

Charley Gray Drowned

The startling news reached town Sunday afternoon that Charley, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Gray, of Hope township, had been drowned in the coulee on John Sussex's farm.

From the information the Pioneer is able to glean it seems that the little boy, in company with his uncle, Randall Gray and another young man in the employ of his father, went to the coulee to go in swimming that day. The place selected is a popular resort for the boys of the neighborhood and it had always been supposed that the hole was not of sufficient depth to be dangerous, but the recent rains have swollen the stream to such an extent that the water was several feet deeper than usual. This fact had not been calculated upon and as the little fellow plunged in he soon found he was in danger and after struggling for some time called for help, but sank before the rescue could be accomplished.

The hired man claims he made a desperate attempt to save the boy but was forced to give up to save himself. Help was summoned and the body recovered after having been under the water for some time.

The blow is a hard one and the whole community sympathizes with the bereaved family in this awful affliction.

The funeral occurred at Page where interment was made.
