

Fatal Accident At Brooklyn

4-19-1927
Mrs. Tom Orr Was Struck by Rock-
Island Freight Train Sunday
Night.

**MRS. ORR WAS ALMOST
INSTANTLY KILLED.**

Is Thought to Have Been Confused by
the Bright Head-
light.

Mrs. Tom Orr met instant death Sunday night when she was struck by an east bound stock freight. The accident occurred at the west crossing in town at approximately 7:57 p. m. Mrs. Orr was 69 years of age and had spent practically all of her life in Brooklyn.

She had been spending the day with Mrs. Robert Orr and was returning to her home in South Brooklyn, accompanied by Miss Myrtle Hall, who made her home with Mrs. Orr.

As they neared the crossing they noticed the approaching train, and Mrs. Orr made the remark that if they hurried they could get across before the train passed. Miss Hall tried to detain her, but did not succeed, and although Mrs. Orr did not step in the direct path of the train, she was struck by the pilot. The sudden impact threw her about seventy-five feet, and her neck was broken, chest crushed, and arms and legs badly mangled. She evidently had not judged the distance of the train from her, as she wore glasses and the bright headlight confused her. She was struck from the same side from which she had attempted to cross.

The engineer saw the accident and stopped the train at once, delaying here about an hour, so as to get all the details of the accident. Different people in town stated Monday that they had sensed a calamity as the engineer blew the whistle longer than usual at the crossing and the sudden applying of the brakes made them even more suspicious. It is reported that two young people coming from the south also saw the accident and thought Mrs. Orr became confused and lost her sense of reasoning.

This is the first railroad fatality that has occurred in Brooklyn in a great many years. This crossing gives a good view of the tracks from the west, but has a rather blind crossing on the east for anyone going south, and for that reason people have always been a little more careful in watching before crossing over to the south part of town.

Mrs. Orr had been spending the winter with her brother in Coggon,

Tom

Iowa, and had returned home only a short time ago. She was the foster mother of Clarence Orr, who was electrocuted last summer in Montezuma while doing some electrical repairing. She leaves three brothers and a large number of nieces and nephews living in and near Brooklyn. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon.