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### HAD THRILLING EXPERIENCE

Mrs. T. A. Wagner Tells of Narrow Escape of Herself and Family From Death in Earthquake.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 23-27.—(To the Editor.)—I will try to give the readers of the Observer an idea of the earthquake horror that occurred here on the morning of April 18, as I experienced it. My husband arose at 5:10 a. m., according to our time, (the exact time of the shock was 5:14:48), and almost instantly the house stood on end and came down with a terrible thud, bang and twist, crashing everything breakable or movable. The doors were banged shut, sealing us in in our rooms, and my husband was thrown back onto the bed. The next shock threw us to the floor. We managed to get onto our feet, and with babe in my arms, I tried to get to the yard, while my husband was trying to rescue our other two children sleeping in an adjoining room. Suddenly the back door broke from its hinges, twisting out the lock, and we were thrown onto the porch. Just ahead of us in the yard, the earth opened and closed twice, a width of at least 18 inches. We expected to be pitched into it headlong, but fortunately were spared such a fate.

We were the first people in our neighborhood to get into the street, as it was almost impossible for anyone to get their doors open for several minutes. Soon men, women and children, in their night clothes, were running aimlessly about, screaming, crying, panic-stricken, and all frantic alike. I don't believe there was a sane person in our neighborhood for the first two hours after the quake.

After the first excitement, people seemed to be on their good behavior—even the children. My three children scarcely spoke above a whisper for three days. It was perfectly astonishing to see people watching their homes and places of business burn, with calm, cool faces. Fully 120,000 homes were either burned or totally wrecked. Imagine 25 square miles of city in black ruins and the earth constantly trembling!

We lived in a new, well-built house, with concrete foundation, beautifully and artistically finished inside. Today it is a wreck. The lightly constructed houses, set on the ground, were scarcely damaged. I had just finished house-cleaning at nine o'clock Tuesday night. Next morning the clean laundry, broken dishes, olive oil, vinegar, mush, eggs, butter, wine and everything imaginable in the kitchen and pantry, together with the soot from the fallen stovepipe, were in a heap on the floor. Most of our clothing was ruined, and my Sunday-go-to-meeting hat was sandwicheed.

After dressing, we tried to telegraph our friends that we were safe, but found communication cut off. We then put baby in the go-cart and started for the city, but found the street cars were not running. We walked six miles to the scene of the fire, staid a few hours, then went back to where we had lived, got some bedding and food, and slept that night in the Park with 370,000, or more, other homeless people. None of us were injured, but we have suffered from fright, heart-aches and pity for the suffering and awfulness of the whole thing. The horror of it all can never be told. One must be among us to realize what it is. We are now living in our back yard, in a tent made of my bedroom carpet, and are trying to make the best of things. On April 19, we ate supper by the light of the burning city. We are all badly tanned by the heat and wind. A water famine was threatened for awhile, as the sewers and water mains got mixed, but the water is better now and can be used after being boiled.

I hope never to experience another declaration of martial law. While it was the only thing to do, it was placing too much liberty in the hands of senseless soldiers. Many an innocent man was shot; a boy of 14 was blinded and shot for stealing, and a woman was killed for lighting a fire.

We are giving what accommodations we have to six homeless grown people. We all have to help where we can. While we are cared for lavishly with food, we enjoy none of it. There is so much sorrow and suffering all around us! What had taken man a lifetime to build was torn down in a minute's time.

I hope this letter isn't tiresome. My aim was to write my own personal experience, and not hearsay. Don't believe that things have been exaggerated. I hope that such a disaster will never happen again so long as the world stands. This letter has been written under great difficulties—outdoors when the wind and sand were blowing a gale. I would dearly love to get letters from all my friends, as this is a general letter to all. We are preparing to go into the city of tents, as our house is unsafe to live in. Mail will reach us if addressed to "1462 Forty-ninth Avenue," or "Tent 18, Baseball Grounds, San Francisco." MRS. T. A. WAGNER.

### GREAT MUSICAL TREAT

Two of Portland's Prominent Singers Will Assist in Mrs. Cherrington's Concert.

The recital to be given by Mrs. G. N. Cherrington in the Woodman Hall on Thursday, May 17, is looked forward to with pleasant anticipation by the music-loving people of Dallas and vicinity. She will be assisted by her teacher, Mrs. E. E. Coovert, of Portland, and Mr. Arthur Alexander, the famous tenor of that city. A program of exceptional merit is being arranged, and a rare treat is promised.

The people of Dallas have been exceedingly fortunate in hearing good music the past winter, and have shown their appreciation of first-class talent by liberal patronage at every concert. The exceptionally fine talent engaged for the coming recital has aroused much interest and enthusiasm, and a record-breaking attendance is promised. Although the performance is nearly two weeks away, over 100 tickets have already been subscribed for, and as many more will doubtless be sold. Further mention of this great musical event will be made next week.

### MOHAIR SOLD WELL

White Lower Than Expected, Price is Above Average of Last Ten Years.

The sale of the small pool of mohair at Eddyville, Oregon, at 32½ cents, as reported in our last issue, proved misleading as an index to prices, as nearly all the pools sold since that time have gone at from 29 to 30 cents, says the Rural Northwest. The Dallas pool was not sold on the date announced for the sale, but has since been disposed of at private sale at 30½ cents to H. Metzger, of Portland. The amount of mohair in the pool is reported to be 40,000 pounds.

The Yamhill county pool of 30,000 pounds went to Theo Bernheim & Co., of Portland, at 30 cents. The same firm secured at the same price the Luckiamute (Polk county) pool of about 20,000 pounds.

The Sodaville pool of between 15,000 and 20,000 was sold to Herman Metzger, Portland, at 29½ cents.

The Silverton pool of 12,000 to 15,000 pounds, went to Wm. Brown & Co., of Salem, at 29½ cents.

The Sublimity pool of about 7000 pounds, was also bought by William Brown & Co., at 29½ cents. The same firm also bought the Jefferson pool at 29½ cents.

Theo Bernheim & Co. bought the Yoncalla pool at 29½ cents.

The following are the figures at which the Polk county pool has sold each year since the pool was first formed:

1897	21 5-8 cents
1898	30 1-2 cents
1899	33 1-3 cents
1900	29 cents
1901	22 cents
1902	25 cents
1903	38 5-8 cents
1904	34 cents
1905	32 1-2 cents
1906	30 1-2 cents

The average price to date has been 29.7 cents, so that the price this year although considerably below that of the past three years, is slightly above the average of the last ten years.

Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner, who has been at Klamath Falls for a month past, writes that he will soon return to Salem.

Have you weakness of any kind—stomach, back, or any organs of the body? Don't dope yourself with ordinary medicine. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea is the supreme curative power. 35 cents. Tea or tablets. Belt & Cherrington.

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### WITH OPEN HAND

Prosperous Dallas Gives Liberally to Aid Destitute People of San Francisco.

The contributions made by the people of Dallas to the San Francisco relief fund is nearing the \$1200 mark. J. B. Thompson secured about \$300 among the business houses; the women's committee added \$350 in clothing and supplies by a canvass of the residence district; the Johnson Lumber Company donated lumber to the amount of \$250, and its employees gave \$21.50 in cash; the pupils of the public school contributed \$25, and the men in the Willamette Valley Lumber Company's mill added about \$100 to the fund. It would be impossible to print a complete list of those giving clothing and bedding, as nearly every family in Dallas contributed something. Many families making liberal cash donations gave five times as much in clothing, food and bedding. The list of cash contributors, as furnished us by the various committees, is as follows:

\$25—Ellis & Key, David Peters.  
\$10—Ed Biddle, J. B. Thompson, Dallas City Bank.  
\$6—W. L. Gilson.

\$5—Matthews & Madison, E. C. Kirkpatrick, Wes Atchison, W. R. Howe, U. S. Loughary, Staffin Drug Co., Simonton & Scott, Dallas Mercantile Co., F. J. Chapman, William Faull, C. L. Crider, Dallas National Bank, Belt & Cherrington, J. C. Uglow, R. L. Chapman, F. E. Myer, C. H. Chapman, C. G. Coad, J. C. Hayter, Dallas Electric Light Co., Ed M. Smith, I. N. Woods, Dr. Mark Hayter, Fred Toner, John A. Coovert, Oscar Hayter, W. H. Boals, Dallas Water Co., J. J. Wiseman, C. Risser, Dr. W. S. Cary.

\$4—G. M. Gooch, James Howe.  
\$3—T. J. Cherrington, J. C. Gaynor, N. P. Rasmussen.

\$2.50—N. L. Butler, J. G. VanOrsdal, Hardy Holman, L. D. Daniel, Guy Bros., F. A. Stiles, G. E. Cuiet, Bert Dennis, Marion Syron, G. L. Hawkins, Abel Uglow, F. J. Coad.

\$2—J. T. Ford, J. M. Grant, J. E. Sibley, A. N. Holman, C. S. Graves, H. B. Cosper, Ray & Stoner, R. Y. Morrison, Mrs. D. M. Metzger, A. H. Harris, Miss B. Collins, V. R. Heath, H. L. Fenton, W. D. Calkins.

\$1.50—Frank Rowell, Ross Ellis, George Kerr.

\$1.25—Black Bros.  
\$1—J. C. Shultz, I. F. Yoakum, Dr. C. C. Poling, Dan A. Poling, J. A. Lynch, F. J. Wagner, D. P. Stouffer, Frank Kerslake, H. L. Crider, E. Hayter, Tracy Staats, C. H. Morris, Miss Retta Campbell, M. W. Walker, V. P. Fiske, M. D. Ellis, J. H. Lawton, W. H. Weaver, John Richardson, W. A. Hanor, F. S. Ramsey, Ah Coe, Ed E. Coad, H. G. Campbell, J. H. Frakes, Cash, H. C. Eakin, J. B. Teal, A. M. Trent, Dr. B. H. McCallon, Miss May Shelton, B. Friesen, Mrs. Mary Hayter, J. G. Brown, J. G. McDonald, W. A. Wash, U. S. Grant, Mrs. M. V. Smith, George Schneller, J. F. Holman, I. V. Lynch, August Risser, T. B. Hill, L. B. Adams, J. H. Brown, William Greenwood.

50 cents—A. E. Williams, Cash, Frank Kersey, Cash, Henry Williams, Cash, James Ross, Mrs. Morton, F. E. Palmer, Cash.

25 cents—Cash.  
Dallas public school—\$25.32.  
Johnson Lumber Company—20,000 feet of lumber, \$250.

Employees Johnson Lumber Company's mill—C. J. Hanks, \$1; Thomas Gleason, \$3; C. A. Rice, \$1; H. W. Stump, \$1; C. M. Wertz, \$1; F. R. Rich, \$2.50; J. P. Aldrich, \$2; A. P. Starr, \$1; M. Wick, \$1; J. Wick, \$1; S. B. Kennedy, \$1; J. L. Culyer, \$1; J. C. Klaucek, \$1; C. Griffiths, \$1; A. A. Launer, \$1; R. H. Robbins, \$1. Total, \$21.50.

Employees Willamette Valley Lumber Company's mill—\$100.

Clothing, bedding, and supplies, donated by people of Dallas and vicinity, \$350.

In addition to the above contributions, cash was secured by the women's committee as follows: Mrs. S. Miller, \$2.50; Mrs. Sarah Richmond, \$2; Edwin Cutler, Mrs. J. D. Smith, Mrs. E. C. Kirkpatrick, \$1 each; Mrs. Carl Gerlinger, Mrs. August Gerlinger, Mrs. C. L. Barnes, Mrs. G. W. Starr, 50 cents each; Cash, \$5. Total, \$14.50.

The editor of the Capital Journal had a sister living near Mt. Vesuvius during the eruption, a son at Stanford during the earthquake, and himself had a narrow escape at the Oregon direct primary.—Journal.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Thielsen left this week for Buffalo, N. Y. They took with them the body of Mrs. Thielsen's father, William N. Bennett, who died in Salem a few months ago, for interment in the old cemetery on the home place adjoining Buffalo.

Edison Kinsey, a pioneer of 1847, died at his home at Macleay, Marion county, last Thursday. He was born in Howard county, Missouri, and was 58 years old. Besides his wife, whom he married in 1862, he leaves to mourn his death two sons, John, of Silver Creek Falls; James, of Macleay, and two daughters, Mrs. M. E. Tull, of Barlow, and Mrs. H. A. Kinsey, of Arizona.

## Home Baking

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### FOUND HIS RELATIVE

A Polk County Farmer Returns From Oakland, Where He Looked After a Niece.

R. M. Fowle, a prominent young farmer of Airle, Polk county, arrived in Albany, Thursday afternoon, from Oakland, California, after spending a couple of days there to look after his niece, a young girl who lived with her mother in San Francisco when the recent earthquake shock and fire occurred. On hearing of the catastrophe that overtook San Francisco, Mr. Fowle immediately started for California, the niece being his only blood relative in the world, and his anxiety for her was great. Arrived in Oakland, he was fortunate enough to find the girl in that city, where she had arrived a short time before, and after caring for her and providing for her, he returned to Oregon. Mr. Fowle did not cross over into San Francisco, as he said he could see all the trouble in Oakland. The people swarming the streets of Oakland, he said, showed their misery in their faces, and yet a quiet courage pervaded all, and the indications were that San Francisco people will soon recover from this serious blow.—Albany Herald.

### Lawyer Piled Brick.

S. L. Kline and J. Fred Yates, of Corvallis, went to San Francisco on last Sunday evening, and, according to reports current here, Mr. Yates on entering the ruined city had quite an adventure. The report goes that he was sight-seeing when a militia soldier, thoroughly impressed with his importance, halted the lawyer and made him pile brick out of the street for a day, enforcing his orders with a threat to inflict dire punishment in case of refusal. Mr. Yates is said to have piled brick with the skill and speed of a union bricklayer, nor did he file a demurrer in the case.—Albany Herald.

### Heney's Papers Safe.

Francis J. Heney special prosecutor for the United States, arrived in San Francisco from Washington, Thursday, and went to the Kohl building where his office is located. He found the contents of his safe untouched by the flames, and papers bearing on the Oregon land fraud cases safe.

I. D. Pitman who has been buying goats was in town Thursday with a bunch procured in Polk county. The prices paid vary from \$2.50 to \$3.50 per head.—Corvallis Times.

The Amity end of the mohair pool sold 7000 pounds of wool this week to Portland people. The price received was 30-cents per pound.—Amity Enterprise.

U. L. Frazer, of Independence, spent yesterday afternoon on a visit with L. L. Swan. He left last evening for Solo to visit a brother. Mr. Frazer was a candidate for the republican nomination for sheriff, but lost the nomination by a few votes.—Albany Herald.

Have you pains in the back, inflammation of any kind, rheumatism, fainting spells, indigestion or constipation, Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea makes you well, keeps you well. 35 cents. Belt & Cherrington.

George Schneller, of Dallas, formerly of this place, was in town Saturday. He is engaged in the livery business there and is well pleased with the location and community.—Sherwood correspondence in Hillsboro Independent.

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