

THEY DIED DESPITE WARNINGS.

Franklin Miners Voluntarily Went Down in the Deadly Smoke.

The coroner's jury in the Franklin mine tragedy returned a verdict finding that the men "went voluntarily into the mine," and met their death. Coroner Askam examined twenty-one witnesses, all of whom testified that the men went down the slope after being repeatedly warned not to take the risk. The verdict in full, was as follows:

"We, the undersigned jurors, duly summoned to appear before O. P. Askam, coroner in and for the county of King, state of Washington, to inquire into the death of G. W. Smalley, John H. Glover, John Adams and James Stafford, do hereby return the following verdict:

"That the deceased, George W. Smalley, aged 32 years; John H. Glover, aged 26 years; John Adams, aged 28 years, and James Stafford, aged 30 years, were natives of America, and that the above parties and each of them came to their death by suffocation in the Franklin mine on the 17th of October, 1895, about the hour of 12 o'clock a. m. of said day, in said county of King, state of Washington, and that they voluntarily went into said mine and without any orders from the Oregon Improvement Company, or any of its agents, servants or employes.

"CHARLES WEATHERBEE,

"Foreman.

"C. C. TODD,

"JOHN D. JONES,

"CHARLES E. MORRIS,

"GIDEON S. BAILEY,

"E. C. WILLIAMS."