

# FIRE AT THE NORTH POLE

**Two Bunk Houses Burned at Tunnel No. 1 Beyond Bourne, Yesterday Afternoon.**

**Not Known Definitely How It Originated And Impossible to Estimate The Loss.**

A couple of bunk houses at the North Pole's No. 1 tunnel, half mile beyond Bourne, were burned between 1 and 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The loss of the buildings is about \$300, but it is impossible to estimate how much the miners lost in the way of clothing, bedding, money and other things. One miner lost a watch which he valued at \$90. Several had various small sums of money in their trunks and valises, but it is difficult to obtain what amount is represented.

How the fire originated is not known. John Fox, superintendent of the North Pole mine, is here today, but he is at a loss to account for its origin. He thinks probably a candle was left burning, or the stove was allowed to get too hot, and it caught fire in this way. There are three bunk houses and a boarding house at Tunnel No. 1. The third bunk house is situated some distance away, and at no time was in danger of catching fire from the others, but it was with difficulty that the boarding house, situated nearer, was saved. Mr. Fox does not attempt to estimate the loss, either of the buildings or the miners' effects. Others say that it will take perhaps \$300 or \$400 to replace the buildings, while of course, it is hard to tell the cash value of what the miners lost in personal effects. The buildings will have to be replaced at once, it is understood.

## SPECIAL EDITION OF MINING WORLD

A. G. Hillen, special representative of the Mining World, published at Chicago, is here for the purpose of securing data to be used in a special edition of the World, to be issued in August, on account of the meeting of the American Mining congress at Portland. Mr. Hillen will cover the entire state from a mining point of view, giving exhaustive information relative to the industry in Oregon. He will make his headquarters at Portland during the meeting of the congress.

The special edition of the World containing a recapitulation of mining for the year 1903 issued early in January, met with general favor here, and Mr. Hillen says that the special August number will be equally as attractive.

### Gold Found in California in 1829.

The first discovery of gold in California by Americans, it is now claimed, was in 1829, near Mono Lake. This, as will appear, was

twenty years before Marshall's rediscovery at Coloma. The discoverers were hunters and trappers, commanded by Jedediah S. Smith. Crossing at the head of the Truckee river they traversed the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys, and headed homeward in 1829. They recrossed the mountains at Walker's Pass, and skirted the base of the Sierras until Mono Lake was reached; from thence they turned eastward to Salt Lake. This was the party finding gold at Mono Lake. Bancroft mentions the fact in his history of the Pacific coast.—Pacific Coast Miner.

## COMPLETE COAL MINE AT ST LOUIS BIG FAIR

A St. Louis World's fair bulletin says: Down in a coal mine, underneath the ground, the visitor to the World's fair may wander and explore to his heart's content. He may, at his luxurious ease, penetrate drifts and tunnels of great lengths and see the miners delve in the ground and bring forth the black diamonds that have lain for countless ages awaiting the demands of civilization.

He may see the coal as it lies in its natural state; he may see it loaded into cars in the mines and hauled by mules to the shaft where by the latest machinery it will be hoisted to an up-to-date coal breaker, and may witness the breaking, washing and sizing of coal. Every process of mining will be shown and all of the methods for transporting the coal will be exhibited.

This exhibit, which will be one of the many interesting features of Mining gulch of twelve acres at the World's fair, is being installed by the coal operators of the Pennsylvania anthracite fields and the manufacturers of mining machinery and equipment.

The coal breaker will be the only part of the exhibit that may be viewed from the grounds above. This will be a typical structure and will rise about eighty feet. The rest of the exhibit will be under the ground. Connected with the breaker will be a novel electric railroad that will follow the main tunnel and the visitor may take a round trip via this novel route, and on his underground journey he may get a practical knowledge of everything pertaining to coal mining as it is carried on in the famous Pennsylvania districts.

The tunnel in its entire length will be walled with blocks of coal taken from the Pennsylvania mines. The timbers will be real and will show exactly how the "roof" of a mine is propped. There will be rooms leading off from the main tunnel where the visitor may see the real miners in their mining apparel, carrying the smoky little lamps in their caps, at work drilling and preparing to blast. Air shafts will appear at intervals to insure at all times a plentiful supply of fresh air. Much of the route will be brilliantly illuminated with electric lights, but certain sections will be lighted only by torches, and the lamps that the miners carry.

A unique feature of the exhibit will be a restaurant deep down in the ground. Not a ray of natural light will ever penetrate this eating place, and the only light will be from torches and miners lamps. The waiters will be dressed in mining garb.

Room and board at Sumpter Hotel for \$10 per week and up.

## BEEVES AND EGGS SOLD IN A JIFFY

W. M. Chamberlain and B. C. Elliot, of Burnt river, arrived here at noon today over the new road, recently opened to travel, with five beeves and twenty dozen eggs, which they disposed of in a couple of hours at good prices. They sold the eggs at fifty cents a dozen cash. The beef went equally as well. And the people are clamoring for more. After everything was sold out, a string of citizens appeared at Tom Taylor's livery barn, where the Burnt river ranchers stable their teams, and demanded more stuff.

Messrs. Elliot and Chamberlain got spot cash for every pound and dozen they brought, and could have sold many times the amount they had. They say that the people of Sumpter are treating them as well as could be asked, and in return they are purchasing supplies of various kinds of the merchants here to take back with them. They have made arrangements to be here again with another load next Thursday or Friday, and those who failed to get accommodated on this trip, have been promised stuff next week.

The trip was made over the new road all right. They left Mr. Elliot's place, four miles south of Kings' ranch at 8:30 yesterday morning, camped last night at Pheasant springs, and arrived here at noon today. The trade relations between Burnt river and Sumpter are being gradually established, and it is the general sentiment that this entire scope of country will look to Sumpter as its market.

Chamberlain and Elliot will return early in the morning.

### UNEQUALLED OPPORTUNITY

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### Good Development Progress.

Judge W. H. Chambers, of the Big Producer, accompanied by Mrs. Chambers, came in this morning on his way to Spokane. Judge Chambers reports satisfactory development progress at the property.

### Shareholders Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the shareholders of the First National Bank, of Sumpter, Tuesday, February 16, 1904, at their banking house at 11 a. m.

R. H. MILLER, Cashier.  
Dated Jan. 11, 1904.

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