

Richard Kelly (- 16 Jan 1862)

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An Outrageous Nuisance

It is about time the police did their duty in the matter of the car nuisance on Maryland avenue. Not only does the Railroad Company occupy the street continuously with cars, (unloading freight for private individuals,) stopping all transit by the ordinary street crossings, but the trains are run with the most reckless disregard of human life; and citizens remonstrating with those running the cars have met with the most foul-mouthed abuse from the employees of the road. We have heard numerous cases in point, and the Republican of this morning has the following:

“A lad about fourteen years of age in the employ of a family named Flemming, was run over by the cars on the corner of Sixth street and Maryland avenue (Island) yesterday afternoon. His legs were dreadfully mangled by the accident.”

On Friday night, ladies and gentlemen going to the Smithsonian lecture from the Island, were compelled to creep under or clamber over the long train of freight cars which blocked the way, one of the ladies injuring herself severely. An old gentleman, undertaking one day last week to pass under the cars, struck his head with such violence against a portion of the coupling, as to cut his head terribly, and but for the aid of a citizen (Mr. McDevitt) he would have sunk prostrate from loss of blood.

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Richard Kelly, the unfortunate little boy who was run over by the cars on Maryland avenue some days ago, and was taken to the Washington Asylum to have his leg amputated, as was stated in the Star at the time, is now suffering with lock jaw, and it is feared he will not survive over the day. Great hopes of his recovery were entertained until the lock jaw ensued. Some surprise has been expressed that the railroad company has not afforded some aid to the unfortunate sufferer from the brutal carelessness of its employees running cars along Maryland avenue.