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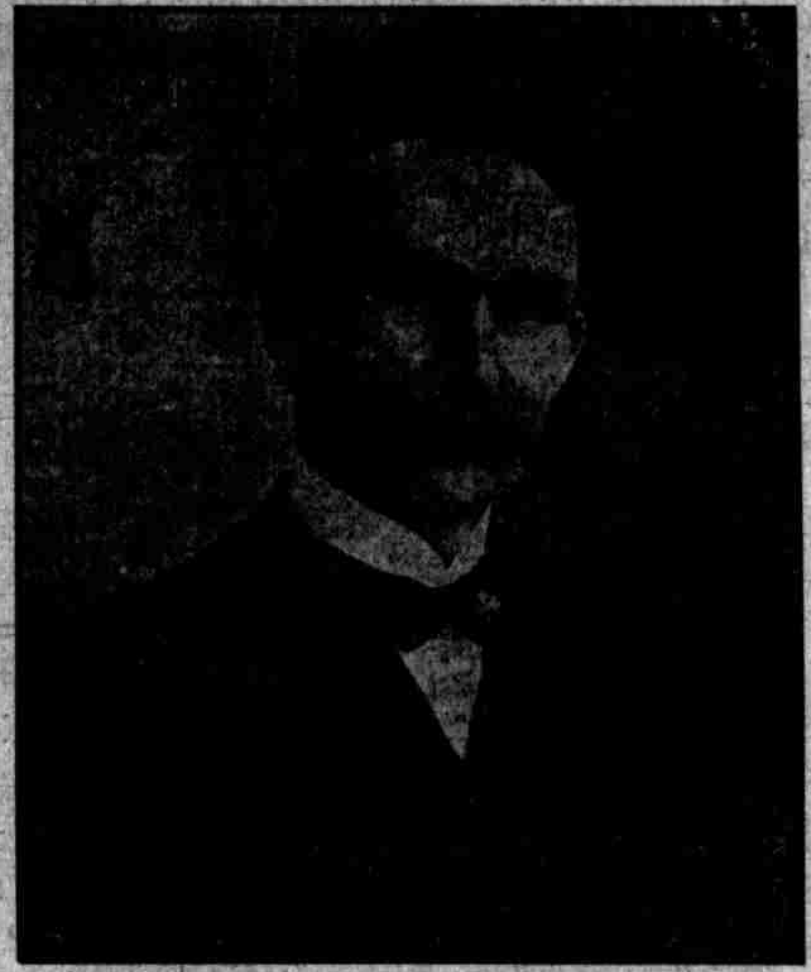
Good News From Stricken City---Flames Controlled After All Night Battle---Ferry Building and Post-office Station Saved---Waterfront Devastated---Fires Around Holy Cross Cemetery Destroy Fine Residences---Western Addition Saved---Million More From Government.

The Journal is now concentrating its efforts to procure, without expense to them, information for Portland people about their friends and relatives who were in San Francisco or the afflicted surrounding towns during the earthquake. For this purpose it is sparing no expense and will leave no stone unturned to accomplish its purpose.

San Francisco, April 21.—(Bulletin)—Western Union officials estimate the number of dead at from 500 to 700. They say but few people were in the business section when the quake occurred and twenty men lying dead in the streets this morning testified to the fact that the fire was caused by the breaking of gas mains and the escaping gas being ignited by sparks from electric wires.

Oakland expects temporarily at least to have a population of half a million. Many firms are establishing temporary plants here, and local real estate owners are offering sites at low rates. Iron plants are especially active in beginning work.

the night the desolation of Russian Hill and Telegraph Hill was made complete. From here the fire swept down on the waterfront from Van Ness avenue to the bay and laid waste a strip extending from Moir's wharf to the ferry building, destroying many factories and warehouses. Many of the docks were saved through the dynamiting. Among other places that were thus destroyed was the large Hendry machine works.



T. T. Geer, Probable Republican Nominee for Governor.

STRANGE SILENCE BROODS OVER CITY; PEOPLE ARE APATHETIC

Graphic Description of a Journey Through the Burned District by a Journal Staff Correspondent—Everywhere is Voiceless Despair—People Camping in Streets.

This is the first personal account published in Portland of a trip through the stricken city. It was written by a Journal staff correspondent, who started from Sacramento on the first day of the earthquake.

Suddenly there was a terrific explosion, followed by a resounding crash. Then another and another. More dynamite had been secured.

Sooner of the Fire. We skirted the burning district, keeping outside of the dead line held by the soldiers. Everywhere we found the same apathetic crowds, the same impressive silence, intensified by the occasional detonations of dynamite, followed by the crash of falling walls.

Fire in City Hall. We ran into the dead line again near the city hall. The flames had just taken hold of that ruined structure and were breaking out fiercely in the row of tenement houses opposite. After watching the spreading of the flames for a while, we walked out of the fire district into the residence portion of the town.

Flames Are Blood Red. On the north, one fire leaped, blood red, into the heavens far higher than the others. This was the burning coal barge. The condition of things above and west of the business portion could not be ascertained, obscured as it was by the curling masses of smoke.

People in Despair. I went along within a few feet of the burning ruins, stumbling often where the streets were sunken or upraised by the earthquake. I turned up Broadway. Crowds of men and women, mostly foreigners, with the few possessions they were able to save from the flames were gathered along the side street.

Second Day's Fire. The fire on the north of Market street was far beyond the control of the weary fire department, which was without apparatus for making a fight against the advancing conflagration.

Word Wins Easily. Tom Word's renomination for sheriff by the Democrats was never in doubt, but the magnitude of his victory surprised even his most sanguine friends.

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GEER AND CAKE ARE WINNERS IN MULTNOMAH

Withycombe and Bourne Rolling Up Votes Down State, However, and the Result is Still Uncertain.

GANTENBEIN HAS THE LEAD OVER JUDGE M. C. GEORGE

Republicans Name Stevens for Sheriff, Webster and Sears Judges, Brandes Auditor and Lewis for Treasurer.

Although T. T. Geer has carried Multnomah county by a decisive plurality in the struggle for the Republican nomination for governor, reports from many points through the state indicate that a heavy vote has been polled for James Withycombe, who may yet be the winner.

J. P. Finley, With over 40 precincts in he is strongly in the lead. Many of the legislative nominations are still in doubt. A. A. Bailey appears to have been nominated for joint senator from Multnomah and Clackamas counties and James U. Campbell for joint representative. E. C. Beach is the nominee for senator from this county.

Uncertainty also hangs over the Republican nomination for United States senator, with the chances apparently in favor of H. M. Calk, who has carried this county by a plurality variously estimated from 1,500 to 2,000. But Bourne is strong in number of the counties are anxiously awaited in the hope that they may reverse the defeat suffered in Multnomah.

There were 23 Republican candidates for representative from this county with only 12 nominations to be made. L. H. Adams, J. C. Bayer, W. H. Chapin, John B. Coffey, John Driscoll, Harry E. Northrup and Robert S. Farrell are probably among the nominees. J. W. Beveridge, M. D. Beutgen, David C. Burns, Frank F. Freeman, C. N. McArthur, T. J. Monahan and Robert W. Wilson are all receiving a good vote.

The struggle for the nomination for secretary of state is extremely close, but the magnitude of his victory was in this city. Returns from other counties are still too meager to determine the result.

Probably one half the nominees are pledged to vote for the people's choice for United States senator. Figures Up to Date. The count in this county has been slow, owing to the large number of candidates. At noon today 37 precincts had not yet turned in any report to the county clerk and 25 others had failed to send any summary of the vote except that locked in the ballot boxes.

Dunlavy has won a sweeping victory for state printer. Both in this county and in the state at large he is far in the lead and his victory is decisive.

U. S. Senator—Bourne 1,608, Calk 2,679, Lowell 363, Smith 541, Watson, 757. Governor—Brown 762, Geer 1,624, Johns 1,272, Sehlbrede 202, Withycombe 1,531.

Malley was one of the first to acknowledge his own defeat and assured his friends that Word would have his loyal support in the rest of the campaign.

State treasurer—Atkin 541, Carter 71, Hoyt 1,370, Jennings 150, Ryan 684, Fox 1,154. State printer—Clarke 1,071, Dunlavy 4,648, Whitney 1,147. County judge—Giltner 1,041, Lewis 1,181, Wood 2,180.

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County sheriff—Bird 1,530, Kelly 1,275, Rogers 367, Stevens 2,128, Storey 799. Carleton, Yamhill County. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Carleton, Or., April 21.—The result of the primaries in Carleton, Yamhill county, is as follows:

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SOUTHERN PACIFIC TO CARRY FREE THOSE UNABLE TO PAY

Oakland, Cal., April 21.—In order to enable people to leave here who are, in many cases, destitute, and also to relieve on account of the scarcity of provisions, we are sending people out of San Francisco on our trains without requiring tickets where they are apparently unable to pay for same.

the number of men who can be used in all kinds of work. It is said the city of Portland will, as an aggregate result of the San Francisco disaster, ultimately receive upwards of 100,000 additional population.

the Pacific coast, and most of them will naturally come to Oregon as the most convenient arrival location. Many people who have small fortunes and desire to invest in stable and remunerative properties will not put their money back into San Francisco, but will seek openings for investment in the Pacific northwest.

Oakland Pier, Cal., April 20.—William McMurray, A. G. P. A. Ascertain from railroad construction and lumbermen north of Eugene the number of men refugees from the San Francisco fire they can employ. Give names of industries and number that each can care for.

A well-known southern California business man who recently acquired extensive interests in Portland, was asked what industrial effects the southern California disasters would have on Portland. He replied:

Word From A. L. Craig. The local passenger department of the Harriman lines today received from A. L. Craig the first word by wire from him since the San Francisco disaster. He was at Los Angeles, attending the meeting of the Transcontinental Passenger association the morning of the earthquake and escaped harm. He is accompanied by his son, Gordon Craig. J. P. O'Brien, general manager of the Harriman lines in Oregon, was sleeping in his car in the San Francisco yards when the earthquake struck the city. He escaped without injury, but the trace of his car has been found. Mr. O'Brien is today en route to Portland and will arrive tomorrow morning. The train is running in two sections, heavily loaded with people escaping from the stricken city. The first section is reported two hours late, and the second is seven hours late.

A stream of refugees, tourist and colonist travel from southern California is turned toward Portland. The Southern Pacific company has announced that it will transport free all sufferers from the southern California earthquake and fire disaster, who are unable to pay fare. The refugees will be sent without even railroad tickets. Southern Pacific officials have given orders that the tourist and colonial travel now moving via the southern route to the Pacific coast be turned northward via Stockton, and carried to Portland.

It is declared almost unanimously by Californians in Portland that San Francisco will be immediately built greater than ever. But all modify this statement by saying there is a certain proportion of the population in all the stricken cities of southern California who will never return there to live. All of these people will, it is said, stay on.

To Look After Refugees. "The general relief committee has under consideration the appointment of a special committee to look after the refugees who may arrive here," said Tom Richardson, the Commercial club representative on the committee. "We are not yet advised as to what the need will be. Action will depend upon the number who come and what condition they are in. We will be in touch with them long before they reach Portland, and provision will be made for them."

KEEP AWAY FROM SAN FRANCISCO NOW Colonel William Crooks of the Southern Pacific today received the following telegram: "J. P. O'Brien, Vice-President and General Manager, Portland, Oregon, in response to the San Francisco officials of the Southern Pacific, and has notified the Portland chamber of commerce and Commercial club, and asked that they appoint committees to receive and care for refugees. The first large delegation from the stricken city is expected to arrive on this evening's train, and a larger number on the morning train from the south. Mr. McMurray, in response to a request from the general passenger department of the Southern Pacific, today sent out to all Oregon agents of the company instructions to confer with local managers of industries and report

ample quarters in rooming-houses for a large number of arrivals. Asked what, if anything, the Commercial club would do to secure the annual meeting of the National Educational association, scheduled to meet in San Francisco in June, he said: "Nothing has been done, and we will take no action at present. Portland will have its hands full for some time. The eastern railroads will take up with the president of the educational association the question of a meeting place."

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