

DRIVER CRUSHED BY HOSE WAGON

Green Horse Throws Out Hayes.

Rescued After Wheel Breaks Three of His Ribs.

Mattapan Apparatus Is Then Wrecked.

The antics of a green horse caused serious injury to driver Fred W. Hayes of hose wagon 19, Mattapan, yesterday afternoon, and had it not been for the presence of an unknown assistant Hayes might have been killed. Hayes suffered the fracture of three ribs in his left side, a serious cut on the back of the head and multiple injuries.



FRED W. HAYES.

Just as the forward wheel of the wagon was passing over Hayes, a man who happened to be in the vicinity rushed in and at the risk of his own life dragged the driver to safety.

The company was leaving engine 19 house, Norfolk st, to answer an alarm in Milton. The engine had gone, leaving Hayes and Lieut Burns to get out the hose wagon with one green and highly nervous horse in team with a veteran animal.

Hayes had trouble in getting the new horse in place and when he climbed to the seat the horse began plunging. Hayes jumped down to try to quiet the animal by holding its head. Just as he reached the floor the horse started for the door and Hayes jumped to his seat again, hoping to prevent a smashup.

The horse, dragging his mate and the wagon, made another bolt, and the wagon struck the door jamb, throwing Hayes to the ground outside beneath the horse's feet. One hoof struck him in the back of the head and the front wheel of the wagon hit his side. Then it was that Hayes' rescuer appeared.

The horses got free from the door, but just outside the wagon brought up against an electric light pole and became so entangled that the horses were thrown.

Hayes was picked up by Lieut Burns and his rescuer and taken into the engine house where Dr Clarence A. Cheever examined him. He was taken to the City hospital in a serious condition, but it is expected he will recover.

Hayes is 55 years old and for 33 years has been one of the most trusted drivers in the department. For 29 years he was driven of engine 24. He has never had an accident before. He lives with his family at 16 Rexford st, Mattapan.

The fire was in a henhouse on Thacher st, Milton.