

Entombed Idaho Miner Rescued Alive, Unhurt

KELLOGG, Idaho, May 11.—Horace Beebe, 40, of St. Maries, survived an hour and a half's burial under 20 feet of ore yesterday.

Fellow miners tackled rescue operations convinced they were searching for a dead man.

Beebe was buried when he accidentally fell 70 feet down a chute on the mining lease of his brother, Gerald, on Pine creek, about six miles west of here. The property had been leased from the Sidney Mining company.

Fred Mahler, Sidney official, gave this account of the accident:

Horace Beebe plummeted from the chute and disappeared into the ore (muck).

The other miners sized up the situation and decided it would take too long and be too difficult a job to recover "the body" from the top of the pile.

Instead, they elected to dump

the ore into rail cars.

One car was filled. Then Beebe shot feet first from the pile.

"He was black all over, but conscious," Mahler said. "By all accounts, he should have been dead."

The men didn't have a stretcher, only the basket in which they had expected to carry out Beebe's body. This served anyhow.

En route to Wardner hospital in Kellogg, Beebe complained, "I had a little difficulty breathing under there."

Shower Delayed

Arrived at the hospital, Beebe climbed from the basket and started down the hall. "I'm going to take a shower," he said.

The shower was held off until hospital attendants determined Beebe had only head scratches, which were treated.

Later, Beebe commented, "I thought I was a goner when I fell. I'm as surprised as anyone."

He returned to the job today.

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