

everyone, little was thought of the matter. His oxen and cows had been tied up near the house, and on yesterday they broke loose and went to a neighbors place, almost famished for water. This led to an investigation, with the about result. Mr. U. J. Rugg first went to the house of Shaw and peered in the window but could see nothing, and went back and notified several neighbors, among them Messrs. C. H. Williams, J. W. Wakeman and Chas. Mosier, who went to the house to investigate, and bursted open the door when a horrible discovery was made. There lay the poor man on the floor dead, and with the marks of violence about his head. Some one was immediately dispatched to this place for Dr. Phillip, the coroner, but he being absent, a jury was impaneled by Charles Mosier, Justice of the Peace, who acted as coroner. The jury was composed of the following gentlemen: C. H. Williams, H. Harness, C. E. Davie, John Greenen, Wilbur Wood and J. W. Wakeman. Upon examination of the dead body two bullet wounds were found in his head, one extending from his left cheek near the ear, and the other in the left forehead, near his temple, the latter of which had penetrated his brain. The surroundings were of a very suspicious character, the table having been spread for two, and everything evidencing that he had been entertaining company. The jury found a verdict that the deceased had come to his death by a revolver in the hands of some unknown person. It looked as though the murderer had ransacked the house, his trunk having been broken open and gone through, and the watch which Shaw had been known to carry was gone. A small pocket knife was found in a pan of milk with the initial "K" carved in the handle, and with the blade bent. It was probably used in opening the trunk. The murderer had tacked up cloths at the windows, and after securing what booty he wanted, had gone out and locked up the door, and either carried the key away with him or thrown it away, as it could not be found anywhere about the premises. He made good his escape, and it is very doubtful if he can be apprehended. The affair has created quite an excitement in this community. The murdered man has no relatives near here, but is known to have a wife and several children in Michigan, though he has not lived with them for years. It is said that a tramp was seen going through Colgate Sunday afternoon, last, and that W. H. Gray wanted to hire him to help plant trees, but he refused, saying that he did not want a job, as he was on his way to Montana. This, and another stranger who worked for a few days for John Sussex, are the only strange men who have been seen in that vicinity lately, and the whole affair is wrapped in mystery, which it will be hard to fathom.

The burial takes place this afternoon in the cemetery at this place.