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### Petoskey's Tomb.

Prof. Crane made a suggestion the other day which struck us with a great deal of force. It was to the effect that that portion of the old Council ground lying north of Mitchell street just west of the bridge be secured by the village, and at the proper time have the remains of Chief Petoskey, re-interred therein under an appropriate monument. The ground itself is historical, and the dead chieftain is a link which unites the present with the romantic past. Though but a decade has elapsed since the civilization of the white man dominated the country lying within the boundaries of Emmet county, almost every foot of soil from the southern shores of Little Traverse Bay to the Straits of Mackinaw, is full of associations which are filled with interest. The events of the French and British war; and the stories of Cadillac, Charlevoix, Marquette; the massacre of the British garrison of old fort Michilimackinac; the rescue of the survivors by those Ottawas who were the great grandfathers of the Indians in our streets, at the point of land in sight of Petoskey; the struggle between protestantism and Catholicism for the possession of the country south of Little Traverse Bay; and the establishment of a tribal government which was independent of Jesuitical influence upon the old council ground, make it eminently fitting that the village which bears his name should by burying Petoskey upon that historic spot perpetuate, not alone the memory of the chief but the traditions, and the historical verities of the faded civilization of our dusky predecessors. It would be a center of interest to every tourist and resorter, and inhabitant. Thousands of people would visit the spot every year, and as a matter not only of local pride, but of self interest as well, it ought to be done.

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The RECORD advocates the Buying of the grounds at the west end of Mitchell street bridge known as the council grounds and erecting a monument in memory of Chief Petoskey. What an excellent idea it would be to spend two or three thousand dollars in that way, when we already have heavy enough taxes to pay. Yes it would be a nice thing, for the village don't need a town hall, it can pay rent for the council rooms, town offices and that nice hose house where a red-hot stove in the winter time will not melt the snow banks that drift within two feet of it. --- "*Democrat.*" We don't know exactly what fool wrote the above. We are sure that Jno, G. Hill did not. The devil of the democrat is a pretty smart boy, and we do not charge him with it. It sounds like Rose, but we

supposed he was too busy committing to memory 3000 post offices he is to be examined on next December, to do any editorial work. The RECORD did not advise the enterprise at the expense of tax payers. Neither would it cost three, or two, or one thousand dollars. It has for two years past been so accustomed to see enterprises undertaken for the benefit of the village paid for by the liberality of a few men, that it did not occur to the RECORD that the article would be understood as a suggestion that the council assume the expense. However the very ungrammatical and badly written effusion gives us a text for a little sermon to a certain class of "tax payers" which we will preach next week.