O'NEILL, Thomas Cranstone 27 July 1908

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Ganger	Mount Barker	Per Way trolley / Train collision

Thomas O'Neill was 58 years of age when he was fatally injured as the result of his per way trolley being run down by the Albany-Perth express. Thomas died before reaching hospital in Albany. Thomas lived about 3 miles (5 kilometres) South of Mount Barker and is interred at Mount Barker Cemetery.

FATAL RAILWAY ACCIDENT.
A GANGER KILLED.
Albany, July 27.
An accident occurred on the railway line near Mount Barker this morning, whereby Thomas Cranstone O'Neil, who was employed on the line as a ganger, lost his life. It appears that O'Neil, who resided about three miles south of Mount Barker, was in the habit of riding a tricycle to work every morning, and today he followed the same rule. When nearing the spot where the gang was employed the train from Albany ran him down, the cowcatcher striking the machine and throwing the rider heavily to the ground. O'Neil was picked up alive but unconscious. The engine and brake-van were detached from the train and returned to Albany with the injured man. A special train was dispatched from Albany, and when it met the engine O'Neil was transferred. When reaching Torbay Junction the unfortunate man died.

An inquest was formally opened at Albany and adjourned.

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COUNTRY.
ALBANY.
An inquest concerning the death of Thomas Cranstone O'Neil, a ganger, who was killed on the railway line at Mount Barker on July 27, has been concluded. The jury returned a verdict that the deceased died from injuries to his head, accidentally caused by colliding with a railway train.

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