

Poster

## PONTIAC BILL

It gives us much pain to speak of the death of Mrs. Harriet Calkins, wife of Ezra Calkins, aged fifty-seven years. Her death occurred on the morning of the 15th inst., after a long and painful illness. Mrs. Calkins might be ranked as one of our early pioneers. She removed with her parents to this place in the year of 1834. Her loss is deeply felt by all who knew her. In all relations of her life, as a wife, neighbor or as a sympathizing friend to the afflicted, her loss will be severely felt. She had been, at the time of her death, a consistent member of the M. E. church for many years, and she died as she had lived, in the enjoyment of a blissful hope of a glorious immortality. Her funeral was held on Tuesday the 17th, inst. The sermon was preached by her former pastor, Rev. A. G. Blood, now of Lees Corners, Midland Co., to a large and sympathizing audience. Feb 25 1885

Millford Times: "On Thursday morning a little six year old son of Supervisor Dickie, of White Lake, while seated in his chair suddenly fell from it and died almost instantly. He retired as usual the night previous, and arose in the morning, ate his breakfast, and appeared in his usual health until the moment of falling from his chair. Heart disease is supposed to be the cause of his sudden death. What makes the case still worse, is that both his parents are absent visiting friends in Livingston and Shiawassee counties, and their exact whereabouts was not known at the time of the sad occurrence. The parents have the hearty sympathy of a host of friends in their sudden affliction." MAR 4 1885

Monday morning our citizens were shocked to learn that a boarder at the Railroad Exchange Hotel had committed suicide in the barn by cutting his throat. It seems that a stranger came to Pontiac Saturday and put up at the above named hotel, registering his name as J. Smith. He was a good looking, well dressed man, and had but little to say to anyone. Sunday the landlord noticed his new boarder seemed to be in pain, and upon asking the cause the new comer said he was troubled with heart disease. Monday morning Smith, as he called himself, came down from his room about seven o'clock and after remarking about the weather, passed out of the house. After breakfast Mr. Dawson, the landlord, went to the barn and in looking for a broom discovered what he supposed was a drunken man lying in one of the stalls. An effort to dislodge him disclosed the fact that the man was dead, and Coroner Culver was notified. The inquest showed that the stranger was Wm Sloat, and in a memorandum book was the request: "Put me in a coffin and send me to Shepardsville, to Wm. Sloat." Deceased had \$79.25 in cash, a watch, a G. A. R. army badge and army discharge in his pockets. The body was placed in charge of undertaker Tompkins, and the coroner telegraphed to Shepardsville for instructions. A reply came to ship the remains, providing the man had a scar on his right leg below the knee. Such a scar was found and the body was shipped Monday evening per express to Wm. Dunn. Sloat was about 40 years old, but as to whether he leaves a family it does not yet appear. MAR 4 1885