

John F. Tolson

(- 20 Jan 1892)

Tolson. On Wednesday, January 20, 1892, at 8 p.m., suddenly, John F. Tolson, beloved husband of Elizabeth Tolson, in the 47th year of his age.

Home is sad, so sad and dreary;
Lonesome, lonely, every spot.
Listening for his voice till weary --
Weary, for we hear it not.

Funeral from Gorsuch Church, corner 4 1/2 and L streets southwest, Sunday, January 24, at 2 p.m.
Relatives and friends respectfully invited to attend.

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A Cab Driver Killed

Last night John F. Tolson, a well-known cab driver, was killed by being thrown from the box of his cab and striking on his head. Mr. Tolson lived with his wife and four children at 323 M street southwest and was driving his team to the stable in the rear of his house. The team ran into a snow bank and he was thrown from his seat and knocked insensible. He was at once taken to his house, but died in a few moments. Dr. Hazen was called in and found a wound on the top of his head, and it is thought that striking squarely on a jagged stone or piece of ice inflicted the injury which caused death.

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An Inquest to Be Held

Yesterday afternoon it was rumored that John F. Tolson, the cab driver who was found in the alley in rear of his house, had been foully dealt with, instead of dying from the result of an accident, as published in yesterday's Star, and Coroner Patterson, in view of the reports, decided to hold an inquest in the case. There is no evidence so far as could be ascertained this afternoon that foul play took part in the case, and the dead man's wife does not believe that there is any truth in the rumor. The deceased suffered from heart trouble and at times he was affected with spells of dizziness.

This afternoon Deputy Coroner Schaeffer made an autopsy on the body and an inquest will be held at the fourth precinct station at noon tomorrow. Tolson was a member of Meade Post, G.A.R., and the funeral will be conducted by members of that organization.