

PONTIAC BILL POSTER

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Correspondence of THE BILL POSTER.

The sad news of the sudden death of Mrs. Chas. E. Smith, of Detroit, of which brief mention was made in last week's Bill Poster, is a subject that requires more than a passing notice. Lizzie was the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Walker, of Clintonville, and in whom their whole pride and ambition seemed to be centered, and the heavy blow that has fallen upon them is almost unbearable. The young husband, whose happiness during the past four years has known no bounds, and whose every effort has been for the comfort and happiness of his faithful companion who was so suddenly taken from him, has the heartfelt sympathy of all who knew him. Lizzie, whose death occurred Sunday morning, June 29, would have been twenty-six years old the 5th of July, which day would have also completed the fourth year of her married life, and having known her from infancy, can attest that the same characteristics that won for her a host of friends in early life, never deserted her in riper years, and no person had a stronger hold upon the respect and admiration of the people of this community than did Lizzie. The beautiful flowers placed within her casket and strewn upon her grave by loving hands speak in language more beautiful than I can command of the esteem in which she has ever been held.

Having never been very strong, the severe attack of malarial fever that followed her confinement proved too much for her frail constitution, and all that loving friends could do, or medical science invent, was futile in the attempt to save her. The remains, which were brought home for interment, were met at the depot by a large number of friends, and accompanied to the parental home, where the funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the services being performed by Rev. Mr. Gelston, of Pontiac. The long funeral train that followed the remains to Sashabaw cemetery, her final resting place, gave evidence that a spotless being had gone from earth forever. The little baby girl, who very much resembles its mother, we hope and trust may live and grow to be as perfect a woman, and help repair the loss that those afflicted friends feel so deeply.

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Elijah B. father of Supervisor Clark, died Thursday at the home of his son in Orion, aged 91 years. Funeral services were held at the house Saturday and the remains brought to Pontiac for interment. Mr. C. was an old pioneer having settled in Orion in 1830.

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Alexander G. Collins, of this city, died at his home on north Saginaw Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock, of dropsy, aged 48 years. Funeral from the M. E. church this (Wednesday) afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock. Mr. C. up to a few months since, was steadily in the employ of Thos. Turk and sons for twenty years, and was a first-class salesman. Always good natured and accommodating, Alex. as he was called, made and kept friends all over Oakland and adjoining counties. The funeral will be in charge of Pontiac Lodge No 2, F. & A. M., of which Mr. Collins was a respected member. He leaves a wife and five children to mourn the loss of a kind husband and father.