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Herald Correspondence.

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Nearly all places of business are brick giving the town a lively, thrifty and business like appearance. We also met several severe snow storm and flocks of wild geese on their way south looking for warm weather. While at St. Ignace the train came in from Marquette way with a covering of two inches of snow on the roof of the cars, and it was reported that at Marquette they had already had five inches of snow. We finally arrived at St. James, the county seat of Manitou county, which was the object of our destination. People subsist there chiefly by farming and fishing. Leaving St. James, my friend, Mr. Kitchen, and I were under the painful necessity of parting as he had not completed his business, and the rest of the trip was lonesome and dull as Mr. K. is a jolly, juvenile fellow and I hope he will arrive home safely.

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