

Valey R. Padgett

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Suicide of Young Man Due To Domestic Trouble

Swallows Carbolic Acid After Failing to Effect Reconciliation With Wife

Coroner Nevitt conducted an inquest at the morgue today on the death of Valey Padgett, twenty-four years old, who drank carbolic acid last night while in front of the home of his father-in-law, John Grover, 1114 8th street southeast, and died an hour later at Casualty Hospital.

The coroner's jury reached the conclusion that the acid was taken with suicidal intent. Padgett who had been separated from his wife for about two months, was employed by the Capital Traction Company. Yesterday he went to the house of his father-in-law for the purpose of effecting a reconciliation with his wife.

Failing to see his wife, Padgett took a bottle of acid from his pocket and drank enough of its contents to make him unconscious. He was taken into the home of his parents, 819 L street southeast, and later to the hospital.

It was about 6:45 o'clock when he took the poison. His body was taken from the morgue this afternoon by an undertaker and prepared for burial.