

THE NACONDA NEWS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 1901.

Raising a Flag at the Mother Lode

Mr. Macdonald the genial master of ceremonies.

On Sunday evening at eight o'clock a British flag was raised at the Mother Lode, cheered by a patriotic crowd. Mr. Macdonald addressed the gathering, making many historic references to the old flag. After the address all joined hands around the flag-pole and sang "Rule Britannia". Then all went up to the Masini hall where the banquet tables were spread. Refreshments were in order followed by toasts presented and responded to in a merry way. Mr. Macdonald as toastmaster of the evening, was inimitable. After the toasts all joined in singing "The soldiers of the Queen, and God save the King." All went home feeling that a very happy evening had been spent.

There was a generous flow of beer on Sunday, in celebration of the first six-months successful run of the B.C. Copper Co's smelter.

FOREST FIRES.

About a mile and one half south of the No. 7 the forest is on fire and although it is not over 200 feet long now it is spreading fast. Men are working to put it out.

Forest fires are also raging about Holt, Phoenix, the B.C. mine and at Snowshoe.

Yesterday two men were brought to the hospital with badly burned faces and hands. These injuries were incurred while fighting fires at the B.C. mine.

Powder has been a source of great danger at these mines and has had to be moved a number of times to places of safety.

HISTORIES OF LARGE TREES.

The white pine is the shortest lived tree on our mountains. One of these trees cut near the "News" office was one foot five inches across and 81 years old. It was dead when cut. It was planted in 1817. When it was 7 years old a wild animal bit it. The hurt stunted its side, after 1884 it got well. When about 80 years old worms attacked it and it died.

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