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The light of another old soldier has gone out. John H. Smith, formerly of Co. H, 89th Reg't., was found dead in a wheat field about one-half mile east of Berne. On last Saturday he went to Berne and got his pension check cashed and then got on the cars and went to Monroe and returned on the next train to Berne, where he stayed until Sunday morning when he started for home, and was seen to enter the field of wheat where he was afterwards found about eight o'clock Monday evening, as Job Smith was going to town he saw him and as he returned home he was still here, so he investigated and found him dead, which was reported to Coronor (sic) O. T. May who held an inquest on the remains and found that death was caused from heart trouble. The deceased was seventy-one years old, and leaves a widow and several grown children. The coroner found on his person twenty-seven dollars and eighty cents and a note for \$150. The remains were buried at Smith's chapel on last Tuesday.