

RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

**Freight Train Wrecked on the Piqua Road Near the City –
No One Hurt, But a Bad Blockade.**

(Ohio State Journal, February 18, 1879) – An accident occurred on the C. C. and I. C.* division of the Panhandle road, between six and seven o'clock last night, near Scioto station, four miles from the City. It appears that two freight trains were coming in one after the other. The one ahead stopped near the bridge at that place, and the other train came up onto it and ran into the rear car. The engine of the train that was behind was thrown off the track but not ditched, being merely off the rails. Several cars of the front train were thrown off the track and two or three of them were completely wrecked. Other cars were badly damaged. The displaced engine and the wrecked cars, however, made a bad blockade, and the trains were unable to get out of the way or to let other trains by them. In all this clash no one was seriously hurt and no one killed. No trains were able to pass over the road last night and at two o'clock this morning, although the men were busy at work, it could not be stated when the wreck would be cleared up. No trains going from the city started out and those coming made a long line of blockade-bound cars. The passenger train due here at 7:25 p.m. from the west was the first to be delayed by the accident. It stopped on the other side of the wreck, and finally cars from the city were sent out to bring in the passengers and their baggage after they were transferred across the wreck. These passengers did not get into the city till midnight. Some few of the passengers knew "how the land lay," and seeing the chances of long delay, walked into the city and were ahead of the rest by an hour or more. The express due from Indianapolis and St. Louis at 12:50 this morning, was marked "abandoned" at two o'clock. All hands were at work during the night and the coast will be cleared to-day without fail, so that trains will be running as usual.

* C. C. and I. C. – Columbus Chicago & Indiana Central