

**DOWN THE INCLINE.**

**Serious Accident on the Ninth Street.**

**A Cable Train Loses Its Grip This Morning.**

**A Fearful Ride for the Frightened Passengers but Fortunately no Fatalities.**

A train on the Ninth street cable line dashed down the incline at the L street depot this morning about 8 o'clock.

The following people were injured in the wreck:

**L. SHOGRAM**, 588 Orville street, Kansas City, Kan., left shoulder dislocated and scalp wounds.

**FLORENCE McCOR** (colored), Lincoln street, face cut, right ankle sprained and limbs bruised.

**ANNIE McCOR** (colored), face bruised.

**P. McCORMICK**, 222 Virginia avenue, face cut and right knee bruised.

An unknown man was out on the face.

The train left the depot, bound up the incline, and when it had reached the first knoll, about two-thirds of the way to the top, in some unaccountable manner the grip broke its hold from the rope and instantly started down the hill.

As it progressed its speed was enhanced and the passengers who crowded the car huddled together and held their breaths at what seemed to them approaching doom.

When the train reached the curve in the depot, at the foot of the hill, the car jumped the track and the grip followed it. The car crashed through the partition completely demolishing it and breaking the car into splinters.

Some of the passengers jumped from the car at the top of the hill and others jumped as it reached the bottom. Hardly one on the train escaped without some bruises but no one was seriously injured, which is a miracle under the circumstances.

The grip when it left the track tore up the platform but the cable was uninjured and was running as if nothing had happened immediately afterward.

The patrol wagon was sent for and the injured were taken to the police station in charge of Police Surgeon Ison.

"The slippery condition of the rails this morning accounts for the accident," said an official. "We consider the incline safe under ordinary circumstances, but on a morning like this accidents are liable to occur anywhere on the line."

**Interviews With Eye Witnesses.**

The injured all tell about the same story. Both the grip and passenger coach were crowded with people going to work. L. Shogrum who works for Bullens, Moore, Emery & Co. said he was on the front platform of the rear car, they were about two-thirds of the way up the hill when he saw Gripman Thompson try to tighten the grip. The train slowed up, then came to a standstill. The gripman tried again to tighten his hold on the rope when something snapped and the train went down the hill like lightning.

Shogrum jumped when they approached the foot of the hill and says many others jumped.

Superintendent Peck of the Kansas City Cable company says a shank broke. The superintendent said the weather this winter made it very hard to keep the grip in condition and that a shank would wear out before they knew it.

No blame is attached to Gripman Thompson who has been employed by the company about eight months.