

Samuel V. Hurdle

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Death From An Overdose of Chloral

Mr. Samuel V. Hurdle, a well-known bricklayer, who has resided in the First ward his entire life, died this morning at his residence on K street, opposite the 4th precinct station house under rather melancholy circumstances. Mr. Hurdle showed symptoms of insanity a day or two ago and getting worse he last evening became so violent that help had to be secured. He imagined that he had been ordered to kill all in his reach. Dr. Baldwin was sent for and attended him, leaving some morphine and chloral to quiet him. It was administered, and it is said that by an accident an excessive dose was given him. This morning, about the time some of the family were taking measures for his admission to the insane asylum, it was found that he could not be aroused, and within a few hours he was dead.

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Locals

In the case of the death of Mr. Samuel V. Hurdle, from an overdose of chloral, mentioned in the Star of Saturday, the coroner did not deem an inquest necessary and gave a certificate of death. Mr. Hurdle was well and favorably known throughout the District and will be remembered as a wagon master in this vicinity during the war. His funeral took place this afternoon, and was attended by his many friends and relatives.