

John V. Reeves

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Fatal Accident

Yesterday afternoon as a large freight train was passing Pennsylvania avenue, near the western side of the Capitol, a boy named Reeves attempted to get on a baggage car, but in the attempt falling under the wheels and the cars passed over him and cut his legs off at the hips. He was at once removed to the residence of his father, Leonard Reeves, living near the bridge on New Jersey avenue, and expired in about three hours. When taken out his limbs were mangled in a horrible manner, the legs holding together only by the skin. Constant apprehensions have been felt that an accident would happen in this locality--the boys quite often jumping on the passing cars to get a ride. It is to be hoped that this sorrowful accident may prove a warning to such.