CHAIN OF FIRE ABOVE 'FRISCO Spark from Donkey Engine Sets Precious Forest Afinme for

Twenty Miles. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 5 .- A forest fire in the mountains northeast of this city has proved to be the most destructive in the history of this end of the range. The fire is by no means under control. All the sawed lumber belonging to the Brooklings Lumber coripany, between 4.000,000 and 6,000,000 feet, has been destroyed, but as the flames have been kept away from the mills Brooklings' loss will not exceed \$100,000.

Late yesterday the fire reached Fredolba park, a summer resort not far from Brooklings' mill, and destroyed all the cottages there. Last night the line of fire along the mountain side was three to four miles long and was sweeping down the south side of the range toward the valley.

As to the amount of territory burned over, Chief Ranger Tortensen says it is impossible to give an estimate, but it is many thousand acres, each of which is the finest started from a donkey engine used by the lumber company and a fierce north wind fanned the flames, which soon got beyond all control. The fire is twenty miles long and the country is completely overcast by

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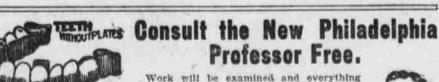
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