

WHERE HE WAS.

Last Wednesday evening the Valley Spirit printed an account of the return to his home of George Devinney for seven years mourned as dead. To all except those living in Path Valley this conveyed the first knowledge of the event which partly unsolved a mystery. The story was taken from these columns and telegraphed to the city dailies and afterwards copied into our local papers. This evening the Spirit presents for the benefit of its readers and its local contemporaries the history of George Devinney's life since he left his home. It has been obtained for these columns from Porter Devinney, the young man's father.

In May, 1878, George Devinney left his home in Path Valley and was never afterwards seen there until the evening of Nov. 5, 1885. In July of the first mentioned year he applied for lodging at the house of Mr. W. H. Knox, at Blair's Mills. He was not encouraged there and found a lodging place for the night with Mr. John Rodgers, who had charge of the mills. On the following morning he went to Port Royal on the Pennsylvania railroad and boarding a freight train made his way to Pittsburg. There he took passage on a steamboat and was carried down the Ohio River to Cincinnati. Thence he drifted into the country and for two years labored on farms in Ohio and Indiana.

In the summer of 1880 he returned to Pittsburg and obtained a situation as brakeman on a freight train on the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago railroad. After two years' work in this capacity he was promoted to the passenger service and still holds the position of brakeman on the road. Several times during the seven years he made preparations for visiting his parents and the scenes of his early life but always, until a few weeks ago, reconsidered his intentions and remained away. During his absence he heard nothing of the events which led to the arrest and confinement of Mr. Knox and his father charged with having murdered him. Nor did he at any time see a person from his home or one whom he knew. His life was spent entirely among strangers. When he left home he was fifteen years old and when he returned the other evening he was not recognized by any person. A happy coincidence was his return on the evening of the marriage of his sister Miss Mary, to Mr. James Piper. The friends were assembled and just before the ceremony was commenced he walked into the house. The occasion was full of joy to the family which was now reunited after it was thought it had been robbed of one of its members.

The fact that the bones found on the mountain were not those of George Devinney is now proven but the mystery as to whose they were is shrouded as completely as before. It is supposed by some that they were those of a tramp. Others think they were those of a Miss Snyder, who was insane and lived in Liberty Valley, Perry county. This lady disappeared some years ago and it was charged upon a resident of that neighborhood that he had murdered her. It is now thought that she wandered into the mountains and there perished. Her father has been a resident of Concord for some years.

BLOOD POISON KILLED HIM.

WHAT AN EXAMINATION OF JOHN McCULLOUGH'S REMAINS REVEALED.

PHILADELPHIA, November 18.—The receiving vault at Monument Cemetery was the scene this morning of the autopsy on the body of the dead tragedian, John McCullough, held at the request of the family, in order to definitely fix the cause of his death and substantiate or disprove Dr. Engel's theory of his death, it being different from that held by the physicians at Bloomingdale Hospital. Dr. Engel's theory was that death was caused by a disease known as thrombosis, which is a gathering of thrombus or clot of blood in one of the arteries, thus blocking the circulation of blood through it. This Dr. Engel believed was the cause of death. He always contended that the formation of one of these thrombi in the brain was the primary cause of the trouble. So confident was he of this fact that he asserted if he could

carry McCullough through thirty days without the formation of a second thrombus he could eventually be cured. Two weeks elapsed when the second formed and death ensued. The physicians at Bloomingdale Hospital claimed that the insanity was due to general causes, not special.

Among the physicians present were Dr. Engel, who performed the autopsy; Dr. A. E. Rossel, who assisted; Charles K. Mills, Dr. Walter E. Nibby, the family physician; Prof. Frank Woodbury, Jr., Dr. J. M. Barton, Surgeon General of Jefferson Medical College; Dr. Theodore Gruel, Dr. J. H. Lloyd, Dr. Suddeth, Dr. W. R. D. Blackwood, Neurologist at the Presbyterian Hospital; A. J. Hummel, of the Medical Bulletin and Dr. H. S. Hardy, surgeon in charge of Maternity Hospital, San Francisco. The body was moved from the casket shortly after 10 o'clock and placed on an operating table in the vault, ready for the autopsy. The body was found to be in a most excellent state of preservation, no sign of decay being visible. At 11 o'clock Dr. Engel commenced the operation by making a semi-circular incision below the right ear, then cutting in a semi-circle he removed the scalp, sawed the skull through above the eyes, and after severing the spinal cord and optic nerves removed the brain from the skull, and it was subjected to a close examination by the medical men present. Immediately afterward the medical gentlemen whose names are printed above, held a private meeting and agreed to the following statement: "The physicians assembled find it was a disease of the blood vessels of the brain, due to blood poison, and that the basilar artery and middle cerebral arteries were the ones mainly affected. That pianeter opeque over a large part of the convexity of the brain and adherent especially in the frontoparietal region near the broca convolution and fissure of the rolendo. In various places where an attempt to strip the pianeter it was found that small fragments of the cortical tissue came away with the membrane. Neither tumor nor abscess was discovered. Considering the length of time which has elapsed since the death of McCullough, the body was in excellent preservation."

The result of the autopsy fully corroborates the diagnosis of Dr. Engel. Among the persons present were James McCullough, son of the deceased and a young lady, apparently unknown to anyone present, who stood at a respectable distance from the vault, silently and alone, until the vault closed and all had departed, when she took her leave.

MAKING APPLE TREES BEAR YEARLY.

In many parts of the country, apple trees yield a crop of fruit only every alternate year, the year represented by an odd number being barren, while that represented by an even number will be fruitful. In other places orchards bear every year. Some trees will yield fruit only every year, while others bear them on every side will produce a bountiful crop. Two seasons are required to produce a crop of apples; that is, during one season the fruit buds are developed, and during the next the fruit. All vital energies of some trees are employed during one season to develop the fruit buds, then the year following their entire vitality seems to be spent in developing the fruit with out sufficient force being left to form fruit buds for the crop of the next season. Now in order to induce an apple tree to bear every season, climb into the top, or go up ladders, just as one does when plucking ripe fruit, and with a pair of sharp shears clip off all the young fruit from about half the tree. Then fruit will form on that side of the tree from which the young apples were cut off. One half the top then will bear fruit one year, while the other half will yield fruit the next season.—Farmers Magazine and Rural Guide.

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