

A RUNAWAY ACCIDENT.

J. P. Hightower Knocked Down While Getting Off a Street Car.

John P. Hightower, a painter and decorator, residing at 1324 Webster street, while returning from Oakland stopped off a Market-street car about 5 p. m. yesterday in front of the CHRONICLE building. A horse driven by one of the partners in the firm of Sweitzer & Burton, horse dealers, attached to a buggy was turning at a furious rate the corner from Market street into Kearny, and Mr. Hightower was knocked down and run over.

He was taken into the CHRONICLE business office, where it was found that he had received some injuries and was complaining of a pain in the right hip. Some of the eyewitnesses to the accident stated that the horse was a young unbroken colt, which had got beyond the control of the driver. There was much indignation expressed over the fact that a crowded thoroughfare was made to serve for the purpose of exercising fractious animals.

Valuable Horses Killed.

J. Stintson, who resides in the vicinity of the Twenty-ninth-street railroad bridge, left his sons at home to care for the house and stables during his absence yesterday afternoon.

By some unknown means the horses got out of the stable and wandered about picking grass along the track.

As the southbound afternoon freight train approached the horses became frightened and, being near the trestle, were struck by the engine and carried on the cowcatcher nearly across the bridge, when they fell through the trestle a distance of about thirty feet, where they were found by a passer-by, who turned in an alarm for the police, who found it necessary to kill the animals.

An Offer to Compromise.

Michael Cunniff has sent a communication to the Supervisors offering to compromise for \$4350 a suit which he has against the city for damages caused by the stopping up of a water course which formerly flowed by certain of his property across what is now Montgomery street and thence to the bay. By reason of the waters of such water course now having no outlet, Cunniff claims they have gathered upon his property to a depth of several feet, rendering it entirely worthless.