

MURDER OR SUICIDE.

Andrew Swan Found on a Hillside Wounded.

THREE SHOTS IN HIS HEAD.

A Mysterious Affair in the Mission Near Twenty-ninth Street.

Andrew C. Swan, a machinist, was found with three shots in his head lying on a hillside near the corner of Twenty-ninth and Diamond streets about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. By his side was a 38-caliber revolver from which the bullets which wounded him had evidently been fired.

He is a member of Lodge No. 30, Free and Accepted Masons, and lives at 2535 Mission street with a stepsister, Mrs. William Simpson. He has been employed at odd times as a machinist in the Union Iron Works and by Tatum & Bowen.

His stepsister, Mrs. Simpson, was visited last night but refused to be interviewed.

Another woman in the house said that Swan had been at the house on Tuesday afternoon. She noticed nothing peculiar about him, and he left the house to look for work, as he had been out of work for about a week. He was a single man, and she did not know that he was connected with any woman.

On the way to the City and County Hospital, where Swan now lies in a dying condition, the reporter met Swan's brother and another man who had just been down to see him. The brother lives at 1010 York street, and said that Swan was a native of Dundee, Scotland, about 42 years old, and had been in America some twenty years. He said Swan had been drinking heavily lately and had been despondent because unable to get work. He said his brother had not been at Mrs. Simpson's house for several days.

The physician who is attending Swan was then seen, and said that one shot had been fired from the back of the head, grazing the scalp and going out near the forehead. Another had pierced the forehead and gone out at the back of the head and through the brim of the hat, and the third had conversely pierced the back of the head and gone out at the forehead. The physician thinks it a peculiar case if an attempted suicide, as the second shot must have knocked Swan insensible and made him unable to fire the third shot.

Swan was then seen, but was insensible and unable to talk. The doctors did not think he could live over the night. The circumstances of the case are very peculiar and need investigation.