

## William L. Frenzley

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### **Instantly Killed**

#### **Wm. L. Frenzley Run Over by Railway Car**

William L. Franzley, a brakeman on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, was run over by a car near 2d and L streets northeast this morning about 9:20 o'clock and instantly killed. Conductor David Frye, who had charge of the crew, was standing on the ground near the train at the time and witnessed the accident. He was unable to be of any assistance, however, and could only signal the engineer to stop the train in time to prevent further mutilation of the body. The accident occurred on a side track that is used in connection with the work of hauling material for use on the new union station. The train was being backed along the siding and was soon to make a stop.

Brakeman Frenzley was standing on the rear platform of the car, and it is believed that when he attempted to get off the moving train he lost his footing or was tripped by a projection and thrown upon the tracks. His body rested directly on one rail and two wheels of the end car passed over his body before Engineer J.D. Gibson could stop the train. Besides the injury to his body his skull was fractured and minor cuts and bruises were inflicted. Surgeons were called, but there was nothing that they could do, as the man's life had been crushed out in an instant. The body was cared for by the railroad men until the arrival of the dead wagon, when it was conveyed to the morgue.

The deceased was 28 years old and unmarried. He had boarded at the house of Mr. Layton, 413 2d street northwest for several months. Relatives of the unfortunate man live in Georgetown. They were notified of the accident, and will probably take charge of the remains. Coroner Nevitt heard the statements of witnesses and gave a certificate of accidental death.

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### **Brakeman Franzley's Body Taken In Charge**

Members of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen yesterday took charge of the body of Brakeman William L. Franzley, who fell between two freight cars and was cut in two pieces by the wheels.

The remains were turned over to J. William Lee, undertaker, and were prepared for burial. The police and trainmen made efforts to find the dead man's relatives today, but at noon they had not met with success.

Franzley, who was twenty-two years old, boarded at 413 Second Street northwest, and but little was known of him there save that he worked on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.