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THE DESTRUCTION OF SAN FRANCISCO.

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READING ROOM SERVES PEOPLE.

Letters From Friends and Relatives Eagerly Looked for From Stricken City.

Lata Wednesday the word reached here of the destruction of San Francisco. Operator Durke kindly posted four dispatches, which were printed in last week's Examiner. Thursday Mr. Burke succeeded in getting a few more dispatches, which are printed in another column of this issue. After that not a word came over the jerkwater telegraph line, and the dozens of Lakeview people who had relatives and friends in several of the stricken California cities crowded around the telegraph office waiting for messages and many prepared messages to send but could not get a word through. The line would not work, and for three days anxious hearts awaited news over the wire. The Examiner prepared dispatches to send to Oakland and Reno for 400 words from the stricken district and the dispatches laid on the operator's table until withdrawn three days afterward.

The first Reno paper received after the disaster was eagerly sought and L. F. Conn read the horrifying details to a packed house in the public Reading Room. The next night, Saturday, brought another welcome missive and it was read to an anxious crowd likewise.

Mrs. R. A. Hawkins received a letter from her sister, Mrs. E. M. Brattain, Saturday night. Mrs. Brattain lives in Oakland. She wrote that they were awakened a little after 5 o'clock on the morning of the 18 by a terrific shock and bricks and glass fell at their bedside. They were soon up and out of the house, which was partially destroyed by the first shock. The gas plant, in which Mr. Brattain was interested, across the bay, in San Francisco was destroyed she said. Sherlock's house was not damaged and Brattains, Sherlocks and Cobbs were all living in that one house. Flues were all shaken down and no fires could be built to cook meals, and not a loaf of bread or a morsel of cooked food could be obtained in Oakland. Mrs. Brattain's letter was a touching one, as it seemed it might be the last minute the writer might live. She spoke of how she wished the children could be sent away to safety, and promised to write every day, if she lived through the siege.

Mrs. Shirk received a telegram from San Francisco Saturday morning the signature of which was incomplete but it was supposed to be from Roy, who was in the city, notifying his folks that he was all right.

Saturday night Mrs. Shirk received a letter from Roy, written at Oakland. He said himself and Mr. W. M. Harvey occupied the same room in a hotel in San Francisco, not naming the hotel, and that when the shock occurred they rushed from the building partially clothed, and that he made his way through the dense crowd to the ferry and went to Oakland. He had not seen Mr. Harvey since they left the hotel, and he was going back the next day to look for him.

Geo. Wingfield was in the city and left his hotel without his clothes, as did many others.

One man who slept in a room on the 6th floor of the Palace Hotel was thrown from his bed and half way across the room by the shock. He rushed down the six flights of stairs in his night clothes, but went back to his room for his clothes. He then went to the telegraph office to notify his wife, in Los Angeles of his escape, but found the wires all broken.

There was rejoicing in Lakeview at the receipt of each telegram—long delayed in transmission—announcing the safety of the different Lakeview people or friends who were in San Francisco at the time of the tragedy.

Wm. Harvey received a five-day-old telegram last Sunday from his brother

Joe, stating that himself and family were well and safe and that, so far, their property was safe.

Mrs. Neilson and Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell were under distressing suspense for five days awaiting news from Jennie Parker, sister and daughter, who was in the city. Their anxiety was relieved Sunday evening by telegram from Mrs. Parker stating that she was safe.

Mrs. L. A. Blair, a former resident of Lakeview, is believed to have left San Francisco before the catastrophe occurred.

Eldon Woodcock received a telegram stating that his sister, Maud Woodcock, who was working at the Hotel Santa Rosa, was safe, though the building was destroyed.

The shock was felt in New York City and at Washington, D. C. which shows that the entire continent was affected.

Fishermen who were working in their boats at Oregon City at 5 o'clock Wednesday morning, report that the river raised fully a foot within a few seconds, a slight shock was felt in Oregon City, chimneys were knocked down at Woodland.

The shock was felt as far east as Hazen Nev. which is about 50 miles beyond Wadsworth.

Shocks were felt at Ashland, Roseburg and several small places, at 5 o'clock Wednesday morning.

At San Jose much disaster was done and many lives lost.

The earthquake of last week was a world wide occurrence, though it spent its violence in San Francisco and vicinity. This fact is evidenced by the various reports from different places where shocks were felt.

Shocks were felt distinctly at Paisley on the day of the big earthquake and many others.

At Watsonville, the Morland Academy was destroyed by fire and several buildings collapsed.

Shocks were felt at Monterey and Pacific Grove.

At the Delmonte Hotel, a bride and groom were killed by falling chimneys.

At Hollister the Grangers Union warehouse destroyed. Mrs. Griffith killed, husband insane from shock.

At Vallejo the loss is about \$10,000 at Napa many buildings shattered, no loss of life. The loss will amount to \$300,000. At Sacramento a severe shock was felt, at 5:13 o'clock Wednesday, buildings rocked like cradles, many clocks stopped. A few cracks were discovered in the stone Post-office building, slight damage done to some brick buildings.

Chimneys and water tanks were shaken down at Suisun, and at Tracy. At San Jose the Vendome hotel annex was badly wrecked and 10 or 15 persons killed. Every business building was demolished, 50 people ill. The death list at Santa Cruz is large. Santa Rosa is a total wreck and 1500 people are homeless. The loss of life will reach hundreds.

The Santa Fe round house and machine shops at Point Richmond have collapsed.

The state hospital at Milpitas is wrecked and Dr. Kelley, the doctor in charge killed, number of injured unknown.

The shoe was felt at Santa Barbara. The fine stone buildings of the Leland Stanford University have suffered greatly. Cracks split the buildings from cornice to foundation.

Dumb Asylum is ruined and the Berkeley High School was damaged by the falling chimneys tearing great holes in the roof. The Homestead Loan Association and Masonic Temple were injured.

Great damage was done in Oakland while no structures were entirely demolished, a great deal of damage was done.

The loss at Alameda is estimated at \$200,000. No lives lost, but several were seriously injured.

The Tudor bloc, the Methodist bloc are damaged, railroad tracks across marsh twisted and traces sunk 3 1/2 feet.

By a miracle the University building at Berkeley escaped. The town was not so fortunate. No lives were lost, but the damage will be many thousands, the Town Hall fell, the Deaf and Dumb institute is a wreck.

The loss of property in San Francisco is estimated at about \$300,000,000. The greatest property loss ever known in any city in America, from fire or earthquake. The property loss in the here-to-foro greatest fire was estimated at \$108,000,000, and the

RESULTS OF PRIMARY ELECTION IN OREGON.

Complete Returns From the County Shown By Precincts in Tabulated Form.

The primary election passed off smoothly. The results of the election in Lake County are shown in the following table, given by precincts.

The vote shows to be very light, not near the number of voters who had registered went to the polls.

A number of scattering votes cast in the different precincts of the county, which are not given in the following table of results.

State officers have been nominated on the Republican ticket as compiled by the Oregonian with 10 of the 33

counties yet to hear from: F. W. Mulkey for U. S. Senate short term, H. M. Calk long term. Congressman, Hawley First District, Ellis for second. Withycombe for governor. Gatch, secretary of State. Steel, Treasurer, Dunaway printer, Crawford, Attorney-General, Ackerman Supt. of Public Instruction and Hoff Labor Commissioner.

The ticket put up in the county and so far as known in the state is a good one and one that every Republican can conscientiously support.

CANDIDATES	THOMAS CREEK	COGSWELL CREEK	LAKEVIEW	DEWEY VALLEY	NORTH LAKEVIEW	SOUTH LAKEVIEW	NORTH WATSON	GREENBUSH CREEK	SHIMMER LAKE	SILVER LAKE	TOTALS
REPUBLICAN BALLOT.											
U. S. Sen. in Congress, (short term)	7	21	13	6	46	34	10	14	7	27	231
Fred W. Mulkey											
U. S. Senator in Congress (long term)	7	10	11	23	12	2	16	6	10	2	104
Jonathan Bourne, Jr.											
H. M. Calk	3	4	1	5	2	2	2	2	2	2	26
Stephen A. Lowell	2	6	3	5	6	1	3	3	1	1	33
E. L. Smith	5	2	2	1	2	3	1	1	5	1	22
E. B. Watson	1	3	2	23	15	11	6	5	14	8	140
Rep. in Congress, First Dist.											
Willis C. Hawley	5	19	10	4	21	12	3	6	4	14	115
Samuel B. Huston	6	5	6	1	30	19	8	10	2	11	109
Walter L. Tooze	1	2	1	1	4	8	2	4	2	6	43
For Governor											
Harvey K. Brown	5	11	7	6	5	4	12	5	4	4	64
T. T. Geer	1	7	7	11	16	6	5	8	1	8	70
Chas. A. Johns	6	7	1	27	13	2	2	2	2	2	66
Charles A. Sehlbrede	1	1	2	6	10	8	1	4	5	1	47
James Withycombe											
Secretary of State											
Frank W. Benson	10	21	12	5	30	23	9	21	8	16	189
Claud Gatch	1	5	2	1	25	9	4	1	15	1	68
Lot L. Pearce											
Frank T. Wrightman											
State Treasurer											
John H. Aitkin	7	7	3	9	13	5	5	4	10	13	76
E. V. Carter	5	13	12	6	29	15	5	2	8	1	105
Ralph W. Hoyt	4	12	1	1	5	1	3	3	3	1	38
Augustus C. Jennings											
Thos. F. Ryan											
Geo. A. Steel											
Supreme Judge											
Robert Eakin	11	26	16	6	51	38	12	22	8	31	234
Attorney General											
A. M. Crawford	8	17	8	6	40	24	13	14	6	25	187
George H. Darham	4	6	7	10	17	1	8	2	5	1	69
Sup. of Public Instruction											
J. H. Ackerman	11	25	15	6	52	40	13	22	7	30	254
State Printer											
Wm. J. Clarke	6	13	4	5	10	12	9	13	1	3	87
Willis S. Dunaway	4	10	12	1	29	16	4	9	14	1	125
J. K. Whitney	3	1		17	16	4	3	2	13		62
Com. of Labor Statistics											
O. P. Hoff	9	19	13	6	38	31	9	19	7	26	200
Legislative Ticket											
H. P. Belknap	11	9	7	5	34	19	8	11	7	22	161
George H. Merryman	10	19	9	6	42	27	9	13	8	19	179
County Ticket											
Harry Bailey (Judge)	7	7	12	5	28	11	6	3	5	3	69
B. Daly (Judge)	11	20	9	6	47	42	15	12	10	28	229
Albert Dent	13	18	9	4	25	23	15	10	6	16	157
E. N. Jaquish	1	12	7	24	21	1	6	3	12	2	123
J. L. Smith	1	1	2	8	3	1	3	2	4	4	30
J. W. Tucker	15	27	17	6	57	45	17	22	11	20	234
F. O. Ahlstrom	1	10	1	1	9	8	2	2	20	1	106
E. K. Henderson	14	18	16	6	48	38	8	22	11	1	184
H. R. Heryford											
DEMOCRAT TICKET											
U. S. Senator											
John M. Gearin	7	21	15	26	17	8	9	3	13	18	170
Rep. in Congress											
P. A. Cochran	7	15	4	1	12	4	6	7	3	4	14
Charles V. Galloway	2	3	2	7	2	4	2	2	2	1	49
For Governor											
Geo. E. Chamberlain	8	20	16	1	28	20	8	10	3	13	139
Secretary of State											
P. H. Strodt	7	19	16	1	27	20	7	7	3	13	139
State Treasurer											
J. D. Matlock	8	20	16	1	26	18	7	11	3	13	141
Supreme Judge											
T. G. Hailey	8	19	16	1	27	19	7	10	3	13	136
State Printer											
J. Scott Taylor	7	19	16	1	26	19	8	9	3	12	138
Attorney General											
Robert A. Miller	7	19	16	1	26	16	6	11	3	11	136
County Ticket											
B. Daly	4	21	15	1	29	22	6	7	2	14	179
Lee Beull	5	7	11	17	14	7	10	1	5	1	108
F. P. Lane	2	17	5	1	14	10	1	3	2	6	111
A. W. Marring	6	16	12	1	27	16	8	12	3	10	137
W. A. Currier	8	19	10	1	22	18	6	9	2	14	150

Mrs. E. V. Spencer of Susanville arrived here Tuesday having spoken on woman suffrage at Pine Creek Monday evening. A meeting was called at the reading room yesterday and an organization was effected to further the interests of Woman's Suffrage. Mrs. Anna Neilson was elected chairman and Mrs. A. Bieber Vice-chairman. Last night Mrs. Spencer spoke in the Opera House. She is said to be an accomplished and learned woman and a good talker.

Some one committed theft at the Kimsey lodging house a few nights ago. A pair of pants and a coat was

J. D. Venator returned from Los Angeles yesterday. John spent three days in San Francisco viewing the ruins. He says it is as near complete as could be imagined.

The wholesale houses have sent out circular letters to the country customers, stating that owing to the conditions that prevail in San Francisco their capacities are totally inadequate to meet the demands, and ask that sales be limited so as to distribute stocks of country stores over as large an area as possible, and that no more goods than is absolutely necessary be ordered at one time, and that cash accompany orders and all bills due the wholesale houses be sent in as soon as possible.

next greatest fire in modern history of America was the Baltimore fire with a loss of \$5,000,000. San Francisco was considered one of the safest cities in the world, partly because of its effective fire fighting apparatus, which was destroyed by earthquake, and the bursting of the city's water mains rendered the fire company powerless to fight the flames with water, and only dynamite could be used to tear down buildings in an effort to stop the spread. It is estimated that the insurance companies of the world had \$250,000,000 of risks in the city of San Francisco, about one-half of which was carried in America and half in foreign countries. San Francisco enjoyed the lowest insurance rates of any city in America, because of its immunity from loss. A great many were lightly insured, there being no clause in vogue requiring owners to carry a certain per cent. of insurance to the value of property owned as there is in many large cities. As an example, the Chronicle carried \$15,000 insurance on the fire proof building valued at \$500,000. Insurance companies were in a position to hedge against paying a great proportion of the loss, because of many of the buildings being shook down by earthquake before fire occurred. A clause in all insurance policies reads:

"If a building or any part thereof falls, except as a result of fire, all insurance by this policy on such building or its contents shall immediately cease."

The managers of the Insurance companies of San Francisco have given out that no discriminations will be made between loss by fire or loss by earthquake and fire. The position taken by these companies is certainly a commendable one.

The reports that a quarter of the city would be saved would probably reduce the insurance to \$200,000,000. It is thought also that life insurance companies would be hard hit, the Conservative Life of Los Angeles will be a heavy loser.

Congress, immediately upon receipt of the news of California's destruction, appropriated \$5,000,000 to a relief fund. Portland and other Oregon towns donated about \$100,000, Seattle \$20,000, and many small towns sums ranging from a few hundred to five thousand dollars. The Southern Pacific run special trains loaded with provisions from Portland to the stricken cities. Every available building in all the cities in the vicinity of the devastated portion of California, not destroyed, has been turned into temporary quarters for the homeless and starving.

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