

Summary of Newspaper Articles

Deseret Evening News – Salt Lake City, UT (last date searched 04/24/1891)

Headline: [The Earthquake](#)
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Salt Lake Herald – Salt Lake City, UT (last date searched 04/24/1891)

No articles found.

Salt Lake Tribune – Salt Lake City, UT (last date searched 04/26/1891)

No articles found.

Information Categories

A -- Aid:

provide medical services, shelter, donations, loans, advice, encouragement, implement safety measures

B -- Building Damage:

structure itself plus windows and chimneys (typically damage visible from outside the building)

E -- Earthquake Description:

where, when, duration, direction, sound, motion, number and timing of aftershocks

G -- Geologic Effects:

changes at the Earth's surface, fault scarps, rockfalls, landslides, ground cracks, ground subsidence, sand boils, water spouts; effects on springs, lakes, wells

H -- Humor:

I -- Impact:

changes in daily routine; rumors; influx of reporters, politicians, cost in dollars

L -- Lifelines:

effects on transportation: roads, bridges, railroads, airports

effects on communications: telephone, telegraph

effects on power, gas, water, and sewer lines

effects on dams

N -- Nonstructural Effects:

effects on plaster, furnishings (typically damage or rearrangement of furnishings visible inside a building)

P -- People:

effects on and responses to, during and after; deaths, injuries, near misses

R -- Recovery:

clean up, rebuild

S -- Scientific:

explanation of the day

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THE EARTHQUAKE

Details Of Its Effects In St. George--A Phenomenal Spring

Quite a sensation was caused this morning, at ten minutes before seven, by a rumbling noise resembling distant thunder, or, as some say, more like a distant train of cars, accompanied by a shaking of the earth, which was felt most severely by those in or near to a building. It shook houses and made windows rattle and caused a queer sensation to pass through the whole human system--some said like that of sea-sickness. Others say the feeling was like that produced by an electric shock. It was a cloudless morning, and yet quite hazy. In fact the whole atmosphere looked as though the sun was in a partial eclipse.

I do not think that the sound of a bugle ever called an army out of bed all at the same instant as this earthquake rustled those out who were engaging in a nap this morning. Some women were seen running out of doors in their night dresses. They were filled with wonder and some degree of fear. Nervous children were seen clinging to their parents, and quite a number of scenes were enacted at one and the same time, in this city. I have not heard of any damage being done. This has been a very curious spring for this climate. Some days quite warm but very cold at nights, and a very hot season generally. Yesterday morning, April 19, we had ice here as thick as common window glass. The apricots are all killed and most of the almonds. The grapes are not far enough advanced to be injured much yet. Pears and apples are not hurt a great deal.

William Atkin,

St. George, April 20, 1891

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EARTHQUAKE, HEALTH AND FRUIT

Editor Deseret News:

Quite a heavy earthquake shock passed over this region this a.m., at about 6:45 o'clock, causing windows, doors, dishes etc. to rattle ominously. It seems to be going from West to East.

The health of the people in general is better than in the recent past, at which time we had been indulging considerably in "it," or "la grippe," and mumps, the latter still operating, though waning in "influence."

Spring is very backward, and changeable. Frost has bitten considerable of our fruit.

VIRGIN CITY, Washington County., Utah, April 20, 1891.

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