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**SUFFERS FRACTURED SKULL
WHEN AUTO STRIKES HIM
AT WINONA, MINN.**

The following account of the death of John Olson, a brother of Mrs. Jennie Hill, of this city, is taken from a Winona, Minn., paper:

His skull fractured when he was struck Sunday night by a car driven by C. E. Osborne, 1152 West Broadway, John Olson, 47, laborer on the Stockton Hill project, was instantly killed.

There will be no inquest, announced Dr. P. A. Mattison, county coroner, who viewed the body at the Winona General hospital where Mr. Osborne rushed Olson after the accident. Mr. Osborne believed Olson might be alive after the accident, which occurred on Highway 3 near Homer, at about 10:15 p. m. Sunday, but Coroner Mattison said Olson probably died at once.

Olson was a driller for dynamite operations on the Stockton Hill project, where the Nolan Brothers construction company of St. Paul is building a \$323,000 new route of Highway 7 from Winona to Stockton. He worked Saturday and came to town with other members of the crew Saturday night. He was walking toward La Crosse when he was hit.

An identification card found on the body showed Olson's address as Kansas City, and a letter revealed he has a sister, Mrs. Jennie Hill, at Groton, S. D. He had \$20 in his pockets.

Osborne told a policeman, Alvin Rahn, who was at the hospital when Osborne arrived with the body, that he had not seen Olson walking along the highway until it was too late to avoid striking him.

With the driver in the car, which was also traveling toward La Crosse, were Mrs. Osborne, Miss Margaret Reynolds, 610 West Broadway, and Anton Sikorski, 378 Mankato avenue. Osborne, a foreman at the Interstate Packing company plant, was to be questioned by police.

Olson was struck by the right fender on the Osborne car, and is believed to have been thrown into the air, lighting on his head. Olson's left leg was broken, and he had numerous other injuries besides the fractured skull. He bled profusely.

Notified of her brother's death in a telegram from Chief of Police H. C. Riebau, Mrs. Hill informed Chief Riebau over long distance telephone that she would take the first train for Winona, and expected to be here on Tuesday.

Alfred Paetzniek left Monday for Winona and will bring the body to Groton. The funeral will be held at the home at Groton.