

July 2, 1917

## LEONARD GILLEY ✓ KILLED BY TRAIN

MEETS DEATH EARLY SUNDAY  
MORNING ON MILWAUKEE  
TRACKS

Leonard Gilley, 31, a farm hand who had been employed for a number of years on the A. W. Krueger farm, a short distance west of town, was instantly killed at an early hour Sunday morning when he was struck by the east bound Columbian flyer. It is believed that Gilley was intoxicated at the time he met his death.

The body was thrown about 96 feet by the impact, being dragged along the track. It was quite badly bruised and lacerated. The right leg was broken between the ankle and the knee and there was a ghastly wound just above the right eye.

Opinions vary as to the manner in which the accident happened, but it is the general belief that Gilley was on his way home and sat down on the rail and fell asleep. He had spent the evening in town and had been drinking, but at a late hour Saturday evening appeared to be in sober condition.

Gilley had been working on the Krueger farm for the last two years or more and was quite well known in Groton.

The body was brought to the Diedrich undertaking rooms in Groton and funeral services will be held this afternoon with interment in Groton Union cemetery.

He is survived by a father and two sisters.