

PONTIAC BILL POSTER

Sept 21 Killed by a Dinner, 1887

Novi, Sept. 21.—Edward Spencer, proprietor of the Spencer House, purchased a quantity of meat from a Farmington peddler yesterday, and had a piece of corn beef taken from the lot and cooked with a cabbage for dinner. Besides the landlord, his wife and daughter, Edward Pierson, of Detroit, a traveling doctor who lives in Wayne, and Mrs. C. L. McCrumb, of this place, sat down to the table. Shortly after dinner all were taken violently ill. A doctor was summoned, who succeeded in giving relief to all but Mr. Spencer. In spite of all the medicinal agents he sank, and this afternoon he died.

Dr. Brodie, of Detroit, was called to Novi to attend the stricken family. He found that they were undoubtedly the victims of poisoning, but the character of the poison he was unable to determine without first making an analysis. He secured some meat and cabbage from the remains of the meal

and brought them to Detroit last night. Dr. Brodie says that the theory of paris green having been the cause of death because used on the cabbage while growing will not hold water, as he learned positively that no paris green had been used upon it. The rest of the family, he says, will pull through all right.

Dr. Brodie has made a careful analysis of the cooked meat, and finds traces of arsenic in it. The raw meat has been also examined, but gives no indication of poison. The cabbage is yet to be analyzed, but it is seems to be the prevailing opinion that it will also show arsenic. In case it does, the theory that paris green, (which contains arsenic, and was placed on the cabbage, probably to kill worms) is the cause of all the trouble in the Spencer hotel, will be considered the correct one.

Sheriff Mathews and Prosecuting Attorney Tripp are investigating the case, but just what course they will pursue has not yet been determined.

Holly Citizen: "Mrs. William H. Smith, of this place, was found dead in bed last Wednesday morning. She had been ailing for some time but an early death was unlooked for. The cause of her death was undoubtedly a cancer in the stomach. She was about 60 years of age, and leaves a husband and two daughters, one of them married. The body was taken to Clarkston for burial." *Sept 28 1887*

Lewis Yager, of this city, died at his home on Andrews street last Thursday of consumption. Funeral from the house Friday, and the remains taken to Fenton for interment. *Sept 28 1887*

Jay Marlatt, *Sept 28 1887* residing near New Hudson, committed suicide last Thursday night by shooting himself with a revolver. He was a well-to-do farmer aged 65 years, and was doubtless laboring under a fit of temporary insanity.

Ray Haddock, a well known Detroit-er, died at his home in Detroit last week. Mr. Haddock at one time fell into a disturbed mental condition, and was for a long while under treatment at the Pontiac asylum. During this time, he formed many friends in Pontiac, who will regret his decease. He was a man full of the kindest impulses, of great mental calibre, and a poet of no mean ability. *Oct 5 1887*