

CLAUDE H. PETERS IS VICTIM OF ACCIDENT

Grinnell Boy, Expert Electrician,
Killed by Gas Explosion in
Kankakee, Illinois.

SKULL IS FRACTURED.

BY A MANHOLE

Body Brought Home by Father,
H. G. Peters—Funeral to Be
Sunday Afternoon.

The body of Claude H. Peters, killed by an unfortunate accident in Kankakee, Ill., last Tuesday afternoon was brought to Grinnell yesterday afternoon by his father, H. G. Peters, who hurried to the scene of the accident but too late to see his son alive. The funeral will be held from the home two miles southwest of the city, at 2 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, this late date having been fixed while an effort was made to find another son, Herbert, who is in Minnesota.

Claude Peters was a young man of great promise. He graduated from the Grinnell high school in 1906 and from the electrical engineering department at Ames in 1910. At the time of his death he was one of the expert electricians for the Central Union Telephone Company of Chicago, engaged in traveling from place to place repairing defects in the service. He was 23 years of age.

The accident which caused his death was due to a gas explosion, which came while he and his companion were endeavoring to remove the iron lid on a manhole, which was frozen down. The explosion threw off the massive iron disk, weighing 300 pounds, and it struck the young engineer in the face, fracturing the skull and throwing him violently backward. His companion rushed to his side, saw his serious condition and had him taken at once to the hospital. This was at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. At 9 o'clock the next morning he passed away without recovering consciousness.

The news of his death is a heavy blow to the members of the family and a large circle of friends, who had watched with pride and interest a career which was beginning so brightly.

OBITUARY.

Claude Hugo Peters.

Claude Hugo Peters was born near Grinnell, Iowa, February 18, 1889, and died March 13, 1912, aged 23 years and 24 days. He united with the Congregational church of Grinnell, in 1906, and retained his membership till death.

He graduated from Grinnell high school in 1906 and took the Electrical Engineering course at Iowa State College at Ames, graduating in 1910. While there he was an active worker in the Sunday school and a member of the Young Men's Christian Association.

Claude was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Peters. He is survived by his father, mother and two brothers, Herbert and Carl.

The funeral was held at the home Sunday, at 2 o'clock. Rev. P. F. Weston conducting the services. Those present from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Wingmuth and Miss Effie Wingmuth, of Rock Island, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Wingmuth, of Danville, Ill.; and George Peters, of Brooklyn.