

## Thomas H. Robinson

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**Robinson.** On Friday morning, February 16, 1877 at 2 o'clock, Thomas H. Robinson, aged 43 years. Funeral from Waugh Chapel at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend (Union, Nation and Republican, copy).

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### **Serious Accident to Foreman Robinson**

About 8 o'clock last evening, as the Hook and Ladder company were responding to the alarm of fire turned in from box 43, Mr. Thomas H. Robinson, the foreman of the company, attempted to mount the truck as it was passing near the corner of 3d street and Indiana avenue, when he lost his footing, and falling, the rear wheels passed over him, breaking his leg and otherwise severely bruising him. He was taken to the drug store of Butler & Claridge, on the corner, where Dr. G.L. Magruder attended him, and decided to have him conveyed on a stretcher to his residence, on 3d, near East Capitol street. A cot bedstead was procured from the truck-house, and four members of the fire department, assisted by two officers of the police force, conveyed the injured man to his home. In the meantime, Dr. S.A.H. McKim, the family physician of the injured man, had been telegraphed for, and soon arrived at the residence. The knee-joint of Robinson's right leg was badly dislocated, and the ends of the bone shattered, while the flesh was terribly lacerated. The wounded man exhibited the greatest fortitude, and showed no signs of the agony he was suffering. The broken limb was set and the wounds sewed up by the physicians above named, and although the patient suffered acutely during the night, he was more quiet this morning, and the physicians are hopeful that the leg may be saved. The dislocated limb has been restored to its position.

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### **Amputation of Foreman Robinson's Leg**

It will be remembered that on Wednesday night, the 7th inst., as Mr. Thomas H. Robinson, foreman of Hook and Ladder company, No. 1, was attempting to jump on the truck as it was on the way to a fire, he fell and one of the rear wheels passed over and fractured his right leg. Mr. Robinson was attended at the time and has been attended since by Drs. G.L. Magruder and S.A.H. McKim at his residence near the corner of 3d and East Capitol streets. It was thought until a few days ago that he was getting along quite well. Yesterday, however, there were evidences that lock-jaw was about to supervene, and last night it was determined that his only chance of recovery was amputation. Dr. Elliott was called, and, after consultation with the attending physicians, it was deemed advisable to have the leg amputated between the hip and knee. The operation was accordingly performed, and Mr. Robinson remained in a precarious condition during the night and this morning his condition was still regarded as critical.

P.S.--Lock-jaw fully set in this afternoon and the physicians fear the worst.

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### **Death of Fireman Robinson**

We regret to state that Mr. Thomas H. Robinson, foreman of Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, who was run over by the truck on the night of the 7th instant, died this morning about 2 o'clock from lockjaw, which resulted from his injuries. It was stated in yesterday's STAR that Mr. Robinson's right leg

had been amputated. Had the operation been performed sooner he might have survived, but lockjaw had set in, and the treatment failed to afford relief. He was conscious until only a short time before his death and communicated with the family and his friends by writing, (his jaws being tightly locked,) and during the afternoon he conversed in the same way with Rev. Dr. Deale, of Waugh chapel, M.E. church, who had been sent for, and it is believed that he died fully resigned to his fate. Mr. Robinson was a native of the Capitol Hill section of the city, and for many years was an officer at the jail. Subsequently he became a member of the metropolitan police, in which force he served some time, and was severely wounded in the hand while making an arrest. He next was appointed a private in the paid fire department, and was attached to Columbia Company, No. 3. From this position he was promoted to the foremanship of the Hook and Ladder company, the duties of which he performed in a very satisfactory manner. Mr. Robinson was for many years an active member of Columbia Fire Company, No. 1, of the old volunteer department, and possessed every qualification for an active and efficient fireman, being at all times as cool and collected as he was brave and daring, with a full appreciation of the responsibility resting on him. He was a member of Syracusians' Lodge, No. 10, Knights of Pythias, and Metropolis Lodge, No. 16, of Odd Fellows. Chief Engineer Cronin has been daily looking after the sufferer and attending to his wants since the accident. He was 45 years old, and leaves four orphan children. The funeral services will be held at Waugh chapel, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

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#### **Funeral of Foreman Robinson**

The funeral of the late Thomas H. Robinson, foreman of the Hook and Ladder company, who died on Friday morning last from lock-jaw, resulting from the injuries he received when the truck of the Hook and Ladder company ran over his right leg on the night of the 7th inst., took place yesterday afternoon from Waugh (M.E.) church, corner of 3d and A streets northeast, and was attended by a large concourse of people, embracing many of our leading citizens. The number in and about the church was estimated by some at about 5,000. The remains were laid out in a handsome rosewood casket, with silver plate containing the name and age of the deceased, silver trimmings and handles, and the insignia of the Odd Fellows and, Knights of Pythias. Long before the hour for the funeral a continuous line of friends and acquaintances visited the residence to take a last look at one who in every position of life was faithful to his duty, and was never known to have had an enemy. At a few minutes to 3 o'clock the Fire Commissioners in a body, a detail of firemen, headed by Chief Engineer Cronin, a large delegation of the Old Columbia Fire company, marshaled by J.P. Barrett, Metropolis Lodge, No. 16, I.O.O.F., H.C. Stevens marshal; Syracusians Lodge, No. 10, Knights of Pythias, A.M. Sprague marshal, arrived in procession, headed by Repetti's band, and formed open lines from the residence to the church, and the corpse was borne to the church between these lines, followed by the family and immediate friends of the deceased. There were several floral ornaments on the lid of the casket, and the regalia of the Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias. The pall-bearers were: Joseph Parrish, of No. 1, and L.P. Lowe, of No. 5; Alex. McKenzie and E.H. Gray, of Syracusian's Lodge, No. 10, K. of P., and A. Duvall and J.T. Green, of Metropolis Lodge, No. 16, I.O.O.F. The services in the church were commenced by the choir singing the hymn "Hark from the tombs;" after which prayer was offered by Rev. M.L. Hawley, and he followed by reading an appropriate selection of Scripture. The sermon was preached by Rev. J.S. Deale, the pastor of the church, who, in the course of his remarks, alluded to the perilous duties of the firemen, at the conclusion of the sermon, took a last look at the remains, and passing out the procession reformed and marched to Congressional Cemetery, where the services of the church were conducted by the clergy, the Odd Fellows' service by acting Chaplain Bawsel, and the Pythian service by Past Chancellor W.H. Hines.

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**Appointment.**

Thomas H. Robinson, late police officer in the Sixth district, was on Saturday appointed a guard at the county jail in place of James Ward, resigned. He entered upon the discharge of his duties this morning. Mr. Robinson is the officer who was shot by Robert Cross (now in jail) while Robinson was arresting him on charge of participating in the election riots.