

ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 1st August 1891

DIED SUDDENLY FROM EXCITEMENT.---On Tuesday afternoon an elderly man, named BEVIS, residing in Melville-street, died very suddenly, under somewhat peculiar circumstances. It seems that BEVIS had been making a living by blacking boots and touting on the Esplanade. On Tuesday afternoon he had placed his box and brushes in front of the Marine Hotel, and as he was touting at the same time for an opposition establishment, the “boots” at the Marine ordered him away. A dispute occurred between the two men, and the “boots” is alleged to have kicked Bevis’ box over and to have struck or pushed him. This is, however, contradicted, and, on the other hand, it is alleged that BEVIS struck the “boots.” At all events, BEVIS started off in a state of great excitement to Mr FARDELL’s office, with the object of obtaining a summons against the “boots.” He was talking to Mr E. G. SAUNDERS, who was in charge of this department, and was putting his hand in his pocket for the money to pay for the summons, when he suddenly fell forward. Mr SAUNDERS thinking he was in a fit, ran for Mr F. C. FARDELL, who came at once, and, alarmed by BEVIS’ appearance, ran out for a medical man. Fortunately, near the top of Union-street, he met Dr DAVEY, and at once took him back to the office. After examining BEVIS, Dr DAVEY pronounced him to be dead, apoplexy brought on by cerebral excitement being the cause of death.

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