

Howard W. Boyden

(– 10 Nov 1920)

Boyden. Wednesday, November 10, 1920, at 7:20 p.m., at Emergency Hospital, Howard W. Boyden, beloved son of Susie Boyden Steele (nee Lucas) in the 16th year of his age. Funeral from his late residence, 749 7th st. s.e., Saturday, November 13, at 2 p.m., thence to Grace Baptist Church, 9th st. and South Carolina ave. s.e. Interment private.

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Boy Hit By Truck Dies In Hospital

Boyden's Bicycle Skidded on Wet Pavement --

Citizens to War on Reckless Drivers

Howard Boyden, sixteen years old, Western Union messenger, who was run over by a heavy motor truck, near Indiana avenue and 1st street Tuesday morning, died at Emergency Hospital last night.

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Boyden's bicycle skidded on the wet pavement and he was thrown in the path of the motor truck, police of the sixth precinct reported. James W. Peters, colored, 1007 26th street, driver of the truck, was summoned to appear at an inquest at the morgue this afternoon. Boyden lived at 749 7th street southeast.

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The War on Reckless Drivers

Thomas J. Donovan, president of the Central Citizens' Association today announced that demands for "drastic" action by the police department against reckless driving will be made at a meeting of the association next Monday night in the Juvenile Court room.

Mr. Donovan said that demand will be made of the police department to take whatever steps are necessary to "curb the slaughter, that has become an everyday occurrence of innocent people who are entitled to the protection of the authorities of the community."

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Finds Accident Was Unavoidable

Jury's Report on Death of Howard Boyden -- Verdict in Crawford Fatality

A coroner's inquest held at the morgue yesterday afternoon in the case of Howard Boyden, sixteen years old, who was killed by a motor truck at Indiana avenue and 1st street Tuesday afternoon, resulted in a verdict of unavoidable accident. It was testified that James W. Peters, colored, driver of the truck, did all he could to prevent the vehicle from striking the boy after the latter's bicycle skidded and he was thrown in front of the moving vehicle.