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BENZIE COUNTY.

This county, with a population of 2,663, has two papers, both weekly. The Express, published at Frankfort, independent in politics, and The Benzie County Journal, republican in politics, printed at Benzonia.

The Frankfort Express was the first paper established in the county, having been started June 6, 1870, by W. F. Cornell. It was republican in politics. Its present proprietors are Allen and J. A. Brewer.

The Benzie County Journal was established January 9, 1872, by R. H. Brainard. It is now owned by a stock company, with J. R. Roth, as editor.

An anti-Masonic paper, called The Benzonia Citizen, was started at Benzonia, July 15, 1870, but after about one year's publication it ceased to exist.