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POSTPONEMENT IN EXHUMATION TAKEN

INDEFINITE DELAY ANNOUNCED BY CORONER'S JURY

Could Not Take Place Yesterday Morning on Account of Failure to Secure Necessary Permission

The body of G. Ficarrota was not exhumed at Oaklawn cemetery yesterday morning as announced this being impossible on account of the fact that the coroner's jury had failed to get permission from the state board of health and the county physician and had not communicated with any members of the board of county commissions regarding payment to the undertaker for his services. Until these arrangements were made Undertaker J. L. Reed, who was engaged to do the work, declined to proceed. Another balk was experienced in getting permission from Ficarrota's widow, Judge Boyett having a hard hour's work in convincing her of the necessity of the action.

As it was impossible for Judge Boyett to inform members of the jury of the state of affairs, the jury gathered one by one, at the cemetery, only two of them, however, arriving at the appointed time. There was a wait of nearly an hour before Judge Boyett arrived, this being due to his being detained in getting Mrs. Ficarrota's permission. When it was learned that permission would have to be secured from the board of health and other authorities, many of the jurymen and officers present were in favor of securing the permission at once, but some of the authorities could not be located. After remaining in the vicinity of the cemetery until noon, adjournment was taken, it being announced that the next meeting of the jury would be Wednesday morning.

Everything Arranged

Yesterday afternoon the jury and the justice got together and communicated with the various authorities mentioned securing permission from them that the exhumation may be performed at any time. After making these arrangements, the jury and Justice Boyett would make no statement other than that their exhumation had been indefinitely postponed. However, as each day adds to the difficulty of the examination which will be performed, the exhumation will not be put off for long although a rumor gained credence yesterday that the exhumation would not take place until next Wednesday. Whenever the exhumation does take place, Undertaker J. L. Reed and County Physician A. C. Hamblin will be in charge. Instead of meeting next Wednesday the coroner's jury will meet this morning to consider new evidence.

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