

Samuel Wilson Ker Handy

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Death of Samuel W.K. Handy

Samuel W.K. Handy, who was a well-known resident of this city, died on Sunday evening at 238 Fourteenth street southwest of pneumonia. He was born in Washington in 1827, and spent five years in California, returning here in 1854. He was the oldest member of Washington Lodge No. 6, I.O.O.F., and was also a member of Mount Nebo Encampment and the Oldest Inhabitants' Association. He was in the grocery business here during the war, and held a number of other positions of trust since. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon, Rev. Dr. Bittinger and the Odd Fellows officiating. The interment will be at Congressional Cemetery.

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A Tin Wedding

A large number of the friends of Mr. S.W.K. Handy assembled at his residence on 14th, between B and C streets, South Washington, last night, to celebrate his tin wedding, he having entered the marriage state on the 10th of November, ten years ago. The occasion was one of much social enjoyment, and the bountiful hospitality of the honored host was freely indulged in till long past midnight, when the party dispersed for their respective homes, each leaving behind the very best wishes for the health and prosperity of the happy couple, and expressing the hope that they might live long enough to convert the tin into a "golden wedding," and as much longer as they desired to. Of those present there were but few exceptions who did not bear with them a tin present of some kind, the whole combining a ponderous assortment, ranging in character from a tin whistle to a horse bucket.

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Ruffianism -- Hearing that S.W.K. Handy, Esq., with whom we are intimately acquainted, had been assassinated and seriously wounded, we went to find out the truth of the matter, and obtained the following account from himself.

Last night he left his home, in the Seventh Ward, to attend a meeting of the Grand Lodge I.O.O.F. At the corner of Tenth street and Virginia avenue, he was attacked by a young man, who seized him by the collar and struck him on the face, badly bruising his eyes. A scuffle ensued, and two others near assisted the assailant. They tore his clothing; and, with a portion of his shirt bosom, carried off his breast pin. The parties are known; but they probably are not aware that, in addition to the unprovoked assault and battery, they will have to answer to a more serious charge growing out of the loss of the breast pin. Several persons were attacked last night, and they charge the same party with all the disorderly conduct. We are more particularly sympathetic with our friend Handy, since we are aware that, on Wednesday evening, he is to be married, and the dreadful black eye will be a sorry ornament with which to appear; though it is certain the circumstances under which it was obtained will fully excuse it.

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Arrests - Yesterday afternoon, Officers Lloyd and Beitzell, of the Seventh Ward, arrested Cornelius Desmond, Nicholas Jones and James Tucker, who were charged with assaulting and beating Mr. S.W.K. Handy, last Monday night. They were taken to the office of Justice Donn, who held them to bail for a

further hearing, in the sum of \$300 each. The prisoners were all quite young--neither being over 21 years of age, we presume. They are residents of the Seventh Ward and respectably connected. It is a source of grief, not only to their families but to citizens generally, that there should be foundation for charges of such serious character against any young men raised in our city. It proves the danger of improper association, and how soon the poison of wicked examples infects the hearts and displays itself in the acts of the young.