James Thompson

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AN AGED INDIAN DIES AFTER BEING STRUCK BY TRAIN

James Thompson, 72, an Indian of the Sac and Fox reservation, was struck by a train on the North Western railway at "the narrows," three miles west point nearly town, Tuesday morning, receiving injuries from which he died at 10;18 o'clock Tuesday night, reports The Tama News-Herald.

Thompson, who had been half blind and nearly deaf for several years at the time of the accident was walking to the west on the north side of the north track, in the footpath near the rail. Passenger train No. 26, east bound and due at Tama at 8:44, approached him from the west. He either failed to see presumed he was far hear it or enough from the track to escape being hit. It is probable that he was struck by a steam chest; at all events he was collided with in some manner, and thrown about thirty feet, landing in a ditch near a bridge.

The train was stopped and Thompson was taken on board and brought to Tama and placed in the Prusa hospital where Dr. Allen, who was called, found that two ribs were broken and that he suffered other internal injuries. He lingered in pain until late that evening, when he died. The body was taken to Harrison's undertaking rooms for preparation for burial.

Thompson is survived by his wife and a son, the latter living in Oklahoma. He also leaves several grandchildren, the sons and daughters of Charlie Davenport, their mother being dead.

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