

Grand Traverse Herald  
July 1886

The City of Grand Rapids will give an excursion on Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, to South Manitou Island and Empire. The boat will leave the dock at 8 o'clock a.m., and return the same evening. Fare for the round trip, 50 cents. Landing will be made at the South Manitou both going and coming, thus giving those who desire to do so, an opportunity to stop two or three hours at the island, while the boat goes over to Empire dock and back.

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### **SOUTH MANITOU**

Herald Correspondence

The schooner Challenge, of Milwaukee, has finished a cargo of wood, bought of W. N. Burton.

R. Kitchen and E. E. Burton made a flying business trip to the county seat, at St. James, on the Beavers.

Mrs. A. T. Evans, of Traverse City, is visiting her son, Thomas Foster, and friends on the island, her old home.

F. A. Boehme, of Chicago, has spent a few days on the island buying horses and potatoes and looking for fat cattle.

The steam lumber barge Shrigley of Manistee, makes regular stops here for wood, on her way up and down the lake.

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At St. James there is one saloon only, and he has hard work to make the license pay.

So the readers of the HERALD will see how we are situated in going to the county court.

Tug Leviathan and scow are at work at the steamer Graves, on the North Manitou, picking up the machinery.

The Detroit fish Co. have laid up their fish tugs and gone home. No fish was the cause, and that is the cry of every man that is fishing.

Whatever has been said of the people at Beaver Island, I take great pleasure in saying that they are pleasant, accommodating and kind.

Schooner Barbarian is here loading gravel for Chicago, and all the spare men are employed shoveling the gravel, so the boys will have cash for the 4<sup>th</sup>, and a good time is expected.

Our party arrived home safe on Wednesday, the 23d, foggy weather all the way home, after being absent four days. Sailing time, 41 hours, sailed 140 miles.

Your correspondent has just returned from Beaver island, been there to attend county court, and the minutes of the trip might be interesting, which are as follows.

Mr. Boyle and Mrs. Gibson keep accommodations for guests, and a bountiful supply of eatables is always found there, and they will make you welcome and charges reasonable.

The beautiful late rain has revived the crops and grass, and a good prospect of some hay and all kinds of crops are looking good, and beef cattle begin to shine on account of good pasture.

On Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> sail boat Dexter and crew left South Manitou for St. James: went to the westward of North Manitou; weather very foggy, but found North Manitou. From there steered n by e 1/4 e; sailed with good breeze for four hours, supposing to be on the east end of Fox island. Finally we spake a passing vessel, who informed us that we were seven miles west of Fox island. This statement surprised us some, but such was the fact. The fog cleared off a little, so we found North Fox, and at 8 o'clock on found the lighthouse on Beaver Island and stayed there over night.

Next Day, Monday, we arrived safely at St. James at 11 o'clock a.m. Found our Beaver friends all well and happy, and glad to see us. At 1 o'clock the steamer Van Raalte arrived with the Hon. Judge Steins on board, and Lawyer Dart, from Petoskey, to attend the plaintiff side of the Manitou case. Judge Steins is a very fine gentleman and well worthy of the office he holds, and all the Beaver people think the world of him. On Tuesday, the 22<sup>nd</sup>, the court was opened at 9 a.m. There were several cases on the docket, but none called, and the Manitou case was laid over until the October term. At 11 o'clock, court adjourned, and the judge departed on the Van Raalte, with a shake of the hand he bid us good bye. The wind being in our favor, we bid our Beaver friends good bye and a sweet pleasant breeze soon parted us from their view.

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Exceedingly hot and dry weather.

Grasshoppers beyond imagination.

Miss Libbie Sheridan of Glen Arbor is visiting on the island.

Some crops which bid very fair in the spring are now a total failure.

Miss Kittie Hutzler, of Chicago, is home visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Kitchen.

On July 5<sup>th</sup> there came by excursion from Otter Creek, the steamer Thompson Kingsford.

Mrs. Katie Tilton, of Chicago, is visiting her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. George Hutzler, Sr.

The wrecking tug Leviathan has succeeded in raising all the machinery of the old wreck Graves.

Farmers are talking of mowing down their wheat and rye for winter feed, unless the rain comes soon.

Julius Steinberg and son, of Traverse City, are on the island with a stock of goods which they sell very reasonable.

B. C. Greene cut his leg just below the knee July 7<sup>th</sup>, while peeling bark. The ax glancing hit the leg, inflicting a severe wound.

The schooner Barbarian called in the harbor Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, for another load of gravel, but was unable to get a load just at present, so she set sail for Cheboygan.

A very enjoyable time was held in the large, new barn of August Beck, on the night of July 5<sup>th</sup>. It was beautifully decorated with forest shrubbery and leaves, and served as a dancing hall.

The City of Grand Rapids called in the harbor with an excursion Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. All were very much pleased to have her call, but were greatly disappointed in the briefness of her call, and sincerely hope she will do better next time.

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Jacob Steinberg is still here with a fine stock of goods.

Wm. Armstrong is limping around now days with a felon on his hand.

Joseph Tilton, of Chicago, arrived here Sunday eve by steamer Lawrence.

The Gov't Revenue boat Andrew Johnson called in the harbor, Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>.

C. Aukerson, fisherman, is having a wonderful catch of fish this season. It makes him feel good.

A fine heavy shower on the morning of July 13<sup>th</sup> surprised the people. Crops were in a suffering condition.

At a special meeting of the Township board of South Manitou, B. C. Green was elected Justice of the Peace to fill the vacancy caused by resignation of Martin Kundrun.

James Armstrong, John J. Gunn, John Hass, Julius Steinberg and Mrs. Martin Kundrun have gone to Traverse City to see old friends and to attend to their respective business.

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Mrs. Lieut. Moore of Milwaukee is visiting her aged parent, Wm. N. Burton.

The steamer Lou A. Cummings made a run up here from Traverse City last Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>.

The steamer Lawrence of Chicago called here today and took away a large quantity of fish for C. Ankerson.

Mrs. Robt. Johnson of Cadillac, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Kitchen, is visiting her parents and friends on the island.

The gospel ship, Glad Tidings, under command of Rev. Capt. Bundy arrived here July 21<sup>st</sup>, on her annual cruise around the lakes.

Mrs. Thomas Foster and children have gone to Otter Creek to visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Raimo. Poor Tom is alone now.

John J. Gunn, James Armstrong, Geo. Haas and Mrs. Martin Knudsen have returned from Traverse City, and report having a good time.

Thomas Armstrong Sr., met with quite a serious accident last Saturday, July 17. While engaged working highway tax, a wagon passing over his right foot smashing two or three toes quite badly.

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