

PECULIAR DEATH

Daniel Sheehan Fell and Struck the Curbstone.

DIED AT THE HOSPITAL

Nature of the Accident Was So Shrouded in Mystery That an Autopsy Was Held — Five Distinct Wounds Were Found on the Face and the Nasal Bones Were Broken.

By a very peculiar accident, the particulars of which are and perhaps always will be unknown, Daniel J. Sheehan, residing at 111 Amherst street, came to his death last evening in the Sacred Heart hospital. Mr. Sheehan is said to have been standing on the sidewalk near the corner of Amherst and Chestnut streets about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when he suddenly fell prostrate in such a manner that his head came sharply in contact with the curbing. In some mysterious manner his face was badly mangled and he bled profusely as was evidenced for some time by a large pool of blood where he fell. He was taken to the Sacred Heart hospital and Dr. Kean was called to attend him. He died quite suddenly at 6:30 o'clock.

The medical examination developed the fact that Mr. Sheehan's face was badly cut, there being no less than five distinct wounds on the face, while the tongue and the inside of the lips were terribly lacerated. Both sides of the nose, the corner of the mouth and the lips were deeply cut, and from these wounds the blood was flowing profusely. Both nasal bones were broken. When the doctor reached him he was pulseless.

The peculiar nature of the case made it appear desirable to hold an autopsy and this was done by order of the coroner and in his presence and that of the police inspector. It was found that there was a fracture of the base of the skull and it was concluded that death was caused by this fracture, while the excessive hemorrhage and the shock are accounted as contributing causes.

While the friends of the dead man, and the authorities are of the opinion that Mr. Sheehan's death was the result of an accident, there are others who feel differently about it. The condition of the face, and the number and location of the wounds suggest to the medical attendants and some others that there might have been something beside a mere fall to the curbstone. The police were asked if there was any suspicion of foul play, but at headquarters it was stated that there was no such suspicion and that nothing was being done on the case, as it was believed to be simply a sudden death caused by accident.

Mr. Sheehan was a native of Meredith and was 49 years of age. For the past thirty-nine years he has resided in this city, and for twenty-five years has been in the employ of the Manchester Locomotive works, being a boiler maker by trade. He is survived by a brother, John J. Sheehan, and three sisters, Margaret and Hannah Sheehan and Mrs. Mary Talty.

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