

# STRUCK BY A TRAIN.

## PATRICK SLEVIN SEVERELY INJURED.

### He Was Driving at Sunnyside and His Horse Balked on the Track.

A distressing accident occurred yesterday afternoon on the line of the Southern Pacific's road to San Jose where it crosses the county road at Sunnyside. Patrick Slevin, a retired member of the police force, was out driving with his cousin, Miss Annie Melvain of Cincinnati, who is visiting her relatives in the city. At the crossing referred to Slevin's horse balked on the track as the train approached, causing the vehicle and its occupants to be struck and hurled quite a distance. Slevin was severely injured. Miss Melvain miraculously escaped with a few bruises and a severe shaking up.

Slevin, who resides at 2735 Harrison street, left home early in the afternoon for a drive with his visiting relative. Their route was along the old San Jose road. They reached the railroad crossing at Sunnyside a few moments before the southbound train and had crossed the dangerous point in safety, when a shrill blast from the locomotive frightened the horse. The animal stopped and balked and then reared and plunged until the vehicle had been backed across the tracks. The train was too close to permit the occupants of the buggy to save themselves by jumping. The train bore down upon them without decreasing its speed, and in less time than it takes to record the fact the vehicle was struck and thrown into the air. Slevin landed some distance away and was picked up, bleeding from various wounds about the head and body, by several people who witnessed the accident. Miss Melvain landed in the middle of the roadway. She managed to regain her feet without assistance.

The train stopped some distance down the track and then backed up and carried the two injured people to Twenty-sixth and Valencia streets, from which place they were removed to Mr. Slevin's home.

An examination of Mr. Slevin's injuries developed the fact that he had sustained a fracture of the collar-bone and a dislocation of the right shoulder. He had nine cuts on the head, besides bruises all over his body. It is feared that his injuries will be found far more serious than is now apparent.