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Historians Report

In an attempt to gather and preserve local history. I am going to do a test run on my own with a few local residents. They would be interviewed and share their life story and memories of growing up and living in Pulteney. These interviews would be digitally recorded and can be stored in multiple locations for easy access and long-term preservation. Everybody is a walking history book with a story to tell. What better way to preserve those stories and information for future generations? If the test runs are deemed successful, then we will pursue this venture further.

I had a lengthy conversation with a lady who lives on the east side of the lake who came across this sign at an



auction. I will have more information about it next month. Does anybody recognize this sign?

This Month in History

Pulteney—February 1889--Young people's missionary Society of Pulteney will hold a poverty social at Nichols Hall

Wednesday evening, February 20. All members of the society are requested to come as poorly dressed as possible. Also any others who may desire to do so. The lady and gentlemen who presents the most poverty-stricken appearance are each to secure a prize. Entertainment to consist of re-citations, singing, tableau, etc. After the entertainment supper will be served. All invited to attend. --Mrs. H. D. Vunk has been quite poorly for a few days back, but is improving now. --Several cases of sickness from severe colds, sore throats, etc. --

the splendid sleighing is being approved by those having time and basswood lumber, by drying it to the mill of N. Retan, for his next summer's work making boxes.

Elmbois-- February 1914--there will be a weight social at the house of J.E. Watkins, Elmbois, Friday evening, February 27. A prize will be given the gentleman having the heaviest girl and a prize to the gentleman having the lightest girl. Price, \$.20 a hundredweight. — Those reported on the sick list are Millicent Potter, Mrs. Truman Fort, Mrs. Ruben Neely and William Depew. —Again we are having some cold weather and high winds.

Catawba— February 1929--the Lincoln dinner held at the auxiliary rooms at Albany on Tuesday of this week was well attended, 85 being present. Quite a number from here went. --Jeptha Bennett gave all the "youngsters" in Gibson District in the way of a sleigh ride, last Sunday evening. Judging from the "music" they made, they all had a good time. A very enjoyable time was had the ladies aid held at Caleb Barton's on Wednesday. Ervin Knapp took a load from South Pulteney and the Gibson District. Thanks, Ervin, the sleigh ride. — Mr. and Mrs. Ira Gibson are both ill with the flu. Mrs. Otto McLean is caring for them. — Grange meeting, next Tuesday night.

Pine Grove— February 1902--Wilbur Stone has engaged to work for James Hopkins the coming season. — Rev. C. D. Whalen sold his horse advertised here in the NEWS to John Davey for \$100. — The) social to be held at James Clark's has been postponed to Wednesday evening February 19.



Fred Holley.

Editor's note: in regards to the weight social. The wise man would be better suited and healthier in the long run to offer to stay home and cook his lovely bride a nice candlelit dinner rather than take her to a contest for the best prize based on her hundredweight. In suggesting attendance, he might have a good chance of winding up on the sick list himself.

I do believe this is Bill Bennett at the hardware store on Main Street in Pulteney. Photo credit:

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