

John C. Bohlayer (- 20 Apr 1872)

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A Sad Case--Death from Chronic Alcoholism

On Saturday night Officers Hawkins and Thompson reported to Lieut. Greer that an offensive odor had been noticed coming from a one story frame shanty on K near 22d street. Lieut. Greer at once proceeded to the place and forced open the front window, when he discovered the dead body of an old man named John Bohlayer, in advanced state of decomposition, lying on a straw bed. The coroner was notified, and, yesterday morning Dr. J.F. Hartigan, acting coroner, visited the place, but did not deem an inquest necessary. A bottle, half filled with whiskey, was lying beside the dead man, and two empty bottles on the ground beside the bed. Dr. Hartigan ordered the corpse to be buried at the expense of the corporation, and left a certificate that deceased came to his death from "chronic alcoholism.