

The Corn Planter which has won so many over in the State

of Iowa, was exhibited on the streets Saturday, but of course in the mud it was hard to count the wonderful per cent it was doing, but there were 10 Sure Drop sold on Saturday. Come in and see the wonderful and only SURE DROP PLANTER.



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Ben Akes Writes of Frisco Horror.

Ben Akes, a former Leon boy, now in business in San Francisco, has written the following letter to relatives in this city, and very kindly sent THE REPORTER a copy for publication:

San Francisco, Cal., April 21, 1906.

DEAR RELATIVES:—Will write you in regard to the awful earthquake and destructive fire at San Francisco.

I woke up at five o'clock Wednesday morning, and as we are accustomed to getting up at six, I was wondering what time it was and all of a sudden the house began to shake, at a degree that would be impossible to describe unless you had witnessed previous earthquakes, but I will however give a brief description by comparing the occasion with a powerful person rushing up to your bed in a mad rush and shaking it as if they were trying to wreck the bed or make you say "nuh" and to give you some idea of the way our house was rocked, will say that the Regina music box which was sitting against the wall was thrown under the billiard table upside down with the lid broken off. Both my book cases were hurled to the floor, falling on valuable furniture and smashing same. Our china closet was thrown over smashing everything that amounted to much; the creamer that Ida gave us was one of the things that was not broken, it is one that she used many years before her death.

I do not know or have any idea of my personal loss but it will run up into the thousands. We will know more when we find the extent of the insurance company's obligations. The house that I am with was burned to the ground.

After the earthquake was over, which only lasted part of a minute, I ran to the window to see what "was doing" on the outside, then wife and I threw our clothes on at a rapid rate and went down town, walking was the only chance as the cars were all wrecked, so to complete the destruction the city caught fire at several places, and you can imagine the horrible sight; the earthquake had shaken buildings down and crushed the life out of many people and others were pinned under wrecked buildings. We saw and helped rescue what we could but progress was slow on account of the raging fires. Heretofore we have run blocks to witness the beautiful sight of a fire but for years to come fires will be a gruesome sight. You can imagine the condition when I say that I waded in coolly and helped rescue dead bodies and when the policemen and other forces were planning how to get a corpse when all had been relieved but one hand, and I called for an axe and willingly chopped away a corner of a door that lay on it, and now I write this with tears in my eyes. My wife remarked to me that our own home was in danger and we thought it best to try to get home, and we indeed had a time to dodge the fires, there was not a

How Japs Keep Strong

Reporter Readers Can Learn Something of Value from This.

Such a thing as a weakling is hardly known in Japan. The wonderful endurance of the Japanese soldiers and sailors in the recent war has been the marvel of all nations. Both men and women are well, happy and strong.

The reason for this so careful investigators tell us, is that the Japanese from childhood up know how to keep well through care of the digestive system. If they have trouble with indigestion, heartburn, wind on the stomach, loss of appetite, sleeplessness, headache, rheumatic pain, back-aches or any of the other troubles caused by a weak stomach, they treat themselves with some of the principal remedies that compose Mi-o-na, a stomach remedy that has already a large sale in Leon at L. P. Van Werden's.

So uniformly successful has the remedy been in curing all stomach troubles where it is used in accordance with the simple directions given with each box, that L. P. Van Werden's give a signed guarantee with every 50 cent package to refund the money if Mi-o-na fails to benefit.

conveyance of any kind available.

We finally arrived home and after deciding that we were safe I jumped on a bicycle and did the best I could which of course was not much. The fire commenced down town and kept spreading, so the residents began to move, as dray wagons demanded a hundred dollars each, if you could get one at all, moving began to progress as follows: Ropes were drawn along the walks with what clothing could be saved, there was also other ways of transporting goods of which I will make mention of a few that I can call to mind. Anything having casters or rollers on, chairs, beds, wheelbarrows, baby buggies, and dozens of others besides many other horse vehicles drawn by men. In the streets and on the walks was formed just such a procession of the above, and the peculiarity of it all was no one seemed to be excited or to say much, they simply moved along as best they could to a place of temporary safety which as a rule was some park, and began to erect an impromptu tent with blankets as walls.

As the fire was a raving furnace, taking everything in its path for a swath of twenty blocks, we began to pack with the determination of getting a dray at any price and move a part of our most valuable furniture at any moment, and we are thankful indeed that we were spared with our lives and that we were not burned out. Although nearly every one moved I stayed with it but you may bet that I kept a close watch on the condition of the fire, and even fought like a hero. The fire is now checked and people are moving back, that is the ones who are fortunate enough to have a home left.

The city was turned over to the U. S. and the government troops were ordered to take full charge of affairs so instead of a city government, we are under a martial law and anyone caught stealing is handled roughly and in many cases shot outright. On account of the earthquake shaking the chimney tops off there is a soldier on each corner who watches very closely to see that there are no fires built not even a light is allowed in the house. We were fortunate enough to have our camp stove which we put up in the street. They allow a camp fire in the street if it is not windy.

If any person is caught selling liquor or even moving it the soldier boys simply takes possession of it and smashes the bottles on the cobble stones.

If any person is guilty of charging an exorbitant price for any provision the regulars take possession of his store, and in many cases distribute the contents to the waiting crowds on the outside. I knew a case yesterday where a crowd was lining up to await their turn to make their purchases and a party called for a box of sardines, when informed that it was worth \$1.00 the purchaser hesitated to pay same which was too much for the waiting crowd, which rushed over the counter and helped themselves to such as they needed. As a rule no one need to want as the government is very generous in giving supplies as well as medical aid.

We have an automobile service here consisting of several hundred machines which are not allowed to rent them but are compelled to use them as ambulances and other ways of aiding the sufferers, taking them to hospitals, which has indeed been a great blessing in relieving the sufferers and is now being used to carry the people from their temporary camping sites to a more permanent location.

A few words in regard to the present condition. In regard to the general destruction will say the entire business portion of the city is burned and not one important building remains except the ferry building and U. S. mint. Everything from the magnificent 22 story Call building to the less important buildings have been destroyed, the streets being piled many feet high in bricks and other debris and many of them will be impassable for several days.

There will be no street cars running for weeks as the tracks (which are constructed of nine inch steel rails) are warped and twisted and in some cases stand up above the pavement for two or three feet.

Notwithstanding the present condition San Francisco is a remarkable city. Although the government offers to give free transportation, there is only a small per cent who take advantage of same and go east. There are no passengers allowed to come in here at present. With kindest regards to all, I remain,

S. B. AKES.

A DANGEROUS MISTAKE.

Leon Mothers Should not Neglect Kidney Weakness in Children.

Most children have weak kidneys. The earliest warning is bed-wetting. Later comes backache, headache, languor. 'Tis a mistake to neglect these troubles. To blame the child for his own distress. Seek to cure the kidneys — Save the child from deadly kidney ills. Doan's Kidney Pills cure sick kidneys. Leon parents recommend them.

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For sale by all dealers. Price 50c. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

Letter from Frank Clark.

San Francisco, April 21, 1906.

DEAR FOLKS—I suppose you received my wire that we were all saved from the earthquake and I thought I would follow it up with this letter and give you the particulars. It happened Tuesday morning at about 5:15. I had started with my delivery wagon to the market as was usual and had gotten about 4 blocks when the most awful sensation came over me, such as I cannot describe. My horse was scared and did not run, but crouched down to the pavement and the houses on each side of the street began to fall and the street began to crack open and the poles and wires fell on all sides. The people all ran to the middle of the street and yelled earthquake which means terror to them and I returned to the house and found all in confusion as the beds, stoves and dishes were all broken and the folk were in the street. In about 30 minutes fire broke out and that was a great deal worse than the quake, as it has burned for 6 days and rendered 350,000 people homeless, ourselves among that number.

I am writing this letter in our (government) tent in Golden Gate park, our present home. I expect we will have to live in the tent this summer as 85% of the houses were either completely ruined or will be condemned and rebuilt. Our store was a complete wreck as what the quake did not destroy the government confiscated and all I have left is a few fixtures. However I have a lease on the room for three years and it is (now) one of the swellest store rooms in the city that was not destroyed by fire and if I do not resume business I can get a fancy price for the lease. As the people are sending train loads of provisions and we can get in line and get a loaf of bread at one place, potatoes and flour in another and so on, and as you know I can rustle a bit so we will not suffer. Our money we had left was in the Italian American bank and they claim we will get every cent but will not get any insurance on any goods that were not burned. I have lined up with me that could check in six figures for a loaf of bread and they had none the best of me as they could buy none. I think things will improve here a great deal and we will stay it out. I had only been open for business about 10 days and had the finest prospects you ever saw and it is discouraging to us, but we will pull out all right. Well, I will close for this time.

Yours,

FRANK.

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