

FATAL AVALANCHES.

Twelve Persons Lose Their Lives in Cottonwood Canyon, Utah.

[Special to the Examiner.]

SALT LAKE, January 16.—To-night twenty-seven miners came in from Alta, having left early this morning. They report no more slides since the one which swept away Strickley's store, but the general impression was that the Eclipse boarding-house on the opposite side of the mountain had been carried away with four miners. Two miners by the names of Williams and Washington, left in charge of the Vallejo, are still missing, but the owners of the mine feel confident they are safe in one of the tunnels. So far as ascertained, twelve persons have been lost, but it is feared this list will be almost doubled when the weather is sufficiently settled to permit of search. The Strickley building was still burning this morning, and no effort will be made till to-morrow to recover the bodies of Hoillingshead, Fitzgerald and Lee, who had sought shelter in the cellar and were burned to death after the slide struck the house. The miners who came in to-night left with nothing but the clothes on their backs and express great relief in escaping from so terrible a place. They say there are about ten families left behind in Big Cottonwood, opposite Alta. The canyon is filled with slides for a distance of eight miles, but no lives are lost so far as known. At Argenta, Cottonwood creek is dammed by a slide 400 yards wide and fifty feet deep, backing the water up and flooding the houses to the second story. Fortunately, citizens of this place left before the storm became so severe. The bodies of those killed at the Grizzly mine, Mrs. Hoskins and daughter, are yet there, while the bodies of Morris and Howard have not yet been found. The bodies of Bobridge and Laporte, killed in the Toledo, are in the Court House at Alta. While the tramway is in its present condition it will be impossible to bring the bodies down.