

PONTIAC BILL POSTER

Rochester Era: "Last week Tuesday afternoon John Zims, a German employed on the farm of Axford Price, about two and a-half miles north and east of the village, was with a son of 16 years, engaged in felling a tree. As it fell the butt swung around and struck Mr. Zims on the head, knocking him down, although it is thought the blow was not severe. However, before he could recover himself, the tree recoiled and slipping off the stump, fell upon the prostrate form of the poor man, crushing him to death. It was all done so quickly that the son was dazed, but recovering immediately had the presence of mind to get a lever and raise the tree sufficiently to enable him to extricate the body. He then went and notified his folks and the neighbors, and sent for Dr. Jesse Wilson, but the man was beyond the reach of all help long before anyone reached the spot. Mr. Zims was 47 years old and leaves a wife and three children in poor circumstances." *APR 13 1887*