

Bullocks a visit and when out hunting one day, shot a deer near the house. Wishing help, he called Mr. Bullock, who, on his way to answer the call, saw three bears coming down from a large, leaning tree near by. He called Mr. Howell to come with his gun, meanwhile endeavoring to stop the bears from farther descent by pounding on the tree trunk with a club. One of the bears let loose of the tree and fell, landing on Mr. Bullock, knocking him down, at which he hit the bear such a blow with the club he lost his balance and fell on the bear. It was a general surprise party and the frightened animal made for the woods while Mr. Howell shot the two bears on the tree.

Other incident equally interesting, might be recounted, in which Amasa Jordan, Jonas Davis, Carlos Barber, Samuel Herring and Hiram Gridley of Kalamo were active in the destruction of bears under lively conditions.

Such experiences, to the settlers, were not thought so unusual, but came "in the day's work", when developing a new country.

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Not only "bear stories" of our early days have become classic, but the incident of the lost boy was well known and often related by early settlers.

The boy was Frank Rogers, and he strayed from a home northeast of the village where he and his family had gone to visit. Mr. Truman W. Rogers, the father, started back to town the next morning after their arrival at this home. Probably small Frank skipped out to find his father, and lost his way in the country, then all woods. The day offered no clue to his whereabouts. Night came on. All the neighbors joined the search.

Finally on the morning of the third day a systematic search was organized. Frank's tracks were discovered three or four miles from the house near the Ionia road.

Reuben Sanford, who lived northwest of town, on his way to the place to begin the search in early half-light heard a faint noise, stopped, listened intently and heard these words: "Hoo-ah! Hoo-ah! You seen my pa." Of course his double rifle shot the signal for finding the boy alive, brought a happy ending to days of agony for those concerned.

Politics were taken most seriously. Even in a group so single-minded regarding education and religion and moral standards, there seemed room for very antagonistic ideas in politics.

The men from Rutland and Addison counties, Vermont, were Whigs, afterward helping form the present Republican party, joined by their sons.