

PONTIAC BILL POSTER

James McNeil, young man who had made his home with Judge Baldwin for several years past, died of diptheria last Thursday night, aged about twenty years and the remains were interred in the Waterford cemetery the next day. Jimmie, as he was called was a fine young man, and his death is regretted by all. *Sept 22 1886*

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Wm. Axford, a well known citizen of Clarkston, died last week Tuesday.

DASTARDLY DEED!

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Committed by Train Wreckers at South Lyon.

Air Line Special Ditched. A Fireman and Brakeman Killed.

A Reward of \$500 for the Discovery of the Murderers.

Shortly after three o'clock last Thursday morning a special freight train was piled up in the ditch near South Lyon, and fireman Edward Milliman, a former resident of Pontiac, was killed, and brakeman Campbell was fatally injured, and died soon after being removed to Detroit. Engineer Thomas Davis escaped with a few bruises. The engine and eight cars left the track and were badly broken up.

The wreck and loss of life were caused by some inhuman monster or monsters removing a short piece of rail on one side of the track and digging the dirt away from several ties. It seems to be the prevailing opinion that more than one fiend had a hand in the dastardly job, and that robbery of passengers

who would naturally leave for Jackson on the morning express was what the wreckers had in view. The first train west however, happened to be the special freight. Another theory is that it was done out of spite, as an attempt was made to tear up the track at the same place only a few days ago.

There is no clue to the wreckers and on behalf of the company and county Mr. W. Wallace, and Sheriff Voorhees, of this city, offer a reward of \$500 for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the wreckers.

A track was built around the wreck and traffic not materially delayed.

Mr. Milliman was well and favorably known in Pontiac and Oakland county. He was a brother-in-law of Mr. I. Vanbuskirk, of this city, and leaves a wife and two children. Hanging is too good for the cowardly murderers of Messrs. Milliman and Campbell.