

# Boy's Sad Death.

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A young boy named Gilbert Halvey, aged 10, a British army pensioner, Bangalmerick, while climbing an electric standard in a field at Ballysimon, some 100 yards from the public road, in Mr Hurley's land was electrocuted. Deceased came in contact with a high tension cable, and fell some 36 feet to the ground. When Edward O'Halloran, a ploughman, working nearby on Wednesday evening he saw the boy fall from the standard and went to his assistance. He saw that the boy's right hand was missing from the body, and was on the ground about a foot away. The boy was rushed to the County Infirmary where he died some hours later.

At an inquest held at the Infirmary on Thursday by Mr J S McNeice, Deputy City Coroner, Mr D J O'Malley, solicitor, represented the E.S.B.

Edward O'Halloran gave evidence on the lines mentioned above.

Patrick G Collier, District Engineer, E.S.B., gave evidence of visiting the scene of the fatality at 9.30 p.m. on Thursday evening. The standard was 42 feet high, with the wires 36 feet from the ground. Witness saw fresh clay marks on the standard, and there was a mark of burning on one wire as if it had been touched. There was a warning notice on the lattice steel mast standard eight feet from the ground.

The medical evidence showed that death resulted from shock.

The jury returned a verdict accordingly, and recommended that the E.S.B. should, if possible, do something to make the standards more difficult to climb.

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