

# Bowser Now A Scientist

Attempts to Demonstrate His  
Theory of Earthquakes  
Is Correct.

IS ATTACKED BY TRAMPS

Wife, as Usual, Is Skeptical Concerning  
the Knowledge of Her  
Spouse on the Subject.

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**M**R. BOWSER had got seated with his newspaper and cigar when Mrs. Bowser observed that she needed handkerchiefs and gloves and asked if he could spare her three or four dollars.

"Sorry to say I can't," he replied. "I gave \$5 more to the San Francisco relief fund today and am about dead broke. By the way, have you read up on what the scientists are saying as to the cause of earthquakes?"

"I haven't taken much interest in the matter beyond hoping that everything possible will be done for the people who have lost their all."

"You should read every word that's printed, Mrs. Bowser, but you won't, of course. That's the way with a woman. Whenever there is a chance to post herself upon some solid subject she turns it down. Suppose the Greens or Browns should come in here some evening and begin to talk about earthquakes—where would you be?"

"But scientists differ about the cause, don't they?" she asked.

"Certainly they do, and that's where I come in. I've got my own theory.



HE LAY DOWN AND PUT HIS EAR TO THE GROUND.

and I propose to begin working it out this very night. There are about ten different theories, I believe, but you ought to post yourself on at least half of them."

"How did you happen to get a theory?"

**Where He Got His Theory.**

"How did I happen to get a theory?" he shouted out. "That's a pretty question to ask your husband. Do you imagine I found one in the road? I got it from this brain of mine, of course, where I've got many another theory. I've been turning it over and over for a week, and tonight I'm going to verify or disprove it."

"What is it?"

"If you can keep your mind off bargain sales for five minutes I'll state it. Have you ever read or heard that the center of this earth is a mass of molten lava?"

"I believe I have."

"Oh, you have! Well, that's encouraging. It is a fact beyond dispute that we are living over vast lakes of molten lava, Mrs. Bowser. Thus far I agree with a number of scientists. From thence on we separate. Some say that the earth caving in down below makes earthquakes, and some have it that the cooling of the earth is responsible. Again, we read that they are due to gases."

"But are they not?" asked Mrs. Bowser.

"I claim and shall try to prove that all the scientists are off their chump in this matter. What keeps the fires burning down below is natural oil, or natural gas, or beds of coal. When the fire gets at a new and large supply of fuel there is a movement of the lava from east to west like the billows of the sea in a terrific storm. It is the waves breaking against rocky walls miles below us and falling back on themselves that set the ground to trembling and shaking and produce earthquakes."

"But how are you going to prove it?"

**Never Made a Failure.**

"Did you ever know Samuel Bowser to set out to prove anything and make a failure of it?" asked the amateur scientist as he rose and walked up and down with his lips pursed up and his hands clasped behind his back.

Mrs. Bowser bent over and pretended to look on the floor for a lost hairpin, and the cat gurgled in his throat and tried his best to wink his left eye.

"Standing on our feet, Mrs. Bowser, the earth does not conduct any sound to us unless it is a fairly loud report. Lying down, we can hear the soft footfalls of a mouse twenty feet away.

Dig a hole two feet deep and listen at its mouth and you can hear ten times as well. If there are tremors of the earth you can feel them. I expect to demonstrate that the tremors are always with us and to hear from the lake of molten lava that undoubtedly boils beneath us. Our lot here may be situated above the very center of such a lake."

"And the crust of the earth may break and let us down any day or night?"

"It is liable to, my dear, but if I am home I may get warning in time."

"And you are going to dig a hole in the back yard and listen?"

"That's what I shall do. I shall dig a hole and then spread my raincoat on the grass and lie down. I shall record whatever I feel or hear, and you may read 'The Bowser Earthquake Theory' in all the newspapers before you are many days older. I think I feel a tremor of the earth now."

"It is only the hired girl walking around the kitchen," replied Mrs. Bowser. "Have these tremors you speak of anything to do with delirium tremors?"

**Gave Her the Awful Look.**

Mr. Bowser stopped dead still and gave her one awful look that lasted a long minute. Then he tried to say something, but words failed him, and he went upstairs after his raincoat. When he came down with it he went directly to the back yard and used the spade for about fifteen minutes. When he had got the hole deep enough Mrs. Bowser called to him from a back window:

"I have consulted the dictionary and found that one is tremors and the other tremens. Only the tremens come from drink. Please excuse me."

He wouldn't do it. He lay down and put his ear to the ground, and his theory began working right away. He also began making notes and at the end of half an hour had recorded the following:

"The smell of acids seems to be escaping from the earth; smells like an old woolen sock on fire."

"If I am not mistaken I hear a seething noise, the same as occurs when a farmer's hired man spits on the family cook stove."

"The lake of molten lava has struck a fresh supply of fuel and is booming for keeps. No wonder coal and kerosene are so high."

"Tremors of the earth as the lake is agitated."

"I'll show Mrs. Bowser whether it's tremors or tremens. It is such remarks from her that have always kept me back in this world."

"Two tremors in quick succession, with a strong smell of burning sock."

"Hang a woman who isn't interested in earthquakes!"

"Rumblings, reverberations and groans from the center of the earth. Bowser's theory is working out to a dot."

**Felt Decided Tremors.**

"Decided tremors passing from east to west, just the same symptoms as preceded the awful disaster at St. Pierre. I can't say there will be an earthquake or a volcano, but if there is Mrs. Bowser needn't expect help from me."

"The escaping gases now smell like the bottom of a vinegar barrel. The fire may have taken in a factory or two."

"The Bowser theory is coming right along, as all his other theories have. Great rush of reporters to interview him tomorrow. Mrs. Bowser will not be allowed to do any talking."

"There are sounds like footsteps. They are probably produced by the fiery billows rebounding from the face of granite cliffs."

"The Bowser theory—"

Two tramps who had been sneaking up the alley to find a shed to furnish them lodgings for the night had caught sight of the recumbent Mr. Bowser through the half open gate and stood and watched him for ten minutes. Then they nudged each other and softly advanced, thinking they had found a drunken man asleep. They were bending over their victim when he became aware of their presence. Both piled on to him to search his pockets, but shaking them off he yelled for the police and grabbed up a club and laid around him. As they fell back he pursued, and he soon drove them out of the yard, although they drove him into the house by bombarding him with cans and bottles. He found Mrs. Bowser still up and was carrying his swelled nose and scratched face upstairs when she called:

"Was that an earthquake I heard out there just now, dear?"

"None of your business!" he replied as he continued on his way.

**Well Healed Too.**

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**Proved.**

Stella—The doctor Leo says candy is a cure for fatness. Bella—That's true. A man who believes me chocolate never makes me as fat as a man who does not.—Harper's Bazar.

Another big shipment of the San Francisco earthquake books have just arrived at the Astorian office and are ready for subscribers. Come early and avoid the rush.

**CITY NOTICES.**

**NOTICE.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT the Common Council of the City of Astoria has declared its determination and intention to construct a sewer along the West side of Thirty-seventh street in Adair's Port of Upper Astoria from the North line of Duane street to the North line of Commercial street. Said sewer shall be constructed of vitrified terra cotta sewer pipe 14 inches in diameter and on the proper grade to admit of sufficient drainage, and in matters of detail said sewer shall be constructed according to the plans and specifications therefor to be prepared by the City Surveyor as hereinafter provided, and any matter of construction and drainage found necessary to make the improvement safe or substantial shall be done by the contractor whether specified or not, without extra charge.

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**OLOF ANDERSON,**  
Auditor and Police Judge of the City of Astoria. 10t

**NOTICE.**

There is money in the City treasury to pay the following street warrants: Eighteenth street sewer, Grand Avenue to Exchange, Nos. 21713 to 21727 inclusive; Harrison Avenue from 30th to 33rd street, Nos. 2148 and 2149; Exchange street from 23rd to 21st, Nos. 20637, 20638 and 20639. Interest will cease after this date.

**THOMAS DEALEY,**  
City Treasurer.  
Astoria, Ore., Sept. 22, 1906. 9-23-10t

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**PROPOSALS FOR BEEF AND MUTTON.** Vancouver Barracks, Wn., Oct. 2, 1906—Seals proposals for furnishing and delivering fresh beef and mutton for six months, beginning Jan. 1, 1907, will be received here and at offices of commissaries at Fort Stevens, Ore., Boise Barracks, Ida., Forts Casey, Columbia, Flagler, Lawton, Vancouver Barracks, Walla Walla, Ward, Worden, and Wright, Wash., until 10 a. m., Nov. 1, 1906, and then opened. Envelopes containing proposals should be endorsed, "Proposals for fresh beef and mutton, to be opened Nov. 1, 1906," and addressed to commissary of post to be supplied, or to Lt. Col. George B. Davis, Chief Com'y.

**NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the committee on streets and public ways, city surveyor and the superintendent of streets, have filed a certificate of the completion of the improvement of 7th street, from the south line of Niagara avenue, to the north line of Bay avenue, by E. A. Gerding, the contractor, and unless objections are filed against the same, the same will be accepted by ordinance at the next regular meeting of the common council.

**OLOF ANDERSON,**  
Auditor and Police Judge of the City of Astoria.  
Dated September 29, 1906. 9-29-3t

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