

[Reynell, Robert F.]

Mysterious Disappearance.—Yesterday forenoon an aged and well-known citizen named Robert F. Reynell, residing at 38 South St. Paul street, disappeared under singular circumstances and has not since been seen by any member of the family. For some time past he has been feeling quite low-spirited, though not to such a degree as to excite alarm. About 10 a.m. yesterday he came into his house, divested himself of a portion of his clothing, including his cardigan jacket, collar and tie, threw down his pocketbook and tobacco box, donned a thin coat and went out. His absence was first noticed by finding his gloves in the hall. Although he always walked with a cane he went away without one. Rigid search has failed to discover his whereabouts, and it is feared that he has committed suicide while in a state of mental aberration. The police and coroner Morrison were notified and are investigating the case. The missing man's wife and other relatives are plunged into grief by his singular departure. He is the father of Charles Reynell, the letter carrier.

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Items in brief. No tidings have been received from the missing man, Robert F. Reynell, who disappeared from his home on South St. Paul street Sunday morning. He is described as weighing about 170 pounds, having large features with bushy gray whiskers, and being five feet one-and-one-half inches tall. He has not been traced beyond the St. Paul street bridge.

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Deliberate Suicide.—The Body of Robert S. Reynell Found in the River

Yesterday afternoon, between three and four o'clock, the body of Robert S. Reynell, who has not been seen alive since January 13th, was found in the river, (on the east side), under Vincent Place bridge. Coroners Dansingburg and Morrison were notified and had the body removed to Jeffrey's undertaking rooms, where an inquest was held. On the morning of Sunday the 13th ult., he changed some of his clothes and home and went out, since which time he has not been seen alive. He was subject to fits of temporary insanity, and it is believed that while suffering from one of these attacks he committed suicide. He has resided in this city since 1833, and was in his 69th year. He was a member of Lodge 109 F. & A.M., and of the Masonic Relief Association. The funeral will be conducted under Masonic auspices. Deceased leaves a wife and two children.

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Items in brief. The funeral services of the late Robert F. Reynell will be held to-morrow (Sunday) afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Universalist Church, Rev. Saxe officiating.

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