

***The Giddings News***

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**Dangerous to Ride Freights**

Nickolas Gompas -(Mexican) who formerly lived in Giddings was riding a Katy freight train and he wanted to "dismount" before reaching the "heart" of Waco. In attempting to do so his knee hit the stirrup (step) on the car and his foot was caught by the wheel. He was taken to the hospital and his leg was amputated below the knee. The company treated him nicely, and told his brother, who is a laborer at Lincoln, that the bill could be paid when they got the money.

Nickolas says that the freight train was running "some", but that he did not know it.

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