

# Wolfgang Loibl

31 Oct 1823 - 12 Apr 1902



The late WOLFGANG LOIBL.

Above we publish the portrait of Wolfgang Loibl who departed this life on Saturday at his farm home west of the village. His last illness was of one week's duration, and while a complete recovery was not looked for, those near to him did not expect so sudden a demise. His health was always good up to five years ago, when he became seriously ill from which he recovered within a few weeks.

He continued to manage his farm and while not complaining did not enjoy perfect health. His death came as a surprise to his family and friends who believed that his former unusual strength and good health would carry him into the nineties. He was born in Walterdorf, Bavaria, Germany, Oct. 31, 1823, and was the oldest of a family of four sons and one daughter by Matthias and Theresa (Schatz) Loibl. He attended the parish school and worked as a farm hand in his native country until May 2, 1847, when with others left for America. He was married to Katherine Waas of his native country in Bremen, May 15 1847, and after eighty days landed in New York, thence to Utica, New York, where he worked for two years on the Erie canal and Central railroad. Came to Milwaukee, Oct 31, 1850, and to Eagle Prairie in the following year. He first found employment with the late Hon. Matthias J. Bovee, who then had large land interest in Eagle. In 1851 he leased the farm now occupied by Ed. Ely and the following year purchased the homestead on Sec. 21, where he continuously resided over fifty years. When he took possession of his first and only home there was no public road to reach it and no railroad here or village of Eagle. It would be difficult to comprehend the many events which took place in Eagle between the

years 1851 and 1902. When the Civil war broke out he gave his eldest son to the cause of the union and contributed freely to war funds. He was a man of domestic tastes, temperate habits and enjoyed his evenings with his family at home to whom he always paid the kindest attention. In religion he was a Roman Catholic and regularly attended divine services. In politics he espoused the cause of Democracy and held the office of supervisor and treasurer. The funeral took place from St. Theresa's church Tuesday forenoon, Rev. A. J. Nickell officiating. At the conclusion of the services at the church his remains were interred in the new church cemetery.

The active pall bearers were Joseph Vonrueden, Sr., Anton Steinhoff, Anton Stute, John Scheidler, August Breidenbach, Anton Thiele. Honorary Edmund Lins, Sr., John Breidenbach, Sr., Fred Vonrueden, Sr., August Agathen, Sr., Joseph Falter, Sr., George Arndofer, Sr.

Mr. Loibl is survived by his widow and all of his children.

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