



Sad Case of Sudden Death at the Waggon and Horses

A man on tramp, who had evidently seen better days, was found dead in a bedroom at the common lodging on Saturday, under sad circumstances. He is supposed to have been a painter, and came to Calne on his way to Torquay. At all events, he was seen at Calne the previous day so drunk that he fell out of a cart. On Saturday he was in a similar state of Intoxication at Devizes, and fell off a seat on to the floor at "The Pelican". At about a quarter to eight in the evening he was taken into a bedroom at The Waggon and Horses, and an hour later was found lying dead on the floor. As there were bruises about him it was thought necessary to have a post mortem examination, and this revealed disease of the heart, which in the opinion of the medical man (Mr. Dale) was undoubtedly the cause of his death. A verdict of this effect was accordingly returned by the jury. From enquiries that had been made by Supt. Baldwin the man's name was supposed to be Frederick Ashley Thomas, and his age was stated to be about 55. As the deceased was a Freemason, he was buried at the expense of the Devizes Lodge, and was followed to the grave by several members of the craft.

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