

SOUTH MANITOU

Herald Correspondence

School commenced Nov. 9th 1885, and closed March 26th, 1886. Whole number of days taught, 76. Whole number of days present, 1,567 1/2. Monthly average attendance daily 18. Average number of scholars who attended during the term, 20. Whole number enrolled 22.

Names of scholars: James, Thomas, Mary, William, Alfred and Anna Armstrong; Alice, Jessie and Oscar Kitchen; Mary, Josie, Alvina and Georgie Beck; Eddie and Agnes Knudsen; Janie, Eddie, Alexander and Isabella Miller; Nelse Oleson; Paulina Fuerst; Geo. Hutzler; Leonard Ehrickson.

Visitors during the term: Thos. Kitchen (5), Richard Kitchen (3), James Miller, August Beck, John J. Gunn (3), Martin Knudsen, Christian Ankerson, Miss Louisa Hutzler, and Mrs. Selma Hutzler.

Average standing of pupils at examination at close of the term: Thos. Armstrong 91, Mary Armstrong 88, Alfred Armstrong 80, Anna Armstrong 84, Alice Kitchen 88, Jessie Kitchen 75, Oscar Kitchen 87, Mary Beck 79, Josie Beck 94, Alvina Beck 89, Eddie Knudsen 92, Agnes Knudsen 95, Eddie Miller 70, Alexander Miller 82, Nelse Oleson 70.

Again the lower portions of the island are inundated by water to such an extent that it makes it very inconvenient, moving from one place to another, caused by the melting snow during the warm weather which we had in the month of March. This overflowing of the flats of the island occurs every spring to a greater or less extent, according to the amount of snow lying on the ground when spring comes. Some of the farmers here are very short of feed and cattle and other stock are suffering in consequence. Farmers here would find it to their advantage not to keep so great an amount of stock. It is all right in the summer season, as there is an abundance of feed, but in winter it is right the opposite, an abundance of stock and a scarcity of feed, making it necessary to scrimp to give all a share, and the stock has to suffer in consequence.

A few days ago occurred what might have been a serious accident. While Wm. Kitchen was chopping wood his ax caught in some obstruction over his head, and descended with great force, striking him upon the bridge of the nose inflicting a serious wound. He was seen for a number of days afterward with a patch upon his phiz. Only a few days afterward while Theodore Beck was cutting off a small bent sapling it flew up with terrible force giving him a sharp slap across the mouth and nose, which it is thought he will not soon forget.

A very pleasant entertainment was given a few evenings ago by Miss Jessie Kitchen to commemorate the event of her birthday. The evening was an exceeding pleasant one and all taken in connection with the genial nature of Mr. Kitchen himself, passed off very agreeably.

School closed here on Friday March 26, after a term of five months. The teacher, B. C. Greene, contemplates going home to Traverse City.

Monday April 6th was held the second annual spring election of the township of South Manitou, since its organization was perfected. The result of the ballot was as follows: supervisor Wm. N. Burton, clerk Martin Knudsen, treasurer August Beck, highway commissioner Geo. Hutzler Jr., school inspector Oswald Fuerst, justice of the peace Thos. Kitchen, constables James Armstrong, John J. Gunn, Wm. Haas, Joseph Haas.

Elections passed off smoothly. No carousing etc, as is common at most such occasions. No liquor of any kind. That is the way all such events should be conducted.

Manitou County General Items

Manitou county has six school districts; five on beaver Island and one on South Manitou. The latter school is taught by Bertrand C. Greene and is the first school ever taught on the island. There are three schools in operation on beaver Island and one Indian school on High Island, the teacher, Isaac Wright, receives from the government \$400 per year.

Apr. 1886 cont.

SOUTH MANITOU

Herald Correspondence

The inundated portions of the islands are again becoming accessible as the water is fast disappearing.

Farming is booming now, and the general work of the season is once more progressing.

John J. Gunn engineer at the gravel works here, is preparing for a shipment of cargo in the absence of W. W. Gordon, who is in Lacrosse, Wis., attending to business there.

Martin Knudsen re-opened the light house April 8th, a month earlier than last season. The sonorous voice of the fog signal is again heard abroad over land and water.

Mrs. Emma Knudsen, who was quite seriously injured some time ago from a fall, is again able to be about.

Mrs. August Beck, who has been ailing for some time, is but little if any better.

We are pleased to notice that the bill introduced by Hon. Mr. Moffatt for the erection of a life saving station on South Manitou island has passed the house. The necessity has been a matter of no little talk, and it is hoped that such will be erected at no distant date. Also a petition for the laying of a telegraphic cable from main land to communicate with both North and South Manitou, is in circulation. It is also a necessity, as very frequently a vessel becomes disabled upon or the other of the islands, and in consequence of the raging storm, no communication with the main land can be had for days or even weeks, and vessels as a result become total wrecks before aid can be rendered.

The little schooner Daisy is here now busy with divers working on the wreck of the steamer Graves, whose engines, boilers and steam pumps have lain in the late all winter.

Captain Flyson, of the North Manitou life station, has been during the winter, relieved of his command at the above mentioned place and placed in command of the station at what is known as Big Point Sable, and a No. I. man placed in command of the one he vacated.

(transcript)