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JOHN W. YOAKUM EARLY PIONEER DIES SUDDENLY

Native of Old Mexico Succumbed at Residence, 705 Shawnee—Prominent G. A. R. Member.

CAME HERE BEFORE CIVIL WAR

Settled in Kentucky After First Coming to United States—Served in Army—Exact Age Was Not Known.

John William Yoakum, native of Old Mexico and one of Leavenworth's earliest settlers, died yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at his home, 705 Shawnee street. Death occurred suddenly. His health had been failing for some time but his condition was not deemed serious. Yesterday afternoon he was taken suddenly ill and died within a few hours.

The body was removed to the Davis Undertaking company where it will be held until funeral arrangements are made. They will be announced after the arrival of his children.

John William Yoakum was born in Old Mexico. His exact age is not known, but he is thought to have been in the neighborhood of eighty at the time of his death. While still a child he came to the United States and settled in Kentucky. Later he moved to Missouri.

Mr. Yoakum came to Kansas in the early '60's and made his home in Leavenworth. At the time of his arrival, the city was still a typical frontier town in its earliest stages. He lived here until the Civil War broke out. In 1861 Mr. Yoakum enlisted at Fort Leavenworth, with the Union army. His time of active service covered a period of three years and six months.

PROMINENT GRAND ARMY MAN.

In 1864 when hostilities ended and peace was declared, he came back to Leavenworth. He had lived here ever since that time. Of late years Mr. Yoakum was prominent because of his activity as a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He was a member of Shaw Post, in which he served for many years as commander. He held every office in the local post while a member of the organization.

Five daughters survive him; his wife, Maria C. Yoakum, died shortly over a year ago. The survivors include Mrs. Mary Henderson of Springdale, Kan.; Mrs. George Williams, of Leavenworth; Mrs. Emma Goodwin of San Diego, Calif.; Mrs. Bertha Covington of Omaha, Neb.; and Miss Angie Yoakum, also of Leavenworth. There are also a large number of grandchildren and great grandchildren.

CONSUMERS WIN IN GETTING COAL PRICE OF $5.70

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one of the dealers put it, they had to accept this price or go out of the coal business.

There was quite a gathering of coal dealers and consumers at the city hall council chamber at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon when Emerson Carey, Federal Fuel Administrator for Kansas, and Dr. Faulkner, County Fuel Administrator, started to take up the local coal question. Acting Mayor John Seitz, City Commissioners Cox, Brewster and Eggert and City Attorney McNaughton, H. J. Helmers, Jr., president of the Chamber of Commerce and E. Y. Blum, secretary, were present to represent the coal consumers. A. E. Dempsey represented the coal dealers, most all of whom were present.

Dr. Faulkner introduced Mr. Carey, who he said would have charge of the hearing. In doing so Dr. Faulkner told of his efforts to obtain information on the coal question and to try and get the dealers to agree on a fair and reasonable price and they would do so.

WOULDN'T OBEY THE ORDERS.

Mr. Carey said he came here because the Leavenworth coal troubles had assumed considerable proportions and that it was time to settle it. He mentioned that there ought to be some ground to get together on and then go ahead and handle coal here. He said that he had been informed that the dealers had refused to deliver coal at the price fixed by Dr. Faulkner, county Fuel Administrator, and that they had been selling it at a price in violation of the order fixed last winter by Mr. Gilman, then the county administrator. Mr. Gilman could not get the Leavenworth city dealers to obey orders and he then resigned. On learning that they were refusing to obey the new order he telegraphed to the companies to stop furnishing coal to certain dealers.

APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT.

Mr. Carey read a letter containing his instructions and his authority to deal with coal matters in Kansas and said that he had been appointed by the President of the United States and he proposed to have the orders obeyed. He said that the government could not force any one to deliver coal and would not try to do so, but coal dealers would quit business unless they did obey the orders. He said that the price would be fixed before he left the city, and if the dealers were dissatisfied with it they could appeal to Dr. Garfield, but they would obey the orders here until they were changed by higher authority.

Mr. Carey does not pretend to be an orator, he is a business man, and he has a way of speaking that carries the impression with it that he means what he says.

Mr. Dempsey got up and said that he was present to represent the coal dealers and that he did not understand that they had refused to obey the fuel administrator's order. He expressed surprise that there should be an impression of that kind out.

This statement of Mr. Dempsey also had the effect of surprising those who heard the testimony of the coal dealers at the two recent hearings. It



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