

Prairie Lake, near Rice Lake, Barron County, Wis., in 1880, from Mr. Leonard.

*Autographs and Manuscript.*—An autograph letter of Stephen Hopkins, signer of the declaration of independence, dated July 17, 1758; manuscript article on the Peckatonica battle, 1832, by Hon. Peter Parkinson, of Fayette, Wis., from Mr. Parkinson; sketch of Hon. C. C. Washburn, by Hon. E. B. Washburne; memorial of members of Wisconsin Territorial legislature, 1837 to President Van Buren, recommending Hon. John Catlin as register or receiver of land office in Wisconsin, from Hon. M. M. Strong; check on Milwaukee National Bank, June 22, 1882, a relic of the Newhall House fire, January 10, 1883, from M. M. Schoetz, Milwaukee.

*Natural History Specimens.*—Section of a tree petrified, found in Monroe County, Wis., presented by A. W. Durkee; quartz crystal and coral formations, found in Portland, Wis., from John J. Wilsey, of Portland; a fine specimen of coral formation, found on town 28, range 9, Marathon County, Wis., from Hon. John Ringle; Markesan granite, sample from Pine Bluff, Green Lake County, Wis., from S. Barter; drift copper, found on the farm of Wallace Cate, of Mukwonago, Wis., from Col. E. B. Gray; specimen of rock salt, from the salt mines of Cheshire, Eng., from Thos. Hadkinson, Black Earth, Wis.; rattlesnakes' rattles, from R. A. and F. F. Morgan, Eagle Valley, Buffalo County, Wis.

*Miscellaneous.*—War mace presented by James Bardon, of Superior, Wisconsin, given him by a Roman Catholic priest, who received it from "Sitting Bull," who said it was used in the fight where Custer and all his command were killed, presented through Professor J. D. Butler, LL. D.; gun-lock from the Newhall House fire, from Jas. McCoy, Milwaukee; also fused type and a small earthen dish from same, from T. Coughlin, Milwaukee; a flint-lock gun used by Jacob Senior, late of Benton, Lafayette County, Wisconsin, used by him at the surrender of Detroit, Michigan, and subsequently in the War of 1812-15, from W. W. Gillette, of Benton, Wisconsin; specimen of spindle of cotton, made at Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, factory, from H. F. Marsh, Sun