

GEORGE BARNES

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While on his way from Bloomington to Crawfordsville to visit his sister, George Barnes, formerly of this city, fell from the north bound Chicago Express on the Monon Sunday forenoon and sustained injuries that may result in his death.

Barnes boarded the train, which left Bloomington at 11:30 Sunday morning and fell from the train three miles north of Bloomington. He was found at 2:40 o'clock Sunday afternoon lying beside the track, with his right ear entirely torn off, his right leg splintered in many places, his ribs broken and his face raw from being dragged in the cinders along the track. At the time he fell from the train, it was going at the rate of 40 miles an hour. Barnes was taken to the City Hospital in Bloomington in an ambulance. His wounds were dressed by Dr. Harris, the Monon physician, who said it was probably amputation of his leg would be necessary.

Barnes, who was 42 years of age, lived here with his sister at 1016 East Market Street until about 6 or 8 months ago when he went to Bloomington to take a position as a watchman at one of the Monon crossings. He had just been granted a two weeks vacation, which he intended to spend here. Just what caused Barnes to leave the train is a mystery. When found his suit case was by his side and his return ticket was in his hat, showing that the conductor had collected his fare. When picked up, he was nearly frozen to death and was taken to the hospital in an unconscious condition.

Barnes was a laboring man during his residence here and worked for Nolan & Slattery when many of the city's brick paved streets were laid. Several years ago he conducted a moving van, his wagon being stationed with numerous others on the court house corner.

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