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FOREST FIRES BECOME WORSE THROUGHOUT DISTRICT

New Blazes Break Out in Various Places and Some Old Ones Get Beyond Control

BACK FIRE NEAR CITY

The Placer creek fire got away this afternoon and in a short time was burning in 100 places. On one side of the creek it has burned as far as Livingston's place. Supervisor Weigle said this afternoon that he would back fire tonight between Livingston's cabin and Wallace to prevent the fire coming any nearer to Wallace. A force of men will be put to work at once cutting a trail from Anderson gulch so that back firing and trenching can be done. Supervisor Weigle said late this afternoon that the only danger to Wallace at present is due to flying brands. The back firing will stop the approach of flames to the city.

Wallace was clouded by smoke this afternoon worse than at any time in the past ten days, the sun being almost blotted out and electric lights being acceptable in business houses.

The cause is believed to be the bad fire that is burning along the Mullan road by Molte's Gulch. The fire is a continuation of the Rock creek fire near Mullan. Much green timber is being burned and the smoke is heavy. The fire is a short distance above the City Dairy.

A fierce blaze broke out near the Legal Tender mine between here and Kellogg this afternoon and it is burning fiercely. It is reported to be burning toward the Flaris, the mining property of Senator Hayburn. The forestry office was informed of the fire and the authorities notified the O. R. & N. General Agent Marshall quickly got a force of men together and they were sent down to the fire on the afternoon train.

"The fire is fearful," said Mrs. Haller at the Legal Tender mine at 3 o'clock this afternoon, and it looks as though it will consume all of the timber in this section. At present there is only a small force of men fighting it. A spark blown from the Spokane passenger train undoubtedly started it.

The Big Creek fire got away from the fire fighters, as has also the one on Placer creek.

Ranger Williams, who is in charge of the forest fire at Murray, telephoned in today that the fire had jumped from one mountain ridge to another and is going toward Murray.