

Unknown Man

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Fatal Accident on the Railroad

This morning as the freight train south, due here about nine o'clock, was passing Beltsville, it struck a man walking down the track, injuring him so that he lived but a short time after his arrival here. It appears that the deceased and another man were walking from Baltimore and had been passed by the eight o'clock train north, when the deceased passed over to the other track, and the freight train coming down that track struck him, the engineer of which, Mr. Flaxon, on account of the fog, being unable to see him. He was placed on one of the cars and brought immediately to the Depot. His right foot was cut off and his left leg horribly mashed, as also one arm, and his body was otherwise cut and bruised. He appears to be a man (Irish) about 41 or 42 years of age, and dressed in dark clothes. Major Koontz, the agent here, immediately sent for Dr. Borland, but before his arrival the injured man was dead. The man who was with him does not know anything of him, except that he started with him from Baltimore to walk to this city, and there is nothing on his person to indicate who he is. He had in his pocket a testament, a few pennies, and a small Catholic medal. The body was turned over to Mr. J.W. Plant, undertaker, for interment.