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Gus Ela

Sad Death of Gus Ela.

On Tuesday the telegraph brought the sad news from Topeka, Kansas, that Mr. Gus Ela was dead; that he had met with a fall which had proved a fatal, but no particulars of the smoking accident were received till Thursday. Yesterday the remains were brought home for interment, and to-day the funeral obsequies take place at 2 o'clock at the residence of A. C. Armstrong.

Gus Ela was a kind, warm hearted young man with a nature full of generous impulse, which together with his genial and affable manners made him a favorite wherever he went. There are many in Grinnell where he grew from boyhood to man's estate who will sincerely mourn his sad and most unlooked for death. To the bereaved parents we extend our heartfelt sympathy in their great affliction.

The accident which resulted in his death was caused by his falling through the passage way of the elevator to his store. The trap door had been left open and in the darkness he stepped through falling a distance of some feet struck upon his head on the hard floor below receiving injuries that proved fatal.