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NEVER REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS  
Merritt Oliver of Ilion Died From His Injuries  
FELL FROM A STREET CAR

Merritt Oliver of Ilion died at the Homeopathic Hospital yesterday morning, as the result of injuries received by a fall from a Frankfort car, near Grand View, at an early hour Saturday night. Oliver was badly injured about the head, and he died without having regained consciousness.

Oliver boarded the Frankfort car at Genesee street at 7:15 o'clock. The car was fairly well filled and Oliver stood on the rear platform and stepped back on the bumpers. The conductor told him to step inside, as it was dangerous to ride where he was. At Grand View the conductor went inside to collect fares, and as he was just about to make the collections of the passengers on the platform, the trolley slipped the wire and the conductor attempted to catch it. Oliver, who was still on the bumper, tried to get out of the way, and in doing this, he fell headlong from the car, which was traveling at the rate of 35 to 40 miles an hour. The trolley pole, dangling in the air, struck one of the wire crossovers and fell to the ground in two pieces.

Oliver struck one of the ties on the back of his head, and then rolled down an embankment, a distance of 10 or 12 feet. He was picked up in an unconscious condition and taken to Frankfort where Dr. Hayes examined him and advised that he be removed to this city. Oliver was placed on a special car and was taken to the Homeopathic Hospital (in this city?). Drs. (?), LeRoy Jones, Hayes, Capron and Grant worked over him for hours. There was a complete fracture of the skull and it was not thought at any time that he would recover.

Undertaker F. A. Cassidy sent the remains to Ilion at 11:30 o'clock last night.

Merritt Oliver was born in Sangerfield in 1872 where most of his life was spent. Two years ago he moved to Ilion from Cedarville and had since resided there. He was employed at the Tucker Company. Five years ago he married Miss Cora Haggerty who survives him. He is also survived by his widowed mother, Mrs. Caroline Oliver of Brookfield, two brothers, George of Brookfield, and William of Ilion, and two sisters, Mrs. John Hughes of Whitesboro, and Mrs. Robert Jones of Cedarville.

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The Rev. E. V. Stevens, pastor of the Universalist Church, will officiate at the funeral of Merritt Oliver of Ilion, who died from injuries received while taking a trolley ride last Sunday. The funeral will be held from his late residence at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning, and from the Universalist Church in Cedarville at 1 p.m.

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