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J. B. LINTHICUM STRUCK BY TRAIN

**Dies in St. Mary's Hospital Early
This Morning After Loss of
Arm and Leg.**

DID NOT HEAR WARNING

**Known as Careful Man and Sel-
dom Took Risks Such as
Walking on Railroad.**

J. P. Linthicum, a contracting carpenter of 1160 South Doranda street, was run down by an Illinois Central passenger train about 40 feet north of the Wood street crossing Sunday morning. He died in St. Mary's hospital at one o'clock this morning. He had been injured internally besides many external body bruises.

His right arm was almost completely severed between the shoulder and elbow, while his left leg was crushed and the toes cut off. He perhaps saved himself from instant death when at the last minute he attempted to get off the track. Moran's ambulance was called, and he was taken to the hospital.

Dragged to Crossing.

Mr. Linthicum had been to Latham Sunday morning, in company with Ben Nelson, and both were inspecting a proposed construction job in that city. Upon their arrival in Decatur at 10:30 o'clock Linthicum started down the tracks. He was hit by the train that he had rode into Decatur on. He was dragged nearly to the crossing, before he was thrown clear of the train. The train was brought to a stop, just as the last coach had cleared the crossing.

The Wood street flagman did his best to warn Linthicum of his danger, but was unable to reach his side before he was caught. Linthicum, although not hard of hearing and always careful in regard to taking risks, completely failed to hear the warning Sunday morning. He was directly in the center of the track when struck and, according to relatives Sunday night, he was never known before to walk down the track, but usually went home another route, when coming from the station.

Always a Careful Man.

Abraham J. Linthicum, a cousin, living in 513 East William street, said Sunday that Mr. Linthicum was one of the most careful men he ever knew. When he started on a construction job and was forced to use scaffolds, he always made a thorough inspection of the scaffold before he either allowed any of his men or he himself went on the building. Abraham Linthicum said that in all probability, his cousin was thinking of the proposed job in Latham and he was so deeply in thought that he did not hear the warning of the flagman or the whistle of the engine.

Linthicum is 56 years of age and is a native of Decatur. He has a wife and three children—Elmer, a farmer, residing three miles southeast of Decatur; Mrs. Bertha Lee, of New Holland, and Josie, who lives at home. He is a son of E. C. Linthicum, a well-