

Hiram L. Fisher

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Sudden Death

A Man Found Dead in the Street

About eleven o'clock last night, Officers Calhoun and Blesnehan of the second precinct, were startled by a singular rattling sound on P street, between 4th and 5th streets, and proceeding to the place found a man breathing very heavily, and upon attempting to raise him he expired. The body was immediately taken to the second precinct station, where an examination revealed the fact that there were no marks of violence, and it was supposed he died from the effects of the excessive heat, he having been in bad health for some months past. Deceased was dressed in white pants and vest, black coat and straw hat, and upon his person was found a gold watch and chain, and a large sum of money. In his pockets was found a communication addressed to Hiram L. Fisher, from Lafayette Lodge, F. and A.M., of this city, and subsequently, the body was recognized as that of Mr. H.L. Fisher, a clerk in the Internal Revenue bureau up to the time of his death. It appears that deceased was taken with a fainting fit in street car No. 33, of the Washington and Georgetown line, last evening, and was carried into Waite's drug store, where restoratives were applied. It is supposed he was walking about the northern portion of the city, after leaving the drug store, when he died from exhaustion. Deceased was about 33 years of age, single, and a native of New York, and has been boarding for some years with Mrs. Tillotson Brown at the corner of 3d and I streets. He has been seriously indisposed for several days past and left his home yesterday afternoon, at 5 o'clock to visit Mr. Jansen, Chief Clerk of his division. Coroner W.W. Potter was notified, but on inquiry into the case, and ascertaining that the deceased had suffered from a disease contracted in the army, decided that it was not necessary to hold an inquest, he and other medical gentlemen inclining to the opinion that death was caused by an apoplectic fit. Lafayette Lodge, F. and A.M., will meet tonight to make arrangements for the funeral.

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Funeral

The funeral of the late Hiram L. Fisher, whose sudden death was noticed in the STAR of Saturday, took place yesterday afternoon, and was attended by Lafayette Lodge, No. 19, and Lafayette Chapter, No. 5, of Masons, in carriages. The services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Holmead, of Grace Church and the remains were interred in the Masonic lot at Congressional Cemetery with Masonic ceremonies.