

A Workman Dropped His Lamp.

And Lost His Presence of Mind in
the Fight—The Damage Said
to Be Heavy.

SEATTLE, Oct. 17.—An explosion occurred in the Franklin coal mine this afternoon and three men were killed. The mine was set on fire and the damage may be heavy.

MINUTE PARTICULARS.

Seattle, Oct. 17.—A special to the Post-Intelligencer from the Franklin mine states that the fire broke out at 8 o'clock this morning in the main hoisting slope of the Oregon Improvement company's mine, causing the death of John H. Glover, S. W. Smalley, John Adams and James Stafford. The accident was caused by August Johnson, who dropped his lamp, setting fire to the feeder of gas. Instead of throwing a shovel of dirt on to put it out he ran down the slope to get his foreman. While he was bringing help the timber caught fire and five lengths of Brettice work were ablaze and the smoke became so intense as to prevent the men getting at it.

Finding that the fire could not be extinguished, the four men named volunteered to go down and close the door between the main and the auxiliary slopes. They are supposed to have never reached the bottom alive, but the bodies have not been recovered. Johnson states that he tried to fight the fire with his coat, Smalley was a colored foreman and leaves a widow and one child; Glover was rollerman and leaves a widow and one child. The other two men were unmarried.