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too high a pressure caused the explosion. The matter will probably be officially investigated.

Thompson was about 27 years old, and has been married three years. He was known as a steady, reliable man, and a first-class engineer. Two years ago he lost his right arm in the Rochester woolen mill. Many friends in this vicinity will deeply regret his untimely taking off, and sympathize with the unhappy young wife in her sore affliction. *MAY 23 1883*

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Last Friday, at Detroit, after listening to the testimony of engineers, and others, the coroner's jury found that Will Thompson came to his death by the explosion of a boiler, said explosion being caused by low water in said boiler. Some of the expert witnesses were of the opinion that the boiler was made of very poor material, and to this fact the explosion was due rather than low water. All agreed that Mr. T. was a competent engineer, sober and faithful. The real cause of the explosion may never be known. *MAY 30 1883*

Miss Martha (better known perhaps as "Puss"), daughter of Andrew Efferts, the florist and gardener, died last Friday morning of scarlet fever, aged 16 years, and funeral services were held at the house Saturday afternoon, sermon by Rev. J. Joslin. Miss E. was a young lady of rare qualities of mind and heart, and her death is a sad blow to her parents, relatives, and many friends. *MAY 30 1883*

MAY 23 In Memoriam. *1883*

Mrs. Phebe Axford, born at Oxford, Warren county, New Jersey, Feb. 1st, 1811, died at Detroit, Mich., May 2d, 1883.

A feeling of sadness fell like a pall over the community of Oxford when the telegraph brought the tidings, "Mother died at half-past six to-night." Mrs. Axford died in Detroit, at her daughter's residence, where she had resided for the past six months. Seven months since she was attacked with paralysis, but the immediate cause of her death was heart trouble.

For nearly half a century Mrs. Axford has been connected with the history of Oakland county, having resided in Oxford since 1835. Her maiden name was Phebe Summers, she being the eldest daughter of Hon. J. Summers, of Macomb county. In the spring of 1835 she was married to the late Hon. Samuel Axford, who preceded her to the Great Beyond less than one year ago.

In April, 1835, they settled on the farm where they always resided. Here they always maintained a generous competency in life, and their home was always known for its hospitality the county over.

Mrs. Axford will long be remembered for her free handed generosity to the poor and needy, for no one ever went from her empty handed. Mrs. Axford had a large circle of friends throughout the county, by whom she was greatly beloved, and her death will cause a wide-spread feeling of sorrow. Her life was earnest, true, and tender. She passed through many vicissitudes, but her honor never failed her; courage and faith never wavered; her affection never altered.

After an eloquent prayer by Dr. Redford, of the Universalist church, her remains were taken to her old home, as she had requested. The funeral was largely attended on Sunday, the 6th, from the M. E. church in Oxford, Rev. F. Snyder officiating, assisted by Rev. H. O. Parker; and then followed to her last resting place by her sorrowing children, of whom she leaves four sons and three daughters, and laid beside her husband, with their graves covered by many floral tributes of love.

"That having all things done
And all your conflicts past,
You may behold your victory won
And stand complete at last."