

[COAST RECORD.]

A FIENDISH PLOT.

The Franklin Mine Was Set on Fire.

Startling Conclusions of the Coroner's Jury in the Case.

Death Busy at Sacramento—Desolation at Guerneville—The Heat in California—Rain at San Diego—Other News.

Associated Press Lined-wire Service.

SEATTLE (Wash.) Aug. 26.—The coroner's jury investigating the disaster in the Franklin coal mine Friday, in which thirty-seven men were killed, has rendered a verdict, finding that the fire was started by parties unknown, who wilfully, knowingly and maliciously desired to do great injury and damage to the lives of the employees and the property of the Oregon Improvement Company.

It is believed that the person who fired the mine also perished, though no one will venture an opinion as to who the incendiary is.

Today was made the occasion of a general funeral of the victims of the Franklin mine disaster on Friday last. Two of the dead miners were buried in the Odd Fellows' cemetery here, three at Renton, one at Springbrook, five at Black Diamond and eleven at Franklin. A funeral train left Franklin at 6:45 o'clock this morning, carrying nearly all the living people to Black Diamond. Rev. John F. Damon preached the funeral sermons. After the melancholy rites, the train ran back to Franklin, carrying mourners to the funerals there.

Throughout the whole Green and Cedar River valleys, from Franklin to Renton, the church bells tolled, and their mournful notes announced that the people were performing their duty to the dead. On every side appeared the grim emblems of death, and in place of the excitement succeeding the accident had come a feeling of loneliness, deep, overpowering and depressing. All the victims are now in their last resting places, except three at Franklin and three in this city. Of these, two will be buried here tomorrow, and the arrangements for the funerals of the others are completed.