

Grand Traverse Herald
June 1886

SOUTH MANITOU

Herald Correspondence

County surveyor, Mr. Butts, of the Beaver Islands, has been on the Manitou of late, establishing lines and laying our roads.

Can any one explain the cause of the high water in Lake Michigan over this season? There is a difference of 18 or 20 inches as compared with last season.

Flags were seen a few days ago flying in front of Richard Kitchen's residence. Any one wishing to know the cause or motive will please inquire of Mr. K.

John J. Gunn has just completed a shipment of vert fine gravel to parties in Manistee. Mr. Gunn is prepared to ship any quantity of the article, from the very finest to the very coarsest quality.

A deck load of cedar posts were lost overboard from a foundering schooner about May 16th or 18th, and small boats from both main shore and the island were busy for some time picking them up.

The little fore and aft schooner Barber, owned by Capt. Andre Kelmond of Leland, sprang a leak off the Manitou and ran in to the harbor, where she was compelled to throw off her deck load of cordwood. She then started for Milwaukee with her pumps going. We have not heard of her since, but it is hoped she is all A.O.K.

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Dr. Wood and Mrs. G. C. Abbott, of Northport, have been sojourning a few days on the island, the guests of R. Kitchen.

A very valuable horse belonging to August Beck was quite seriously injured a day or two ago by being snagged while running loose on the commons.

The little schooner Barber, mentioned in a previous issue as having left this port in a disabled condition, reached Milwaukee, where she underwent repairs, and is now in sailing condition again.

Keeper Knudsen, of the Gov't light house, has the establishment looking finely this season. He has been very busy of late painting, whitewashing, etc. The U. S. gov't boat, Dahlia, is expected every day now on her regular annual trip of inspection.

While John J. Gunn and B. C. Greene were felling a large hemlock tree, measuring over five feet in diameter, they were surprised to find five inches of solid ice in the tree. Probably the tree has never thawed out since it was a very young sapling. Who knows?

Thomas Armstrong and Mrs. Mary Price were pained to receive the sad news of the death of their father, who lived in the far-away Ireland. Mr. Armstrong and his sister came to America about twenty-five or twenty-six years ago, residing in New York City a few years, which place they left, coming thence to South Manitou, where they have since resided.

Frankfort and Manistee fishermen are making this their headquarters with their tugs and fish.

The U. S. government boat Dahlia, called at the light house, June 5th, and general satisfaction was given.

Miss Katy Hutzler and Mrs. Anna Couckermus of Chicago, are here visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hutzler, Sr.

Birney Pickard of Glen Arbor, spent Sunday and Monday on the island, looking after Huttock bark and recruiting his health.

A heavy frost last night, June 7th, did but little damage. Frosts are not particularly needed, but a good heavy rain would do an abundance of good.

Lines which were established by County Surveyor Butts, do not give very general satisfaction, and considerable contention has already arisen in consequence.

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Geo. Hutzler, Jr., is here visiting from Empire.

John J. Gunn and B. C. Greene made a flying trip to Frankfort on business.

Mrs. Cuckermus, daughter of Geo. Hutzler Sr., has returned to Chicago.

Wm. N. Burton shipped a large cargo of market wood to Chicago last week.

The schooner Barbarian, is here negotiating with John J. Gunn for gravel.

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