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SOUTH MANITOU ISLAND

Not only is the above place a place of sentimentality, but it is also a place where fun and pleasure can be appreciated to the fullest extent. The people do not sit and mope the time away and wish for night to come that they might sleep another portion of it away, but their minds are kept busy thinking of some plan by which they may have some fun.

A few of the more primitive ones got their heads together, a few days ago, and concocted a plan by which they were to make desperate raid by way of a surprise party upon the house, home and family of one Christian Ankerson, who met his fate bravely and in a way that would do honor to the most heroic of heroes.

The attack was made between the hours of seven and eight p. m., March 18, by the gallant young swains of the neighborhood accompanied by their fair supporters, and after a few preliminary remarks at the odd, surrendered themselves as prisoners of war, and the fort with all its stores were confiscated by the avaricious crowd. After the surrender the programme consisted of games, dancing, etc., and etc. was too numerous to mention, but nevertheless it was funny.

The orchestra which furnished music for the dancing, consisted of Messrs. Kitchen, Hutzler and Armstrong, assisted by Sidney Moore of Glen Arbor. Supper was announced at six inches past eleven o'clock of the same evening, and about fifty, more or less, partook freely of the bountiful fare, and your humble servant who, of course was there, as he always is on such occasions, did not partake of the simple fare, but of that which was fairer first, for pie is good, but I did not "take the cake," nor did I "get left." But to say the least, we had a very enjoyable time, and I guess everyone went home satisfied. Nor did we take home with us twelve baskets full of fish and a few little crumbs for we at all (that we could.)

Wm. Gordon has nearly completed his gravel dock and is waiting for the opening of navigation.

The long and severe winter is hard on the stock here. Several loads of straw and hay have been brought over to the island for feeding purposes.

People are preparing to store ice.

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