

## Owl Car Smashes Interurban One Hurt

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With a crash that caused many people in Lancaster's North End to think that an explosion occurred, Owl Car No. 9 [Lancaster Traction & Power] plunged into the rear end of interurban Car 106 [Scioto Valley Traction] Sunday night, May 6, 1906.

The owl car was in charge of motorman Clem Buechler and followed the interurban car after leaving Main st. Both were running at a high speed and at Fifth ave. the interurban car stopped to let off one of the employees who lives on that street.

The front platform of the owl car was smashed to smithereens and the pilot of the interurban was broken so that it had to be taken off and thrown into one of the nearby yards to be taken to the scrap pile in the morning.

The glass in the vestibule of the interurban car was also badly smashed.

The owl car only had one passenger, Mr. Ed. Wilkinson, and he had opened the front door to tell Buechler to stop at Sixth ave. It was this act that saved the motorman's life, as the force of the collision allowed him to fall into the car, or otherwise he would have been crushed to death by the timbers. His ankles were injured and he was also cut by a piece of glass.