

MAIN STREETCAR CRASHES INTO N. & W. TRAIN.

**Motorman Is Injured and Passenger
Coaches Damaged – No Fatalities**

(Columbus Dispatch, December 30, 1902) Motorman Simon Josephson in charge of Main street car No. 368 was badly cut by flying glass Monday night in a collision between his car and a southbound Norfolk & Western passenger train at the East Main street crossing. The collision occurred about 8 o'clock, the Main street motor crashing into the side of the passenger train. The entire vestibule of the motor was crushed and the motorman received injuries from flying glass.

The conductor was thrown from the rear-end of the cars by the force of the collision, but was not injured. Several passengers on the car were also badly shaken up.

The injured motorman resides at 590 East Fulton street, and he was removed to his home. The railway officials are congratulating themselves that no fatalities attended the accident. The passenger cars were injured to such an extent that the train was delayed at the crossing for some time.

The officials of the street railway company can explain the accident in no way except by saying the rails were slippery and the motorman could not stop his car in time to prevent the collision. Motorman Josephson is one of the oldest men on the road, in point of experience. The matter will be thoroughly investigated, however. The rule of the company, as well as a law, compels the motorman to stop his car before reaching steam road crossings, and for the conductor to go ahead of the car and flag it beyond the crossing.