

## Charles W. Godfrey

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**Godfrey.** On Sunday, October 2, 1898 at 8:30 p.m. at the Emergency Hospital, Charles W. Godfrey, beloved husband of Bertie Godfrey, aged 52 years. Funeral from his late residence, 117 L street northeast, Wednesday at 2 p.m. Friends and relatives invited.

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### **An Engineer Hurt**

#### **Carelessness at the Dewey Hotel Results in an Accident**

John Godfrey, an engineer, in charge of the stationary engine at the Dewey Hotel, now in course of erection on L street between 13th and 14th streets northwest, was struck on the head early this morning by a block of wood, carelessly dropped from the scaffolding at the fifth story of the building. Godfrey's head was pretty badly cut, and the Emergency Hospital ambulance was sent for. When it arrived Godfrey was sitting up, conscious, and declined to go to the hospital. The ambulance went back without him, but was summoned again in a few minutes, as Godfrey had become unconscious. He was then removed to the hospital, where it was found he was suffering from a slight concussion of the brain. When a Star reporter went to the new building to ascertain the facts of Godfrey's injury he narrowly escaped being struck by a fragment of plan that had been chopped off with a hatchet from a part of the scaffolding at the top of the construction. There is absolutely no protection for passers-by in front of the building, and the scaffolding is of the most flimsy construction. There is a constant string of laborers going in and out of the building, wheeling barrows of bricks and mortar to the elevator inside, which is operated by the stationary engine outside, and they are in jeopardy all the time from the carelessness of those at work above and the lack of protective appliances.

Godfrey did not recover consciousness after his removal to the hospital, and it was decided to perform an operation upon him. This was done by Dr. W.P. Carr, who trephined the man's skull and while no fracture was discovered, a clot of blood was found on the brain. This was removed, and while Godfrey is in a serious condition, he is not believed to be in danger of losing his life.

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### **Inquest Unnecessary**

Coroner Carr has decided that an inquest is unnecessary in the case of Charles W. Godfrey, who died last evening at the Emergency Hospital. As already stated in the Star, Godfrey was struck on the head by a piece of falling lumber Thursday last at the Dewey Flats, where he was employed as an engineer. He leaves a widow and daughter. The funeral will take place from Godfrey's late home, No. 117 L street northwest.

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### **Funeral of Charles Godfrey**

The funeral of Charles W. Godfrey who died Sunday at Emergency Hospital from the efforts of an accident at the Dewey Hotel Building will take place tomorrow at 2 o'clock p.m. from his late residence, Nol. 119 K street northeast.