

William S. Parnell

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W.S. Parnell Killed By Runaway Horses Wheels of Wagon Pass Over Body of Driver When Animals Become Unmanageable

Run over by a wagon drawn by two runaway horses yesterday afternoon at 3d and R streets northwest, William S. Parnell, fifty-three years old, sustained injuries which caused his death before he reached the Casualty Hospital. Parnell, who resided at 347 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, was employed as driver for the Blue Line Transfer Company, and it was the team in his charge that killed him.

Parnell was driving his team to the company's stable shortly before 5 o'clock and was at 3d and R streets when his horses were frightened at a steam shovel that was being moved in the Baltimore and Ohio freight yard and became unmanageable.

Wheels Pass Over Stomach

The driver was thrown from his seat, falling directly in front of the wagon, two wheels passing over his stomach. Parnell was picked up and placed in an ambulance to be driven to the Casualty Hospital but death claimed him before the hospital was reached.

Parnell, it is stated, had been in the employ of the Blue Line Transfer Company a number of years. He is survived by his wife, brother and sister. It is probable the coroner will give a certificate of accidental death without the formality of an inquest.