On November 20, 1907, fire destroyed much of the business section of Oceana.

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**Investigate the Document:** *(Wyoming Mountaineer, November 22, 1907)*

1. Where did the fire in Oceana originate? What sections of the town were lost?

2. What was the only business house left remaining in Oceana after the fire?

**Think Critically:** Hypothesize the effects that this disastrous fire had on Oceana. What were the economic effects on its citizens? Did people move elsewhere in the county? What prevented the fire from being extinguished?
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WIPED ALMOST OFF THE MAP BY THE FIRE FIEND.

OVER $100,000 GOES UP IN SMOKE.

Every Business House In The Town In Ashes Except The TRIBUNE OFFICE.

At one o'clock last Wednesday a message from Oceana to Jas. H. Tribune was suddenly terminated by the statement that a fire alarm had been sounded.

For two long hours a number of us waited for communication to be again established.

At 3 o'clock the message came that the flames were under control, but all the business part of town was in ashes.

The fire originated in the Kelley hotel and the flames spread rapidly but in an eccentric manner as seen by the results.

The houses destroyed entirely are the Bank of Wyoming, the old Chambers store, the Kelley hotel, the old Christian building and two small offices on the lot, one of which was the P.O. and the Central telephone office, the new three story building belonging to the estate of Mrs. Ida Smith, and the Wyoming Merchandise Co. store owned by A. R. Wittenberg. On the opposite side of the street is burned Capt. J. A. Cook's hotel, W. G. Cook's residence, the large store of W. G. and Fred E. Cook, Dr. Edgell's office and residence and the old court house and offices.

The loss is estimated at over $100,000.

The only insurance in the town is what is carried by A. R. Wittenberg.