

TROLLEY AND AUTO COLLIDE

William McCleary Has Three Ribs Broken and Serious Other Injuries.

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A large, automobile owned and being driven by William W. McFarlane, of Chester, collided with a trolley car at 1.30 o'clock, Sunday afternoon (**July 4, 1909**), near Devil's Den, where Warren avenue crosses the trolley line. As a result William McCleary, Carlisle Street, who was acting as guide, sustained three broken ribs, a number of cuts and other injuries.

The accident occurred as follows: The automobile party, consisting of W. W. McFarlane, Miss Farlane and Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Longaker, all of Chester, with Mr. McCleary as guide came down Warren Avenue between the Round Tops, at the time above mentioned. Mr. McFarlane knew nothing of a trolley crossing and as there are trees and underbrush on either side of the avenue the observance of the trolley car, which was moving northward was prevented, until the two were in close proximity. It being impossible to stop either the auto or trolley, Mr. McFarlane attempted to pass in front of the trolley car, but this was also impossible and the car struck the front of the automobile, throwing it against a large boulder.

Mr. McCleary realizing that a collision was inevitable, jumped, and was thrown against the trolley with the above result. He was brought to town and received surgical aid from Dr. Hartman. At this writing he is getting along nicely. The other auto passengers stayed in the machine and escaped injury. The auto was badly damaged and the running board of the trolley broken into kindling wood. There is no danger sign at this crossing. The auto was later brought to town by George Eberhart and the party returned to Chester by train.

NOTE TO SELF:

- 1) Do not stand outside of an automobile, on the running board, when giving a tour.**
- 2) Be sure to do the driving of the vehicle.**
- 3) Look both ways at all Trolley Crossings!**