

## OBITUARY

### EXCESSIVE DRINKING CAUSED HIS DEATH.

Jesse Leffler, aged twenty-three years, died at David Miller's house at Springtown, Schooley's Mountain, last Friday evening, without medical attendance. He went to Springtown last Friday afternoon to visit one of his companions. During the afternoon they drank freely and towards evening Leffler was put to bed in a stupid condition. A few hours later one of his companions tried to awaken him but he could not arouse him. Immediately Dr. L. C. Osmun was sent for and when he examined the young man he found that Leffler had been dead several hours. Several very contradictory stories were put in circulation as to the cause of his death, and Coroner Hagen, of Dover, was notified. He arrived Saturday morning and after an examination he granted a burial permit, giving apoplexy resulting from acute alcoholism as the cause of death. The body was then removed to Nunn's undertaking rooms, where it remained several days. At the request of the family, who thought that he might have met with foul play, an autopsy was made by Drs. Osmun and VanSyckle Wednesday morning. They found the heart and liver badly congested, due to the excessive use of intoxicating liquor and cigarette smoking. He frequently drank large quantities of liquor on a wager.

An inquest was held at Gibbs' hotel, Springtown, on Wednesday, conducted by Prosecutor Mills. After hearing the testimony of the physicians who conducted the autopsy, two or three members of the household where he died, and one or two of his relatives, the jury rendered the following verdict:

After hearing all the evidence, we, the undersigned, conclude that Jesse Leffler's death was due to apoplexy, superinduced by alcoholism, complicated with heart trouble. We also find that no one should be censured.

M. J. YOUNGBLOOD, Foreman.  
ROSS CRANE,  
ROBERT NUNN,  
JOHN S. REED,  
L. M. TRELL,  
C. W. STEPHENS.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at the home of his mother on Valentine street. Interment in Union cemetery.

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NAME: Jesse Leffler

DATE OF DEATH: