

Icehouse



In Jan. 25, 1895 edition of the Marmont Herald boasts that the Lake Maxinkuckee winter would yield "Ice For Millions." Ice for millions means over four hundred car loads cut so far this season. One of the greatest industries in Marmont is the Ice Business, as thousand of car loads are taken from the lake during the winter months, and in the summer ice is transported to the larger cities. Col. S. R. Holt, of Indianapolis, the "ice king", already has nine large ice houses here and will build a dozen or more during the summer. The ice cut from Lake Maxinkuckee is of superior quality and brings a higher price in the market. During the harvesting of the ice, from two to three hundred men are employed, that is when running in full force It is not only a bonanza for the laboring men in this place, but scores of famers have the opportunity to earn a little extra "change" which comes in handy. Aside from the filling of the houses that belong to the company, there are a score or more private houses that are filled with ice. 1930s, before it was burned down, they used it to put onions in.



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