

# MENOMINEE RANGE HISTORY – EARLY ACCOUNTS OF DICKINSON COUNTY MINES AND SETTLEMENTS

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## MINING.

The most promising openings [*sic - opening*] that has ever been made in the **Menominee Iron Range** is the one opened some two miles west of the **Vulcan mine**, which has been christened the **Norway**. The ore is a rich hematite, free from rock and is covered with very little surface matter, amounting at present to 5 or 6 feet. Back from the present opening the ground ascends and the ore seems to follow the rise of the hill. Test pits have been sunk for quite a distance; in each case striking the ore at nearly a uniform distance. At present the **Menominee mining company**, who are the lessees, are taking out about 100 tons of clean, No. 1 ore each day, with a very small force of men. From present indications this mine will develop into a very large one.

The main tunnel on the lower level of the **Quinnesec mine** is now about 300 feet. The last 30 feet runs through ore of quite uniform grade.

The **Breen Mining Co.** have opened a new pit, No. 3, to the westward of No. 2 with very promising prospects. The present width of the vein is about 30 feet. In the center of it they have sunk a shaft and drilled to a distance of about 24 feet. – Good ore was found the entire distance. Considerable soil and rock has to be moved which may be entirely obviated as the work progresses. A test pit sunk 60 feet to the north reveals the same ore. It has also been struck in a pit 150 feet to the north, but rock intervenes, although the veins may be continuous as they progress lower

down. No. 2 pit is not looking quite as promising as the company would wish although this may change for the better. The geological formation at this mine is rather singular and in some places the rock seem [*sic - seems*] to have no regular dip, but is all mixed up as though it had been subject to a great convulsion at some time or other. This mine is working a force of about 40 men. The pockets at the siding opposite pit No. 1 have been removed to opposite pit No. 3

The **Emmett mine** is looking remarkably well and is still turning out its usual amount of ore; 60 men are employed here and the average output is about 120 tons a day. The width of the deposit has not yet been ascertained. All the ore is contracted for that can be possibly mined this season. As a general thing it is a very easy mine to work. The only thing to impede the working is water, and with the pump that the company now have [*sic - has*], they find no difficulty in keeping it clear.

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## WAUCEDAH

In this stirring little town, signs of improvement are every where [*sic - everywhere*] visible. New buildings are going up on both sides of the stream and everything looks promising. **W.E. Ferguson**, who is engaged in general merchandising business, finds his former building too small to accommodate his increasing trade and has consequently been forced to build another story on top. **John K. Stack** was just opening a very large assorted stock, in his new building, which is almost completed. The

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**Waucedah hotel**, of which **Gifford** is the host, is increasing its size to more than double its former dimensions. **Dr. Fortier**, of Menominee, is building a **drug store** and office, which he will occupy as soon as completed. Several small dwellings are going up and another hotel, or something of that kind is contemplated. The prospects of Waucedah look quite bright and, as it is surrounded by a splendid farming country, which is at present rich in timbered wealth, it can only be a question of comparatively limited time, when the whole region will be under the plow. Settlers are coming in and taking up this land quite fast and a very few years must convert this present wilderness of timber and and [sic] wild growth into smiling farms. The location of an iron furnace here would materially assist the development of the place and the surrounding country. From the vicinity of favorable ores and a comparatively unlimited supply of hard wood [sic], together with the railroad facilities it would seem as though the point should arrest the attention of capitalists, to its advantages, for a plant of that kind. The present prosperity of the town is owing in a great measure to the energy and enterprise of Messrs. **Breen, Saxton** and **Judge E.S. Ingalls**, the mine proprietors. Under the proper mining head we speak of the Breen and Emmett mines.

**BASS Lake**, near **Iron Mountain**, on the new road from **Quinnesec** to the **Twin Falls**, is described as a beautiful sheet of water, completely framed in with a pebbly beach. It is full of fish that are anxious and willing to take a bite provided that the opportunity is offered them. This will be another attraction, among the many, with which that region abounds. – It is only five miles from town and you can either ride or

go afoot. Owing to a heavy rain while we were there, we missed the chance of gazing on its crystal contents.

## QUINNESEC

Is putting in its best licks for the honor [of] being the first city in the Menominee Iron Range. Although the reporter of this institution has made numerous pilgrimages into that locality of late, yet he has without the aid of a field glass observed numerous improvements every time. The residence of the **Hon. John L. Buell**, on the eminence just as you enter the town is approaching completion. **Wendel**, of the **Quinnesec Hotel** is not behind in fresh attractions. He has secured at a great expense a brand new barber, and has him safely penned up in one corner of the billiard room. A small admission fee is charged to view the acquisition. His bar is also adorned with a newly coined tender, who was imported directly from Sweden. Still further improvements are in contemplation. **John McKenna**, in the plate glass fronted structure, across the way has lately put in one of the finest pool tables in the country. It is supported by four lions who have been trained so that they are perfectly peaceable to strangers. He has also got hold of a barber, but has not got him caged up yet and lets him run around loose. The **mining company's store** is fast approaching completion and will soon be filled with molasses, dry goods, codfish, perfumery, pork, flour and other fancy articles: **Wright Bros. & Co.** are doing a smashing business in the line of **general merchandise**, and are still trying to serve the Lord and the post-office department to the best of their knowledge and belief, so help them Bob. **Newberry & Jenkins** are still slashing up the sirloin roasts and venison steaks at a great rate. If business keeps on in this way with them they will

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soon have to put up an appendix with a cupola on top. **Tim Macnamara's** [sic – *MacNamara's*] **hotel** – the **Central** – is doing finely, and internal improvements are going on in the neighborhood of its insides. Tim's barber has'nt [sic - *hasn't*] arrived yet, but when he comes he will be a nice one.

**A. Surprise**, nearly opposite, is doing a surprising good business with a billiard table and all the necessary trimmings to go with it. **Maurice McKenna** has been improving his store very much of late and in addition to pills and plasters, has fitted up one side for groceries and other good things to eat. Maurice is bound to do well, and if he keeps on improving in good looks, will soon be able to get married and retire on a competency. **Hugh McLaughlin's** headquarters we believe are at the **Quinnesec Hotel**. – To his fatigueing duties as **township clerk** he has added that of **insurance agent**, and is prepared to insure anything from a store or dwelling to a lightning rod peddler. His policies will cover all the mishaps and accidents of life – fire, brimstone, cholera, mad-dogs and book agents. The Hon. John L. B. is full of business as usual, and if Quinnesec is not a first-class suburban, hay fever retreat, it will not be his fault. Everybody else is well and happy.

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THE work of improving the **upper Quinnesec Falls** so that logs can be safely got over is at length completed. It spoils the wild beauty of the river but will put thousands of dollars into the pockets of the lumbermen. As this was one of the worst places on the stream and it became

necessary to build a pier 150 feet long by 12 feet wide, which acts as a breakwater and makes a safe channel 20 feet wide on the Wisconsin side. The rocks had previously been blasted out of the channel, so that logs can now come through with perfect safety.

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For the IRON PORT.  
**WAUCEDAHA**, Oct. 9th, 1878.

Business is very lively here for a small place and the town is growing – morally, physically and numerically. **Dr. Fortier**, of Menominee, has his office completed, and has already moved in. He will be a valuable accession to the place.

**J.K. Stack** has got his **new store** in full blast, under the charge of **Joseph Brown**, and is determined to share the profits with **W.E. Ferguson** – the pioneer. Competition is beginning to be felt and already there is a fall in prices. Opposition is the life of trade.

In a village with only one saloon not as much spirited amusement can be expected as if there were three or four, but we can occasionally get up a lively rumpus, especially when a "bit of a shtick," came into play. But leaving all jokes aside whisky is no benefit to a place and **Hays** or **Kearney** may tramp the land till doomsday talking about what will help the working man, to no effect, as long as he will not let this liquid hell-fire and distilled damnation alone.

**Judge E.S. Ingalls** and **Bartley Breen** made us a pleasant visit lately while looking over the mines that they are interested in.

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The **Emmett mine** still continues to look very favorably. The management are now stripping off the edge of the swamp and uncovering a large body of blue ore, which mining experts pronounce to be of the best quality. There are acres of BROWN hematite in sight. It is very easily mined and placed on the dock at a very small expense. Altogether the mine looks as well as the most sanguine could desire. In pit No. 2 of the **Breen mine** they have found what appears to be a large deposit of ore beneath a slight overlay of sandstone, which is now being blasted out. If this ore bed meets expectations it will be the first underground mining on the location. A **horse derrick** is running at pit No. 3 and the ore is being taken out at a lively rate. **Capt. Harrington** attends to both mines.

PINE TREE.

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For the IRON PORT.  
**WAUCEDAH**, Oct. 15

The **new store** at **Vulcan** is nearly ready to be occupied.

**Mr. Hultz** [*sic – Hulst*] is having a new house built which he will occupy as soon as finished.

The shipment of ore from the **Vulcan** has been unusually large for the past few weeks.

The shipments of ore from the **Norway** for the past few days will press hard upon 200 tons per day, and their output is increasing. They will soon be ready to ship from pit No. 2 at the Norway; the ore of which is very similar to the **Quinnesec**.

**Mr. Buell** is improving the **wagon road** between **Vulcan** and **Quinnesec** very much.

The weather in this locality has been quite stormy of late; severe winds and rain

storms, with heavy thunder, blowing down great quantities of fine timber. M.

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THE **Hamilton, Merryman Co.** have [*sic – has*] been successful in their search for iron on their land adjoining the **Cyclops** and **Norway** tract. A very good quality of ore has been found.

THE **new iron bridge** across the **Menominee River** at the **Twin Falls** is completed, and will probably be open for travel this week. This will be a great convenience to the large lumbering firms operating on the river and its tributaries.

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## WAUCEDAH.

Mr. **J.K. STACK** returned last week from a visit to the flourishing village of Waucedah, and reports everything as looking very promising. The mining prospects never were better, and the company will work a large force of men this winter, as they can readily sell at remunerative figures, every ton of ore that they can mine. With the present flattering indications of the market, for the sale of the Menominee ores, he thinks that this location will present a very lively appearance next season.

## HERMANVILLE.

Is the name of the **new post-office** just established at the new **saw-mill location**

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of **C.J.L. Myers Esq.**, the great sash, door and blind manufacturer, of **Fond du Lac** and **Chicago**. The improvements placed there already are very substantial, consisting of the mill which is now inclosed [sic – enclosed], a large and handsome **boarding house** and a **general store**, besides other buildings; the whole of which has been mentioned before in our columns. Everything wears an air of permanence and substantiability [sic] which characterize all the operations of that gentleman. We hear it rumored that there is a possibility of Mr. Myers removing his **blast furnace** from Fond du Lac and rebuilding it at his new town. The site would certainly be a good one, as it is in a fair hardwood region and is close to the mines.

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## QUINNESEC.

Business is moving along in the even tenor of its way, and prospects are remarkably good for the future. New discoveries of iron ore are being made in every direction, the most notable one is that of **JOHN McKENNA & CO.**, two miles west of town. The ore is apparently a rich hematite and the deposit is very extensive. From present indications there is not the least doubt but that the discovery is of great value. An extension of the railroad track to it will probably cost about \$20,000 but the showing is such that it will undoubtedly warrant the building of it another season.

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## NEW IRON MINE.

During the impressive stillness of Sunday last, the portly form of **JOHN O'CALLAGHAN** and the genial face of **JOHN McKENNA**, could have been seen by some who were not church goers, wending their way northward. They carried very heavy carpet sacks, which might have contained bullion, but they did not, – and from them, our reporter was favored with a glimpse of as fine iron ore as ever was mined in the **Menominee range**, and which Mr. McKenna assured him, – from a recent analysis – would go over 64 per cent of metallic iron. It was taken from a shaft on their recent explorations, at a depth of 25 feet. The IRON PORT is pleased to learn of their success and knows of no worthier or more deserving men to control it. As our issue last week stated, this was from a new find, two miles west of **Quinnesec**. Present appearance [sic - appearances] indicate it to be as good as any in the range, which is saying a good deal.

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**WAUCEDAH.** – From our correspondent.

ED. IRON PORT: –The weather here now is simply delightful. For mining purposes it could not be better, but for logging it is not so good; no snow to speak of and what there was, left us a few days ago.

This burgh grew fast last summer and fall. There are more people than appears at first sight. Fourteen families living north of the mine, and six or eight a few rods up the railroad and there are other buildings to

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be erected the coming summer, which will add still more to the attractions of the place.

The company has succeeded in clearing the mine of water and **Capt. Harrington** is doing good work with the small force of men available. Forty or fifty more men could find work here. The mine looks well; a shaft 12x12, 25 or 30 feet is down in pure ore of an excellent quality for Bessemer steel. **Mr. Tuttle**, of Cleveland, has secured the handling of the ore and henceforth the orders of the company will be as good as Tuttle himself. There is not doubt but that with proper machinery, good management and ample means, "There's Millions in it."

The homestead wave is passing over this locality, tending toward the "**Commonwealth**." A dozen or more have already taken up homesteads thereabouts and will become "badgers," and more will follow the example. That's right gentlemen, the soil pays bountifully, and with passable industry your children will not go to bed hungry. Then you will be independent of the Iron Kings. There is plenty of good hardwood lands in this vicinity, but it is owned by rich men or wealthy corporations and they say, "pay us our price or go without the land." These lands should be taxed as high as the farmers clearings. That would be better than taxing government bonds.

I would like to ask the "Iron Port" where its former correspondents have gone to? Now, gentlemen of Delta county, yours is pre-eminently an agricultural county and for years will remain so. You have [sic - have] a very excellent paper published for you, – I say FOR YOU; for until an editor can lay up \$10,000 a year, he publishes it for you. Therefore subscribe for it every one of you, and write for it and let people outside of your immediate vicinity know what you are

doing. Don't say you have nothing to write about, there are thousands of things you can tell the editor, that will be of interest in the county and elsewhere. Can you spend a half hour any more pleasant [sic – pleasantly] than in writing for your paper. Tell what crops you raise, or are going to raise, and cost of the same. What kinds of cattle or hogs you have, profitable or unprofitable; fencing or wood chopping, rate of wages, and hundreds of other things you will think of when you sit down to write. Remember it is the items gathered through the county that go to make up a good paper, and published in a reliable paper as the "Iron Port" will be the means of bringing thousands of settlers into your county who otherwise would never draw inspiration from its health giving breezes. Again I say, keep your editor posted as to how you are getting along.

Now sir, I have written these few words without either fear or wit, – just as thoughts came uppermost. If you conclude to "prent" them, well and good; if not it's all the same to

JERRY McPHEEN.

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## MENOMINEE IRON RANGE.

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**The New Bonanza. A \$120,000  
Stockpile**

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**Visit to the Iron Mines.**

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The first mine on the range and which is just now the center of attraction, is the **Emmet** [*sic – Emmett*]. The discovery of gold and silver in this mine, as stated in our last, has occasioned no little excitement and the proprietors are still quietly persuing their investigations. Various options are advanced, in regard to the value of the discovery. Some claiming that the cost of extracting the precious metals, which seem to be incorporated throughout the entire mass, of this valuable iron ore, will absorb the entire amount contained, in the expense attendant upon its extraction. Others, who are more sanguine, think that the seperation [*sic – separation*] can be made at a comparatively small cost. The owners themselves, are confident that they have a good thing and feel quite exultant over the discovery. Meanwhile the public and all those intimately interested in the welfare of this region are anxiously awaiting further developments. As an iron mine the Emmet [*sic – Emmett*] never looked more promising, and whether this new find turns out satisfactory or not, the fortunate owners, have an immense quantity of the richest kind of hematite ore in sight and are working the mine the same as usual. They have now on hand a stock pile of the blue ore, of about 4000 gross tons. This it will be remembered, is the ore from which the greatest yield of gold and silver was obtained, aggregating \$20.28 to the net ton. According to such assay, this pile ought to contain about \$120,000 worth of these metals, besides about 64 per cent of metallic iron. A rich enough showing certainly.

## **VULCAN.**

This mine is looking well and the management have a beautiful clear stock pile of No. 1 ore of about 6,000 tons. The

company are [*sic – is*] working this mine light this winter as they are paying more attention to other openings on the same vein. They have determined to make a thorough examination of their property with a diamond drill and will commence operations in that line shortly. No. 3 pit has been abandoned for the present.

## **NORWAY.**

This newly developed mine continues to look well and a handsome stock pile of 10,000 tons show the activity with which it has been worked during the season. The management is now engaged in building a trestle work in order to bring the ore from their upper workings to the level of the railroad track. When finished a much larger output may be expected.

## **CYCLOPS.**

This latest opening of the **Menominee Mining Company**, who are now working three other mines besides this; viz: – **Quinnesec**, **Norway** and **Vulcan**, has yielded the largest amount of ore during the winter. Not less than 15,000 tons of ore are in stock and we should not be surprised if this was increased to 20,000 before the opening of navigation. The general character of the ore from these three mines is almost identical and [*they*] are of a comparatively high grade. The bottom of the present workings is about 30 feet below the bottom of the railroad track. On Wednesday drifts were commenced, to run east and west along the vein.

## **QUINNESEC.**

This promising mine at the present terminus of the **Menominee River railroad** is being worked very favorably and since the tunnel has been completed the chances for working it to advantage are much better than they were. The further end of the tunnel penetrates into a large body of very fine ore and the facilities for handling the

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same are now unsurpassed. The management is now engaging in connecting the different shafts with the second level which is about 115 feet below the surface. When everything is complete we shall expect to record a very large output. The stock pile at present contains about 5,000 tons.

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## POWERS.

There is at present considerable excitement existing here, in regard to the discovery of gold and silver at the **Emmet** [*sic – Emmett*] mine, twelve miles west of this place, should the bonanza pan out well we will inform you of the fact and also send your dealers an order for cheap “peter funk” jewelry and forty rod whisky as we intend opening a trading post on the frontier among the “Inguns.” This section of Menominee Co., is fast developing its **farming** capacity and we have at present about thirty enterprising grangers in our immediate vicinity and ample room for many more. The farming lands around **Powers**, **Spalding** and **Kloman** are conceded to be second to none, as regards fertility, and the idea often times advanced, viz; –That it takes a lifetime to improve eighty acres of farming land here, is a very foolish one. We have several farmers three or four miles southwest of the junction who have been but one year on their farms and have already got some fifteen or twenty acres each cleared and in fine shape to receive next spring’s crop. Elbow grease and a strong determination will eventually redeem many hundreds of acres of farming land from the forests of Menominee and Delta counties, but this alone will not suffice. Our grangers want some enterprising chap to step in among them and build a good **grist mill**. Let some

moderate capitalist who means business come down this way and see for himself.

**WM. J.B. REIN** formerly station agent at this place has, as we understand, been removed to **Spalding**. **WM. KING** of **Escanaba**, fills the vacancy at **Powers**.  
CRUISER.

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## ALONG THE MENOMINEE.

The future of the **Menominee Iron Range** points unerringly to the march of a large immigration into this section in a comparatively short space of time. The new developments but enhance the ultimate result. Pine and mineral enough exist to employ \$100,000,000 of capital and an untold army of men at work. These elements of wealth cannot be overlooked and must very soon attract the attention of the miner, speculator, capitalist, scientist and philosopher. This range is rich beyond question, throughout its entire length, which is comparatively undeveloped. Amid the grandeur of its hills and in the preadimate [*sic*] store houses of its treasure caves, lies untold wealth awaiting the hand of intelligence and capital to unlock its doors.

To those in search of pleasure, health and recreation, away from the din and excitement of the busy cities, who wish to find sport and amusement in wild, picturesque and grand scenery of this region, will find all they expect and more too. In the streams and lakes are to be found myriads of fish, from the muscalonge [*sic – muskellunge*], weighing sometimes thirty pounds, to the gorgeous speckled trout, who really think it is a pleasure to be caught. In the forests surrounding are to be

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found deer, rabbits, partridges, woodcock, and pigeons in their seasons. Those in search of more exciting game will find the black bear and huge timber wolf. On the rivers and creeks wild duck, snipe and other aquatic fowls abound. All this game is to be found within a few miles of the stations along the line of the railroad. As a general thing good hotels can be found anywhere in this region, and should a trusty guide be wanted, he can be readily obtained. Towns and villages have sprung up within a few months on the streams, the borders of the lakes and amid the primeval forests, and the day cannot be far distant when the population of the Menominee range will be composed of a sturdy, energetic and intelligent people. Every State in the Union has contributed to its growth and as the resources are inexhaustible and so many elements conspire to happiness and prosperity, it will in time, become densely settled. At the present terminus of the road – **Quinnesec**, – will be found a perfect store-house of the grand and picturesque in nature. On one side of the town are high hills from whose summit the eye can wander over river and valley, forest and plain, to a distance of 18 to 20 miles. About 600 yards from the depot are the beautiful little **Fumee Falls**, which with its rocky surroundings, will in time, be a very attractive piece of scenery. Two and a half miles below the village are the magnificent **lower Quinnesec Falls**, on the Menominee river, which pour through a gorge at an acute angle and is probably not less than 90 feet in perpendicular altitude. At nearly the same distance above the town is the **upper Quinnesec Falls**, which is not quite so high. Boating and fishing is good on the river and the adjoining streams abound in speckled trout. **Quinnesec** is 47 miles due west from **Escanaba**.

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OUR friend **WM. CRUM**, lately from **Quinnesec**, who is recognized as the **champion billiard player** of the U.P., has bought out the billard and sample rooms of **WM. CALHOUN** at **Negaunee**, and opened the establishment in grand style on Saturday night last. Our reporter acknowledges an invitation to attend, but owing to unavoidable circumstances and the fact of his education in the scientific game of billiards being very much neglected in his youth, he was forced to decline.

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## MENOMINEE R.R. LAND GRANT.

On the 6th of March the State Senate passed by a vote of 22 to 4 – the nays being Messrs. **Hodge**, **Lewis**, **Pendleton** and **Weir** – a bill to grant seven sections of swamp land in Menominee or Delta Counties, except in range 18 west, to aid in the extension of the **Menominee River Railroad**, through the **Menominee iron range** from its present terminus, near **Quinnesec**, to the **Michigamme River**. The provisions of the bill require five miles of the road to be built before January, 1881, and ten miles a year thereafter. If the company construct in any one year more than the number of miles specified the excess is to be credited upon the amount of the next year.

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MESSRS. P. O'CONNELL of  
Waucedah, JOHN AIKEN of Powers and  
J.S. WILLIAMS of Barkville were in town  
Wednesday last.

HON. JOHN L. BUELL, of Quinnesec,  
visited our village on Friday of last week, in  
the interest of his new paper the  
"Menominee Range."

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HON. JOHN L. BUELL, of Quinnesec  
is starting a newspaper in his thriving  
young town, under the management of Mr.  
PENBERTHY, formerly of the **Menominee  
Herald**. The name of the new paper will be  
the **Menominee Range**. It will be  
independent in politics and luke warm in  
religious matter. The IRON PORT wishes it  
all the success imaginable [*sic -  
imaginable*] and hopes that it may amass  
stacks of wealth, as big as the hills, which  
surround the charming village.

ADVICES from the **Emmett Mine** seem  
to be a little conflicting yet. The latest news  
received is to the effect that a later assay of  
the ore give [*sic - gives*] \$2000 to the ton.  
To offset *this[,] the* Milwaukee Sunday  
Telegraph says:

"The stories published a couple of  
weeks ago, about the discovery of **gold**  
near Menominee, in the iron mines north of  
the Bay, were all false and bogus. The  
specimens showed are suspicious, and no  
more can be found."

That fellow probably wants a quarter  
interest in the mine, so that he can publish  
his paper on week days.

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## BREEN MINE.

The exploration at the **Breen mine** by  
the new company Messrs. **WELLS,  
LUDINGTON, STEPHENSON** and  
**FLESHIEM**, are very flattering. The shaft  
sunk at the east end of the property, close  
to the West line of the **Emmett** is now down  
about 25 feet and is in an excellent quality  
of ore. From the bottom of this shaft a drift  
is being run northward into the hill in which  
direction the main body of ore is supposed  
to lie.

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MR. LOUIS STEGMILLAR, Watch  
maker and jeweller [*sic - jeweler*] of this  
place, is extending his business into the  
**Menominee Range**, and has made Mr.  
**JOHN BURNS**, his agent at **Vulcan**, who is  
now prepared to receive any order for  
repairing watches[,] jewelry and also for  
their purchase from this first-class house.

WE are in receipt of the initial number of  
the **Menominee Range**, – the new paper  
published at **Quinnesec**. It is a five  
column, four page sheet and is neatly  
printed. It starts out with a very liberal  
share of patronage, in the way of  
advertising. The IRON PORT sincerely  
wishes it all the success that is  
commensurate with its merits.

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THE **Menominee Ranger**, is the caption of a page, that will be devoted in the **Marquette Mining Journal**, exclusively to the interests of the **Menominee mineral range**. It will be owned and edited by **PETER J. BENNETT**, formerly the editorial staff of the Journal. Mr. B. is a ready writer and has the faculty of making his articles interesting. His headquarters for the present will be in **Escanaba**.

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**CAPT. D.H. BACON** and Mr. **HAMILTON** of the firm of **Hamilton, Merryman & Co.**, of Marinette. Went out to the **Menominee River mineral range**, on Tuesday last.

THE proprietors of the **Emmett mine** on the Menominee River mineral range, are talking of putting up a small stamp mill to crush their gold and silver ores.

IN last week's issue, the IRON PORT recorded a discovery of **wernerite** in the vicinity of the **Twin Falls** on the Menominee river. On Monday of this week the Evening Wisconsin of Milwaukee makes the same discovery and describes it in precisely the same language. Strange coincident! Probably the same reporter made the discovery, who interviewed **J.J. HAGERMAN** Esq, of the **Menominee Mining company** and who DISCOVERED that this gentleman predicted a speedy flattening out of the **gold and silver find** at the **Emmett mine**. We have a lingering suspicion that it must have been the same omniscient genius.

THE whilom [sic – former] correspondent of the IRON PORT at

**Vulcan, Dr. M.C. BELKNAP**, has gone to the new eldorado, – Leadville, [South Dakota] to try his fortunes and also to get rid of some very aggravating twinges of the rheumatism which were wont, at certain times to dance an impromptu quadrille all over his nether extremities. The doctor says that as soon as he gets cured up and makes his pile, he is coming back to spend the balance of his days, among the hills and pure air, of the Menominee region.

Those who have had the pleasure of the doctor's acquaintance recognize him as a first-class gentleman in every respect, and the IRON PORT seconds the motion and heartily recommends him to the favorable consideration of all his friends in his new home.

## THE NEW MINE.

MR. **JOHN O'CALLAGHAN** arrived in town on Wednesday from the **McKenna & O'Callaghan mine**, on the southwest quarter of Section thirty-two, Town forty, Range thirty, about three miles west from **Quinnesec**, near what is marked as the **Vermillion mine**, on **H.D. Fisher's** map. He reports a magnificent showing for hard ore on their present explorations. When he left the mine, the width of the vein from the first pit that was sunk upon it, was found to be 135 feet. How far it extends they have not yet ascertained. The stripping is from ten to fifteen feet. This discovery is considered by competent judges to be one of the most valuable mines on the range. We congratulate the gentlemen on their most promising outlook.

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## CHAT WITH OUR NEIGHBORS.

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**QUINNESEC.** – From the *Menominee Range*.

**Capt. Barrington**, of Lake Superior, returned last evening from a week's tour in **town 42, looking over iron locations in that range.** The weather has been most unfavorable for the work.

**C.L. Wendel [sic - Wendell]** and **Capt. Williams** have the option of a lease on **Sec. 20, 40, 39, N.E. 1/4.** They will commence work before April 1st, and prosecute it closely until the examination is completed. We think one will be found on the property.

**A.B. Cornell**, Youngstown, O., is at the **Quinnesec House.** He is engaged in an examination of an iron location on **Sec. 20, 40, 30** in which he has an interest. **Jno. R. Wood** is conducting the exploration.

Mr. **J. Frederick**, in charge of Mr. **Nelson's exploration on S.E. 1/4, 11, 39, 39,** reports a very fair prospect of ore. The short time he has had for his work, prevents a definite statement [of] ore on the premises.

**Jack Armstrong** is still digging away on **6, 39, 29.** Is down 45 feet – says the ore in which he has been sinking is running off to the hanging wall. **John** has been to quite an expense in his exploration, and we hope that nothing may happen to prevent the realization of his most flattering expectations.

**O'Callaghan's mill** is puffing away at the usual rate, not being able as yet to work up to the orders coming in. He has a large stock of boards on hand, and it is the intention to put in a planer and siding mill next week to run at night. This will be a great convenience to many persons on the range who have homes to side up before another winter comes. The railroad tariff on

lumber in small quantities from outside is so heavy that but few people can afford to avail themselves of it.

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AN **express line** was established last Wednesday, along the **Menominee River railway**, by **WILL DALIBA**, general agent for the **American Express company.**

**MR. HOMER HUFF** has now the **Quinnesec Hotel** under his management and this popular house is kept full and running over. **Mr. WENDELL**, the proprietor is turning his attention to outside operations.

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**HARRISON LUDINGTON** inspected the **McKENNA & O'CALLAGHAN mine** on Thursday.

**MR. JOHN BUELL'S new mine** west of the **Quinnesec town site** is looking very promising. He has struck some excellent ore and will continue his operations until it is thoroughly explored.

THE new pump at the **Emmett Mine** commenced working about 4 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon and the mine was pumped dry by next day. No trouble can be anticipated from water hereafter.

**H.A. TUTTLE** of **Cleveland**, **JOSEPH FLESHEIM**, **JAMES WALTON** and **ROBT. STEPHENSON** of **Menominee**, and **J.N. HILLER** and **H.J. BEBEAU** of **Escanaba** spread themselves out all over the

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**Menominee range** on Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

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WE have just received a well executed [*sic – well-executed*] map, showing the land belonging to the **Lake Superior Ship Canal, Railway and Iron Co.**, from their agents at **Marquette**, Messrs. **Matthews** and **Longyear**. The **Cyclops**, **Norway** and part of the **Vulcan** are on their lands. They are prepared to make leases of these lands on terms that will justify consumers of steel ore, to undertake the mining of them. Any further information in regard to terms, royalty [*sic – royalty*] &c., can be had by applying to their agents as before mentioned. The map can be examined in the IRON PORT office at any time.

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## IRON AND MINING ITEMS.

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THE **Saginaw Mining company** have [*sic – has*] leased the **Hamilton, Merryman Co's** iron lands on the **Menominee River mineral range**.

The **McKenna mine** gives great promise of being one of the best mines on the **Menominee River range**. The explorations as yet of course, are not sufficient to form a correct conclusion in regard to the depth and permanency of the deposit. Time alone can enable a just estimate to be formed in regard to its

extent. But the apparent continuance of a true lead, dipping slightly from the perpendicular and the development of first-class ore, at all points where the deposit has been penetrated, would lead to the supposition that the vein is of great extent and permanence [*sic – permanence*]. All indications at the present time tend to the theory that it is one of the most important discoveries of ore yet made in the region.

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MESSRS. **HARTEAU & BEBEAU** of this place have determined to open a **dry goods store** at **Quinnesec** and for that purpose have already purchased the vacant lot on the main street, next to **WRIGHT BROS. & CO.**, and will immediately commence the erection of a building. They design to carry a heavy and complete stock of goods.

**Quinnesec** is the liveliest little town just now, on the **Menominee River mineral range**. Every one [*sic – Everyone*] seems to [*sic – too*] busy, lively and hopeful for the future, which certainly at this time looks very promising. The **Quinnesec mine** is in splendid condition for turning out a large amount of ore this season and under the excellent management of **Capt. Morcom** gives fine promise for the future.

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LAST Tuesday night a **burglar** broke a window in the **Quinnesec Hotel** at **Quinnesec** and stole a valise from the

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office belonging to **ED. GIRZIKOWSKI** of **Ishpeming** containing watches, jewelry, silverware &c. A young man of the name of **KELLER** was subsequently arrested at **Green Bay** as the supposed thief.

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**POWERS.** – Items furnished by “**CRUISER.**”

We have for some time past been favored with very fine weather.

Our village is about to receive three additional buildings, and is just in receipt of four “bran new” baby girls. Who dares to assert that we are not an enterprising community?

The **gravel train** going north on Saturday evening last, **ran over and killed two head of cattle at Section 45 gravel pit.**

A party of our fun loving citizens took in **Hermansville** last Saturday evening; the result being a dance and altogether a general good time. The party, however, dispersed before the dawning of the Sabbath day.

Business bids fair to more than usually brisk in this locality the coming summer and all that is now wanting is a few enterprising farmers to come this way and till some of the excellent farming lands which surround us on all points.

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## A VISIT TO THE DIFFERENT LOCATIONS.

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### CYCLOPS MINE.

Monday morning we started out to visit the different locations on the Range, a thing we had intended, but were unable to do ever since the first publication of the paper. Our first stopping place was the Cyclops, where we met **Capt. Williams** and the time keeper, **J.B. Knight**, of the Norway and Cyclops mines. This mine has only been in operation for 8 months, but in that time some good work has been done, and something like 80,000 tons taken out of first class ore. No. 1 shaft is at present to a depth of 60 feet, but will be put down 30 feet more before drifting is at level. A tunnel has been run from No. 1 shaft to connect with the tunnel from No. 2. There is about 3 feet to break through to make the connection. The length of the tunnel running east from the main shaft will then be 250 feet through good ore, and running west about 50 feet. The vein is from 25 to 30 feet wide. All of the pits are being stilled up as they go. The Capt. thinks the mine is just as safe as a ‘harvest field,’ and that when three tons of ore are run out on one car it is not much of a “wheel-barrow business.” We know what the “Capt.” was driving at, but informed him that nothing personal was intended in our remarks about the Quinnesec last week, as the Quinnesec is a much older mine with deeper stripping, and it was found necessary to carry on operations differently. A rather small but very neat little engine has been put in place, and was to steam up Tuesday. It was manufactured at the Liberty Iron Works, Chicago. Its cylinder is 9x14. The stock pile at present contains about 20,000 tons and it is estimated that about 40,000 tons, at least, will be shipped this season from this mine. Preparations are making to

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take ore from pit No. 2, a pocket has been built, and a track is about to be built to the spur.

## NORWAY MINE.

From the Cyclops, we proceeded to the Norway mine, accompanied by Mr. Knight who very kindly showed us around, making the explanations usually thought necessary on such occasions. Sinking on No. 1 shaft, south of the track, is still continued, a small engine being used to keep it clear of water. No. 1 pit is down about 30 feet and shows a vein 30 feet wide. As yet neither foot or [sic – nor] hanging wall has been seen. No. 2 shaft is sunk to a depth of 50 feet. Cross-cutting has commenced with a view of striking the foot wall. The shaft will also be sunk deeper. Not much work has been done on No. 3 pit for some time, although there in [sic – is] plenty of ore in sight. The first opening on No. 3 is in good ore, and the second opening, which is about 1000 feet north, has been sunk 30 feet, almost all the way in ore. Should they run together, which they have every indication of doing, the vein will be at least 100 feet wide. The stripping that has already been done between these two opening [sic – openings] show [sic – shows] good ore, stripping a little northeast also reveals ore. Work has just commenced on No. 3 pit. The stock pile of the Norway contains about 20,000 tons, and it is estimated that the output will be all of 30,000 tons more this season. The quality of the ore is not so good as that of the Cyclops, but occasionally one is found in pockets of a steely nature which adds considerably to its market value. Thirty cars of ore per day is the average shipment from this and the Cyclops. Nearly 160 men are employed in both mines.

## THE VULCAN.

We made a hasty visit to the Vulcan, but fortunately found **Capt. Schwartz** about to

enter the mine, and availed ourself [sic – ourselves] of the opportunity presented to investigate. No. 1 pit is the only one in operation just now. Have sunk 107 feet on the ledge, and are running a tunnel under the first level in order to work the men to advantage. The work of stoping down into the first level has commenced. The vein forms a sort of triangle, starting at about 12 feet on the surface and enlarging to 50 feet when the lower level is reached. What was supposed to be the foot wall has been broken through, and behind it is revealed just as good ore as any in the mine, the rock being only about 12 inches thick. The tunnel running east from the main pit is about 200 feet in length, and running west from the same point, about 90 feet through 1st quality ore. At present 125 tons per day is shipped, which amount will probably be increased soon. Have 9,000 tons in stock pile and will probably get out from 20,000 to 30,000 tons more this season. It is thought that there is not a mine on the Range where the ore is taken out with as little labor and cost. The diamond drill, operating about 100 yards southwest of the mine, is endeavoring to tap the vein 75 feet below the first level. So far a great deal of trouble and expense has been experienced, owing to the breaking of the diamonds. Small veins of good ore were gone through, but nothing of any importance struck. A force of 75 men are [sic – is] employed at this mine.

## THE NEW DISCOVERY.

The work of clearing running lines and building a road to the recent discoveries of iron ore made on the Canal land on S.N.N.E. sec. 9, 30, 20, by the Milwaukee Mining Co., was commenced yesterday. This discovery is situated about 500 feet southwest of the Vulcan. The indications are that it is far ahead of the Vulcan in

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regard to the quantity, test pits showing good ore for a distance of four hundred feet with a width of 50 feet near the surface. The whole 40 has, in fact, been gone over. Three shafts have been sunk to a depth, respectively of 20, 30, and 45 feet. The ore in the 45-foot shaft was a little mixed with rock, while the 30 foot shaft went through clean ore all the way down. The 20-foot shaft has a rather singular appearance, showing rock on three sides near the bottom, and ore on the fourth. The ore is neither like the Vulcan or Cyclops, but seems to partake of the good qualities of both. Expect to commence shipping from this mine this week, and are building a road from it to the Vulcan ore pockets, running to and loading through them for the present. The distance will be nearly 600 feet. From the spur into the new discovery is only about 400 feet.

## QUINNESEC MINE.

It is hardly thought necessary to say much about this mine this week, it having been made the subject of an article in our last issue. The hoisting machinery is in operation and facilitates work very much. The stock pile has between 8 and 9,000 tons, and it is estimated that about 35, 000 tons will be shipped this season.

## HAMILTON & MERRYMAN MINE.

Explorations on sec. 4 by the **H. & M. Co.** [*Hamilton & Merryman Company*], are still progressing, a well drill being used for the purpose. Have sunk three shafts, all now in good ore. No. 2 shaft was sunk 66 feet in slate, and then a drift of 16 feet was run through the slate before ore was struck. The drift was driven nearly 90 feet further, all the way through a very fine grade of ore. No. 1 shaft is all in good ore. No. 3 shaft which is about 40 feet west shows the best ore so far. The foot wall has been struck on the north side of it. The three shafts were

put in on a vein running southeast. Four holes have been drilled in a vein running east, showing good ore. The course of the vein seems to be first southeast, then east, then south, so far it as it has been traced. First running southeast 300 feet, then south 300, then east 200 feet, and over the boundary line. Limestone is visible a short distance from where the work was suspended. The exploring party then jumped 500 feet west onto the Co.'s land again, but so far have not discovered anything. It is thought that the ore is better than any yet discovered on the Range, being of a hard, steely nature. – Menominee Range.

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## IRON AND MINING ITEMS.

**JOHN L. BUELL**, has sold his interest of nearly 1-3, in what is known as the **McKenna mine** on the **S.W. 1/4 of Sec. 32 T.40. R.30** for \$10,000, to **WILLIAM McCARTNEY**, of **Marinette**. The probability is that all the interests will be consolidated and active work on the property will be commenced forthwith.

**J.B. MASS**[,] of **Negaunee**[,] and **W.L. WENDELL**, of **Quinnesec**[,] have been engaged for some time in explorations for iron ore on the **northwest quarter of section 2 T.39, R.30**, which is **close to the village of Quinnesec**. They have struck a very fine showing of ore, something similar to the Quinnesec and have traced it, up to this time, a distance of one fourth of a mile. Further investigation may prove it to have a

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greater continuance. The stripping varies from two to twenty feet.

The NEW “**Old Harry**” mine on the N.W. 1/4, of Sec. 25, T. 40 R. 31, owned by **Robt. Stephenson**, ex-Governor [*sic* – Governor] **Harrison Ludington** and others, promised to be the biggest discovery yet made on the **Menominee River mineral range**. The explorations are under charge of **Capt. Tobin**, one of the best miners in the country. It is yet impossible to tell the exact width or length of the vein. It has been uncovered for a distance of nearly 70 feet and test pits have already revealed a continuous deposit for nearly a quarter of a mile in length. Stripping is light and it now looks as though a mountain of iron ore might be there.

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## IRON AND MINING NEWS.

The 1800 foot new side track of the **Cyclops mine** is probably completed by this time. It will afford ample accommodations for the ore cars and is something that was very much needed.

So far all the ore discoveries on this side of the river, on the **Menominee River range**, is [*sic* – are] of an [*sic* – a] hematite character. Hard specular ore has been found beyond the **Commonwealth mine**, on the west end of section 32, which resembles the Republic ore somewhat, in appearance. Future explorations may develop other deposits, which of course would be of great value in connection with the softer ores. No just conclusions can be

formed in regard to the variety of the deposits in this range, until a thorough exploration has been made.

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The **Vulcan mine** on the **Menominee River range** has an excellent showing of ore at the present time. In fact the mine looks as well or even better than it did before. They are now working in the lower level, in a very fine body of blue hematite ore. The tunnel at this depth is about 175 feet in length. The new openings northwest of the old pit, are making a very fine showing. The cap rock here seems to be of considerable thickness, but the quality of ore is fully up to the standard of the former workings. An incline is being built to the track. The diamond drill at the foot of the hill, when we were there, had penetrated to a distance of about 110 feet, at an angle of 40 degrees. Some ore had been struck, but it was mainly in narrow seams. They were running it with a view of striking the main body of ore in the hill.

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The **Emmett [*sic* – Emmett] Mining Co.** has commenced hoisting from the first level. Both levels are now dry, it only taking two or three hours to put it in that condition. Will commence hoisting out of lower level as soon as engine is placed in the new building recently built for it. The Co. has 54 men at work and will increase the force immediately with 25 more. It is estimated that at least 80,000 tons will be shipped from this mine this season, and we see no reason why, with the increased facilities for getting out ore, a great deal more cannot be shipped. There is at present about 8,000 tons of ore in the stock pile, we are informed. –Men. Range.  
**OLD HARRY.**

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In company with others, the reporter of the "Iron Port" made a visit to the new mine situated at the base of **Pine River Bluff**, on **Sec. 25, T. 40, R. 21**, about **five miles northwest from Quinnesec**. It is early yet to say anything definitely in regard to the extent of the deposits as the prospecting has only commenced. Test pits have been sunk along the course of the vein, for a distance of about 700 feet and in every case they have penetrated the ore deposit. The width of the vein has not yet been ascertained. The ore is a blue hematite and looks well. There is hardly a chance for a doubt, but that this is one of the most important "finds" on the range. The stripping is light, increasing somewhat as the bluff is extended. The work is under the charge of **Capt. Toms**, formerly of the **Commonwealth**, who is a practical and experienced iron miner. We understand that the company intend [*sic – intends*] to place a large force at work on it in a short time.

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The general appearance of the **McKenna mine** is almost the same as it was at our former writing. Test pits are being sunk still further to the northwest end of the vein and in each case have struck precisely the same formation, with the exception that the ore becomes a little more firm in appearance. On this end of the deposit there appears to be a well defined [*sic – well-defined*] sandstone hanging wall on the north side, and a soapstone foot wall to the south. At the southwest end where it descends into the low land the hanging wall on the north side is soapstone. Further

explorations may determine that this soapstone is overlaid by sandstone as the formation rises.

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A **side track** about 1,000 feet in length is being placed alongside of the track on the hill this side of **Waucedah**. This is the heaviest grade, coming this way, on the whole road and it is impossible for an engine to take a full load up it without "stalling." A switch engine will keep the siding will [*sic - well*] filled with loaded ore cars.

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## DROWNED.

A sad accident occurred at **Flat Rock** last Monday evening. Mr. **PETER WICKSTROM'S** little boy about 8 years of age was found drowned in the river. It is not known exactly how it occurred, but it is supposed that he was playing around the race, where he had been seen early in the evening and by some means, slipped in and was carried into the river. The body was found on this side of the river, lodged against a pile of drift wood, about eleven o'clock the same evening. **EMIL GLASER** Esquire was notified of the accident and went there prepared to hold an inquest, but after learning the facts in the case he did not deem an inquest necessary.

## SEVERE ACCIDENT.

**T.S. FORT**, a well known [*sic – well-known*] citizen of this place, who removed to **Quinnesec** a few weeks ago, met with the misfortune of breaking his leg. It appears that he was building a scaffolding, last Friday, on the outside of **Maurice**

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**McKenna's drug store** and while in the act of raising a heavy green board to the staging above him, the one on which he was standing gave way and he was precipitated to the ground, a distance of about 15 feet. The board fell at the same time and the end struck him in the leg, below the knee, fracturing both bones in such a shape that they protruded through the flesh. The surgeon of the **Menominee River Mining Co., Dr. McLEOD**, reduced the fracture and he appears to be getting along as well as could be expected. We understand that he is in straightened circumstances, and it is a case where the assistance of the charitable would not be misplaced.

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## SCENERY.

Some of the scenery in the **Menominee River Range** is magnificent, and for those in pursuit of the novel, there is probably no portion of the country that presents more of a variety. We had the pleasure a few days ago, of looking over the landscape from the summit of **Pine River Bluff**, where in some places the sight is unobstructed for a distance of perhaps thirty miles, and the vision overlooked wooded valley, rushing river, and placid lake. All is wild and natural and one surveys a country which is just as fresh as when it emerged from chaos. Time with its changes, and nature with its agencies, have rounded the splintered cones and smoothed off the surfaces of her upheavals and clothed the whole with a covering of vegetation and forest but the freshness still remains unmarred by the hand of man. To a lover of nature the

scenery is indeed beautiful and well worthy a visit.

## LUMBERING ITEMS.

A **BIG jam of logs** was broken on the **Menominee River**, below the **Sturgeon Falls**, this week. We learn that another in the vicinity of **Grand Island** was successfully opened also.

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## QUINNESEC ITEMS.

**MR. FELCH** is building a dwelling house on Pine Street.

**MR. BUELL** has been absent during the week in Chicago.

**MR. OLESON** has got a new two story dwelling house almost finished.

**JOHN McKENNA** seems to have his hands full, with his new mine, and his other business.

**MR. A.R. HARLOW** of Marquette and **ROBERT NELSON** of Ishpeming visited the Menominee River Range on Tuesday last.

Fluries [*sic* – *Flurries*] of the “beautiful” [*snow*] were distinctly seen along the **Menominee River range**, last Monday, and flowers were in bloom at the same time.

**NEWBERRY & JENKINS** are doing a fine business in the meat line and have all they can attend to and are now giving the citizens beef from fresh slaughtered cattle.

The **Quinnesec Hotel** is as usual crowded with guests and Mr. **C.L. WENDEL**, the host, sometimes has his ingenuity taxed to the utmost, to supply accommodations for all.

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**WRIGHT BROS. & CO.** are prospering in worldly goods, which is evidenced by the large improvements on their store, and their increased stock, which made the enlargement necessary.

Our old friend **TIMOTHY McNAMARA**, proprietor of the **Central Hotel**, has got the building in first-class shape and it presents a fine appearance and judging from his good natured looks, business must be well with him.

The town is lively with the hum of business and the sound of the hammer and the saw is heard from early morn to dewy eve and at the rate that new buildings are going up and people coming in, Quinnesec will have a population of a thousand in a short time.

**PATRICK McKENNA** is commencing to build a store on the main street, second lot south from his brother's drug store. The building will be 34x50 feet on the ground and two stories high. The lower part is intended for a **hardware store** and the upper portion for a dwelling.

**JOSEPH PECARD** of Menominee, the owner of the **Quinnesec Hotel**, was in town during the week. Joe looks as young as ever and seemed as though the world went well with him. We understand he offers the Quinnesec Hotel building for sale, which is a very desirable property.

**WRIGHT BROS. & CO.** are [sic – is] building a new addition to their store, two stories high. It is 22x35 feet on the ground. As soon as they can shift their goods a little into the new part they will raise the present store another story, which when completed will give them a commodious store 75 feet in length, with a wareroom in the back.

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The little branch of the **Chicago & Northwestern railroad**, extending from what is called "42" [**Powers**] – being that number of miles north of Menominee, Mich. – to **Quinnesec**, which was built last year, is one of the most profitable strips of road in the country, now that the iron mines of the Quinnesec range are being so rapidly developed. It already has contracts to carry out 230,000 tons of ore this season. All the Menominee lumber firms are going into the mining business which, from present indications promises something rich[.] – The ore commands from fifty cents to one dollar per ton more in Cleveland than that mined at Marquette and Escanaba and to show the importance of the yield it is only necessary to say that the average amount annually shipped from the two last named points does not exceed 750,000 tons. The value of the Quinnesec ore lies in the fact that it contains fully one per cent less phosphorous, making it the best in the country for **Bessemer steel**. The **Ludington, Wells & Van Schaick Company** have just struck one of the richest veins on the range, four miles from the town of Quinnesec, and expect to have a mine in full operation by September. – Northwestern Lumberman.

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The new saw-mill erected last winter by Mr. **C.J.L. Meyer** at Hermansville, is now running and giving good satisfaction to its owner and builder. It is located about 24 miles west of Escanaba, in the heart of a large tract of timber owned by Mr. Meyer to whom the little town of Hermansville is also owed its origin. The saw mill, which was built under the veteran sash and door maker's personal supervision, contains one circular with its various appurtenances [*sic – appurtenances*], lath and shingle machinery. It is capable of cutting 50,000 feet of lumber and 100,000 shingles per day. Dry kilns have been erected and will prove of great utility in fitting the shingles and some grades of lumber for early shipment. The shingles will be sold and shipped to the trade direct from the mill, via the Chicago & Northwestern railroad. Mr. Meyer spent a large portion of his time superintending the construction of this mill and takes no little pride in its operation. About 8,000,000 feet of logs were secured last winter and an important feature to the owner is that they are not subject to the caprice of wind or rain, having been hauled direct to the mill instead of to the banks of some uncertain stream. About 2,000,000 feet more will be put in during the summer, giving a total product of 10,000,000 feet for the season.

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## PERSONAL MENTION.

MR. **THOMAS HAY** and family have moved to **Norway Mine** near **Quinnesec**.

**DR. J.S. NORTH**, of this place removed to **Quinnesec** on Wednesday last. He will practice medicine in company with **DR. J.A.**

**McLEOD**[,] of **Vulcan**. The citizens of the Range have reason to congratulate themselves that they have two such good physicians and surgeons as doctors McLeod and North. Dr. North will be located at the chief town of the range and both will attend to any and all calls promptly and satisfactorily. The Iron Port wishes the two gentlemen success.

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**HARTEAU & BEBEAU** of the one price establishment are receiving the reward of merit this spring in the large quantity of goods that they are selling. Their business has increased so, that they are forced to open a branch at **Quinnesec**.

**ROSE** the artist [*photographer*], has got a brother and that brother has come here and the firm name is now **Rose Bros.**, and furthermore they have got a tent and one of them proposes to travel around the country and take the likeness of everything animate and inanimate at moderate prices and in the very first style of the art. The objective place now is **Quinnesec** and the **IRON PORT** would advise the **Quinnesecers** to interview him. Headquarters will be here.

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## A RUN TO WAUCEDAH.

Breaking loose last Saturday after a hard week's work, we took a trip to Waucedah. The morning was warm and pleasant. The woods were looking glorious

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in their new green dress and the ground at their feet was besprinkled with flowers. The **Quinnesec accommodation train** left at 8:30 in the morning, **conductor M. HOULIHAN**, carried us out as far as the **Menominee River Junction**. We passed several fine farms, that in a few years will be hard to beat, and on which spring work was actively going on. A large amount of wood, ties and posts were on the banks of the track, but fires in the woods were making this kind of property quite unsafe and during a strong wind, when it was as dry as it was this time, the efforts of watchers are sometimes unable to save it from entire destruction. Such a case happened in the afternoon of the day when the high wind had made the flames uncontrollable and destroyed a lot of posts and telegraph poles between **Ferry and Spaulding**. **CROZER & McINTYRE'S mill** at the latter place, is turning out a big amount of lumber. The convenience of a planing mill adds largely to their sales. They were also experiencing some little difficulty with the fire, among their sawings on the railroad bank, further up the line. At the Junction we accepted an invitation from **Superintendent W.B. LINSLEY** to take a ride on his lately arrived miniature [*sic - miniature*] engine "Minnie." It is a perfect little beauty and skims over the road like a thing of life. It will run anywhere where there are two rails and will be of immense convenience in facilitating business with the various mines and lumbering location [*sic - locations*]. We passed by the fine lumbering establishment of **C.L.J. MYERS** on **Little Cedar River**, which by the way is [*a*] model of its kind. An immense quantity of logs for a small stream are on hand and everything is arranged symmetrically, substantially and neat, giving it an air of permanence which is seldom found, in the

country, at mills of this kind. The making of sash, doors and blinds, in connection with the lumber business, will be carried on extensively. Arrived at **Waucedah**, we refreshed ourselves first with a dinner at the excellent table of **MR. GIFFORD**, – who by the way has largely improved his house [*hotel*] lately – and then took a survey of the town and surroundings, including the famed **Emmett iron mine**, with its hidden treasure of gold and silver. we [*sic - We*] found Mr. **W.E. FERGUSON** about as busy as ever, dispensing his fine general assortment of goods to his numerous customers. He carries a large and well selected stock of almost everything that the people want and should be well patronized. As he had the pioneer store and lived through the times when business was small he should reap the benefits when times are prosperous. Another old pioneer[,] **PAT. O'CONNELL**[,] looks as though the world went well with him and he tells us that he has some slight prospects of developing into a new mine owner, some of these days. **P.J. GATES**, the boss boot and shoe maker of the place[,] can turn out those articles of foot wear, which for style and comfort cannot be beaten anywhere. He is doing well and has a large run of custom from the surrounding country.

**THOMAS BREEN**[,] one of the genial proprietors of the **Emmett mine**, turned us over to his mining captain, **MICHAEL HARRINGTON**, who accompanied us in an examination of the mine and its workings. This valuable mine never looked better than it does at the present time and an immense body of ore is uncovered. They are working however principally on the blue hematite, on the south side, which is showing splendidly. With an average of about twenty-five men in the mine, he is taking out from seventy to eighty tons a day, which is

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being shipped about as fast as it is removed. They have also a stock pile on hand of about 5000 tons. Capital seems to be all that is necessary to make this one of the best mines, in point of yield, on the range, as there is a demand for every pound they can take out. We had intended to have visited the new find by **Hamilton, Merryman Co.**, on **section 21**, about a mile from town, but shortness of time prevented us doing so, we shall however examine it before long. We are informed the show is good and the ore somewhat similar to that of the Emmett. It [*sic – If*] this should prove to be the case it will stimulate other mining explorations in the vicinity.

The trip was very agreeable [*sic – agreeable*] and was a very pleasant break into the monotony of everyday labor. It will pay our citizens well, during this early summer weather, to rest themselves with a trip along the Menominee River mineral range.

**QUINNESEC.** – From the *Menominee Range*:

The new bell for the **school house** has arrived and will be put in place shortly.

**John Murphy**, at work in the **Norway mine**, had both bones of his left leg broken the other day by a portion of the foot wall falling.

A **tornado** passed through the woods north of this place a few days since, hewing a highway, as it were, through the forest and destroying an immense amount of timber.

**Frank Wright**, in the employ of **Watson Bros.** as bookkeeper and solicitor, jumped from the second story window of the Co.'s store Monday, while laboring under mental derangement, caused by taking too much of the ardent [*liquor*], and broke a leg.

The water of the river has fallen considerable [*sic – considerably*] the last

few days. The **Lamontagne drive** is at the **Big Quinnesec Falls** today. The **Treat Lumber Co.**'s logs and the **Sargent & Jennings** logs are in this drive. The logs left by the main river drive will also be sucked in and brought along. The amount of logs in this drive will probably be in the neighborhood of 18,000,000 --8,000,000 for Lamontagne, between 5 and 6 million for **Treat & Swart**, 2,500,000 for Sargent & Jennings, and the remainder scattering.

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The **Curry mine** looks well. It is estimated that from 10,000 to 15,000 tons of ore will be taken out this season.

The **Cyclops** is shipping about 125 tons of ore daily. Three hoisting drums are in operation. As soon as the timbering is completed night work will commence at shaft No. 2. The output of the **Norway** is about the same as that of the Cyclops.

Hard ore has been struck on the "**Old Harry**" location.

**H.S. McMinn** is exploring on **section 27, -40, -30**, with favorable results. He has struck soft blue ore of good quality.

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## QUINNESEC.

Towards the shank of last week our reporter made a run to the future metropolis of the Menominee river mineral range – Quinnesec. Everything in and around the town showed a fair business activity. Building still continues to be lively.

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**Patrick McKenna's** building is almost as far advanced as it was before the unfortunate blow-down. **Edward Smythe**, the contractor, keeps it securely braced as the work progresses, all ready for any more little frisky zephyrs which may take a notion to happen along that way.

**Harteau & Bebeau's** new store was almost completed, and their large general stock was fast arriving to fill it. **Samuel and John** looked as happy as two clams in one shell and were as busy as a horse's tail in fly time. They have got a handsome store, and no mistake.

**Wright Bros. & Co.** were [*sic – was*] just putting the finishing touch on their mammoth building, and were gradually filling it up, from cellar to garret, with everything, from eatables to dry goods. It is well arranged and everything is as neat as a new red wagon. The **postoffice** in the store has also improved itself, and with its lock boxes looks quite metropolitan. As was before remarked, they keep everything that is generally called for, from saw mills to steamboats.

**Jenkins**, of the firm of **Newberry & Jenkins**, was slashing away the beef and pork stock at the rate of a shilling a pound, and **Newberry** was trying to be sick, but he was going to be around in a day or two, as he could not afford to be sick very long when beef cattle are worth \$4.00 on foot.

**Penberthy** was off to Menominee buying a saw mill, seeing his girl, or attending to some other important business of the kind.

**Buell** was off in the woods for his health and was roaming around the romantic borders of **Lake Antoine** and occasionally catching a sucker by way of pastime [*sic – pastime*].

**John McKenna** was in town on business, and reports the prospects of that

mine tip top. **Maurice**, his brother, is constantly adding new goods to his already large stock. He says business is first-rate.

A sectional view was had of Mr. **T. Macnamara**, landlord of the **Central [Hotel]**. We might be afraid to bet against **Tim** being one of the first aldermen of the new city.

**Drs. McLeod, North and Fortier** were all in town, and still the health of the place was reported to be very fair. No deaths occurred while we were there.

**Captain Tobin** had just returned from the virgin forest, weighted down with rocks for ballast, which he unloaded on **Wendell's** center table. Among them were some fine looking specimens of hematite ore, found either three feet under the surface or above it. It looked rich anyway.

**Wendell** had his good clothes on and was going to Menominee. He says the hotel and iron mining business is running nicely.

**Rose Bros.**, the artists [*photographers*], were enjoying themselves under a canvass tent, and taking first-class pictures at the same time. They will take the falls, the **Quinesec mine**, and all the other valuable property around. A set of first-class views of scenery in the Menominee region will sell like fire crackers on the 4th of July.

**George Barclay** and **Hugh McLaughlin** looked as though their **boarding house** agreed with them.

**Mr. Felch** is hurrying up his new building on **Quinesec street** as fast as the Lord and the carpenters will let him.

**Surprise's billiard hall** is as neat as a pin, and he complains of doing a very satisfactory business.

**Omer Huff**, the accomodating [*sic – accommodating*] manager of the **Quinesec Hotel**, declares that business is

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first rate and prospects for the season good.

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WE learn that **John L. Buell** has sold his eighth interest in the **Quinnesec mine** to **J.J. Hagerman** for something over \$10,000. Cheap enough.

A change may possibly be made in the management of the **Emmette [sic – Emmett] Mine** before long. At present **Capt. M. Harrington** is taking out from 70 to 80 tons of ore daily, with a small force of men.

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**SAMUEL KIMBERLY** has leased the **Breen mine** property, and will commence active operations as early as possible. He pays 40 cents a ton royalty.

ACTIVE operations are to commence on the **McKenna mine** with quite a force of men immediately. Everything is arranged for permanent operations and the showing for ore is immense. The company have [sic – has] assurance that the track will be laid to the mine this season.

**John O'Callaghan** was in town this week and reports the outlook at the **McKenna mine** as being tip top. They

expect to have the open cut into the ore finished next week, when they will commence immediately to get ore out for shipment. They have assurance from **Mr. Keep** that the road will be finished to them as soon as they are ready for it.

**THOMAS** and **BARTLEY BREEN**, of the **Emmett mine**, have sold their interest, which comprises one half, to **Samuel Kimberly**, of Sharon, Pa., for about \$35,000. **Judge E.S. Ingalls** retains his half interest, but has leased it to Mr. K., for fifty cents a ton royalty. He received \$5,000 for the improvements. It is the intention of the present management to work the mine energetically, and their calculations contemplate an output of somewhere in the neighborhood of 40,000 tons of ore this season.

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Mr. **J.L. Buell** sold his one third optional interest in **southeast quarter of section 25, 40-31**, Tuesday, to **R. Stephenson** and others, for the sum of \$7,500 in cash.

The **Curry mine** looks excellent. They are taking out and shipping about 90 cars of ore a day now, and already have over 1,000 tons in Escanaba awaiting shipment.

The **Menominee Mining Co.**, are about to continue explorations near pit No. 2 of the **Vulcan**. There is about 2,000 tons of first-class ore near the pit, which the Co. propose to ship this season.

The immensity of the **Norway mine** is what strikes a person on his first visit to it.

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The deposit extends clear across a forty, and has been traced for nearly half a mile beyond that. The ore seems to be deposited in large pockets, and separated [*sic – separated*] only by a thin belt of rock. The incline from the top of the hill is well under way, and all of the ore from the top will be removed by this incline.

The diamond drill at work at the **Vulcan** had penetrated to a depth of nearly 430 feet on Saturday last, when the bit became fast in the hole and could not be removed. They have been fishing for it ever since, but up to the present time had failed to get it out. It will delay them some time probably. A case has been known where it has taken seven weeks to remove one that had become fast in a like manner. – Menominee Range.

At the **Saginaw mine** everything is booming. The vein or veins – for there appears to be two, but it may be but a horse of rock – are stripped for a distance of 300 feet, and about 50 feet, in width. What appears to be the foot and hanging walls have been found, and the formation assumes a regularity that is not seen in every mine on the range. The spur to the mine has been graded for a distance of 1,400 feet, and the work of laying the track is progressing rapidly. Three derricks are being put in, – one will be worked by horse power and the other two by steam power, and so arranged that the ore will be hoisted from the mine and dumped into the cars. A 20 horse power engine and boiler, used by the Saginaw Co. in their mine in the Lake Superior region, has been put in place, and will do the work of hoisting at present, as well as keeping the mine as free from water as possible. **Capt. Perkins** thinks that they will be able to commence shipping by the first of next week.

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We understand that **C.L. Wendel** has sold out his furniture stock and fixtures in the **Quinnesec Hotel** to a man from Marinette.

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MR. **ED. McKENNA** of **Quinnesec**, met with a very severe accident at that place on Tuesday morning. He had been sleeping in his room, in the second story of his brothers [*sic – brother's*] house, and it is supposed that he got up in his sleep, about 4 o'clock in the morning, and stepped out of the open window. His cries soon brought the family to his assistance, when it was found that he was severely injured. A physician was summoned, who ascertained that besides being hurt internally, that some of his ribs were fractured. He finally **sank under his injuries and died** last evening.

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LAST Sunday while **William Leahey** was jumping out of a wagon at **Dickie's camp**, four miles from **Quinnesec**, he had the misfortune to break a bone of his leg and dislocate the ankle joint. **Dr. North** was summoned and soon he had him in good shape again.

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MR. ED. McKENNA, the victim of the very distressing accident at **Quinnesec**, was buried at Negaunee, on Sunday last. Edward was a boy of generous impulses and was well and favorably known, by quite a large number of friends on the upper peninsula, who sincerely regret his untimely demise. His brothers and Mr. **John K. Stack**, of this place, attended the funeral.

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**C.L. WENDELL** Esq. has purchased a tract of land near the **Norway** and **Cyclops** mines, which he designs laying out into a **town site**. [NOTE: *Carl L. Wendell laid out the village of Norway.*]

**C.A. ROSE**, the **photographer**, left for Chicago on Thursday, where he will purchase a large camera and goods for the fitting up of his gallery in first class style.

IT would seem to an outsider, [*sic*] that the **C. & N.W.R.R. Co.** might afford to foster its passenger trade over the **Menominee River R.R.** to the extent of one coach. The Caboose [*sic*] on the **Quinnesec** accommodation is utterly inadequate to accommodate the travel on the route.

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## [Menominee Herald.]

–Mr. **Buell** has decided to erect a handsome brick building at **Quinnesec** a few doors north of the post office, the lower story of which will be used for a bank. It will

be in charge of a gentleman experienced in the business. The upper story will be used for an **Odd Fellows Hall**.

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## [Menominee Range.]

–Monday the **Saginaw Mining Co.** shipped 35 cars of ore from their mine.

–The **diamond drill** started up Monday morning to explore for the **Quinnesec** vein. It commenced boring at an angle of 25 degrees.

–We neglected to mention last week that **Capt. Whitehead**, of the **Vulcan House**, Vulcan, was running a ‘**bus line between Vulcan and Quinnesec**.’

–The new engine for the **Norway mine** is in place, the incline is nearly ready, and in about two weeks it is expected the ore from the top of the hill will run down it.

–Our **butchers** say that if any **dogs** are brought into this part of the country for the purpose of **hunting deer**, they will meet with a warm reception. We say amen to that.

–Mr. **J.L. Buell** has sold the option of a lease of what is known as the **Walpole property** to the **Menominee Mining Co.**, for the consideration of \$11,000. The property is said to be one of the most valuable on the range.

–The development of the **Stephenson mine** at section 4 is progressing rapidly. It is thought that the property has been shown up sufficiently to warrant the company in commencing shipping, which, we are informed, they intent doing on or about the 15th inst. [*of this month*]

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–We visited the **McKenna mine** Monday, and saw some of the handsome ore they are taking out from a shaft about 25 feet in depth. In fact all of the ore taken out came from this shaft, and there is about a thousand tons in stock, it is estimated. Mr. **John McKenna** brought some of the ore into **Quinnesec** last Saturday evening and it created considerable excitement among experts, who pronounced it equal if not better than any ore yet struck on the range.

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–**ROSE**, the **photographer**, has started a branch establishment at **Quinnesec**.

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## Fatal Railway Accident.

On Saturday, the 2d inst. [of this month], the **Quinnesec accommodation train** of the M.R. railway, **Conductor VanDyke**, had some switching to do at **Hermansville**. In the discharge of his duties it became necessary for one of the brakemen to board the moving train, which he did by catching the side ladder of the end car as it passed him and climbing to the roof of the car. Just as he reached the roof and straightened up to step upon it, his feet being still upon the side ladder and his hand-grip loosed, the “slack of the train” was taken up with a slight jerk, and the unfortunate man was thrown upon the road in front of the still moving car and instantly killed, the wheels

passing over his head and of course crushing it; one leg was also crushed. The name of the man was **Frederick Roberts**. He had been in the employ of the railway company since the opening of navigation [sic – navigation], and had proved himself a sober, careful, railroad man, while his associates and acquaintances speak of him as an estimable person in other relations of life. The remains were forwarded to the residence of his parents at **Sheboygan, Wis.**

While the loss of life is to be mourned, it is but proper to say that the accident was one for which no one, not even the deceased himself, was in fault; was one of those occurrences, inseparable from the railway service, to which the careful man, the man of experience, is as liable as a green hand.

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## [Menominee Range.]

–The **Emmett mine** is shipping about 170 tons of ore per day.

–The **Vulcan mine** is now turning out about 400 tons of ore per day.

–The **Emmett Mining Co.** has taken charge of the **Breen mine** and commenced work there.

–A **bank in Quinnesec!** Only two years old and about to have a bank established. Just think of it.

–Rumored that **D.L. Andrews** has struck it big west of the **Emmett mine**, and has a vein of good ore over 50 feet in width.

–It is with pleasure and gratification that we are prepared to announce to our readers, and the public generally, that the

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**Menominee Range** will be enlarged within the next sixty days.

–**Jos. Reilly**, a **conductor** on one of the **ore trains**, has a **pet owl**, which rides on his caboose a good share of the time. On Thursday last, as the train was passing a wood pile, the owl attempted to drop from the top of the caboose to the guard rail around the platform, but missed his guess, and landed on the side of the railroad. The next morning when the train arrived at that particular spot, the owl, who had been roosting on the wood pile all night, recognized it, and soon occupied his old quarters on the caboose again.

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## [Menominee Herald.]

–The **Menominee Mining Co.** is pushing the work on **sec. 30, 40, 30**, and the show continues good. Two hoisting engines have recently been sent out to the location, rendered necessary by the depth of the drift.

–The **Emmett** is producing well and is now shipping 30 to 35 cars of ore per diem. The mine is looking well and the general work is being pushed ahead as rapidly as possible. The shipments will probably be considerably increased next month.

–The “**Old Dan**” continues to look very encouraging. The shaft which is being sunk on the vein shows better ore and less banded as it goes down, while farther explorations to the northward have revealed what promises to be a good vein of hard ore near the top of the hill. There is no doubt but that a valuable deposit has been secured, and so certain are the proprietors

of this fact that they are making preparations to commence shipping this season.

–We have lately seen some specimens of hard specular ore which came from the **Emmett mine**, and which are equal to the best Lake Superior ores of that character. One Marquette gentleman to whom we showed a specimen said that it came from the **Cleveland**, and was a selected specimen at that, intimating at the same time that it was a little thin to palm it off as a Menominee production. The quality found is small, but it shows conclusively that such a class of mineral exists in the district, perhaps on the Emmett location, and it will be found some day.

## [Menominee Range.]

–The **diamond drill** had reached a depth of 325 feet on Tuesday evening.

–Several of the **new tanks** are in place and the pipe connecting them will be laid shortly. The capacity of each tank is estimated to be about 2,700 gallons.

–Mr. **Buell** has purchased the **Quinnesec Hotel** property, and proposes making extensive improvements in the building and grounds. The plan at present is to put another story on the hotel.

–A lot has been tendered the **Catholic society** by Mr. **C.L. Wendel**, at **Norway**, on which to build a church. We are informed that it will probably accept of the offer, although it has offers from the proprietors of the other town sites. A Committee was appointed Sunday to select the site.

–**C. McElroy**, of Marquette, and **N. Crane**, of Peshtigo, have purchased **Wright Bros. & Co's** lot at **Norway** and will put up a **store building** thereon immediately, and will stock up a full line of groceries, dry goods, etc.

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–Saturday was a **gala day at Quinnesec**, and almost everyone appeared in their Sunday clothes, on the street. The various mining locations were well represented, and boiled shirts and white dresses abounded in endless profusion, so to speak. It was the occasion of the visit of the **St. Partick's Benevolent Society of Negaunee** to Quinnesec.

–Three fourths of the **Curry mine** have been sold to Mr. **Jos. Outhwaite**, of the firm of **Outhwaite and Dalliba**, Cleveland, Ohio, Mr. **James Dalliba** still retaining his one fourth interest. The amount paid for it is not generally known, but it is said to be \$37,000. Mr. **Jno. Outhwaite**, the father of the purchaser, was here closing up the matter Tuesday. He will return with his son next week, he informs us. The force of men will not be increased at present, but matters will continue as they are.

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THE **Range** says that representatives of the **Sharon, Pa., furnaces** were at **Quinnesec** on Tuesday to buy ore, but could get none. It mentions, also, parties who will “develop” as soon as the necessary labor can be procured. “Hard times” no more.

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## [Menominee Range.]

–Messrs. **Curry, Swift** and others have taken the option of a lease of **11, 39, 29**.

The indications for ore in that vicinity are very favorable.

–The **Menominee Mining Co.** struck some very good ore Monday on **southwest quarter of 5, 39, 29**, near where they have been exploring for some time past.

–**Andrew Oleson** has taken a contract to strip a portion of the **Cornell mine** on **20, 40, 30** (**John R. Wood's** discovery). The vein or deposit has been tested for over 300 feet in length and 80 feet in width.

–**Float copper** has been found, about eight miles from **Quinnesec**, by **James Dickie**.

–The greatest excitement prevailed here last Friday over a supposed **new find on 33, 40, 30**, and some of our moneyed men almost went wild over what was thought to be a bonanza. The option was owned by **Wendel & Mass**, three fourths being given to **Hanley Bros.** for exploring. Mr. **Buell** purchased a one-eighth interest of **C.L. Wendel** for \$2,500, Mr. W. holding the other eighth at \$5,000. Careful examination left it doubtful whether Hanleys' find was on 33 or 32, and, further, that the proper vein had not been found, although it is evident that it is in the vicinity. The properties are now being thoroughly explored, and before our next issue we think we shall have something to report.

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**PETER J. BENNETT**, who is well known to this village and vicinity as the representative of the *Mining Journal*, closed his connection with that paper on Saturday last, and goes to Bay City, where he takes an interest in a new daily, the *Evening Press*. He will be missed here, and “on the

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range” by friends, and by those (whose corns he may have trodden on) whose feelings toward him are not those of the warmest friendship. We give him “God speed” heartily, and hope his new field of labor may be both pleasant and profitable.

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THE new town of **Norway** shows signs of promise. A **new hotel** is under way, and a **new school house** is voted, you can quench any reasonable thirst at **Bush’s**, and buy a house lot for almost any price from \$25 upward.

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BROTHER **ATKINSON** has handed us a number of the original **Menominee Ranger**, dated February, 1878. At that date there was no paper published “on the range,” and the *Ranger* was a supplement to the *PORT*, published occasionally and delivered gratuitously. On the establishment of the **Menominee Range**, professional courtesy dictated its discontinuance, and it was accordingly discontinued. Brother Atkinson is not one of the sort to sit down on enterprise, nor to steal another man’s thunder. The *Ranger* was a neat looking folio, the pages 11x15 inches, and well filled with local items, neighborhood news and advertising.

MR. **JOHN BRAITHWAITE**, long and favorably known here, both as a **painter** and **photographer**, has taken down his tent and gone to **St. Martin’s Island** for a

week’s work. On his return he will go to **Neenah** for the winter, but will return in the spring, bringing his entire outfit and his partner, and locate here permanently. He will establish a **photograph gallery**, to which his attention will be given, and a **paint shop**, which will be in the charge of the partner. Mrs. Braithwaite remains here with her daughter, **Mrs. Oliver**.

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THE old **Quinnesec** does not show as large in the shipments of this season as some of its younger rivals, but **Capt. Morcom** is getting things in shape for a big output in 1880. The vein gets better and wider as they go down in it.

AN **unknown man**, having the appearance of a laborer, was found **drowned in the Little Cedar river**, at **Hermansville**, on Tuesday. It is not known how he came to his death, but is supposed that he fell off or through the railroad bridge.

**SWAN OLESON** was drunk and **John Morrison** was drunk. Swan Oleson was quiet and sleepy, John Morrison was unquiet and savage. Swan Oleson is short an ear and fragments of cheek and nose which John Morrison bit off and ate. Aall [*sic – All*] at **Quinnesec** on Sunday.

THE **boarding house and office of O’Callaghan’s mill**, near **Norway**, were burned on Wednesday morning. We did not learn how the fire originated. Some of the mill hands lost clothing and small sums of money in the house, and Mr. O’Callaghan’s loss on buildings and furniture is about \$1,000. No insurance.

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## “Range” Items.

QUINNESEC, Sept. 24.

[A volunteer correspondent sends us the following items from the Menominee range. Come again, Jeems:]

–The woods are full of **explorers**, and you run across **test pits** in almost every direction. Considerable mining property is changing hands, and some very fine strikes have been made.

–**Norway** has already twelve buildings, seven of them business houses. **Robinson**, of Marinette, is building one **hotel** and **Thomas Hay** another. A large **livery stable** is going up. A **depot** will be built there, as it is bound to be a large business point. **C.L. Wendell**, the proprietor, has built him a neat residence, and is busy improving the town by grading streets, etc. A number of other buildings are in contemplation. Twenty lots were sold last week to parties intending to build.

–**Quinnesec** is improving rapidly. **Hon. J.L. Buell** is going to build a large two-story building on a prominent corner of the main street. It will be 50x90 on the ground, divided into two rooms below, one of which will be a **store** and the other a **bank**, with a hall overhead. Mr. Buell has offered to give four lots and \$500 to the **Catholic church** to build an **educational institution**. The **Sisters of Charity** are soliciting additional subscriptions, and are very successful. The first building will be brick, to cost \$4,000 or \$5,000. The **railroad** from here west will be commenced this week. The contract of grading five miles was let to Mr. **Conro**, of the **Menominee Mining Co.** It will open up

four or five new mines, and business here will be red-hot while it is building.

## [Menominee Herald.]

–The **Emmett** has more ore in sight than any other mine on the range.

–Six families arrived here a day or two ago from **Dakota**, and have decided to locate on hard-wood lands near **Quinnesec**, and open farms. They were eaten out of house and home by the **grasshoppers** of the Dakota prairies.

–The “**Lumbermen’s Mining Company**” was organized here last week Wednesday, with a paid up cash capital of \$100,000. The following are the officers of the company: president, **H. Ludington**; vice-president, **S.M. Stephenson**; secretary, **Jos. Fleshem**; Treasurer, **Isaac Stephenson**. The following gentlemen are the board of directors: **H. Ludington**, **Daniel Wells, Jr.**, **A.A. Carpenter**, **Samuel M. Stephenson**, **Isaac Stephenson** and **Joseph Fleshem**. The operations of the company will be on their lands along the Menominee range.

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## [Menominee Range.]

–The **diamond drill** still keeps at work boring for the **Quinnesec** vein, and has now reached a depth of about 675 feet; are still boring in limestone.

–Work on the **extension of the railroad** west of this place commenced Monday. Men have been arriving for the past few days, and are strung along the line for a distance of two or three miles.

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–Active explorations are in progress on sections 17, 20, 21, 25, 30, 31, 32 and 33, 40-30, sections 17 and 21, 39-28, section 18, 40-31, and section 2, 39-30; and in every case with good prospects.

–The brute who has been sending obscene letters through the mail to a respectable lady of this place should be ham-strung. It is a State prison offense, and we understand that efforts are being made to trace up the offender, who, if he has a name, does not use it. If discovered, he will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

–The Menominee River Lumber Co. are locating their camps somewhat earlier this year than usual, on account of the long hauls. They are putting in four camps on the Sturgeon river, one at Hay creek, one at Hamilton creek, one at Quinnesec, one at Week's landing, and three at Chalk hill.

–“We are bound to have order in Norway,” says C.L. Wendel, “if we have to appoint every business man in town a constable.” Let those rowdies and roughs who have been in the habit of raising little h–ail Columbia around the town take warning.

## [Menominee Herald.]

–The vein at the Breen is widening out, and the appearance of the mine is rapidly improving.

–It is estimated that the Menominee and its tributaries have at least 12,000,000,000 feet of pine, and at the rate it is being cut thirty years will elapse before it will begin to be scarce.

–No more spring chickens, thank you! What we want now is fall turkey – insolent turkey – turkey with sauce – oyster sauce, cranberry sauce, or any other kind of impudence.

–Every once in a while we hear the question asked: “How is it that the Menominee Mining Company get all the good things in the Menominee Range?” The answer is very easy. The Menominee Mining Co. went into the Range when no other mining men had confidence in it, spent a great deal of money exploring, developed the country, were the means of having the railroad built and are reaping the reward of their labors as they ought to do. They deserve all the good things they have got and more too.

–A house of ill fame was burned at Quinnesec on Friday night last. The fire was incendiary, and the party who started it was arrested and fined \$5 for assault and battery.

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WE visited Norway, the new town, lately, i.e., on Sunday last (we may as well be explicit), and found it buzzing like a bee hive. Mr. Wendel's residence is so nearly completed that he occupies a portion of it. Mr. Kimball's drug store is completed and the stock in place. The foundations for the new hotel are laid, as are those of a large general store to be occupied by Johnson & Co. Crane & McElroy are in their building. Four saloons are open. A milliner's store is enclosed, and will be occupied soon. Harteau & Bebeau will open a stock of goods there on the 15th of October, in a store which Bennett contracts to have ready by that time, although at the time of our visit only the sills were on the ground, and the ground had yet to be broken for the cellar. They will soon have a railroad station and a postoffice, though

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Mr. Wendel, the projector and proprietor of the town, promises nothing, saying only: "When the place does business enough with the railroad to make a station necessary, it will be built; when a postoffice is needed and asked for, it will be established. The railroad company wants business, and the postoffice department revenue; that is your guarantee. Neither the railroad nor the postoffice is interested in or jealous of new towns." Norway will grow.

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WHILE on a visit at **Quinnesec**, on Saturday last, we were shown by **John McKenna** over the **McKenna mine** property, and came away with the idea that there was iron enough there to make all the rails for all the railroads in America. Everywhere is iron – nice iron, too – on the surface and under the surface, at the bottom of shafts and at the extremity of tunnels – everywhere iron. The extension of the track of the **Menominee River railroad**, work on which was commenced on Monday, will enable this mine to ship ore next year, and we shall be disappointed if it does not show an output of ore at the close of navigation a year hence as large as any mine on the range. Nothing is needed but work.

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–The woods are full of **prospectors**, and so many **test pits** are being sunk that it is absolutely dangerous to venture out after dark.

–Business is lively around the two business centers, **Quinnesec** and **Norway**, and of an evening they seem like a small section of **Chicago**.

–**Norway** is improving rapidly, and in two weeks some half dozen business firms will be in operation. **Water** is easily procured here. A well dug in the upper part of town furnishes an abundant supply at a depth of 20 feet.

–**Quinnesec** is growing lively and business prospects are decidedly good. Numerous **dwellings** are going up, and the foundations of the **opera house** are laid. A \$1,500 **school house** will soon be erected; bonds are being issued for that purpose. The cutting out of the **railroad extension** will probably be completed next week, and grading will be commenced immediately.

–Like all **mining regions**, everybody has a fortune, either in prospect or reality, and many a travel stained miner walks in with his pockets full of specimens who would hardly exchange places with **A.T. Stewart** or **Daniel Drew**. Five and ten thousand dollars are sometimes placed on the worldly possessions of a rough looking specimen in a flannel shirt and boot pacs, who has not enough money in his pockets to obtain a glass of the much desired stimulant. Friends are plentiful, however, and with a succession of stimulants prospective values increase.

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WE saw **John and Patrick McKenna** in town, on Saturday morning last, en route to Ishpeming to attend the obsequies of their kinsman, **D.F. Donahue**, who died at Chicago on the 2d ins., and whose remains went north on that day for interment at Ishpeming. It was the second of such sad errands that has taken the McKenna brothers to the north within three months.

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## [Menominee Range.]

–It is rumored that **H.M. Atkinson** and others have **struck ore** on **17, 39, 29**.

–**Dr. Phillips, G.A. Woodford** and others, who have been exploring on **17, 39, 28** for some time past, have **struck ore**.

–Stripping on the **Cornell mine**, on **20, 40, 30** is progressing rapidly. This promises to be one of *the* mines of the range.

–The **Chapin mine**, on **30, 40, 30**, will undoubtedly prove to be one of the best mines on the range. The ore is said to be from one to three per cent richer in metallic iron than the ore in the **Quinnesec mine**, and there appears to be plenty of it.

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ON the 14th instant, at an **exploring camp** two miles east of **Vulcan**, there died, of **diphtheria**, after an illness of only twenty-four hours, **John Cook**, a native of New York, about 22 or 23 years of age. He was in the employ of **Hamilton &**

**Merriman**. He had, we are informed, no medical attendance, and was hastily **buried beside the railroad track** near the camp.

**H.M. ATKINSON** was in town on Sunday. No ore in his pockets this time, but plenty on his location near **Vulcan**. Henry is a busy man, naturally, and, just to occupy his time during the winter, has taken, in company with **Isaac Johnson**, of **Forsythe**, a contract to furnish 700,000 feet of timber and lumber for the **new ore dock**.

**O'CALLAGHAN'S store**, kept chiefly for the supply of his force at the mill and in camps, has this week been removed to the mill location near **Norway**. John is furnishing piles of sawed timber and lumber for the **new ore dock**, a job which is big enough to give all our mill men a share.

**JAS. F. ATKINSON**, late of the IRON PORT, was in town on Sunday and Monday. He will open a stock of goods (in company with **Harteau & Bebeau**, of **Quinnesec**,) at **Norway**, at once, if indeed he has not done so before now.

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WE made a short visit to “the range” this week, but found little to remark that is not already known to our readers. **Quinnesec** grows, and must grow, as long as Menominee ores are in demand at present prices. The **hotel enlargement** is so far completed as to be in use, the **opera house** building begins to show above ground, **Barclay** is in his **new stable**, and a dozen **new houses** are up and occupied. Every man, boy and animal is busy, and others are constantly arriving. The woods are full of explorers, and all are hopeful and happy. **Norway** makes rapid progress.

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There are now three concerns with stocks of **general merchandise**: **Johnson Bros. & Co.**, **Crane & McElroy**, and **Harteau, Bebeau & Co.** (**Jas. F. Atkinson** in charge); **Kimball, drugs**; **Robinson, hotel**; **Anderson & Co.**, **hardware and stoves**; **Hay, restaurant**; **Krouse, boots and shoes**; **Miss Vaughn, milliner**; **Roberts, livery stable**; and four or five **saloons**. There is plenty of pluck and energy displayed in the little burg, and if it does not overtake Quinnesec, in point of population and trade, it will not be for want of trying. **Vulcan** holds its own; but we noticed one thing only of which to make an item, viz: that the present prices of ore had set the company to hauling the stock pile from the No. 1 pit, in carts, to the branch, for shipment. It is stated, we know not upon what authority, that the shipments of the **Menominee Mining Company** for the season, to date, aggregate over 200,000 tons, which would make the total shipments from the district 250,000 tons, or more.

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**J.C. LEWIS**, of **Escanaba**, has made a pretty good thing in iron, if rumor is to be relied on. It says that "Curt" has **sold his interest in an option** on **21, 40, 30**, which had cost him less than \$500, being merely the expenses of exploration, to **S. Kimberly**, for \$6,500. Mr. **Woods**, who conducted the exploration, is said to have sold his interest to the same party for \$5,000.

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THE work on the **extension of the railroad** beyond **Quinnesec** progresses rapidly, and it is expected that it will not be limited to the five miles now under contract, but be pushed across the river to the **Commonwealth location**.

**ROBERT HAGAR**, of the Marquette firm of **Hagar & Johnaston, furniture dealers**, was in town on Thursday. He will open a stock of goods at **Norway** as soon as a building can be got ready.

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## [Menominee Range.]

–The **Quinnesec Hotel** has changed hands again. Mr. **A. Clement**, formerly of the **Central House, Stevens Point**, and an experienced hotel man, has purchased the furniture, etc., of Mr. **Anderson**, and takes possession to-day [*sic – today*].

–A subscription paper has been circulated in **Norway** and the sum of \$200 raised by the **Catholic society**. Mr. **Wendell** has donated a lot, and a **new church** will be built as soon as sufficient money can be procured with which to begin work.

–A **new Swedish Methodist church** is to be built at **Norway** at once. Mr. **Wendell** furnished the society a lot for the church and parsonage, and also subscribed toward its construction quite liberally. The **Menominee Mining Co.** also gave \$200, and others have donated more or less, according to their means.

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**JAS. F. ATKINSON** has purchased the interest of **Harteau & Bebeau** in the new store at **Norway**, and will “play it alone.” We hope he holds “the possibilities” and will “make it.”

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## [Menominee Herald.]

–**Jas. McNelly** and **Joe Dunn** escaped from jail Monday night and have not been rearrested.

–The **tin wedding** of Mr. and Mrs. **Jas. A. Crozer** was a success from every point of view, social, spectacular or gastronomic. May they live many joyous years.

–The **new town, Iron Mountain**, is laid out on the northwest quarter of 31, 40, 30, five miles west of **Quinnesec**. **Stephenson & Fleshem** are the proprietors. It is in the immediate vicinity of very promising mines, and has a fair prospect of growth.

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## [Menominee Range.]

–The **Curry** is expected to ship 30,000 tons next season.

–The **Quinnesec mine** is to be lighted by the **Brush electric light**, soon.

–The **Cornell mine** looks better with each day’s work. It is undoubtedly a big thing.

–The **new town** west of this place, near the **Chapin mine**, is to be called **Iron Mountain City**.

–The ore from the **Stephenson mine** has been tested in the **Champion furnace**, and makes No. 1 iron.

–At the **Chapin mine**, **Michael Schendler** and **Martin Clump** quarreled [*sic – quarreled*], and Martin used his knife, but not with fatal effect.

–The **new hotel** at **Norway** will undoubtedly change hands this week. Negotiations are now pending looking to such a result.

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## [Menominee Range.]

–We expect to be occupying our **new quarters** in the **opera house** on or before the first of January, and will come out with an enlarged edition of the **Range**.

–Some very good **ore** was brought here from **14, 39, 28**, by **Wm. Harrington**, of **Waucedah**, who has been exploring that property for **John McKenna**, of this place.

–The **east half of 11, 39, 29**, where **John Fredrick** has been exploring for some time past, is looking exceedingly well. The vein shows a length of 75 feet and a width of 30 feet, so far as tested. He has sunk over 16 feet in the **ore**.

## [Menominee Herald.]

–We were lately shown some very handsome **magnetic ore** taken from some

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of Mr. **Edward Breitung's** lands on the **Menominee Range**.

–We have won a suit of clothes on a wager that the **Menominee Range** would **ship 250,000 tons of ore** this season, and are prepared to make a similar one that the shipments for next year will reach 450,000 tons. Are there any takers?

–**Lewis Day**, of **Beaver Island**, son of **John Day**, formerly of **Green Bay**, was **drowned**, on the 18th inst., near **St. Ignace**. He was in command of his little **tug Kitty O'Neill** at the time, and by some misstep or other fell off her deck into the water.

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THE **boiler** of the **shingle and planing mill** at **Hermansville** **exploded** on Thursday week, the 20th inst. The force of the explosion was terrific, but was fortunately expended upward, which fact, though disastrous to the roof of the building, was no doubt economical of human life. The only person materially injured was the engineer, a new man, named **Rappe**, who was struck by some flying fragment of the wreck and dangerously if not fatally hurt. He was sent to his home at **Fond du Lac**, since which we have heard nothing of his condition. The cause of the explosion, as betrayed by the fragments of the exploded boiler, was the usual one, low water.

OUR friend **Kern**, of **Spalding**, takes to matrimony in a very sensible manner. He was **married** on Thanksgiving morning in the home which he had provided and furnished throughout, so that he and his bride were at home and ready for business as soon as the ceremony was concluded.

That's better than a wedding trip, especially in drear November. The **PORT** congratulates him, and hopes he may live and enjoy his home until great-grandchildren climb upon his knees.

THE **ore shipped from Escanaba in 1878** aggregated 506,892 tons. Up to Thursday, 20th instant, there had already been shipped, during 1879 [sic - 1879], 732,116 tons, and the work is still in progress. Of this increase 139,625 tons are from the **mines of the Menominee range**, and 85,599 tons from the **Marquette county mines**.

THERE is evidently something wrong about our report of **ore shipments from Marquette**. The figures for three of the mines and the total are less than those given the week before, but it is too late to return it for correction, and we give it as we get it.

WHERE are those **narrow gauge railroad** people? The **canal company** are about to explore the **Felch Mountain range**, for **iron**, and **Cleveland** parties agree to mine it when found. The railroad will be wanted soon.

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## [Menominee Herald.]

–The **Norway mine** will have shipped nearly 75,000 tons of ore at the close of 1879.

–The **Lumbermen's Mining Company** has made a new and promising **discovery** on **25, 40, 31**.

–The various **mill companies of Menominee** will cut about 200,000,000 feet of logs during the winter.

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–A **deposit of hard ore** has been found on the **Norway property**. At the present showing it is as good as the best of the L.S. hard ores.

–The **Menominee Mining Company** has recently sunk another shaft on the **Chapin**, 200 feet farther west and 100 to 150 feet north of the mine, between **sections 30 and 31**, which is now down on good ore.

–Stand back, boys, and give the **IRON PORT** room. It will tell you when the **railroad to the Commonwealth** is going to be built. Now then, Colonel.

We said it, and we will. It is going to be built at once. Will that do?

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THE **winter schedule of the C. & N.W.** goes into effect to-morrow [*sic – tomorrow*], Sunday. Except that the **ore trains** are withdrawn, the changes affecting **Escanaba** are slight. The **up passenger** is due at 11:29 a.m., the **down passenger** at 3:30 p.m., the **Quinnesec accommodation** leaves at 7:40 a.m. and arrives at 7:45 p.m. A passenger train is put upon the **M.R.R.R.**, which leaves **Quinnesec** at 9:12 a.m. to connect with the up passenger at the junction, and returns, arriving at Quinnesec at 11:54 a.m.; leaves again at 3:12 p.m., connects with the down passenger and arrives at Quinnesec at 6:02 p.m. The range is well served on the new table.

THE **C. & N.W. Railway Company** has determined upon pushing westward its **Menominee river branch**, so as to open the **iron district in Wisconsin**, of which the **Commonwealth location** is the best known, if not the central, point. The

contractor now engaged in preparing the road bed for the five mile extension beyond **Quinnesec**, Mr. **Conro**, has undertaken an additional eleven miles, whiic [*sic - which*] will take the road to the Commonwealth. With that district opened up, and the **Felch mountain** lands developed, the product of the **Menominee range** will not fall far short, if it does not finally exceed, that of the **Marquette range**.

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**JAS. F. ATKINSON** and **E. Gaynor** were in, from **Norway**, and spent Sunday with their families. Mr. Gaynor **intends to remove to his new home at Norway before the new year**, but we do not hear that Atkinson intends to give up his residence here, for the present at least. Both speak with confidence of the prospects of Norway.

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MR. **JOHN L. BUELL**, in a letter published in last week's **Menominee Range**, criticizes [*sic – criticizes*], very severely, the management of the **C. & N.W. Railway Company**, and adduces [*sic*] in support of his animadversions [*sic*] several instances of the discrimination, common everywhere, in favor of large shipments and long distances. With all this, however, we have nothing to do. The railway company can, and must, so far as we are concerned, fight its own battles, but when Mr. Buell slurs the whole **country press**, as he does

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in the following paragraph, we have a word to say:

By “press” it is not meant to include the thousands of country newspapers established at cross roads and fence corners all over the land – the conductors of which, with their uncles, their aunts and their cousins, are the most trying and impertinent dead-beats with which a company has to contend. But the fact that a railroad company, even where there is no opposition, finds it necessary to bribe the editors of little papers, is a presumption of deviltry on the part of the corporation, the exposure of which is dreaded – and the pass is given and accepted as so much hush money.

This, if it is anything beyond mere verbiage, is a charge that those conductors of newspapers who hold a railway company’s pass are thereby bribed; that the pass is hush money. Now we hold the yearly “editor’s pass” of the C. & N.W. Railway Company, and by so doing come within the scope of Mr. Buell’s sweeping charge. We are not willing to rest under that charge. We do not receive the pass as a gratuity, or upon any consideration affecting the course of the PORT, but in lieu of a cash payment for advertising, as a fair *quid pro quo*, and we are charitable enough to suppose that our contemporaries at such “crossroads” as Negaunee, or Menominee, receive theirs upon the same or similar terms. Pass or no pass, the PORT will always speak for the interests of the locality from which it receives its support, and criticise [*sic – criticize*] the management of any enterprise or business by which the public is affected or in which the public is interested from the standpoint of independent journalism. We do not believe that vituperation is argument or assertion proof; that railway (any more than lumber or

mining) companies are composed of thieves and robbers, or that the public good is promoted by fostering a spirit of hate and mistrust; and the PORT will not adopt any course tending in that direction. Railways are, or should be, managed in the interest of the stockholders, the prime object of the management being to earn dividends, and if this object be intelligently pursued the public will be well served. If the indulgence is wanting, and Mr. Buell can supply it, he ought to do so; but to call names is not to instruct, and to assume to be more righteous than one’s neighbors is not the most effective method of convincing them of their errors or of inducing them to adopt one’s views.

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## [Menominee Range.]

–**Constant Cherbonneau**, aged 71 years, died on Monday, after an illness of only 3 hours.

–The **Range** will be in its new quarters in the **opera house**, and be enlarged, within a couple of weeks, D.V.

–A splendid quality of **blue ore** was brought in last Saturday from **27, 40, 30**. The option is held by **Buell, McKenna**, and others.

–A rumor has been going the rounds to the effect that Mr. **S. Kimberly** had purchased the **McKenna mine**. Such is not the case, however, although negotiations are pending tending toward that result, and he has the refusal of that mine as well as the **new discovery** on the same half section (32) for 20 days.

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–One **Corbiss**, who has an interest in a **saloon** and **fancy house** at **Ingallsdorf**, was arrested, with several others, for robbing **Miss Vaughn’s millinery store** at **Norway** on Thursday evening last. A **trial** was held yesterday but as no proof could be produced the prisoners were acquitted. Miss Vaughn’s loss was about \$150.

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MINE HOST **GAYNOR** take with him to **Norway** not only the outfit but the name of his house. The **Norway hotel** is to be called the **Ludington house**.

**E. GAYNOR** and **John O’Callaghan**, of **Norway**, were in town over Sunday. Mr. Gaynor will move into his **new house** before the new year, if nothing unforeseen occurs.

THE **railway company** has been compelled to put in another **long siding at the junction**, to accommodate the increasing traffic of the **Menominee River railroad**. It was completed on the 11th.

**JAS. F. ATKINSON** has associated with himself Mr. **Lewis Day**, of **Green Bay**, and the new firm has bought out **Harteau & Bebeau**, taking both concerns, the one at **Quinnesec** as well as that at **Norway**.

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THE **new opera house** at **Quinnesec** will be opened by a **ball** on the 30th. Mr. **Buell** is doing this himself, which is guarantee sufficient that it will be thoroughly done. Invitations will be issued, and the

attendance confined strictly to invited persons. Guests from abroad will be guests in all that the word implies. The occasion is sure to be a grand one.

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## [Menominee Herald.]

–Bapt. [sic - Capt.] **Arthur Stevens** has been placed in charge of the **Emmett mine**.

–**Brown, Curry & Fredricks** have sold their find on 11, 39, 29 to the **Menominee mining compaey** [sic - company]. Merms [sic - Terms] private.

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ON Friday evening of last week, as the last **train** of the day approached **Quinnesec**, the engineer saw a man upon the bridge, and slowed down to allow him time to get off. The man, however, adopted another course, and, instead of endeavoring to reach solid ground, lay down outside the track for the train to pass him, which it necessarily did, but not without hitting him. The train was moving slowly, and the blow received by the man was not sufficient to throw him from the bridge, but was sufficient to **break in his skull and produce his death**, which ensued at about 9 p.m. His name was **Frank Lepere**, and he was a teamster and laborer.

THE imperative call of duty (not to mention the chronic impecuniosity of a country printer) forbade our attendance upon the **opening festivity at the opera**

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house at **Quinnesec** on Tuesday evening. We learn, however, that notwithstanding our enforced absence, the affair was a success from every point of view. Over one hundred couples are said to have been present, and nothing to have been wanting that could contribute to the enjoyment of the occasion. We congratulate our Quinnesec friends on their luck, their pluck and their prospects. May the sun of their fortune never suffer an eclipse.

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## [Menominee Range.]

–**Explorations** are going on on **9, 39, 29**.

–The **New Year's dance** was “a grand success.”

–The **Menominee mining company** have offered **Wendell & Maas** \$10,000 for their find on **26, 40, 30**.

–The **Menominee mining company** has purchased the interest of **John Frederick**, on **11, 39, 29** for \$5,000.

## [Menominee Herald.]

–The following are the officers of the **Breen mining company** for the current year: president, **Bartley Breen**; vice-president, **S.P. Saxton**; secretary, **Oscar M. Saxton**; treasurer, **Thos. Breen**; general agent, **T. Cole**.

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A CAR load of **laborers** passed out the **M.R. railroad**, on Thursday, to work on the **extension beyond Quinnesec**.

A **WAREHOUSE** belonging to the **Menominee mining company**, at the **Norway mine**, was destroyed by fire on Monday last. Loss about \$1,500. Origin of fire unknown.

THE new **paper**, at **Norway**, is already christened. It is to be called “**The People's Journal**,” and is to advocate free trade, which is a queer position for a workingmen's paper to assume.

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## 1879

Was a good year for **Escanaba**. The place has passed through many vicissitudes of fortune. Springing into existence with the road hence to **Ishpeming**, it grew rapidly and prospered until the completion of that and of the link of road between here and **Fort Howard**, when its growth was arrested and a reaction set in. Then came the attempt to introduce the **iron industry** -- the building of the **Escanaba furnace** -- the panic of '73, and the depression of the iron industry following it; and for three years Escanaba was, to say the least, at a standstill. Little by little, commencing with '76, matters have mended until now, the last year having been one of prosperity throughout, and to-day our place is more populous, more prosperous and busier than at any time since its foundation.

During 1879 the great industry of the place, the transfer from land to lake of the product of the iron mines, has reached proportions which place Escanaba at the

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head of the list of iron ports, as will be seen by the report which we append:

### SHIPMENTS OF ORE BY LAKE.

<i>Name of Mine.</i>	<i>Tons.</i>
Angeline.....	19,700
Angeline, hematite.....	4,773
Barnum.....	24,015
Bessemer.....	20,402
Berringer.....	753
Breen.....	1,463
Cambria.....	6,029
Cheshire.....	17,985
Chicago.....	949
Cleveland.....	26,520
Cleveland, hematite.....	14,598
Curry.....	12,803
Cyclops.....	42,313
Edwards.....	303
Emmett.....	22,124
Excelsior.....	4,359
Foster.....	4,804
Goodrich.....	3,992
Green Bay.....	3,198
Howe.....	492
Jackson.....	68,728
South Jackson.....	21,322
McComber.....	12,217
Michigamme.....	18,553
Mitchell.....	9,883
National.....	30,963
New York.....	57,000
New York, hematite.....	2,609
Norway.....	69,558
Orion.....	469
Palmer.....	24,141
Pendill.....	1,120
Quinnesec.....	39,110
Rolling Mill.....	393
Saginaw.....	39,486
Saganaw [ <i>sic – Saginaw</i> ], section 4..	13,465
Salisbury.....	39,293
Section 12.....	5,027

Superior.....	48,295
Superior, hematite.....	4,115
Vulcan.....	49,077
Wheat.....	851
Winthrop.....	<u>7,272</u>

Total.....794,528

The total exceeds that of 1878 by 287,636 tons, and the shipments of the current year from the **Lake Superior ports** by 266,323 tons, and the prospects are that the increase in total and the disparity between Escanaba and the northern ports will be greater during the current year. This increase is largely the result of the development of the mines of the **Menominee range**, but not altogether so. The increase from that source is 164,109 tons, the remainder, 123,527 tons, coming from the mines of **Marquette county**. From the same locality comes the pig iron handled here:

### SHIPMENTS OF PIG BY LAKE.

<i>Name of Furnace.</i>	<i>Tons.</i>
Iron Cliffs.....	719
Pioneer.....	<u>10,620</u>

Total.....,11,339

We give also the following table of ore shipped over the peninsula division of the **C. & N.W. railway** to points south of Escanaba, not as the business of the place (except as transacted by the force stationed here), but as part of the volume of ore traffic:

<i>Name of Mine.</i>	<i>Tons.</i>
Barringer.....	803
Bessemer.....	1,850
Breitung.....	168
Cambria.....	695
Cleveland.....	2,546
Cleveland, hematite.....	4,665
Cyclops.....	3,845
Emmett.....	350

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McComber.....	1,082
Mitchell.....	1,248
Morgan.....	91
National.....	2,238
New York.....	528
Norway.....	4,061
Orion.....	31
Pendill.....	13
Quinnesec.....	2,844
Stephenson.....	17
Superior.....	1,623
Superior, hematite.....	159
Vulcan.....	7,898
Winthrop.....	<u>338</u>
Total.....	37,254

The total amount of ore, pig iron and quartz shipped by lake and rail will be found in the following

## RECAPITULATION.

	Tons.
Iron ore by lake.....	794,528
Iron ore by rail.....	37,254
Pig iron by lake.....	11,339
Quartz by lake.....	2,643
Escanaba furnace ore by lake.....	<u>1,475</u>
Grand total for season.....	847,239

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## Mining Items.

–A good deal of ore is going south by rail, some of it as far as Chicago.

–The **Norway mine** is said to be turning out ore at the rate of 1,000 tons per day.

–Work on the **Breen mine** is temporarily suspended, in consequence of the failure of the pumps.

–**Breen Bros.** have two very promising openings on land belonging to the **Breen mining company**.

–There is talk of a **furnace at the Florence (Eagle) mine**, also of a **town**, both to be called by the same name as the mine.

–The **Emmett** folks are putting in new machinery and doing dead work, preparatory to taking out ore rapidly when navigation opens.

–Rumor says the long talked of sale of the **McKenna mine**, to the **Kimberlys**, has been consummated, and that the mine will ship largely during the coming season.

–**Hamilton & Merryman** are pushing their explorations. They found ore at the depth of thirty feet, and are now endeavoring to ascertain the extent of the bed, laterally.

–From the **Marquette county mines** we hear that everything is being done that can be to augment the output of the next season. The **Republic** is counted on for 200,000 tons or more, and other mines in proportion.

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THE new **Ludington house**, at **Norway**, is open. **Gaynor** is on deck.

THE latest report from **Norway** is to the effect that the **newspaper** is to be conducted by **P.J. Bennett**, instead of **J.F. Atkinson**.

**THOS. HAY'S** hostelry, at **Norway**, is called the **Glenn house**.

FIFTY choppers wanted by the contractors on the **M. & M. railroad**.

**GAYNOR** has dropped the old name and calls his house the **Wendel**.

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**PHELPS'** restaurant, **Norway**, was entered by **thieves**, on Sunday night last, and several boxes of cigars were stolen.

THE purchasers have changed the name of the **McKenna mine**. It will be known hereafter as the **Keel Ridge mine**.

**INGALLSDORF postoffice** has been discontinued, the property turned over to **Crane**, the **Norway postmaster**, and removed to **Norway**.

**CAPT. JAS. TOBIN** has resigned his position with the **Lumbermen's mining company**, and will hereafter have charge of the **Commonwealth**.

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THE explorations in what is known as the **Felch mountain range** result so favorably that **railroad** talk is again becoming general. The prospects now are that the region will be opened by two lines of rail, one a branch of the **C. & N.W. company's** road, extending northward through the **Sturgeon river valley**, and another, probably a **narrow gauge road**, westward from the **mouth of the Escanaba**. The latter road will have in view not only the transportation of ore, but the development of a good **farming country** and a **lumber** interest as well. Everything now promises a busy year or years in our vicinity, increase in population, and development of wealth.

**MARVIN HUGHITT**, general manager of the **C. & N.W. railway**, with some members of his staff, notably Mr. **Johnson**, chief engineer, and Mr. **Hamel**, general purchasing agent, arrived from below on Monday. They spent the day and part of Tuesday on the range, looking after the

**extension** and other matters, and Wednesday in the village, looking after the work going on here, with which they seem to be fully satisfied, both as to the progress made and to the character of the work.

A PARTY under the direction of Mr. **Van Cleve**, of **Marinette**, is laying out a **town** at the **Commonwealth location**. It was expected that but one would be established, and that between the **Commonwealth and Florence locations**, but it seems that there are to be two, as there will undoubtedly be if no compromise is made between the two interests. A town site at the Commonwealth involves another at the Florence.

A VERY pleasant affair took place the other evening at **O'Callaghan's location**. A party of **John's** friends treated him to a little surprise, which everyone enjoyed at the time and no one regrets now. John's friends were not all there, though; if they had been, this town must have been left in the care of a ship-keeper.

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BUSY times on the **railways**. Besides the regular work and the work of gathering material for the structures going up here, a train is kept constantly employed by the **Champion furnace**, hauling wood for its coal kilns, from **Ingalls**, where **Geo. English** gets it out, to **Menominee**. Mr. **Ruprecht** employs another in hauling logs from section 14 to Menominee, and one is to be put on next week to haul logs from near **Waucedah** to **Meyers' [sic – Meyer's] mill**, at **Hermansville**.

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**THE RANGE** did not reach us last week at all, and we hear of nothing very exciting from Menominee county.

A **miner** was **killed at the Saginaw**, on Thursday, by a fall of rock from the hanging wall, and a **boy had his skull fractured** at the same mine by a bit of flying rock from a blast. We did not learn either of the names.

**THE newspaper company**, at **Norway**, has completed its organization, elected **E. Gaynor** president, commenced to build an office, and to look around for a printer. We hear that an attempt was made to induce **McCarthy** to remove the **Agitator** to Norway, though without success.

A **ROW** occurred at "**the crib**," a mile or so from **Norway**, in which some **pistol practice** was indulged in, one man getting a shot through the hand and another one in the leg. No cards.

**BRO. ATKINSON** has gone out of trade, having sold his **Norway** option and stock to **Harteau & Bebeau**. Now hurry up that **workingman's paper**.

A **SMALL** quantity of **powder exploded** in **Harris' boarding house** at **Waucedah**, on Thursday of last week. Several persons were burned but none killed.

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**SOME** incendiary tried, unsuccessfully, to **burn out Crane & McElroy**, at **Norway**, one day last week. Catch'em and kill'em on sight.

**THE** site for the **Norway depot** having been determined on, Mr. **Wendel** will proceed to lay out and grade a street by which to reach it.

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## [Menominee Range.]

–It is kind of queer why you do not receive the **Range** on time, Van. It is mailed regularly.

The last two numbers have not been received at all. We clip the above from a borrowed one.

–A **stage line** will be established soon between **Quinesec** and **Florence**; will leave Florence every morning and return in the afternoon on arrival of the mail from the south.

–A poster stuck up conspicuously in several places in town, offering **miners \$1.75 per day**, created no little excitement Monday.

–A recent **analysis of ore** from 32, 42, 29, gave 68 per cent. metal, .022 per cent. phosphorus and 3.2 per cent. silica. The location is in the **Felch mountain range**.

–The **Menominee mining company** is shipping 250 tons of ore from the **Vulcan mine** to parties in Pittsburg, by rail.

–**Breen Bros.** are taking a fine quality of hard ore from their shaft just west of the **Emmett**.

–The search for the **Quinesec vein** (with the **diamond drill**) is unsuccessful as yet.

–Finds are reported by **9, 39, 29**, by **Buell** and others, and on **29, 40, 30**, by **Davis**.

–**Hanley** and others have an option on **Wendel & Maas' find** on **6, 39, 29**, and will develop it; price \$10,000. Also, on **33, 40, 30**, upon which they have put a working force.

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–The **Menominee company** is preparing to work again the unused pit No. 2 of the **Vulcan**.

–The **Emmett and Curry mines** are both in good order for rapid mining.

–The **Menominee company** has ordered 150,000 feet of lumber and 100,000 shingles to be forwarded to the **new town of Florence**.

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You can direct your letters to “**Norway**, Men. co., Mich.,” after this; the **post office** is a’runnin’.

OUR **Norway** friends must have a **newspaper**. The very latest information is that **Jones** has been inducted to remove thither from **Ishpeming** with the **Chronicle** outfit.

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It will be a month or so before investments in **Commonwealth city lots** will be in order. Meanwhile the work of laying out streets, etc., is going on. Streets are, we understand, to be 50 feet wide and lots 30x160.

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THE **Menominee mining company** will build and stock a **store**, at the **Norway mine**, next spring.

**ELECTRIC exploders** are to be used in the mines at **Norway**, instead of fuses. Safer and more expeditious [*sic* – *expeditious*].

WE understand that **P.J. Bennett** is to be attached to the staff of the **Norway paper**, whereat we rejoice.

**JOHN McKENNA** and **John L. Buell** returned from a trip to Chicago, on Sunday. It is said that Mr. Buell, while in Chicago, purchased a **Prouty press** for the **Range**.

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THE **Iron Chronicle** office is to be removed from **Ishpeming** to **Norway**. The editor announces the fact in the **Chronicle** of the 31st, and adds: “In making the change we feel that we are doing the people of **Ishpeming** a favor rather than an injustice, for the reason that they are already overburdened with newspapers, and the support necessary to maintain them falls heavily on the few who are obliged to contribute. There are too many papers in the county and especially so in **Ishpeming**, and it is evident that in order to make the business profitable some one [*sic* – *someone*] must go; and, as we are working for money and not fame, we feel perfectly willing to make the change.” Which is, to say the least, frank and outspoken. We wish the new enterprise every success, but we can’t help wondering how **Mr. Jones** expects to do better at **Norway** than at **Ishpeming**. He will find the competition quite as sharp in one place as in the other, and those “obliged to contribute” fewer, for the present, at least.

ON Saturday evening, 31st ult., a **row**, ending in **pistol practice**, took place in

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**Rocheon's** [*sic* – **Rochon's**] saloon, at **Waucedah**. As the story reaches us it is to the effect that two men named **O'Donnell**, for some reason, assaulted Rochoen [*sic* – **Rochon**], and had him down, when another man, one **Kennedy**, entered and interfered in the interest of peace and public safety, pulled the O'Donnells away, and was rewarded by a pistol shot. Rocheon [*sic* – **Rochon**] had withstood the assault of the O'Donnells without recourse to weapons, but, mistaking Kennedy for a reinforcement to the enemy, and thinking three upon one too great an odds, pulled his pop and blazed away. The muzzle of the pistol touched Kennedy's head, and fortunately the axis of the bore was at an acute angle with the wall of his cerebellum, and the result of the shot was a scalp wound only. The next time K. sees a fight he'll take notes for the PORT, perhaps, but he won't be counted in. He don't [*sic*] fancy the reward of merit he got last time.

**JOHN DOLAN**, one of "the old stand-bys" of the **peninsula division of the C. & N.W. railway**, long in charge of a construction and working train, and so efficient in the position that it was supposed he was anchored there, has received promotion, and will hereafter be in charge, as **road-master**, of the **Menominee river road, from Powers to its west end**. The advancement has been fairly earned by years of faithful and intelligent service, and we congratulate our neighbor Dolan on the increase of remuneration it brings, and the company on having put the right man in the right place.

THE **Waucedah correspondent** of the **Agitator**, "W.A.H.," speaking of the sale of the **McKenna mine** (now called **Keel Ridge**), carries the idea that the whole of the **McKenna, O'Callaghan & McCartney** interest was comprised in the purchase,

which we do not understand to be the case. As we have been informed, the sale included only the first mine opened on the property, the **McKenna mine**.

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IT is rumored that a **new mining company** has been formed, which has acquired control of the mining properties on **sec. 6, 39, 29, sec. 33, 30, 40**, the property developed by **Messrs. Kitchen, Anderson and Surprise** on **Pine creek**, the **northeast quarter of sec. 27, 40, 30**, and the **Wendel & Maas** option on **sec. 26, 40, 30**.

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**JOHN McCARTHY** and his partner will have to spread themselves to fill the void caused by the removal of the **Iron Chronicle**. They are expansive, though, and will do it or break something.

THE plan for lighting the **Norway mine** by **electricity** hangs fire, for want of steam power to drive the generators. Another boiler will be put in at once, which will remedy the difficulty.

WE are indebted to **W.E. Clarke**, of the **Tilden house**, for an advance copy of the **Menominee Range**. **Penberthy** must have been at **Menominee** again – the Range is thin, rather.

**JAS. F. ATKINSON** was, on Monday last, elected **justice of the peace** for the **township of Breitung**, to fill the vacancy

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caused by the resignation of **Justice Wynne**.

**GAYNOR**, of the **Wendel house, Norway**, will add a wing to his house 30x60 and two stories high, as soon as the weather permits.

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WE gather from the **Menominee Range** that the mine heretofore known as "**Saginaw, sec. 4**," will hereafter be called the **Perkins mine** – that the new boiler for the **Norway** has been received, and the mine lighted by electricity – that the work of putting the **Chapin mine** in order for producing is going on rapidly and the season's output is expected to reach 50,000 tons – that a Bullock drill has been put at work on the **Cyclops** property – that the name of the mine on **20, 40, 30** has been changed from **Cornell** to **Lake Antoine** and that the owners expect to ship 50,000 tons during the coming season, and that the **Ludington mine**, under the management of **Capt. Bray**, is now yielding 50 tons a day, with good prospects for a large increase. Altogether the Menominee range is booming.

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IT has been a question what the **railway company** would do about **station facilities** beyond the **Menominee river**. We are assured that stations will be established at both **Commonwealth** and **Florence**.

**DAVID OLIVER**, who has been for two months in the woods on the **Felch mountain range**, was at home for a couple of days this week. He goes back soon.

**JOHN L. BUELL** got that **gold-headed cane**. He has about as much use for a cane as **Gaynor** has for a prayer book, but the votes he no doubt appreciates.

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## Range Items.

–**Dillon & Howard** are building a **hotel** at **Commonwealth**.

–One case of **scarlet fever** at **Quinnesec** – a daughter of **Jos. Schaller**.

–**The Range** has received its **new presses**, and will enlarge next week.

–**McCormick and McGee** will open a **flour and feed establishment**, at **Norway**.

–**Side tracks** are under way, to reach the **Chapin** and **Lake Antoine (Cornell) mines**.

–**Abbott**, who disappeared from **Vulcan**, has not been heard from. It was a clean skip.

–The **Commonwealth mine** will be ready to ship ore by the time the **railroad** is completed.

–**Capt. Bryon White** has assumed charge of the **Vermillion mine** and commenced active operations.

–The **Chapin mine** has received an engine and hoisting machinery, and will soon be ready to ship.

–**Jas. Loftus**, for a year past employed on the **Range**, has gone back to the **Mining Journal** office.

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–One hundred and eighty-three strangers registered at the **Quinnesec hotel** during the week ending Feb. 28.

–The **station at Norway** is to be at the east end of the embankment and to accommodate **Frederickton** and **Ingallsdorf** as well as Norway.

–**B. Breen** has purchased and will proceed to develop **Capt. Tobin's find** on sec. 13, east of **Vulcan**. The price is said to have been \$4,000.

–The **O'Connell brothers**, of **Waucedah**, propose to remove to **Commonwealth**, and **Wallace Manning** has purchased the Waucedah property.

–The **Menominee mining company** will employ 1,500 or more men during the season of navigation, and expects to ship over 400,000 tons of ore.

–The marsh between the **village of Norway** and the railway embankment will be filled up and built upon. The marsh is shallow and the bottom hard.

–**The Chronicle** says that no "speculations of the wild cat order" exist on the range. Maybe so, but **Wendel & Hanley** made a mighty good sale of their **section 6 property** – that's certain.

–**Geo. W. O'Brien**, of **Quinnesec**, was called to **Appleton**, one day last week, by the death of his infant son. The child was **scalded to death** by the overturning of a vessel containing hot water.

–The **Menominee mining company** is to build a large **boarding house** near the **Norway location**, and dig a big well to furnish a supply of water for ordinary use and to extinguish fires should any occur.

–**Capt. Williams**, late of **Norway**, is now in charge of the **Ludington mine**, and **Capt. Tobin** of the **Commonwealth**. **Wm. Morrison**, late pit boss at No. 3 pit of the **Vulcan**, has been appointed captain of the **Florence**.

–The **Norway Iron Chronicle** forgot to put the PORT on their exchange list, but we borrowed a copy. **Editor Jones** gives the Norwegians a good five column quarto paper, and, while he admits that the field is hardly adequate, at present, to the support of such a paper, speaks hopefully of the future and promises to "do his level best" to make the Chronicle a satisfactory exponent of local interests and a permanent institution. We hope he may. "**Bowlders**" occupies the 8th page, and it reads just as the 8th page of the M.J. [*Mining Journal, Marquette*] used to. **Peter J. [Bennett]** is at home on the range and don't[sic] need any introduction.

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## Range Items.

**GAYNOR** has a new span of carriage horses.

A **FURNACE** is to be built at **Commonwealth**.

**PARTIES** from Kankakee, Ills., are preparing to **prospect for iron**, near **Waucedah**.

A **TEAMSTER** working for **Roberts**, of **Norway**, fell dead on Tuesday evening.

THE work at the **Norway mine** is vigorously pushed. The stock pile already contains 50,000 tons.

WE learn from **the Range** that some Swedes who have been **exploring on 28, 39, 19**, have found good ore.

BOTH the **Wisconsin Central** and **Milwaukee & Western** railroads talk of **extensions** to reach the range.

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THE **Commonwealth company** has put up a **saw mill** near the location; and will be ready to saw in a week.

THE **Chapin mine** is prepared to mine and ship 50,000 tons of ore this season, if transportation is furnished.

THE **Range** failed of the promised enlargement this week, owing to the non-arrival of some necessary materials. It will expand next week.

An engine and pump went out on the branch, for a **new mine**, to be called, we understand, the **Harvey**, situated a mile or so west of the **Florence**.

**CAPT. TOBIN** was at Menominee on Monday, to have the **plat of Commonwealth recorded**. He told us that forty lots have already been sold.

THE **Commonwealth company** expect to ship, provided the railway is completed in time, sixty thousand tons of ore during the coming season.

**NORWAY**, not to lack anything that **Quinnesec** has, is to have an **opera house** 50 by 80 feet. The lower floor is to be divided into two business rooms.

THE **Iron Chronicle** devoted two columns, last Saturday, to a report of a prize fight that occurred ten years ago last September, and was a draw battle, at that.

A **MINER'S [sic – MINERS'] hospital** is to be established somewhere on the range, probably at **Quinnesec**. **Drs. McLeod and North** will be in charge thereof, which is guaranty [sic – guarantee] sufficient for efficiency and good management.

COMMUNICATION by **mail** with the **towns of the Menominee range** is very slow and uncertain. A passenger may leave **Quinnesec** in the morning and spend five hours in **Escanaba**, and be at home again to supper, but it takes two days to get a letter from that place to this, at the best, and longer yet if anything is out of order.

The range deserves better treatment at the hands of the **postoffice [sic – post office] department**.

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THE **ESCANABA IRON PORT** calls us the “defunct **Iron Chronicle**.” We may be dead, but we are willing to let a stranger take a copy of the **PORT** and one of the **Chronicle** and decide which is the most likely corpse. –**Norway Iron Chronicle**.

Referring to the **Ishpeming Iron Chronicle** only. The **Norway Iron Chronicle** (Vol. 1, Nos. 1 and 2) is received and is as lively as may be – no “odor of the grave” about it, whatever.

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IT is proposed to put up a **furnace at Norway**. Ore is at hand, and fuel and flux not far away, and the cash is ready for investment. **Jo. Harris**, formerly in charge of the **Jackson iron company's furnace at Fayette**, is likely to be engaged in the new enterprise. From one well qualified to judge, we learn that the proposed location is extremely favorable and that a stack capable of a product of 35 tons a day can be put in operation at a cost not exceeding \$50,000. We hope to be able to announce the blowing in of the new furnace by the time the boys being to buy shooting crackers for “the fourth.”

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**MRS. KATON** removed, on Friday, to **Norway**, where she takes the **Menominee mining company's boarding house** at the **Norway mine**, a position and business for which she is eminently qualified.

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## Range Items.

**CAPT. JOHN OLIVER** succeeds **Capt. Williams** at the **Norway**.

**MEYER'S** mill, at **Hermansville**, has shut down to receive a new engine.

**JOHN O'CALLAGHAN** and **Thos. McKenna** are to build the **Norway opera house**.

**S.P. JONES, M.D.**, of **Marinette**, has been appointed surgeon to the **Commonwealth and Florence mines**.

PROPERTY in **Commonwealth** and **Florence** sells like hot cakes. Several of our citizens have invested during the week.

**THE Norway Chronicle** concern has come to grief already and there will be no paper issued to day [*sic – today*], Saturday. The story we hear is that **Jones** or **Bennett** "must go."

WE understand that the **Kankakee parties** heretofore mentioned will commence mining on **16, 39, 28**, about a mile northwest of the **Emmett**, as soon as the weather will permit.

**PETER PETERSON**, a Swedish miner, was **killed by a fall of rock** from the roof of the **Vulcan mine**, on Thursday evening of last week. He leaves a wife and two children.

**THE** mythical **passenger who lost a leg** at **Spalding** (vide **Norway Chronicle**) has not made any claim for damages yet. It may come, as the account of the affair did, through the **Chronicle**.

**THE steel rails** for the **M.R. extension** have begun to arrive, and will go into position as soon as the weather permits.

There will be no avoidable delay in getting the extension ready to handle ore.

OUR **Norway** neighbor is a trifle touchy. The announcement that the **railway company** would put the **station** at a point where it would serve **Ingallsdorf** and **Frederickton** as well as **Norway**, provokes it to say that such mention is "an insult to every resident of the village, and those editors who are constantly linking the three towns should receive the cold shoulder from every business man [*sic*] here." Six months ago **Norway** existed only on paper, and no man can say where the population will be five years hence. It is hardly good form to be so cranky.

**THE Norway Iron Chronicle** takes exception to a five-line paragraph of ours concerning the **sale of Wendel & Hanley's option on section 6**, and proceeds to "go for" us, accusing us of being "actuated by mere envy" – of "attempting to shake the confidence of the public" and "create a prejudice against" the range, all of which is supremely ridiculous. The growth and prosperity of our town depend largely upon the development of the resources of the **Menominee iron range** – our living depends, only less directly than that of the **Chronicle** people themselves, upon the increase in population, business and wealth of that district, and so far from wishing to hinder or prevent such development, not even the **Chronicle** has a more lively interest in the welfare of the range than the **PORT**. The **Chronicle** will, however, fail to convince its readers, by pitching into us and talking about "wood-butchers" and "hashery [*sic*] conductors," that there is no speculation going on in iron (and other) lands, options, &c. That such should be the case would be contrary to all experience; that such is the case on the range at this time, is not true. We are glad to know, from

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the Chronicle, that the purchasers of the option referred to have found good ore, and sincerely hope they may develop a property equal to any in the vicinity, notwithstanding which we are held to our original idea, that, in view of what had and had not been done thereon, of what was known and what only inferred, the property was well sold, and we believe **Mr. Wendel** will agree with us.

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–**C.L. JUDD**, having purchased the **Photograph Gallery** heretofore conducted by **C.A. Rose**, offers his services to the people of **Delta county**, in every department of Photography, from Cartes de Visite to Views al fresco.

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**C.A. ROSE** sold his **photograph gallery** and departed southward on Monday last, with the intention of seeking a more equable [*sic*] and less rigorous climate in **Texas**. His successor is **Mr. Judd**, whose acquaintance can be made in the gallery or in our advertising columns and to whom the PORT extends a welcome.

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**JAMES KINNEY**, an **employe** [*sic* – **employee**] of the **railway company** at the **round-house**, was **killed** and **John**

**Sutherland**, a **locomotive fireman**, very severely injured, on Monday last, by an accident almost inexplicable. They, with others, were engaged in pushing an engine out of the house stern foremost, Sutherland standing beside the cylinder, pulling, and Kinney at the end of the same cylinder, pushing. As the engine passed through the door both men, no doubt thinking the space between the door post and the engine too narrow to pass safely through, attempted to step backward, into the house, to let the engine pass them, and both were caught between the end of the head block (the only part of the engine that could catch them) and so badly crushed that Kinney died within an hour. The door post is only a foot wide and the end of the head block about the same; the place in which Kinney stood while pushing at the engine was a sort of recess between the end of the cylinder and the side of the head block, and he could not have been injured had he remained there; Sutherland's position was safe also, but both men seem to have lost their heads entirely, and to have crowded, together, into the only place of danger just at the moment of danger. Kinney was about 45 years of age, was a member of the Catholic church and of St. Joseph's T.A. society, and leaves a widow and one daughter. He was buried on Wednesday. Sutherland was severely pinched and bruised and has since been confined to his bed, but is doing well, no symptoms of internal injury appearing.

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EVERY lot on the principal street of the new town of **Florence** has been sold.

**PENBERTHY'S** new press does not run smooth yet. Thursday p.m., and no **Range**.

THE saw mill at the **Commonwealth**, owned by **Captain Tobin**, is ready to saw.

MR. **BUELL** has secured the find on section **33, 40, 30**, which is said to be a big thing.

**JONES** goes out, and **Bennett & Schaible** lease the office and continue the **Chronicle**.

**JOHN MULLIGAN**, of **Norway**, is said to be one of the heirs to a \$6,000,000 property in **Brooklyn**.

THEY have commenced laying the steel on the **extension west of Quinnesec**, but can't do much until the snow and ice goes.

THE **Commonwealth and Florence mines** grow better and larger as they are developed. There's iron enough there to armor the state.

MR. **SWINEFORD** was at **Quinnesec** on Monday last, and the **Journal** [*The Mining Journal*, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan] will continue the series of articles commenced a month or so ago.

EXPLORERS say that the **iron region beyond the river** is greater in extent and richer in mineral than the **Menominee county iron fields**.

AN **iron property** near the forks of the **Sturgeon river**, a mile and a half from the **railroad**, has recently been purchased by **Chicago** parties for \$15,000.

RUMOR says that the **railroad company** will put up a **round-house and shops** at **Florence**, and extend a branch thence northward to the **Republic mine**.

BEFORE the thaw there were between two and three feet of snow upon the range, and new explorations are pretty much at a standstill until it shall have gone off.

THE **Range** comes to us enlarged, by the addition of two columns to each of its pages, and otherwise improved, and enters upon its second volume with good prospects. *Sic semper*.

A **COLLISION** occurred, near **Norway**, on Tuesday, between the **freight, Manley** conductor, and the **switching engine** in charge of **John Moore**. A demoralized caboose was the result and the extent of the damage.

ANOTHER valuable **mine** is said to have been found, by Mr. **Buell**, on **33, 40, 30**, on Saturday of last week. As we understand the matter, **James Hanley** held an option for a lease on the property, under which he had done exploring sufficient to give it value. Mr. Buell took a twelve day option of purchase on Hanley's right, and within the time so far satisfied himself of the value of the property that he considers the very considerable price of \$12,000, at which he takes it, as a mere bagatelle. There is, no doubt, a world of iron in that vicinity, and we rejoice with the fortunate finders. Pluck will win.

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THE **Norway Chronicle**, when it gets on its legs again, will have to settle with the **Boston Journal of Commerce**. That paper gives its readers a quantity of information concerning the **Menominee iron range** which is curiously inaccurate, and credits it all to the **Chronicle**. It states the output of the district for 1879 at over 600,000 tons, an amount more than double the true figure, and, to balance that error, gives the product of the **Norway mine** for the same year at 7,000 tons, one tenth of

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its actual product for the coming season of 1880 and 100,000 tons, or one half what it will do. It makes one place of **Powers** and **Spalding**, and locates **Quinnesec** on the east bank of the **Menominee river**; gives the length of the **M.R. railroad** at eighteen miles, and announces **gold discoveries** on the range. But, worse than all – from the Chronicle's standpoint, a sin almost unpardonable – it makes **Waucedah** "the central point for prospecting" and the metropolis of the range. The editor says he was on the range in '78, but it's hard to believe it in view of his present ignorance concerning its interests and industries, its mines and places.

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## Range Items.

**GOOD roofing slate** is found near **Vulcan**.

THE **Norway mine** is now putting out 600 tons a day.

**TRACK laying** on the **extension beyond Quinnesec** commenced this week.

THE **Norway depot** is to be located west of the culvert and fairly opposite the town.

THE **Lumbemen's mining company** have a good show in a new opening on **9, 39, 29**.

**MR. MIX**, from **Kankakee**, on **15, 39, 28**, and **Chicago** parties on the same section, have good prospects and are working vigorously.

THE **Quinnesec, Vulcan, Norway, Cyclops, and Stephenson** mines commenced shipping on Monday. There are 60,000 tons in the **Norway** stockpile.

THE **Boston Journal of Commerce** must have exhausted its stock of misinformation about the **Menominee iron range**. It took a rest in the last number, and gave the range one.

**DENIS MULLINS** wanted a revolver, and **Anderson's** clerk, in showing him one managed to shoot him with it. Dennis bought the pop, and now wants a chance to get even.

**HENRY REVORD**, a **teamster** in the employ of the **Norway mine**, spoiled his hand by picking at a giant powder cartridge with a pin. The cartridge and four of his fingers went off at the same time.

THE finds spoken of in our last issue, near **Paint river**, are, we are informed, one on **20, 43, 33**, by **John McKenna**, another on **11, 42, 33**, by **McKenna, Maltby and Breitung**, and a third, by **Captain Armstrong**, on **13, 42, 33**. Iron, of a good quality and in large quantity, is reported on each, and specimens of the ore have been brought in for assay.

**MR. SWINEFORD's "range" article**, in the **Journal** of Saturday last, took notice of the **Stephenson** and **Saginaw sec. 4** mines, which he considers good, though comparatively small, properties, and to each of which he credits a probable output of 40,000 tons during the present season. We understand that the pressure of other business will compel Mr. S. to defer the inspection of the remaining mines of the **Menominee range** for some weeks.

THE only lively **township election** in our vicinity was held at **Waucedah**, and the **Norway Chronicle** gives an incident thereof, as follows:

"All I want," said **Mike O'Connell**, as he put his vote in the ballot box, "is law and order." Now this was reasonable enough, and would have been passed over by almost any crowd, but **Jake Hoar**, who was

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running for **clerk** on the opposition, would ask Mike what kind of law and order there was when he, Mike, was **constable** three or four years ago, during the time when the great sleepy city of **Waucedah** was in its infancy and its town site a deer lick. "An' faith, there was the best of ruling," answered Mike. "I well remember the toime [sic – time] that a big spalpeen [sic] was raisin' bloody murther [sic – murder] down there beyant [sic – beyond], and I goes to him and says, exhibiting my star, 'You're my prisoner.' 'An what can you do? said he to me, 'ye've [sic – you have] got no jail.' 'Come and you'll see what I'll do,' says I, and wid [sic – with] that I takes him over to a big sthump [sic – stump], 'binds him hand and foot to it and leaves him there over night. That's the kind of law and order we had thin, me boy."

Of course, the ticket that Mike voted was elected. Efficiency like that described is always appreciated.

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## Range Items.

**QUINNESEC** has a **cemetery**.

THE **Breen mine** has been let to tributors [sic].

THE **Iron Mountain** folks want a **postoffice [sic – post office]**.

**MR. MIX**, on **15, 39, 28**, is preparing for a big summer's work.

**JOS. SCHALLER**, **druggist**, succeeds **Brown** as **postmaster** at **Quinnesec**.

THE **working force** at the **Emmett mine** is, and is to be further, increased.

THE **Norway depot** has been commenced and will soon be ready for use.

THE **railway company** has put in a **turn table** at the **Norway mine branch**.

**FLORENCE** has been made a **postoffice [sic – post office]**, and **H.D. Fisher** appointed **postmaster**.

THE arrivals at the **Norway hotels**, for the week ending April 17, numbered 350.

THE **Chronicle** states that a **sash and blind factory** will be established at **Norway**.

THE **Norway railway station** has to be observed very carefully to detect progress.

**MICHAEL HARTNEFF** fell from the trestle at the **Breen mine** and was so injured that **death** ensued.

**R.C. BROWN**, formerly **postmaster** at **Quinnesec**, and the "Co." of **Wright Bros.**, has opened his **trading post** on the **Brule**.

A **CABIN** occupied by the family of **Thos. Young**, was **demolished by the fall upon it of a big pine tree**. Fortunately no one was injured.

THE **canal company** had better offer **Frederickton** over to the **Norway** folks for a **graveyard**. They would have peaceable people in it in that case.

THE east end of the range, in the vicinity of **Waucedah**, is attracting a good deal of attention nowadays, and much **exploration** will be done thereon this summer.

**HENRY MOLSON** was **instantly killed** on the 15th by the explosion of a blast which he and **George Hunt** were drilling out after it had failed. Hunt was seriously but not fatally injured.

**PAUL KELLY** and **L.D. McKenna** have "struck it" on the west end of the so-called **Felch mountain range**. We understand that Paul has been offered \$10,000 already for his interest.

THE **mail facilities for the towns on the range** are **simply shameful**. There are 10,000 people to be served by that

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route, and they are not now as well served as the people of **Fayette**.

THE **railway company** will have to put on a night force, especially **night telegraphers**, between **Quinnesec** and **Escanaba**, at once. The next thing will be a double track. Engines and ore dumps are too thick for comfort or safety on a single track.

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## Range Items.

–The **main street of Norway** is **extended**, by filling in, nearly across the swamp.

–**Explorations** are much delayed by surface water, the product of melting snow.

–A **newspaper** is to be established at **Florence**. They “come high,” but are necessary.

–**Norway station** will be a **telegraph station** as soon as the building is ready for occupation.

–The **Lumbermen’s mining company** has found good ore, and plenty of it, on an option near the **Commonwealth**.

–Mr. **Swineford** went out on the range on Monday, and the **Journal** of to-day [*sic*] will contain another of his **range articles**.

–The **railway company** will have a double track, west of **Powers**, before they know it, if they keep on putting in long sidings.

–The **stage between Quinnesec and Florence** leaves Quinnesec on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and Florence on the alternate days.

–It is reported that a **mail car** and **messenger** will be put upon the **M.R.**

**railroad** on the 1st of July. Three months too late, but better late than never.

–New **telegraph offices** have been established at **Hermansville**, with **A.F. Sanford** in charge, and **Norway mine branch**, with **C.J. Molloy** in charge.

–They are “a little short” of drinking places at **Norway** and **Quinnesec**, but a **new saloon** is in progress in each place, and they’ll be all right, soon.

–The **roads on the range** are bottomless and daily growing deeper. If there’s anything wrong about the statement, charge it to **Hugh McLaughlin** – he’s our authority.

–The **logs** were running out of the **Sturgeon** at a lively rate, Monday. We did not get to the **Menominee**, but understand the same state of things prevails in that stream.

–Analysis shows the **ores** taken from the new openings on **Paint and Brule rivers** to be very rich and pure. Some specimens assayed as high as 71 1/2 percent, metal and only .011 phosphorus. One opening has a rich magnetic ore.

–The **railway company** has laid a **mile of track west of Quinnesec**. The track is expected to reach the river by the first of June and give transportation facilities to the **McKenna, Keel Ridge, Ludington and Chapin mines**, each of which will have its side track ready by the time the main track reaches them.

–We have been shown specimens of the ore from **Kelly and McKenna’s find**, on the **Brule**, which appear to be a very rich, hard ore, slaty rather than crystalline, and of a kind to be cheaply mined. The body of ore lies within two feet of the surface and extends entirely across the property, but its width has not yet been determined.

–A flying trip to **Norway** and **Quinnesec**, early in the week, was not

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productive or profitable by reason of a raw northwester that prevailed at the time and rendered any visiting of mines impracticable. We saw, however, evidences of enterprise and prosperity on the right and the left. The hotels were full of strangers, the trading places thronged with customers, and the streets with outfits for the woods, explorers and miners. At **Norway** the **railway company** is making progress (while we stood in a pelting rain waiting for transportation we wished it were better) upon the **depot building**, for the foundation of which piles have to be driven eighteen feet into the swamp. **McKenna** (**Tom**, we believe,) [sic] has commenced a building for a **livery stable**, and several new residences and business houses are going up. Quite a large **village, known as Sweden**, has grown up on the south side of the track, and the whole vicinity thrives. Messrs. **Gaynor** and **Hay**, at the **Wendel and Glen houses**, are hard pressed to accommodate the traveling public, and each proposes to enlarge his house as soon as practicable. At **Quinnesec** we did not see quite so many new shingles, but the town is thriving and must thrive while the men of the place sustain the force and energy so far displayed, and adjacent hills yield their ferruginous wealth. During the summer we propose to visit the range again, and see how it looks when the sun shines.

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## Range Items.

–The **Keel Ridge mine** will probably commence shipping by the 15th.

–**Patrick O’Connell**, one of the pioneers of **Waucedah**, died at that place on Sunday last.

–The **side track of the East Vulcan** will be completed, and shipping begin [sic], by the end of the month.

–**The Range** has got the hang of its **press** by the aid of its inventor, Mr. **Prouty**, and looks well.

–**H.W. Thomson**, late pastor of the **Methodist church of Fayette**, is “in the woods” with Mr. **Brotherton**.

–The **Stephenson mine** is taking out nearly two hundred tons a day, and **Captain Carmichael** is not “gutting” it either.

–**Dick Dodge**, the Escanaba walkist [sic], was in **Quinnesec** a few days ago. Dick says he is too short in the in-seam to make good time on mud roads.

–**Captain Williams**, formerly of the **Norway mine**, and more lately of the **Ludington**, is now mining superintendent of the **Lumbermen’s mining company**.

–Mr. **Swineford** visited the **mines west of Quinnesec**, going as far as **Florence**, during the early part of the week. **The Journal** of Saturday will contain his concluding article of the series describing the mines of this range.

–**Dr. McLeod** has been compelled to take a rest, and to do so had to leave the range. This puts more work upon **Dr. North**, but he can stand more work than a mule.

–Both the **Breen and the Quinnesec mines**, which have been looked upon as worked out properties, are improving in appearance. There are no worked out mines on the range yet.

–**L.D. McKenna** has bought a lot near the **railway station** at **Norway** and contracted for the erection of a building

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thereon to serve as a **depot for Schlitz beer**, for which he is agent.

–It is said that the **railway company** will erect its **warehouse** at **Commonwealth**, and make that location **headquarters for freight**. That will make the place the depot for lumbermen's supplies.

–**Penberthy**, with an eye to the Americanizing of the **Skandinavians** [*sic* – *Scandinavians*] of the region and “the main chance,” will, hereafter, print a portion of his paper in **Norsk**. **Prof. Falk** will be the **editor**.

–It is not probable that the mines west of the river – the **Commonwealth**, **Florence** and others – will be able to market much ore this year. If they get the road by the 15th of September it will be fortunate.

–The mines west of **Quinnesec** and between there and the river – the **Keel Ridge**, **McKenna**, **Chapin**, **Ludington** and **Lake Antoine** – have their **sidings** well advanced, and will be in shape to ship ore as soon as the **main line of railroad** is completed.

–The **new hotel of Florence** is well under way, the materials all on the ground, and Mr. **McGee**, the builder, energetically at work. It will be 30 by 64 on the ground and two stories, with ten foot verandas to each story. Mr. **Atkinson** hopes to occupy it within forty days.

–**The Iron Chronicle** pooh-poohs at Mr. **Vaughn's** stories of **gold** and **silver** in the **Penoka range**, calling the stuff “sulphurite or iron and iron pyrites. Will pyrites draw out into thin leaves under the hammer, Mr. **Chronicle**? Mr. **Vaughn** says the **Penoka mineral** does, and resists nitric acid, unchanged.

–Mr. **Swineford** visited the **Curry mine** last week and speaks in last Saturday's **Journal**, in very confident terms of a bright future for it. The estimated product for this

season is 25,000 tons. We copy the concluding sentences of the **Journal's** article:

Though a small mine, the **Curry** has large possibilities, even probabilities, ahead of it, the extent of which cannot now be predicted with any degree of certainty. Very few, if any, of the mines on the range have produced more ore with the same amount of expenditure, in the same length of time. Altogether, the writer looks upon the **Curry** as a most valuable property, and will be disappointed if at the end of the season she does not show a larger product than the estimate given him by the officers of the company.

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## Range Items.

–A find is reported on **11, 42, 33**. **Menominee parties** hold the lease.

–**The Norway Chronicle** girds at the **Menominee mining company**, in it [*sic* - *its*] last issue.

–The **lumbermen's** [*sic* - *Lumbermen's*] **mining company** is exploring on **35, 40, 18**, with prospect of finding a mine.

–**Norway hotel registers** show 807 arrivals last week -- if Peter has not lost his little hatchet.

–The **Marinette land company** ha [*sic* - *has*] commenced making explorations on **sections 11 and 12, 30, 18**, one mile south of the **Commonwealth**.

–The **Breen brothers** are taking out a very fine ore from the new openings near the north line of their property. It is said to be hard specular and very rich.

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–**McKenna** and **Breitung** have sent a force to develop their find on **Paint river**. That they have a mine there they are satisfied. Just how big it is they mean to find out.

–“**Curt**” **Lewis** is of the opinion that he has a **mine** on some lands west of the **Menominee river**, the numbers of which he did not give us. **Capt. Wood** is doing the exploring.

–A swede [*sic* - *Swede*] named **Albourg**, who was **injured by the fall of a bucket** in the **Stephenson mine** some time ago, suffered **amputation of the leg**, last week. Gangrene had set in and his life was in danger.

–Mr. **James Mix**, of **Kankakee**, is very confident that he has a mine on the sw 1/4 of the sw 1/4 of **15, 39, 28**, north of and adjoining the **Breen property**. He has three pits down upon the ledge, and good indications in each. The **Breen** opening two hundred feet south of him is further down, and in good ore. Machinery now on the way will soon determine the value of the property.

–Mr. **James Mix** and his associates seem determined to have a mine, or mines, if there are any to be found, having obtained control, by purchase or lease, of over 6,000 acres along the **Menominee range** (mostly within the accepted limits thereof), which is pretty evenly distributed along it, from **Waucedah**, to beyond **Florence**. It includes parcels in **40-27, 39-28, 39-29, 40-29, 39-30, 40-30, 41-31**, and other townships the numbers of which we do not know. There must be iron on some of these lands, and the energy and persistence of Mr. Mix may be relied on to find it.

–On Thursday morning at 3 o'clock, a **cave-in** occurred at the **Ludington mine**, by which **two men lost their lives** and a

third was severely if not fatally injured. The shaft, at the bottom of which the men were working, had been timbered down to the rock, and was considered safe, but the water had worked down outside the timbering and so loosened the earth that the timbering was crushed inward and some fifteen or twenty tons of earth precipitated to the bottom, where the men were caught and buried. We have not yet heard the names of the men, but hope to do so before we go to press. Apart from the loss of life, the accident is of little account, and will not delay the shipment of ore from the mine, as the shaft is cleared before now and the timbering repaired and further strengthened.

–In the last number of the **Journal** Mr. **Swineford** describes the **Ludington mine** and an opening on **9, 39, 29**, both the property of the **Lumbermen's company**. Of the former he says: “At the time of the writer's visit to the mine, about 6,000 tons of ore had been mined, and, should the openings continue to improve, it is not improbable that a product of 25,000 to 30,000 tons may be reached the present year. Other promising explorations are being made by the company on the southwest quarter of the same section, in what is believed to be a part and parcel of the deposit already referred to. Should this supposition prove correct, it is not improbable that the run of ore extends entirely across the section, from southeast to northwest, on lands wholly owned by, or under lease to, the company.” Of the opening on section 9, after description, he says: “Situating as this tract is, between the **Curry** and **Cyclops**, it is hardly probable that operations now in progress can fail to develop upon it a paying mine.”

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## Range Items.

–**Felch** must (and will) enlarge the **Commercial**.

–**The Chronicle** clamors for **gas and water works at Norway**.

–**The company's store** at the **Norway mine** is stocked and open, under the charge of **Mr. Hannan**.

–“We stand on our own bottom,” says the **Norway Chronicle**. Pray what do you sit on, then, P.J.?

–**Gaynor** has lost his – no, not his money, nor his temper, nor his faith in **Norway**, but his peacock.

–**Henry Bebeau** says it's a very poor day when he sells only \$500 worth of goods. The range takes a lot of truck.

–**The Mining Record** announces the lease, by the **Emmett mining company**, of the **Shenango furnace, Middlesex, Pa.**

–**Sneak thieves** went through the **Quinnesec hotel**, one night last week, and carried off money and property to the value of about \$600.

–**Forbes**, the **play actor** man, tells us that **Penberthy** is going back to **Menominee**, and Forbes knows all that is safe for one man to know.

–**The depot at Norway** was completed on Thursday. The approach thereto, from the town, has yet to be made and is more of a job than the building itself.

–A man named **Rody** was found, **dying in an outhouse** at **Norway**. The particular variety of “dread destroyer” that they vend at the “young Chicago” had got away with him.

–**The Norway Chronicle** seems inclined to stir up strife between employers and employed in the vicinity. It does not seem to us a wise thing to do, but perhaps we don't understand the situation.

–The names of the **men killed at the Ludington mine**, on Thursday of last week, were **Oliver Gardiner, Isaac Winn** and **John Tighe**; the two former Cornishmen and bachelors, the latter an Irishman with a wife and eight children.

–**The Quinnesec opera house** will seat 800 people, and the folks thereabouts are fond of amusement, knowing which, we asked **Forbes** why he did not go there with his show. He replied that he had not learned how to seat an audience on **beer kegs**. **Clifford** has tumbled for it – small kegs, eighths, 50 cents; quarters, reserved, 75 cents; half barrels, proscenium boxes as it were, \$1 – but he was accustomed to chairs and feared he wouldn't succeed with the Quinnesec seats.

–When the company can get cars, the **Norway mine** ships over 1,000 tons per day. –Range.

–**Mr. West** informs us that, upon an average, 150 empty cars stand from one day to the next on the **mine branches** of the **Menominee road**; that the requisition of the manager of the **Menominee company's mines** was for 225 cars daily, which number was supplied for a time, but that 197 was the largest number loaded in one day, and that the requisition was reduced to 200 on the attention of the manager being called to the facts.

–**The pedestrian contests** for the international and **O'Leary** belts, the six day and seventy two hours go as you please races for these trophies and the cash prizes which accompany them, sink into insignificance in the presence of the latest strife of giants, which took place in or near

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**Norway**, one day this week. The affair grew out of an unpleasant habit of vapping which a certain legal luminary of that locality indulges in, and which excited the ire of the genial and modest Boniface [*proprietor of a hotel*] of the **Wendel**. Talk was indulged in ad libitum, and finally a match was made for ten dollars a side between the parties, the **course to be the highway west from Norway**, and the **distance from the summit of the hill to the bridge over the creek near O’Callaghan’s mill**, a mile, more or less, “go as you please,” and the first to arrive to take the money. The struggle was a severe one, as we hear it reported. The contestants got away together, and ran a close race until the legal footwear became in some way disarranged, necessitating a halt, when Hotel [*nickname for Wendel*] forged ahead and considered the race as good as won. Law was not to be so distanced, however, and soon made up the lost ground, when Boniface, loquitor: “Hold on! Don’t you think we’re here ma-ha-kn’ d---d foo-hools of ourselves?” To which Law responds that he has ten dollars at stake and means to win it. “Bu-hut I’ll g-hive you the ten d-hollars to qu-hit!” No use -- Law was determined to finish the kruse, Gay-nor lose, and, having gotten a rehearing, as it were; a second wind, went through to the creek and captured the ducats. Our only regret in the ma-hatter is that we are compelled to take the report second hand, not having been notified of the time and place of the race, so that we could be present in person.

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## Range Items.

–**J.R. Wood** has a valuable find on **36, 43, 35**; so, at least, says rumor.

–A man named **Quigg lost a hand** in the wood sawing machine, at **camp 4**.

–A **postoffice** has been established at **Iron Mountain City**, and **R.O. Philbrook** appointed **postmaster**.

–The **slate beds** near **Vulcan** are attracting attention. Slate of a fine quality is said to exist therein, and a good roofing slate is as staple as Vulcan ore.

–A Mr. **Morris** has been placed in charge of the **Kimberly iron interests** on the range. He is understood to have had mining experience in Pennsylvania.

–Promising explorations are going on near the **Benton mine**, under the superintendence of Mr. **Coakley**, and Messrs. **Gaynor & Cronkhite** have taken an option in that vicinity and will proceed at once to develop.

–“Hey, Colonel, who are you driving at now?” queries **Boulders**, of the **Norway Chronicle**, anent our plea addressed to our customers two weeks ago. Not you, Boulders, that time. Content yourself.

–The **Benton mine** is the new name of the property formerly known as the **Hanley and Wendel option**. Report says that it is a mine, now, with plenty of a fine blue ore resembling that from the **Curry and Vulcan** mines.

–Elder **Gaynor** says there was no race, and insists that he would have won it had there been one. He says there’s no [*words missing*] of the law in **Norway**, or in **Menominee county**, that can get over a measured mile as quickly as he can.

–The **Norway Chronicle** calls on the **New York Mining Record** to “stand up” and declare where it gets its **figures of ore shipments** from Marquette and Escanaba,

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and intimates that they are taken from the Chronicle. Don't be captious, neighbor. The Record gets the **Mining Journal** with the same figures and the **PORT** with figures one day later as to shipments from here, and, unless the Chronicle gets to New York in better time than it reaches us [sic] us, gets them both two days ahead of yours. To be sure, the Record might have the good taste to give somebody credit for statistics it must have gotten with scissors, but you need not kick until your seniors do.

–**J.P. Dodge**, who just returned from a ten days' sojourn at and near **Felch mountain**. From him we learn that Mr. **Curry** has a force of about twenty-five men employed on **32, 42, 28**, and that one of his shafts, at least, is seven feet in a blue ore resembling that of the **Vulcan**. A **Marquette** party, under direction of **Capt. McKenzie**, has a good prospect on **8, 41, 28**, a red hematite, with only four to six feet of stripping. **Capt. Pease**, for parties in **Milwaukee**, will thoroughly develop another portion of the same section, **8, 41, 28**, and possibly other adjacent lands. **Wright Bros.** have abandoned their exploration on **31, 42, 28**, but their camp and supplies have not been moved, and work may be resumed. The roads are almost impassable, seven or eight hundred being all that a good team can handle over them.

–**Mr. Swineford's article in the Journal** of Saturday last, describing the **Commonwealth and Florence mines**, is the last of the series...

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## Range Items.

–The grading of the railroad has been completed to **Iron City [Iron Mountain]**.

–The **O'Callaghan brothers** will build the **Norway opera house**. They are already sure of tenants, at a good rent, for the two stores on the ground floor.

–If half that is told of discoveries north and northwest of **Quinnesec** is true, a line of rails will soon be demanded reaching thence to the **Republic location**. Rumor says that a large body of ore, similar to that of the **Republic mine**, has been discovered about midway between the two places [**Felch Mountain Range**].

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## Range Items.

–**Keel Ridge mine** commenced to ship ore on Friday of last week.

–The **railway company** is pushing the **track west from Quinnesec** at the rate of a quarter of a mile a day.

–The **Chapin** and **East Vulcan mines** have commenced shipping ore, and the **Ludington** and **Lake Antoine** will follow soon.

–**H.J. Bebeau** is president and **A.J. Cronkhite** cashier of the **Bank of Quinnesec**. Bank offices in the **Buell opera house**.

–The fall of iron does not seem to render any less eager the search for ore. The whole country west of us is full of **explorers**, and new parties are fitted out daily.

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## Range Items.

–The Norway depot is open and running. Mr. Sampson is agent and telegraph operator.

–Water troubles not only explorers but miners. Cyclops and Curry were flooded, and the Lumbermen's company suspended work on section nine until the water subsides.

–The highway between the junction and Quinnesec is getting a good deal of work just now. Correct. Put your roads in good order, buy horses, and laugh at the railway company.

*The Iron Port*, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 31 [Saturday, July 3, 1880], page 8, column 2

## Range Items.

–The Ludington mine commenced shipping on Thursday, and the Cornell (Lake Antoine) will probably commence today.

–The grading is done to the river, and the track will probably reach there next week. The contractor, Mr. Conro, has transferred his force to the Wisconsin side, the bridge will be pushed to completion at once, and the road to Florence be opened at the earliest possible day.

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## Range Items.

–The track is laid to the river.

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## Range Items.

–Jos. Lemay has opened a livery stable at Quinnesec.

–Wright Brothers, of Quinnesec, are to enlarge their quarters at once.

–The Norway Chronicle says that a project is under consideration to open a wagon road from Norway to Felch Mountain, a distance of twelve miles. It ought to be done, and these Norwegians are just enterprising enough to do it.

–The Quinnesec bank will open, if it has not already opened, a branch at Norway, with Cronkhite, junior, in charge.

–An order has been issued by the prosecuting attorney of the county to close the saloons in Norway, Fredericktown [sic - Frederickton] and Ingallsdorf on the Sabbath day. It was done at the written request of the saloon-keepers themselves. –Chronicle.

–And now the talk is that the postal car will not be put upon the M.R. rail road until it is completed to Florence.

–A mail car for the M.R. railroad is in the yard at Escanaba, and we hope to be able, next Saturday, to announce the fact that it has been put upon the road. The range has been neglected by the p.o.d. [post office department] long enough.

–The next howl that will greet the ears of the Chicago & Northwestern railway company, from this section, will be for a railroad from Escanaba to the Felch iron mountain. –Chronicle. You won't need [to]

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howl. **The C. & N.W. company will put a track to the Felch mountain as soon as anybody has anything to ship therefrom.**

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## Range Items.

–**Iron Mountain station**, four miles west of **Quinnesec**, is open for business. **John Merriman** is in temporary charge.

–One **Samuel Gayner**, a man about 50 years of age, was **run over and killed by ore train No. 42, Langworthy conductor**, at about 11:30 p.m. on Thursday night, **between Norway and Vulcan**. He was known as a "hard drinker," and our readers may remember that he has paid a fine or two for drunkenness in our police court. As he was killed near a saloon, which is located near the **Vulcan mine track**, it is surmised that he was drunk at the time of his death. He had, at any rate, been drinking during the day. The wheels passed over his neck, severing his head from his body entirely. His latest employment had been that of a **laborer at the Curry mine**. Nothing is known of his antecedents, and he had no family, at least none that are known.

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## Range Items.

–The **livery men at Quinnesec** have opened a **road to the lower fall**, which can

hardly fail to become a place of popular resort.

–The **Norway opera house**, which will not be an opera house but a "**town hall**," (because **John O'Callaghan** is sensible,) will be 46 by 80 feet in size.

–**Norway grows**. During the two months which intervened between a previous visit and one which we made on Friday last, as many as twenty new buildings had been erected, and the place greatly improved otherwise.

–The car is ready, and the man. **Why, then, does the old order of things continue, and a letter take two days to travel from Hermansville to Spalding, a distance of seven miles?**

–The **bridge over the Menominee** is completed. Mr. **Conro**, contractor for the grading, is doing what he can, but is short of men, and the opening of the **road to Florence** may be delayed beyond the date contemplated, for that reason.

–**Highway robbery** is becoming a recognized industry. Near the **Chapin mine**, a few days ago, a little fellow was set upon and horribly beaten, but the enterprise was a failure, as he had given his money to a comrade who escaped and saved it.

–The towns on the range understand the necessity of roads and highways better than our people seem to. **Norway** will cut out and work a **road to Felch mountain [sic]**, distance twelve miles, and one to the **Quinnesec fall [sic – Falls]**. **Quinnesec** has already roads to both these points, and others are projected.

–At **Waucedah**, on Monday, one **Scanlan** was arrested and held for an attempt at **highway robbery**. He, with three others, waylaid a couple of **peddlers** and demanded their wealth, but got, instead, fighting and noise. **Scanlan, [sic]** was the only one captured, and his

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address, after **Judge Goodwin's** next tour, will be **Jackson**, Jackson county, Mich.

–The **death of Samuel Gayner, near Norway**, announced in the PORT last Saturday, was the subject of a good deal of discussion, many persons, and among them the men on the train which ran over him, suspecting that he was killed or came to his death elsewhere, and that his dead body was placed upon the track to cover up a crime. The inquest held on the remains did not get at any evidence in support of the theory, however, and the verdict was "accidental death," which was probably correct. The man was liable to come to his death in just that way.

–We had been led to suppose that the **Skandinavian** [sic - *Scandinavian*] **immigration** to this region was essentially a mining one, but Mr. **Wendel** assures us that the idea is erroneous, that the bulk of the immigrants are **agriculturists**, and that the hope and intention of each is to get hold of a piece of land. To this end they engage in any labor that offers, without losing sight of the purpose, delving in the mines or chopping in the woods to acquire the small sum sufficient to buy a home. Mr. W. expects to see the hard-wood land north of **Norway** taken up and cultivated by the Norsemen now engaged in and about the mines, their places filled by newcomers.

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## Range Items.

–A **hog disease** prevails on the range.  
–The frame-work of the **Norway opera house** is up.

–“On to **Felch mountain** [sic - *Mountain*]!” is the cry of the explorer.

–A **town hall**, 24x60 feet, is being built at **Waucedah**, by **Safford Oatman**.

–The **Methodist society of Norway** is talking of building a church edifice on Sunset hill.

–**Highwaymen**, near **Iron Mountain City**, on Thursday night last, attacked **George Donaldson** and beat and kicked him in an unsuccessful attempt to rob him. They then attacked **Matt. Murray**, breaking his arm and stealing his watch and pocketbook containing \$50. The robbers are still at large. --Chronicle, 31st.

–On the night of Saturday, July 30, one **James Howarth** was dangerously **stabbed** by one of a party of five **Italians**, on the **road between Norway and Vulcan**. **Officer Bush**, of Norway, after making several arrests, finally nabbed the man identified by Howarth as the one who did the stabbing, **Antoine Christenalli** by name, and he was, upon examination, held to the circuit court in \$500 bail.

*The Iron Port*, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XT, Number 37 [Saturday, August 14, 1880], page 8, column 2

## Range Items.

–No man in the mail car yet.

–**Penberthy** has taken to the woods and "**Racketty**" **Clark** wields the "pencil, pastepot and shears" in the Range office.

**[NOTE: "Racketty" Clark is now identified, and working on The Menominee Range in Quinnesec, following his correspondence to The Iron Port from Powers, or "42."]**

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–It is now generally believed that the **Felch mountain railway** will be built at once. An association of explorers and miners, of which **Mr. Maitland**, of **Negaunee**, is president, has a mine there, without doubt, and other parties have good indications. We are assured that the road will be built as soon as there is any ore to come out.

*The Iron Port*, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 38 [Saturday, August 21, 1880], page 8, columns 1-2

## Range Items.

–**The track is laid to Spread Eagle lake.**

–The same old, slow – coach, inefficient arrangement for mail transmission. Kick!

–A **Frenchman**, name not given, was **killed on the Stephenson mine side-track**, on Saturday last. **A loaded car, drawn by a horse, ran over him.**

*The Iron Port*, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 39 [Saturday, August 28, 1880], page 8, columns 1-2

## Range Items.

–**Typhoid fevers** are common at and near **Norway**.

–**Engines and construction train now run to Spread Eagle lake.**

–There are **only 25 or 30 places between the junction and the river where the wayfarer can allay his thirst (unless he is thirsty enough to imbibe water, like a locomotive)**, in view of which fact, careful travelers, Chicago and Milwaukee missionaries and "sich," carry a tickler.

–In making an embankment near **Spread Eagle lake**, for the railway extension, a sink-hole, or peat-bed, was discovered, into which the embankment sunk as fast as it was made. The distance across it was short, however, and firm ground was reached during the fore part of this week.

–**Breitung** is the **most populous township of Menominee county** "by a large majority," having **4,554 inhabitants**. **Menominee township** is next, with 3,947. **Breen, Spalding** and **Stephenson** follow, in the order named, with over 1,000 each. **Cedarville, Ingallston** and **Holmes** bring up the rear with 222, 195 and 158, respectively.

–**The man who was killed at the Stephenson mine was a Frenchman named Rubaur.**

*The Iron Port*, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 40 [Saturday, September 4, 1880], page 8, columns 1-2

## Range Items.

–The **town hall at Norway** approaches completion.

–Building goes on all along the range. We noticed quite a number of **new houses** at **Frederickton**, as we passed there, and others at **Norway, Quinnesec** and **Iron Mountain**.

–The reception and entertainment of the members of the **Institute of Mining Engineers**, at **Quinnesec**, was a neat thing – as neat as anything we have seen in many a day. The **opera house** had been decorated in their honor, and tables set with what was modestly called a lunch, but which was really a banquet. After a time for attention to the toilet, the guests were

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escorted thither and seated, and were welcomed in a short address (he knew they were hungry) by **John L. Buell** (we might call him “Hon.” or “Esq.,” but prefer the plainer phrase), to which, after full justice to the viands, the president of the institute, Mr. **Wm. P. Shinn**, of St. Louis, replied in a happy vein, and called upon Mr. **Charles Ridgely**, of Springfield, Ill., whose fluent and witty speech was just the thing for the occasion. The ladies of the party, or such of them as desired, were then taken to the **lower Quinnesec fall [sic – Falls]**, while the gentlemen visited the group of mines embracing the **Keel Ridge, Ludington and Cornell**. At the Cornell mine one of the engineer party said, “I have seen some iron mining, but never before iron mined with pick and shovel only.”

*The Iron Port*, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 41 [Saturday, September 11, 1880], page 8, column 2

## Range Items.

–The money has been raised to open a **road from Norway to Felch mountain [sic – Mountain]** and work on it begun.

–**Bennett & Shabel** have purchased of Mr. **Wendel** the presses and material they have been using, and the **Chronicle** is all their own. We hope it may clothe them well and feed them fat -- grow, and flourish and ripen, so that when they turn up their toes to the daisies it will remain, a good inheritance and provision for the young Bennetts and Shabels who will, doubtless, by that time, be ready to take their places.

*The Iron Port*, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 42

[Saturday, September 18, 1880], page 8, columns 1-2

## Range Items.

–**The track is laid to Commonwealth and will reach Florence in about another week.**

–**A passenger train has been put on west of Quinnesec.** It leaves there on the arrival of **No. 4**, runs as far as **Lake Antoine junction** and returns in time for **No. 5**.

*The Iron Port*, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 43 [Saturday, September 25, 1880], page 8, column 2

## Range Items.

–**The railroad track will have reached Florence** by the time this is read, but will not be in a condition for anything except construction work before the 1st proximo [*of next month*], at which date it is probable that shipments of ore will commence from both **Commonwealth and Florence**.

–**Norwayans want a township of their own and called Norway**, and will ask the board of supervisors to so order at its annual meeting. They ask for towns **39, 40 and 41 north, of range 29 west**.

*The Iron Port*, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 44 [Saturday, October 2, 1880], page 8, columns 1-2

## Range Items.

–**O’Callaghan’s hall at Norway**, is so nearly completed that it is proposed to open it with a ball on Friday, the 8th.

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–A wagon road is under construction from Florence to Keyes lake.

–The **Commonwealth** will probably commence shipping early in the coming week.

–**No mail agent on the M.R. railroad yet.** Uncle Sam is awfully slow about it.

–**The track of the railway was completed to Florence last Saturday, but is not yet open for business.**

–In an **affray at a camp of railway laborers near Commonwealth**, a man by the name of **Burke** wounded another, whose name we have not heard, very severely, with an ax.

–Freights are pressing, and the road to Florence will be got into working order and business undertaken at the earliest possible day. The work yet to be done is the widening of the clay cut beyond **Spread Eagle lake** and the surfacing of the new track.

–We hear that the **Menominee mining company** is considering the question whether it is economy to pay the Northwestern money enough every year to pay for a railroad. Some members of the company think it is not, and that true economy dictates the building of a road and docks by the company for the transportation and shipment of its own ores.

*The Iron Port*, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 45 [Saturday, October 9, 1880], page 8, columns 1-2

## Range Items.

–**The company will put on a passenger train between Quinnesec and Florence next Monday.**

–**The new hall at Norway** was opened with a dance on Friday (yesterday) evening.

We return thanks for “complimentaries,” which we were too busy to use.

–**A collision between a loaded ore train and an empty one occurred at Vulcan**, on Saturday morning last. Nobody killed – one engine pretty well used up and a dozen or so of ore cars ditched, was the outcome. Two conductors and two engineers suspended until the case can be decided upon at headquarters is the corollary [*sic*].

*The Iron Port*, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 46 [Saturday, October 16, 1880], page 8, columns 1-2

## Range Items.

–In all the **smashes on the M.R. railroad** last week, no one was killed – not even a bone broken.

–On Friday of last week some cars upon the **Vulcan mine siding** got away from the men in charge and ran out upon the main track just in time to be caught by an ore train. **The engine and a lot of cars were disabled.**

–**The Chronicle** details the truth of the report that the **Menominee mining company** is considering the **possibility of railroad building** and says that the project under consideration is of vessel owning instead of railroad. Maybe the Chronicle knows – we're sure we don't, but gave the rumor as we heard it.

–We heard, just before going to press last week, that the **banks of Quinnesec, Norway and Florence had closed and the banker, A.J. Cronkhite, levanted**, but so vaguely and upon such slender authority that we did not use the information. It was true, though, and now everybody says: "Of

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course. Didn't he play the same game at Neenah?"

–The **opening ball at O'Callaghan's Opera House** hall (**Bowlders** could not be got to consent to a more modest appellation [*sic – appellation*] -- no "town halls" for him, while **Quinnesec** has an opera house), at **Norway**, was numerously attended and heartily enjoyed. If any of our readers want a poetic description they can turn, to their copy, of Byron – Don Juan, canto commencing, "There was a sound of revelry by night" – which will answer for the Norway affair as well as for that at Brussels, all but the wind-up.

–At about daylight on Saturday morning last, a **loaded ore train collided with a train of empties, near Hermansville**, to the general demolition of both engines and trains. The wreck was so large and the work of clearing it away so tedious that a track was built around it in order that work might go on. The loaded train was the trespasser [*sic – trespasser*], being behind time and out of place, while the empty one was on time.

*The Iron Port*, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 49 [Saturday, November 6, 1880], page 8, columns 1-2

## Range Items.

–**The road from Florence to Keyes lake is completed and in use.**

*The Iron Port*, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 50 [Saturday, November 13, 1880], page 8, columns 1-2

## Range Items.

–At **Florence**, on Tuesday last **Frank Martin attempted to board a moving train**, but missed his hold, was **thrown under the wheels and killed.**

–A man named **Rupert** has started a sawmill near (west of) **Waucedah.**

*The Iron Port*, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 51 [Saturday, November 20, 1880], page 8, columns 1-2

## Range Items.

–"Sich is fame." The IRON PORT says: A man by the name of "**Rupert**" is building a **mill west of Waucedah**, and **sheriff [*sic – Sheriff*] Ruprecht** was beginning to think he was getting quite noted. –Menominee Herald.

–Serves him right for not having Englished his name long ago. Is it "Ruprecht" or "Ruprekt," or is the "ch" as in church and was feur Deutscher is he, hoyhom.

–**John L. Buell**, the live man of Quinnesec, will celebrate the new year, the republican [*sic*] triumph, the continued prosperity of **Quinnesec**, and everything else you please, by a **grand ball** at his **Opera house on New Year's eve**. He will give the ball -- the guests being at no expense, except such as they choose to incur for refreshments, etc. John L. does things well when he undertakes.

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## Range Items.

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–**Frank Bureau** had his **leg crushed by an ore car**, at the **Norway mine**, and refuses to submit to amputation, thereby imperiling his life. –Norway Chronicle.

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**THE C. & N.W. company are now running another line to reach the Felch Mountain region. The survey leaves the branch at Hermansville.**

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THE winter schedule of the **C. & N.W.** went into effect last Sunday. The **passenger train** north now arrives at 11:25 a.m. and the south passenger at 3:32 p.m. The **Quinnesec freight** leaves at 7:55 a.m. and arrives at 6:50 p.m. The **south freights** leave at 5 a.m., 2 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., and the **north freights** at 12:45 and 6:45 a.m. **Passenger trains** arrive at **Florence** at 12:35 and 6:40 p.m. and leave at 8:23 a.m. and 2:25 p.m.

*The Iron Port*, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XII, Number 5 [Saturday, January 1, 1881], page 8, columns 1-2

## Range Items.

–**Sleighing** superb, and livery horses suffer accordin’.

–**Thirty-two below zero** Tuesday morning, and a man changing his

underclothing in an alley, on the lee side of an ash barrel. –Range.

–Dull times at **Waucedah**. The **Emmett** has reduced its force to a minimum and the **Breen** suspended work entirely. Considerable exploration is going on near there, however, with a prospect of one, if not two, mines being developed so as to commence shipping next season.

–Engineering parties are still **working up the Hermansville and Felch Mountain routes**. It is safe to say that is the one that will be chosen. –Men. Herald. On the contrary, it is as safe as any prediction can be that it is not the route "that will be chosen" by the **C. & N.W. Railway company**.

*The Iron Port*, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XII, Number 7 [Saturday, January 15, 1881], page 8, columns 1-2

## Range Items.

–Mr. **Buell**, so says the Range, has procured drop-curtain, scenery and seats for the **opera house**, which is now the finest room for exhibitions in the region.

*The Iron Port*, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XII, Number 8 [Saturday January 22, 1881], page 8, columns 1-2

## Range Items.

–The **railway depot at Commonwealth** is nearly ready for occupancy – will be completed by the first of February.

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## Range Items.

–**Schaller & Co.**, druggists, of **Quinnesec**, have opened a branch store at **Iron Mountain** with **Doc. Beaudette** as physic compounder.

–**Rev. Mr. Adams**, of **St. Stephen's church**[,] will hold services at **Quinnesec** on Tuesday next, at the school house; at **Norway**, at the **Methodist church**, on Wednesday; and at the school house at **Vulcan**, on Thursday.

*The Iron Port*, Escanaba, Delta County,  
Michigan, Volume XII, Number 11  
[Saturday, February 12, 1881], page 8,  
columns 1-2

## Range Items.

–**Johnny Friedrich**, of the firm of **Schaller & Co.**, **Quinnesec**, has opened out with **drugs** “and sich” at **Iron Mountain**.

–They have to dig 70 feet for **water**, at **Quinnesec**, and they don't dig. They have water from **Fumee creek** [*sic*], and don't get very good water at that, though they pay twenty cents a barrel for it, and the Range suggests a system of pipes and a dam, which would give a constant supply of good water, with a head sufficient to render a fire engine unnecessary, the cost of all which would be no more than that of a year's supply of water for cooking and washing under present arrangements. If they had more and better water they would have fewer cases of typhoid, besides the safety in case of fire.

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[Saturday, February 19, 1881], page 8,  
columns 1-2

## Range Items.

–We hear that the **masquerade** at **Buell's opera house**, for the benefit of the **hospital**, was a financial success, netting some \$250.

*The Iron Port*, Escanaba, Delta County,  
Michigan, Volume XII, Number 14  
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column 1

## Range Items.

–We have it from quite a reliable source that the **C. & N.W. railway company** is making preparations to **extend their line to the Iron river country, and a branch from there to Ontonagon, and from that place to Houghton**, while the main line will be run to connect with the Northern Pacific. The course has already been mapped out.  
–Men. Range.

*The Iron Port*, Escanaba, Delta County,  
Michigan, Volume XII, Number 15  
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column 1

## Range Items.

–**O'Callaghan** has the lake of Killarney on the drop curtain at his **opera house**. **Buell's** at **Quinnesec**, has **St. Goar**, A Rhine scene. Both houses are now in order for the summer.

–The shutting down of the **Emmett mine** leaves **Waucedah** a “shady place” indeed.

–**Cronkhite Jr.**, the absconding and defaulting **Quinnesec banker**, has been

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caught, at Chicago, and will be squeezed. Its [*sic - It's*] no use, though. The cub may suffer but can't disgorge. It's the old fox that is wanted, and he has not been trapped.

*The Florence Mining News*, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 13 [Saturday, March 26, 1881], page 2, column 3

During a **recent visit to Norway**, we observed that the town was showing evidences of increased prosperity. Our old **hardware friend, Charley Anderson**, is doing a rushing business. We are greatly pleased to notice the fact that he has built up a good trade, which is constantly increasing. His line of goods are [*sic - is*] well kept up, and his efforts to make his store one of the leading ones on the Range, are duly appreciated by his patrons. **Crane & McElroy** continue to be **one of the leading general stores** and they are kept so busy that they hardly have time to say their prayers in the morning, before the rush of business commences. The only sure plan that they have found is to relate them over night. During the spring rush they anticipate an extra clerk to attend to that department. **A.M. Haarvig** is doing a large and increasing business in the **merchant tailoring line** and is well patronized – just as he should be. He takes orders along the entire range. **Johnny Lindquist** reports everything lovely at the **corner store**. He has built up a nice trade for the house. We looked in at **Dr. L.J. Kimball's neat drug store and post office**. The doctor was not in, but we found everything indicating that business was in a healthy condition. The post office department was presided over by Miss **Mary Vaughn**, and presumably assisted by her dog, **Tinker**. **Charley**

**Bush** looked as happy as a big sunflower, and his small brother **James**, seemed in excellent condition. **D.E. LaRue**, was **selling watches and jewelry** so fast, that he contemplates getting an extra safe to keep the money in. **C.L. Wendel's new drug store, in the Opera House block**, is a spacious and finely fitted up establishment. In answer to our inquiry, the genial proprietor, who by the way is the energetic founder of the town, assured us that business was first rate. It is presided over by a competent druggist, and shows every sign of prosperity. Esquire **C.B. Knowlton**, with **Justice Nason**, of **Menominee**, were trying the case of one of the delinquent bankers of Norway. **The hotels – Wendel, Glen, Norway and Milwaukee** – seemed to be doing a good business as far as we could judge, from the happy countenances of the landlords and landladies. We found **Peter J. Boulders** [*Peter J. Bennett*], of the *Chronicle*, perched on a stool, and shoving a red hot article into the stick, so fast that it fairly made the type hum, while **Shabel** was making the fly wheel of the job press circulate in a way that was bewildering. **Hager & Johnason**, the **furniture men**, had an immense stock, and were shoving out the goods at a rapid rate. The ever pleasant **James Gee**, was found at his post, and appeared to be as active and full of business as in the olden time. Norway has a bright future before it, and next summer will be booming.

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–The younger **Cronkhite**, notwithstanding his discharge from arrest at Chicago, came to **Norway** to see what they were “going to do about it.” Nothing.

–**One of the experimental lines of the Michigan & Wisconsin road crossed the track of the M.R. road just east of the station at Norway.**

–**The engineer force of the Wisconsin & Michigan railroad company is at work, running experimental lines north of the Menominee river. The lines point towards the Little Bay de Noquette – not towards Ontonagon.**

*The Iron Port*, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XII, Number 18 [Saturday, April 2, 1881], page 8, column 1

## Range Items.

–The work of laying the side-track to the **Sturgeon mine** is now in progress.

–We hear of an “argyment wid fishts” [**argument with fists**] **between a couple of railroad men**, “out on the branch,” on Monday last. No casualties, and no names.

*The Iron Port*, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XII, Number 20 [Saturday, April 16, 1881], page 8, columns 1-2

## Range Items.

–**Felch**, of the **Commercial** at **Quinnesec**, is going to build a **hotel** at **Felch mountain** [*sic*].

–**Buell’s opera house** makes us ashamed of the place we, at Escanaba, have to occupy to see a play or listen to a concert. Light, airy, easy of access, having a seating capacity of six hundred, a sixteen-

foot stage and nine beautiful scenes, it is a credit to the place and a monument to the public spirit of the proprietor.

–The **Methodists** will have a \$1,500 **church** at the **Chapin location** as soon as it can be built. The mining company gives half the cost. –Condensed from the Range.

–The **C. & N.W. company** will proceed at once to determine the **route of extension north and west of its present terminus at Florence**, and there is every probability that the **iron region north of the Brule** will be reached by rail before the shipping season closes.

–**Mr. Palmer**, with a **surveying party**, went out [*on*] the branch, on Monday, to **run lines west and north of Florence for the extension of the railroad**. Authorities differ as to what the company intends, but to an outsider it appears very plain that the **C. & N.W.** cannot afford to delay the **extension of its lines to Felch mountain, Crystal falls and the country west of the Paint and north of the Brule.**

*The Iron Port*, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XII, Number 21 [Saturday, April 23, 1881], page 5, columns 1-2

## Range Items.

–The latest excitement in mining circles has another color than hematite. **Gold** is said to have been discovered on 34, 40, 29, about four miles **north of Norway**, and lands in that vicinity are quite eagerly sought after.

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MR. **POWERS**, with an engineer party, left here on Wednesday to run the lines for the **mine sidings** at the **Metropolitan** and **Northwestern locations**, and we are informed that work on the **Felch Mountain branch** will be commenced at once and pushed as rapidly as possible. It is intended to complete the branch in time to allow of [sic - for] the shipment of some 50,000 tons from the two mines mentioned during the present season.

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## Range Items.

–**Carney's creek** [sic], north of **Norway**, and **Pine river** [sic], south of **Florence**, are the **gold fields**. It has to be milled out of the solid quartz, though; no chance for pick and pan.

–The **gold boom** continues. Stories of miles upon miles of quartz lodes carrying gold in paying quantity make men who have only an iron mine or two feel like paupers. In sober earnest, though, quartz has been found and samples assayed which panned out at the rate of \$1,000 per ton, or big lies told. We are not quite certain which. Lands in the vicinity of the find are eagerly sought for. One body containing some five hundred acres is held by a Detroit man who is offered \$60,000 for it.

*The Iron Port*, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XII, Number 23 [Saturday, May 7, 1881], page 8, columns 1-2

## Range Items.

–**Peter J. Bennett** has bought out his former partner, **Shabel**, and will hereafter “play it alone.”

–Mr. **Buell** has bought some land and will use it for a **race track** with a **ball ground** in the centre [sic – center].

–**A.C. Brown**, **Jos. Flesheim** [sic - **Flehiem**] and **John Friederichs** have options on a dozen miles, more or less, of the **gold range**. The lode is said to be thirty feet wide, well defined, and auriferous in its whole extent.

–The **canal company** is laying out a town at **Felch Mountain**. Mr. **Buell** has bought the **Commercial hotel** and Mr. **Polderman** will succeed **Felch** in charge thereof. –Range, 28th.

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## Range Items.

–**Felch** [ran the **Commercial Hotel in Quinnesec** and **proposed building a hotel at Felch Mountain** in mid-April, 1881] will run a **tri-weekly stage from Norway to Felch mountain**, leaving on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 9:45 a.m. –Iron Chronicle, 7th.

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## Range Items.

–**Dickie** runs a line of **stages to Felch mountain** [sic]. –Chronicle, 14th.

–The **extensions of the Northwestern railway to the Felch mountain**, Paint

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river and Iron river districts are progressing with all possible speed. It is not probable that that company can hold its monopoly of the ore-carrying on the range, but the company that comes in to compete with it will find the **Northwestern** every where [*sic – everywhere*] there is a mine and pretty well fixed to stand competition.

–**O’Callaghan’s mill**, just west of **Norway**, was **burned** on Wednesday evening last, and with it a quantity of lumber. We were unable to get any facts, or even opinions as to the origin of the fire. The mill was not running at the time, and the watchman who was on duty can say no more than “it went off like a match,” the fire being beyond control from the very start. The loss we hear estimated at about \$6,000 – pretty heavy – but it won’t swamp the supervisor by any means. The most serious side of the business is the fact that it throws him out of business during the best part of the year.

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## Range Items.

–Work has been commenced on the **railway extension beyond Florence.**

–**Albert Keep**, president and **J.B. Redfield**, secretary of the **Menominee rail road** – the Wisconsin organization of the range branch of the peninsula division of the Northwestern, on the 23d filed an amendment to the articles of association of that company, providing for the **extension from Florence to the Brule and thence through Marquette and Ontonagon counties**, in this state, to lake Superior. The extension proposes 148 miles of line

north and west of Florence and don't ask for anybody's iron lands either.

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## Range Items.

–**O’Callaghan’s mill** will be **rebuilt** at once and it is expected to have it in operation as early as July 10, or earlier -- “for pluck will win, you know.”

–The **miners at the Quinesec** organized a small **strike** the 23d [*sic – 23rd*], which lasted about twenty-four hours. The removal (or rather the resignation) of the **mine physician, Dr. Hutchinson**, was the cause of the trouble.

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## Range Items.

–**W.H. Jenkins** will build a **hotel** at **Iron Mountain**. –Range, 9th.

–At **Waucedah**, on Sunday last, **Mike Harrington** seriously **cut** one **C.D. Phillips** with a knife. The row took place in a **saloon** and fighting whisky was the inciting cause.

–**Captain Runkle** **contracts for the railroad extension to Crystal Falls and has already sixty men at work.**

–Work upon the **railway extensions**, towards **Felch mountain** [*sic*] and **Crystal Falls**, is pushed with all possible vigor, but it is almost impossible to keep men in the woods at laborers [*sic - laborers*] wages,

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on account of the flies and musquitos [sic - mosquitos].

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**FRANK ROACH**, a brakeman employed on ore train No. 52, was severely hurt at the Ludington mine on Monday. He was standing on the back end of the tender as some cars were being pushed, when the draw-head of the car next [to] the engine broke and the broken end caught and crushed his ankle. He was brought to his home at Norway and placed in Dr. McLeod's care, who amputated the leg on Wednesday.

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## Range Items.

–The Norway brass band serenaded President Hagerman, of the Menominee mining company[,] and he acknowledged the courtesy by a donation of \$225 to the band treasury. – Chronicle, 11th.

*The Iron Port*, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XII, Number 29 [Saturday, June 25, 1881], page 8, columns 1-2

## Range Items.

–"A real, live mail-agent" now accompanies the branch train. The Metropolitan is laying out a town near its

mine and will have a newspaper. – Chronicle, 18th.

*The Iron Port*, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XII, Number 31 [Saturday, July 9, 1881], page 8, columns 1-2

## Range Items.

–The company organized to work the "Colwell find," on the Felch range, is called the Hecla, and is officered as follows: E. Breitung, president; B.D. Jones, secretary; Wm. Sturges, treasurer.

–Three town sites have been laid out in the Felch mountain [sic] neighborhood and named, respectively, Felch Mountain, Metropolitan and Theodore. Felch Mountain is near the Warner location, occupying the s1/2 se1/4 29, 42, 28; Metropolitan adjoins the Metropolitan mine property, on 32, 42, 28, and is the property of that company; and Theodore is the property of the canal company and adjoins the Northwestern mine on 29, 42, 28. Two of them, we can not [sic] say which, will doubtless be fizzles.

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## Range Items.

–The C. & N.W. company will at once extend a branch to the Indiana mine and the mine commence shipping.

–Four hundred men are employed on the railroad to Crystal Falls and it is expected that ore can be shipped over it early in October.

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–The prospect is now that the **railroad will not be completed to Felch mountain [sic – Mountain] before the close of the season** for shipments. –Range, 7th.

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## Range Items.

–A **postoffice [sic – post office] has been established at Felch mountain [sic – Mountain]**. Name "**Metropolitan**" and **L.A. Friedrichs** is postmaster.

–The rains have made the roads to and through the **Felch mountain district** almost impassable, nevertheless [sic], **O'Callaghan** has succeeded in transporting a **saw-mill** thither and will soon have it at work. A court has been established **L.D. Fleming**, magistrate, and **John Madden**, constable, and a **school district is to be organized**. All which we learn from the Range.

*The Iron Port*, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XIII, Number 4 [Saturday, December 31, 1881], page 8, column 1

## Range Items.

–The outfit of the **Oconto Republican** has been brought to **Quinnesec**, to replace that of the **Range**, taken by the proprietor to **Norway**.

*The Iron Port*, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XIII, Number 5 [Saturday, January 7, 1882], page 8, column 2

## Range Items.

–**H.S. Swift**, formerly for some time engaged on the **Range**, is to conduct the **new paper** which is to succeed the Range, at **Quinnesec** and to be called the **Recorder [sic – Reporter]**.