

## Work Resumed At Centennial Mine

**One week after horrible mine accident the regular force went to work; rescue crews to continue until bodies are found.**

Before deciding to resume work in the other parts of the mine the officials of the Centennial-Eureka company asked Mayor Deprezin to call a public meeting to get an expression from the relatives and friends of the entombed miners, from the business men and the mining men of the camp and from the public in general.

This meeting was held at the city hall at one o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, and without a dissenting vote the 150 men who were present supported a motion which gave the public approval to the reopening of the mine. Consequently work was taken up the following morning.

Mayor Deprezin presided at the meeting on Wednesday and asked for expressions of opinion from those who were present.

Walter Jensen, of the Heffernan-Thompson store, told of the mining company's attitude in providing for the families of the victims of the accident, this establishment having been asked to see that their needs were supplied.

Undertaker Wallace also stated that he had received definite instructions with reference to the burial of the victims, the officials of the mining company instructing him to do everything that could possibly be done under such circumstances and to give all bodies fitting and proper burial.

Supt. Andrew P. Mayberry briefly stated that the mining company was ready to resume operations in other parts of the mine, giving employment to the many men who had been thrown out of work by the accident, but that the mine officials wanted the approval of the public before doing so. He said that the work in other parts of the mine would not in any way interfere with the rescue work which would be carried along with all possible speed.

Councilman Joseph Phillips favored the resumption of work at the mine and said he was confident that no time would be lost in the removal of the bodies that are still buried beneath the cave-in. He felt that nothing could be gained by keeping the property closed, in fact such a procedure would only be working a hardship on the employees of the company.

L. C. Doty, superintendent of the Bullion Beck mine, said that but few people can appreciate the sad position in which the fearful accident has placed Supt. Mayberry and other mine officials. Naturally they feel that they are doing everything possible to recover the remains of those who lost their lives, but at best it is a very slow proposition, and while the reopening of the mine would not in any way impede the progress of the rescue work, the mine officials wanted the approval of the people of Eureka. Mr. Doty, who was instrumental in calling the meeting, thought that from 15 to 18 days would elapse before a drift could be driven to the other side of the stope where the bodies of Lossee, Bottrell, Allen, Sunquist and Brison should be found.

Rev. Mannion, of the Catholic church, Rev. Olyer of the M. E. church, Rev. Rice of the Episcopal church, and Bishop Borup of the L. D. S. church, all spoke in favor of resuming operations. They said that there could be no disrespect to the dead in so doing and that the employees of the company needed the work. It would be wrong to place sentiment before necessity and keep the men in idleness. If it were a question of saving life it would be different. These men said that they had heard no objections to the reopening of the mine and in their opinion there could be none if the rescue work continued in as diligent a manner as it is now being handled.

1. Speaking from a legal standpoint  
e Edward Pike stated that there was no  
2. reason for keeping the mine closed.  
He felt that it was to the mutual in-  
- terest of the employer and employee  
to have the property reopened, and  
to have the property reopened, and  
been going on ever since the accident.  
There are no laws governing matters  
of this kind as those which were made  
for the regulation of coal mines are  
not applicable in metal mining.

John Morley, former mayor of Eu-  
reka and who previous to going into  
business followed mining work, told  
of his trip into the Centennial-Eureka  
mine, along with other members of a  
committee appointed for that purpose.  
He told of the difficulties under which  
the men who make up the rescuing  
parties are working and said that  
there was absolutely no way of  
crowding the work beyond a certain  
point. Gus J. Henroid, also a mem-  
ber of that committee, spoke along  
the same line. He favored putting the  
mine's regular force back to work  
and urged the citizens in general to  
devote their spare time and money  
that can be spared in assisting the  
families of the men who lost their  
lives in the mine accident.

J. W. Morton, the secretary of the  
Miners Union, said he had talked  
with a hundred or more members of  
this organization and all were in fav-  
or of taking up work in the mine. He  
had been underground and realized  
the enormous task that the mining  
company had in the recovery of the  
bodies.

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