

TRAIN HITS A STAGE COACH.

Driver Killed at Spring Lake, N. J.—
Passengers Escape Unhurt.

ASBURY PARK, Sept. 8.—A stage coach was struck by a New York & Long Branch Railroad train at Spring Lake last night, and the driver of the coach, James Murtha of Spring Lake, was killed. The coach was filled with passengers, most of them New Yorkers, but all escaped serious injury.

The coach was on its way to the Spring Lake station of the railroad, where the passengers intended to take a train for New York. In the coach were George T. Sheridan and family, James M. Lalor and family, Mrs. T. H. Gildea, wife of Police Lieutenant Gildea of New York, and her son James; Miss Mary G. Hayes of New York, and Peter A. Hartigan, proprietor of the Glendale Hotel, of Villa Park.

The trees along the roadside obstructed the view of the track, and young Murtha was not aware of the approach of a train until his horses were on the rails. The train hit the horses, and Murtha fell forward in front of the train.

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