

MUCH GOOD TIMBER STANDS ON PLACER

Much good timber is standing on Placer creek, particularly at the upper end, states George H. Heller, who visited mining properties along that stream yesterday.

"The lower end of Placer near Wallace is all blackened and the timber is gone", he said, "but the timber along the upper end, especially that above Frank Rose's cabin, is not so bad. There is lots of timber standing along the bottom land that is not hurt. Along the hillsides patches of green timber, 15 to 20 acres in extent, are still standing, never having been touched by the fire."

FINDS A WATCH

E. C. Pulaski is the possessor at present of a gold watch he found on the street in the fire district of Wallace today. The watch was badly damaged by fire. "I guess my eyesight isn't so bad," he remarked, "when I can see a thing of that sort."

N. P. HURRIES ITS REPAIRS

Changes at Dorsey Tunnel Depends on Investigation.

On the Coeur d'Alene line of the Northern Pacific affairs are shaping themselves finely and in about a week the company will be able to run passenger trains through to Wallace without transfer. At present these trains are being run from Missoula to the Dorsey tunnel at which point a transfer on foot is made from the high line to the lower track, a distance of some 600 feet.

After an investigation of the outer conditions at the Dorsey tunnel the engineering department of the Northern Pacific has decided that the entire roof of the tunnel may be taken off and a cut made to replace the bore. All depends, however, upon the amount of damage that has been sustained by the interior lining of the tunnel. If it is found that the timbers are all burned, the tunnel will be abolished and the hill gradually sloped to form a cut.

However, men are now engaged in constructing a temporary track around the tunnel and when this is completed trains will be run through over a switchback to Wallace. The switchback is being built from a point immediately east of the burned bridge, No. 67, to a point farther west on a 4 per cent grade which eliminates the "S" bridge over the big gulch.

With the added business the Northern Pacific is receiving from the Puget Sound line traffic over the main line during the past week has increased wonderfully. The business reaching the Northern Pacific from its own territory is excellent and is reported to be improving constantly. The local division has been called upon to supply some of its power to western and eastern divisions, where the demand for locomotives is extraordinarily heavy at present.

ONE MORE DEAD REPORTED ON COEUR D'ALENE
FOREST

Setser Creek disaster claims one more victim
according to report made to Missoula.

MISSOULA, Sept. 2--One more body was found in the burned timber near Avery, Idaho, this week, according to a telegram from Ranger DeBitt, received here by Forester Greeley at noon. From papers the man was identified as Larry Labar of the Setser creek fire fighting crew. His address is unknown.

Forester Greeley received reports direct from both the Kootenai and Nez Perce forests today. Supervisor Skeels of the Kootenai at Libby, states that while they had no rain, the fires are all under control and are entirely confined to the districts which were swept over during the high winds, the timber which then caught on fire still burning. The rain in the Nez Perce forest has practically extinguished the fires.

BURNED OVER AREA IS INSPECTED

Government officers look over Big Creek district.

E.E. Pyle of Pyle's ranch on Big creek, who was in the city today, says that the Big creek fire reached his place and destroyed some of the outbuildings and most of the timber.

"The fire struck us on Monday," said Mr. Pyle today. "For five days there had been a heavy wind. Each morning the wind would arise at 9 o'clock and would blow hard till evening. On Monday before the fire reached us the roar could be heard for five miles. It wiped out the timber, but if it is logged at once it can be saved to some extent.

"The railroad that is being built up Big Creek is held up temporarily awaiting a settlement with the government. If satisfactory arrangements can be made with the forestry department the road probably will be completed and the timber available will be logged. Government officers are now inspecting the burnt area.

"The fish were destroyed by the fire. Hundreds of them are floating down Big creek. The only explanation I can make is that the ashes and other debris formed a lye, which killed them. The water had been alive with fish prior to the fire.

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"I believe that as the days go on more dead will be found in the hills. There was no absolute record of the men who were out fighting fire and it is the general belief that more dead bodies will yet be found."

Mr. Pyle came in with the election returns from Big Creek. There was scarcely any vote there on account of the fires.

SHOSHONE DEPUTY CALLED HERO

Tribute paid to officer stationed in the fire zone.

SPOKANE, WASH. Sept. 2.--Charles H. Sullivan, deputy sheriff from Avery, Idaho, in Spokane today, stated that the criticism of Ranger Sheehy, in charge of the 24 men who lost their lives in the forest fires on Setser creek, was without foundation.

"The men were warned of the danger," said Sullivan. "Through a mistaken sense of bravery they refused to leave."

"It was he who remembered the fire fighters under Sheehy and Ranger Edward Bassett and who took steps to have them warned."

Sullivan says that few, if any, more deaths from the fire will be reported. Monday of this week he made a trip from the Copper King mine to Elk prairie, nine and a half miles, the district burned over in which settlers were thought to have perished. He checked up on the settlers and the employes of the lumber companies and found that all were safe.

BIG ELK STARTS TO REBUILD PLANT

Men now at work excavating for new buildings.

SALTESTE, Mont., Sept. 2.--The work of reconstruction at the Big Elk mine has been commenced by Manager H.L. Berkey, who has a force of men excavating for the various new buildings which are to replace those destroyed by the forest fires. A new compressor plant and other machinery has been ordered and will be installed by the first of October.

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"The Big Elk company suffered a complete loss of all buildings and machinery which, however, is pretty well covered by insurance. Former Manager Frank Lowe, who still retains a large interest in the company, said yesterday:

"The work of rebuilding is being pushed night and day and a force of miners will soon be extending the main tunnel and also sinking on the big discovery of rich copper ore made some weeks ago. Manager Berkey has everything at the mine working smoothly and the company has ample funds for development and equipment purposes. The management hopes to place the Big Elk upon a permanent producing basis before the year ends."

NORTH IDAHO TO REBUILD BURNED
TELEPHONE AREA

"The North Idaho Telephone Company will rebuild in the burned area in Wallace," said W. C. Clark of Kellogg, president of the company, this morning.

"That was decided at a meeting of the directors held this week. We believe that Wallace people will set about reconstructing homes in the fire district and we intend to keep a little ahead of them. All the destroyed telephone lines will be rebuilt to the same capacity as before the fire.

"The company also plans a few extensions of their lines outside of Wallace."

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RELIEF COMMITTEE BESIEGED

Applications for Financial Aid are ~~numerous~~.

The members of the fire relief committee are besieged daily with applications for financial aid, all claiming to have lost possessions in the forest fire or the fire that burned a portion of Wallace. The committee is disposing of all cases as rapidly as possible. In spite of the many liberal donations received it seems probable the necessary expenses of the relief committee will reach the limit in a short while.

LOSE MANY MINING COMPANIES' BOOKS

The stock books, account books and other records of many mining companies went up in smoke in the recent fire in Wallace. J. F. Whelan lost the entire lot of books of 15 mining companies for which he was secretary, while George H. Heller lost the books for four companies. It is necessary to advertise the lost stock certificates and go to considerable bother and expense to get the records of these companies in shape again for the transaction of business.

MISSING MAN IS FOUND IN HOSPITAL AT WALLACE

A. G. Osborn, concerning whose safety his sister, Mrs. G. M. Terry, of Cleveland had telegraphed here, is in the Hope hospital in a serious condition. For some time his life had been despaired of, but it is now believed that he will recover.

His wife is with him. Osborn was burned in the forest fires and was brought to the hospital here. His wife, whose home is at Missoula, could find no trace of him for a week. Finally she received a report that he had been killed and had been buried at Wallace. She came here and found him in a hospital.

MULLAN MAYOR THANKS MISSOULA

William Coumerilh expresses gratitude for kindness.

MISSOULA, Sept. 2--Through the shadow of the gloom which followed the destruction by fire of the Coeur d'Alene country and the St. Regis valley, one gleam of light has come. There were few enough good points about a disaster such as that which the forest fires brought and this one shines out forcibly. The blessing was the closer relation and the stronger friendship into which the towns of the district have been brought. As a proof of this comes a letter from Mayor William Coumerilh of Mullan thanking the people of Missoula for their kindly treatment of the Mullan refugees and expressing the gratitude of the city for the action. The letter was addressed to Mayor Logan and is as follows:

"In behalf of the citizens of Mullan I wish to express our profoundest gratitude and appreciation for the kindness and charity extended our refugees during our recent calamity.

"The whole-hearted, true generosity with which Missoula met our people and cared for them in the hour of distress has proved to us beyond a doubt who our true friends are.

"While there proved to be no real need of flight from Mullan, it certainly appeared most necessary at the time the train left here, and while our people had the good fortune to return to all they left, they were at the mercy of friends during their sojourn. Again we thank you. Sincerely yours,
WILLIAM COUMERILH."

SEW FOR FIRE SUFFERERS.

Senior Guild will meet frequently for purpose.

The Senior Guild of Holy Trinity met yesterday at the home of Mrs. C.B.Hoyt. No place of meeting for next Thursday was arranged. It was decided to hold special and informal meetings as frequently as possible to sew for the fire sufferers.

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FUNERAL SERVICES TO BE HELD FOR 5 FIRE VICTIMS TOMORROW

Nothing can be learned of relatives or friends of Bullion
and - To bury all here.

Funeral services for five victims of the Bullion tunnel disaster will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Worstell funeral chapel. Rev. Carter of the Congregational church will officiate at the services. The men who will be buried are:

S.D. Adams
Aaron Benson
Ernest Elgin
Lon Holmes
Tom Welch

Neither the forestry office nor the undertaking firm has been able to get any trace of the relatives or the friends of the dead men. It was believed that Benson had a family at Hillsdale, Wis., but the many messages that have been sent there have brought forth ~~no replies~~ no replies. Adams had an address as Institute Place, Chicago, but the telegrams sent there bring forth the reply that nothing is known there of the man. Holmes formerly was a member of the cooks and waiters' union of Spokane, but he was not in good standing at the time of his death.

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SAY ED HILL SAVED SALTESE FROM
FIRE

People who were in Saltese the night the forest fires reached that town declare that the saving of the town is due to the work of Deputy Sheriff Ed Hill. The fire burned to within 10 feet of some of the houses and many people fled. Deputy Hill is said to have drawn a gun and compelled the men to get out and work, fighting the fire. A carload of foreigners employed in railroad work are said to have been chased from their hiding places and put to carrying water for the fire fighters.

MINING JOURNAL SAYS WALLACE WAS WIPED OFF FACE OF MAP

For the past month or six weeks the daily press has been teeming with graphic accounts of forest fires in Idaho and Montana. The struggle to subdue the flames has been terrific, gigantic, and yet the conflagration gained in volume and extent until whole sections were desolated and practically destroyed. Isolated towns and mining camps were reduced to ashes. Many were rendered homeless, and a number of lives were lost. Still, it was hoped that the area of destruction could be so confined as to safeguard places of large population and of great commercial importance; and ~~it was believed, until almost the last moment, that this could be accomplished.~~ Still no human agency could check the flames, and last week the devouring element swept over the beautiful city of Wallace, in Idaho, and practically wiped this charming spot from off the face of the earth.

Wallace is the commercial center of one of the greatest silver-lead producing districts in the world. Its mines are famous for their vast production for their splendid disbursements in the way of dividends. The city, itself, was well built, and attractive in many ways. In it were the homes of many mining magnates and its streets were lined with big business houses. The traffic from a great stretch of country centered there, and the place was a bee-hive of industry.

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Now it is desolated; many lives have been lost in the battle with the red scourge, and the property loss will run up into the millions.

And yet, there is no reason to doubt but that Wallace will rise from its ashes greater and more important than ever before. We hope so, and our deepest sympathy goes out to those who have been the chief sufferers from this calamity.--Salt Lake Mining Review.
