

## George F. Ports

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**Ports.** Suddenly on February 18, 1909, George F. Ports. Funeral from parlors of George P. Zurhorst, 301 E. Capitol street at 3 o'clock p.m., Saturday February 20.

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### **Swallowed Carbolic Acid**

#### **George F. Ports Dies on the Way to Hospital**

George F. Ports, thirty-eight years of age, whose address was given the police as 424 1st street southeast, committed suicide last night about 9:30 o'clock by swallowing carbolic acid. He called at the house of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Sarah Webush, 488 L street southwest, last night and talked with her, his conversation indicating he was in a despondent mood. Shortly after leaving her he swallowed the poison. Mrs. Webush heard groans coming from the side alley at her house, and when she went out to investigate found her son-in-law in a dying condition.

The police of the fourth precinct were notified, and called the Emergency Hospital ambulance. He died shortly before the hospital was reached and his body was kept in the hospital morgue until this morning, when it was removed to the undertaking establishment of George P. Zurhorst, 301 East Capitol street. It is said by relatives that domestic troubles caused him to take his life.

Ports was employed at the Capitol as a laborer under his father, Thomas Ports, who has had charge of the laborers there for nearly forty years. It is stated that he was separated from his wife and that only a short while ago his three children were sent to a local institution through proceedings in the Juvenile Court. Arrangements have been made for the funeral to take place at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. The interment will be at a Congressional cemetery.