

Editor Was Shocked

Editor McKean and wife of Sanborn were in the San Francisco earthquake and the Ogden (Utah) Standard gives this as their account of it:

"We arrived in San Francisco from Los Angeles about three o'clock that morning and engaged a front room in the second story of the International hotel. We had been asleep but a little while when we were awakened by a deafening noise. Realizing our situation at once, we waited until the shock was over before attempting to dress.

Owing to the vibrating motion of the building we were unable to stand without holding to the furniture. When the earthquake had ceased we dressed and carried our baggage down to the hotel office. We found that the rear end of the hotel had been entirely wrecked and we were compelled to walk through heaps of debris in order to reach the office.

There we tried to hire a cab but the drivers refused to venture out on the streets with their teams on account of the dangers from live wires.

We then hastened to a public square about two blocks distant. On the street opposite our hotel we beheld an awful scene. Men and women, some of them in their night clothes, were falling headlong down the stairs and into the street. There everything was confusion. Often, after we had proceeded