

Report Instructions “Governor Pardee”

George Pardee was elected in 1903 as Governor of California. His staff was dispatched to San Jose to determine the extent of the damage. In their report, the Governor’s staff will identify the extent of destruction to determine if a “state of emergency” exists in the area. However, staffers are cautious to recommend a “state of emergency” because it will cost the state millions of dollars, money earmarked for other public projects. Therefore, the governor’s staffers are here to make sure the personal insurance companies fulfill their obligations to reimburse homeowners and business owners to alleviate the strain on state public funds and possibly avert a “state of emergency.”

1. Describe the damage to the building and surrounding area.

- San Jose High School Ruins
- Agnews Asylum Ruins
- Collapse of the Hotel Vendome
- Earthquake Damaged San Jose Main Post Office,
- Earthquake Destroyed House
- Grant School Ruins

2. Identify whether it would be more cost-effective to repair or completely rebuild. Be specific by circling one choice.

- San Jose High School Ruins (repair/rebuild)
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- Earthquake Destroyed House (repair/rebuild)
- Grant School Ruins (repair/rebuild)

3. Should the state or the insurance agency cover the damage to this building? Give a brief explanation of your reason.

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