

SUDDEN DEATH B. W. QUINN

Died at Plymouth Some Time This Forenoon

Shock to Family

French Quinn Left at Noon for Plymouth - No arrangements for the Funeral Before Tomorrow.

This city was shocked this morning when a message reached the city announcing the serious illness of Barton W. Quinn, and it was doubly shocked when two hours later, a second message arrived which contained the information that death had already claimed him. He went to Plymouth last Wednesday hoping that treatment which he would there receive would benefit and perhaps entirely cure a chronic kidney and other ailments, and until this morning progress was being made along those lines, and his family and other relatives and friends were in high hopes that the benefits so much desired would later be realized. Not much is yet known about the last few hours before his death, or the turn his physical condition developed that brought such an abrupt ending to his life. It is supposed known, that the heart's action was in some way affected and that he died before any one realized the seriousness of his condition. French Quinn left on the 11:25 Clover Leaf and will likely return with the remains some time tomorrow morning. The shock to the faithful and devoted wife is almost beyond human endurance, but all that faithful friends and loving hands can do for her, is being done during these long and mournful hours. She deserves it all, but even that can not replace the vacancy in her heart that will exist throughout the remainder of her natural life.

Barton W. Quinn was the son of James Quinn a resident of Washington township, where the now deceased son was born, March 8, 1850 and where he grew to manhood. He was thoroughly educated, taught school for many years, studied law under Judge Studabaker, and practiced this profession for a short time. In 1889 he was appointed by President Harrison as postmaster of this city, and the postal service he gave the city during the four years following, is still fresh in the minds of many of our people and is referred to with great credit to his administration. In 1894 he was elected mayor of this city, he being about the first and only republican mayor Decatur ever had. Here as elsewhere he acquitted himself with credit, holding the office for four years. After retiring from the mayor's office he was bookkeeper for E. Fritzinger for several years, and later traveled for the Metal Frame Window Screen Company, but for the past seven months his health has been so impaired that he was unable to do any work of any kind. The funeral arrangement will not be known before tomorrow.