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#### Fatal Result of the Accident to the Engineer of No. 26.

Patrick M. Crotty, the engineer of engine 26, who was so terribly injured at the Bedford street fire Wednesday, died yesterday at 2 p. m. at the Massachusetts General Hospital.



ENGINEER PATRICK M. CROTTY.

Mr. Crotty was born in Ireland Feb. 18, 1818. When two months old his parents came to Boston. He received a grammar school education, and later learned the trade of a machinist.

In October, 1873, when the Boston fire department was reorganized and many of the call companies became permanent ones, Mr. Crotty became a hoseman on engine 7.

In January, 1874, he was promoted to the position of assistant engineman and was transferred to engine 19. A short time later Mr. Crotty was transferred to engine 21, and in September, 1875, he was again transferred, this time to engine 7.

July 10, 1888, Mr. Crotty was promoted engineer and assigned to engine 22. In March, 1884, he was transferred to engine 26, where he had been since that time.

Mr. Crotty served under Capt. Willett at both of these houses, nearly seven years in all, and Capt. Willett says he has never seen a man who was more faithful in all his connection with the department.

He was always respectful and obedient, and was a pleasant, companionable fellow whom everybody liked and respected. He was a member of the Firemen's Relief Association. The picture here given was reproduced from a photograph by Elmer Chickering.

Mr. Crotty buried an aged father about three months ago. He had long taken care of him, and also supported an invalid brother, and his mother, who is over 80 years of age.