

ZION CHURCH MATTERS.

Complications Arising with Respect to Filling the Pulpit.

It would seem, says The St. John Telegraph, that all is not settled in regard to the pastorate of Zion Methodist Church, in spite of the fact that Rev. James Crisp of Gibson, has been called and has accepted.

From what can be ascertained the friends of Rev. Thomas Pierce, present pastor, are of the opinion that Rev. Mr. Pierce has not been used quite rightly and are, therefore, making strenuous efforts to have him retained. According to a member of

the church, three-quarters of the congregation have signed or will sign a petition to be forwarded to the stationing committee of the conference, asking that Rev. Mr. Pierce be retained. Matters are, therefore, in a complicated state.

The call to Rev. Mr. Crisp and his acceptance are subject to the approval of the stationing committee, and that body will now have the knotty problem deciding which of the two clergymen shall minister to Zion Church for 1907. A member of the congregation also said last night that the call to Rev. Mr. Crisp came from but a small portion of the congregation, as none but the quarterly board favored the change.

The conference will meet in June. If a note is lost or stolen it does not release the maker. He must pay it.

ANOTHER SHOCK.

Earthquake of Short Duration Shook San Francisco Wednesday--One Woman Killed--Relief for the Hungry.

San Francisco, April 26.—At 3.15 o'clock yesterday afternoon a shock of earthquake was felt. It lasted nearly a minute and caused considerable alarm, although no one was injured. A number of walls of burned buildings were thrown down and frail buildings were considerably shaken up but the damage done was slight.

The shock was also felt in Oakland and Berkeley, but in these places it was very slight and of brief duration. The earthquake caused the death of Mrs. Whitaker who was at work in the kitchen of her home on Shortwell St. in the Mission district, when the shock came. The chimney, which had been left in a tottering condition by the heavy quake last Wednesday, crashed through the roof and fractured her skull.

OPTIMISTIC REPORTS.

Yesterday was a day of optimistic reports from all sides. "Conditions improving," was the happy expression from those who had charge of caring for their less fortunate fellow townsmen during the last few days.

In fact, now that the most important duty will hereafter be performed by the U. S. army, that of distributing the food supplies which have been given lavishly, the citizens of San Francisco have turned their attention to the details of the reconstruction of their business.

There was resumption of business to an astonishing extent yesterday.

"From the reports of officers filed yesterday morning," said Chief of Police Dinan, "there is every indication that San Francisco has settled down to an almost normal condition. Our officers are everywhere as usual, but no crimes have been reported for the last twelve hours. The one perplexing problem that we now have to contend with is the unequal distribution of food. Those of the worst element of the city are living better than they ever did in their lives, while the unfortunates who have never been accustomed to ask for aid are actually suffering. We are doing all in our power to relieve this condition, and hope in a few days to get rid of those who are taking everything in sight."

Retail trade was resumed yesterday with a rush in the unburned sections of the city. In nearly every block on Fillmore Street from McAllister as far as California Street, business houses were running full force. Many of the dealers complain that the people who are able to pay for the necessities of life are depending upon the commissionaries for their living.

THE HOMELESS.

Washington, April 26.—The following despatch was received from General Greely yesterday afternoon:

Headquarters, Fort Mason, Cal., April 25, 1906. The Military Secretary, Washington, D. C.

"Three hundred thousand people are homeless and the entire business facilities of the city of half a million have been destroyed except those on one street of minor importance; accommodations for most urgent financial and other indispensable business institutions are being obtained only with the greatest difficulty. The great body of those who have been devoting their efforts to the town affairs and even those who have de-

voted themselves to relief and rescue the past week are gradually withdrawing therefrom, stating correctly that domestic and business affairs demand their attention.

The mayor and police are so fully occupied operating without ordinary accommodations that even the ordinary current duties such as pertain to the coroner's office and vital statistics are largely neglected for lack of force and office accommodations; under such conditions a registration bureau is imperative.

The newspapers, The Examiner, The Call and The Chronicle, who at present are best informed as to the location of prominent individuals. To appreciate the situation it is to be borne in mind that San Francisco covers 35 square miles and that all street car lines and usual methods of local transportation are still unavailable and imperative. There is no telegraph system within the city except that constructed by the signal corps, nor does any telephone service exist beyond the system connecting the headquarters with the mint, post office, various district headquarters and other points of great public importance. Even the present military systems are being continually broken by parties engaged in repair and rescue operations. Under these conditions no part of the city can be reached save by a messenger on foot, which entails hours, or by automobiles, of which there are few.

"I have fully gone into the situation to prevent misapprehension and to enable the war department to disclose the situation to the public. It should be added that the names of the dead have already been furnished the department and if desired the names of every injured person in the hospitals will be similarly transmitted. To relieve public apprehension, it should be clearly understood that beyond isolated cases already reported, there are no deaths or serious injuries of guests of any well known hotel in San Francisco. It should also be understood that there is no demand for nurses or doctors. The medical, civil and military, will be able to handle the entire situation, unless unexpectedly adverse conditions arise. The hospital corps force will be utilized more for sanitary purposes and preventive measures than for the cure of any great body of sick of which none exist."

FOOD COMMITTEES WORK.

San Francisco, April 26.—An idea of the task which confronts the food committee may be gained from the fact that throughout the city rations for 349,410 persons were distributed yesterday. At one point provisions were given out for 672 persons an hour for ten hours.

All flour that was received in sacks is exchanged at the bakeries pound for pound for bread. Nearly all the bakeries in the unburned districts are opened and selling bread at five cents a loaf. There is no danger of a meat famine. Representatives of the Western meat company in South Francisco reported to the relief committee this morning that there are 500 hogs, 1,500 cattle and 3,000 sheep in the yards.

RUSIAGORNISH BOY.

Mr. Terence Owens, Chief of Denver Fire Brigade, had Thrilling Experience in San Francisco Disaster.

Mr. Terence Owens, referred to below is a native of Rusiagornish, Sunbury County, and his experience at San Francisco will be read with special interest.

Salt Lake City, April 24.—Terence

Owens, chief of the Denver Fire Department, with his wife and young son arrived here. They were at the Grand Hotel in San Francisco on the morning of the earthquake, and escaped to Oakland.

"I happened to be awake when the first shock came," said Chief Owens. "The plaster began to come down around us and the furniture of the room was thrown about."

"My wife sprang up from the bed, and a moment after she had quit it a heavy dresser was thrown against it. It would surely have killed her had she remained there. I quickly got my wife and child to the street. Going back, I got our things together and took them down where my wife was."

"Market street, when we got out of the hotel, was in a frightful state, naked and half naked men and women were running along the street, cattle and horses were mixed up with the crowd, and the scene was one of indescribable confusion. The air seemed to be a sort of bluish yellow. To make matters worse there was the most peculiar smell in the air. Then the buildings were together in a crazy fashion and debris was falling everywhere. I knew when the water was gone that the city was gone."

"I distinctly felt two heavy shocks before we left for Oakland and after we got over to the Oakland side there were two more."

"As we left the Frisco side I could see fire in all directions. People whom we met had come for many blocks running to the water front, half naked and with bare feet. At that time it was no easy matter to get through the streets for the stuff thrown about by the shock. The sight was the most horrible I ever witnessed, and I have seen many fires. Some persons we met were cut about the face and hands by falling glass or windows, and others had been hit by stones. None of them seemed to know where they were going, but ran about in every direction."

Willie—Say, pop, what's the difference between anthracite and bituminous coal? Pop—About five dollars a ton.

RAINY-DAY ... SKIRTS FOR LADIES

Showery days and muddy streets will be experienced for some weeks. Our special rainy-day Skirts will meet these emergencies. Made of showerproof materials, they will not spot or shrink. In grey only. Each \$5

Tennant & Clarke

AGENTS.

New Idea Patterns 10c. each.

SUIT, PANTS or OVERCOAT

Made to order at a moderate

price, call on

WALKER BROS.

The West End Tailors,

Always on hand, a choice selection of Cloths to select from.

WALKER BROTHERS,

Merchant Tailors,

1st door above the People's Bank.

FARM PROPERTY FOR SALE

Known as the Ranney Murray Farm six hundred acres of land more or less, 150 cleared and under cultivation. Balance fine growth hardwood. Buildings in excellent repair. Apply PERCY H. BARNETT, Springhill, N. B.

April 18.—d.w.t.

DRIVING SHOES.

We have Just Received a Large Supply of

Genuine Chrome Kip Driving Shoes

IN

10 and 13 Inch Leg.

They are a first-class shoe, with Klondike Eyelets, Whole Cut Vamps, Tap Soled, Sole Leather Counters, Substantial Back Straps, and well-made throughout.

We have also on hand some of BOYER'S CELEBRATED HAND-MADE IMPERIAL CALF DRIVING SHOES. 14 inch legs with hooks and Klondike Eyelets.

H. M. LOTTIMER,

210 Queen st., Fredericton

BICYCLES

Our new WHEELS have some advantages over all the others. Come in and see them.

..IN TYRES..

We have some special values which will interest you if you are spending money in this line.

BARNETT'S

High Grade Hats

Our HATS are better than the average, are made from selected stock, and finished by expert workmen, consequently will wear better than other Hats, made from ordinary material. Our prices, however, are no higher than the others ask for the poorer kinds. This is the place to buy your Spring Hat.

FARRELL BROS.

5,000 Feet of Room Moulding

Just received. Let us send you samples.

JOHN G. ADAMS,

Down Town, Next above Queen Hotel. 'Phone 62

WATCHES GIVEN AWAY



The Busy
Corner

Lucy & Co.'s Annual Sale of BOYS' CLOTHING is now on. A Watch goes with every Suit. Only five dozen Watches. Come early and secure yours.

LUCY & CO.

It Would be Well for You TO CONSIDER THIS

A Manure Spreader will increase the yield of grain twenty per cent. over hand spreading, in addition to saving time and labor.

The Great Western Endless Apron Spreader commends itself to progressive farmers because of the extreme lightness of draft, because the endless apron construction allows of a much larger load being put on for long hauls than is possible with half apron machines, it also does away with the necessity for reverse gears, stops and so forth, making the Great Western much simpler and more easily kept in repair than others.

We can tell you of a great many other advantages that this machine has, if you are interested enough to ask us.

More than 10,000 Great Westerns are being manufactured this year in order to meet the demand.

J. CLARK & SON

Wholesale.

SEEDSMEN.

Retail.

Great Sale of Wall Paper

NOW GOING ON AT

McMurray & Co.'s.

Now is the time for GENUINE BARGAINS.

Call early and inspect the stock.

McMURRAY & CO.