

## George Wright

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*The Evening Star, March 20, 1876*

### **Condensed Locals**

The numerous friends of Mr. George Wright will be glad to learn that a telegram was received in this city from Fortress Monroe, today, stating that a change for the better occurred in his condition, last night, and hopes of his recovery are entertained.

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### **Death of George Wright**

This morning Detective Clarvoe received a telegram from George Wright, jr., dated at Fortress Monroe as follows: "Father is dead. Remains leave tomorrow in charge of Masons by Washington boat." Mr. Wright has been ill for several weeks, and this termination of his was not unexpected by his numerous friends here. It is probable the funeral will take place Sunday. Mr. Wright was a member of St. John's Lodge of Masons of this city. He was for some years a member of the board of common council of this city and held other positions of honor and trust with credit to himself and satisfaction to his friends.

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The Death of Mr. George Wright was briefly noticed in The Star of yesterday. Mr. Wright was before the Mexican War a soldier in the ordnance corps of the army, stationed at the Washington arsenal, where he, for some time superintended the making of cartridges for our forces in Mexico, and subsequently served in that campaign. While in the army he invented the celebrated percussion cap machine, which was at once adopted by our government, which paid him several thousand dollars for its use, and quite a number of the European nations purchased the machines from him. He continued at the arsenal until about three years ago, most of the time as master machinist, and during the late war he rendered good service to the government, managing his department, which at that time was frequently worked night and day, with great credit to himself, proving that he was possessed of marked administrative ability. He at the same time had the entire confidence of the commanding officers and the department. About three years ago he was transferred to the charge of the government shops at Fortress Monroe. A more faithful friend never lived. Mr. Wright was at one time a member of the City Councils of Washington, and he was a member of St. John's Lodge, No. 11, F.A.A.M., and of Eastern Lodge, No. 7, of Odd Fellows. Messrs. E.G. Wheeler and Thomas Cavanaugh, of St. John's Lodge, left yesterday, and with a committee of Monitor Lodge of Masons, No. 197, of Fortress Monroe, will arrive here with the remains tomorrow, and they will be taken to Masonic Hall, from whence the funeral will probably take place on Sunday.

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### **The Late George Wright**

The body of the late George Wright, who died Wednesday, arrived this morning from Fortress Monroe by the steamer Lady of the Lake, in charge of the following committee of Monitor Lodge, No. 107, F.A.A.M., of Fortress Monroe:--Messrs. Watkins, Fulton, Elliot and Moody, and Messrs. Thomas Cavanaugh and E.G. Wheeler, of St. John's Lodge, No. 11, of this city. The remains were met by a large

number of the personal friends of the deceased. The Master of St. John's Lodge (A. Abbott) took charge of the remains, and they were taken to Harvey's undertaking establishment. They will be laid in state at the Masonic Temple at 10 o'clock tomorrow and the funeral will take place at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. The following will be the pall-bearers: Thomas Cavanaugh, E.G. Wheeler, J.A.W. Clarvoe, Lewis T. Clements, Zach. Wilson and James Watkins. The interment will take place at the Congressional Cemetery.

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#### **Funerals Yesterday**

The funeral of the late George Wright, who died last Wednesday at Fortress Monroe, Va., took place yesterday afternoon from Masonic Temple, and was attended by a large concourse of citizens, personal friends of the deceased. The body was encased in a handsome silver-mounted metallic casket, on which were a crown and cross of flowers. The religious services were conducted by Rev. C.C. Meador, of the Island Baptist church, after which the pall-bearers, Thos. Cavanaugh, E.G. Wheeler, J.A.W. Clarvoe, Lewis F. Clements, Zack. Wilson and James Watkins, removed the remains to the hearse and escorted by St. John's Lodge, headed by Donch's band, the body was taken to Congressional cemetery, where the interment took place and the Masonic services were performed.