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State Earthquake Investigation Commission: letter to E.S. Larsen Jr from  
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## Letter

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Douglas Blk. Phone 651  
Marshfield, Oregon  
April 6, 1907  
Mr. E. S. Larsen Jr.  
Berkeley  
Cal.  
Dear Sir:-

Relative to the information that you desire about the earthquake of April 18 *th* 1906 in this section and how strongly it was felt, I have made a number of inquiries from those who were residing hear [*sic*] at that time and find that a few of them noticed it very slightly and it was only noticed by those who were awake or out of bed about 5 A.M. Some of the residents spoke about feeling an earthquake before they heard [*sic*] the news from California so their statements can be taken as true. In a town about 18 miles South of Marshfield one woman was aroused in her sleep and called the attention of her husband to the swinging of a chandilier [*sic*] in the bed room [*sic*] and told him there was an earthquake which he denied.

A number of people residing along the water courses noticed a small tidal wave about 5.A.M. From their description it must have been about two feet high. One man who was residing in a boat house said he heard [*sic*] an aggitation [*sic*] of the water about four O, clock [*sic*] and at first thought I wa [*sic*] was a boat passing by, but on looking out saw nothing except the movement of the water; he felt no shock or trembling of the earth.

I am unable to ascertain the exact time these phenomena were noticed, but they all say about 5.A.M. or shortly afterward. If it had not been for the severity of the earthquake in other places on that date, I think most of those who noticed the tremor here would have forgotten it soon or passed it with no comment.

Respectfully  
E Mingus