

PONTIAC BELL POSTER

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Last Thursday afternoon Clarence, a six year old son of E. D. Widrig was taken sick at Miss Walter's room in the old union and was sent home. The little fellow grew worse rapidly, and in spite of medical attendance died the next forenoon. Owing to the fact that a couple of little fellows the same age and size as the Widrig boy had pitched upon the latter out side of the school yard Thursday forenoon stories of all kinds were soon put in circulation principally to the effect that the unfortunate child had been killed by being pounded with a club. Our reporter at once interviewed Dr. McCarroll the attending physician, who said the boy died in convulsions and in all probability from natural causes. However the fact that for several hours

previous to his death little Clarence frequently implored to be protected from the school mates who had made an attack upon him, gave color to the suspicion that Clarence had been foully dealt with. Coroner Culver therefore empaneled a jury and a careful post examination was made by Drs. Elliott, McCarroll and Colvin who could find no marks of violence but concluded the boy died of congestion of the brain. On account of the illness of one of the juror's their finding was not announced till yesterday afternoon, when a verdict of death from natural causes was rendered. Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon at two o'clock.