

## **Albert Knight**

**Portsmouth Evening News – Monday 2 April 1900**

### **NEWPORT MAN KILLED**

#### **FALL FROM A BEDROOM WINDOW.**

About three o'clock on Sunday morning, Frank Jackson, a carman, lodging at the house of Mr. Cotton, 15, Orchard-street, Newport, Isle of Wight, reported at the Police-station that his fellow lodger, Albert Knight, aged 36, a carman in the employ of Messrs. Shepard Brothers, carriers, had jumped from a third storey bedroom window at his lodgings and had been picked up in an unconscious condition.

Dr Foster was immediately summoned, and found Knight bleeding profusely from a flesh wound on the left side of the head. In spite of every attention Knight never rallied, and he died at 10 o'clock on Sunday morning.

It appears that shortly before three o'clock on Sunday morning, deceased's fellow lodger, Frank Jackson, who slept in the same room, was aroused by hearing someone at the window, and on his asking what was being done deceased remarked, "Oh, Shepard's furniture van is waiting for me outside." Before Jackson could realise what was taking place, deceased, who had only his shirt on, had gone out of the window, and was heard to fall with a heavy thud on the street pavement, nearly 30ft. below.

Deceased who was a single man, was thickly-built, and heavy. A recent injury to his head, it was thought, had affected his mind.

**Portsmouth Evening News - Tuesday 03 April 1900**

### **NEWPORT**

CARMAN'S TRAGIC DEATH. - On Monday the Island Coroner (Mr. Edward F. Blake) held an inquest at Newport, I.W., on the body Albert Knight, aged 36, a carman, in the employ of Messrs. Shepard Bros., who died from the effects of injuries sustained by jumping from a third storey bedroom window at his lodgings at 15, Orchard-street, to the pavement. - Frank Jackson, labourer, who slept in the same room as deceased, said that about three o'clock on Sunday morning deceased was standing at the bedroom window. Suddenly he exclaimed "Shepard is outside here waiting for me with the furniture van. Here goes." and jumped out of the window, falling heavily on the pavement nearly 30 feet below. Knight was picked up in an unconscious condition, bleeding from a wound in the head, and he died about seven hours later. Deceased had been unwell for several days since an accident in which his head was injured whilst unloading casks at Messrs. Upward and Rich's store. - Dr. Foster said that death was the result of the severe shock, the wound in the head not being serious. - The Jury returned a verdict that deceased committed suicide, but that there was no evidence to show the state of his mind at the time. - Deceased formerly served in the Hants Regiment and was wounded the Burmah War, for which he had the medal and two bars.

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