

Roy Minnick (- 5 Oct 1892)

Minnick. Roy Minnick aged 7 years 2 months who was struck and killed by a cable car Wednesday, October 5, 1892 will be buried from his father's residence, 407 E street southeast at 2 o'clock on Friday.

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Killed by a Grip Car

Roy Minnick, a Little Newsboy, Mangled to Death

This morning about 10 o'clock a fatal accident happened on the cable road, at the corner of Pennsylvania avenue and 4th streets southeast. The victim was a seven-year-old boy named Roy Minnick, who sells newspapers. He was endeavoring to dispose of his papers when he lost his life.

He had been away from his home several hours before the news of his death reached the ears of his parents. With a companion named Perry Bents he was near the corner mentioned, and was waiting for the arrival of a cable train coming west.

"You had better not jump on that car," said Perry, by way of advice.

"Yes," replied Roy, "I am going to get on and sell my papers."

Perry turned and started in the direction of his home, but he had not gone far before he heard some shouts, and turning he saw the mangled form of his companion and playmate beneath the wheels of a heavy grip car.

The accident was a shocking one and was witnessed by passengers on the cars going in opposite directions. The injuries to the boy had rendered him unconscious. He was beyond the aid of medical skill, although physicians were promptly on hand. He was removed to Providence Hospital in the patrol wagon. He died about an hour after reaching the hospital.

Reports as to how the affair happened do not agree. The police knew nothing of the circumstances at noon, but persons in the neighborhood where the accident happened say it was the result of the boy's recklessness, and not the fault of the gripman. They say that the boy was standing near the east-bound track watching the car coming west and that he moved over just in time to get against the car going east. The gripman, it was stated, rang the bell, called to the boy and attempted to stop the train, but did not succeed until after the fatal injuries had been inflicted.

The boy's right leg was cut and crushed by the wheels and his body was also injured. His face was not disfigured.

The boy's parents live at No. 407 E street southwest. His father, Barnett Mirrick, is a plasterer, and was at work when the fatal accident occurred.

Coroner Patterson was notified of the killing and an inquest will probably be held tomorrow.