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SMALL-POX IS THE CAUSE OF MR. MILLER'S DEATH

Mr. Miller, the hired hand of George Matlin, died last night from the effects of smallpox. Matlin's family, it will be remembered, is the one living near Dunkirk, that contacted the disease by Mrs. Matlin examining some old clothes left in their barn, presumably by a tramp. Mr. Miller was working for Mr. Matlin's at this time, and had the privilege and opportunity of leaving before there was a certainty of his contacting the disease: But he was too considerate of his employer's needs to desert him in his hour of affliction, when he was most needed; and decided, after an interview with Dr. Hall, to stay with the family to the end.

His death is all the more sad in the light of his heroic action during the family's quarantine. His people, who live near, will not be allowed to attend his funeral. Surely, he did not deserve such a fate.

Mr. and Mrs. Matlin, their six children and the hired girl, who are all bedfast with the disease, are improving nicely, and their chances for recovery are the very best.

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MILLER:----Charles E. Miller, born in West Va., June 2, 1871, died from small pox, November 23, 1893; aged twenty-two years, five months, and twenty-one days. His remains were interred at Winters Cemetery, six miles north of Red Key, Jay County. He left father, mother, sisters, and brothers to mourn his sad death. Memorial services were held at North White Water Church, on September 30, 1894, in the presence of a large congregation; sermon by Rev. J.R. Courtner assisted by Rev. Y.A. Wetzel and F.F. Canada.

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