

A FRIGHTFUL RUNAWAY.

Liveryman Wadsworth's Landau Upset and a Number of Men Injured in Gloversville.

As the electric car due in Gloversville at 4:30 yesterday afternoon was passing Solomon's mill on South Main street the trolley pole slipped and raised such havoc with the wires that the car could not proceed, and most of the passengers commenced to walk the remainder of their journey. Just at that time Liveryman Frank Wadsworth came along driving the team of horses which he purchased last week, and which was attached to his handsome and costly landau. He hailed some of the passengers, and Joseph Mead, George Bander and two strangers responded to his invitation to ride and got inside the vehicle, while Officer Fred Sperber climbed upon the seat beside Mr. Wadsworth. The team was then started, but had gone only a short distance when one of the horses commenced to kick, and Wadsworth struck it with a whip. The animal then started to run and its companion also became alarmed and both horses were soon hauling the landau and its occupants up the street at a dangerous rate of speed. Near the railroad crossing on South Main street, Wadsworth told Sperber to take the reins, and the officer put his arms around the driver and grasped the lines, after which the owner of the horses attempted to take a new hold, but only grasped one rein and left the other in Officer Sperber's hand. The sudden jerk of the one rein caused the horses to jump sharply to one side and Mr. Wadsworth was thrown from the seat with one rein still in his grasp. Mr. Sperber was left on the driver's seat with one rein, and a slight pull on this caused the horses to turn towards the sidewalk, where, as the carriage, which was careening at an alarming rate, struck the curb he jumped. As he did so the landau turned over and the occupants were thrown about the interior amid broken glass and other things, while the horses dragged it for some distance and finally tried to draw it between the fence and building used as the Fulton County Coal company's South Main street office. Before they could succeed, however, they were seized by Louis Knoff and prevented from causing further damage. The frightened occupants of the vehicle then succeeded in making their exit through one of the damaged doors, and after an examination found that all had sustained severe bruises and suffered considerable damage to their clothing. George Bander had the most serious injury—a dislocated shoulder. Mr. Wadsworth appeared to be hurt most seriously, and it was feared that he had broken several bones, but after being conveyed to his home and examined by a physician it was announced that no bones had been fractured, but he had suffered a number of severe bruises and contusions about the body and head. Officer Sperber received some severe bruises about the legs and was jarred considerably by his leap from the flying wagon, but fortunately escaped any serious injuries. The horses were not injured in any way, but the wagon was damaged to the extent of about \$200.

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