

CORONER'S VERDICT.

The Franklin Mine Disaster the Work of an Incendiary.

The coroner's jury in the Franklin mine disaster cases returned a verdict on Saturday afternoon that created the greatest surprise and was not expected by any except a few. It was as follows:

"We, the jurors, do agree that on August 24, 1894, on the sixth level of the Franklin mine, King county, Wash., the following parties, namely: [Here follows a list of the 37 dead miners] did come to their death by suffocation caused by smoke emanating from a fire in breast 62, on the north side of the sixth level, said fire having been caused by a party or parties unknown to us, and that said party or parties did wilfully, knowingly and maliciously cause said fire with intent and purpose to do great injury and damage to the lives of the

miners and property of the Oregon Improvement Company."

Who is suspected has not been officially given out, but it is generally understood that the incendiary perished in the mine himself.

Yesterday nearly all of the dead were buried in the cemetery near Franklin, but several of the bodies were taken to other points for interment.

The loss to the company by the fire is already \$50,000, and as the mines cannot be worked to their full capacity for a long time the loss will run up into the hundreds of thousands.

A Gruesome Sight.

M. F. Kelley, the Tacoma photographer, happened to be in Franklin taking views the day of the mine disaster. After the bodies had been removed and laid out in the improvised morgue he succeeded in getting a very good picture of the scene. It is a most gruesome sight to see 37 dead bodies laid out side by side surrounded by a group of sad and mourning miners.