

Ernest J. Pruitt

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Runaway Causes Death

Ernest Pruitt, Employed at Home for Aged and Infirm at Blue Plains, Killed

Ernest Pruitt, thirty-five years old, employed as driver at the Home for the Aged and Infirm, Blue Plains, opposite Alexandria, was killed in a runaway accident on the grounds of the institution this morning. George W. Hanes, plumber, at 1111 H street northwest, who was superintending plumbing work in a new building at the institution, witnessed the accident and took Pruitt to Casualty Hospital. Life was extinct when the hospital was reached, and the body was placed in the hospital morgue.

It is stated Pruitt, who was driving a horse attached to a heavy farm cart, dropped his lines and the horse ran away. He made an effort to regain the lines and was thrown from the shafts of the cart, one wheel of the vehicle passing over his body.

Witnesses to the affair say that Pruitt was thrown some distance into the air before he landed in front of the cart. Both his legs were crushed and he sustained internal injuries which caused his death.

Coroner Nevitt viewed the body and gave a certificate of accidental death. He deemed an inquest unnecessary.