

FAIR OR UNSETTLED The weather condition is for fair skies, but the weather may be rather uncertain in its progress and a storm may be feared this day.	Reno Evening Gazette	METALS Silver—London, 28 1-166. New York 278. Copper — Electricity, spot and future, 14 1/2 @ 14 1/2. Lead—steady spot 8 1/2 Zinc—4. 26. 26 1/2		
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CHARRED BODIES TELL TRAGIC TALE OF CARSON FIRE				

3 Fire Fighters Lose Lives in Flames Near Capital

Early Morning Searchers Find Missing Burned to Crisp on Hill

Little Hope Held Out for Two Men Taken from Fire Yesterday Afternoon

Carson's fire siren sounded again at two o'clock this afternoon when the brush and forest fire of yesterday blazed up again on the George Fettic ranch. A big hay barn caught fire, and although scores of men responded and efforts were being made to save the hay and prevent the fire's spread, indications were that most of the hay was doomed. The fire late this afternoon had crossed the road in the Ira Winters field, and had also started up again west of the county poor farm, located about two miles south of Carson.

Late reports from Dr. Donald McLean, who is attending Arthur Sunday and Bryant Whitmore, burned in yesterday's fire at Carson, gave little hope for their recovery. Whitmore is delirious from pain as his burns are very deep. Sunday is conscious, but suffering. To ease their pain specially constructed cribs have been built for the men so they do not have to lie in bed.

Before the embers of the brush and forest fire which yesterday threatened destruction to Nevada's state capital had cooled, searchers early this morning found the charred bodies of three men who were part of the fire fighting units that battled the flames yesterday morning and afternoon.

The bodies were found within a radius of 150 yards of each other, all close to the location known to motorists as "The Barrel" and all the men had sought shelter from the flames among the rocks.

Bodies Unrecognizable

It was possible to identify only the body of Ralph Morse, an Indian section hand for the Virginia & Truckee railroad, when the first two charred remains were discovered, and this only because of his shoes and part of a leather jacket. Later after the third body had been found, identification of the other two men was still not definitely established.

It was definitely known, however, that they were those of two inmates of the Nevada state prison who had volunteered to aid the fire fighters and who had become trapped in the gulley when the flames rushed up Clear creek canyon faster than the men could run up the hill. The same flames caught Art Sunday and Bryant Whitmore, causing burns which may yet cause their death.

Recommended for Parole

Both of the state prison inmates – George Brown, serving from one to five years for second degree burglary from Churchill county, and J. E. Mitchell, serving from one to fourteen years for assault with intent to kill from Clark county – had been recommended for parole in November.

They had crawled away from the burning brush as far as possible and sought shelter among rocks where there was no brush, but they had been so badly burned they were unable to survive the shock, no medical aid being possible.

State prison officials have arranged that the two prisoners shall be buried with religious rites in Carson cemetery.

Whitmore Near Death

While the searchers were taking the remains of the three men to Carson mortuary, word was received from St. Mary's hospital in Reno that Bryant Whitmore, prison guard who was badly burned yesterday, was near death and that his companion, Art Sunday, whose burns were thought to be fatal, had a slight chance to recover.

Whitmore's condition grew worse during the night and the physician attending him said this morning that death was imminent.

Sunday and Whitmore were caught in the same section where the three charred bodies were found this morning, but managed to escape, Whitmore assisting Sunday to a pile of rocks and both being rescued by F. N. Dondero.

Morse Leaves a Family

Ralph Morse, the railroad section hand, is survived by a widow and five children, three of them of a tender age. They are protected however, by the state industrial accident insurance law.

There were several other fire fighters who received burns while combatting the flames yesterday and last night, but none were of a serious nature. Among these were F. N. Dondero, who pulled Whitmore and Sunday from the flames, August Padroli and Harry Sweetland, who were singed slightly when the fire struck the hay barn on the Smith ranch.

Whitmore, burned prison guard, was at was at one time county clerk of Clark county, and Sunday has been a fire patrolman for Lake Tahoe resort owners for many years. He is past sixty years of age.

Fire Still Rages

All danger to Carson City is now thought to be past, although a number of men are still guarding inflammable approaches to the town.

It was burning fiercely today, fanned by a north wind, on the Kings Canyon road at a point seven miles from Carson, having worked up the hill through the Clear Creek canyon. It has not touched Ash canyon nor the canyon through which the water company pipes are run, and late this afternoon was headed toward Incline, although a long distance from that lake resort. The wind

was north-northwest and appeared to be keeping the fire unusually active. During the night the mountains west of Carson were a mass of flame.

Ranches Are Burned

The flames, while making their way toward Carson yesterday, destroyed the Walsh and Muldoon ranches and also haystacks and outbuildings on the Fetic ranch.

The flames apparently had their start near the Jack Smith ranch, where property was destroyed. Only the hardest kind of work saved the town of Carson, the flames at one time being within a half mile of the town, or about that distance from the brewery and schoolhouse.

Crews on Job

Crews of men from Ormsby county and from Glenbrook still are fighting the flames on the crest of the hills, but the wind is making their fight unusually hard.

Hopes that the wind may bring rain or snow are held out by the fire fighters.

Wind is Shifting

Late this afternoon the wind was reported shifting and it was thought possible the fire might sweep over the ridge into Washoe valley. It is now in heavy timber near the top of the mountain. Indications are that it is about three miles from Lake Tahoe, but still miles from Incline, in which direction it is now traveling, but from which it is now being turned back by the wind.

Besides the crews of men sent up in the day the H. F. Dangberg Company sent a crew of men from its ranches, the Gold Hill Water Company sent in a crew to protect its part of the watershed whence Virginia City's water comes and a third crew was entering by way of the Kingsbury grade in the hope of stopping the fire by back-firing.

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