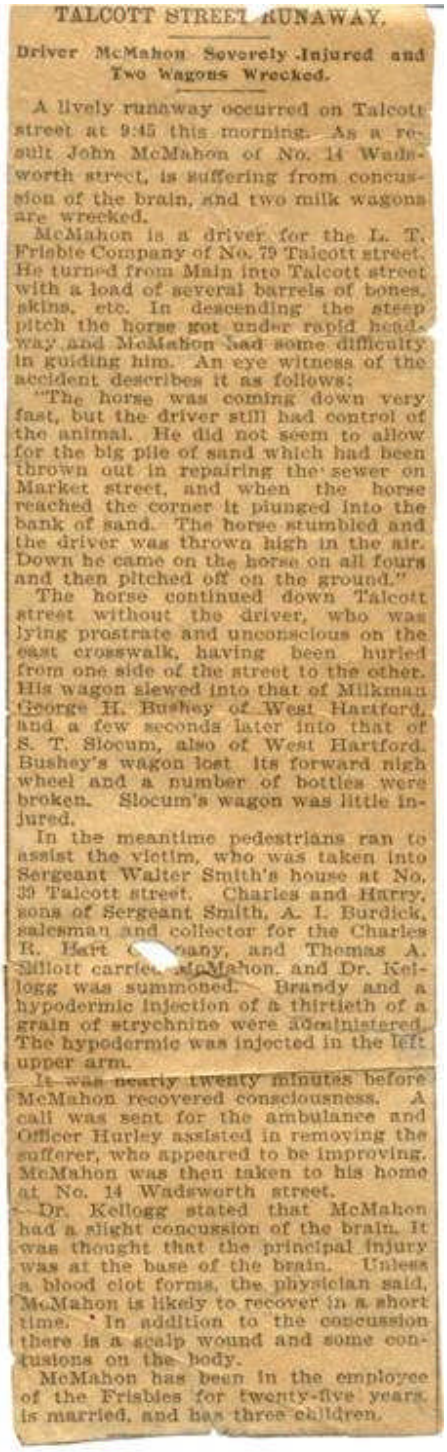
Attached are a couple of articles about the accident and funeral of John McMahon, John J. McMahon's father.
We had heard the general story but these articles from June of 1899 have eyewitness accounts.
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TALCOTT STREET RUNAWAY.

Driver McMahon Severely Injured and Two Wagons Wrecked.

A lively runaway occurred on Talcott street at 9:45 this morning. As a result John McMahon of No. 14 Wadsworth street, is suffering from concussion of the brain, and two milk wagons are wrecked.

McMahon is a driver for the L. T. Frisbie Company of No. 79 Talcott street. He turned from Main into Talcott street with a load of several barrels of bones, skins, etc. In descending the steep pitch the horse got under rapid headway and McMahon had some difficulty in guiding him. An eye witness of the accident describes it as follows:

"The horse was coming down very fast, but the driver still had control of the animal. He did not seem to allow for the big pile of sand which had been thrown out in repairing the sewer on Market street, and when the horse reached the corner it plunged into the bank of sand. The horse stumbled and the driver was thrown high in the air. Down he came on the horse on all fours and then pitched off on the ground."

The horse continued down Talcott street without the driver, who was lying prostrate and unconscious on the east crosswalk, having been hurled from one side of the street to the other. His wagon slewed into that of Milkman George H. Bushey of West Hartford, and a few seconds later into that of S. T. Slocum, also of West Hartford. Bushey's wagon lost its forward nigh wheel and a number of bottles were broken. Slocum's wagon was little injured.

In the meantime pedestrians ran to assist the victim, who was taken into Sergeant Walter Smith's house at No. 39 Talcott street. Charles and Harry, sons of Sergeant Smith, A. I. Burdick, salesman and collector for the Charles R. Hart Company, and Thomas A. Elliott carried McMahon, and Dr. Kellogg was summoned. Brandy and a hypodermic injection of a thirtieth of a grain of strychnine were administered. The hypodermic was injected in the left upper arm.

It was nearly twenty minutes before McMahon recovered consciousness. A call was sent for the ambulance and Officer Hurley assisted in removing the sufferer, who appeared to be improving. McMahon was then taken to his home at No. 14 Wadsworth street.

Dr. Kellogg stated that McMahon had a slight concussion of the brain. It was thought that the principal injury was at the base of the brain. Unless a blood clot forms, the physician said, McMahon is likely to recover in a short time. In addition to the concussion there is a scalp wound and some contusions on the body.

McMahon has been in the employee of the Frisbies for twenty-five years, is married, and has three children.

Funeral of John McMahon.

There was a large attendance at the funeral, at 2 o'clock, Sunday afternoon, of John McMahon, who died Thursday in consequence of a runaway on Talcott street, from his late home at No. 14 Wadsworth street. The Rev. J. F. Lally conducted services at St. Peter's church and interment was at Mount St. Benedict's Cemetery. The Third Division, A. O. H., and the Sarsfield Club, of which the deceased was a member; attended as organizations, and the Hibernian Rifles, Captain H. J. McInnis, commanding, with the Father Mathew Drum Corps, acted as escort. Delegations from the John Dillon Club of Meriden and the Emmet Club of South Manchester, were present. The bearers were from the Sarsfield Club, Captain John Buckley and Thomas Mulcahey; Third Division, A. O. H., Patrick Dougherty and John Finucane; Court Samuel Colt, James L. Roper and Charles McCarthy, and Charter Oak Council, Knights of Columbus, John P. Duffy and Matthew Ahern.

The floral tributes were pillow, with word "Father," from the family; cross, with the word "Uncle," from nephew, J. P. McMahon; wreath from Mr. and Mrs. John Hood, harp from Third Division, A. O. H.; wreath from Sarsfield Club, pillow from Court Samuel Colt, F. of A., pillow from Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes of South Manchester, Conn.; cross from employers and employees of the L. T. Frisbie Company, bouquet of roses from James F. Duffy and family, wreath from Captain J. F. Moran, wreath from James A. Daly, palms from Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Ott, bouquet of roses from Mrs. F. D. Childs, and basket of roses from Joe's friends.

A requiem high mass was sung at 7:30 this morning.

THROWN FROM A WAGON.

John McMahon's Lucky Fall on His Horse's Back.

John McMahon of No. 14 Wadsworth street, a teamster employed by L. T. Frisbie & Co., had a fortunate escape from serious injury yesterday morning. He was driving a one-horse truck team on Main street shortly before 10 o'clock. For some unknown cause the horse took fright and started to run. It turned from Main into Talcott street and ran down that thoroughfare at a furious rate and Mr. McMahon lost control of the animal. A portion of Market, south of Talcott is excavated for a new sewer which is being built. The earth from the excavation was thrown into Talcott street and only a small opening was left in Talcott street for teams to pass. The horse which Mr. McMahon was endeavoring to hold made directly for the great pile of earth in the street. As soon as the wagon reached it Mr. McMahon was thrown about ten feet into the air from the wagon seat. In his descent he fell on the back of the horse, which continued to run, and then he rolled from the horse's back to the street.

Charles E. Smith, son of Detective Walter Smith, was standing at the corner of Talcott and Market streets at the time of the accident. He saw Mr. McMahon fall into the roadway and he rushed to his assistance. Mr. McMahon was unconscious and with the help of others Mr. Smith carried him to his home on Talcott street, a short distance below Market. Dr. Arthur Kellogg, who was in the vicinity, was called. He made an examination of Mr. McMahon. He was unable to find that any bones had been broken. Mr. McMahon regained consciousness in a short time and he was taken to his home in the ambulance. Although no broken bones could be discovered Mr. McMahon suffered considerably from the shock.

Those who witnessed the accident thought he had been killed instantly and it was the opinion of all that it was his striking on the horse's back that broke the full force of the fall and saved his life.

The horse was caught on Talcott street after it had collided with a milk wagon.

Died of His Injuries.

John McMahon, who was injured in a runaway accident by being thrown from one of the wagons of the L. T. Frisbie company last Wednesday, died last evening at 9 o'clock. His skull was fractured. He did not regain consciousness after his injury. He was a native of Ireland, having been born there 50 years ago. He leaves a wife and three children, John J., Michael F. and Joseph W. John J. is associated with F. R. Comstock, the architect of New York, and was connected with the Hillyer Guard for several years. Michael J. is in the employ of the L. T. Frisbie company and Joseph is a pupil in the South school. Mr. McMahon was a member of the Third division, A. O. H., and of the Charter Oak council, Knights of Columbus. He was also a member of Court Samuel Colt, Order of Foresters, and the Sarsfield club.

DEATH OF JOHN M'MAHON.

Fractured His Skull in the Runaway Wednesday Morning.

John McMahon, who was employed by the L. T. Frisbie Company, and who was thrown from a team at the corner of Talcott and Market streets Wednesday morning, died last evening at 9 o'clock. He did not regain consciousness and his death was caused by a fractured skull.

Mr. McMahon was 50 years old and was born in Ireland. He was an active member of the Third Division, A. O. H., and took a deep interest in the order. He was also a member of Charter Oak Council, Knights of Columbus, Court Samuel Colt, Order of Foresters, and the Sarsfield Club. He leaves a wife and three children, John J., Michael F. and Joseph W. John J. is associated with F. R. Comstock, the architect of New York, and was connected with the Hillyer Guard for the past four or five years. Michael is with the L. T. Frisbie Company and Joseph is a pupil in the South School.

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