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SOUTH MANITOU
Herald Correspondence

Note - This correspondence was dated Jan. 4th, but owing to difficulty in crossing between the islands and the main shore, has only just reached us. The lack of snow our correspondent complains of is fully made up by this time. [Ed. HERALD.]

Oh! Where is the snow? We have had plenty of rain of late. The frost is all gone from the ground.

Nelson Knudsen, 1st asst. light keeper, has again moved his family into winter quarters, having left his place of residence at the light house.

Martin Knudsen closed the U. S. light house Dec. 20th, and the citizens are no longer awakened from their slumbers by the impressive sounds of that noisy fog signal.

Justice of the Peace Martin Knudsen, has had plenty of business of late in the way of administering justice to offenders, and a very fair prospect of more. One case of assault and battery. August Beil complainant and James Miler defendant.

On the 4th day of Jan. Thomas Foster was seen in the field and heard commanding vigorously to his horse, while he held firmly to the handle of the plow as it turned over the yielding sod. He expects to have his ground prepared for the corn by next week.

Christmas is over, yet it visited us off here on the island, as well as elsewhere. Many received very handsome presents. On Christmas eve a very pleasant social hop was given at the farm house of George Hutzler Sr. and the Boys and girls all had a nice time. But oh whew! How dark.

Navigation was held open later this season than last. The passage between the island and the main land became frozen the night of the 26th of Jan. last year, and the first crossing on the ice was done Jan. 31. But the water is much warmer now than at the same time last year. A large steamer, thought to be the Peerless passed sown the lake on the morning of Jan. 2d.

On the evening of Jan. 1st, Mr. and Mrs. George Haas opened their commodious house to the invited public, in honor of the marriage of their son, Henry, and Miss Maggie Hutzler. Any one who has ever been to visit Mr. and Mrs. Haas will know that no pains were spared in preparations for the event. All who came were cordially received and welcomed. Those who enjoyed dancing had the privilege if they chose, and those who did not dance had other means of entertainment. The music for dancing was furnished by the skilled musician, Sydney Moore, accompanied by Miss Jennie Sheridan, of Glen Arbor. At sic inches past eleven a most bountiful and delicious repast was served, of which all partook voraciously. But alas! for greedy nature that cannot be satisfied by immediate participation. Some were caught in the vary act of rolling up great quantities of turkey limbs in a small scrap of paper. Oh my! It is the wish of all who were present that the future happiness of the bride and groom may be as great and deep as the pleasure and happiness of those present on that special occasion.

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