

LAMB COULDN'T BLUFF TEACHER

AFTER LEONARD BLAKESLEE
"AG" TEACHER AT VERMONTVILLE
HAD SLAPPED LAMB'S
SON THE FATHER DEMAND-
ED HE RESIGN

"Lamb Is a Member of School Board;
Not Getting Resignation Asked
for a Warrant. Bangs
Denied."

Leonard Blakeslee of Saint Johns, "Ag" teacher in the Vermontville schools, stepped back into his classroom unexpectedly the other day and heard Milton Lamb, a student, using some coarse talk. He cuffed Lamb by way of a reprimand as the youth deserved and being the son of Charles H. Lamb, Vermontville merchant and treasurer of the school board, the boy promised dire vengeance on the teacher. Lamb demanded that the teacher resign, refusing to be bluffed. Lamb next asked Justice O. E. McLaughlin for a warrant, which was refused by Pros. Bangs when the Vermontville Justice put the matter up to the county attorney. The school faculty stood solidly behind Blakeslee in his action and served notice on the board they would step out if Blakeslee was forced to quit. Tuesday, Karl Weiler, secretary of the board, and John Robert Childs, a Vermontville man who is school superintendent, conferred with state school authorities in Lansing who upheld the teacher in every particular circumstance and said they would place him overnight if he wanted to take another place. Other members of the board are Dr. C. L. D. McLaughlin, Keith Barber, and S. B. Todd. Blakeslee is a graduate of M. S. C. It was Lamb's father who initiated the litigation to turn back the war chest. Louis Lamb, a brother, paid a fine in Judge Collins' court in Howell for driving away from the scene of an accident in which his car figured. The man hit by the Lamb car only lived a short time.

It must, however,

WILLIAM ESLEY SURINE

William Esley Surine was born at Walton, Delaware County, New York, July 9, 1843. At the age of 13, he with his parents moved to Michigan where they settled in Shiawassee County. In 1861, at the beginning of the Civil War, he answered his country's call for soldiers, and at the age of 17 enlisted in the 9th Michigan Infantry. After local service for two years, in 1863 he was discharged from service on account of disability, or with the statement that he could not re-enlist because of this disability.

In November, 1872, he was united in marriage to Mary Jane Thomas of Unionville, Tuscola County, Michigan. To this union three children were born, all of whom survive him, Mrs. Lillie Taylor of Kalamo and Charles and Clara Surine, both of Vermontville. His wife preceded him in death in 1912; also 6 brothers and one sister have passed away before him. Only one brother still remains, Emmet Surine of Battle Creek.

For many years Mr. Surine has been a faithful and loyal member of the Edward Dwight Post of the G. A. R.

In 1876 he experienced religion and has since been an active Christian. For 12 years he was a deacon in a country organization of the Baptist Church. He then joined the Baptist Church at Nashville, and later transferred his letter to the Vermontville M. E. Church, where he retained his membership until death.

For the past 8 months he has been gradually failing in health, and bearing intense pain in a wonderfully patient manner. Amidst it all he was cheerful, always ready to tell or listen to stories, and a great lover of company, many people coming to see him. Knowing that he was ready for whatever the future held, his prayer was that he might be taken, but still he was willing to suffer if it was God's will.

Because of his cheerful disposition, his kindness, and friendliness, he will long be remembered by his three children and brother, and by many other relatives and friends.

He passed away, September 9th, 1929, and the funeral was held Wednesday, September 11, 1929, at the M. E. Church, and burial was made in Woodlawn cemetery.