

Delvert M. Covey

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Anxiety About the Fate of a Missing Man

Mr. D.M. Covey, who resides at 626 3d street northwest, has been missing since Tuesday night, and his friends are much concerned about him, and have asked the police to make inquiries and find him if possible. Mr. Covey had been, up to about three months ago, an inmate of the Government Insane Hospital, under treatment for melancholia, but was discharged. About 11 o'clock Tuesday night, having had a return of despondency, he left the house, since which time his friends have no tidings of him. He is a tall, well-built man, of forty-five years, is of very light complexion and eyes and smooth face and when he left wore a black diagonal coat and vest, checkered pants and a black derby hat.

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Found Floating in the River

The Mystery of D.M. Covey's Disappearance Cleared Up

Yesterday morning Mr. James P. Donnelly was standing on the float in front of Cumberland's boat-house, at the foot of 26th street, when he noticed the body of a man floating in the river only a short distance from him. Taking a boat he went out to where the body was and found it to be the body of a middle-aged white man. The body, which was terribly swollen and bruised, making identification almost impossible, was towed ashore, placed in a coffin by the police, and removed to the morgue. From the description of Delvert M. Covey, who disappeared from his home, No. 626 3d street northwest, last Tuesday, the police identified the remains as those of Covey. Friends of the family visited the morgue and fully identified the body. The deceased has been for a number of years a proof-reader in the Government Printing Office, but was discharged some time after the change of Administration. After his discharge he became despondent, and his mind was affected. He was sent to an asylum in Buffalo, from where he was discharged not many weeks ago, as cured. He returned to his home here and seemed perfectly happy, but he soon began to show signs of mental derangement. He frequently said to his wife, "Oh, if I could only die." His wife became very uneasy about him, and watched him as closely as possible, but last Tuesday night he stole from the house and did not return. His disappearance was reported to the police, who made a vain search for him. Nothing was heard of him till his body was found yesterday. The coroner examined the body and gave a certificate of death. The remains were then turned over to the family and prepared for burial.