

Charles B. Palmer

(- 26 Sep 1896)

Palmer. Suddenly, on September 26, 1896, Charles B. Palmer, aged 38 years. Funeral will take place from the residence of his sister, Mrs. S.C. McDonald, 303 11th street southeast, on Tuesday, the 29th instant at 2 p.m. Relatives and friends invited to attend.

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Died in Agony

Charles B. Palmer Denied Having Taken Poison Knowingly

Charles B. Palmer, who was until recently a bartender at Mades' hotel, died Saturday afternoon shortly before 5 o'clock from a dose of rat poison, self administered. At first it was thought to be a case of suicide, but the man himself insisted that he had taken the drug by mistake and his friends and relatives believe that it was an accident.

Palmer resigned his position some time ago as a result of bad health. For some time past he had been staying at 903 C street southeast, the home of a cousin, Mrs. Brady, while she visited in the country. Yesterday morning about 8 o'clock a little boy rushed into the home of Mrs. McDonald, an aunt of Mr. Palmer, at 303 11th street southeast, and told her that Palmer was very sick. She went to his bedside and at once called in Drs. Fredrick and Slattery.

Upon the arrival of the physicians a box of rough on rats was discovered on the mantelpiece. It has been there for some months past, and Palmer admitted that he had taken a dose of medicine, but denied that he had attempted suicide. Later in the day he was removed to Mrs. McDonald's house, on 11th street southeast, but he died in great agony shortly after arriving there. Palmer was a widower, having lost his wife six years ago. He leaves a boy eight years of age. He was member of American Castle, Knights of the Golden Eagle, and that organization will arrange for the funeral.