

Liabli for Forest Fires.

The erroneous impression seems to prevail with some people, that forest fires on homesteads, railroad and other private lands should be extinguished by forest officials. This is wrong. They are employed for the protection of government timber only and are not responsible in any way for other fires, except when they endanger reserve timber. It has been their custom however, to give all assistance possible in case of fire, and for this reason, presumably, fires on homesteads have been reported to them and they put them out. Homesteaders, campers and others who set out fire and allow it to spread are responsible for the same and in case such fires run upon government timber, they are liable to prosecution under rulings promulgated by the secretary of the interior. The forest officers were recently appointed deputy U. S. marshals with instructions to apprehend offenders in this respect and it is hoped that those handling fire will exercise care and avoid trouble in such cases.

D. M. Riordan, president of the King of Arizona gold mines returned from the big gold camp yesterday. There are sixty men working in the mines. At a depth of two hundred feet the body of ore is very large and very fine grade, which has been determined by drifting and crosscutting. Arrangements have been completed to bring water to the mill from the Colorado river, a distance of thirty-seven miles, and the project will be completed inside of four months. When this is completed the King of Arizona will be one of the great gold producers of the Rocky mountain region, and as Mr. Riordan says, it will be turning out daily many thousands of "two dollar gold dollars."—Phoenix Republican.

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