

SALOON ON ICE

Occasions are so rare in Seneca Lake history when it has been frozen over that the events connected with it remain in the memories of the older residents. Included in the tales of the old times is one related by Richard Knight of Geneva who has just celebrated his 81st birthday. During the winter of 1875-76 Knight started a saloon on the county line between Seneca, Yates, Ontario and Schuyler counties.

The saloon was on runners and as the officials of the four counties never acted together, a good business was done during the entire period of the ice sport. No license was paid as each time a raid from the officials of one county was hinted, the ice saloon was shoved over the boundary and into another county.

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