

William Frank Taylor (- 11 May 1884)

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Crushed to Death

A Brakeman Held in an Iron Grip While an Engine Passes Over Him

Last night at 8 1/2 o'clock, Frank Taylor, a brakeman on the B & P railroad, was killed near the corner of New Jersey avenue and D street by an engine passing over him. While assisting in shifting cars at the yard Taylor jumped off to close a switch, and his boot heel caught in the frog of the rail. Before he could extricate himself he was struck by the engine No. 14, and instantly killed, being forced under the cowcatcher and confined between it and the pony wheels. He was so firmly squeezed that it was necessary to take off the pilot to get the body out. His body was taken to Lee's undertaking establishment. The circumstances of the killing are precisely similar to those attending the death of young West, a few weeks ago.