

John McLean Hanson

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Sudden Death From Apoplexy

This morning the dead body of a man named John McLean Hanson was found in a water closet in the boarding house kept by Mrs. Triplett, next door to the Unitarian church, on D street. Mr. Hanson was well-known about the court house and among the lawyers as a conveyancer, and was for about twenty years a deputy under the late John A. Smith, clerk of the court. He had recently, and until within a few weeks past, been a boarder at this house, and late last night was heard to enter the house, and was supposed to be trying to find his old lodging room, and wandered to the place where he was found. The coroner was notified, and this morning, after viewing the body, decided that an inquest was unnecessary, it being his opinion that Hanson died of apoplexy, induced by immoderate use of alcohol. His brother, Samuel Hanson, committed suicide about a year ago at a boarding house at the corner of Pennsylvania avenue and 4 1/2 street, by shooting himself through the head. Coroner Patterson gave a certificate of burial, and his remains are lying in the place where found subject to the orders of his relatives.