

CIGARETTE SAVED HIM.

Miner Stopped to Smoke—Another Took Place and Was Killed.

Pittsburg, Kan., Jan. 15.—Levi Marion, a Mulberry miner, was about to enter the cage at Spencer Newland mine No. 7 Wednesday when he decided to light a cigarette and go down the next trip. His place was taken by John Montanelli. The cage was the one which plunged eighty feet to the bottom of the shaft, killing five of its occupants and injuring a sixth.

Arthur Connery, one of those killed, lost a son four years ago in a mine at Centralia, Ill., from the kick of a mule. Connery, the father, was the first president of District Fourteen, United Mine Workers of America.

Francis Keegan, state mine inspector, and his deputies spent the day investigating the cause of the break in the cable.

"I examined a dozen witnesses," Mr. Keegan said last night. "So far as I can learn, no one knew that the cable was not in the best of condition."