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There will be no need of any one coming here now to evade the law, for we have it here now as well as they have elsewhere. The island of South Manitou is organized into a township of the same name. We held our first township meeting last Monday, April 6th, 1885, and the following officers were duly elected and installed in their respective offices as follows: Supervisor, Richard Kitchen; clerk, Thomas Price; treasurer, August Beck; highway commissioner, Thomas Foster; school inspector, Martin Knudsen; justices of the peace, Martin Knudsen, Wm. N. Buston, Richard Kitchen and Thomas Foster; constables, Wm. Kitchen, Joseph Haas and James Armstrong; overseer of highways, Henry Haas. Now take heed and come not here to evade the clutches of the law, for we are waiting for the first criminal that we may to him or her administer justice before a justice and incarcerate him or her in the—the—well, the school house. That seems to be the place where capital punishment is administered. (Most leniently.)

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