

# FALL FROM POLE FATAL

## VICTOR MAN LOSES HIS LIFE

Charles Eastman Dies At Hospital Following Injuries Received in Fall From Telegraph Pole.

Charles Eastman, a young man whose home is in Victor, died at the Grinnell City hospital at about 8:30 o'clock Saturday night, from injuries received when he fell from a telegraph pole on the Rock Island track back of the Easy-Fit Mfg. Co.'s factory, at about 5 o'clock that afternoon. The skull was fractured at the base of the brain and both bones of the left arm were broken.

Eastman was only about 20 years of age and was working for the Rock Island company, which had a force of men re-stringing the Western Union wire. How the man happened to fall from the pole is not known. As soon as possible after the accident occurred he was taken to the hospital and his relatives at Victor were notified. His father and brother came at once and were here before he died. The body was taken to Victor early on Sunday morning for burial.

# FELL FROM TOP OF TELEGRAPH POLE

CHAS. EASTMAN, OF VICTOR MET TRAGIC DEATH.

One of the Railroad Line Gang Transferring Wires to New Poles.

A young man named Charles Eastman, whose people live at Victor, Iowa, fell from a telegraph pole right at the crossing on Main street, back of the Easy Fit factory, Saturday evening about five o'clock and was fatally injured. He fell on his head and shoulders, fracturing the skull and breaking both bones in one arm. He died early Saturday evening.

One of the workmen was at the foot of the pole putting away his tools, as it was just quitting time. He states that he did not see him fall but heard the thud when his body struck the ground and looked around to see him lying on the ground unconscious and bleeding at the nose and mouth.

Help appeared promptly, a physician was called, the young man was taken to the city hospital and his people at Victor notified. His father and brother arrived on the evening train, reaching here before he died.

It is estimated that he fell a distance of 35 feet. However, his safety belt was not broken and the snap attached was intact. No doubt he had unfastened it preparatory to coming down and in some way lost his hold.

Young Eastman was born and raised in and around Victor. E. L. Brown, editor of the Victor Record was here this morning and he said that he was universally liked and respected. A young man of fine qualities and good habits. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Eastman live near Victor. He was only sixteen or twenty years old. He had intended to quit the job when he came down from that pole and was going home that night.

He lived about three hours and a half after he was taken to the hospital. The body was taken to Victor Saturday night.

He was one of the railroad line gang transferring the wires to new poles.

Charles Eastman

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