

DR. PIERCY'S INJURIES MAY BE FATAL

His Machine Struck by Grove
Street Car This
Morning.

POSSIBLE FRACTURE OF SKULL IS FEARED

Physician Rushed to Receiving
Hospital for Treat-
ment.

Dr. A. T. Piercy of 118 Bonita avenue, Piedmont, was seriously injured this morning shortly after 10 o'clock, when a street car smashed into his automobile at the corner of Twenty-third and Grove streets, throwing him to the street and completely demolishing the machine.

The doctor was hurried to the Oakland Receiving Hospital in an automobile by Superintendent J. P. Potter of the Oakland Traction Company, where it was discovered he was suffering from a possible fracture of the skull and numerous other injuries. His condition is regarded as extremely dangerous.

Tracks Slippery

Dr. Piercy was crossing Forty-third at Grove street and either did not see the approaching southbound car or else thought he would have sufficient time to cross the tracks.

The car was going at a good rate of speed and although the motorman saw the danger of an accident and put on the emergency brakes, the tracks were slippery and the car could not be stopped in time to prevent the collision.

Help Is Summoned

A crowd quickly congregated at the scene of the accident and a call to the hospital was sent in, but an ambulance was available. Superintendent Potter of the street railway company was then communicated with. He arrived at the scene in an automobile within a few moments and drove the injured man to the hospital.

Dr. Piercy is one of the best known of Oakland physicians. He had just begun his morning calls when he was struck by the car, which was No. 229 of the Grove street line. His condition will be watched before any move is made to take the carmen into custody.