

IN A BURNING MINE.

HEROIC RESCUE OF MEN BY COMRADES.

Fans Used to Drive the Flames Back While the Imprisoned Men Escaped—Property Loss of \$50,000.

SEATTLE, Dec. 17.—A fire broke out in the Oregon Improvement company's New Castle coal mine at Coal Creek, 10 miles from this city, at 8:30 o'clock this morning and the creek was turned into the mine to extinguish the flames. At 7 o'clock John Morgan found flames in a cedar stick on the second level. He put it out but an hour and a half later another man saw fire coming from a breast on the third level and gave the alarm.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

Morgan started down the slope but sent back for a wrench and while waiting the flames burst out and he abandoned the attempt. This delay saved him from certain death.

In the midst of wild confusion Superintendent Anderson telephoned below, telling the 125 men in the mine how to escape, and staid at the telephone until fire drove him away. By this time the 125 men had come out, but more remained, and five men, Will Hann, Andy, Reynolds, John Erickson, Andy Stewart and John Morgan, went down the air shaft to warn them, though the slope was burning within 100 feet.

FANNED FLAMES BACK.

The fans were kept going though they fanned the flames and enormously increased the loss, and men worked heroically to keep the flames from them, for a moment's stoppage would have meant death. The last man was brought out at 2:30 p. m., and the roll was called.

1894 Miners were rescued from the New Castle mine at Coal Creek WA

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