

STOPPED A WHOLE CABLE LINE.

The Strange Adventure of a Fat Man in a Cable Power House.

William Daum and Joseph Mittendorf, claiming to be from St. Louis, were wandering about West Kansas last evening in an intoxicated condition. At Ninth and Wyoming Daum fell and cut his scalp badly. Policemen Nichols and Haffey took charge of him and went into the power house of the Metropolitan Street Railway company near by to telephone for a doctor. Mittendorf followed them in and fell into a deep conduit, through which runs the cable which works the Fifth street line. Mittendorf weighs 250 pounds and as he fell his body threw the cable off a four-inch groove on a wheel ten feet in diameter. He was wound around the wheel, but escaped miraculously with only a few bruises. Both men were attended by Police Surgeon Iuen and afterward left for St. Louis. By knocking the cable off the wheel Mittendorf stopped the Fifth street rope for a few minutes.

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