

TAR BURN KILLS FARMER

J. A. RUPERT OF OAK GROVE INJURED FÄTALLY.

Face and Body of Victim Are
Covered With Flaming
Liquid After Explosion.

J. A. Rupert, 77, farmer living at Oak Grove, was injured fatally when a tar pot exploded yesterday, covering his face and body with the flaming liquid. The left side of the face and his nose, were completely seared away, it was said last night at Good Samaritan hospital, where he was taken following the accident. He died at 6:45 o'clock.

J. Bullivant Jr., a son-in-law of the injured man, was badly burned about the arms. He lives at 491 Harrison street in this city.

The force of the explosion, which has not yet been explained, due to the condition of both the men, who were the only ones near at the time, was sufficient to knock the underpinning from a nearby water tower and send it crashing to the ground.

Mr. Rupert came to Oregon from Idaho in 1889. He was a trooper in a campaign against the Indians in Idaho. After coming to Portland he engaged in the drug business, owning several stores at different times. He went to the Klondike during the gold rush, returned to Portland and later went to Bandon, Or., but after six years returned to this vicinity and settled down. He is survived by a widow and a daughter, Isabella, who lived with him at Rupert station; two sons, F. M. and F. H. Rupert, both of 1594 Front street, and a second daughter, Mrs. J. Bullivant, 491 Harrison street. Funeral arrangements have not been made.