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ICE HARVEST BEGAN TODAY

Big Force is at Work on the Upper Mill Pond

GETTING 10 INCH ICE

Cutting by Spring Lake Ice Company Will Begin in the Morning

The 1908 Dowagiac ice harvest began this morning. C. H. Hubbard was the first of the local dealers to begin cutting. This morning he put a large force of horses to work on the upper mill pond.

For several days past men have been engaged in marking out, and this morning the work of sawing and putting up the ice began. This work will be rushed just as long as good weather is at hand and until Mr. Hubbard's large houses are filled.

The ice at the pond is about ten inches in thickness and of excellent quality. Perhaps three fourths of each cake is perfectly clear ice, and the remainder, although whiter in color, is good solid ice. In some places it is seven inches thick. The present weather is first class for the work of harvesting.

At Cook lake the Spring Lake Ice Company is in readiness for the harvest. Yesterday and today men have been marking out and cutting will begin probably tomorrow.

Until the harvest is completed large crews of men will be provided employment at both places.

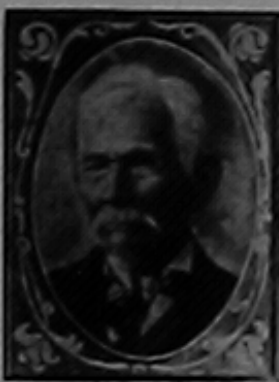
WILL OPEN DOORS MONDAY

Scott Brothers Make Announcement to Public

Robert and Samuel Scott announce that they will be ready to open up their new independent meat market in the Lang building on North Front street next Monday morning. It is all fitted out with a full line of fresh and salt meats. Their aim will be to buy and kill their own beef and other meats. Messrs. Scott state that they can see no reason why the price of meats in Dowagiac should not be as low as in other places, and they will endeavor to serve the public with the best at the lowest prices. They do not expect more than their just portion of the meat business of Dowagiac, but

Daily Weather Forecast

Snow and warmer tonight.



"INDIAN" WILLIAMS

POST WILL ELECT COMMANDER TONIGHT

Special Election Ordered by the Adjutant Will Take Place This Eve.

Tonight at the office of Justice Edwards will occur the election of commander of H. C. Gilbert Post, G. A. R., to succeed J. E. Edwards.

This is the special election ordered two weeks ago when Fayette Wyckoff, of Lansing, assistant adjutant, was sent here to straighten out complications arising over the election of two weeks before.

None of the post officers elected four weeks ago have been installed, and will not be until commander is elected, but all save commander were ratified. A date for installation will probably be named tonight after the election of commander.

Since the difference arose over the first election, Theo. Willor, who was then chosen commander, has removed his name from the race and this may result in the re-election of Commander Edwards being unopposed.

PATRIARCH OF THE BAND GONE

Indian Williams Passes Away at Home Near Hartford

HIS AGE WAS OVER 100

He Was Remarkably Bright Indian—His Daughter Living in Dowagiac

The father of Mrs. Thomas Winchester, of this city, is dead at his home near Hartford, at the age of more than 100 years, and thus has passed away one of the oldest members of the Pokagon band of Pottawatomie Indians, and the oldest reputed resident of Van Buren county.

Peter Cow-Tuck-Muck is the name by which he is known to his Indian friends, but he has for years been known as "Indian Williams."

The interesting story of his life and his death is told as follows by the Hartford Day Spring, to which The Daily News is indebted for the accompanying picture:

Peter Catauckmuck, Sr., or "Indian" Williams as he was more familiarly known to almost every resident of this section and who was awarded the distinction of being the oldest member of the Pokagon band of Pottawatomie Indians if not the oldest resident of Van Buren county, died at his home in the northeast corner of Hartford townships early last Friday morning, at the age of 100 years.

As well as being the oldest member of the Pokagon band, Mr. Williams was also one of its most interesting characters. A Day Spring representative who visited him at his home the day following his death found the confemeration confined to his bed, emaciated and suffering severely from a despondent affection, but a remarkable

example of the wonderful vitality and longevity of his race. Speaking partly in the English and partly in the Pottawatomie language with his son as interpreter, he told the story of his life.

He was born at Detroit in the month of May, 1807—a century ago. He possessed a childhood recollection of Detroit, then a settlement of but a few hundred people and composed entirely of Indians and French, the only business activity being a French trading post. At the age of five years, with 140 of his tribe's people, he journeyed through the forests, over Indian trails, to the site of the present village of Athens in Calhoun county. He appeared to possess a vivid recollection of this trip, describing the method in which the effects of the band and the children, himself included, were transported upon pack ponies, the balance of the party making the journey on foot. Athens was then but a French trading post, where the Indian exchanged the furs for the goods afforded by the French, and in this environment he grew to young manhood.

He recalled the "falling of the stars" in 1833 and described the hunting lodge in which he was then located on the banks of "Pine Creek," a

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SECOND FIRE COMPANY ADJUSTED ON THE SPOT

Secy. Porter Delivering a Policy in Benton Harbor When Small Blaze Started

A peculiar incident was the second loss of the Michigan Mutual Fire Insurance Co., of Dowagiac. Secretary H. H. Porter had written some insurance on the household goods of a Mr. Brown of Benton Harbor, and was there for the purpose of delivering the policy one day this week when it occurred.

Within a minute from the time that Mr. Porter had handed the policy to Mrs. Brown she remarked that she smelled smoke and a hurried investigation revealed flames in a ballroom. The basket of clothes which were in

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Week-End Sale No. 5

Commencing Friday, January 31st, at 1 p. m.

Continuing Saturday, February 1st, Until Closing Time