

## **John Zeller**

**Aug. 18, 1872 – February 1939**

### **John Zeller, Aged 66, Expires; Rites To Be Held Today Well Known Resident of Monticello Answers Final Call**

John Zeller, 66 years of age, well known resident of this vicinity for many years and a Monticello citizen for the past eight years, passed away in the Deaconess hospital, Monroe, at about 8 o'clock Sunday evening following an illness of about a week with thromboangiitis obliterans, an infection of the blood stream. His death was caused by a loose blood clot in his circulatory system that lodged in a foot.

#### **Suffered Similar Illness**

Mr. Zeller suffered the misfortune of losing an arm at the shoulder two years ago because of a similar circulatory trouble. Then, about 10 days ago, he began to notice that his foot was bothering him much the same as his arm did at that time. He entered the Monroe hospital Saturday morning. Amputation of the limb had been talked but he grew weaker so fast that this would have been of no avail.

#### **Native of Switzerland**

Mr. Zeller was a native of Switzerland, having been born in Herisau, Canton Appenzell, Aug. 18, 1872, a son of John and Katherine Wille Zeller. He obtained his education in his native country and immigrated to America in 1892, settling in Paoli.

He returned to Switzerland and was married in that country in 1900 to Eliza Steiger. They returned to this country and again settled in the Paoli vicinity, where the gentleman followed the cheesemaking trade for 17 years. They purchased a farm about 2 miles northeast of the village and resided there until 1930 when they moved to Monticello to reside. Mr. Zeller officiated as salesman for the North Side Swiss Cheese factory since it began operation about six years ago.

Mr. Zeller was a member of the Zwingli Reformed church.

#### **A Sad Blow**

Mr. Zeller's sudden and unexpected death came as a sad blow to his many friends and acquaintances in this vicinity as well as elsewhere, few of whom knew the extent of his illness. He was possessed of a kind and gentle disposition and was a friend of young and old alike. He was always an industrious type of man and took a keen interest in his work. His sterling character and unquestionable honesty formed a large circle of friends for him, all of whom learned of his death with sincere regret.

He is survived by the widow; two sons, Walter, on the home farm, and Werner, Glendale, Calif.; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sons, Arnold and John, Jr., three sisters, Mrs. John W. Duerst, New Glarus, and two sisters in Switzerland.

#### **Funeral Today**

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 this (Thursday) afternoon in the home and at 2 in the Zwingli Reformed church. Rev. A. R. Achtemeier, church pastor, will officiate, and burial will be in Highland cemetery. Pallbearers will be Emil Escher, Jacob Voegeli, Conrad Stauffacher, Ira Pierce, Ernest Strahm and Edw. W. Wittwer.