

## PONTIAC BILL POSTER

### Death of Andrew McKinley. 1884

From a letter received from J. G. McKinley, we gather the following facts in regard to the sickness and death of Andrew McKinley, Jr. The cause of his death was plura pneumonia, the result of a cold caught by sitting up late election night. Until within five days of his death he was not considered dangerous, and up to a few hours even, of his demise, hopes were entertained of his recovery. At twelve o'clock Sunday morning a change came for the worse, and in the early morning hours of Monday, Nov. 17th, he passed away without a struggle. His mind was unimpaired to the last, which was a consolation to his friends because of their son and brothers' expressed hope of the application of Christ's pardoning power, and of his acceptance into the Heavenly Kingdom.

We subjoin the following local notice of the deceased, from an Oil City paper:

"At five o'clock this morning Andrew McKinley, Jr., one of the oldest residents of this city, died at the residence of his parents of pneumonia of the lungs, after a brief illness which lasted only since Tuesday. The deceased gentleman has been a resident of this city since 1861, coming here from Michigan, and embarking at once in the petroleum business in which his brothers were already engaged. He was therefore at the time of his death, one of the oldest operators in the oil business. Mr. McKinley was a man of good education and refinement, but since the death of his wife, a most estimable and accomplished lady, about ten years ago, his disposition underwent a great change and he seemed to lose nearly all interest in affairs, giving himself up at times to fits of melancholy. The marriage was blessed with one daughter, who is now at school in New York city. One of the deceased's requests was that the following orders be invited to attend his funeral: The Masonic order to the thirty-second degree, the Knights of Pythias and Knights of Honor."

The early boyhood of the deceased was spent in the township of Commerce, this county. In the first development of the oil region, he embarked with his brothers in digging for a fortune, meeting with success. In a few years the brothers returned to Pontiac and opened a private banking house doing a large business. In the course of a few years they became financially depressed, when they settled up their business here and returned to Oil City to recuperate their wasted fortune at the original fountain of success.

We add our tribute of respect to the many good qualities of the deceased, and extend to the parents and brothers, our sympathy in their sudden and serious affliction.