

MAN IS KILLED AT CANYON IN BIG ROCK SLIDE

Dam Worker Crushed to
Death Under Scores of
Tons of Muck Last Eve.

Buried under a rock-slide of scores of tons of rock which slid down the canyon wall at the mouth of penstock number seven, M. M. "Roy" Kaighn, pump man, was killed last night at about 1 o'clock.

Harry Blalock, electrician, who was helping Kaighn to hook up a line to the switch box at the mouth of the tunnel at the time, suffered slight body injuries, a rock hitting him in the back. He missed serious injury or death by inches.

Another truck driver is said to have been so close at the time the slide dashed to the mouth of the tunnel that he possibly would have been struck had he not clamped on the brakes just a few seconds previously as Blalock ran across the path of the truck in front of it. Blalock did not jump to avoid the landslide, for he had not heard it—yet the quick leap across in front of the approaching truck is said to have saved him—possibly the truck driver also.

Another truck, which was entering the tunnel at the time, was pinned against the wall of the tunnel, just inside the portal, by one of the huge rocks. The driver, however, escaped unhurt.

The rock which slipped off the cliff above the tunnel mouth was estimated at around 100 tons or more. It is said to have slid about 75 to 100 feet to the floor of the canyon.

The muck was being cleared away this morning.

Kaighn was completely buried in the rock it is said, his legs being both severed by the rocks.

Kaighn was 38. His wife and four children are in Eureka, Utah.