

TWENTY-SIX MEN PERISHED

Fire in Wyoming Coal Mine Causes Fearful Loss of Life—Men Imprisoned by Wall of Flame.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Feb. 26.—The worst disaster in the history of coal mining in Wyoming since the Almy horror eight years ago, occurred at Diamondville last night when fire broke out in mine No. 1 of the Diamond Coal & Coke Company. The fire was attended with great loss of life and destruction of property. Twenty-six miners perished and their charred bodies are still in the mine. A list of names of the dead is now being made up and will be issued in a few hours.

The fire was discovered shortly after the night shift commenced working. Its cause is not known, but the flames made such progress that only one man escaped from the two entries in which it was confined. His name is John Anderson, and he was frightfully burned in running gauntlet of the flames. He is unable to give any account of the accident other than that he was suddenly confronted by a wall of fire and smoke, and wrapping his head in an overcoat, he ran in the direction of the main entrance. The first intimation the miners in the other entries had of a fire was when Anderson came rushing into the upper level, his clothing in flames.

He fell unconscious and was carried to the mouth of the mine.

The alarm was sounded and hundreds of miners at work in the mines and on the outside rushed to the rescue of their imprisoned comrades. The fire had by this time made such progress that it was impossible to enter the room. The entire night was spent in confining the fire to the two entries, and this morning it was necessary to seal them up to prevent the flames from spreading to other parts of the mine. This step was only

decided upon after all hope of saving the lives of the men had been abandoned. Nothing could live five minutes in such a fire, which was increasing in fierceness every minute.

The plugging of the two entries will smother the fire, but it may be several days before the barricades can be removed and the chambers exploded. Superintendent Sneddon has made a careful count, and he believes twenty-six men lost their lives instead of 50, as has been reported, as a large number of men are missing, some on sick leave and others in the hospital suffering from burns received while fighting the flames. It will be impossible to give the names of the dead for several hours.

Murderously Assaulted.

VALLEJO, Cal., Feb. 26.—On the night of February 9, 1896, and unknown man was murderously assaulted in Aden's lumber yard and died a week or so later at the county hospital from the effects of his wound. At the hospital he gave his name as E. C. Newell. Today Chief of Police Stanford received a letter from a law firm of New Bedford, Mass., which shows that the murdered man was heir to a big estate in that city. In giving his name as E. C. Newell the victim had transposed his right name, which was Newell E. Clark.

He was a wandering member of a very wealthy and respectable family. His parents have died since 1896 and the New Bedford lawyers are waiting for legal proof of his death in order that the large share of the estate, which would have fallen to Newell Clark, may be divided among his brother and sisters.

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NEW LAW IN EFFECT

Oregon Bill For the Collection of Road Taxes—Provides For a Ten Mill Levy.

SALEM, Feb. 26.—House bill 108, to provide for the collection of road taxes, became a law today, and goes into effect immediately. The law requires county courts to levy a road tax of not more than 10 mills on the dollar, based on the previous year's assessment. The fund thus created is to be expended under the direction of a county roadmaster, who has supervision of the road supervisors.

Upon the petition of twelve freeholders of any road district, approved by the roadmaster, for the improvement of any road, the county court shall consider the petition, and, if approved, shall call for sealed bids for the performance of the work and furnishing of the material needed, and let the contract to the best bidder, provided, however, that the court may reject any and all bids. The court is also authorized to purchase rock-crushers out of the road fund. The tax provided for in this act is in lieu of taxes heretofore made collectable under other acts.

Another New Road Law.

SALEM, Feb. 26.—House bill 205, which was approved by the governor today, requires the collection of a road poll tax of \$3 from every male inhabitant over 21 and under 50 years of age, unless by law exempt. The tax may be paid either in labor or cash, but county court may require that it be paid in cash. If any person refuses to pay the tax a suit may be brought in a justice's court to collect the same and the wages of the delinquent may be levied upon to collect any judgment recovered. The tax must be expended upon the roads of the district in which collected. The act contains an emergency clause, and goes into effect immediately. The tax becomes due on March 1, and may be collected between March 1 and December 31 of each year.

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