the Glacier, Hood River; the Itemizer, Dallas; the Nonpareil, Drain; the Owl, Oakland; the Septinel, Coquille City; the Enterprise, Myrtle Point; the Daily News, Newport; the Despatch, Dufur; the Independent, Woodburn; the Southern Oregon Independent, Medford; the Appeal, Silverton; the Republican, Shaniko; the Globe, Gold Beach; the Aurora Borealis, Aurora; the Headlight, Tillamook; the Observer, Moro; the Recorder, Elgin; the Times, Brownsville; the Bohemian Nugget, Cottage Grove; the News, Glendale.

The people want and will nominate John H. Aitkin for state treasurer.

FIRST REPORTS OF THE DISASTER

Two Thousand People Reported Dead Amid the Wreck and Ruin of the City.

(Journal Special Service.)

Chicago, April 18.—Communication with San Francisco was secured first late this morning. The earthquake history there is of the most terrific in the history of the Pacific coast. Buildings fell in all directions. It is believed that 50 blocks were destroyed south and east of Market street to the bay, including Sansome, Mission, Battery, Front, Davis and Drummond streets. Buildings were destroyed all along Fremont, Beale, Main, Spear, Stuart, East and South streets. The Southern Pacific operator says it is known that there are a housand dead. The police are caraing the dead from the ruins as fast as they can, but the fire is spreading in all directions. The debris ignited in a doztn places at once. Water mains are broken and the supply is shut off. What few engines were not ruined are inadequate or helpless on account of lack of water. All clocks were stopped by the earthquake.

Three miles of railroad bed have sunk from sight between Suisun and Benicia and the wires taken with it. At Pleasanton trains have turned over on the rails. Fire is approaching the Palace hotel.

Los Angeles is connected with San Francisco and says that 300 bodies have been recovered. Mechanics' pavilion is being used for a morgue. More bodies are arriving every minute. The ruin of almost the entire business section is inevitable.

An Odgen, Utah, dispatch says that all Union Pacific wires from there west are down, indicating that the earthquake extended hundreds of miles. Severe shocks lasted for three minutes at Sacramento, but nobody was injured. The electric lighting plants at Frisco failed and gas mains were broken.

According to dispatches the entire city of San Francisco is being destroyed by fire, and frequent earthquakes. The flames are working toward the docks unmolested. From the highest elevation in San Jose, 50 miles away, the city can be seen ablaze.

The last shock was felt at 8:15 o'clock. The ferries are all engaged in carrying people to Oakland and other places of safety. Thousands are fleeing the city. In the panic many drop in the streets. A Western Union dispatch says that the Western Union and Postal offices are destroyed. The Palace hotel has been attacked by the blaze. It is estimated that 2,000 are dead. A commercial dispatch says that the modern steel buildings are all right, but brick and frame buildings have been completely wrecked.

Chief David Campbell of the Portland fire department sent the following message to Chief T. D. Sullivan of San Francisco: "Do you need any assistance?"

"Suffered day and night the torment of itching piles. Nothing helped me until I used Doan's Ointment. It cured me permanently."—Hon. John R. Garrett, Mayor, Girard, Ala.

NEWS HOT FROM THE WIRES

With Building Cracking Over Their Heads Telegraphers Send the Tidings.

MESSAGES SENT TO LOCAL OFFICES

Men of the Key Have Exciting Experiences Which They Tell in Dots and Dashes to Their Brethren in Portland.

A long distance message received at 10:45 this morning, by way of Yreka, is to the effect that the entire business district of San Francisco south of Market street has been destroyed by fire.

Buildings are now being dynamited in the unburned district to prevent the spread of flames, which threaten the destruction of the whole city.

In many parts of the city the ground has settled as much as four feet.

The main building of the telephone company has been completely destroyed, the water supply having failed so that it was impossible to fight the flames.

This news reached Yreka by railroad wire and was transmitted to Portland by long-distance telephone.

In reply to telegrams sent from the local office of the Postal Telegraph company to the San Francisco office the following replies have been received by Manager Annand and Superintendent Blake:

"No use sending us business. We can't deliver. We are getting ready to vacate. Fire has reached the Call building now (10:30 a. m.) and will probably reach the Palace hotel.

"The greatest damage has been done by fire on account of having no water. They are getting at it now, but the flames are making such headway that they cannot control them. The damage by earthquake is very severe and considerable loss of life has occurred by falling buildings.

"The Call building is on blaze now. It is a question of minutes for us in the Postal here."

The local telegraph offices are jammed with people trying to get messages to friends and relatives in the stricken city. No business is being taken for San Francisco.

At 9:30 o'clock the Portland office of the Postal Telegraph company had the San Francisco office for a minute before the wires went down. The San Francisco operator, when asked how soon he would have power to operate, the wires replied:

"I don't know that we will ever have power. We have got to leave this building, as it is falling down. The whole town is in ruins."

The wire then failed and no further communication has been had. The Postal quarters are in the Crocker building, situated near the corner of Market and Montgomery streets, across from the Grand hotel.

Both Postal and Western Union Telegraph buildings are reported in ruins. The Western Union building is located at the corner of Montgomery and Pine streets, and is a four-story structure of old-fashioned design.

The property loss, it is estimated, will reach into the millions. Hundreds of buildings in the business district, as well as numerous structures in the residence part of the city, are wrecked. Dynamite is being used to fight the flames.

San Francisco has about 500,000 inhabitants. It lies on a peninsula between the bay of San Francisco and the Pacific ocean. The business section of the city is at the lower end of the peninsula. The land was originally sand dunes, but a large part of the business section is built on land redeemed by filling in the bay. Many of the buildings are of frame and others of brick and stone; only the buildings erected during the last decade and a half are of modern construction. The Palace hotel was the first steel structure on the Pacific coast, but it was not of modern design.

Many of the buildings, situated as they were on reclaimed land, were peculiarly susceptible to seismic shocks, and this in a large degree accounts for the many structures destroyed. After earthquakes in the past it has been noticed that the reclaimed area showed a gradual sinking in elevation, old buildings having sunk as much as five or six feet since their construction.

WEALTHY LUMBERMAN TO LIVE IN PORTLAND

Henry McCormick, a Washington lumberman, who 15 years ago was almost penniless, and who is now reputed to be worth at least $500,000, has decided to retire from business and reside in Portland. Mr. McCormick has purchased the residence of Colonel Summers in the Hawthorne tract, one of the finest dwellings in that part of the city, for a consideration, it is said, of about $10,000. The deal was consummated yesterday, and Mr. McCormick will occupy his new home soon. He has placed upon the market his extensive timber and lumber interests near South Bend, in Lewis county, Washington.

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State Treasurer PEOPLE vs. Banks of Portland

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A VOTE for Ralph W. Hoyt, banker of Portland, means that STATE MONEYS will be used for the BENEFIT of the MERCHANTS' NATIONAL BANK of PORTLAND.

A VOTE for E. V. Carter, banker of Ashland, means that the STATE MONEYS will be used for the BENEFIT of the FIRST NATIONAL BANK of PORTLAND and CARTER'S BANKS in ASHLAND AND CALIFORNIA.

A VOTE for George A. Steel, POLITICIAN, means that the STATE MONEYS will be used to benefit HIMSELF and the SECURITY TRUST and SAVINGS BANK.

LET EVERY REPUBLICAN CAST HIS VOTE FOR

JUDGE THOMAS F. RYAN

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The Kind of Policy to Buy

IS THE HEADING OF AN INTERESTING ARTICLE in the April number of World's Work. It is an insurance number and contains many valuable articles on the subject of life insurance, all of which point the way for the insuring public to do exactly what we have been urging upon them since our organization, to-wit: To carry their insurance at the lowest level cost and make a separate investment if desired as an endowment fund. As an illustration of what can be done in this manner and the benefits to be derived note the following: We will issue a straight life policy for $1,000 at age 37 for $16 per annum. For an additional $32 per annum, at any age, we will issue a ten-year accumulative bond that guarantees the holder $400 in cash, together with surplus earnings at the end of ten years. This fund of $400 is sufficient to earn enough at 4 per cent interest to pay the premium on the life insurance, and we guarantee that rate of interest if the fund is left with us, issuing a paid-up bond therefor. The holder of both policy and bond thus has the equivalent of $1,400 paid-up life insurance, which he has secured by making only ten annual payments of $48 each. For $1,000 straight life insurance at the various ages we charge an annual premium as follows:

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