

## Charles Neitzey

( - 19 Oct 1897)

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**Neitzey.** Suddenly on October 19, 1897 at 7:15 p.m., Charles Neitzey, beloved husband of Rosie Neitzey (nee McBride) and beloved son of John and the late Jane E. Neitzey aged 29 years.

Death's cruel dart has pierced my heart  
And bowed me down with grief.  
For beneath the silent sod  
My darling Charlie sleeps.  
Oh Charlie must I give you up  
You who I love so well?  
How can I drink this bitter cup.  
And say a long and last farewell.

By His Wife

Funeral from his late residence, 58 N street southeast on Friday, October 22 at 3 o'clock p.m. Relatives and friends invited to attend.

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### **Died At Hospital**

#### **The Railroad Brakeman Who Was Hurt in a Smash-Up**

Charles Neitzey, the railroad brakeman who was injured in the rear-end collision near Maryland avenue and 13 1/2 street southwest early Sunday morning, as published in Monday's Star, died at the Emergency Hospital last night about 7:15 o'clock. The accident resulted from an alleged defective coupling, as stated in The Star at the time, and the several runaway cars crashed into the train carrying Buffalo Bill's show. Neitzey, who lived at No. 58 N street northwest, and had been in the railroad company's employ for some time, was in the caboose attached to the runaway cars, and he made an unsuccessful attempt to put down the brakes. Seeing he could not succeed, he stepped inside the caboose, thinking the force of the collision would not be great enough to do much damage. But when the crash came the caboose was splintered, and it was with considerable difficulty that the injured brakeman was rescued from the debris before he was dead. Although his condition was serious when he was taken to the hospital, the physicians thought he would recover. But yesterday morning there was a change for the worse, and death ended his sufferings about the time stated.

The operation of laparotomy was performed for the internal injuries and the examination showed that Neitzey's pelvis had been seriously injured. A splintered bone, it appeared, had entered the bladder and this injury had given serious trouble. Several hours before he died Neitzey conversed with an agent of the railroad company about the case of the man. Kibble, who was found severely injured lying beside the railroad tracks some days ago. Kibble, who is in the Emergency Hospital still under treatment, made a statement that the brakeman of a freight train had pushed him off a car. Neitzey was the man whom he implicated, but during the conversation yesterday, knowing full well that he had but a short time to live, he declared in positive terms that he had not shoved the man from the train. He first saw the man, he said, when the latter was lying beside the tracks, and then he did all he could to assist him.

Coroner Carr viewed the body at the hospital this morning and gave permission for its removal to his late home on N street.

The coroner made an investigation, and it was stated at the Emergency Hospital this afternoon that no inquest will be held.