

LADOGA INJURIES

HOMER GRAYBILL - injured working on barn

Source: Scrapbook of Chester Peffley of Ladoga, Indiana 1890-1916 handdated July 1915

While adjusting a hay rope fork immediately under the comb of a roof of a large barn on the Graybill farm half a mile east of town Tuesday afternoon, a fastening gave way and Homer Graybill fell a distance of 30'. He held on to a trap rope and while his left hand was badly burned and torn by slipping along the rope, his hold served to lessen the shock when he struck the barn floor and that probably saved his life. He struck on his hip after having turned a complete sommersault. Had he struck on his back the injury would probably have been fatal. Mr. Graybill drove his own car home and called Dr. Price. It was found that, while no bones were broken, the spinal column was given a wrench that caused severe pain and will require time to heal. One arm and shoulder were badly bruised. Though the injuries are painful Mr. Graybill had a most fortunate escape and is thankful that his condition is no worse. Mr. Graybill is a member of the town board and, of course, was unable to be present at the regular meeting Tuesday evening. For that reason, some important business that required the board's attention was postponed until this evening when another meeting will be held at which it is hoped Mr. Graybill will be able to be present. The meeting will be held at his home if necessary.

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