

MENOMINEE RANGE HISTORY – EARLY DISCOVERY AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE MENOMINEE IRON RANGE

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CONSTRUCTION OF THE MENOMINEE RANGE RAILROAD AND INITIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE BREEN, BREITUNG AND QUINNESEC MINES AS REPORTED IN *THE MINING JOURNAL*, MARQUETTE, MARQUETTE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 445 [Saturday, January 27, 1877], page 4, column 1

Work on the **Menominee Range Railroad** is being pushed rapidly forward. The road commences at a point on the Chicago & Northwestern railway, twenty-three miles from Escanaba, and forty-two from Menominee, at which buildings to be used as offices, stores, boarding houses and dwellings have been erected. Three hundred men are at present employed, which force will be increased as soon as arrangements can be made for their accommodation. It is intended to have the road built to the **Breen** mine on section 22, township 39 north of range 28 west, at the opening of navigation, when active work will commence at that mine.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 449 [Saturday, February 24, 1877], page 4, column 1

Work on the **Menominee** [*sic* – **Menominee**] **Range Railway** is being pushed with great vigor, there being a force of not less than 600 men employed[.] **Clark, Lipe & Co.** have a sub contract for that part of the line west of the **Breen mine**, and there is no reason to doubt but that the track will be completed to the **Quinesaik**

[*sic* – **Quinnesec**] early next fall – possibly in time for the shipment of some ore before the close of navigation. The building of this line is attracting a great deal of attention to the new iron field, and negotiations are now in progress looking to the extension of the railway from the Quinesaik across the river to the newly discovered deposits in Wisconsin.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 452 [Saturday, March 17, 1877], page 4, column 1

FROM the *Menominee Herald* we learn that a new company has been organized under the name of the **Menominee Mining company**, to which has been transferred the leases of the **Breen, Breitung and Quinesaik** [*sic* – **Quinnesec**] properties, originally and lately held by the **Milwaukee Iron company**. Mr. **Whitehead**, the superintendent for the new company, is on the ground and expected to have a force of miners at work on the Breen deposit this week.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 453 [Saturday, March 24, 1877], page 4, column 1

By a letter just received from a member of the engineering corps on the line of the **Menominee Range railway**, we learn that work is progressing favorably to the completion of the road to the **Quinesaik** [*sic* – **Quinnesec**] mine by the first of August next. The frost is a hindrance rendering it necessary to use blasting powder in loosening the ground in grading. Arrangements were being made to commence work in the **Breen and Quinesaik mines** during this week, to put them in shape to produce ore. There is a

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prospect of considerable work being done the coming summer along the line of this road in the way of prospecting for mineral [sic].

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 455 [Saturday, April 14, 1877], page 4, column 1

WORK at the **Breen mine**, Menominee county, is being pushed vigorously under the efficient management of **Supt. Brown** who is ably assisted by **Capt. Louis Whitehead**, formerly of this county. About twenty-five miners are operating on the property, and the company will be able to commence shipments as soon as the railway is completed and the necessary rolling stock arrives. At the **Breitung mine** there is a force of ten or fifteen men engaged in getting things in shape for the early shipment of ore.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 460 [Saturday, May 12, 1877], page 4, column 1

FROM a letter received by us we learn that the work at the **Breen mine**, on the Menominee range, is progressing favorably. The quantity and quality of the ore which is being developed surpasses the most hopeful expectations of the company, and mining operations will be prosecuted as rapidly as the means of transportation will warrant. It is the intention of the company to mine and ship 25,000 or 30,000 tons this season, if no untoward circumstances arise to interfere with their calculations.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 460 [Saturday, May 12, 1877], page 4, column 2

THE MENOMINEE RANGE RAILROAD. – We are informed, by parties interested in the matter, that there is a probability that this road will be continued this season to the Menominee river. This will be done if the parties owning mineral lands on the line of the proposed extension manifest enough interest in the matter to give the company suitable encouragement as to the development of the properties which are known to be rich in mineral [sic]. It would be a matter of considerable economy to the company to build the road now on the completion of the present contract, while the men and materials are on the spot, and while wages are low. We trust that the interested parties will arouse themselves on this subject.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 462 [Saturday, May 26, 1877], page 4, column 1

JOHN N. ARMSTRONG has received the appointment of mining captain of the **Breitung mine** on the Menominee range, and left for that locality last Saturday accompanied by his family. Capt. Armstrong has had a large experience among the mines and minerals of Lake Superior, and we predict for him a successful career in his new field of operations.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 463 [Saturday, June 2, 1877], page 4, column 1

SOME 300 men are now employed on the western end of the **Menominee range railway**, and the contractors expect to increase this force to 500 shortly. It is expected to have the grade completed to

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the **Quinnesec mine** before August 1st, and the proprietors of that mine visited the location last Monday and selected the route for the sidings to tap the openings. Everything is being made in readiness for the shipment of ore as soon as the track is laid.

AT the **Breen mine**, on the Menominee range, work is progressing satisfactorily. Some 300 tons of fair ore are now in stock. Stripping is still in progress, and since our last letter from that section about 225 feet more of the vein has been uncovered. The company are *[sic]* building some substantial houses on the location for the accommodation of their men, and for offices and a store.

LETTERS FROM THE MENOMINEE RANGE MINES DOCUMENTED IN THE MINING JOURNAL, MARQUETTE, MARQUETTE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 464 [Saturday, June 9, 1877], page 1, column 5

[To the Editor]

LETTER FROM THE MENOMINEE RANGE MINES: – The railway is completed to within three miles of the **Breen mine**; the contractor expects to have it in and considerably west of that point by the fourth of July. The grading on the western end is approaching completion rapidly, and will be ready for the iron as soon as the contractor is ready to lay it. The working force has been heavily increased.

At the **Breen mine** the mining company is ready to ship on the first train that arrives

here. Their docks and pockets are all completed and partially filled with ore. The docks will hold one thousand tons, and the captain tells me he has things so arranged that he could load and send off three train loads of ore a day. They have stripped and left exposed ore enough to employ a large gang of miners all summer to take out, and are still stripping. There has been a new town site laid out and it is called “**Waucedah**.” About half a mile from the mine the company are *[sic – is]* building a number of quite neat cottages at the Breen location. The railway bridge across the Sturgeon river is nearly completed – its whole length being nearly 500 feet.

At the **Breitung mine** things are indeed active, both mining and railroad building; I also ought to say fishing, for finer trout I never saw taken in any part of the country, weighing from one-half up to three pounds. Other fish are equally abundant. But this is digressing. The head-quarters of the three mines – the **Breen**, **Breitung** and **Quinnesec** – are located at the Breitung mine, and it really is a lovely spot, overlooking a beautiful lake. Also at the Breitung they are ready to take out ore; they have a large tract stripped, the ore laying only about from twelve to eighteen inches below the surface; it is of first quality. There is being put into the bed a tunnel one hundred feet long; they also have a stope finished from which they will take ore, and would be ready for shipping, but their docks and pockets are not completed yet. But there is a large force of men at work on them, and everything will be ready as soon as the railroad is ready.

The gentlemen who constitute the company made their first visit the fore part of this week, and expressed themselves as highly pleased and perfectly satisfied with the manner in which everything was conducted, and highly complimented the

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superintendent for the successful manner in which he had carried out their plans.

The **Quinesec** has not been opened, but will be as soon as the railroad is advanced far enough.

The weather is dry and excessively warm, and vegetation is suffering severely. The woods are all on fire, being the second time this season. Mr. **Joseph Benton**'s log shanty burned yesterday, leaving them all out doors; damages are light compared to the extent of the fire. The fire is abating slightly at this writing.

WOLVERINE.

Breitung mine, June 1.

The grading of the railroad is being carried on night and day, showing the intention of the contractors to complete it in the quickest possible time. Large gangs of men are at work.

The captain of the **Breen mine** and party visited the **Breitung** last Sunday, going on horseback. They are still stripping there; also stocking it. Their first blast occurred there last week, having struck rock they could not remove without the aid of explosives, as heretofore.

At the **Breitung** the work on the dock and pockets is being pushed to its utmost capacity, and at the end of every day you can see that big work has been done. This past week there has been found a bed of hard ore beneath the stripping, surpassing anything on Lake Superior in quality, and the Capt. thinks his mine is gong to be the "biggest thing" in the whole country. It far surpasses their most sanguine expectations.

The dock and pockets will be ready to receive ore week after next, when work will be lively. We are anticipating big times for our little place as soon as the railroad is finished.

Weather has been a little chilly the few days past, but warmer now. Gardens are

all planted; health of the location good; no rain as yet; we need it very badly.

WOLVERINE

BREITUNG, June 6, 1877.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 465 [Saturday, June 16, 1877], page 4, columns 2-3

THE MENOMINEE RANGE.

[To the Editor.]

Taking an early start from Menominee, we expected to reach section 34, town 40, range 18, the next night, but in this we were doomed to be disappointed, for on trying to cross the Menominee river, about one mile below **Bad Water village**, our horses came very near being drowned, which detained us until the following morning, when we had to finish the remainder of our journey, of some twelve miles on foot. Throughout the Menominee district, in almost every direction, the woods were on fire, and the blackened cinders and ashes could be seen scattered here and there even when the fire was miles away. It must be very discouraging to the lumbermen whose mills are running on short time or are idle for want of the very logs that were then burning in the "roll-ways." Arriving at our destination the first care was to get something to eat, for hunger was too tame a word to express the condition of our empty larders. After having done ample justice to the bounteous repast served by our genial host, **Monsieur Tobin**, and created in his mind grave doubts of an immediate famine, we began to look around. The location consists of two long buildings and a couple of tents sufficient to accommodate a dozen or more men. The mine owned by the **Commonwealth Iron Co.**, is located on the

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summit of a broad ridge in the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 34, town 40, range 18, and is about 150 feet above the general level of the country in this vicinity. The vein of ore is uncovered from 75 to 100 feet in the direction of its "strike" and measures across the strike 36 feet. The ore is a first class, fine, steely, specular variety and is very uniform in quality. The elevation of the mine will afford it a natural drainage for a long time after active mining begins. The stripping – a sandy-loam and sand – will average at present about nine feet. The cost of opening this mine will be comparatively very small.

At the **Quinnesec mine**, the present terminus of the Menominee Range railroad, but very little has been done this season. The location consists of one good log house, besides two or three other larger buildings in the course of construction, intended for hotels. It is the purpose, however, of those interested to soon commence mining operations here.

Following the line of the half finished railroad we come to the **Breitung**, and are welcomed by our old friend **Capt. Jack Armstrong**, who takes no little pardonable pride in showing strangers his mine. They are making active preparations here to be ready to ship ore as soon as the railroad is completed thus far. Their deposit of ore is located on the face of a high ridge, and the drainage is good. The ore, a blue hematite, is about identical with the **Quinnesec**. The formation has nearly an east and west trend and dips to the south. The ore contains just enough magnetic to attract the needle and afford a purplish red powder when pulverized. The bed of ore is quite well defined, and in places measures 50 feet in thickness. They have quite a large amount of ore in sight, and with a little more work can ship fifty or more tons per day. The hanging wall of the vein is a jasper and lean

hard ore. It appears probable, that as they mine downwards, they will find more or less of hard specular ore. At present they are driving a tunnel which will intersect the ore in about seventy feet at a point about fifty feet below the surface. This will give a fine strip of ore, almost at the very start.

Reluctantly bidding our friend a last good-bye, we resumed our tramp along the line to the **Breen mine**. The grading of the road-bed was much more advanced than west of the **Breitung** mine. Across the Sturgeon river, the Railroad Co. have nearly completed a very fine wooden bridge, with long high approaches on the east side. The grades are very light, not exceeding 34 feet to the mile, and the curves are not sharper than four degrees. At the **Breen** we found **Captain Schwartz** in charge, and even as busy as at the **Breitung** mine. The showing of ore here is good, and promises well. It is very similar to the **Breitung** ore, and the formation there dips to the south. It is more than probable that all these mines are on the same range. Mr. **Louis Whitehead** has charge of the **Breen**, **Breitung** and **Quinnesec** mines, and no doubt will gladly welcome the first train of cars at the **Quinnesec**, so that his now tedious tramps will be no longer necessary. Some seven to eight miles of track is laid, and the prospect is that the cars will be running to the **Breen** by the first of August, which will save the "old times" pull through the swamp on the winter supply road. The **Breen** mine is only 20 feet higher than the track at **Spaulding**, and the present line of railroad does not vary from an air line at any point more than one thousand feet.

C.E.W.

MARQUETTE, June 15th.

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[Saturday, June 23, 1877], page 1, column 5

MENOMINEE RANGE ITEMS. – The track laying has begun again, after having been delayed some time with a rock cut, and will be laid into the **Breen mine** at once.

A man by the name of **Anthony Dougherty** was killed in the R.R. cut above the Breen mine, one day this week. He was smothered to death by the caving in of a bank of sand, burying him about ten feet beneath it. Also an **Indian** (name not known), had his arm badly cut with an ax in the hands of a companion; it was accidental.

The **Breen mine** has stripping 150 feet in length, and from 30 feet to 75 feet in breadth. They are constantly uncovering more ore.

Capt. Schwartz has just returned to the Breen, bringing his family with him.

Capt. Armstrong, of the **Breitung mine**, has lately moved his family into the district; it is a big undertaking for a lady; the mode of conveying into the mine is quite of the backwoods order. The stripping is still going on and the ore is abundant. **Superintendent Whitehead** is making every effort to have docks and pockets ready to receive ore by the time the cars are ready to run to the mine, and judging from the way the work is being pushed, they will be completed in due time.

The weather so far this month has been quite moist. Last night, June 15, there was a heavy shower of rain and hail, accompanied with severe lightning and thunder, and also a fierce wind. This continuous rain retards work on the R.R. and in the mines, but the lumber men are happy. They tell me they will be able to clear all the streams of lumber, which is a god send [*sic – godsend*] to the mill men at the mouth of the Menominee river.

The location of a postoffice [*sic – post office*] at **Waucedah** has been delayed until after the R.R. is completed. It would be a difficult matter to furnish mail there with the present facilities.

They are crowding the ore onto the docks at the **Breen**, as the road is being pushed rapidly to that point. The rock cut that has delayed them so long is finally finished.

The **Quinnesec mine** is being surveyed with a view to ascertain the best point for opening it.

SPAULDING, June 16, 1877.
WOLVERINE.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 467 [Saturday, June 30, 1877], page 1, columns 4-5

MENOMINEE RANGE ITEMS. – The weather was quite cold the latter part of last week, but this week opens very warm and pleasant, and there are indications of rain.

Last Tuesday, the 19th of June, was pay day at the **Breen** and **Breitung mines**, and the railroad men got their pay a day or two before. There was quite a loud old time, and had there been a saloon here things would have been pretty generally stirred up.

The tunnel at the **Breitung** was finished on the 22d, striking a fine bed of ore. The tunnel is 75 feet long.

A Frenchman by the name of **Felix Surprise** [*sic – Surprise*], who was working on the railroad about five miles east of the **Breitung mine**, while peeling cedar bark on the morning of the 20th to cover a shanty, cut a fearful gash in his arm just above the elbow. He was carrying his ax on his shoulder through thick underbrush, his toe caught and he fell, and the ax slipped down on his arm, and it being very sharp nothing but the bone of the arm stopped it. **Dr.**

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Belknap, the mining surgeon, sewed the wound together and otherwise dressed it, and sent him home to Wisconsin.

A man working at the **Breitung mine** cut his hand quite severely with an ax, which will lay him up for a few days. His name is **Lego** [sic – **Legault**].

We recently received a visit from **Mr. Conrad**, of **Saginaw mine** fame. He is looking after some iron land interests about twenty miles west of this location.

The **Railroad store**, belonging to parties from Chicago, has been sold to other parties from Chicago, and is going to be moved toward the western terminus of the road.

The docks and pockets at the **Breitung** are finished, and they will begin to shove ore into them at once with the full force.

It is rumored that the track will be completed to the **Breen** this week.

WOLVERINE.

SPALDING, June 25.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 468 [Saturday, July 7, 1877], page 5, column 4

MENOMINEE RANGE ITEMS. – A great many of the workmen in the mines and on the railroad are going away to spend the fourth of July; there will a few stay and work. The cars run very close to the **Breen mine** now, within a mile and a half, and they will be detained there about two weeks on account of a cut through a hill not being finished; their men left them, so they had to stop work, or it would have been all ready for the iron. The boarding camps all along the western division will be moved up in a few days, the bed of the road being so nearly finished up to the western terminus. Ore is being rushed on to the docks and into the pockets at both the **Breitung** and

Breen mines at a rapid rate. The ore that comes out of the tunnel at the **Breitung** mine is very fine, entirely unmixed with rock of any description. The ore at the **Breen** is about the same quality, but is not as convenient for mining as it is on the lower ground. The company will probably put in a large stock of general merchandise at the **Breitung** to supply all their miners as soon as the railroad men move out of their store.

The boys bring in beautiful strings of trout every day; the opportunities for catching them are as fine as I ever saw, and not far off, either. There is a little lake a few rods from the location at the **Breitung**, which is filled with all kinds of fish that usually inhabit such lakes. The shooting this fall is going to be first-class.

No births, deaths or marriages.
WOLVERINE.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 469 [Saturday, July 14, 1877], page 1, column 5

MENOMINEE RANGE ITEMS. – The fourth of July passed off very quietly. On the east end of the road the men all laid off and had a general spree, also the men at the **Breen mine** did not work, but every thing [sic – *everything*] was quiet; they indulged in a picnic which was a very pleasant affair.

We can say now that the rail-road is at the **Breen**, a thing which has been looked for with a great deal of anxiety, and the grading is nearly completed between there and the Sturgeon river, so they can push the iron laying right ahead if they choose to; but instead of that I think they will make that headquarters for a time and ballast up what they have laid, as the bridge across the Sturgeon river will delay them some time.

The fourth at the **Breitung mine** was spent by the men working as usual, also on

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the railroad the same; but in the evening there was a large bonfire and a small show of fireworks, and the stars and stripes were flung to the breeze for the first time in this part of the country, creating a great deal of excitement in consequence, and the firing of guns and singing of national airs.

One of the bosses on the railroad, **Mr. Chapman** was his name, I believe had his shoulder dislocated while on duty. It was soon adjusted by **Dr. Belknap**, the mining surgeon, and he is doing well at present.

They have got to increase their pocket capacity for ore at the mines, especially at the **Breitung**, where they are taking out now one hundred tons Per [*sic - per*] day, and as soon as they increase their force, which they are going to do soon, the amount of ore taken out will be increased proportionately.

Buildings are beginning to go up pretty fast now, but they can't complete them for the want of lumber for which they have to wait from below, by railroad. Not having lumber has put us back here in building very much, but the cars being at the Breen they can haul it on wagons.

Supt. Whitehead is expecting a number of the gentlemen who constitute the company here to-day, and he is going to the **Breen** with horses and saddles to show them the way in, that being our only means of getting over unless we foot it.

WOLVERINE.

SPALDING, July 10, 1877.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 471 [Saturday, July 28, 1877], page 8, column 1

MENOMINEE RANGE ITEMS. – They are making extensive improvements at the **Breen** now, since the cars have brought them lumber; their houses are rapidly approaching completion, and it looks really

like a town. The docks are being largely added to, and **Supt. Whitehead** has just given them a plan of pockets to build, which everyone thinks surpasses in strength any they ever saw. Railroad iron has given out, and has caused a cessation in track laying, which is probably just as well, as the bridge over the Sturgeon river is yet unfinished, and there is about a week's grading before they can get to the river; but all on the west side of the stream is ready for the iron up to three miles west of the **Breitung**, and the workmen have all moved to the western end, and will have that part all ready for the iron long before they are ready to lay it.

Captain Armstrong has made extensive additions to his ore dock at the **Breitung** so that its capacity for holding ore, including the pockets, is several thousand tons. The ore continues just as fine as at first. The captain is going to increase the facilities for working by putting in two or three more slopes. Also, after a while, he will run in another tunnel to strike the bed of ore farther east, giving him a very extensive face to work upon.

There is just north of the mine a beautiful ledge of Potsdam sandstone, which comes out in large blocks, and some time may richly pay for quarrying. It makes a fine, rich building stone.

Dr. N.P. Hulst, of Milwaukee, has been here for some time, making preparations to strip the **Quinnesec mine**. He is home now, but will be back soon and commence the work of stripping. I understand it's a very extensive piece of work, requiring a great deal of energy and perseverance, of all [*sic – all of*] which the doctor possesses a great abundance. No exciting news from this quarter this week.

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MENOMINEE RANGE ITEMS. – The spur at the **Breen mine** is finally laid, so now as soon as the balance of the road is in condition they will begin to ship ore. All supplies come up as far as the Breen, and passengers can ride up if they are at the depot when the train leaves every morning; but there are no regular trains on the road as yet, and probably will not be until the work is accepted by the engineers. The eastern end is in very fine condition, even better than the old road. The new houses at the Breen are now about completed; one or two of them are receiving their occupants, and a more tasty [*sic - tasteful*], convenient and well-constructed house I never saw put up by any company. They are first-class in every particular, with nice front yards and large roomy garden spots in the rear; **Supt. Whitehead** has not left a thing undone that should be done to make them perfect in comfort and convenience.

Mr. Hagerman, president of the company, from Milwaukee, and **A.C. Brown**, one of the stockholders, were here last week and expressed themselves highly delighted with the manner in which everything was being carried on; also with the future prospects of the mine. They are both gentlemen who are glad to see their employee comfortable and doing well. They visited all three of the mines, but in consequence of the railroad difficulties outside they hastened home. Their intention was to spend a number of days up here. They selected a town site while here, and, I believe, settled on "**Vulcan**" as the name of both town and mine, and work is to begin at once on the new town site. Chopping and clearing off, preparatory to building the town, has already begun. It will overlook the lake, and will be much nearer the mine than the present location.

They are going to commence work at the **Quinnesec** at once. **Dr. N.P. Hulst**, of Milwaukee, who is also a stockholder, will be in charge of operations.

The weather still continues excessively warm with now and then a shower, but that don't [*sic - doesn't*] seem to cool the atmosphere altogether.

A child belonging to **Mr. Thos. Rice**, of the **New York farm**, was severely burned last Saturday about the neck and shoulders. I believe the doctor thinks the child will recover.

No news of startling character; all quiet on the Menominee.

WOLVERINE.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 475 [Saturday, August 25, 1877], page 4, column 2

MENOMINEE RANGE ITEMS. – At the **Breen mine** it is beginning to look more like heavy work, as they have just finished putting up an immense derrick with which they can lower and raise a loaded car and place it on the track for transportation. New houses are being finished and occupied by new families. Everything is already for shipping ore as soon as the railroad company will receive it. The side track and loops are all finished.

There were several car loads of iron pushed upon the **Breen mine** side track the other day, preparatory to laying track again. There are about fifteen miles of road bed finished for the iron now, and all will be done in a month, probably.

A man by the name of **Barney Collum** was killed in one of the cuts the other night by a stump rolling upon him.

Everything looks very prosperous at the **Breitung**. To-day is pay day at both mines. The men receive their pay and go at once to work, showing that they appreciate the

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idea of laying up their wages these hard times.

The weather continues very warm with an occasional shower of rain. There is a general good state of health.

A great many deer are making their appearance in this locality, which will make fine sport for sportsmen.

WOLVERINE.

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LATER – The shipping of ore began at the **Breen** on the 16th, when **Capt. Schwartz** had seventeen cars loaded, 50 cars on the 18th, and 50 cars on the 20th.

Mr. **John R. Wood**, of Ishpeming, paid us a visit to-day; he is on his way to the **Commonwealth mine**.

Scarcely a day pass without a great number of men passing up the line; most of them are after work, but some are looking for a place to locate in business. Such are the men we want. They are still laying iron, and it will be but a short time before the track will reach the **Breitung**. **Supt. Whitehead** is pushing the work at the **Breitung mine** very energetically, as well as at the **Breen**, and both mines look very promising. Improvements at both localities are constantly being made, and each place begins to look quite town like.

A great many hunters are coming in now, mostly from Chicago, and game is plenty [*plentiful*].

Mr. **A.C. Brown** brought a party of ladies with him the other day over the wagon road. They were nieces of his and his daughter. They expressed themselves highly delighted with the trip. We were glad to see them – wish some more would come.

WOLVERINE.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 476

[Saturday, September 1, 1877], page 4, columns 4-5

THE MENOMINEE RANGE. – The railroad will be completed to the **Breitung mine** in about two weeks, if no serious delays occur. The bridge over the Sturgeon river is nearly finished, and the grading is progressing steadily.

The shipments from the **Breen mine** to this date comprise 200 cars, or about 1,200 tons – not quite half the ore which had previously been mined. Outsiders visiting us, particularly those acquainted with iron ores, are quite agreeably surprised to find the Menominee range ores so rich and pure. Experts pronounce them equal to any of the same class of ores found in the Marquette district.

At the **Breitung** work is progressing favorably, though operations have been somewhat retarded by the delay in laying the railroad track to this point. Still, the men find enough to do in building and finishing houses for the winter, and it is confidently expected that the road will be finished in time to ship all the ore contracted for this season's delivery. It is doubtful, however, if shipments will be made through the winter by rail to the Wisconsin furnaces, though there has been considerable talk to that effect.

A laughable occurrence took place here the other morning. Our gentlemanly clerk "went out a hunting" for deer, and was not long in coming upon a large herd. Singling out one of them, he banged away, and put eighteen buckshot into its neck, which was broken. Fearing it was not dead, and that it might start up and get away, he drew his revolver and put six pistol balls into his head, when, notwithstanding it did not stir, he ran up and, clubbing his gun, beat it over the head until he was fully satisfied it was quite dead -- though he did not come to that conclusion until he had broken his gun. He

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then came home and reported, and sent out some men to bring his trophy into camp. We all agreed that he couldn't have killed that deer any deader if he'd had a whole pack of artillery along with him.

Deer are more than plenty.

WOLVERINE.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 479 [Saturday, September 22, 1877], page 4, column 1

We learn that work has been commenced at the **Quinnesalk** [*sic* – *Quinnesec*] mine, a contract having been let to a Milwaukee party. It is the intention to ship a cargo of the ore before the close of the season. The grading of the west end of the railroad has been completed, and the track will be laid into the mine before many days.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 480 [Saturday, September 29, 1877], page 4, column 1

AN interest in 3,000 acres of well selected iron lands, in the Menominee Range, and adjacent to mines now being opened, for sale at a bargain. For further information apply to or address the editor of the MINING JOURNAL.

MAJ. T.B. BROOKS and **Prof. Pumpelly** have returned from their examination of the Menominee Range, and speak highly of its prospects. They say the **Commonwealth mine**, on the Wisconsin side of the river, gives promise of ultimately becoming one of the best mines in the country, the deposit being apparently very large and the ore of the best quality.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 481 [Saturday, October 6, 1877], page 4, column 1

THE *Menominee Herald* says that the prospect for the extension of the railroad to the **Commonwealth mine** in Wisconsin, is every day growing brighter. If the deposit of ore is nearly as extensive as reported, and we see no reason to doubt its being so, the building of a railroad to it will be a question of short time only.

The same paper records the fact that an order has been received for 4,000 tons more of the **Breen** ore, from the same parties to whom the first shipment were made. This is the best evidence that could be had of the good quality of the ore, unless it turns out that it is being sold at figures below the market rates – which is very often done by parties trying to introduce a new ore, however unexceptionable its quality.

MENOMINEE RANGE. – Our correspondent writes us that the iron is laid to within two miles of the **Quinnesec mine**. A report received from the furnace owners who took the first cargoes of **Breen** ore is very satisfactory, the more especially as it was accompanied by an order for all the ore of the same kind that can be mined and shipped the present season. As a consequence the mine force has been increased, and from twenty-five to thirty cars are being shipped daily.

The name of the **Breitung mine** has been changed to **Vulcan**, which will also be the name of the new post-office, which has been applied for. The spur at the Vulcan is being pushed vigorously, the company being desirous of shipping all the ore possible before the close of navigation.

A big show is being made at the **Quinnesec**, and mining will soon begin, in

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order to have a cargo ready by the time the road is finished to the mine.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 484 [Saturday, October 27, 1877], page 4, column 1

WE learn from the *Menominee Herald* that the iron was laid on the bridge across the river, near the **Quinnesec mine**, last Monday, and that trains are now running through to the end of the track.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 485 [Saturday, November 3, 1877], page 4, column 1

MENOMINEE RANGE ITEMS. – The iron has finally been laid as far as the **Quinnesec**, and trains running through on time. Shipments from the mine will soon be commenced.

Shipments from the **Breen mine** average fifteen to twenty-five cars per day.

Shipments from the **Vulcan mine** will be commenced about Monday next, and will consist of nearly a hundred cars per day. The ore on the docks – about 5,000 tons – has all been sold, and a market for as much more secured.

The spur was finished Friday last. The dwellings and other buildings are nearly all completed, and everything arranged for the winter's campaign.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 485 [Saturday, November 3, 1877], page 8, column 1

[To the Editor.]

A TRIP TO THE MENOMINEE RANGE.
– Having just returned from a trip to the

Menominee iron range, I herewith enclose you a brief outline of my experience in that important, but yet undeveloped region. Arriving at **Forty-Two**, or "**Powers**," as it is now called, I found everything in a flourishing condition. The place is laid out for a town, but the only buildings there as yet are a post-office and several boarding houses. The boarding houses are all full to overflowing. Leaving there next morning, I arrived at the **Quinnesec** during a heavy rain. At this place four buildings are going up, and are so much needed that they are being filled with merchandise while yet in an unfinished state. While here I called on **John McKenna**, of course, who is running a drug store at this place. John seems to be doing well, and is glad to see a Lake Superior man at any time. I then went over to **Dickey Brothers'** place, which is a mile and a half distant. The Dickey Brothers have kept an **Indian trading post** at this place for the last six years, and while there I examined some most magnificent furs procured from Indians and trappers. The next place I arrived at was on a section of the Menominee river called **Bad Water**, 10 miles from the **Quinnesec mine**. Here, in company with **Mr. Keyser**, of Menasha, Wis., I stopped over night at the house of a man named **Miller**, and in justice to Mr. Miller, must say that he keeps one of the best and neatest houses in the state of Michigan. I crossed the river at 7 o'clock next morning, (Sunday), on my way to the **Commonwealth mine**. I arrived there at 11 o'clock a.m. and found my way to the house of **John Tobin**. I found Tobin at home, and took dinner with him, after which we sat down together and had a smoke. After taking a short rest we started for the mine, which is half a mile distant from Tobin's house. There I found a stripping or opening of a vein of blue steel ore 162 feet wide, and 25 feet deep as far as developed. The Commonwealth company has a range of

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four miles from east to west on the line of this vein, with several test pits a mile and a half distant, showing in places a good sample of magnetic ore. From my limited experience I should judge by the looks of this mine that it is an immensely rich find, and will some time turn out to be a sort of bonanza to the owners. While at this mine I was the recipient of many kind favors from Mr. Tobin, to whose courtesy and kindness every visitor in this region will testify. The Quinnesec mine is doing a large amount of work, and are preparing for extensive mining operations next spring. At the Breen mine they are taking out from 10 to 15 car loads of ore per day. The captain says that as soon as they get their shaft in good working order, he calculates to ship 120 cars of ore per day. P.D.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 486 [Saturday, November 10, 1877], page 4, column 1

The **Breitung mine**, on the Menominee range, made its first shipment of ore Friday of last week. It was consigned to the Bangor furnace.

The iron region of Menominee is now coming into quite prominent notice, and will, ere another six months, be a prominent iron mining eldorado [sic – *El Dorado*]. It has been quite thoroughly explored as a whole, and is known to be rich in mineral wealth, while there are now several valuable mines in course of development and operation. Since the partial completion of the Menominee Range railroad, capitalists interested in the region have renewed their grip, and everything now looks favorable towards a complete development of the new region.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 487

[Saturday, November 17, 1877], page 4, columns 1-2

IT will be seen by our tables that up to the 14th inst. there had been shipped from the **Breen** and **Vulcan mines**, in the Menominee range, about 7,000 tons of ore, which is a good showing, considering the short time these mines have been supplied with transportation facilities. All our advices from that region are of the most encouraging character, and it now looks as if the mines being opened will be able to supply all the soft ores there is likely to be any demand for next year. The Menominee hematites are exceedingly rich in metallic iron, and all that is now needed to give that region great prominence is the discovery of hard ore of merchantable quality and in proportionate quantity.

ESCANABA. – The following table shows the ore shipments from Escanaba up to and including Wednesday, November 14th:

Vulcan.....	1,868
Breen.....	4,992

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 492 [Saturday, December 22, 1877], page 4, columns 1-2

The following well considered article from the Menominee *Herald* commends itself to the attention of those who are interested in the development of the new iron fields of the Menominee range. While there can be no objection to the extension of the line to the **Commonwealth**, or any other new mine, it cannot be expected that any part of the grant of swamp lands shall be applied to the building of a line which shall not have for its main object the development of mineral interests within our

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own state. Let the line be run to the Menominee river, as the *Herald* suggests, through the iron belt west of the **Quinnesec**, and the object of the grant will have been at least partially attained. Any attempt to divert it from such a course should meet with the united and persistent opposition of the people of the upper peninsula and of the state authorities. The *Herald's* article is as follows:

The route to be adopted in the proposed extension of the **Menominee River railroad**, is a matter of so much importance not only to the people of this and Delta counties, but the state at large, that we cannot forbear calling public attention, for the second time, to the subject. We have no reason to suppose that either the railroad authorities or the **Commonwealth mine** interest are prejudiced against the extension from the present terminus by a line which shall skirt the south side, the iron formations in 40 30 and 40 31, west of the **Quinnesec**. On the contrary it is the impression that this route is favorably regarded by both of these interests. But as there are rumors to the effect that there is a possibility of the extension commencing at a point on the present completed line, two miles east of Quinnesec, and running thence regardless of all intervening interests, northwesterly to the Commonwealth, we are going to invite the attention of our readers to some of the important reasons why such a step would be inexpedient and unsatisfactory.

The state swamp lands of the counties of Delta and Menominee, which apply on the grant to the Menominee River railroad company, were, in the year '73, excepted from the Marquette and Mackinaw grant, for the specific purpose of applying them, at a future day, to the aid of a railroad through the Menominee range. The act approved, April 3, 1875, conforming to this purpose, donated seven sections per mile of these

lands to this road, and specially required that the road should run "as far west and south as section 34 40 30, and from thence to the Michigamme river. It is not fair to suppose the petition embodying the above limitation, which was so generally signed in this and Delta counties, had for its sole purpose the mine of Quinnesec. It would have been made to reach a point four miles further west, had not its originators believed that the formation of the country. If not the good sense of the railroad projectors, would continue the line a sufficient distance westerly to embrace the **Iron Mountain, Walpole** and **Edward's** interests on section 31 and 32 of the same town.

This is leaving out the important interests on the same latitude in the adjoining town of 31. However this may be, a proper construction of the language of the act locates the main line of the road as far south and west as section 34-40-30, and in no sense does it provide for a "direct" route to any iron location in the state of Wisconsin. Michigan has not pledged her swamp lands to the attainment of any such purpose. There is not, and cannot be any question, in a business point of view, as to the expediency of this road running to the Commonwealth mine, or rather to so establish its main line, destined for the Michigamme river, as to provide a connection with that important location. But there are grave reasons, founded upon the subsidy extended it, and connected with the revenues of this county and the state, why the iron locations on this side of the river should not be "left out in the cold," in the attainment of that point.

Many persons in this community have the impression that iron properties are not subject to taxation for town and county purposes. This is not the case. The specific tax of one cent per each ton of ore is in lieu only of state taxes. The mining property at its true cash value is as subject to town and

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county listing as any other property, and it is not far in the future when the iron locations of the Lower Menominee Range will contribute as much to our local revenues as any other class of property, provided always, that they are not "left out in the cold." It becomes the duty, then, of every taxpayer to interest himself in this extension, and direct his influence to the selection of a route which shall develop in the highest degree the resources of Menominee county and the revenues of the state. There are men of information and influence in all parts of the state interested in our range. They should not fail to observe closely the progress of this enterprise.

If it was an effective argument in '75 in obtaining the grant for the road, that the specifix [sic - specific] tax accruing to the state from the ore raised would ultimately counterbalance the value of the lands donated, it is no less effective to-day; and the great promise which the range now presents for an inexhaustible supply of ore gives good color to the proposition. The state officers who hold these lands in trust for the accomplishment of this enterprise, will undoubtedly see that the object of the grant is not sacrificed to develop interests in the state of Wisconsin. We are particular to state that at this writing we have only the rumors floating about that it is the purpose to diverge from the Lower Range at a point east of Quinnesec, and cross the river at Twin Falls. We trust the railroad authorities do not contemplate such a step. It would surely invite serious opposition from more than one source.

EARLY ACCOUNTS OF DICKINSON COUNTY MINES AND SETTLEMENTS DOCUMENTED IN THE ESCANABA TRIBUNE,

ESCANABA, DELTA COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Escanaba Tribune, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume IV, Number 37 [Saturday, August 16, 1873] Supplement, page 1, columns 1-3

The Iron Fields of Menominee Co.

Col. B.F. H. Lynn, editor of the *Marquette Mining Journal*[,] has lately made a minute examination of the new and old iron discoveries in the **Menominee Range**, and has pronounced at least a portion to be of great value, and equal both as regards quantity and quality, to the mines in the Lake Superior country. It was our intention to copy the Colonel's article in reference to the matter; but our exchange containing it having been made way with by certain hangers-on, to be found about all printing offices, we are unable, now that we want to, to make use of the article, so we content ourselves with the following extracts from the correspondence of the *Milwaukee Sentinel*:

The **Lake Superior iron region** has been pretty thoroughly explored as the ridge which divides the waters which flow into Superior from those that flows [sic] into Green Bay and Lake Michigan; and the country lying north of this ridge includes nearly all of that popularly classed as the **iron fields of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan**. In the minds of a few, however, there has long been an impression that south of this ridge, in the space of country extending to the **Menominee river**, the boundary line between Michigan and Wisconsin and, indeed, in Wisconsin there are immense beds of iron ore equal in extent and richness to those of the Superior side of the water-shed. Reasonable ground for this belief was formed in the discovery of

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what is known as little **Sturgeon Falls mine**, in 1867, at a point about 28 miles from the mouth of **Deer Creek**, a small stream falling into Green Bay. The ores taken from this mine, near the surface of the ground, and submitted to analysis, gave 60 per cent of metallic *[sic – metallic]* iron. This test was repeated some time in the summer of 1870 with a similar result, and about the same time a deposit of marble or granite was found in the vicinity. The existance *[sic – existence]* of the marble had been known for some years, but its extent was only a matter of conjecture. It is now known that almost inexhaustible *[sic – inexhaustible]* quantities of it are there, and so situated as to be easily quarried so soon as means of conveying it to market are supplied. Whethef *[sic – Whether]* it will be useful for the obvious purposes to which told, but a high authority has already asserted no other building stone in America equals it.

The **Breen mine**, about which much has been said, lies about two miles east of **Little Sturgeon Falls mine**. It presents on one side of a high ridge a solid wall of iron ore from 30 to 50 feet in perpendicular height. The ridge is a quarter of a mile wide at its base, and from 50 to 100 feet at its crown. On the crown where trees have been unrooted *[sic – uprooted]* by the wind the roots have lifted the thin layer of earth covering the ore and shown that the ridge is almost solid iron. If anything may be judged safely from the history of mines, it is that the depth of this deposit is much greater than its height.

The **Breitung mine** is about seven miles west of the **Breen mine**, is under control of the **Milwaukee Iron company**. It gives a good promise. A vein of soft blue hematite ore has been exposed a distance of 450 feet to a point where its width reaches 90 feet. Specular ore is the article required, however, and of that an immense

deposit has been found which works 40 per cent of iron, but is not yet as rich as it will probably prove when pushed a little farther.

The **Quinnisec** *[sic – Quinnesec]* mine, still five miles further west, is attracting attention just now. It is in the hands of citizens of Menominee, who are developing its extent and quality as fast as possible. The exposure is on a southern and eastern slope, and trenches have been cut across the veins at right angles, exposing first, a vein of brown hematite, which I am assured by **Col. Lyon**, of the *Marquette Mining Journal*, is not excelled by any in the country. A fair quality of red specular ore has also been found, and work is now progressing for the further development of it.

In a space of eighteen miles north by fifteen west from the the *[sic]* **Breen mine** -- which is the nearest to the bay shore -- there are fourteen mines having distinct outcroppings *[sic – outcroppings]*, and on which special examinations have been made quite to the satisfaction and often to the surprise of iron men. This includes no reference to numerous fainter appearances where no work has been done. In fact little has yet been accomplished in comparison with the extent of the field to be explored. From Green Bay to the mines in *[sic - is]* all a dense forest, and few roads are yet provided for the accommodation of the work. Until recently it was necessary for all explorers to carry, *[sic]* in their stores on their backs; but the impetns *[sic – impetus]* received from this summer's operations will soon clear away these hindrances. One may readily foresee the iron horse packing in supplies and packing out boundless wealth of iron, for such deposits as exist here cannot fail to create of industries fully equal to that which has grown up since 1856 on the north shore of the peninsula. Immense forests of timber extends *[sic - extend]* on each side of the Menominee and

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on all its branches through to Lake Michigammi [*sic – Michigamme*] and furnish inexhaustable [*sic – inexhaustible*] supplies for shipments and for charcoal. Indeed, this whole district is composed within the comparatively unexplored portion of the peninsula, and only enough is known of to give assurance that it holds a wealth beyond the most daring guess made concerning it.

The iron fields of which this forms a part reaches through to Lake Superior; or in other words, the **Menominee iron mines** are only a southern outcrop of the **Superior mines**. They have already been followed north to Lake Michigammi [*sic – Michigamme*], and are found without digging to be sufficiently distinct to warrant that belief.

Escanaba Tribune, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume VI, Number 16 [Saturday, March 27, 1875], page 2, column 3

Land Grants.

Editor Tribune: – I wish to call the situation of the people of **Delta County** to a bill now before the **Michigan legislature**. It is for a grant of land, ten sections per mile, for a rail road from Escanaba to the **Menominee Iron Range**. When the extension was built from Menominee here it was run north from Menominee until it was west of here about twenty-four miles distant and then turned and run east to this place. A line was then surveyed from that point westerly to the Menominee Iron Range and the line cleared out. Examinations were made of the iron and it was found that it was not of the kind that would answer for shipment to the eastern market but must be used in furnaces near home and sent to market in the shape of pig iron. At that time

furnaces were being built along the line of the Northwestern road at different points as far as Milwaukee and Chicago which have since been completed at Menominee, Green Bay, Depere [*sic – De Pere*], Appleton, Fond du Lac, Milwaukee and Chicago, and there are numerous locations along the line for others – at Spaulding and at the stations between there and Menominee, also at Peshtigo, Oconto, Pensaukee, Swamico [*sic – Suamico*] &c., &c. Further investigation of the Menominee Iron Range has shown that all of the [*ore of the*] southern part of that Iron Range although of no use for shipment was very easily converted into pig, and last summer and fall a company was formed who purchased interests in those iron mines and made arrangements with the Rail Road Company, by which they agreed to build this branch and then turn it over to the Rail Road Company who were to stock it and pay for it in freight in bringing out the iron to the furnaces as they are now built and will be built from the mines to Milwaukee along the present line of the road at each place as charcoal can be found in sufficient quantities. These arrangements were all completed and no grant of land had been thought of any more than was thought of in building the **Smith Mine branch**, the **Mineral Range Branch** or any other of the numerous branches built to the different mines, nor is there any more road to be built to reach the mines now open on the Menominee Iron Range, than was built to reach the **Cascade and Smith mines**, and after that every three miles of road opens a new mine, and in many instances a much shorter distance. Now why would we pay for this road in land any more than the roads built to other mines? The **Fayette Furnace** in our own county has built over one-half of the amount of road that is required to reach the **Breen Mine**, and is equiped [*sic – equipped*] and passengers

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are carried on it every day and no fare collected upon it, and still no grant was made to them nor did they ask for it.

Now, the bill, to give it the appearance of being a new road instead of a branch, commences for the “construction of a line of rail road from Escanaba in the County of Delta, northwesterly, through the Menominee Iron Range,” &c., and then in the same section goes on to say that the aid in the construction of “portions of such railroad” and there is a proviso in the same section that reads “Provided that no land shall be granted to said railroad or portion of railroad now built.”

Now, what is the portion of the railroad now built if not the road from here to Spalding [*sic – Spaulding*], and the grant is to build that branch and the claim of the road from “Escanaba to the Menominee Iron Range” as merely to disguise the said intents and purposes of the bill. But these are not the worst features of the bill. Sec. 4 reads, “All lands granted by this act to aid in the construction of said line of railroad shall be and are exempt from all taxation whatsoever until the same shall have been sold and conveyed by said railroad company, its successors or assigns to which the same shall have been conveyed from time to time by patents for the construction of said line of road pursuant to the provisions of this act.” Now, if that is constitutional then it forms the greatest land monopoly ever created in this world!

THE PEOPLE.

Escanaba Tribune, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume VI, Number 19 [Saturday, April 17, 1875], page 2, column 2

Give us Another.

Under this heading the *Marquette Journal* has the following in regard to the building of the **proposed railway** from the **Menominee iron mines** to a point in connection with the **C. & N.W. R’y.**

“We are not selfish as we have received from the present legislature all that was asked for the building of a railroad in which we felt a special local interest. We are not comorants, and have nothing more in this line to ask for as far as **Marquette county** is concerned. But there is a bill pending in the legislature, making a grant of lands to aid in the construction of a railroad from a point on the **Peninsula division of the Chicago & Northwestern** to the north line of **Menominee county**. The necessity for the construction of such a road must be apparent to all who are acquainted with the wants of this region. It is wanted as an outlet for the ores of the **Menominee iron range**, of the very great value of which there can no longer be a doubt. Without such a road, the development of the iron deposits of the Menominee is simply impossible. With it, and a recurrence of good times, we shall see a repetition of the history of the development of the iron resources of Marquette county. All the really valuable state lands in that locality -- those believed to contain iron, have been disposed of. The remainder are [*sic – is*] now and will remain valueless and unproductive to the state until a road is built which will make them available for farming purposes, and for fuel with which to feed the blast furnaces that are certain to follow in the wake of railway communication. The road in question, if built, will open up and develop an at present inaccessible region, and make it pay tribute to the coffers of the state. The bill provides for a grant of seven sections to the mile, without exemption from taxation, and with the aid proposed the road is certain to be built the coming season. As soon as earned the lands will be taxable,

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while without it they are valueless, and pay no tax whatever. We cannot think of any other piece of legislation that is calculated to do more for the development of the great mineral wealth of this section, and most earnestly hope that the bill may pass.”

Escanaba Tribune, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume VI, Number 20 [Saturday, April 24, 1875], page 2, column 3

Aid Voted to the Menominee Iron Range Rail Road.

Bills for granting lands to new railroads occupied the attention of the **House** most of the forenoon. The first was Mr. **F.O. Clark**'s bill for aid in building a road from **Escanaba** through the **Menominee Iron Range**. The bill grants to the **Menominee River Railroad Company** seven sections of swamp land per mile, for the construction of a road from Escanaba to the **Michigamme River**, and lands to be selected from the vacant and reserved swamp lands in **Menominee** and **Delta** counties. The company must construct 10 miles a year of road, and the lands are exempt from taxation for five years.

Mr. **F.O. Clark** said that the members of the Legislature from the Upper Peninsula united in asking this grant. The swamp lands in that section were given for the purpose of drainage and reclamation, and they would be much more effectively used for the improvement of the country if given in aid of railroads than if given to wagon roads. The inhabitants of Menominee and Delta wanted the lands in those counties for their own railroad, as those in **Chippewa**, **Schoolcraft** and **Marquette** counties had been given for a railroad through those counties. Such lands had heretofore been granted to aid in building wagon roads

which were of comparatively little value, as they were not permanent improvements. Now the people desired that the remainder should be devoted to railroads, and petition after petition had come in for that purpose. This road would open up the largest undeveloped wealth that existed in any portion of the State, and would add immensely to the revenues of the State by the specific taxes which it would return on the railroad traffic and mining operations. Within four years from the completion of the road this region would ship half as much iron ore as comes now from the Marquette range, and the State would then receive more from the specific taxes than it could from the sale of the lands. This road, too, would be a permanent improvement, would draw capital from abroad, and would furnish a market for the produce of **Southern Michigan**. The working of the mines would make a market for \$750,000 worth of produce annually, much of which would come from the **Lower Peninsula**, by way of the **Petowsky** [*sic – Petoskey*] route.

Mr. **Goodyear** hoped the bill would pass, as the road would open up a new section and increase the resources of the State. –Detroit Post.

Escanaba Tribune, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume VI, Number 21 [Saturday, May 1, 1875], page 2, column 3

Railroad Bill.

The following is the Bill introduced by **Hon. F.O. Clark** to promote the early construction of a railroad through the **Menominee Iron Range**.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That for the purpose of encouraging the early construction of a line of railroad from **Escanaba**, in the County of

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Delta, westerly by way of **Spaulding** thence northwesterly through the **Menominee Iron Range** as far west and south as section thirty-four, town forty north, of range thirty west, and from thence to the **Michigamme river**, and for the purpose of drainage and reclamation, the State hereby grants to the **Menominee River Railroad Company**, to aid in the construction of portions of such railroad on the line aforesaid, to the extent of seven sections of the swamplands belonging to this State per mile of said railroad to be so constructed, to be selected from the vacant and unreserved State swamp lands belonging to this State, in any portion of portions of the counties of **Menominee** and **Delta**, for the construction of that portion of said railroad from Escanaba, Delta county, to the north line of said Menominee county, and for the construction of said railroad from said north line of Menominee county to the Michigamme river, to be selected from the vacant and unreserved State swamp lands belonging to this State, still remaining vacant and unreserved in the counties of Menominee and Delta aforesaid; but the title of the same shall not vest in said company except as their railroad progress. Should said railroad company, accepting the provisions of this act, its successors or assigns, fail to construct ten consecutive miles of their line of road within one year from the passage of this act, and ten miles of railroad each year thereafter, then all grants of land herein made for that portion of the line of railroad not completed shall revert to the people of this State. Provided, however, That if said railroad company shall, in any one year, construct more than ten miles of road hereinbefore provided for, the excess over said ten miles shall be credited to said company on account of the amount of road required to be built by it in the next succeeding year or years, and said company shall be entitled to receive, of the

lands hereby granted, an amount equivalent to seven sections of land for each mile of road so actually constructed. Provided, That no lands shall be granted to said railroad company for any railroad or portion of railroad now built.

Sec. 2. As soon as said railroad company, accepting the provisions of this act, shall actually survey and adopt their line of railroad or any part of parts thereof on the route indicated, they shall deposit from time to time a plat or plats thereof in the office of Secretary of State, and a plat or plats thereof with the commissioner of the land office, it shall be the duty of such commissioner, upon the passage of this act and the acceptance of the provisions thereof by said company, as in this act provided, to withdraw from sale all the vacant and unreserved swamp lands that belong to this State in the counties of Menominee and Delta, until such railroad company, accepting the provisions of this act, shall have filed with the commissioners of the land office, a list of the said swamp lands so selected by it for the construction of its line of road; Provided, Said list of said lands shall have been so filed with the commissioner of the land office within one year from the date of the deposit of the plat of its said line of railroad with said commissioner of the land office.

Sec. 3. On the list of said swamp lands so selected by said railroad company be filed with the commissioner of the land office, as aforesaid, it shall be his duty to withdraw from sale the swamp lands embraced in said list to the extent and amount of seven sections per mile of the whole of said line of railroad so proposed to be constructed by said railroad company, to be disposed of according to the provisions of this act; and to restore all the swamp lands belonging to this State within said limits so remaining unselected by said railroad company to the same condition

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they were in before said withdrawal from sale, for the purpose of sale or entry.

Sec. 4. All lands granted by this act to and in the construction of said line of railroad shall be and are exempt from all taxation whatsoever for five years from and after the date of this grant.

Sec. 5. Before any lands shall be conveyed under the provisions of this act, by the Governor, he shall personally, or by some authorized agent, examine each section of ten miles or more of completed railroad, and if, after full examination, he shall approve of the construction of said ten miles or more of railroad, as in section one of this act provided, it shall be his duty to certify the same to the commissioner of the State land office, and patents shall be issued to the railroad company constructing ten miles or more of road, by the Governor, for the lands, as provided in this act, and so on continuously for each division of ten miles or more of road actually constructed, until the completion of said line of railroad.

Sec. 6. Upon the filing of said company in the office of Secretary of State, of a notification of its acceptance of the provisions of this act, the same shall thereupon become obligatory upon the State as well as upon said company; Provided, that said notification shall be given within sixty days from and after the passage of this act.

Escanaba Tribune, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume VI, Number 19 [Saturday, January 15, 1876], page 3, column 5

Menominee Journal.

The second number of the *Menominee Journal*, under the editorial charge and proprietorship of **Hon. John L. Buell**, has been received at this office, and promises

fair to become one of the leading papers of this section of country. It will be Republican in politics and the editor states in his introductory his intention to deal right and justly with all men and corporations, favors the ten hour system of labor, is opposed to the division of the school fund or the application of any portion of it for the support of sectarian schools, and the exemption from taxation of any property except cemeteries, and favors constitutional amendments directing such taxation, and is in favor of tariff on iron and lumber.

Escanaba Tribune, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume VII, Number 13 [Saturday, March 4, 1876], page 2, column 3

Menominee Range Railroad.

Editor **Buell**, of the **Menominee Journal**, in the last issue of that paper, gives the reasons, (as he understands them) why the road named above has not been commenced. His article is well worthy of perusal and we give it entire.

“This railroad project supported by a grant of land worth \$4500000 [\$4,500,000], which expires May 3rd of this year, is not going to be carried out. Why? The capital stock of the **Menominee Range Railroad company**, \$500,000, to secure the construction of this branch, was paid in, except \$50,000 last fall. The condition of the subscriptions was such that no subscriptions was [*sic - were*] to have effect until the full amount of the stock was subscribed.

H.H. Porter of Chicago, was the delinquent. How and in what respect? Under the panic of '73, and the repeated and disastrous failures in the east last year, and by reason of the want of confidence in western railroad securities brought about by

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the “Granger invasion,” Mr. Porter found it necessary to attempt the negotiation of his pine interest on the Menominee in order to perfect the construction of this branch. He therefore made a proposition to sell to the six lumber corporations on the Menominee, 50,000 of pine stumpage owned by him, or the corporation which he represented, at one dollar per thousand feet on the stump. We don't think this was an unreasonable figure. We are disposed to believe, that considering the great advantages which would accrue to the lumber corporations, it was in effect a gift, for the property was worth to a dollar and cent the price at which it was offered at. A portion of our corporations went in and expressed their disposition to perfect the arrangement. The corporations who held back, and defeated the opening up of the **Menominee Iron Range** were “The **Ludington, Wells & Van Schiak Co.**, The **N. Ludington Co.**, and the **H. Witbeck Co.**” The representatives of these corporations on the Menominee will be telling the people between this time and the spring election that they are studying and nursing the interests of Menominee county and the towns at the mouth of the river. The **M.R.L. Co.** saw that they could draw ore from the Menominee Iron Range, and manufacture pig iron from the refuse of its mills at a favorable profit, and its president, acting upon this theory[,] was prominent in his efforts to bring about this timber negotiation. If the representatives of the corporations who defeated the construction of this road have anything to say the columns of this paper are open for their apologies. The history is not yet complete.”

LATER.

Since the above was in type we have learned that arrangements are being perfected to commence operations on the road as soon as the snow goes off, and if possible build the first ten miles of the road

before the 4th of May, that being the time of the expiration of the land grant. Whether this can be accomplished however is rather doubtful [*sic – doubtful*], but in case it should not be done, a petition or memorial, directed to the President and Directors of the **Menominee Iron Range railway**, urging them to go on with the work, and in case they finished the road to the **Quinnesaik** [*sic – Quinnesec*] **mine** (a distance of 25 miles) before the close of navigation, that they would use every effort in their power to have the **State Legislature** extend the time of their land grant. The paper has been generally signed by the people of **Marquette** and our own town. It is barely possible that the officers of the road may be able to complete the first 10 miles of the road before the 4th of May, and then they would have fulfilled the terms of their contract, which would make any interference on the part of the Legislature unnecessary.

Escanaba Tribune, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume VII, Number 14 [Saturday, March 11, 1876], page 3, column 4

A Menominee Landmark Gone.

A week ago last Sunday morning the **first frame house** ever built upon the Menominee river was destroyed by fire. The *Herald* says of it, that it was first erected in 1835, and occupied the ground near the present location of the **N. Ludington Co.'s boarding house**. It was constructed by parties from Green Bay for the **Methodist Society**, and used as a **Mission House** for a year, when it was purchased by **Farnsworth & Bush** and remained unoccupied for a few years. In 1840 it passed into the hands of **Farnsworth & McLeod**, when it was taken

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down and re-built on the sight where it was burned. It was occupied by Mr. Farnsworth until 1843, at which time it was purchased by **Dr. Hall**, and has remained in the family ever since. At the time of the fire it was occupied by Mr. **Henry Bently**.

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The prospects for a fair **shipment of ore** from this port this season are beginning to look a little more favorable. The **Milwaukee Iron Co.**, and **North Chicago Rolling Mill Company** have a contract with the owners of the **Props. Baldwin and Owen** and their barges to transport 100,000 tons of ore to these two companies. The **South Chicago Rolling Mill** has three vessels under a season's contract to transport ore for them. The **Cleveland Rolling Mill Co.** are quite confident that they will ship at least 30,000 tons by this route. Besides these, the **Bangor furnace** at St. Joseph, the **Leland**, the **Frankfort**, and the **Green Bay**, and **Depere** [*sic – De Pere*] furnaces will need a large amount of iron. The inactivity among furnace men throughout Pennsylvania and Ohio of course will affect the shipments during the early part of the season and we can only hope that there may be a revival of business in that section in the course of a few months.

Escanaba Tribune, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume VII, Number 27 [Saturday, June 10, 1876], page 2, column 3

Railroad Election.

The stockholders of the **C. & N.W. R.R.** and its branches held their annual meeting on the first day of the month in Chicago. As the fiscal year of the road ended on that day, the Directors were unable to make their report. They claim a large increase of business during the year. The Directors of the main line number eighteen, six being elected every year. The election for Directors resulted in the re-election of the outgoing six. They are **A.G. Dulman**, **Charles R. Marvin**, **R.P. Flower**, **M.L. Sykes, Jr.**, **H.H. Potter**, and **Albert Keep**.

At a subsequent meeting of the Directors the following officers were re-elected: –President, **Albert Keep**; Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, **M.L. Sykes, Jr.**, of New York; Assistant Secretary, and Assistant Treasurer at New York, **S.O. Howe**; Assistant Secretary, at Chicago, **J.B. Redfield**; Executive Committee, **Albert Keep**, **M.L. Sykes**, **John F. Tracy**, **A.G. Dulman** and **H.H. Potter**. This result is somewhat unexpected it having been generally supposed that the **Jay Gould** and **Sidney Dillon** faction of New York had secured enough stock to obtain control, in which event a general and sweeping change would have probably been made in the management. This last election settles the business for a while. On the same day the same parties were elected directors and officers of the following named roads, all operated under the management of the Chicago and Northwester, viz. The **Elgin and State Line**; **La Crosse, Trempeleay, and Prescott**; **Winona and St. Peter**; **State Line and Union**; and the **Chicago and Milwaukee**.

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ESCANABA.

Escanaba, has one of the best, if not the very best harbor on the whole chain of Lakes. It is accessible in all weathers and to demonstrate that, it is used every season as a port of refuge. It is absolutely safe from all storms and of capacity sufficient to accommodate the entire tonnage of the lakes. It is very easy of approach, and has a broad ample entrance of three miles in width, with a depth of water sufficient, [sic] to float any kind of vessel. The largest ocean craft can land at our docks with ease and safety. This port is very centrally located. It is nearer on the great water route to the East than Chicago by 300 miles, than Milwaukee by 200 miles, than Green Bay by 100 miles, and is undoubtedly destined by its natural advantages to be the great shipping point on Lake Michigan, for the fast increasing growth of grain in Northwestern Wisconsin, and the great wheat producing State of Minnesota.

It is also from its position, [sic] destined to be the natural outlet for the shipment of the largest quantity of iron ore. In regard to that mineral, Escanaba is surrounded by an almost continuous belt of vast deposits; from the **Menominee River Range** southwest of us to the immense bodies of ore around **Negaunee** and **Ishpeming** in the North. The market for which is Southernly and Easterly. [sic] It would seem as though nature when filling this vast mineral store house adjacent [sic – adjacent], had also the object in view of a grand central point of shipment while planning and forming this magnificent harbor.

ORE DOCKS.

For the convenience of handling and shipping this ore we have already two of the

largest ore docks in the world, which have been erected by the **Chicago and Northwestern Railway company** at a cost of \$250,000. These docks of themselves are well worth a visit to our city. They are 1200 and 1000 feet long respectively. The height above the water is 36 and 38 feet. On the top of each is laid 3 railway tracks. The total storage room in both is 24,000 tons. Twenty-five vessels can be loaded every 12 hours. A vessel carrying 1500 tons can be loaded in 2 1/2 hours. The amount of timber used in their construction was about 15,000,000 feet.

SHIPPING.

It is a beautiful sight to see this splendid harbor thronged with shipping, – some loading some coming in and others going out deeply loaded. The utmost activity generally prevails, as each vessel is anxious to to [sic] obtain her cargo as quickly as possible and return. Very seldom is the assistance of a tug required to tow the shipping in and out as there is ample room for a vessel to beat either way in almost all kinds of weather.

FURNACE AND IRON WORKS.

From its unsurpassed harbor and its peculiar location with reference to the iron deposits it becomes of necessity one of the finest[,] best and most convenient places for the location of furnaces, rolling mills, large foundrys [sic – foundries], nail-works, machine shops and other similar industries as we have around us almost all the different kinds of iron ore known to exist, and immense bodies of timber in every direction. Limestone for furnace use is plentiful within 4 or 5 miles. We have one furnace already, built at a cost of \$250,000. It is the finest iron furnace on the Upper Peninsula.

TIMBER AND FARMS.

Our country is well timbered. The elevated belts or ridges are almost invariably covered with hard-wood [sic –

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hardwood] sometimes mixed with pine, which when cleared off makes the best of farming land. The numerous farms already opened indicate that the soil is capable of producing almost all kinds of grain and vegetables, and is the best agricultural county in the Upper Peninsula.

CLIMATE.

While our nearness to a large body of water renders our summer weather deliciously cool and pleasant, the severity of our winters are tempered by the same cause. We have no colder weather than is experienced 200 miles south of us. The water acting as a regulator in summer and winter. *[sic]* Our bays are frequently not frozen over, until Christmas, and the gradually cooling water is constantly giving out its store of summer warmth. As Lake Michigan never freezes over, a south wind almost invariably produces a thaw.

SUMMER RESORT.

Owing to our warming summer climate and our attractive surroundings Escanaba is much frequented by parties in pursuit of health and pleasure, who always return much pleased with their visit and with their health invigorated. The sparkling waters of the bay presents *[sic – present]* one of the finest opportunities for boating, and the forests abound in game. All the streams around us, which are very numerous, are filled with brook trout and the lake and bays abound with white-fish *[sic – whitefish]*, mackinac *[sic – Mackinac]* trout, muskalouge *[sic – muskellunge]*, and other kinds of fish of a superior quality.

TOWN.

The town of Escanaba, *[sic]* is beautifully situated on a point of land which divides the waters of Green Bay from those of Little Bay de Noc. The location of the ground is charming and rises in successive plateaus or benches from the shore. It is the county seat of Delta County. We have first class hotels, good schools and libraries

and commodious churches. We have every advantage for building up a fine city. No place in the west offers better inducements to the capitalist to obtain ample returns for his investment.

FARMERS.

To the farmer we would say come and settle around us, where you can raise good crops and have a cash market for your products at home, from 10 to 50 per cent more than you can realize for them in states farther south. You can here purchase cheap lands on which you can raise wheat and oats as cheap and obtain as large a yield as in any of the western states; as a grass growing country this section has no equal. The fine hard wood *[sic – hardwood]* timber on a portion of this land will be a fortune in itself and in a great many cases has paid all the expense of clearing, fencing, and erecting necessary farm buildings. Our country is well watered no less than ten streams dignified by the name of rivers *[which]* empty into our lake shore and bays, besides numerous creeks and rivulets. Nearly all these would, with greater or less expense, furnish excellent water powers, as the flow is generally long[,], constant and equable *[sic – equitable]*. They have in their natural *[sic – natural]* capacity an excellent adaptation to the use of the

ARTISAN,

the manufacturer of the mechanic. Many of these streams empty into, or close by, admirably sheltered harbors, with deep water close to the shore. On looking over our resources you will find that we have all the elements requisite to make a country rich and prosperous. We want you to come and mould these various openings for profitable investment so as to make them a certain success. We have everything you need; cheap lands, good water-powers, and easy means of transportation. Come and we will welcome you with open hands.

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Our Correspondence from the Menominee Range Railway.

Correspondence from Sec. "42."

It was all a mistake that little tale about our getting run over by a cod fish, for as you may perceive by this letter, the child is yet alive. We have planted ourself [*sic* – *ourselves*] in this place with the intention of studying Rail roadology. **Chipe** [*sic* – **Lipe**] & **Co.**[.] who have the grading from the **Breen mine** to the **Quinnesec**, have about 275 men including sub-contractors. **D.L. Wells & Co.**[.] who are building the south end, have upwards of 200 men in grade, about one-half of which are on [*the*] construction train. The company have [*sic* – *has*] also about 100 men on timber bridging and ties. We understand that the track laying on this end will soon be resumed. There is at present about four and one-half miles of track down and we believe the remainder will be put down at the rate of about one-half mile per day. Among familiar faces we notice **E.R. Parks** of Escanaba, who is at present with the Engineer corps, and wears the boss pair of stoga boots. Racketty is at present in the **hotel business** and does all the coarse hand writing. **C. Lipe & Co.** have [*sic* – *has*] raised wages from \$1.25 to \$1.40 per day and board from \$3.50 to \$4.00 per week. Our Mariar says we must not write any more (soft stuff) and as we believe in a hereafter we will close by subscribing ourself as in days of yore.

RACKETTY.

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MR. EDITOR. – We have for some time been trying to collect our scattered thoughts, with a view to enlightening you as to the progress of railroad business, and other matters connected with this place, but have just returned from a short stroll, with the conviction that we have not been rewarded in a measure to compensate us for our untiring efforts, for, although the construction of the Menominee Range railroad is being pushed with the usual vigor, yet the general hard times have not changed one particle, and good whisky cannot be procured for less than ten cents per glass. We are a temperance man ourself, but as we take an interest in the welfare of our fellow-citizens [*sic* – *fellow citizens*], it is their sad condition that we consider so deplorable. Several car loads of iron rail are shipped up the road every morning, and everything looks favorable for the completion of the road somewhat sooner than has been anticipated. All that will be lacking to make this place a city at the completion of the road, [*sic*] will be a blast furnace and saloon, but we think the latter-named institution is at present kept on the European plan somewhere in this vicinity. It has been hinted to us that a certain pounder or compounder of medicines hereabouts is selling forty rod, and we would caution the gent, least the broad and untiring hand of Michigan law lays its vice like grip upon his carcass. We have as yet had no rain in this locality this month, and if the heavens do not soon open and pour upon us their refreshing element, we have little doubt but that the coming season will be a sickly one in this

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place, as the land surrounding us is composed principally of cedar swamps, and spruce and tamarack bogs.

Mr. **J.A. Crozier**, of the **Menominee Herald**, made us a pleasant call on Tuesday last.

In my hurry, I had almost forgot to mention that we have been surrounded by fire for nearly a week, and it is still holding on to the dry earth in some parts of surrounding property.

With a special regard to the editor, we remain, as ever.

RACKETTY.

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Work at the **Breen mine** is progressing rapidly. **Captain Schwarts** [*sic* – **Schwartz**] with a force of 25 men, [*sic*] has stripped along the main vein, to a distance of 130 feet, which at that point presents a 28 feet [*sic* – *foot*] face. From this face, across the vein they have uncovered nearly 100 feet, which allowing for the curvature on the surface, would make it about 90 feet in a horizontal line. The width of the vein is not yet ascertained. Docks and side tracks are being built, and buildings for the miners. As soon as the road is completed, a cargo of ore will be shipped to Cleveland.

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Your Likeness for 35 Cents.

I beg to announce that I have fitted up my Gallery with a set of first-class instruments and propose to do good work

or no pay. I will take pictures in any style at prices to suit the times, give me a call and see for yourself. Will open up Monday, April 9th, in **F.O. Clark's Gallery**, opposite **W.J. Wallace's hardware store**.

JOHN BRAITHWAITE.

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Our Correspondence from the Menominee Range Railway.

SEC. 42, May 23d, 1877.

MR. EDITOR. – A severe, if not fatal **accident** occurred on the new line on Saturday of last week. **Michael O. Connell** [*sic* – **O'Connell**], while working on a cut some three or four miles up the road, was seriously injured by the sudden caving of the bank, which threw him against a car truck with such force that his collar bone was broken and his head cut in a frightful manner, besides giving him serious internal injuries.

On Sunday, the 20th, our townspeople were called upon to witness the **first wedding** on the new line. The contracting parties were Mr. **Warren L. Benjamin** and Miss **Clara M. Essington**, both of this place. **Rev. N. Green**, of Escanaba, was called upon to officiate, and we give him credit for doing the work in good style. Previous to the marriage ceremony, Mr. Green delivered a short but very interesting discourse. The bride and groom tarried until Tuesday, and then left to seek fortune in some more congenial clime. We wish them much happiness in their doubled-up condition.

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The people are on the lookout for Bruin, as he has been of late making very earnest demonstrations of war upon their pig pens.

The new road has up to date seven and one-half miles of rail.

Interesting news being scarce, we will close. Yours, & c.,

RACKETTY.

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Our Correspondence from the Menominee Range Railway.

SEC. 42, June 5, 1877.

MR. EDITOR. – Everything in our surroundings seems of late to have put on a lively appearance. Railroading business is in full bloom, and **Messrs. Wells & Co.**, are now running three construction trains on the new line. Our little village of **Powers** is beginning to look up rapidly, and if we understand correctly, a **post office** will soon be established here; this latter-named institution will be a great convenience, as there is considerable amount of mail for this place, daily. Our nearest post office is at **Spaulding Station**, distant one mile. The petition to the department calls for Miss **Carrie Brooks**, as **post mistress**. The **new tank** just completed, and which is intended to supply both lines, is an ornament to the road. **Morris H. Kelly, Esq.**, late of Escanaba, presides behind the counter at the fine **store of Wells & Co.** Mr. **Cheney**, the general manager of the **Breen mine**, made us a call a few days since; he reports business very brisk at the Breen. We have been favored with a light fall of rain of late, but not quite enough to satisfy our appetite for moisture. **Michael**

O'Connell, the man who was injured up the line some two weeks since, has returned, and is mending rapidly. **Asa Dodge**, the old pioneer boot and shoe builder, of Escanaba, is in our village, and has his hands busily employed.

Truly yours,

RACKETTY.

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Our Correspondence from the Menominee Range Railway.

SEC. 42, June 13, 1877.

MR. EDITOR. – Circumstances will not permit us to write up much of the doings in this locality the present week. With a cold in our cranium, and corns on our gunboats, we are severely distressed.

It has been raining almost incessantly since our last writing, and calked boots are getting quite numerous here. The **saw mill** at **Spaulding** is in full blast, and Mr. **Murphy**, the superintendent of said milling business, has caused a **new side track** to be built from the main track to the mill, which will greatly improve their facilities for getting their lumber to the main track, as it has heretofore been conveyed on wagons, a distance of nearly one-fourth mile.

The work on the new road is progressing finely, and we understand that more iron will be laid immediately. Fresh hands for the new road are arriving daily, and the force of **Wells & Co.**, now exceeds 600 men. On Tuesday of this week, a man named **Richard Jones** had his **foot crushed** in a serious manner by the violent slacking of one of the construction trains.

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We would suggest that the engineer fraternity be a little cautious in the future.

Peter Reegan [Reagan – ?], a man in the employ of **Wells & Co.**, had his **leg broke** by the caving of a bank.

Yours truly, RACKETTY.

P.S. Since writing the above, I have received intelligence that a man named **Dennis McCarthy** working on the upper end of the road, was **killed** on the 14th by the caving of a bank on the work.

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Mining and Furnace News.

The **Menominee Herald** gives the production of the **furnace** at that point, for last week, as 243 tons.

The **Smith mine** commenced operations again last week and are [sic – is] now shipping ore. This is gratifying intelligence after a rest of several years.

The **Spurr iron mine** is looking remarkable well and they are landing about 150 tons of ore a day. We shall look for a good record from this mine at the close of the season.

The **Fayette furnace** during the week ending June 9th, turned out 149 1/2 tons of pig iron. The week before, 13 tons. Now that it has fairly got to work, we will expect to soon record big yields again.

At the **Breitung iron mine**, 12 miles west of the **Breen**, work is progressing lively. **Capt. Whitehead** has stripped nearly 100 feet in length along the vein, and has commenced the building of docks, &c. He expects to have everything ready to commence shipping by the time the track reaches him.

The **Breen Iron mine**, 34 miles west of Escanaba, has been pushing operations for the last few weeks, and have [sic – has] now got everything ready to ship several train loads of ore each day, if required, as soon as the railroad is completed to that point. Their pocket dock is finished and filled, and an immense face of ore is uncovered along the main vein, sufficient to meet all demands upon them for the present.

THE COMMONWEALTH. – **H.A. Tuttle**, Esq., President of the above Company[,], came down from the mine a few days since. He reports everything progressing satisfactorily there. The vein has been stripped for a distance of 125 feet in length and 30 feet in width and shows well the entire distance. Mr. **Wright** spent some three or four days on the location and appeared to be well pleased with the appearance of the ore. **Capt. Tobin** has been to Lake Superior for his family and to secure another horse and cart to assist in his work. – *Menominee Herald*.

For the following items we are indebted to the *Negaunee Iron Herald*:

The **Smith mine** will ship a 1,000 ton cargo of ore from Escanaba this week, which indicates that business is assuming considerable activity about the mine, work having been commenced thereon Friday last.

On Saturday last five hundred and seventy cars of ore, averaging seven tons each, were dispatched by the **C. & N.W. Company** from the mines to Escanaba. This is the largest number forwarded by the company in a single day since 1873.

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Our Correspondence from the Menominee Range Railway.

SEC. 42, July 5, 1877.

After a lapse of two weeks we proceed to enlighten you with the news of the week. On Friday last, **Joseph Goetz**, a laborer in the employ of **Wells & Co.**, was somewhat injured by the falling of a bank on the new road; he was taken to camp No. 1, and **Dr. Fortier**, of Menominee, was summoned, who pronounced the man out of danger. Goetz was sent to his home near Green Bay, the following Sunday. The iron is laid within a short distance of the **Breen mine**, on the new line.

Sheriff Ruprecht, of Menominee county, was in this place a few days since hunting illicit liquor dealers; they say that Joe had fifty dollars for the person that would point out the guilty parties, but it appears that his labors were not crowned with success.

The glorious 4th passed by us with nothing in the way of excitement except some six or half dozen exhibitions of fistic exercise, after which the wounded were, with few exceptions, carried off the field dead – i.e. dead drunk – and, indeed, your humble correspondent, Racketty, had instruments of various makes (principally Old Rye seven shooters), placed in unpleasant proximity to his smeller, but as he has long since shook the gang, he of course retreated in good order.

One of the enthusiastic citizens succeeded in getting away with a pint of kerosene oil, property of Mr. **Duncan McMillan**; we would propose that he now proceed to light himself.

As our time is short, and confusion great, we will proceed to stop.

Yours, &c.

RACKETTY.

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Our Correspondence from the Menominee Range Railway.

SEC. 42, July 12, 1877.

MR. EDITOR. – The glorious **Fourth** has come and gone, the jug has been buried, and once more peace and quietude reign supreme in 42. You may think the above expression wholly uncalled for, but had you been at this place on the Fourth, you would have remarked without hesitation, “Why is this thus?” Last Wednesday, that glorious one hundred and first anniversary of our national independence, when every loyal citizen of this enlightened country should have been offering a tribute of respect to the star spangled banner, the boys at 42 were whooping it up lively. The day was occupied in the usual manner, and in the evening a fair display of fire works [*sic – fireworks*], together with the firing of an anvil [*sic*], and a genuine dynamite explosion, after which the people were addressed by Mr. **J. Hoose**, of this place, who made some very appropriate remarks. He was followed by **Hon. Garry Forrest**, who hails from the south of Ireland, and is recruiting [*sic – recuperating*] his health in this place.

The **postoffice** [*sic – post office*] at **Powers** of which we made mention in a previous number, has been decided on, and Miss **Carrie Roberts** of this place has been appointed post mistress, with the necessary bonds signed and approved; this will be a great convenience to the citizens of this place.

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Two gentlemen from **Negaunee**, [sic] were in this village last week, who stated their intention of building a **drug store** at the **Breen mine**.

John Skogel, an employee with **Wells & Co.**, was run over by one of the construction trains, and almost instantly **killed**, on Tuesday of this week. It appears that Skogel attempted to jump off the cars, while in motion, and struck against some obstruction, which threw him under the train. The deceased is of Swedish origin, and has a brother lying ill at Menominee.

The **Breen mine** can now be reached by rail from this place.

Yours, & c.
RACKETTY.

Escanaba Tribune, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume VIII, Number 33 [Saturday, July 21, 1877], page 2, column 2

Our Correspondence from the Menominee Range Railway.

POWERS, MICH. July 19, 1877.

MR. EDITOR. – The present week being **pay week** on the road has been one of unusual excitement in this place. The latest excitement is a **stabbing affray** between two natives of **Poland**, the same taking place at **camp 4** on the new road. One of the parties received a severe knife cut on the right side, almost directly under the armpit; he was sent to camp and his wound dressed, and is now in fair shape to recover. The perpetrator of this foul deed has since escaped. The name of the injured man is **Joe Blitskie**, and it is said the deed was done without provocation on his part. Work on the new road is still rushing. Our new **postoffice** [sic – *post office*] is doing a fair business under the

supervision of **postmistress Brooks**. And now we are beginning to feel like a business community.

Yours, &c.
RACKETTY.

Escanaba Tribune, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume VIII, Number 36 [Saturday, August 11, 1877], page 2, columns 2-3

Our Correspondence from the Menominee Range Railway.

POWERS, MICH. Aug. 7, 1877.

We have of late been taking a short holiday in the **iron district**, and although we do not feel exactly competent to give a fair description of what we beheld on our tramps, still we will endeavor to do justice to the country surrounding us. Your correspondent started on the 6 A.M. construction train and arrived at the **Breen mines** [sic] [,] a distance of about 13 miles, at 7 o'clock and thence on foot to headquarters of **C. Lipe & Co.**, about 6 miles further up the grade.

We did not tarry long here, learning that there was a heap of **brook trout** to be had for the catching, in **Pine Creek**, we went and did considerable fishing, but no catching before sunset. As we, like veteran sportsmen, took no grub along, we dined on **woodchuck** and **wild pigeon**, and after a night of warfare with gnats and mosquitos, retraced our steps to the **Breitung**. This mine is located in a beautiful spot, and from what we saw of it, appeared to be doing a smashing business.

After leaving the mine, we proceeded to take in **Lake Hamburg** [sic – *Lake Hanbury*], situated about one quarter of a mile from the mine. This little lake is a marvel of beauty, being about one mile long

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and one-half mile wide, having no visible outlet. It is perfectly alive with large **bass** and **pickerel**, which can be seen at a depth of 30 feet, in its transparent waters. On the opposite shore from the mine and railroad grade, are huge boulders of rock which rise some 40 to 50 feet above the level of the water; these rocks are seemingly one compact mass, but are of various colors. On a close examination of this country, we observed a quarry, or bed, of splendid **American marble**, and another of **variegated slate**, either of which would pay some enterprising man to examine.

The work of the railroad is still on the move, and without doubt but little time will be taken to complete the same. The bridge over the **Sturgeon river**, is seemingly a grand affair, and we opine that it will eclipse anything of the kind, on the **C. & N.W. R'y**, between Marquette and Chicago.

On Saturday of last week a man named **Larson** was **run over** by one of the construction trains, and had his knees badly crushed. The accident was caused by the man's carelessness in jumping from the train while under motion. We report weather in this part, very fine.

RACKETTY.

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We take the following from the *Menominee Herald*:

The **Menominee Mining Company** has taken a lease of the forty acres adjoining the **Breen mine** on the east, and has decided to commence explorations upon it immediately. The property belongs to **Judge Ingalls** and the **Breen Brothers**, and undoubtedly contains the same formation and mineral deposits which are found on the Breen Mine.

The **Menominee Mining Co.**, [sic] is very anxious to get an ore train out from the **Breen Mine**, and preparations are being made to effect this as soon as possible, certainly before the close of next week.

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The probability now is, [sic] that the **Menominee Range Railroad** will be extended twenty miles further west. The deposits of iron seem to be full as good on the other side of the **Menominee river**, as on this, and in the case of the **Commonwealth mine**, it is supposed to be better.

It is proposed to call the **new paper** to be started at **Quinnesec**, "**The Iron Center**." That name will be very appropriate, as the town will be about in the center of the iron ranges, on both sides of the river. Should everything prove as favorable as is anticipated on the range, Quinnesec must from its proximity to the magnificent water powers close by, make in the future a manufacturing town of importance. The diversified natural resources in the vicinity will induce the establishment of manufactories other than iron.

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Breen Mine Ore.

The **first train of iron ore** from the **Breen mine** on the **Menominee Range**, [sic] arrived here Aug. 17th, since then one

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train a day has been sent in. The **Schr. Our Son**, [The Schooner "Our Son"] took the first vessel load, consigned to **Andrew Hitchcock & Co.**, Cleveland. This ore is to be thoroughly tested there and we think the yield of iron will be equal to expectations. Other iron mines will follow as the road is extended and the prospect is, [sic] that the small stream which has commenced to pour in from that range, [sic] will be increased indefinitely. As Escanaba is the only outlet by water, for the ore of this mineral district, it is very likely that this port will soon regain her former prestige and a few years of business is bound to produce a marked change in our surroundings.

Our Correspondence from the Menominee Range Railway.

POWERS, MICH., Aug. 22, 1877.

Notwithstanding the drawbacks of the outside world and the pullbacks of its feminine citizens, our little hamlet is lively beyond imagination, and the daily arrival of ore shipments from the **Breen mine** serve to heighten our enthusiasm.

One of the engines (No. 83) working on the construction was considerably used up by being thrown off the track above the **Breen mine**, on Saturday last; she was towed into Escanaba, and another engine (No. 135) brought to replace the damaged one.

The **saw mill** at **Spalding** [sic – *Spaulding*] has suspended operations owing to the low water and scarcity of logs.

The directors of the **C. & M.W. R'y** took a trip up the new road on Tuesday last.

Our surroundings were visited by a copious fall of rain Tuesday night.

RACKETTY.

Escanaba Tribune, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume VIII, Number 39 [Saturday, September 1, 1877], page 2, columns 2-3

On The Menominee Range.

The new town of **Powers** is lively as usual, and everybody seems to be busy. We noticed quite a number of signs of those necessary adjuncts of civilization, – **saloons**, – scattered all through the place since our last visit, and are told that about pay day, they sometimes produce scenes that are altogether too lively. The **churches** and **schoolhouses** [sic – *school houses*] that are to be, [sic] have not yet appeared. The **store of D.L. Wells & Co.**, [sic] is doing an active business, and the clerks are kept busy all day, and seemingly part of the night. Mr. **S.H. Selden**, chief engineer, and his corps, are actively engaged on the railroad work, and judging from appearances, have not much idle time on their hands.

The **main boarding house** for the men, – **camp one**, – is kept by Mr. **Essington**. He has now about 90 men, although the number is sometimes increased to more than 100. The bill of fare is excellent, and from the way in which the viands disappear at each meal, is unquestionably relished by the men. Viewed as a first-class watering place, the accommodations would not be considered tiptop, but for a hungry man just out of the woods, the cuisine, superintended by Mr. E. and his estimable lady, are just the thing.

We had some little opportunity of examining some of the **farming land** in the vicinity, and were very much pleased with the quality of the soil, and growth of the timber. Of course, from the newness of the country, it is impossible that the soil could have been thoroughly tested, but wherever

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farms have been made along the line of the **supply roads** to the various **lumber camps**, the result has been attended with gratifying results. – Three and a half miles from here, Mr. **Barney Bromsted** has a **young farm** that he purchased three years ago from one of the lumbering firms. At that time, some 15 acres had been cleared. This year he will raise from 60 acres now in cultivation, a surplus above his own requirements, *[sic]* of about \$1200. His crops consist principally of **oats, potatoes, buckwheat, hay, and turnips**. He is well satisfied, and says that any year he cannot clear \$1000 from his place, he will sell it. The work is done principally by himself, besides a good deal of labor thrown in on the road. There is an immense quantity of land just as good as Mr. Bromsted's around here, waiting for a settler to come and make himself independent in a few years.

At the newly-fledged town of **Waucedah**, we found everything lively, and the citizens jubilant and enthusiastic over their prospects. Several new buildings are going up, in addition to those already built. The **Breen mine** is now shipping ore regularly, and enlarged and extended their operations lately. They have erected a large derrick, and now handle the ore with more ease. Explorations for ore are to be commenced immediately east of the present mine location. The indications are good, and it is quite likely that the same formation extends in that direction. The chain of the **Hamilton Lakes** in the vicinity are beautiful little sheets of water, and as they with the connecting streams of water are generally filled with the finny tribe, they are becoming favorite resorts for those piscatorily *[sic]* inclined. Mr. **Selden's family** are enjoying here a pleasant season of camping out.

The **Breitung mine** is opening splendidly under the superintendency of **Capt. Whitehead**. This mine is located in a

hill which rises up between two and three hundred feet in the highest part. The arrangements for handling the ore are excellent, and when all the plans are completed, it can be worked very economically. The ore is a dark blue hematite and the best will yield somewhere in the neighborhood of 65 per cent of iron. A tunnel 75 feet in length has been driven into the face of the hill, to the vein on the second level, which will be about 50 feet above the railroad track, exposing a 75 feet *[sic]* face of ore. At present a series of pockets will receive it, when finished, and from them it will be run into cars alongside. Just now they are dumping in stock piles, and have on hand 2500 tons of first-class and 1000 tons of second-class ore. Several **hewed log buildings** are going up for the accommodation of the men. This mine is beautifully located. At a distance of less than a quarter of a mile, directly in front, is **Lake Hamburg** *[sic – Lake Hanbury]*, – the most beautiful little sheet of water, about a mile in length and a quarter of a mile in width. The formation of the lake is somewhat singular. On the north side the ground gradually comes down to the edge, and for a distance of perhaps 200 feet the water is quite shallow, and the bottom covered with clear white sand. It then commences to deepen very fast until the south shore is reached, where the rocks rise abruptly, in some places 50 feet high, and a hill behind, probably rising fully as much more. The strata, which seems *[sic – seem]* to be of a ferruginess *[sic – ferruginous]* character, are tilted up from the lake at an angle of about 45 degrees. The water is very deep and clear, and in some spots the rocks descend sheer into it, to a great depth. The deepest part is about 100 feet. The fishing is reported to be excellent. As a brisk northwest wind was blowing at the time we were there, we did not have an opportunity of

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substantiating the assertion. It is certainly a gem of a lakelet, and is admirably framed by the rising hills around it, all fringed with the green of the virgin forests of pine and other woods, and must eventually add much to the pleasure of the dwellers of the future town. At the mine we met Mr. **Wm. Ross**, who was formerly in the **railroad company's store** in this town. Mr. **E.P. Shine**, reporter for the Detroit *Free Press*, is also rustivating [*sic*] there.

The **railroad track** is completed to **Sturgeon River**, about two miles this side of the **Breitung mine**, and the grading and bridges are almost finished as far as **Quinnesec**.

Escanaba Notes.

The effects of the interruption to the general business of the country seems to have reached this place with considerable force, – one of the immediate causes of the unusual local stagnation being the recent heavy reduction made by the **railroad company** in the working forces employed in the shops, and about the yards and ore docks. This, however[,] can only be temporary. No town on the peninsula has a more flattering prospect for future prosperity than has **Escanaba**. Besides having one of the best harbors known to inland navigation [*sic – navigation*], it has extensive and valuable fisheries, and an agricultural interest that is yearly growing in importance. During the past two or three years the adaptability of its climate and soil to the production of most of the cereals has been conclusively demonstrated, and only the absence of milling privileges now prevents their production in a considerable degree. We understand that an effort is now being made looking to the establishment of a small **flouring mill** in the vicinity of **Flat Rock** where an excellent

water privilege is afforded. Should the project succeed, it will have a magical effect upon the farming interests and a substantial element of prosperity to the place.

The development of the **Menominee Iron Range** is gradually increasing the shipping interests, and with the return of better prices in the iron market a large volume of trade will be diverted to this port. There are also heavy lumbering interests only awaiting a recovery from the depression in this important branch, when its development will contribute as much as any other one thing to the growth and prosperity of the place. On the whole we see nothing discouraging in the present outlook of the place. Besides the interests mentioned above, there are many well established details of thrift – all in the hands of good men – who have faith in the stability and ultimate success. Among these may be mentioned such as **J.F. Oliver**, **W.J. Wallace**, **Louis Schram**, **Myers Ephraim Schiller & Atkins**, **John K. Stack**, **E. Gaynor**, the **Royces**, and many others, in whose hands the commercial affairs of the town are sure to be properly conducted. These parties have taken a lively interest in the place by liberal investments, are good business men, and evince a disposition to maintain the general welfare of the town. The citizens of Escanaba certainly command the resources of commercial greatness in a large degree, and can well afford to await the time of the complete development which is sure to come, and is very likely near at hand. –*Negaunee Iron Herald*.

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POWERS, MICH., Aug. 28, 1877.

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Did you ever shake hands with the pick or
the spade,
And work on the muddy railway grade;
If not, take a trip to the **Menominee Range**,
And you will soon undergo a remarkable
change
You must pull off your fancy tie, collar and
shirt,
And make up your mind to go shoveling
dirt;
You're sure of a job, and you'll get all your
pay,
Which comes up in full, ten shillings per
day;
And this we call good, considering the
times,
For 'tis hard nowadays to turn up the dimes.
At **Powers Junction** begins the new line,
Which extends to a point called the
Quinnesec mine.
Along the route are several prominent
stations,
Populated by representatives from most all
the nations;
But suffice to say, they're a fine lot of men;
To describe all their merits would wear out
our pen.
One thing of importance we forget to
mention,
Which we're sure will attract your people's
attention;
'Tis the deer, and other desirable game,
Of every describable nature and name.
And although quite a secret, we must let
you know,
That the streams which through our forests
do gracefully flow,
Are filled with the angler's delight i.e. the
brook trout,
Which would sharpen your appetite without
any doubt.
So clean up your gun, and collar your devil.
Also your fishing rod, fly hook and swivel,
And make us a visit, it won't hurt you a
particle
And we'll be well paid for writing this article.

RACKETTY.

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Our Correspondence from the Menominee Range Railway.

POWERS, MICH., Sept. 6, 1877.

The business prowess of our little village
is evidently on the decline. The contractors
(**Wells & Co.**) are moving their forces up
the line, and undoubtedly the future rush of
business will follow the laboring class. It is
impossible to say where your
correspondent will locate at, but without a
doubt, will turn up in some remote part of
the country at no far distant day, but as (this
is thus,) we must give the place its just
dues, and we are confident that as a
farming country, it cannot be excelled on
the upper peninsula. Of course some of
your readers may think the above assertion
a little loud, but as we are not financially
interested, we are ready to substantiate our
remark at any time, provided some of your
readers will take the trouble to call on us.
Mr. **Bromsted** is at present unearthing
potatoes at a rapid rate, and we are in
receipt of some of the vegetable product of
his farm, which defy competition, unless the
farmer locates in his vicinity.

That delicacy, called **venison**, has been
suffering greatly in this vicinity, within a few
weeks past, and the various hunters along
the line are now disposing of venison
saddles at 4c per pound, and throw in the
hide at that. A genuine **black tail deer** was
shot eight miles up the line, one day last
week. This, we believe, is the first of this
species ever captured on the upper

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peninsula. How he ever got so far north, [sic] will probably forever remain a mystery.

The rail on the new road is laid to the **Breitung mine**, and just now those who admire scenery sublime, [sic] are to be accommodated without the difficulties attending the weary pedestrian.

RACKETTY.

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Mining and Furnace News.

The immense richness of the **Menominee iron range** is developing quite rapidly, and fully answering all the brilliant expectations that were augured for it at the commencement. But for the continued depression in the iron market, it would develop [sic – develop] still more rapidly; already there is a prospect of a speedy **extension of the railroad**, across the **Menominee river**, to the extremely rich **Commonwealth deposit**, and matters are looking toward another arrangement, whereby **another branch** will be extended, [sic] through the continuation of deposits, between this and the west end of the **Marquette range**. Several well defined and extensive bodies of ore are in the hands of parties who will probably make no effort at mining them, [sic] until the tone of the market improves. This is probably just as well, for although the mining of ore in this region, except under very favorable circumstances, can hardly be classed as remunerative, yet, the amount mined and shipped appears to suffer no diminution, but on the contrary, is increasing. But as business in some localities is resuming some of its former activity, owners of mines

are taking a little more cheerful view of things than they did two months ago.

MENOMINEE RANGE. – The work of getting out ore still continues at the **Breen mine**. A new shaft is being sunk to test the quality of ore below the water level. Should much water be encountered, pumping apparatus of sufficient capacity to keep it clear, [sic] will be inserted. It is not very likely, [sic] that much more ore will be shipped this season.

The work of stripping at the **Quinnesec** has commenced under charge of **Dr. Hulst**. It is not the intention to get out much ore this fall, but everything will be placed in shape for a vigorous development of this fine body of ore early in the spring. The **railroad** will probably reach there this week.

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The *Menominee Herald* unburdens its mind thusly about us:

“**Escanaba** has a bright future before it. The opening of the **Menominee Iron Range** ought to at least double its shipments of ore, while the **C. & N.W.R.R. Co.**, [sic] seems determined to push their road westward in **Marquette county**, to such an extent that we shall not be at all surprised to see **Republic** ore coming out of **Little Bay de Noc** next season. If the town does not double in importance and population in five years, it will be the fault of her citizens.”

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OUR NEW PAPER.

This week, as you will doubtless perceive, we come out with an entirely new change of name. We were prompted to this for several reasons; first, among which is the old name of "Tribune," which was very honorable at its inception, by one of nature's noblemen, **Horace Greeley**, has become in our later days worn out and hackneyed [*sic* – *hackneyed*], and in fact, does not mean anything. It has from its frequent repetition become a title of no meaning or significance. It belongs to no party, but is appropriated by all newspapers indiscriminately.

When the immortal founder of the New York *Tribune* first sent the name of the future organ of power to the compositor, in manuscript, this intelligent individual set it up as the *Gnarley Trombone*, which, with the gigantic intellect that guided it, would have answered just as well as the name intended.

We have chosen the name of **THE IRON PORT**, which is suggestive of what is now by our cotemporaries [*sic* – *contemporaries*] generally admitted, and what we will ultimately become, the largest iron port in the world. The name may at first sound rather singular, but not more so than those of *The Iron World*, *The Iron Age*, *The Iron Herald*, or *The Iron Home*. As we will be the only outlet, except by rail, of the vast iron deposits of the **Menominee Range**, and are the partial outlet of the long developed **Marquette deposits**, it would seem that the name which we have adopted, [*sic*] is very appropriate.

We consider that we have made a vast improvement on the old paper and we are going to use our best endeavors to improve it each week, and would respectfully ask the public to help us in our labor to make it

one of the best papers in the Upper Peninsula.

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THE above profile will show something of the direction of the railroad, through what is called the **Menominee Iron Range**, from **Escanaba**, the port of of [*sic*] outlet, westwardly across the **Menominee river**, to the **Commonwealth mine**, in the State of Wisconsin. The *stars* indicate the mines that are at present opened along the line. There are other deposits the future value of which time will develop. At present the railroad is only finished as far as the **Quinnesec mine**, but the probability is that it will be completed as far as the Commonwealth next season. It will be observed that the line runs nearly due west almost to the river, and from there diverges in a northwesterly direction, to the farthest mine. As mineral deposits do not terminate there, this road may be extended indefinitely still further west, at no very distant day. At the Junction at **Powers** this mineral range has a communication by the C. & N.W. R'y. with the towns at the mouth of the Menominee River and with the cities farther south. As the iron trade revives and the demand for ore increases, the output from this range by way of Escanaba must be enormous, emphatically entitling it to the name of the Iron Port. [*Included with this article is a crude map showing the route of the railroad from Escanaba to Commonwealth.*]

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PHOTOGRAPHING.

I wish to inform the public that I shall remain in Escanaba for two or three weeks, and am prepared to take pictures in all styles; likewise copying and enlarging. Prices are as follows:

Gems, 8 for	50c
Ferrotypes, 2, for	50
“ 1 “	50
“ 1 “	75
“ 1 6 x 9 for	\$1.00

JOHN BRAITHWAITE.

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ONE HUNDRED MEN WANTED.

To work on the Construction trains on the **MENOMINEE RIVER RAILROAD**
Steady Employment. Apply to
D.L. WELLS & CO.,
Section 42 – near Spaulding, Michigan.

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THE contractors of the **Menominee River Railroad**, Messrs. **D.L. WELLS & CO.**, are, according to the terms of their contract, to have it completed by the 1st of November next. They are using every exertion to finish their contract by the specified time and have lately made large additions to their working force in order to do so. Ground for the side track and depot, has been laid out at the town of **Waucedah**,

where the **Breen mine** is located. The side track will also soon be laid at **Vulcan**, near the **Vulcan mine**. Ground has already been selected at **Quinnesec** for the round-house, and, as soon as contractors turn the road over to the company, its erection will be commenced. Rumor has it that the extension to the **Commonwealth** will be commenced this fall, but so far nothing has been definitely determined in regard to the matter; although we should not be surprised if such was the case.

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Mining Items. The great **Republic iron mine** will ship this season over 100,000 gross tons of ore. This is by far the largest out-put of any mine in the **Marquette range**; and we doubt very much whether it can be equalled [*sic – equaled*] in amount and *quality* by any other mine in the world.

Stripping is progressing rapidly at the **Quinnesec iron mine** and the quality and quantity uncovered exceeds the most sanguine expectations of the owners. As the season is so far advanced, no preparations will be made for shipping this fall. Stock piles will be accumulated during the winter and everything got ready for a vigorous campaign in the Spring.

The opening up of iron deposits on the **Menominee range** is but in its infancy and nothing has been done, but at a few points along the line of the railroad; except on the extraordinary out-crop of the **Commonwealth**. Should the demand for iron increase largely, the future development of new mines in this region will astonish everybody, except those intimately conversant with that section of the country.

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Powers. – “**RACKETTY**” wrote us on the 30th, as follows:

J.M. ESSINGTON, of this place, shot on Saturday last, a **buck** which weighed, when dressed, three hundred pounds.

Several of the **Menominee River lumber companies** are sending men to the woods, by the new road, almost daily.

The **completion of the new R.R. line**, commencing at this place is near at hand and the contractors have put on an extra force, which will no doubt end operations by Nov. 5th.

Several **Chicago gents are hunting** in this locality and, from the noise which they make while tramping through the brush, we should judge that they were more accustomed to the Nicholson pavement, of Chicago, than the haunts of the deer in northern Michigan.

P.C. MURPHY, the gentlemanly **conductor** who had the misfortune to **lose one of his legs on the new road**, some time since, was removed to **Escanaba** on Saturday last. The best wishes of the citizens of this place are with him; and we sincerely hope that the day is not far distant, when he will fully recover the physical strength of by-gone days.

We imagine that the day is not far distant when “**Racketty’s**” little contributions to the **IRON PORT** will come from the head waters of the **Sturgeon River**, as we are contemplating a month’s sojourn in that direction ere long. We will notify ye Editor in due time, that he may enlarge his paper; for it is our intention to write up about sixteen feet of nonsense, every week or two at least. But we would have it distinctly understood that we are not going to try to immortalize our name; as that idea has

proved a failure with too many of our calibre [*sic – caliber*] during the past two or three years.

EARLY ACCOUNTS OF DICKINSON COUNTY MINES AND SETTLEMENTS DOCUMENTED IN THE IRON PORT, ESCANABA, DELTA COUNTY, MICHIGAN

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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

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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 **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 *[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

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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 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 fatiguing *[sic – fatiguing]* 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

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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.
WAUCEDAH, 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.

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.

For the IRON PORT.
WAUCEDAH, Oct. 15[, 1878.]

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 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.

HERMANSVILLE.

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

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 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

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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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WAUCEDAHA. -- 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 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 farmer correspondents have gone to? Now, gentlemen of Delta county, yours is pre-eminently an agricultural county and for years will remain so. You haqe *[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

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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.

The New Bonanza. A \$120,000 Stockpile

Visit to the Iron Mines.

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 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 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

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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 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.

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

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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 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 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 billiard 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

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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

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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 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.

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 [*sic* – *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.

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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.

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.**

[John] 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 **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.

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

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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 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.

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

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stulled 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 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

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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 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 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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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**

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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 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.

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.

The **Emmet 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

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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.

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.

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

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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 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 [*sic – worth*] 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.

Flurries [*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.

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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.

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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IRON AND MINING ITEMS.

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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HERMANSVILLE.

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.

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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 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, 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 – pasttime*].

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 **Quinnesec 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 **Quinnesec 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 **Quinnesec Hotel**, declares that business is 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 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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IRON AND MINING ITEMS.

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. 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 seperated [*sic* – *separated*] only by a thin belt of rock.

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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.

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**.

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 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.

–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., 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 **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.

–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 [*sic – has*] 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.

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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 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

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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.

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–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. Fleshier; 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 Fleshier**. 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.

–**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**.

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–“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.

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–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 [*sic* – *gets*] 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 [*sic* – *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 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

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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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“Range” Items.

–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

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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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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. 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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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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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.

–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 & Fleshiem** are the proprietors. It is in the immediate vicinity of

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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** quarrelled [*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 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.

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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.

–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, 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

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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**, criticises [*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 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 the management of any enterprise or business by which the public is affected

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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.

–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

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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 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.

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–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

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</i> – <i>Saginaw</i>], section 4.....	39,293
Section 12.....	5,027
Superior.....	48,295
Superior, hematite.....	4,115
Vulcan.....	49,077
Wheat.....	851
Winthrop.....	<u>7,272</u>

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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
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.

	<i>Tons.</i>
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.

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–**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**.

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

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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' mill**, at **Hermansville**.

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 deterred 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 **Quinnesec** 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**.

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–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 **Quinnesec 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.

–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 must go; and,

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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 **Rocheon’s** [sic – *Rochon*] **saloon**, at **Waucedah**. As the story reaches us it is to the effect that two men named **O’Donnell**, for some reason, assaulted Rochoen, 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 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 – *doesn’t*] 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

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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 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 – doesn't*] 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.

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

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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 department**.

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 lively 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.

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 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 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*] 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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Range Items.

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**.

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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** 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 **Noway mine** for the same year at 7,000 tons, one tenth of 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 [*sic – has*] 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 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*] that a big spalpeen was raisin' bloody murther [*sic*] down there beyant [*sic*], 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 got no jail.' 'Come and you'll see what I'll do,' says I, and wid [*sic*] that I takes him over to a big sthump [*sic*], '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."

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Of course, the ticket that Mike voted wasa 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**.

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**, 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 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.

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–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* – *today*] 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 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 on 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

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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, 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 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 [*Norwegian*]**. **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

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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.

–**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 ¼ of the sw ¼ 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**

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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: "Situated 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.

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–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 **Norway**, one day this week. The affair grew out of an unpleasant habit of vamping which a certain legal luminary of that locality indulges in, and which excited the ire of the genial and modest boniface 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 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, loquiter: “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 **Bowlders**, of the **Norway Chronicle**, anent our plea addressed to our customers two weeks ago. Not you, Bowlders, 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 XXXXX 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, 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 es [*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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[NOTE: Peter J. Bennett used the pseudonym or nom de plume Bowlders and wrote many early columns under that name as the Menominee River Railroad was being constructed from Powers Station or “42” into the Menominee Iron Range.]

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THE MINING JOURNAL has leased Mr. **P.J. Bennett** its eighth page, (with the privilege of others,) which will be devoted exclusively to the news and advocacy of the interests of the Menominee Range, including Escanaba and Menominee. It is to be hoped that the people of that section will appreciate the benefits to be derived from having their interests properly represented and made known abroad through the already large and rapidly growing circulation of the MINING JOURNAL. Should Mr. Bennett meet with sufficient encouragement, his “Menominee Ranger” will be enlarged into a separate sheet of four pages, on the first of May – thus making the MINING JOURNAL a triple sheet of eighty-four columns. We recommend Mr. Bennett, who has been in our employ for ten years past, and whom we know to be an upright, honest young man, to the favorable consideration of the people among whom he has gone to reside – though personally we shall not regret it should a failure to meet with the encouragement he deserves, speedily drive

him back to his old accustomed place in the sanctum of the MINING JOURNAL.

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THE “**Menominee Range**” is a very neat little paper which has just made its appearance at **Quinnesec**, the metropolis of the Menominee range. It is brimfull of editorial spice and ability, and we sincerely hope it may not, as we feared, prove a child of premature birth. It is a credit to its editor and publisher, and the people down there should give it all the fostering care and material encouragement within their power. Its success or failure will depend upon the measure of support accorded by those who certainly have an interest in making it one of the permanent, as it certainly will be, if properly conducted, one of the most valuable institutions on the Range. If you make her live, **Penberthy**, my boy, here’s our first; if you can’t we’ll be one of the sincerest of mourners.

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WAUCEDAH.

Dr. C.A. Fortier, formerly of **Ishpeming**, physician for the **Emmett** and **Breen mines**, reports the health of **Waucedah** good, and the doctor knows good health when he sees it, every time, as he stands in the front rank of his profession. He says gold and silver fever is about the only ailment in the place, at present.

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Business isn't very lively at **Waucedah**. When we were there last, **J.C. Brown**, one of its principal merchants, was preparing to lock up shop and go fishing and shooting for a few days. But he'll have a big rush when he returns, no doubt.

We were just going to give old **Mr. Ingalls**, the **meat market** man, a puff, and say he had a mammoth shop and all that, but we won't. It would be lying. You know **Ingalls, Swineford**? Well, he has the queerest old shop you ever saw. It was originally built for a machine shop, but was found to be too common. We can say, however, that **Mr. Ingalls** has a good stock of meats, butter and lard, and that when he moves into the new store he's building next to **Brown's**, he will be all right and have some style about him. The way it is now one would never think he was a brother of the Judge.

O'Connell Bros., **saloonists**, have heard about the total prohibition law about to pass, and are selling all they can before the sad day. There's **Pat** and **Mike** of 'em – both Irish.

H. McGraw, the very popular and gentlemanly **station agent of the C. & N.W. R'y** at this place, informs us that the lumbermen are coming out in great numbers these days, and taking their departure for **Menominee** and **Marinette**. They all have a shake of the hand for **McGraw**, too, we know they have. If we're ever liked so well in a town as he is they'll have hard work getting us to exchange earth for heaven.

Early Reminiscences. –Its [*sic - It's*] interesting to hear **Mr. D.R. Gifford**, **hotel keeper and postmaster** here, and his very amiable lady tell about their early experiences in **Waucedah**. **Mr. Gifford** was one of the first white men, and his wife the first white woman, to locate on the spot now known as the proud town of **Waucedah**, which boasts of a **railroad**

depot, two general stores, a doctor shop and half a dozen saloons. The good man and his wife say that when the railroad was being built through the town there were more drunken men lying around loose than there were railroad ties; they'd all want to board at his house, too, although he and his lady were known to abhor drunkards. They'd come around in swarms every night and offer to be good to the children if **Mr. and Mrs. Gifford** would only let them board in the house. "This state of affairs continued," said the lady, "until at last I persuaded my husband to build a high fence around the house so that they couldn't get over it and come and bother us. It was laughable," she continued, "to see those drunken men trying to get over the fence. Some would travel several times around it looking for a gate, threatening us with dire vengeance when they got in, while others would try to climb over it, get the task about half accomplished and fall down with a broken oath – but oftener a broken bottle." The fence remains around the house yet, but there's a gate now, and **Mrs. Gifford** says it is about five rails lower than it was in those days.

VULCAN.

Mr. H. Killgallon, Esq., the **station agent** at this place, reports droves of lumbermen coming out of the woods and leaving from **Vulcan** daily.

The **Vulcan hotel**, **L. Whitehead**, proprietor, is said to have the best fare and accommodations for man and beast of any on the range. The proprietor works like a regular whitehead to please folks, and succeeds about three thirds of the time.

They say that **Mr. Sloan**, at the store, is about to change his girl's name.

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S.S. Curry's explorations on the **south half of the northeast quarter, section 9, 29, 39**, are looking well. He has struck ore in seven pits out of about twelve sunk in an area of about an acre. The ore deposit seems to be a large one.

The **Vulcan** mine is looking well, the usual amount of ore being taken out daily. A series of explorations adjoining the mine proper are being pursued, under the supervision of **Capt. Schwartz**, which promises well for the future.

QUINNESEC.

A **Corliss hoisting engine**, twelve inch bore and thirty-six inch stroke, built by **E.P. Allis, Milwaukee**, and two of Merritt's interior gear hoisting drums were laid down at the **Quinnesec** mine Wednesday.

A large crowd attended the **temperance lecture** by **Rev. Mr. Davis**, at the **school house**, Sunday, and it is thought he made some converts. But there's no telling how such a thing will take in a town like Quinnesec. For the last two years water has only been used for rinsing out glasses here.

J.H. Malloy, our trusty **station agent**, will give a postal card for information that will lead to the discovery of the burglar who broke a pane of glass out of the depot window, raised the sash, entered and endeavored to unscrew the hinges to the door of the safe and get the treasure. M. thinks that fellow could hardly steal away if he tried, let alone stealing anything else.

Buell has got a new buckboard for his **fast horse O'Leary** – the mineral right of both of which is reserved. A newspaper and a fast horse and buckboard – what more does a man want.

Ben. Marcha [*sic* – **Marchand**], **saloon and boarding house keeper**, formerly of **Ishpeming**, boasts of the largest custom [*number of customers*] in town. In fact he and his wife are kept so busy attending to their customers that neither can take the baby when it cries.

The first **jewelry store** in town was started by **Charles E. Stellar, Jr.**, in **McKenzie's drug store**, last week. Mr. Stellar [*sic* - **Stellar**] is from the leading jewelry house at **Calumet**, and what he dont [*sic* – *don't/doesn't*] know about jewelry can't be learned on earth. Repairing is one of his specialties.

Hugh McLaughlin, **deputy sheriff of the county**, has headquarters here, and a better or more trusty officer never wore the star. He is also about as strong as you find them anywhere, too.

Dr. T.A. McLeod, the able **physician of the Menominee mining company's mines**, is one of the favorite doctors of the range, and particularly at Quinnesec. Doc. secures a pile of births here and very few deaths.

The new **Catholic church** is going up as lively as a worldly building, and will be quite an imposing structure when completed. It is proposed by our good **Father Fox** to have the church completed for Easter Sunday services.

THE EMMETT MINE – The belief that there is gold and silver in paying quantities in the yellow ochre and blue hematite ores of this mine grows firmer every day with each new development and assay. That there is gold and silver in the ores is now beyond doubt, in the opinion of those well acquainted with the theory of the occurrence of the precious metals, and that they are found in the ore in almost fabulously paying quantizes it would seem

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from assays made by competent and reputable parties. As it is now, perhaps the least said and the more done about the matter the better. The discovery of gold and silver is certainly having one bad effect on the mine, that of causing partly from being mined and wholly from being marketed the ores said to contain them, and it cannot be demonstrated to a certainty too soon whether the Emmett is an iron or a gold and silver mine.

They are now getting out about 125 tons of ore daily. A new engine house 24x30, is being built to receive a new boiler of capacity sufficient to work the pumps up to a point at which they will be enabled to keep the entire mine clear of water, which is very troublesome in the lower levels at present. **Capt. Harrington** is in charge of the mine, and a better practical miner does not exist in the district.

EXPLORATIONS at the **Breen** still continue under the supervision of **Capt. Tobin**, of the Commonwealth. Ore has been found in the first opening and drifting commenced. It is not certain whether the parties conducting the explorations will lease the mine, but it is among the probabilities.

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WAUCEDAH.

The lumberman cometh, drinketh, fighteth, and goeth away.

“**Rick**” **McKenna**, a former **Marquette county** boy and **printer**, is at present

enjoying his robust manhood in these diggings. Whether there’s a girl at the bottom of it or not we do not know.

A rabbit and a partridge met with a fatal accident while **Brown**, of the store, was out shooting the other day.

The extremities to which editors are obliged to resort here in order to get subscribers are many and great. **Atkinson**, of the **Escanaba Iron Port**, had to rock a man’s baby a whole hour before the man would subscribe for the paper a year; **Crozer**, of the **Menominee Herald**[,] was obliged to play himself for a single man and spark a mother’s only eighth daughter for a six months subscription, and we – well we had to board a subscription of one annum out in advance before getting our man to come to terms at all, and even then he grumbled. The greatest extremity of all, though, was when **Buell**, of the **Range**, said at last to his man, “**Carney**, I’ll tell you what I’ll do, now, just to show you how bad I want to have the honor of having your name on our list: I’ll let you take my watch chain if you’ll let me take yours, for awhile.” Both chains were gold, but **Buell**’s chain was the heaviest, and **Carney** speedily took the paper. The other day the editor being in town, asked **Carney** if he thought it wasn’t about time to again exchange, and learned to his chagrin that **Carney** had understood the transaction to have been a fair and legitimate trade and, worse than all, had traded the chain to a third party. So now the editor is trying to get his watch chain, in the face of the awful fact too, that **Carney** swears if he does get it, he’ll be hanged if he won’t stop the paper.

“How de do, and how are you fixed?” is the very latest at **Waucedah**.

Old Mr. **Ingalls**’ new **butchershop** is going up like sixty or a hundred. The old man is beginning to view it with pride.

Aged Mr. **Crowley**, from **Marquette**, is down here working in the mine, and

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showing visitors the “gould,” as he calls it. He says it aint [sic – ain’t] “iron pirates [sic]” be jabbers.

McGraw, the blonde [sic] moustached station agent[,] wants to know why a silver mine aint [sic – ain’t] as valuable as a gold mine, since the gold and silver are at par. Won’t some one [sic – someone] tell him why?

Will Selden, the young civil engineer, comes to town rather often now. He says that he comes to survey. Probably to survey his girl.

Dr. Fortier says they drink each other’s health too often to be healthy here in Waucedah.

As the passenger train pulled out from Waucedah Tuesday, bound south, two of a crowd of drunken lumbermen on board started to fight, and the way sober passengers vacated their seats in that coach and ran into the baggage car was more discreet than valiant. After pummeling each other among and seats and burning themselves on the stove, they were finally separated, shook hands, took a drink and washed the blood off their faces.

The discovery of gold and silver at the **Emmett mine** has as yet brought but few visitors here, although it must eventually have the effect to bring them. Some come, get a few specimens, and return the same day, leaving a reputation behind them of being specimen fiends, only.

Judge Ingalls says he believes that diamonds will yet be found at Waucedah, as the lay of the country is just right for them. There are lots of diamonds there now, Judge. They are often discovered with spades, for that matter.

Thos. Breen and **Judge Ingalls** arrived at Waucedah Monday. Thomas remained there, but the judge returned to Menominee the same day. We make mention of the fact merely because they own a gold and silver mine.

VULCAN.

Young Mr. **Fisk**, at the store, has recovered from the mumps, after giving them to nearly every girl in town.

Girls are scarce at Vulcan. A hundred not very bad looking girls could get fellows here.

Numbers of jaded men and teams pass through Vulcan on their road to Menominee, daily.

William Arnold, Esq., assistant paymaster, and dealer in drugs and medicines, groceries and provisions, and a dozen other things, reports business lively. William is an enterprising young man, and can hardly number his friends on the hairs of his head.

Capt. Whitehead, who runs the **Vulcan hotel**, began digging close to his house the other day, and it was whispered he was exploring. But it turned out, finally, that he was only digging a well. If he had really been staking a pit, he would have been troubled greatly with water we opine, for he struck that article rich.

Vulcan to Quinnesec:

Aha! my sister, with all your pride,

With all your gold and silver gilding.

I can everlastingly over thee ride,

For you can’t get insurance for a single building.

While I, surrounded with hardwood forests green,

Can get insurance at one per cent;

A fire here will ne’er be seen

Until the day of judg-ji-ment.

At the location of the **Norway** and **Cyclops mines**, two miles and a half distant from Vulcan[,] a **new school district** is to be set off by the township board and a school established. It will start

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with about fifth [*sic – five*] pupils. A selection for teacher has not yet been made, but one will undoubtedly have to be imported, as most of the fellows there are all out of practice in that line.

The **meat market** firm of **Newberry & Jenkins** are [*sic – is*] building a meat shop at the **Cyclops and Norway** location, which will make the folks fleshy around there. The worst we can say of the firm is that they don't subscribe for this family paper.

QUINNESEC.

J.M. Longyear, Esq., agent for the **Portage Lake Canal company**[,] was in town Tuesday attending to the business of the company and seeing the lumbermen fight.

All the camps of the **Kirby Carpenter company** have broke [*sic – broken*] up, and the men gone to **Menominee** to work in the mills. About fifty or sixty million feet of logs have been cut. The **Ludington, Wells & Van Schaick company** will do the driving of the Kirby Carpenter company on the **Brule and Paint rivers** this spring.

The latest discovery of gold and silver bearing iron ore and quartz is on the **Brule river**. The discoverer, who is a reputable party, has had assays made of the rock by **Thomas**, of Chicago, which gives \$14.50 in gold and silver to the ton. He is laying low at present to secure the property.

Proprietors of saloons about town now close them up two hours on Sundays, leaving the back and side doors open, of course, for the convenience of the family.

About all the men who took the **temperance pledge** from **Rev. Mr. Davis** last Sabbath have broken out drinking again. It will be awful here in dry weather.

Mr. W.H. Wicks, shipping and billing clerk at the mine, and head man of the **company's store**, is rated the best singer in town, at least when all the other singers have a bad cold. He confines himself to hymns.

Capt. Smythe[,] justice of the peace and carpenter, says he has numerous orders for buildings to be put up the coming summer, mostly saloons, and that the **Norway mill**, **John O'Callaghan** proprietor, will furnish all the lumber that comes to town. Capt. is a level headed old temperance sufferer.

Ten pounds of hair was cut from the heads of ten lumbermen here the other day, and it wasn't a very close hair cut either that any of them rendered. When washed and strained, lumbermen's hair is good to mix with plaster. It's so long.

J.B. Maas, of **Negaunee**, was in town this week. He left for home Tuesday, intending to return again when walking was better. He is on the explore [*sic*] as big as a Durham.

In another month it is thought that the town will be full of speculators and prospectors, and the boarding house and saloon keepers expect to make enough out of them to buy their wives and children new clothes all around. How much the speculators and prospectors expect to make out of the saloon and boarding house keepers is not known.

There are more captains in Quinnesec than there are on the great chain of lakes. The term Mr. is not known here.

The average receipts of our two principal **saloons** was a hundred dollars a day each last week. We'd just as soon discover a saloon as an iron mine here, with all due respect to the iron mine.

Quinnesec looks forward to a Sunday train on the railroad this summer, but we have it from good authority that there will not be a Sunday train put on.

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R'y management will put a switch engine on the road early in the season, for the benefit of the various mines, as occasion may require.

JACK ARMSTRONG, the veteran explorer, who has been at work near the **Cyclops** and **Norway** for some time past, has been compelled to suspend work, owing to the superabundance of water; he has, however, started a number of pet pits "higher up the hill."

CURRY & SWIFT have suspended explorations, having succeeded in developing what they believe is an extensive and valuable deposit of very fine ore. Their next move will be the commencement of active mining operations, preparatory to which a branch railway track 1000 feet in length must be secured.

VULCAN – Explorations at the Vulcan, west of the main pit, near the **Curry** tract, under the supervision of **Capt. Schwartz**, have revealed a large deposit of first-class ore, in which a shaft has been commenced. The company have purchased a Diamond drill which will be used in the exploration of new ground.

THE QUINNESEC – The new engine house will be completed in about a fortnight, when the new hoisting machinery manufactured at the **Iron Bay foundry**, Marquette, will be put in motion. About 110 men are employed, the average daily product being about 130 tons. Considerable sinking and drifting is being done, and the indications now point unerringly to a well defined and continuous vein. The force will be considerably increased about the first of May, the company having a call for all the Quinnesec ore it will be possible to raise the present year.

CYCLOPS AND NORWAY MINES – At the Cyclops a new engine house 20x30 is being erected, and will be completed in the course of three weeks, the machinery for which has already arrived. At No. 2 shaft about 200 tons of ore have been taken out altogether. A drift is being driven from the bottom of No. 1 to No. 2, a distance of 200 feet of which 150 feet all the way in good ore has been completed. No. 1 is a large open pit, the bottom of which has reached a depth of 90 feet. The daily average product of the mine is about two hundred tons, with something like 18,000 tons in the stock pile. About 70 men are employed, but the number will be increased as soon as the shipping season opens. New pockets are being erected at No. 2 opening.

At the Norway No. 1 shaft is being carried down 40 feet through the ore, at which depth a crosscut will be made to the south. In the expectation of again striking the ore at a distance of not more than twenty feet. All the pits, 1, 2, and 3, are looking well, the daily average product being about 150 tons. At No. 3 the ore lies at so great an elevation that a "drop track" with a grade of 12 feet to the hundred will be built to connect with the main track, the cars upon which will be propelled by means of a drum – the loaded cars descending being sufficient to draw the empty ones up the incline. About fifty or sixty men are employed, but the force will doubtless be increased at an early day. About 11,000 tons in stock piles.

Capt. T.W. Williams, who is in charge of the operations at the mines, is evidently the right man in the right place, while **J. Brooks Knight**, the clerk, is certainly a most competent official as well as agreeable gentleman.

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WAUCEDAH.

Ingalls, the **butcher**, has moved into his new store, but he can't take a joke yet.

John McCachran, a man who broke his right leg in two places near the knee and hip, while at work in a lumber camp about two months ago, left for Marinette on foot the other day. It was **Dr. C.A. Fortier** who set the fractures, and that it was done well may be judged from the above facts.

Election passed off quietly, and was held in the old butcher shop. About 125 votes were polled, and the following ticket elected:

Salmon P. Saxton, supervisor; **David R. Gifford**, town clerk; **William E. Ferguson**, town treasurer; **Edward Curran**, commissioner of highways; **William E. Ferguson**, school inspector; **Augustus H. Stanley**, to fill vacancy, justice of the peace; **Salmon P. Saxton**, justice of the peace for four years; **Maurice Canavan**, **Frederick Lampson**, **John B. Rochon**, **Michael O'Connell**, constables; **Michael O'Connell**, overseer of highways.

There were three tickets in the field, but party lines were not drawn.

The **saloons** were closed fore and aft on election day, and only those who took the precaution to get a bottle filled the evening before were happy.

On Saturday night last a **miner** working alone in the drift in No. 1 opening of the **Breen mine**, where there is considerable water, became so intoxicated with the contents of a bottle he had in his possession, that he laid down on the flat of his back in the water to sleep. When

discovered he was unconscious and nearly drowned, a rope having to be fastened about his body so he could be drawn up. It was a narrow escape.

At **Meyer's mill**, about eight miles from here, they have got out about eight million of logs, which number will be apt to keep the mill running to its full capacity for the next two seasons, at least.

VULCAN.

On election day, to Mr. and Mrs. **L. Whitehead**, a son, weighing twenty pounds and four drams by a large majority. **Dr. McLeod** well.

The following was the vote at Vulcan, by majorities:

Supervisor, **E. Morcom**, 26; treasurer, **Wm. H. Jenkins**, 127; clerk, **Hugh McLaughlin**, 1; highway commissioner, **Wm. Dickie**, 77; overseer highways, **L. Whitehead**, 30; sup't of schools, **J.B. Knight**, 68; inspector of schools, **R. Brown**, 16; justice of the peace, **Capt. Schwartz**, 134.

When a man is elected overseer of highways and overseer of a newly born son, all in one day, he would live always. Babies born on election day should be allowed to vote.

We fail to get the election returns from Mulligansville. We learn that **Mulligan** returned, and that's all.

Next week we will have something to say about the natural resources of Vulcan, the greatest of which just now seems to be the production of big babies.

If Vulcan girls were allowed to vote there would be an awful pile of scratching done at the polls.

An old maid at the Norway wears short dresses. She says she does it because it's

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so muddy, but there are young fellows around there unkind enough to believe that she is trying to put on the bloom of youth in this way.

Residents of Vulcan are called Vulcanos; and there's generally an upheaval when you call them such, too.

Corner lots are at a discount at Waucedah, there's *[sic – there are]* so many corner loafers.

Miners who work on the night shift at the Quinnesec mine bid one good night when they go to bed for the day. They turn night into day even more so that a loving young couple.

QUINNESEC.

OFFICERS elected at the annual township meeting held in the **township of Breitung** on last election day: Supervisor, **Elisha Murcom** *[sic - Morcom]*; town clerk, **Hugh McLaughlin**; Treasurer, **Wm. H. Jenkins**; commissioner of highways, **William Dickie**; overseer of highways, **Lewis Whitehead**; superintendent of schools, **James H. Knight**; school inspector, **Roscoe G. Brown**; justice of the peace, **Jerome B. Schwartz**; constables, **John Cumlin**, **Richard Harris**, **Richard Roach**, **Alphonse Surprise**.

It must be remembered that Vulcan and Quinnesec are both in the same township, of which each forms a precinct.

We have had considerable to say about Quinnesec as a drinking place lately, but in this way we were only laying the foundation for an article intended to prove that Quinnesec is a lively go-ahead town. For, wherever there's lots of drinking done there you will find business without end. Yes, Quinnesec is the greatest town on the range, possessing natural advantages

without number which must some day make it an immense metropolis. The article referred to will appear next week. The foundation has been laid.

The **lumbermen** have nearly all come and gone.

Servant girls are very scarce here. A string of them could secure work.

The new **Catholic church** will be completed in time for Easter Sunday services as prophesied by our good **Father Fox**. It will no doubt be crowded on the first day.

The rivers hereabouts are rising and driving must soon commence.

The snow has gone,

The mud has dried.

And the corner upon

Stands the loafer – warming his hide.

A DAILY average of about one hundred tons of first-class ore is being taken out at the **Vulcan mine**. Over forty thousand tons are now in stock piles.

MR. **BURT**, one of the railway company's civil engineers, is engaged in surveying a route for a side track to be laid to **Swift and Curry's mine**. The distance is about 1,000 feet.

THE **Maas and Wendel explorations** on sec. 2, look favorable to the discovery of ore in a short time.

EXPLORATIONS with the Diamond drill, recently purchased by the **Menominee mining company**, were commenced this week near the **Vulcan mine** proper. Some difficulty is experienced in getting a core at present, but it will be overcome in time. Coal instead of wood has been found

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necessary to generate a sufficient quantity of steam to work the drill advantageously.

SPECIMENS of what would seem to be a hard steel ore, taken from the **Hamilton and Merryman explorations**, near the **Norway mine**, are on exhibition at **superintendent Linsley's** office, Escanaba, and are very fine, being very similar to the hard ores of the Marquette range. We have visited the ground as yet, but will do so next week and give the facts in detail.

ONE thousand feet east of the **Emmett mine S.P. Saxton** is carrying on a series of explorations with good indications, although no ore has been found as yet. Twelve pits have been sunk, the deepest of which is twenty-five feet, and in two of these the sand rock has been struck at depths of eighteen and twenty-five feet respectively. It would seem from the proximity of these explorations to the Emmett mine that a large body of ore must eventually be found.

THE EMMETT. – The removal of the old pumping machinery preparatory to the putting in of the new, last Saturday, caused a suspension of work and the flooding of the mine. The new machinery is expected to be put in operation to-day (Saturday), and the mine will be pumped out so that work can be resumed in two or three days thereafter. There is nothing new concerning the discovery of gold and silver. The owners are still confident of the great value of the find, and, as reported last week, will purchase a small stamp mill of three-quarter tons per day capacity, and make a practical test of three or four tons of

the yellow ochre and blue hematite iron ores, in which the gold and silver is prevalent. As a further proof of the sincerity of the owner's belief in the great value of the discovery, we have it from them that the mine, nor any part thereof, is not for sale at any price as an iron mine.

THE McKENNA MINE. – On section 32, town 30, range 40, about two miles westward from Quinnesec, on the line of the proposed extension of the Menominee range railroad, is the McKenna mine, or rather explorations, where an apparently large body of soft blue specular ore, of the same variety as the Quinnesec and a large vein of hard slate ore, similar to that of the Marquette range, have been found. The soft ore is found in pit No. 1 on the southwest quarter and, though it would seem almost incredulous, is over fifty-seven yards in width of stratification. The show of ore is fabulous, and the mine only awaits the extension of the railroad to be worked. That the road will be extended, and a side track built to this mine this summer[,] would seem certain, as the grade would be extremely light and the shipments heavy.

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BOWLERS.

–A **Vulcan** girl can climb a tree – but can't get down again without jumping.

–Maple wax has taken the place of gum for awhile with **Quinnesec** maidens.

–**Buell** has new roads on the brain. He has lots of room for them there, too.

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–**Crozier** says **Menominee** girls are pretty. He probably means pretty homely.

–I cannot tell a lie. – *George Washington*. Hold on! I'm a-coming! – **John L. Buell**.

–**Capt. Williams**, of the **Cyclops** and **Norway** mines, said one side of Buell's paper is all alike, and the other is just the same.

–They have only one good dog at **Waucedah** out of about a hundred, but this doesn't matter much, as everyone thinks they have him.

–**Buell**, of the **Menominee Range**, thinks he's as good as Moses, but has no further proof for it than that he can break all the commandments at once.

–If **Buell** would only build a road that would take him out of town forever, the people of **Quinnesec** and the whole **Menominee range** could well afford to pay the taxes incurred.

–These are the fine evenings when young fellows and their girls at **Vulcan** take a moonlight ramble, and the man in the moon modestly closes his eyes and ears while the moon is passing over their heads.

–“Let me taste of the sweet nectar from your lips,” said a **Quinnesec** young lover to his sweetheart the other evening. And when she wouldn't let him he did the next best thing – went and tasted a pail of Maple sap.

–**Bowlders** failed to notice last week that **John L. Buell**, editor and proprietor of the **Menominee Range**, was a candidate for commissioner of highways. In fact, **Bowlders** didn't know anything about it even before or even after the election. But he was a candidate, they say. Judging from the number of votes he received, he must have been a candidate on a total prohibition ticket.

–**Buell** claims to be the workingmen's friend, and besides building useless pleasure roads and imposing burden-some

taxes on the workingmen, he is known to have told one of them in his employ at **Menominee**, several years ago, *never to speak to him on the street, as he didn't allow his hired help to address him in public!* If there are any of the three or four men who voted for Buell on last election who doubt this assertion, the man who makes it can be interviewed at **Vulcan** any time. Pretty workingmen's friend that! Again, when they managed to elect him to the office of commissioner of highways by a miracle last year, and he went around and found a workingman who hadn't voted for him on that ill-fated day, he would go to their foreman or superintendent and say, “There's a man who didn't vote for me,” adding with the very suggestive remark, “Attend to him.” Oh, yes; John L. is the workingmen's friend – on election day.

–**Buell**, editor and proprietor of the **Menominee Range**, after publishing a lot of innocent nonsense taken from this **Bowlders** column, says if there's any individual or interest on the range that has not been insulted or misrepresented by said nonsense, he would like to hear from them, or foolishness to that effect. This is but the last whine of a man beat over three to one for the office of highway commissioner. He had to whine at some one [*sic – someone*] and we were the farthest away. We'd be sorry, very sorry, to misrepresent the interests of the range as John L. has, in the single matter of mining explorations for instance. He has explored more and found less than any five men on the range, and this fact, when viewed in connection with his boast that he's the best explorer on the range, has hurt the new Eldorado more than people would at first think. For, if “the best explorer on the range” couldn't find iron ore after digging up half the country, undermining a stable, and sinking a dozen expensive wells, capitalists were not very apt to invest, that is if they really believed

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he was “the best explorer on the range.” Yes, John L. has misrepresented this one interest of the range more by his explorations than we have all the others by our nonsense.

THE following communications explain themselves:

[To the Editor.]

DEAR SIR: In the Menominee Range of April 9th, Mr. **Buell** publishes against me the serious charges of treachery and duplicity in the recent township election. Respecting the assertion Mr. Buell makes in his letter – “This ticket so made was concluded upon, and Mr. **Hulst** pledged his word that he would stand by it if I would” – I have only to say that no pledge of any kind whatever was made to Mr. Buell, nor was any solicited from him by me. What individual preferences I had I frankly mentioned to him when he came to **Capt. Morcom’s** office. I was disposed then to use what influence I might have with the voters to secure the election of Mr. Buell to the office of highway commissioner. The following Saturday noon I was startled by the information that Mr. Buell proposed, in case he was elected highway commissioner for this year, to construct a road to the west branch of the Sturgeon, and a road to the Upper Quinnesec Falls, in addition to much needed repairs on uncompleted roads of the township. These improvements would necessitate expenditures far beyond the limits of the road fund, which fund had been considerably overdrawn by him last year. As soon thereafter as possible I sought an explanation from Mr. Buell, and found that rumor had not misstated him. I remonstrated against his plans, asking him to defer the construction of the road to the west branch of the Sturgeon only a year.

Then, in 1880, the Canal Co.’s lands, the largest property in the township, would make the burden of expenditures lighter for all. The request was surely a reasonable one, but it was met with the assertion by Mr. Buell that he had promised the lumbermen to build the road in question this year if he was elected. This was my first knowledge of such promise by him. Thereupon I told Mr. Buell that if he held himself bound by such promise I would use my influence for Mr. **Dickie**, should he be free from obligations, and agree not to build this road this year, or incur any expenditure exceeding the road fund. It is an utter falsehood for Mr. Buell to state that I mentioned I had received orders not to support him. I have acted in this election matter solely upon my own responsibility, and in accordance, I believe, with the best interest of the company I represent.

Resp’y yours, **NELSON P. HULST.**
Vulcan, April 11th, 1879.

[To the Editor.]

DEAR SIR: – I never heard Mr. **Hulst** pledge himself to Mr. **Buell**, or any other candidate for town office, at the election held in **Breitung township** Monday, April 7th, 1879, anything more than that Mr. Hulst personally preferred the candidates named. Mr. Buell, when he came to the Mining Co’s. office, on Friday afternoon, instead of Friday forenoon, as stated in Mr. B’s communication, never mentioned his intention of building 10 or 12 miles north from this place; neither did I know anything of Mr. Buell’s intention of doing such work if elected, until Saturday afternoon. If I had, I certainly should have opposed the choice of Mr. Buell for highway commissioner, knowing the highway fund to have been overdrawn last year some \$635. Mr. Buell states that Mr. **Dickie** assures him that no

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member or party associated or connected with the M.M. Co., or in their interest, ever suggested the subject to him. I claim to be one of the company's officers, and I freely conversed with Mr. Dickie on highway matters late Saturday afternoon preceeding election.

Yours Respectfully,
ELISHA MORCOM.
Quinnesec, April 15, 1879.

[To the Editor.]

I WOULD ask for a few lines of space in your next issue that I may refute an assertion made by **Jno. L. Buell** in his organ (The Menominee Range) of April 9th. Mr. Buell did, as he has asserted, show me one of the tickets which he brought with him to Norway, on Saturday before election, and after reading it I told him it was all right as far as I was concerned, and Mr. **Hulst**, who was present, used nearly the same words. But as for making any pledge, or reiterating any former pledge to support that ticket or any one candidate on it, *we did not do so*, and Mr. Buell is guilty of an elongated exaggeration of the truth in asserting that such was the case.

The Hon. John has pursued the old time course of a defeated candidate, by rushing into print to soothe his injured feelings, and I, for one, am satisfied to let him do so while he confines himself to the truth, which was something he failed to do in his last communication to the Range. Hoping the erratic gentleman has by this time regained his composure, I remain, Yours truly,

THOS. W. WILLIAMS.
NORWAY MINE, April 14, 1879.

THE railroad company is constructing a long side track near the **Norway switch** for the stocking of ore cars.

J.J. HAGERMAN, president of the **Menominee Mining company**, was in the district looking over the company's mines last week.

THE new explorations west of the **Vulcan** look promising. Three shafts are being sunk in good ore. A detailed account of the workings will appear next week.

THE flooding of the **Emmett mine** also flooded the shafts and pits in which explorations were being carried on at the **Breen**, causing a suspension of work. Explorations will probably be resumed next week.

THE first timbers are being put in at the **Cyclops mine** to support the hanging wall of No. 1 pit, west of the tramway, which is a little shaky. The drift from No. 1 to No. 2 it is expected will be completed this week.

AT the **Norway mine** stripping for two new pits has been commenced, on the hill north, with plenty of good ore in sight less than two feet below the surface. The laying of the drop track from No. 3 pit to the side track was begun Monday. A pocket 20x30 will be built at the lower end close to the side track.

THE EMMETT. – The new pumping machinery was put in operation Tuesday with the calculation of having the mine

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pumped out by Saturday, when mining will be resumed. Concerning the gold and silvery discovery there is nothing new to report, further than the twelve tons of the blue hematite and yellow ochre, in which the precious metals are most prevalent, were shipped by rail to the Omaha Smelting and Refining works on Saturday last to be tested. The works promise to make a thorough test of the ores and return a reliable report of their value in gold and silver per ton.

THE QUINNESEC. – The new engine was put in operation and hoisting begun from No. 2 pit on Thursday. In about two weeks [*sic - weeks*] time the machinery will be hoisting ore from all the pits. A daily average of about 120 tons per day is being taken out, but the amount will be increased by shipping time, when a larger force will be employed. Over 8,000 tons are in stock. The vein is uncovered for a distance of four hundred feet, and the formation gradually becomes more regular as depth is attained. Explorations are in progress about half a mile west of the mine proper, where there are good indications for the discovery of hard ore. These explorations are at present being conducted with the pick and shovel, but should occasion require, the Diamond drill will be employed.

THE Hamilton & Merryman explorations, close to the **Norway mine** on the east, have partially suspended with a view to mining. Two regular veins, one of slate ore and the other what would seem to be a hard steely ore, have been found, separated only by a horse of conglomerate rock averaging eight feet in width. These veins are parallel to each other, running east and west, the slate ore on the north

and the other on the south, and have been traced for a distance of over six hundred feet to the eastward, where the latter apparently swings abruptly to the south, for it is found in two pits fifty feet distant in that direction. Three shafts have been sunk. In No. 1, which is 62 feet deep, the ore was struck at a depth of twenty feet from the surface, and sinking continued the balance of the distance in good pure slate ore. The depth of No. 2 shaft is 63 feet, at the bottom of which a drift was run sixteen feet north, and the hard steely ore struck and passed through for a distance of seventeen feet. No. 3 shaft is down 33 feet, 25 feet of which distance is in the hard steely ore. The show of both hard slate and steel ore is excellent, and the commencement of mining but awaits the building of a side track about half a mile in length. The grade of a direct track from the explorations would be heavy, and a very feasible route afforded up a shallow ravine on the east will no doubt be taken. **Capt. F.M. Ayers** is in charge, and seems to be a first-class practical miner. The company, originally a lumber company, and the location a pinery, have a camp large enough for the accommodation of forty-five or fifty men, and a commodious stable, on the ground.

WE publish elsewhere the communications of Sup't. **Hulst** and Capts. **Morcom** and **Williams**, of the Menominee Mining company, relative to charges of treachery in the late election, preferred by **John L. Buell**, a badly defeated candidate for highway commissioner of the township of Breitung. From a perusal of these letters it will readily be seen that if there was any treachery practiced it was John L. Buell himself who practiced it, insomuch as when the gentlemen named were in favor of placing his name upon the ticket for

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commissioner of highways, he was but advocating the *repairs* of a couple of roads instead of the *building* of one; that after receiving the approval of Mr. Hulst for the office of commissioner of highways under these representations, he went to the lumber companies and promised them that he would build a certain road which they wanted, in order to gain their suffrage; and this at the eleventh hour, when only by chance Mr. Hulst heard of it, when he sought Buell out and personally informed him that he would withdraw his support. The matter stood like this: Buell could not get the support of the **Menominee Mining company** upon the representation that he would build the road if elected, and he could not secure the vote of the lumber companies without promising that he would build it. That he made these different representations to the parties cannot truthfully be denied, for he had their united support for the office for a time. Was it treachery for Mr. Hulst to withdraw his support from him under these conditions? Or, was it treachery for Buell to make different promises to different parties? We leave the solution to the reader, only remarking that there was treachery somewhere, for John L. Buell says so.

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WAUCEDAH.

A **new road** is being built from the **Emmett mine** across the swamp to the railroad track, and the floundering of horses in the mire and the profanity of their drivers thereat is the town talk. The dirt for the new road bed is being hauled from the mine. A

blacksmith shop will be built about half way on the road.

The woods are full of girls in search of **spruce gum**. An average daily product of about ten or fifteen mouthfulls [*sic*] is being taken out.

Mike O'Connell tried to auction off his horse for potatoes the other day, but only receiving a bid of fifty bushels for the nag and harness, reserved the right to reject any and all bids, with the remark, "Be jabbers, ye mustn't think that an Irishman will do anything for petaties."

The establishing of an **American express office** here is a great convenience and saving of both time and money to our people, besides enabling fathers and mothers to tell their inquisitive Tom or Mary that their new born brother or sister came by express instead of going to the trouble of making them relieve it was found in the woods, as heretofore.

Percy M. Beaser is clerk of the **Emmett mine**, and a nephew of **Capt. Beaser of Ontonagon**, who wouldn't take thirty thousand dollars for his silver stock which afterwards wasn't worth a continental. He is the most popular man in town, and the babies all go to him in preference to their fathers.

Deer in great numbers are seen on the outskirts of Waucedah daily, and the game law abiding man is sorely tried. The RANGER would warn the deer to use more discretion, as we're all liable to err.

As the train arrived at Waucedah Monday it was boarded by officers who arrested one **Eugene Sullivan**, on the authority of a telegram received from **deputy sheriff Hugh McLaughlin**. It appeared that Sullivan had jumped his board bill at **Quinnesec**. He paid the amount required in time to take the gravel train in the evening.

McGraw mourns his sale of the boss corner lot in town to the **O'Connell Bros.**

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Since the gold and silver discovery he holds the opinion that Waucedah will be the boss town.

VULCAN.

Capt. Whitehead is getting rich by **keeping hotel**, and people ache to trust him and go on his bond as **overseer of highways**.

Dr. McLeod, the popular physician, promises us lots of birth notices soon.

The **post-office** has been removed from the **drug store** to the **depot building**, where **assistant postmaster Martin Killgallon** can be found to give one and all their love letters.

The side track at the **depot** is being lengthened out for the passage of larger ore trains.

When a Vulcan school boy “goes to the head” it’s generally to get a thrashing.

A Vulcan woman has given her neighbors a “piece of her mind” until she has hardly any left for herself. And it is further said that if she goes crazy she’ll never come back.

The **Menominee Mining Company** paid off its men in full Thursday, and every one had money for a time.

Mr. Fiske, clerk of the **Menominee Mining Company**, thinks Vulcan is a great winter resort. Don’t know. We never resorted to Vulcan in winter. It may be like the last resort for all we know.

QUINNESEC.

On Thursday of last week **Ed. Girzikowsky**, **jeweler** from **Ishpeming**,

gave a satchel containing some some [sic] sixty dollars’ worth of jewelry to the bartender [sic – bartender] at the **Quinnesec hotel**, telling him to put it behind the bar. The bartender did as directed, not knowing what the satchel contained, of course, and no more was thought about it until next morning, when it was discovered that burglars had broken into the hotel, rifled the money drawer of its contents and stolen the satchel. Officers were immediately notified of the burglary and engaged to work up the case, their efforts resulting in the arrest of the thief at **Fort Howard** Wednesday last. He was taken to Quinnesec the same day to be identified.

Mr. Wendell, proprietor of the **Quinnesec hotel**, has given the place into the entire charge of **Omer Huff**, Esq., an experienced hotel man. The house is first-class in every respect.

The construction of a number of new business houses is soon to be commenced.

Capt. Morcom, of the mine, paid **Marinette** a visit Saturday, returning home Monday morning. He brought with him a pan used in washing gold, which same was for a man named **Gould**, who thinks he has found some of the precious metal and wants to wash it.

It is reported that **Carney**, of **Marinette**, who owns the forty acres on the north side of the railroad track, will set the property off into a **town site**. It will make a beautiful one.

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BOWLERS.

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–If old age is honorable, **Buell**, of **Quinnesec**, must be awful young.

–Lying **Buell**, of **Quinnesec**, can play “draw,” but can never draw a sober breath, some way.

–**Buell**, of **Quinnesec**, will never be a credit to himself while he is a *credit*-or of so many others.

–The specimen fiend is abroad in the land at **Waucedah**, seeking what gold and silver specimens he may devour.

–A **Vulcan** man who married a woman who was all the world to him, says he finds that she is a world of trouble, the same as the original.

–**Buell** can tell one thousand consecutive lies in one thousand consecutive seconds, “He as you please,” with a new road on which to do it.

–The meanest man lives at **Vulcan**. He whipped his boy the other day for breaking a dozen eggs going over the township road that **Buell** built.

–Sitting **Buell**, of **Quinnesec**, calls us a vulture. He probably got the idea from the way we like pecking at a fellow about his size, who is politically and morally dead.

–Sitting **Buell** says we are a map-calper [*sic – caliper*]. We’d rather be a map-scalper and live on the vapors of a dungeon than run for highway commissioner and be beat over four to one by the other fellow.

–**John III Buell** says he’s spent as much money in the **Menominee range** as any man of his means. He has, he has. Spent more in the way of exploring, for instance, than any ten men of his means.

–A **Quinnesec** girl has to wear hoops to keep her toes from sticking out beyond her dress. If her feet grow much larger she’ll have to petition the legislature for a right of way.

–**Buell** don’t [*sic – doesn’t*] like these **Bowlders**, but says they’re the hardest he ever struck during his whole career as an

explorer and new road builder. He thinks he’ll never be able to drift through them.

–**Waucedah** girls have about come to the conclusion that none but men can get married there. It has been almost a year since a wedding has occurred at **Waucedah**.

–A **Quinnesec** man traded off his horse for a cow, the other day, because the horse kicked badly. But after the cow had made a target of three bran [*sic – brand*] new milk pails, knocked the youngest born down with a swing of her tail, and got her horn caught in his wife’s locket chain while she was trying to hold her, he offered to trade back again at a bargain, remarking that he didn’t “have to milk the horse.”

–**Bowlders** has occasion to report this week that **John L. Buell** has nothing to say about treachery, but calls him (**Bowlders**) to account for hinting that he (**John L.**) would lie at half cock. Now, **Bowlders** may be a little mistaken in this. How **Bowlders** came by the idea was once upon an evening, several weeks ago, when he and some others were listeners to **John L.** telling of an adventure of his on the **Menominee range** in its early days. He said that once when he was out exploring for pine, night came on and he made his bed of hemlock boughs and laid down to sleep, but hadn’t slept long before he was awakened by the howl of a pack of wolves. “Spring up,” he continued, “I felt their warm breath in my face and saw their white hungry teeth and bright glaring eyes but a few inches from me. In another instant I felt their teeth and claws in my flesh.” Here he paused and wiped the perspiration from his brow. “And how did you escape?” asked his listeners, eagerly. “Oh, I didn’t escape at all,” replied **John L.**, “*they eat me.*” Then one of the crowd remarked that there was some very straight pine on the range. “Talking of straight pine,” put in **John L.**, [*“*] reminds me of the time when they couldn’t fall pine trees on

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this range, they were so straight.” “Indeed!” exclaimed a listener in surprise. “Yes, sir,” added Mr. Buell; “we’ve cut trees on this range clear through and they’ve been so straight and evenly poised that they wouldn’t fall for several days, or until a wind storm came on.” Boulders may have been a little hasty in saying that John L. Buell would lie. This is how Boulders got the idea.

WAUCEDAH.

New quarters for the **postoffice** are being fitted up by postmaster **Gifford** in his old **boarding house building**, next to his **hotel**. **John K. Stack** having removed his entire stock of goods out of his store and taken them to **Escanaba**, left the postoffice alone in the building, and postmaster Gifford becoming lonesome has set to work to fix up new quarters preparatory to removing, after which Stack’s store building will be entirely vacant.

Waucedah housewives having a love for the beautiful in nature, [*sic*] may now be seen daily with the sleeves rolled up and sun-bonnets on, making **flower gardens**. When it comes to making flower gardens Waucedah women have hearts in them as big as canal forties.

A **charity ball** was given in Waucedah last week, [*sic*] for the benefit of a poor family, at which all, down to the stingiest man and woman, were in attendance. The poor family are [*sic – is*] poor no more for awhile [*sic – a while*]. Waucedah people have hearts in them as big as canal forties.

And now the Waucedah maiden meanders forth at sunrise, when the early bird catches the first worm, to pick May flowers for the dinner table or her fellow’s button hole. What is prettier than a

Waucedah girl picking May flowers! Certainly not a cow eating hay. She stops, stoops, her fairy fingers bend and snap the tender stem of the blossom until a bunch has been picked. Nature furnishes her a string in the shape of trailing arbutus, and this she winds around the slender stems. Then, with her dainty nose buried in the flower buds, she starts for home, her cheeks flushed with the kiss of the morning breezes, her eyes sparkling with the glory of the rising sun – and her dress bathed in the bright dews of the night. What a picture! Oh, girls, girls, girls.

The **town site** and some of the **principal streets** are full of stumps which ought to be jerked out by the roots or the town officers before the next election day, if they want to serve a second term. The people depend [*on*] it, especially those who have fallen over the stumps in the dark. Don’t let us have to make a stump speech again, town officials.

Timothy Mahon, formerly **station agent** at **Centreville**, has superseded Mr. **McGraw** as station agent here. Mr. McGraw goes to the **Ishpeming** office. Timothy is a good man and has the blessing of the RANGER.

Several weeks ago we stated that **D.R. Gifore** [*sic – Gifford*], Esq., was the **first white man who came to Waucedah**. And now arises **John Malloy**, and is just as white as he is. We make the correction so that it will pass into history all right, and our children and our children’s children will not be deceived.

“An’ wat are ye’s doing,” asked **Pat O’Connell**, last Saturday, as he stood in front of **John Malloy**’s house and watched three or four men working in the cellar underneath. “What are we doing,” repeated John: “taking out this stump of course.” Patrick joined them and after examining the stump closely offered to bet five dollars that they wouldn’t get it out before night, for it

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was a huge one and had great roots. John took the bet, and the money was put in a third party's hands. It was agreed by Patrick that John could engage all the help he wanted, and so the latter got half a dozen of the boys and a lot of blasting powder and set to work, but at night, after shoveling, chopping and blasting all day, and searing all the women and children folks, the stump wasn't out and Patrick won. A keg of beer followed.

VULCAN.

Mr. **James A. Warren** and Miss **Augusta Boyd** were married forever and ever, amen, last week, and ere this have begun housekeeping. Jimmy is **Mulligan's bar-tender** [*sic – bartender*], and the way he made the cigars and beer fly among the boys as soon as he began to realize that he was really married was beautiful. They'd like to see Jimmy get married every day, if the young lady had no objections.

Young Mr. **Sloan**, of the store, was prostrated with a severe cold in his back several days last week, but is up and around again. It seems that a coolness sprung up between him and his girl, and he turned his back on her and caught cold.

Wallace Manning, our **saloon keeper**, is doing such a big business these days that he sings and whistles all the day long. Wallace's place is built in the woods, and people are often lead [*sic – led*] to believe that it's the birds or **Mulligan** that's singing and whistling, but it isn't. It's Wallace.

Fisk has stopped growing, having no further right of way. He's head and shoulders taller than **Capt. Whitehead**, and Capt.'s so tall that he has to stoop if he wants to sleep with his head under the bedclothes.

On the outskirts of Vulcan lives a somewhat renowned personage, a **saloon-keeper**. He is **John Mulligan**, the **prize fighter**, who has fought as many successful rounds in the ring, probably, as most pugilists, his last fight being with the famous **McAlpin**, at **Menominee**, which was a draw. Mr. Mulligan is a low-sized, heavy-set, round built man, of pleasing appearance and good address. He is a widower, and the father of a boy who is known all over, far and near, as "Mulligan's boy." The boy is his father's pride and joy, and is being well educated at the Vulcan school. "All I have to live for," said Mr. Mulligan to us the other day, "is that boy. When I am dead and gone I want him to be able to say, 'Though my father was a prize fighter he made a man of me.'" And there never was a happier father and son. Though there's no one left to love him but that little boy of his, John Mulligan, the prize fighter, is indeed happy.

The little lakes in and around Vulcan, which swarm with rock and black bass, are now the center of attraction for the Vulcan youths. **Master Whitehead** keeps his father's hotel supplied with fish all summer, and he swims more than he fishes, as a general thing.

QUINNESEC.

The **dry goods firm** of **Harteau & Bebeau**, of **Escanaba**, is building a large store on the lot adjoining **Wright Bros**. The building will be completed in a few weeks and stocked with a full line of dry goods, clothing, etc.

Harry Kellar, the **Quinnesec hotel burglar**, who was captured at **Marinette** and brought to Quinnesec, waived examination before **Judge Smythe**, and

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was placed under bonds of \$800 for his appearance at the next term of the Menominee circuit court. Not being able to procure the bail, he was taken to the country jail at **Menominee** Thursday by **deputy sheriff McLaughlin**. Great credit is due **C.L. Wendel**, the proprietor of the hotel, for the great pains and expense which he incurred in ferreting out and securing the arrest of the thief, as he was not a loser by the robbery personally, the loss being that of **Ed. Girzikowsky**, the **Ishpeming** jeweler.

It is whispered that the **McKenna Bros.** will commence the erection of a commodious **hotel** soon.

W.W. Felch, Esq., has begun the erection of a building 22x36, which will be occupied as a **barber shop, restaurant and residence**.

See here **Bill Dickie**, you who was recently elected **highway commissioner** by a large majority, we don't know you personally, but would warn you against **John L. Buell**, the bull-dozer. He's trying to lead you by the nose into the construction of that pet new road of his by his soft-toned flattery. You are an honest man, we know, but bull-dozing is bull-dozing, and John L. Buell is John L. Buell.

Terry Hanley, of **Marquette**, has taken up his residence in Quinnesec, and though he was lonesome the first two or three evenings of his sojourn here, he is now happy and contented. With "Ted.," Quinnesec can boast of the first-class **bartender** and best fellow in the county.

Quinnesec is being built up rapidly. New buildings are springing up all over the town site as if by magic. Not a vacant house in town, but many crowded almost to suffocation. The streets are crowded with visitors, capitalists, prospectors and others, daily. Quinnesec is the **Chicago of the Menominee range**, and must eventually be a large and prosperous city.

The engine house at the **Quinnesec mine** has been completed. The roof is of sheet iron.

MESSRS. **McKenna** and **O'Callaghan**, of **Quinnesec**, returned home from **Milwaukee** the latter part of last week, where they had been negotiating for the sale of their valuable mine. The sale was not made.

PUMPING and hoisting from No. 1 pit at the **Cyclops mine**, with the new engine, was begun Wednesday of last week. Forty cars a day are being shipped from this and the **Norway mine**.

THE Diamond drill explorations in the hill west of the **Vulcan mine** proper had revealed no ore up to the time of our visit Wednesday morning. They had bored through one hundred and eleven feet of rock, mostly mixed.

JOHN L. BUELL has disposed of his interest in the **McKenna mine** to **McCartney**, of **Marinette**, for a consideration of \$10,000. Mr. Buell has discovered a large deposit of fine ore on a Canal forty close to Quinnesec, which we intend visiting and inspecting next week, when we will have something further to say about it.

CURRY & SWIFT are still carrying on explorations on **Sec. 9**, near the **Vulcan mine**, where they have discovered a large deposit of blue ore, an analysis of which

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gives equally as fair a percentage of metallic iron as the ores from most mines on the range. Stripping for mining will be commenced when a side track 1,200 feet in length to the railroad will have been procured.

WENDEL & MAAS, who have been carrying on explorations on **section 2**, about a mile east from **Quinnesec**, have struck ore similar to the **Emmett** at a depth of about two feet from the surface. It appears to be an extensive deposit. The location of the new find is distant from the railroad about a quarter of a mile north. The property is owned by **F.M. Moore, Esq.**, of **Marquette**, from whom Wendel & Maas have an option for a lease of twenty years.

THE **Saginaw Mining company** has leased the **Hamilton & Merryman mining property** adjoining the **Norway**, on which considerable exploring has been done, and has commenced mining. It has been fully and satisfactorily determined that two veins of ore, of great width and length, exist -- one of slate and the other of hard steely ore. A side track from the railroad will be built on the west of the location. **Capt. Mitchell** is in charge.

NOW that his treachery and lying has been proved, **John L. Buell**, of **Quinnesec**, has nothing to say, but resorts to low personalities and threatens to attack the character of a prominent and trustworthy mine superintendent and explorer whose record is irreproachable, and whose name we hold too sacred to be mentioned in connection with his own. Just what Buell's opinion in the matter would be worth is hard to imagine, as he is known a chronic, incurable liar, and as one who makes a

specialty of being a damphool in all things pertaining to mining explorations. As a man who has sunk pits and shafts, or, more properly speaking, cellars and wells, all over the country until it isn't safe for any one to walk out at night, and found more specimens and less iron ore than any ten mining superintendents and explorers on the range, he had better hold his peace.

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–Sitting **Buell** has one or two friends, besides himself, in **Quinnesec**.

–Sitting **Buell**, of **Quinnesec**, says he'll thrash us or sue us for libel, or both – but he's such a liar we don't believe a word of it.

–There's no more harm in being a blackguard than a white guard in **Bowlders'** [*sic* – *Bowlder's*] opinion, Sitting **Buell** and Old-Man-Afraid-of-His-Business to the contrary, not withstanding [*sic* – *notwithstanding*].

–The circulation of the **RANGER** now numbers two hundred in **Escanaba** and three hundred on the **Menominee range**. Go on with your blackguardism, **James F. Atkinson** and **John L. Buell**.

–**Quinnesec** girls are often mistaken for their mothers. No, not that. **Quinnesec** mothers are often mistaken for their daughters, is what we mean. Don't want to be too hard on **Quinnesec** girls.

–Sitting **Buell**, of **Quinnesec**, was in **Escanaba** over Tuesday night of last week and held a council of war with Old-Man-Afraid-of-His-Business, of the **Iron Port**, as to what was to be done with the pale-face **Bowlders**. It was agreed that they'd both go on the war path and catch and scalp

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Bowlders, or chase him off their reservation. They have a big job on their hands and heads. Bowlders may be an orphan and the mother of fourteen children, with the youngest at the breast, but it will take more of the editorial tribe than Sitting Buell and the Old-Man-Afraid-of-His-Business to make him an exile from Escanaba or the Menominee range.

—**Sitting Buell**, of **Quinnesec**, says **Bowlders** is boarding out the price of a map at the second table of the **Kirby house**, **Menominee**, for proprietor **Shepard** [*sic*] told him so. This is truth stranger than fiction, all but the second table part, and we've to say that a better kept hotel than the Kirby does not exist on Lake Superior. By the way, **Shepard** tells a moderately good story on Sitting Buell. He says that one night when the hotel was jam full Sitting Buell came in and wanted lodgings. "I have no place to put you," said Shepard. "You've got to find a place," replied Sitting Buell. Shepard studied awhile, in fact long and thoughtfully, toying with his beard as is his custom in perplexity, and at last a happy idea occurred to him. He got a pack of cards, drew out the table, and asked S. Buell if he would play a game. Sitting Buell assented. They played one, two and three games, and when about to begin the fourth, and it was Sitting Buell's deal, Shepard put his happy idea into practice. he stole out of his chair, unknown to Sitting [*sic* – *Sitting Buell*], and went to bed. When he got up in the morning and came down stairs Sitting Buell was still playing, and muttering to some invisible person in the chair used by Shepard the night previous, "Shepard, my boy, I'm h--- on lone hands.[""] And now when the house is crowded and Sitting Buell comes in and wants lodgings for the night, Shepard always gives him a pack of cards and starts him playing. It's just as good as a feather bed with downy pillows to Sitting.

WAUCEDAH.

The **Emmett mine** pays off on the 15th. inst.

Explorations at the **Breen** have not been renewed as yet, and possibly never will be.

An ore train going north one day last week ran over a porcupine, scattering porcupine quills along the ties for a distance of nearly a quarter of a mile.

S.P. Saxton has suspended explorations on the forty adjoining the **Emmett**, but not before striking ore. He will renew work as soon as the swamp dries up a little and a pump is put in.

Preparations are being made for **potato planting** by **Saxton**, **Gifford**, **Malloy**, **O'Connell** and others. A large crop of potatoes will be raised in Waucedah this year.

Wolves, **bears** and **deer** swarm in the woods around about Waucedah, and are so tame that you can almost pat them with your hand.

And now the May flower droopeth, hangeth its head, withereth and dieth, although May has just commenced. Who'll petition the legislature to change the name of May flowers to April flowers? It's a hollow mockery and a snare to call flowers that come in April and go in May, May flowers.

VULCAN.

The **township road** that **Buell** built is being repaired all the way from Quinnesec to **Vulcan** and back again to **Twin Falls**.

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Mulligan had an encounter with a **lynx** on the railroad track the other evening. It wasn't a lynx of bologna, either, but a regular, live, ferocious one. It seems that Mulligan was on his way home from Quinnesec when he espied the animal in the gray shadows of the evening and gave chase, forgetting for an instant that he wasn't loaded. Lucky for Mulligan, the lynx ran and didn't show fight, giving him a chance to remember his unarmed condition and retrace his steps lively.

The woods are full of **explorers** and **prospectors**, and reports of new and valuable finds are heard in the land. About every one you meet has a chunk of iron ore in his pocket, and when he shows it to you and you ask him where he got it, his countenance immediately assumes an expression as mysterious as the great hereafter, and he answers, "Oh, I got it." From this reply you must always infer that he has found the biggest thing on the range, and is trying to keep quiet about it until he can secure the land. Such an inference is very agreeable to some men.

At **Norway** one day last week to **Mr. and Mrs. J. Brooks Knight**, a young son, weighing nineteen and three-thirds pounds. The young **clerk, superintendent of schools and school assessor**[,] is, like his father, an all-fired democrat.

At the **Cyclops mine** last Saturday evening while a young man named **George Taft** was riding one of the switch horses to the barn, at **Norway**, the animal became frightened at a locomotive and ran away, throwing Taft off, striking his head against a stump and breaking his right arm. **Dr. McLeod** was immediately called, under whose skillful treatment Taft is speedily recovering.

QUINNESEC.

The town is chuck full of strangers, and the hotel and boarding houses are filled to overflowing.

Supt. Lindsley, of the **C. & N.W. R'y**, was in town the fore part of the week. He came by special car, and paid a visit to the explorations of **Robert Stephenson** and others on section 25, before returning.

Patrick McKenna, formerly of **Negaunee**, has begun the erection of a neat residence adjoining his brother's **drug store**.

Deputy sheriff Hugh McLaughlin, the "tall sycamore of the range," has commenced the erection of quite a pretentious frame building, which will be used for a **residence**.

The **Quinnesec school** has now over a hundred pupils in attendance.

"When will the log jam occur at **Quinnesec Falls**?" is the question residents are bored with now by strangers. We say bored, because residents are tired of telling them that there ain't going to be any log jam at Quinnesec Falls this spring, to the best of their knowledge and belief.

AT the **Cyclops** the drift from No. 1 to No. 2 shafts was completed Tuesday. It is all the way in good ore.

A.R. HARLOW, of **Marquette**, is on the range. He contemplates carrying on some explorations on small tracts of land around **Lake Antoine**.

THE new pits opened on the hill north, at the **Norway mine**, are turning out considerable ore of good quality. The stripping averages less than two feet.

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THE **Curry Iron company** is the name of the new corporation which filed articles of association last week for the purpose of the development of the mining property heretofore known as the **Curry & Swift explorations**, located a short distance to the west of the Vulcan mine. Following are the officers of the company:

President – **S.S. Curry.**

Secretary – **W.F. Swift.**

Treasurer – **Joseph P. Outhwaite.**

Directors – S.S. Curry, W.F. Swift, **James H. Dallilba.**

THE **Saginaw Mining company**, lessee of the **Hamilton & Merryman** property, adjoining the **Norway** on the east, have three pits opened, in all of which the ore is exposed. A large force of men and teams are engaged stripping. The stripping averages from ten to twelve feet. New buildings for the accommodation of the company's offices and employees are going up.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 565 [Saturday, May 17, 1879, page 12, columns 1-4]

BOWLERS.

–It is claimed that **Buell**, of **Quinnesec**, built the Jericho road.

–Bowlders dislikes to call a man a falsehood and will hereafter refer to **Sitting Buell**, of **Quinnesec**, as the no-such-thinger.

–In order to experience about all the ups and downs this life one has only to ride over

the township road that **Buell**, of **Quinnesec**, built.

–They talk some of building a lighthouse on the township road that **Buell** built. A life saving [*sic* – *lifesaving*] station there, too, wouldn't be a bad thing.

–We look hopefully forward to the day that a through train will be run from **Marquette** to **Quinnesec**. Then, and not till then, will the RANGER arrive in the Menominee range in time for Sunday's reading.

–Bowlders is getting up a champion belt with gold buckle, beautifully engraved, to be awarded to the pedestrian walking one hundred consecutive miles in one hundred consecutive hours, "go as you d--- please," on the township road that sitting [*sic* – *Sitting*] **Buell** built.

–Sitting **Buell**, of **Quinnesec**, as compared to George Washington: "John L. did you cut down that cherry tree?" "I cannot tell a lie." *John L., did you cut down that cherry tree!*" "I cannot tell a lie!" "JOHN L., DID YOU CUT DOWN THAT CHERRY TREE!" "I CANNOT TELL A LIE!" All Bowlders desires to show is that John L. beats George Washington – he cannot tell a lie – or the truth, either!

–Residents of **Waucedah** claim it to be the leading town on the Menominee range, and if you want to make 'em mad all you've got to do is to ask 'em if they mean by that that it leads on to **Vulcan** and **Quinnesec**. They'll almost pull out stumps to get at you.

–Sitting **Buell** was once a commissioner,

Who built roads to gain renown –
An explorer sinking wells enough
To undermine **Quinnesec** town.

Bijah Perkins, a man of means,
Was of iron lands in quest,
And this is why, on Menominee Range,
He concluded he wouldn't invest.

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The landlord warned him on the road,
But the brave and dauntless man,
That cloudy night, determined to ride
To Quinnesec from **Vulcan**.

Very soon his horse tripped on a stone,
And giving a frightened jump,
Landed the shrieking Bijah
On the top of a monstrous stump.

The branch of a tree skinned his nose,
He then disappeared in a hole,
Then found himself in the middle of the
road
On the top of a rising knoll.

Bijah was pious, and murmured later,
As he arose from a muddy pool,
“Oh Lord forgive Sitting Buell,
For building a road like a mule.”

Arrived in town, torn and bruised,
Bijah talked of fighting a duel,
Vowing he would blow a new road
Through poor Sitting Buell.

But B. Perkins departed a wiser man,
Saying he'd be hanged if he'd break
his neck,
Traveling the township road that Buell
built
From Vulcan to Quinnesec.

ESCANABA.

DR. J.S. NORTH, our able and talented physician and surgeon, has severed his connection with Escanaba, and gone to **Quinnesec**, as assistant to **Dr. McLeod**, of the **Menominee Mining company**. The doctor leaves hosts of friends here who are sorry to lose him. Escanaba's loss is Quinnesec's gain in this particular instance.

WAUCEDAH.

Mosquitoes and black flies congregate about Waucedians in the evening and try to steal their remains.

Pat. O'Connell has the handsomest specimen on the range. It is a dark colored piece of rock flaked with bright yellow gold, or what appears to be gold. He bought it from an **Indian** for fifty cents, who says there's a mountain of it located several miles up the **Brule river**, which he will show anyone for the small sum of twenty-five dollars or a bottle of whisky. Here's a chance for specimen fiends.

Another **saloon** has been started in Waucedah. It is located in the basement of **John Malloy's residence** in the rear of the **O'Connell Bros. saloon**.

We were mistaken in saying that a marriage hadn't taken place in Waucedah in a year. About a month ago the boys got to teasing a Frenchman about getting married, and he went right off and hunted up a sharer of his joys and sorrows and was married. Aside from this we weren't mistaken.

Fifty-five men are employed at the **Emmett mine**.

The **gold and silver excitement** has abated somewhat, to the great detriment of the sale of corner lots in Waucedah.

Men are scarce in the town. The owners of the **Emmett mine** had to import men from below the other day.

It is rumored that **Stack's store building** is to be turned into a free and easy **saloon**.

VULCAN.

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Vulcanos go fishing nearly every Sunday.

Capt. Whitehead is building a **hen-house** in the rear of his **hotel**, into which hawks and weasels cannot break and steal. He intends raising his own eggs and spring chickens hereafter.

The **poll-tax collector, Capt. Whitehead**, is heard in the land, trying to make men believe that they have to pay their poll-tax, or work on the streets or go to jail. Men would rather pay dog-tax than poll-tax, as a general thing. The Capt. has collected hardly a dollar as yet.

Dr. McLeod, of the **Menominee Mining Company**, has taken unto himself an assistant in the person of **Dr. J.L. North**, an able **physician and surgeon**, from **Escanaba**. The two will make a strong team, and cheat death out of victims on the Menominee Range. The only chance for people to die down here now is from that terrible disease, old age.

Cores from the **Bullock diamond drill** command a good price among foreigners in Vulcan.

QUINNESEC.

A public meeting was held at **Merchant's hall**, Thursday evening, May 89th, for the purpose of making arrangements to **protect the village against accident by fire**. It was decided to purchase an **engine and hose cart**.

Dr. C.A. Fortier, of the **Emmett mining company**, has opened up an office in town for the practice of his profession. The doctor is a good physician but doesn't know how to advertise worth a cent.

Patrick McKenna, Esq., left town Wednesday bound for **Negaunee**, whither he goes to bring his wife and family back with him. Mr. McKenna is "awfully gone" on Quinnesec.

Deputy sheriff McLaughlin's new residence is nearly completed, and is about as good looking as any in town.

Bob Barclay, the **livery stable man**, is raising a colt, born and bred in Quinnesec, which he thinks will be able to make pretty good time on the township road that **Buell** built, one of these days.

At the rate people are settling in and around Quinnesec we prophesy that it will have a population of two thousand by fall.

Tourists not having enough money to visit the holy land do the next best thing – come to Quinnesec. Quinnesec is a holy land. There are holes everywhere around here where they've been exploring.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 566 [Saturday, May 24, 1879], page 8, columns 1-3

BOWLERS.

–"Bloody mosquitoes," is what Cousin Jacks on the **Menominee range** call them. Pretty near right, you.

–A **cattle drover** has been down on the **Menominee range** reaping a rich harvest selling cows to the people. He sold the cows for an average of \$40 apiece. At the high price for hay on the range those are pretty dear cows. In fact, cows which can't eat sods, roots, and ground pine and ring a twenty and four pound bell, are a poor investment to a person down here, at any price.

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–It was at **Quinnesec**, on Thursday of last week, the day on which the breaking of the great log jam at the falls was expected to take place, and he had promised two girls that he would take them out and show them the sights. It so happened, however, that he was detained at home on business and couldn't keep his promise, and was obliged to appoint a proxy in the shape of a gallant livery stable man, who vouched for it that he would take the girls without fail. But the livery stable man he, too, was detained on business, business as important as his friend's, and the girls didn't go, and there was a coolness away down below zero between them and the young men. This coolness spread and spread until it sprung up between the young men themselves, and then there was a row. One charged the other with treachery, with intent to make his girl go back on him, and the other charged him with laying awake nights thinking of how little he knew, until the hills, valleys and dales re-echoed with loud talk and threats against life and limb and future happiness. They don't even speak now, and choose the widest street in town in which to meet and pass each other.

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EARLY ACCOUNTS OF IRON COUNTY MINES AND SETTLEMENTS DOCUMENTED IN THE FLORENCE MINING NEWS, FLORENCE, WISCONSIN, INCLUDING THE EXTENSION OF THE RAILROAD FROM FLORENCE TO IRON COUNTY

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 1 [Saturday, January 1, 1881], page 2, column 2

MINING ITEMS.

George Runkle [sic – Runkel], Esq., who has been exploring for himself, **Col. Jas. H. Howe** and others, has abandoned his explorations on **lot 3, sec. 20, 43-32**, near **Crystal Falls**, on the **Paint river**. He is still continuing his work on **sections 29, 30 and 31**, in the same township. This property adjoins the **Shelden and Shaffer find**. On sec. 29 the showing is very fine and promises to devolope [sic – develop] into a large deposit. The ore was found close to sec. 30, and one shaft is sunk into it a distance of fifty feet, from which he has drifted north about 30 feet, all the way in ore. The vein runs almost east and west. It is supposed that a jasper foot-wall has been struck on the south side, but time must determine that point.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 6 [Saturday, February 5, 1881], page 3, column 3

GEORGE RUNKLE [sic – RUNKEL], who is interested in a property on the **S.E. ¼, Sec. 29, 43-32**, and has been engaged in sinking a shaft to see what could be found, has struck it big. Just such a thing we love to chronicle. The shaft is 60 feet down, and they are working in a hard, blue ore, the vein of which is 110 feet wide, but of unknown depth. Samples have been sent to Chicago for analysis, and will be made known in due time as to the richness in metallic iron, of the find.

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The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 7 [Saturday, February 12, 1881], page 2, column 1

–**George Runkle** [*sic* – *Runkel*] informs us that the “find” at **s.e. ¼, sec. 29, 43-32**, is fast developing into a mine. It has been ascertained by **all** explorations, that the vein, where the testing is being conducted, is 110 feet in width. The length, as we stated before, is conjectural, but supposed to be extensive.

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PERSONAL.

–**George Runkle** [*sic* – *Runkel*], Esq., arrived on Monday [*sic* – *Monday*] from a business trip to Iowa. He left on Tuesday to attend to his mining operations on the **Paint river**.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 8 [Saturday, February 19, 1881], page 2, column 3

The explorations which are being conducted by Mr. **George Runkle** [*sic* – *Runkel*] and **Col. J.H. Howe**, (under the superintendancy [*sic* – *superintendency*] of the former gentleman,) in the neighborhood of the **Paint river** in **43-32**, are looking most promising. The main shaft on the ore bed, on **sec. 29**, is now about 50 feet in the ore, which is, we are informed, denominated a red specular. An upright steam hoisting engine and plant has arrived, and will soon be placed in position. Beside the convenience of hoisting, with rapidity, it will

enable the management to keep the shaft free from water, which seems to come in quite fast. As we stated before, the distance between the hanging and foot wall was 110 feet and the length as far as traced was enough to warrant calling the deposit a mine. The ore taken out of this deposit is hard enough to scratch glass. It runs high in metallic iron and low in phosphorus. On **the s.e. ¼ of sec. 30**, which is about one mile east of the former explorations, a well defined [*sic* – *well-defined*] vein of hematite ore, of a slaty [*sic*] formation has been found, 32 feet in width and which has been traced for a distance of 1500 feet in length. The depth of stripping is from four to thirty feet and the deepest shaft in ore is ten feet. The ore for this depth seems to be rather lean, and by the latest analysis yields only 47 per cent of metallic iron, and contains but .52 of phosphorus. In the event that this deposit should increase in its percentage of iron and that it still continues to run low in phosphorus, it is quite evident that it will be a very valuable mine. On the **s.w. ¼ of sec. 31**, eight test pits and shafts have been sunk along the formation, revealing ore for a distance of 600 feet, which according to a recent analysis contains 65 per cent of metallic iron and .336 of phosphorus. The width of this find has not been determined, but will be in a very short time. The stripping is from six to twelve feet. Three of the shafts are in the ore – which is a soft hematite – for a distance of 25 feet. In all these explorations, considerable water is encountered, but it is the intention of the owners to procure a steam pump as early as possible.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 10 [Saturday, March 5, 1881], page 3, column 3

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–OUR old friend, **Capt. Wm. H. Morrison**, formerly in the employ of the **Menominee Mining Company**, has taken charge of **Messrs. Runkle [sic – Runkel] & Howe's** mining camp, at **Crystal Falls**. Billy, all hands join us, and throw an old shoe after you.

We have credible information, that the survey for the **extension of the railroad from Florence, further west**, will be commenced in a very short time. The survey will probably follow a westerly course to **section 24, 40-17**, and then deflect northward.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 10 [Saturday, March 5, 1881], page 3, column 4

George Runkle [sic – Runkel], Esq., **General Superintendent of the Chicago, Bellevue, and Western Railroad**, returned on Saturday last from Chicago, to superintend the mining operations, with which he is interested, in the vicinity of **Crystal Falls**, on the **Paint River**. As soon as he can procure a house he will remove his family to Florence and reside here, until he gets the new town of Crystal Falls started. As the probability is that within a radius of two miles, six or seven good mines will be opened by fall, and as the river will admit of several good water powers, within a short distance, which will in a measure be utilized very soon, it would seem that the location and surroundings, will require a town of no small size. A blast furnace will be erected, as soon as a railroad strikes there. There are thousands of acres of fine hardwood timber in that region.

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Number 15 [Saturday, April 9, 1881], page 3, column 4

THE C. & N.W. Ry., [sic] have concluded to begin a preliminary survey from this place immediately. It was contemplated to commence surveying after the snow has disappeared, but orders have been received this week to begin right off. It will probably take all summer to **establish the most feasible route to Crystal Falls and also to Iron River.** Operations may be commenced on the road bed as early as next spring. The country is a rough one to run through, and a great deal of care will have to be exercised in the selection of the most economical route.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 16 [Saturday, April 16, 1881], page 2, column 2

C.H. Sloan has sold out his mining interest at **Crystal Falls** to **George Runkel, James H. Howe** and others for \$2,000. It is a valuable property, and everybody thinks that Sloan sold out remarkably cheap.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 16 [Saturday, April 16, 1881], page 3, column 3

A preliminary railroad survey was commenced by the C. & N.W. Ry company, on Monday, from Florence, northwesterly across the Brule river.

AT Runkel et. Al.'s explorations, near the ever beautiful **Crystal Falls** of the **Paint River**, six men under charge of **Capt. W.H. Morrison** struck for shorter hours and liberty one day this week. Their places were filled instanter [sic – instantly], and the new men will have to work ten hours a day,

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or no pay. Such is the edict promulgated by the chief Kahn.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 16 [Saturday, April 16, 1881], page 3, column 3

MR. H. COOPER is going up to **Iron River** to build a good-sized **two story hotel** at **Pewaubic [sic – Pewabic] City**, the coming metropolis on the western edge of the great Menominee iron belt. It will be close by one of the largest deposits of iron ore in the entire range.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 18 [Saturday, April 30, 1881], page 3, column 3

TWO engineering parties are engaged in running preliminary railway lines under the charge of S.H. Selden, Esq., between this point and Crystal Falls on the Paint River. One corps of 12 men will work from the north end of the line, and another corps will work from this end. Crystal Falls are [sic – is] about 15 miles a little west of north from Florence.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 18 [Saturday, April 30, 1881], page 3, column 4

THE **surveying force of the extension of the C. & N.W. Ry**, is being largely augmented by the arrival of men on the force. The intention of the management now is to run two preliminary lines. One to **Iron River** and one up the **Paint**. Owing to the nature of the country through which it is proposed, by this company to build roads, it is presumable that the surveys will occupy the entire season.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 19 [Saturday, May 7, 1881], page 2, columns 2-3

[From our own correspondent.]

CAMP WILD CAT,
May 1st, 1881.

Why do we christen our forest home thus, do you ask? Give it up – or by the way, let me see, perhaps because that night before last, after we had all turned in, one of these “critters” surrounded our camp with repeated invitations to

“Come into the garden, Maude,”

But we didn’t come worth a cent, all good boys that stay in o’ nights. Our camp is “**up the Paint**” about **13 miles from Florence, and 3 miles below Crystal Falls.** We reached here in good order at noon 27th ult. [sic – this month], with but one or two mishaps in the way of spill outs, occasioned by the corduroys, etc., on the way; one of our party being pitched from the wagon seat to the ground, landing upon all fours, but with out [sic – without] sustaining injury. After storing away a hearty lunch, we set about hunting “corners,” running random lines, etc., first direction being westerly to **Lake McMillan**, about one mile from camp, when it was found necessary to construct a raft before crossing, and it was while waiting here that one of those showers which come up uninvited and made to order, paid us particular attention, our only shelter being the trunk of a pine, each man for himself, and – well you know the rest; the shower was a mixture of rain and snow, and lasted long enough to give the party a pretty good wetting, and by the way, did you ever notice how handy a rubber coat is when you “don’t vash got him already sometimes, ain’t it?” Well, our boat (?) was

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completed, and after the shower we returned to camp, to interview our rubber coats – and after exchanging wet garments for dry, we went out on the bridge to fish; catch anything? Well, it was like some kinds of hunting, plenty of it, keep you busy all day, but “nary a nib;” guess the fish this way are not partial to “sam handwiches.” Hello! There goes a team, all rush for the door when a team passes, wonder how they would act if a party of ladies should appear on the scene “all at once,” eh?

And now a word for the birds; there is a beautiful little songster here whose species I, as yet, have been unable to find anyone to classify; it is quite small, about the size of and marked similar to a chipping bird, but it is the sweetest little songster of all.

“Those little birds that sing about your door,” the scale of its tune comprises one whole, with from two to four half notes, which one will sing, and its mate repeat in an octave lower or higher. This plaintive little musician fills a bright spot in this desolate out of the world sort of place. Deer are quite numerous, five of them discovering themselves in one day, and they are very tame, as all the game seems to be; quite often little chipmunks will come into our camp, and run about on the floor just as though at home, as doubtless they are.

While running random line southwest of **Lake McMillan** about one mile, we encountered a bluff with unmistakable indications of ore. The line frequently crosses dense cedar swamps where one would be ashamed to have any excuse for being found other than that of business in these swamps, which in most cases are far above the level of the average water courses, with more or less descent in some directions, must have a kaolin substrature [*sic – substrata*], or perhaps, who knows, solid cast steel (?)*[.]* “There’s millions in it,” but joking aside, the bottom must be of

some impervious nature or they would not hold water as they do.

Logs are still running down the river, and some 4 miles above there are about four million feet in a lake which is still frozen over, rendering sawing the ice necessary to liberate them. The **Paint River**, as doubtless is generally known, derives its name from the one given it by the aborigines, indicating color, it being thoroughly imbued with the disturber of peace in this locality, i.e. iron. Exploring parties are numerous, but none seem to have visited the bluff above mentioned. Judging by the “contrariness” of the needle, this locality is nothing but iron. I understand that Mr. Runkel [*sic – Runkle*] is about to lay out a city on his range immediately; who’s going to put up the first “hotel?” “My light of other days” is almost burned to the stick, so I must bid you good night. Will write again soon.

Yours, truly,
T.H. UNDER.

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WE learn that **camp No. 1, of the railroad surveying party was burned** on last Thursday, by which the party lost all their tents, and some of their instruments. We are without further particulars.

A VERY interesting communication will be found from our special correspondent at “**Camp Wild Cat,**” on the **C. & N.W. R’y survey**. It is written in a fresh, vivacious style and gives a true and vivid picture of woods life. We are promised a succession of them.

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Number 20 [Saturday, May 14, 1881],
page 2, columns 2-3

[From our own correspondent.]

MOSQUITO'S PARADISE,

May 8th, 1881.

At my last writing we were at **Camp Wild Cat**, but owing to [a] combination of circumstances beyond human control, it was and is my first and last letter from that obsolete [sic – obsolete] post. You are already aware that our camp was destroyed by fire on the afternoon of the 4th inst. [sic – this month] It caught fire by a spark from the stove pipe and spread so rapidly that the cook, who was alone at the time, was unable to save all our accoutrements, though under the circumstances, he did remarkably well, and what is more to his credit he, instead of removing his own goods first as many would have done, left them to the last and to destruction, saving nothing of his own. We were on our way to camp, having been out in the field all day, a tired and hungry crew, and upon coming in sight of home (?) the first to welcome us was fire and smoke and next a broom, which one of the boys, who had gone on ahead of us, set up a la signal corps – indicating a clean sweep. I tell you what, my ears (I don't speak for the rest of the party,) dropped clear down below my shoulders; had to tie them up over my back hair to keep them from dragging behind, you know. Well, we all gathered in a group about the ruins, in silence (?) mournfully watching the treacherous flames licking up the last of our treasures and rapidly converting them into ashes; well that is what we must all come to, i.e. ashes, not the licking – but human nature is weak, and a few minutes sufficed to wind up our fine sensibilities clean to the hub, and complete

the destruction, whereupon the poor unfortunates fell into line and –

Not a sound was heard nor a funeral note,

As o'er the course to our new home we hurried;

While a tear each discharged as a farewell shot,

O'er the grave where our treasures were buried.

We took up our quarters for that and the following night at the **Half Way House**, thanks to **Mr. Main**, but for him we should have been compelled to "turn in" at the stable of the old quarters. The next thing in order, after storing away our supper, was an inventory of stock on hand. I found that my loss in the way of immediate necessities, as clothing, etc., was small compared with that of the rest of the party, some losing to the amount of \$50, and what was worse, all they had excepting what clothing they had on; and by the way, that reminds me we had been collecting material for and dreading a washing day, and were considerably exercised in mind over the probability of being compelled to do it ourselves, but this fire settled the matter, pro tem; good way to get "shet" of the job; worth most as much as the Chinaman's method of roasting pig, – but perhaps some thoughtful person might say, rather expensive, but it is sure pop every time, and if any of our readers wish to test the matter, they need not be deterred from fear of a suit for infringement, no charge.

Next morning we went up to view the ruins, and found the cellar without trouble, hadn't burnt the hole a bit; poked about in the ashes, fished out our cook stove and although we have it now set and running, it looks – well, it looks as though it was trying to scratch an ear with its hind leg. Friday we spent in moving camp, had to send for new supplies of course, and at present writing are under canvass; we have a

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hunter connected with the party, and Friday he brought us in a deer – no he didn't bring it in either, shot, dressed it, and hung it up to dry I guess, for by some misunderstanding the carcass was not brought into camp. This morning he went out to **Lake McMillan** and shot a duck, he brought in the bird and two perch, the bullet went through the duck coming out of its head, and it is supposed that the fish being inside the duck were "fired out" by the bullet, and were so confused that they towed the bird safe in shore, delivering themselves and game into the hands of the Philistines. I cannot vouch for this, but I have seen the man and his rifle, the lake, bird and fish.

By the way, did you ever see an aborigine smile? Well, I have, Lo is his name you know, that's universally understood, must be so, for a standard author says so. Yes, I saw Lo smile (?). How did he look? Let me see. Well, it was built somewhat after the manner of the Irishman's cannon, only the ingredients were somewhat different. Just supply yourself with a lot of long black hair, intermix with copper, equal proportions, stir well before using, then pour this compound round any hole, let it cool, then behold, there's our smile. Expression? About as much as a volcano has. How do I know it was a smile? Because he was "biling drunk" – so drunk that when he attempted to shoulder his 50th pack, he rolled over backwards, almost turning a complete summersault, striking on his head and shoulders, feet up, and when his body straightened out his head bobbed up like a jack in a box, hearing us laugh, looked toward where we stood, when *Lo, he smiled.*

Friday afternoon I received a call from the **Judge** and **Mr. McIntosh**, member of the bar, all of Florence; it was quite a pleasant surprise party to me, thanks for

that Havana; they are not half as plenty as mosquitoes. Five miles of road have been located, but none of it at this end, and every new line we run discovers indications of the surest kind. I supposed when the line is located, that this part of the country will look like a beehive. Already **Mr. Shafer** is cutting a more direct road to his find on 31.

Yours, truly,
T.H. UNDER.

PERSONAL.

–**Geo. Runkel** and family moved into their new residence on Monday last.

–Our old friend **Duncan McMillan**, is with the **C. & N.W. Ry Co's survey**. At present he is within wading distance of the beautiful lake that was named in his honor.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 20 [Saturday, May 14, 1881], page 3, column 3

THE **C. & N.W. Ry Co's engineers camp** southwest of **Duncan McMillan's Lake**, is in a charming situation. After being burnt out they located their camping ground at the **south west corner of the northwest quarter of sec. 5, 42-32**, near which a sparkling stream of the purest water runs. Our gifted friend, **L.A. McNeil** has been making a sketch of it.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 21 [Saturday, May 21, 1881], page 2, column 2

The **Crystal Falls Iron company** has organized under the laws of the State of Michigan, and the articles of incorporation have been filed with the Secretary at

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Lansing. The following are the names of the officers:

N.K. Fairbank, Chicago, President.

Col. J.H. Howe, Chicago, Vice President.

F.H. Head, of the Elk Rapids Iron Works, Secretary and Treasurer.

Geo. Runkel, Esq[.] – who is one of the directors – is Superintendent.

Work will be prosecuted vigorously on the company's valuable mining property in the vicinity of **Crystal Falls**. A car load of horses were shipped up this week for work at the mines. **A town will be laid out on the n.e. ¼ of sec. 29, 43-32, in a suitable location.** The machinery for a saw mill is also on the way, and will be put in operation as early as possible. The timber in the vicinity is hard wood [*sic – hardwood*] and pine, and the land well adapted for farming purposes. The **Paint river**, close by, will furnish a series of fine water powers, for manufacturing purposes. There is some talk of a furnace to be erected at a future date.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 22 [Saturday, May 28, 1881], page 2, column 3

[From our own correspondent.]

MOSQUITO'S PARADISE,

May 15th, 1881.

I can't help it, must fire it off, these wintry nights force it from me, so here goes: If 12 men can exist 10 days without salt (we know they can for we have tried it), how many gray blankets will it take to keep them warm these cold nights? Where is that **Vennor** that promised us hot weather after the 10th inst. [*sic – this month*], and we have hard frosts since that date? "shoot him;" he hit the thunder showers, or rather

they hit us, square in the eye; now what was the use of fooling us about hot weather and all that sort of thing? Well, it's "an ill wind that blows nobody any good,[""] and we have the "dead wood" on the gallinippers, eh? Too cold for them; they had a high old time on our first night here; we have a clothes line, strung from pole to pole, in our tent; and these little birds detailed a small detachment from the main army as musicians, who took up their positions on the string line, first purloining a comb from somebody's vest pocket – Hello! Here comes our hunter with a string of splendid pike, product of **Lake McMillan**; now we'll acquire an extra invoice of brain power. Let's see – where was I? Just got the comb from somebody's vest pocket, or rather the mosquitoes had – yes, and then after supplying themselves with the necessary amount of paper – you know we boys used to do it – they had a rattling old time, and about midnight they stopped for refreshments, I mean of course this small detachment, for the rest had been helping themselves *ad libitum ad finem*, and after lemonade, ice cream, sandwiches, etc., stole a pocket knife, to use as a toothpick, and left that where it could be found in the morning, but the comb they hesitated longer about parting with, for that was not returned until the next night; you see it has been so cold since, they have not been at all happy.

I find there is one advantage in this Crusoe life of ours, and that is, you can't spend any loose change you may happen to have in your pockets; take it out and look at it as a sort of curiosity – wonder where it came from – what it was made for – with a sort of vague idea that it was intended for some good purpose, and mechanically restore it to its resting place, thinking that some day [*sic – someday*] in the dim future you may meet with some genius able to explain its use.

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Our town is growing rapidly, two new buildings have been erected within a few days, and by the way, suppose we walk up town, just finished dinner, so its [*sic – it's*] a good time to take a look at the place, sorry I can't offer you a cigar, but all we had, if there were any at all, we left at camp Wild Cat. But I'll do the best I can to entertain you; let's go this direction and inspect the business portion of the town, and let me give you a piece of advice, don't appear surprised at anything you may see or hear, for you will meet with a good-hearted "hail fellow well met" sort of people, but very sensitive on matters touching the interests of this place. Well, here we are, this building is the Marine Hospital; yes, I know the boys have plumped it down right in the middle of the street, but that can be easily regulated; take a peep in; two patients, one with a badly cut leg, and the other, so the doctor says, has sustained an incomprehensible, compound, reversed curve of the forearm; I'm no Latin scholar, so I don't know exactly what that is, but Mr. Dr. says he'll recover. Now turn your attention to the other side of the avenue; there you see the city hall in which, of course, are the offices of the municipal authorities, and also that of our real estate and loan agent. Shall we give him a call? Before introducing you to him, let's stand aside and overhear the conversation, for I see he has a victim in tow:

Vic. – "Good afternoon, Mr." –

R.E.G. – Interrupting him, – "Mr., Mr., don't mister me, call me Reg."

Vic. (trembling) – Mr. – a – I – excuse me; I mean Reg, can I buy a lot?"

Reg. – (Scanning him from stem to stern as though he was a good mind to prepare him for a 2x8,) "Umph, what for? Sell Jersey lightning?"

"No, sir; finishing business."

"Finishing business! Finish what?"

"I want to finish touching up the n.w. corner of s.e. ¼ of that chieftan's proboscis."

"Ha, ha, give us your paw, old bricktop; wat'l you take?"

Hadn't we better be moving, as old Reg hasn't spotted us yet, and perhaps you don't care to interview him, at all. There, you see that flourishing little subdivision, just over there in the n.e. quarter of town; from this point you can get an excellent bird's eye view; that's Frenchtown; they petitioned the last legislature praying to be set off, thinking they can run their own machine, you see; and between you and me, needn't say anything about it, I think they'll get one grand "set off" about the time that tall pine you see inclining that way reaches for them.

This is Whisky Alley, and by the way, the denizens of this quarter have been so unruly and noisy of late, that we have been compelled to organize and choose city officers. The election was held Tuesday, 10th inst. [*sic – this month*], and with the usual amount of bulldozing, ballot stuffing, etc., (only 16 killed and 47 seriously injured, in the 4th ward, you see we are civilized,) as a matter of course, and the day passed off quietly, the full and treating ticket was elected, all the corps being elected to Board of Common Scoundrels; we are out on alderman, however, as none were found eligible on account of being too thin 'round the edges.

Our Sundays, for the most part, have been rainy, gloomy days; we pass the time in cleaning up, writing and reading, when we have anything in that line, feeling it would be worth something to be even within sound of that little chapel bell of Florence, but if I cannot actually be with them, I can take in the situation mentally, and console myself with a review of the only sermon I have heard since coming here, and that by **Rev. H.P. Cory**, on hospitality. Perhaps it

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made a deeper impression on my mind, being a stranger myself, and I believe the only one there at that time. But it is getting late, and I must close.

Yours, truly,
T.H. UNDER.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 23 [Saturday, June 4, 1881], page 3, column 3

THE contract for the extension of the railroad to Crystal Falls, has been let to George Runkel and others. Mr. Runkel is superintendent, and commenced on Monday to push the road with his usual energy. About 60 men are now working on it.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 24 [Saturday, June 11, 1881], page 2, column 4

The services of **Dr. H.C. Kimball**, a brother of **Dr. L.J. Kimball**, of **Norway**, and a first-class **physician and surgeon**, have been secured by the **Crystal Falls Iron Co.**, and also by the **Union Iron and Steel Co.**, whose mines are adjacent. The selection is an excellent one, and all who meet the doctor will find him a genial, social gentleman. We copy the following from the *Enterprise*, published at **Colon, Michigan**, where the doctor formerly resided:

“Dr. H.C. Kimball started for the Lake Superior region this week, with a view of locating in that section in the practice of medicine. He graduated at Detroit medical college a number of years ago, and was a student at the University of Ann Arbor. We can assure the people there that the acquisition will be one that they may feel justly proud of with the long and large experience he has had for years in the

science and practice of medicine, and while here the doctor acquired a reputation second to none in the healing art, especially in surgery. He has been a resident in this place eleven years and in that time has gained the confidence of our people as being a successful practitioner. He has also been a useful and active member of the several secret societies, holding the highest official positions in each, taking a prominent part in those bodies grand and subordinate; his labors have been fraught with success and credit to himself; his many friends will miss him very much.”

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 26 [Saturday, June 25, 1881], page 3, column 3

THE village of “Crystal Falls” has been platted and lots are now ready for sale. The location is a beautiful one and land is such, that future years, will see the adjacent country bloom and blossom as the rose. “Gather ye roses while ye may,” or in other words, secure a town lot when you can.

The **Crystal Falls Iron Company** have [*sic – has*] been shipping a **Blandy saw mill**, this week, to their **new town of Crystal Falls**. It will be put in operation as soon as possible to supply the want of lumber. The town will grow rapidly as soon as material can be furnished. The location and soil is good all around it, and before the snow flies four or five mines will be in operation in the immediate vicinity.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 27 [Saturday, July 2, 1881], page 3, column 3

THE railroad operations towards Crystal Falls is [*sic – are*] being pushed

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forward with energy under the management of **George Runkel**, the contractor. Already a camp is established about 10 miles from here. **George W. Bowes**, the “walking boss,” is making things hum under his supervision.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 28 [Saturday, July 9, 1881], page 3, column 3

JOHN B. WEIMER, who has been running a **stage line from here to Iron River**, has had a three seated buck-board made on which to carry his passengers. It is just the vehicle for the business and combines lightness with strength. It is something that has been very much needed, and will be a great convenience to our Iron River neighbors, both as regards a means of conveyance and also for better facilities for carrying the mail.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 28 [Saturday, July 9, 1881], page 3, column 3

BETWEEN 300 and 400 men are at work on the line of the railroad to Crystal Falls. The grading is now being pushed simultaneously along a distance of about ten miles from here. Mr. **Geo. Runkel**, with his characteristic energy[,] intends if there is such a thing in the books, to have the railroad completed to the mines, so that ore can be shipped from them early in October. All aboard for Crystal Falls.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 29 [Saturday, July 16, 1881], page 3, column 4

MR. **WILLIAM DOUCET**, an enterprising young merchant, is putting up his stakes in the **new city of Crystal Falls**. He will carry a large general stock and will undoubtedly build up a large trade. As the railroad will be in by next October, there will be – as there was in Florence – a large influx of people and a great many wants to supply.

THE Main Bros., [sic] have started a daily stage line from Florence to Crystal Falls, leaving the Florence House and Main’s Livery stable at 1 o’clock p.m., arriving at Crystal Falls at 4 o’cl’k p.m. Returning the stage leaves Crystal Falls at 7 o’clock, a.m. [sic – a.m.], arriving in Florence at 10 o’clock, a.m. This is a great convenience to the many who are daily going to that point, and it is to be hoped that the enterprising managers will meet with success in their venture.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 30 [Saturday, July 23, 1881], page 3, column 3

THE Crystal Falls railroad is being shoved along as fast as possible. This is a very unfavorable season of the year for energetic operations, yet work is being prosecuted simultaneously along the line, for thirteen miles.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 31 [Saturday, July 30, 1881], page 3, column 3

AND still they come. **One hundred and six men to work on the Crystal Falls extension arrived on Wednesday.** Mr. **Runkel** is bound to have the road completed to the Falls by October first, if such a thing is possible.

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The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 32 [Saturday, August 6, 1881], page 3, column 3

560 men are employed on the Crystal Falls extension of the railroad. It is the intention of the contractors to have 700 men at work by the end of this month.

THE Crystal Falls Iron Company have [sic – has] completed the platting of their new town of Crystall [sic – Crystal] Falls. We expect to go up in a few days to select our corner lot and will then report.

FIFTY more men arrived on Wednesday to work on the railroad extension. Notwithstanding this, the contractors are hiring all the men and teams that offer, so come along as there is plenty of work.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 33 [Saturday, August 13, 1881], page 3, column 3

THE work on the **Crystal Falls extension of the railroad**, has so far, encountered very little rock. Sand and gravel has been found in the cuts, with – in rare cases – a few boulders. Some of the deepest cuts are in sand all the way.

GEORGE W. BOWES, the old “walking boss” on the **Crystal Falls railroad extension**, who was prostrated by the heat, a short time ago, is not getting along as satisfactorily as he would wish. He is still weak and not yet able for active duty.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 35 [Saturday, August 27, 1881], page 3, column 3

THE **new rails on the Crystal Falls extension** are being strung along at a rapid rate and are being spiked into place as fast as roadmaster Sutherland can do it.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 35 [Saturday, August 27, 1881], page 3, column 4

GEO. RUNKEL & CO., the contractors on the **Crystal Falls railroad extension**[,] are pushing the work along as fast as it is possible for men and teams to do it. On Wednesday they received 40 men from Madison, also a span of mules and 12 new wagons. The teams and drivers were sent by **C.J.L. Meyers**, of **Hermansville**.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 36 [Saturday, September 3, 1881], page 3, column 4

F.H. HEAD, of **Elk Rapids, Mich.**, the secretary and treasurer of the **Crystal Falls Iron company**, visited the company’s mines at the Falls on Saturday last, and also examined the **Rominger mining property** on which they hold an option of a lease. He left for Elk Rapids, by way of **Escanaba** on the propeller Leland, of which he is part owner. He declares his intention to build on of the best iron furnaces in the country at Crystal Falls, at no very distant date.

PETER ROONEY was **fatally poisoned at camp 2, on the Crystal Falls railroad**, in Marquette county, Mich., about eight miles from here, on Thursday. It appears that a bottle of whisky and aconite had been prepared for horse medicine, and Rooney and some others partook of it, supposing it to be plain whisky. The others recovered, but Rooney having taken a

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larger quantity, died before a physician could reach him. His remains were brought here for burial.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 36 [Saturday, September 3, 1881], page 3, column 5

[From our Special Correspondent.]

THE VILLAGE OF CRYSTAL FALLS, on the N.E. ¼ of Section 29, Township 43, Range 32, Marquette county, Michigan, has been laid out by the Crystal Falls Iron company, and lots are now offered for sale at low prices and on reasonable terms. The village derives its name from the **Falls of Paint River** near which it is situated. There is a water power of over 2,000 horse-power, suitable for manufacturing purposes, on which the company intends soon to erect a fifty ton smelting furnace, affording employment to several hundred mechanics and laborers. The village is located on high ground, which insures its freedom from malarial influences, and is surrounded by an extensive maple forest which affords abundant hardwood timber for manufacturing purposes, and material for charcoal for many years to come. The soil is of excellent quality, and when the timber is cleared off, will produce large crops of all kinds of grain and vegetables suitable to this region. The Paint River traverses the largest pinery of any stream in the Northern Peninsula, and Crystal Falls will undoubtedly soon become a prominent lumbering point. The company have [*sic – has*] already a saw mill, shingle and planing mill in operation so that lumber for building purposes can be had at once, and at reasonable rates. The village is also situated in the center of a large and rapidly improving iron district. Three mines in the

immediate vicinity are already taking out ore for shipment this fall, and the present explorations indicate that at least four more mines owned by wealthy mining companies will begin shipping early next season. About Oct. 1st, 1881, the **Chicago & Northwestern Railway** will be completed to Crystal Falls, which will most likely be its terminus for some time to come. Merchants, mechanics, miners, laborers, hotel keepers, and all classes of people will find here a splendid field for enterprise, and only need to make a personal examination of the region to become convinced of its numerous advantages.

Buildings for business and residence purposes are now going up at a rapid rate, several hundred people are already busily employed, and from present indications Crystal Falls must become a thriving and populous city in the near future. A daily stage line is now running from Florence, and tracklaying from Florence to Crystal Falls is progressing at a rapid rate.

For further particulars call on or address, **GEO. RUNKEL, Sup't of Crystal Falls Iron Co., Florence, Wis., or S.D. HOLLISTER, at Crystal Falls.**

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 39 [Saturday, September 24, 1881], page 3, column 3

TWO car loads of laborers arrived on Thursday last, to work on the Crystal Falls extension. This road is bound to be completed by the middle of October, if men and money can do it. **This addition will make a force of 800 men.** The **bridge across the Brule river** is being pushed along with all possible speed. When this is completed, two weeks of fair weather will see the iron laid to the Falls.

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–**John McKenna**, who measures 44 inches around the breast, and **Dr. F.L. Bond**, took a birdseye view of Crystal Falls on Thursday last. They are both largely interested in the **Paint River Iron Co.**

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–**R.L. Selden**, Esq., one of the proprietors of the **Sharon mine**, at **Iron River**, arrived from Connecticut on Saturday last.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 43 [Saturday, October 22, 1881], page 3, column 3

MESSRS. RUNKEL & CO., the Crystal Falls railroad contractors, have sold out their warehouse at this place to the **Menominee River Lumber Co.**, and have removed their headquarters, for the present, to the south side of, and close to, the Brule river.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 43 [Saturday, October 22, 1881], page 3, column 4

A VERY sad and **fatal accident** occurred at the village of **Crystal Falls** on Sunday last. Three men entered a canoe for the purpose of crossing the river. When about half way over the canoe for some reason became unmanageable and drifted over the falls. Before reaching the falls one

of the men jumped out and got safely to shore. The other two went over with the canoe and were drowned. Their names are **Henry Anderson** and **August Gilbert**.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 44 [Saturday, October 29, 1881], page 3, column 3

OUR latest advices from Crystal Falls, Thursday afternoon, are to the effect that the **bodies of the two men drowned by going over the falls in a canoe have not yet been recovered**. A thorough search was made for the bodies at the time, but no signs of them were to be found. The search has been continued from time to time since, and giant powder has been exploded in the vain hope that the concussion would bring the bodies to the surface. It is more than probable that the strong current has carried them down the river, and if they are ever found it will be miles below the falls.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 45 [Saturday, November 5, 1881], page 3, column 4

CRYSTAL FALLS is beginning to feel the coming boom and life that the advent of a rail road always brings to a new town. **The railroad grade is already visible from the town**, and work is, notwithstanding the unfavorable weather, being prosecuted with vigor. For the purpose of completing the road as rapidly as possible, work has been suspended at the mines and saw mill and the men put on the road. **300 men will be kept at work all winter completing the different branch lines in the vicinity of the Falls**. For their accommodation, a two-story hotel, 36x60, is being built at Crystal Falls. The piles are

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all driven for the Brule bridge, and it is expected that trains will cross in about ten days. The grade is now ready for the ties and rails, eight miles beyond the river. Mr. **Geo. Runkel is building a residence in town**, and business looks very promising. It is safe to presume that the entire track will be completed to Crystal Falls early in December.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 52 [Saturday, December 24, 1881], page 3, column 3

–**James Innes**, of the **new village of Iron River**, called on us Thursday evening, and informs us that he is building a **hotel** at the enterprising place. He intends to keep a first-class house and THE MINING NEWS wishes his success.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume II, Number 2 [Saturday, January 7, 1882], page 3, column 2

WE hear it rumored that the **iron will be laid into Crystal Falls, by the 15th inst.** [*sic – of this month*] Hope so.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume II, Number 2 [Saturday, January 7, 1882], page 3, column 2

L. Carmichael, the **contractor of the Iron River branch railroad**[,] is rushing the work from the junction. He wants to employ at least 800 men so as to complete the contract as early as possible. **J.K. Crooks**[,] the **superintendent of construction**, has a big force cutting out the right of way and the graders are following. The route of the original railway has been changed somewhat to avoid

several heavy cuts which existed on the route as surveyed.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume II, Number 7 [Saturday, February 11, 1882], page 3, column 3

THE **depot at the terminus of the Iron River railroad extension**, is to be located on **section 36, 43-35** – this side of the river. The village of Iron River is laid out on the other side of the stream on **section 26**, which [*sic – which*] will make it about a mile from the depot. We understand that a new town will be laid out on this side, which will undoubtedly take the lead and be the coming city.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume II, Number 7 [Saturday, February 11, 1882], page 3, column 3

THE **saw mill at Crystal Falls**, is doing a ripping business.

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THE **Crystal Falls railroad is almost completed, and the inhabitants of the Crystal city, are exceedingly jubilant thereat**. Next summer will see a wonderful [*sic – wonderful*] change in the place, and the half a dozen mines which will be in operation, within a radius of a mile, will give it an impetus, the like of which was never before seen in the country. Inside of a year, we should not be surprised to see one or two blast furnaces in operation. The proprietors of the town **Col. J.H. Howe** and **George Runkle** [*sic – Runkel*] are live,

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energetic men and intend to assist its growth by every means, in their power.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume II, Number 8 [Saturday, February 18, 1882], page 3, column 2

THE new hotel at Crystal Falls, now in course of erection, will be, when completed, the largest building on the range.

WE learn from good authority that the road will be completed to Crystal Falls by the 25th inst. [sic – of this month] The grading is all finished.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume II, Number 8 [Saturday, February 18, 1882], page 3, column 2

THE work on the Iron River railroad is being pushed forward as fast as possible. J.K. Crooks, superintendent of the work[,] informs us that he has a large force of men already at work and that the force will be increased and doubled as soon as the frost is out of the ground. He expects to have the whole work ready for the track layers by the first of August.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume II, Number 9 [Saturday, February 25, 1882], page 3, column 4

–Stephen Selden returned, last Monday, from his home in Connecticut, looking well and hearty, although his eyes are a little weak yet. He tells us that his brother Richard, who submitted to the amputation of one of his legs, is getting along finely and is now able to be out on crutches, and will probably return here in the spring, with the addition of an artificial leg.

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THE railroad is into the Falls, and the Crystalizers are exceedingly glad thereof. Business is spring up with a spring boom and the “good times a coming” are on hand sure. Business houses are dotting the town site and everything augurs well for the coming season, which will be one of great activity. By next winter Crystal Falls will have grown so fast that it will hardly be certain of its own identity. They are a wide awake set of business men who are taking hold there and if they don’t make things get right up and hum, they are willing to take a back seat in the gallery.

BOTH of the new towns are very badly off in the matter of wagon roads. This is something that should be attended to well and systematically, as we are badly off in this respect. Nothing settles up a new county like good roads. They induce settlers to come in as they are not slow to perceive and appreciate [sic – appreciate] advantages of this kind for getting to market. Our villages can at the same time be made centers of trade. A good farmer is loath to come in and purchase even a choice tract of land, if he knows that he will have to build miles of road at his own expense, in order to get an outlet for his produce. Our people should see to it well that good men are selected for overseers of highways.

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CAPTAIN A.H. STEVENS, started for Iron River, early in the week with six or

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eight **logging sleighs**. He is a little late but by his arrangements his hauling will be done on travoys [*sic – travois*] and he will have no trouble in getting in logs as fast as he wants them.

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– **George Runkel**[.] of **Crystal Falls**, dropped in to see us again, on Wednesday last. He reports everything in a state of great activity in the coming city. Expects the passenger train in by the first of April. Thinks that the **Brier Hill Iron and Coal company** have 3,000,000 tons of ore that they know of. Says that the biggest hotel in the country is being erected at the town.

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CRYSTAL FALLS.

This village is situated about 15 miles, nearly north from Florence, and close to the falls of that name, on the **Paint River**, in Marquette County, Michigan. Within a radius of two miles are located three or four mines. One of them, belonging to the **Brier Hill Iron and Coal Co.** of Youngstown, Ohio, will most likely develop [*sic – develop*] into the largest mine of the region. The land in the vicinity is hilly and rolling, covered principally with splendid hard wood [*sic – hardwood*] timber, interspersed with magnificent pines. Beautiful lakes dot the country everywhere and the intermediate ground, is threaded with crystal streams of the purest water and filled with speckled

trout and other fish. The land is abundantly supplied with water, which sometimes break [*sic – breaks*] out in springs from the hill sides [*sic – hillsides*]. The town was laid out last fall and is owned by the **Crystal Falls Iron Company** and is now under the management of **James H. Elmore**, the **superintendent**. The location is very fine for a town, as the ground slopes all the way from the southern and western part to the river. Further towards the southwest the ground becomes more level. **The buildings, at present, are principally confined to superior** [*sic – Superior*] **avenue – the main street – which runs directly west from the depot**. Nearly on the summit of the hill, on the corner of Superior avenue and Fourth street, **D.C. Lockwood** is erecting a large three story hotel, with a front of 58 feet on the south side and 46 feet on the east. It is in a very fine and commanding location and from the upper part a view of twenty miles over hill, valley and stream, can be obtained. He expects to have it finished in June, but will be prepared to administer to the wants of his guests very soon. The town is well supplied with business houses and saloons. Among those are noticeable **William Doucet's** large building, on the south side, which he uses for a **store, saloon, and public hall**. **Johnny Dern** has also a **barber's chair** in here, which will probably soon be removed to the new barber shop, which will be built on the other side of the street, by **Joseph Laev**. **J.L. Kimball & Co.** have their **drug store** nearly completed and in [*a*] short time will have it filled with a large and complete stock of goods. The doctor, **H.C.** [*sic – H.C. Kimball*] is one of the pioneers of the region and has built up a large and successful practice. **A.J. Harding** has a fine **hotel near the depot** ground and is doing an excellent business. Half way up the hill **J.E. Kelley**, formerly of **Commonwealth**, has a wet goods

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dispensary [*saloon*]. Our old friend **Joseph Laev**, of **Oconto**[,] has just opened up the "**Boston Clothing Store**," which contains one of the fullest, neatest and best arranged stocks of goods in the country. Just above him, **D.T. Adams**, formerly of **Iron Mountain**[,] is erecting a **music hall** 24x80, which he expects to occupy as early as possible. There is also a **hardware store** opening by **Bannerman** of **Iron Mountain**, and a **meat market**. **Leopold and Runkel** intend soon to erect a large store building on Superior avenue, into which they will move the business which they now carry on in the store near the **saw mill**. Quite a number of dwelling houses have been built among the splendid forest of hardwood timber, which in a few years will give way to gardens and ornamental grounds as the land is of excellent quality. The company have [*sic*] a **saw**[,] **shingle and planing mill** close by the town site and are well supplied with a fine stock of logs. They manufacture both pine and hardwood lumber. The ground for the **depot** is being cleared off, leveled, and the building will be in place the coming month. As soon as regular trains commence to run an immense quantity of building material will be shipped in and buildings will go up with a rush. At present the difficulty of obtaining material to finish them with, is a great drawback to completion. **J.H. Elmore** is at present in **Marquette** trying to obtain a **separate township organization**, which is very much needed, and in fact indispensable [*sic – indispensable*] to the government of the place. THE MINING NEWS hopes that he will succeed.

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Iron River Items.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

Our new town of Iron River, is in a prosperous and growing condition. All who come here are much pleased with its location and prospects and they feel well repaid, after reaching here, for their tiresome journey, over the worst of roads. The new **saw-mill** owned by the **McKinnon, Bros.**, blew its whistle on the 9th for the first time, but it will not be able to turn out lumber for a few days yet, as the pumps do not work satisfactorily. Many of our business men are waiting to procure lumber from the mill in order to erect buildings; many of which are in contemplation and will be rushed up as fast as possible. Parties are coming in and buying lots every day with the intention of building thereon. The bad condition of the roads deter [*sic – deters*] many from visiting us who would come, were there any comfortable means of doing so. One thousand dollars, is to be expended immediately upon the road wick [*sic – which*] will make it passable. The **Supervisor of the town of Humboldt** was here yesterday looking up the taxable property. A meeting is to be held the 25th of this month, when a new town will be organized and town officers chose [*sic – chosen*]. IRON RIVER.

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CRYSTAL Falls is growing rapidly. New buildings are dotting the unbroken forest in all directions, and the almost ceaseless sound of the hammer and saw is heard all over the land. The **Lockwood**

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House, [sic] is getting into shape as fast as men and material can do it and “mine host” Lockwood has all that he can very well attend to. **Runkel & Leopold’s store** is nearly completed. **David T. Adams** free opening, on Saturday was a grand success. **W.B. Carland**, the **architect and builder**[,] has his hands full of business and is working a large crew of men. **Dr. H.C. Kimball has just gone into partnership with Dr. J.M. Mead** and Crystal Falls has now a firm of practioners [sic – practitioners], whose equal would be hard to find in this country. **Will Doucet** is still doing a rushing business and is perfectly satisfied with it. Improvements are contemplated forthwith upon our main street which will make it a tip top thoroughfare, something which is very much needed.

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A REGULAR passenger train is now run between here and Crystal Falls.

THE main street of Crystal Falls is being put in shape so that mud scows and flat boats will no longer be a necessity.

–**Nick Rooney**, formerly of **Commonwealth**, and now of **Crystal Falls**, called on us Thursday. He is located at the latter place.

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Crystal Falls.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

Town election this week.

Doucet & Adams are bound to have the finest **sample rooms** on the range.

Dr. W.J. Spencer, the **range dentist**[,] has been with us the past week.

Fire gave C.F. a close call, last Thursday, but perseverance and plenty of water saved it.

The first preaching in Crystal Falls, was held in Doucets [sic – Doucet’s] new hall, last Sabbath. The Rev. Lourey officiating.

The **saw mill** is now under the supervision of **S.D. Hollister, Jr.**, and is giving better satisfaction than any time before since it started.

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Iron River Items.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

Our embryonic city is just now in a very smoky condition, owing to extensive fires in the woods, which have been carelessly allowed to get into uncontrollable [sic – uncontrollable] headway. A hundred cords of wood belonging to the **McKinnon Bros.** have been destroyed and **William Wait** lost his house without being able to save even the contents. As the ground has now been burned, over the town site, there will in future be more safety from fires from that source. **Andrew Boyington** has suspended work upon his large **hotel**, until the saw-mill can supply him with lumber, which it is expected to do in a very short time. Building will then be general and rapid throughout the town. **Dr. Bond, Sr.**,

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of **Quinnesec**, was in the village last week and his son **Frank L.** has opened an office and will attend to the practice of medicine in this vicinity. **J.S. McDonald**, of **Fond du Lac**[,] paid us a flying visit, looking after his interest in the **Nanaimo mine**. The **first death** which we have had in our midst occurred on the 12th. The deceased was a **Swede miner of the name of Nelson**, and while going to work at the mine fell dead in the street. It is supposed that he died from heart disease. A procession of sixty men followed his remains to their resting place in the quiet woods west of town. The **Rev. Mr. McGarvey**, a preacher of the gospel from **New Jersey**, has come among us. He held his first religious service at the company's office, last Sunday. Work commenced upon the wagon road, between here and the Junction last week, and we hope soon to have a good road over which we can travel with some kind of comfort. Work is progressing upon the **Iron River branch of the C. & N.W. R'y**, and indications are that the locomotive will enter Iron River at an early day. The chief engineer of the **Ontonagon and Brule River R.R.** was in town last week, having come from **Rockland**, the present terminus of the Northwest division of the road. The final line is located and the road will be built as rapidly as possible. It will run along the western border of the village and the C. & N.W. will come in on the east, running parallel [*sic – parallel*] with the river, and they will meet at the **Nanaimo mine** north of town. Altogether the prospects of our settlement soon becoming [*sic – becoming*] a business center are bright and flattering. With a surrounding country well adapted to agriculture, sustaining a heavy growth of hardwood, which will furnish a lasting supply of fuel to furnaces that may be established here; with an almost inexhaustible supply of iron in the vicinity to keep them working; and a beautiful, healthy

[*sic – healthy*] locality, to say nothing of our charming lake scenery in the neighboring woods, we feel that our's [*sic – ours*] will be a rapid and prosperous growth. Thus far the place has been settled by a good class of people, generally, and every inducement is offered to such to come and live among us.

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Crystal Falls.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

Ours is going to be *the* town of this magnificent iron range and don't you try to forget it. We have got six mines found within a mile or two and plenty more between, just aching to be brought into daylight. The inference is that the entire bottom after we get deep enough is a solid body of iron the bottom of which runs down close enough to the center of gravity to be ready to cast into pigs. The presumption is that when all the mines – now existing and prospective – shall be in operation that the future city of the Falls will contain 15 or 20,000 inhabitants. The village – the nucleus of the city – is rushing along as usual. Numerous buildings are going up in all directions. **A. Uren & Co.** have just opened up a fine **meat and vegetable market**, which will be kept up in first class style. The **Lockwood House** is getting nearer towards a state of completion every day and still the guests insist upon the popular **proprietor D.C. Lockwood** taking care of them whether or no. He takes them all in and the indications are, judging from the way the public talk, that the house will

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be crowded from cellar to garret, when completed. **O.C. Hagar & Johnson**, [sic] have opened the **Scandinavian Hotel** at a convenient distance from the depot. **Rooney & Urquhart** have just opened up a liquid dispensatory, called "**The Palace Saloon**." **J.L. Kimball & Co.** are receiving a large stock of **medicines, drugs, notions, &c. &c.** [sic] **Bower and Carlin** will open up another **drug store** as soon as the building can be prepared, in which the "phiz" of the **soda fountain** will be heard. **Tearney Bro.** [sic] & **Russel** have their elegant **sample rooms** in running order and their [sic – there] is certainly no reason for a man going dry in town unless he can't swallow. **Leopold & Runkel's store** is nearly completed and it will be a regular gorgeous sunflower, when finished. Gradin [sic – Grading] on **Superior St.** is progressing with a large force of men and we will soon have a street to feel proud of. **The passenger train is now running regularly**, which is a great accomodation [sic – accommodation]. **Services are now held by Rev. Mr. Lowne every Sunday, in Doucet's hall.** General business is improving every day and we feel it in our bones that in a very few years, we shall be out of the woods.

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(From our Special Correspondent.)

All is now activity here. The **saw-mill** is turning out lumber, which is being utilized in putting up a great variety of buildings. Today [sic – Today], the 29th was **town**

meeting day with us, and I will be able next week to announce the names of our town officers. A sum of money, ammounting [sic – amounting] to about \$150 was subscribed by our town's people [sic – townspeople] as a sympathetic offering to our fellow citizen **Wm. Wait**, who lost his buildings by fire last week. Iron River is being whipped by a multitude of fisherman [sic – fishermen] and every inducement is offered to lure the "speckled beauties" from their native element, with fair success on the part of some. A party of the boys from the village were [sic – was] out to Stanley lake yesterday where they had rare sport chasing a deer which attempted to swim across the lake, they being in a canoe, after a lively race the game was captured. Deer are plenty [sic – plentiful] in the neighboring woods, as they are coming in from the south. The **Iron River Co.** are [sic – is] establishing a **town site on the east side of the river** about half a mile from us and lots are for sale. There may be a rivalry between the two places, but we trust it will be a friendly one. **Religious services are held every Sabbath. Preaching in the morning and Sabbath School in the afternoon.**

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THE town of Crystal Falls held its first election on Monday last. The following officers were chosen:

Supervisor, **P.E. Dunn**; Commissioner of Highways, **Edward Curran**; Clerk, **W.B. Carlin**; Treasurer, **Asa F. Leopold**; Justice of the Peace, **David T. Adams** – 1 year; **O.O. Welch** – 3 years; **D. Bannerman** – 2 years; **Thomas Cotter** – 4 years; Constables **Paul Tearney**; **John Doherty**;

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A.J. Harding; **John Pratt;** School Inspector, **S.D. Hollister;** School Director, **D. Bannerman;** Overseer of Highway, **Wm. Lahey.**

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THE new town of **Stambaugh** on *[the]* **Iron river**, is now laid out, and lots are ready for sale. For particulars enquire of **William H. Selden**, agent on the ground, or **John Paul Jones**, Florence. **Stephen L. Selden** will attend to the business at other points.

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Crystal Falls.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

A **Presbyterian social** was held at the residence of **Mrs. Geo. W. Runkel** on Tuesday evening. It was a very pleasant and sociable affair. By the way we almost forgot to say that a new organ has been purchased for the use of the church and that a building will be erected as early as possible. It is thus that religion and morality keep pace with civilization. **Richard J. Hayes**, of Florence, has purchased **John Blossingham's building**, nearly opposite the **Lockwood House** and will place a stock of **general merchandise** in it in a short time. **Leopold and Runkel** have just moved into their fine new building on the north side of Superior avenue. The **post office** is also removed to the same building which is a great convenience to our people

as they now do not have to travel half a mile to get their mail. It is efficiently managed by Miss **Julia Runkel**. The **Lockwood House** has provided itself with a large new safe, for the convenience of its patrons. This fine hotel keeps up with the march of improvement. **Rooney and Urquhart** are doing a fine business. **D.T. Adams**, one of our new justices of the peace, has a fine **billiard hall and sample room**, with offices overhead. **Howard Brooks** is the name of the brand new **ticket agent and telegraph operator at our model railroad depot**. The railroad spur is built to the **Crystal Falls mine** and the stock pile is disappearing at a rapid rate. We expect that fully 100 more buildings will be erected before the close of the summer, in the village. **Dix – not the general – but David**, is doing a fine business in counteracting the proverbial dryness of this region, by distributing mysterious, but solid looking kegs, of something, branded "**Blatz**" **Milwaukee**. We have religious services and Sunday school once a week, if not more often. "**Cedar Castle**" is finished and is quite an imposing structure.

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Crystal Falls.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

The fine new **Opera Hall of William Doucet** was opened last night, by a **grand ball – the first in the young city – [sic]**. The spacious room was crowded by votaries of the terpsichorean art from all portions of the range. Space forbids us to

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give their names, but each one declared that it was the best ball of the season. **F.B. Johnson**, the **jeweler**, has moved into his commodious new building east of **Dr. Kimball**. **Carlin and Bowers** expect to be able to open up their new **drug store**, in about a week week [sic] or ten days. **Tearney Bros. & Russell** are doing a fine business in the **wet grocery ine [sic – line]**. The **Lockwood House** still continues to be crowded and if business keeps up in that way he will have to enlarge right off, if not sooner. The contract has been let for grading the streets and work will be pushed right along. Crystal Falls will soon have some of the finest thoroughfares in the country. The **railroad track is about finished to the Brier Hill mine** and just as soon as it is in shape to be used, a heavy plant of machinery will be shipped up and placed in position. The company intend [sic – intends] to rush business for all it is worth and will ship a large amount of ore yet this season. **The bodies of the two Scandinavians Henry Anderson and August Gilbert who were drowned in the Paint River last fall, were both found within a distance of two miles below the falls.** They were buried here.

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Iron River Items.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

John Morrison is building a **furniture store**.

A.E. Kinley has nearly completed his large **grocery store**.

Miners [sic – Miners'] buildings are going up very rapidly, in every part of town.

George Innes is erecting a large **hotel** and **J. Innes** a **store** and **opera hall**.

Lumber is in great demand and is snatched from the saw before it has time to cool.

We have so much iron here, and it is so common to us, that we scarcely think of remarking upon it.

Buildings are going up with great rapidity all over the town and many more will be erected as fast as lumber can be procured.

Andy Boyingtons [sic – Boyington's] **hotel** is rapidly approaching completion. It is a very large structure and will be an ornament to the town.

Distructive [sic – Destructive] fires are again in the surrounding woods, and have burnt the camp at **Stambough [sic – Stambaugh]**, the new town across the river.

The village presents a very active appearance, the carpenters [sic – carpenter's] hammer is the magic wand which is causing our towns to spring up in a night, almost.

Dr. Rosenbury is building an **office** near **Andrew Boyington's hotel**. He comes from **Menominee** and is rapidly working himself to a good practice as he is well liked.

William Scott, from **Florence**, is also building a large **billiard and drinking hall**, near the hotel. He was one of the victims of the large fire, at that place, on the first of May last.

The **McKinnon Bros.**, [sic] have **struck another ledge of ore** of the best quality, which has the evidence of being an extensive deposit. It is located on the **s. ½ of the s.e. ¼ of sec. 26, 43-35**.

Alex. Quirt has given up the **saloon business**. Good for Alec! We all say and will help him in any other business he may desire to start. Saloons must needs [sic] be, but they are no credit to a place.

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Our townspeople are a law abiding community, as we have had no disturbance of any kind yet, and our Sabbaths would compare well with the day in New England, in regard to its observance. The religious meetings are well attended.

The **township organization of Iron River**, is now in perfect working order. The following are the officers elected: Supervisor, **D.I. Lay**; Clerk, **A. Forsythe**; Treasurer, **Alex. Quirt**; Highway Commissioner, **Manvil Wait**; Drain Commissioner, **J. McFarland**; School Inspectors; [*sic - ,*] **W.H. Selden** and **J. Scipschen**; Justices of the peace, **J. Innes**, **John Scipschen**, **John Morrison** and **John Weimer**; Constables, **T. Webb**, **A. Cummings**, **E. Gilman** and **Chas. Colwell**.

It seems that our correspondent at Crystal Falls ignores [*sic – ignores*] Iron River altogether, as he writes that **Crystal Falls** is the town of this part of the U.P.; as though it disclaimed to acknowledge a rival. Our neighbors at Crystal Falls certainly have the start of us, by almost a year in point of time, but the prospects are good that Iron River will be fleet in the race and will overtake its boasting neighbor. We will not say surpass, for that might seem like presumption to our C.F. correspondent.

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ONE of the worst difficulties which railroad engineers have to contend with in this section of the country is what are commonly called “**sink holes**.” Several were found on the line of the **Menominee River railroad**, between here and **Powers**. They generally occur on low ground which sometimes has an apparently solid surface.

The small lakes and ponds with which this country is dotted, were evidently more numerous ages ago than at the present time. A great many of them had apparently neither inlet nor outlet. In time vegetation encroached from the shores, gradually contracting the visible surface of the water. This was primarily in the shape of mosses, afterwards of stunted shrubs, and latterly of large moisture loving trees, such as cedar and tamaracks. Slowly as ages wore away and generations of vegetable organisms had flourished and died, the surface became entirely covered, making what is commonly called a shaking bog. Accumulations of vegetable matter of this kind in the course of time succeeded former accumulations, until in after years many feet of a substance, sufficiently buoyant and closely resembling peat, formed a roof, so to speak, over the water. After a time – in the case of a shallow pond – these might by their ever increasing weight reach the bottom and form comparatively solid ground. In the event of a great depth of water only a comparative crust would extend over the dismal depths of mud and fluid below. When a railroad grade strikes one of these treacherous formations it is only a question of weight and thickness of the upper formation. If the superincumbent weight is too heavy, and the crust too thin to support it, the grade must settle until it rests on the bed of the former lake. In one case near **Spread Eagle lake**, it is said the rail road [*sic – railroad*] bed gradually sank 60 feet, before it found a resting place. The latest trouble with a “sink hole,” is on the **Crystal Falls rail road [*sic – railroad*] extension**, about one mile this side of the village. The grade there passes through a small swamp, near an open lake. Trouble has been experienced by its settling at different times, but last Friday a portion of it quietly dropping down about eight feet, throwing up a ridge of the upper crust on

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one side, to about an equal height. A gang of men were immediately put at work upon it, who after piling in about 200 logs and similar material stopped the sinking and re-arranged [*sic – rearranged*] the track so that a train could pass. On Saturday it sank about three feet more, while the evening train going south was passing over. It is thought that the grade has now struck bottom and will hereafter be a fixture.

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Iron River Items.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

Nothing sensational has occurred as yet of which to write. I can tell you of the steady, rapid growth of our village, and the steady influx of settlers, only. **Andy Boyington** opened his bar to-day [*sic – today*], and the boys who like their beer, were well treated. Andy's saloon and fixtures would do credit to Chicago, Milwaukee or even Florence as they are very fine. **J.F. Towell** is building a large **saloon**, and hopes to open by the 4th of July. Many trout are being caught out of the river by our sporting men. The **McKinnon Bros.** are building a **new mill** near their board mill, which will be devoted to planing and finishing of lumber and sawing of shingles. They intend to supply our people with all they need in the line of building material, at reasonable figures. A large, new engine is expected soon to drive the circular saw. As they have not power enough in the present one to do rapid work, the logs are very large. We learn that **Mr. Noyes of Florence**, lost a horse this morning, on the road to Florence, soon

after leaving here, its leg was broken in some manner. **Capt. Luxmore** commenced taking ore out of the **Namaimo**, to-day [*sic – today*], and he is confident of shipping, before navigation closes. A great many potatoes have been planted by **farmers** in our neighborhood this spring, and many are up. We welcome with pleasure the enlarged sheet of THE MINING NEWS and would congratulate Florence upon having a local paper of so high a character. We of Iron River look forward to the time when we shall have a paper of our own and we hope it will be as good, and as well conducted as THE MINING NEWS. A good local newspaper will aid a new town in its growth, more than anything else possibly can and I think Florence should credit the efficient manager of its newspaper with a large share of the town's prosperity. I think the case has scarcely a parallel where a town no older than Florence has supported a paper that could equal THE MINING NEWS as it appears this week. All success to the hard working editor, and we will try to help him in a feeble way to make the columns of THE MINING NEWS interesting.

IRON RIVER.

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–**Dr. J.M. Mead**, of **Crystal Falls**, sized up our town early in the week.

Crystal Falls.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

Our citizens had a very pleasant time on the "**Glorious Fourth**" and everything passed off in an enjoyable and quiet way,

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winding up with an excellent dance in the evening. 4th of July's [sic] are so very much alike in these new towns that I will not try to be more explicit in my description of it. After the festivities of the day were over and the shades of night had gathered, I am sorry to say that several depredations were committed which attained to the magnitude of serious crimes. **Blatz's beer house with double doors was broken open and several kegs of beer abstracted.** How much is not known. **O.C. Hager & Johnson's house** was entered and the money drawer with its contents was carried off. Besides the money in it, was a watch and chain. **Mr. McCourt's** chest of carpenter's tools was broken open and a large share of the tools stolen. It is not quite definitely known who the thieves and and [sic] burglars were, but the officers think they have struck the right clue and will capture the criminals before long. There is a floating element here which is a great injury to any town and the sooner those composing it are forced to go to work at some honest employment, or leave the village, the better it will be for it. They have no money and must earn a living in some way. These criminal acts are no doubt committed by them. **S.D. Hollister** is building a very large two story building on the south side of **Superior Avenue opposite the Lockwood House.** It is designed for a store and offices, and will be an ornament to the town when finished. **J.M. Essington** is opening a hotel over **D.T. Adams' billiard hall.** **Deputy sheriff A.J. Harding** has his hands full of business and at present is mainly engaged in looking up those who are selling liquor without a license. **Esquire Adams** has already had quite a number of grists in the justice department but is somewhat embarrassed [sic – embarrassed] by having no blanks or books to work with. These however are all ordered and will probably come as soon as

they can be got ready. **Town clerk W.B. Carlin** has his hands full with his **clerkship, drug store, and building contracts.** But he is busy, active and capable and manages to attend to all his various duties to perfection. **Road commissioner Curran** is is [sic] doing some fine work on our streets and that they needed it nobody will deny.

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Iron River Items.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

"Westward the Star of empire takes its way," [sic - ."] Yes sir, and northward too, judging from the rapidity with which Iron River is being settled. In spite of the inconvenience attendant upon journeying here, and living without the advantage of a railroad, people are coming in every day, with the intention of settling among us. Building would progress more rapidly, if lumber could be procured faster. As it is our town site is pretty well dotted with buildings. **Wm. Scott's hotel** is nearly completed and also the store of **Mr. Steller**, the **jeweler.** A large **mill building** is going up for the accomodation [sic – accommodation] of the shingle and finishing machinery. **W.J. Tully** of **Commonwealth** was in town last week making arrangement to put up a building. Work will commence upon it this week. **John R. McDonald** of **Quinnesec** is building a store 40x90. Dwelling houses too numerous to mention are going up all over town. **J.F. Towell** opened a **saloon** last week, since which time there has been a division of custom between him and **Andy Boyington.** **E.A.**

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Kinley opened up a **grocery store** on Wednesday last. He as [sic – has] an excellent assortment of goods in his line. Law business is tolerably active and some of our justices have turned lawyers. Cases are quite well handled and considerable talent is shown, if not much law. The mines are looking finely. A large stock pile is looming up at the **Nanaimo**. The **Iron River Mining company** has also a big output, of excellent quality. In fact all our ores run high in metallic iron. The **McKinnon Bros.**, [sic] have, in a measure, suspended operations at their new exploration, owing to water. As soon as a pump can be procured work will be resumed. The indications are very encouraging. Our waters are well supplied with fish, which is evidenced by the many good strings of bass, pickeral [sic – pickerel] and trout which make their appearance almost daily. I might speak of the nice fat buck, which now and then finds its way into our hotels, were it not contrary to law to mention such matters. But necessity defies all law, or gospel either and our needs demand something as a substitute for beef at 22 cents a pound. **The road between here and the junction is so bad that horses break their legs while travelling over it and in some cases disappear altogether.** Repairs have commenced upon it again this week.

IRON RIVER.

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About seven miles this side of **Iron River**, on the railroad right of way, existed a **log building** in which various kinds of liquid groceries were sold, to anyone who had the money to buy. It was owned by a man of the name of **Joe Griff**. **Silas Anderson**

was his **bartender**. On Sunday evening Griff observed some men working a hole under one corner of the structure and shortly afterwards light a fuse. He called Anderson and both went near the scene of operations. They were warned off with pistols and retired back some 20 or 30 feet. An explosion occurred. Griff was thrown down by the shock. Upon recovering he looked for Anderson and found him laying down on his knees and face. Anderson gave a few groans and expired. Griff then started in the direction of **Lake Chicagon**. In about $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour he heard another explosion. This, as was subsequently ascertained, was caused by another explosive placed in a hollow cedar log, on the opposite side of the structure. Two men were sleeping close by. One of them was struck near the shoulder with some kind of missile and injured so severely, that his recovery is considered doubtful. A coroners [sic – coroner's] inquest was held before **Esquire Schipschen of Iron River township**, on the dead man, and a verdict rendered in accordance with the facts as above stated. So far the parties who committed the outrage are unknown, but it is thought thought [sic] that they will be caught, as sufficient is known of the case to identify them. Although the business that Griff was engaged in was obnoxious, yet the affair looses [sic – loses] nothing of its criminal magnitude. Law exists in the State of Michigan and as we understand the situation in this case, sufficient power rested in the hands of the local authorities to have suppressed the nuisance – if it was such – without resorting to mob violence [sic – violence], then again we are informed that it was on the railroad right-of-way. If this was the situation, certainly the agents of the company could have ordered it off, and the party would have been bound to submit – nolens volens. As it is, it becomes nothing more or less than a cowardly brutal

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murder and the parties in the atrocious affair should be made to suffer the penalty of the law.

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A **SPARRING** match between **E.D. Phillips** and **W.J. McCloskey**, is advertised for Saturday evening, in **Doucett's Opera House**, at **Crystal Falls**. Both men are well known sporting characters and will draw. Not the least feature of the occasion is the admission price, which has been placed at one dollar. **Martin Rogan** is manager.

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Crystal Falls Finds.

W.K. Jones, the enterprising attorney of this village, is lying dangerously ill with fever, at the residence of **superintendent Elmore**.

Gilling, the man who was shot at **Ole Hagers [sic – Hager's] saloon** just prior to **Christmas**, is rapidly recovering and will be on his feet in a few days.

Our enterprising merchant, **D. Bannerman**, is about to erect a **livery stable**. Mr. B. has shown himself to be an enterprising business man [sic – businessman] while with us and we wish him prosperity.

The **Crystal Falls Mining company** are [sic – is] pushing their explorations on **section 9, 14-33**. We are not informed as to how the work looks, but we predict that if

a mine exists on the property they are the parties to find it.

There is about to be a **new drug store and also a jewelry store** added to the business capacity of this burg, and of course they will prosper as do all of the business institutions which make a proper beginning in this village.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume III, Number 17 [Saturday, April 21, 1883], page 1, column 4

A **WASHOUT** occurred on the railroad near **Crystal Falls**, Thursday, a small lake close to which the track is laid overflowing and carrying away the road bed. Passengers on Thursday's train from Florence were obliged to walk from this point to the Falls, the train being unable to proceed. Repairs were speedily made and trains are running as usual now.

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THE creditors of **Leopold & Co.**, of **Crystal Falls**, Mich., **dealers in general merchandise**, who failed last February, met at the Tremont house, Chicago, Wednesday afternoon. A report was presented showing that the nominal assets of the firm were \$33,421.32, and the net assets \$14,691.38. Their secured liabilities are \$6,721.47, unsecured \$26,886.40, or a total liability of \$33,608.17. The firm submitted a proposition to their creditors, offering to settle with them at 50 cents on the dollar, which was accepted. The payment will be one quarter cash and the remainder in four, eight, and twelve months.

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A HOISTING plant of machinery for the Great Western mine, at Crystal Falls, is now under construction at the Florence Iron works.

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–Christ. Grossbusch, of **Iron Mountain**, accompanied by his brother who has just arrived from Germany, passed through this city bound for **Crystal Falls**, Wednesday.

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C.B. AND E.W. INGALLS, of **Waucedah**, have prepared to **send milk to towns on the Range**, including **Florence**, **Iron River** and **Crystal Falls**.

D.A. GRAHAM has **closed his branch harness shop at Crystal Falls**, owing to dull times. The outfit will be added to his **Florence** establishment.

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SOL SMITH RUSSELL [an actor performing in Florence] could not handily go to **Crystal Falls**, so the good people of that lively and sociable place, threw aside the matter of convenience and, bent on seeing

a good thing while they had an opportunity, **chartered a special train** consisting of an engine and one car, and “came to Sol Smith Russell.” The car was filled to overflowing and the trip was made in short order. A safe return was had and none regretted the extra expense and trouble. A jolly time was had in the car coming down and going up.

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Fire at the Falls.

Violent **forest fires** raged around Crystal Falls, on Thursday, and would have done great damage had it not been for the united exertions of the entire populace. As it was, the hot breath of the flames fanned the cheeks of the citizens for some time, but no buildings were destroyed.

Milk ! Milk ! Milk !

On and after the 20th of May we will be prepared to furnish milk on the Range in wholesale quantities at greatly reduced prices. We can send milk fresh every morning to any town on the range. Milk delivered fresh in Florence two hours after milking, at prices greatly below the present scale. Milk promptly sent to Iron River and Crystal Falls.

C.B. AND F.W. INGALLS,
Waucedah, Mich.

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Crystal Falls Matters.

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Our streets are being put in nice condition.

James H. Elmore and **Geo. Runkle** [*sic – Runkel*] visited Chicago during the week.

A **log jam at the falls** was an attraction witnessed by many on Tuesday.

Mrs. Capt. Wm. Morrison has been quite seriously indisposed during the week.

The fire has been creeping through the woods considerably recently, making it warm for the explorers.

The FLORENCE MINING NEWS has been placed on sale at the news depot of **J.L. Kimball & Co., druggists**.

John L. Kimball, the **druggist**, son of the doctor, is quite ill with pneumonia, the outgrowth of a severe cold.

D. Bishop, of **Bishop & Runkel**, suffered a severe sprain of one of his legs a few days ago, which is about well.

The city has commenced to wake up considerably the past week, and signs of better times are to be seen hovering around.

The **Home Talent Club**, which by the way possesses no small amount of dramatic excellency [*sic – excellence*], it is said will soon put on the “Two Orphans” at **Doucet’s Opera House**.

Architect Elliott, of **Marinette**, visited the Falls the week past in the interest of the **new school house**, work on which is to be commenced at once. The edifice is to be an imposing one and will cost \$6,000.

Capt. Frank Rahe, of the **Great Western**, has commenced the erection of a new **residence** on the hillside east of the mine. When finished the captain and his good wife and family will have a cosy [*sic – cozy*] home.

A report comes from Iron River to the effect that **Paddy Vail** attempted to give

one **Donnelly** a lunch on lead on Sunday evening last. **Donnelly’s hat** was perforated, it is said. A quarrel more tame started the fracas.

We are all anxiously awaiting the approach of the time when Crystal Falls will be made the railroad terminal point, so that those who have the Falls as their point of destination can come straight through without a lay over.

The old rumor of construction work being at once commenced on the survey route of the **Lake Chicagoan extension** has again been revived. **John Parks** is in Chicago and will probably return with some definite and authentic information.

Morris Welch, the constable and night watchman, “as han heagle heye” to the welfare of the town after all the citizens are resting peacefully in the arms of Morpheus on a voyage to dreamland. Morris copes successfully with all evils, and quiet prevails after night-fall in consequence.

On the evening of May 25 a **grand ball** is to be given at **Doucet’s Opera House**, and a pleasant time is insured all who attend. Those most actively identified with the hop are **A. Lustfield, Al. Austrian, Dr. Catlin, John Johns, D. Bishop, William Doucet** and **J.E. Barver**. Supper will be served at **Tearney & Russell’s**.

The work of laying new sidewalks the entire length of Main Street is being rapidly pushed. The improvement, though costly, is much needed and will enhance the appearance of the city greatly. The walks are spacious, measuring eight feet in width and are being put down in a substantial manner. **Ziegle & Simpson**, of **Florence**, did the surveying to the satisfaction of everybody.

A duel on the tapis [*sic*] furnishes talk for the town. Scene: A party. Act I – Pretty girl, two suitors. Act II – One monopolizes young lady’s company for the evening, other intensely jealous. Act III – (Early

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following morning) Jealous suitor upbraids the monopolizer [*sic*] and challenges him to mortal combat. Successful suitor not anxious to fight and suddenly visits Florence. Tableau – Jealous suitor, blood in his eyes, searching for rival, followed by a second carrying pistols, coffee and surgeons for two on a tray. End not yet.

A delightful party was held at the residence of **Capt. Roberts**, of the **Paint River mine**, on Monday evening, in honor of the anniversary of the birthday of Mrs. Robert's [*sic* – *Roberts*] sister, **Mrs. Capt. Harry Roberts**, whose husband has charge of the **Lake Chicagoan mine**. Among those present were **Dr. and Mrs. Kimball**, **Miss Hollister**, the **Mesdames and Messrs. Hollister**, **Frank Scadden**, **Mrs. Runkel**, **Mrs. John Parks**, **Dr. Butts** and **Mr. Newman**, of **Mastodon**; **Miss Teller**, of **Florence**; **Dr. Bond**, of **Iron River**; **Capt. Wm. Morrison**, **D. Bishop**, **A. Austrian**, **Miss Bartel**, **Mr. Lindsey**, **R. Finley Breese**, **Mr. Rowley**, and many others. The evening was spent most pleasantly with music and dancing. Delicious refreshments were served. Mrs. Roberts was assisted by Miss Teller and Mrs. Harry Roberts and with this coterie of entertainers none could help having a splendid time. The hours grew small in the grey of the morn before those assembled sought their downy couches.

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Mastodon Mine Items.

Married on May 19th, **Charles Greece** and Miss **Catherine Davis**, both of this place, by the **Rev. John Fitzsimmons**,

justice of the peace. Supper and services were held at the residence of the bride's parents. The saloons of our place being closed, the keepers having been converted to temperance by the inhabitants, it was necessary to import the ----- from Milwaukee through the medium of **J. Mosseau**. All you thirsty ones imagine: Six kegs in all. At the crossing four kegs were found missing. It has since transpired that this was caused by several of the slighted ones, **Thos. Wills**, **Wm. Bray** and **Louis Newman** at the head. A wager of a bottle of wine was made by **Dr. Butts** and **Louis Newman** as to which would first kiss the bridegroom. The bet was won by the doctor, Mr. Newman having been in Florence the night before and, being ill, retired early. But Newman was on hand at the supper table. The wedding presents were many, rich, and handsome, including the following. A bowl of pan-cakes, boarded with maple syrup, by **Mrs. Fitzsimmons**; a broom with nothing but the handle left, by **Mrs. Thomas Wills**; a babies' [*sic* – *baby's*] rubber ring, chewed badly, and just right and soft for another baby to begin on, by **Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Mollard**; a whole cheese that had been frozen last winter, by **L. Newman**; a bottle of soothing syrup by **Dr. Butts**; a time book, one of his own make, by **John Sewell**. **J.C. McDermott** presented them with three or four funny stories, and stated with regrets, that it was all he was able to give. **Our colored people, Richard Sweet and R. Perkins, were present**. Mr. Sweet favored the party with a beautiful and touching ballad entitled, "He is going to chew ore," and Mrs. Perkins started to dance an old Virginia essence, when all of a sudden she stopped. On examination it was found that **Squire Taufield** had stepped on her trail. Nothing else of a romantic character happened. Mr. Taufield then favored us with an original recitation

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entitled, "Who will wipe my baby's nose?" During the evening quite a number of funny incidents happened. **James Davis** made a bet with **Henry Henwood** that he could stand one minute on one foot. He lost. A little later quite a commotion was observed in the corner of the room caused by **J.C. McDermott** trying to crawl between the legs of **Geo. Mollard**, closely followed by **Mrs. Wills**, with the fat side of a chair in her hand. Peace, at last, was restored. What McDermott had done we could not learn. **David McCarthy** was not present. We learn from private sources that he remained in his boudoir, quite ill from mysterious causes. We must stop, as the reporter could remember nothing clear after this, until about four o'clock in the morning, when he found himself hung up on a clothes line to grow (throw) up.

N.M. Frisburg, our boss carpenter, was married on the 20th inst. [on this month] to **Miss G. Oleson**, also of this place. The cause of his going abroad to be wedded was that, he objected to our justice, thinking him too new at the marrying business.

N.F. Leopold, of Chicago, paid us a short visit last week.

The Mastodon spur is being ballasted. A small shipment of ore left last week. Yours,

CRYSTAL FALLS.

Crystal Falls Matters.

Beautiful weather.

Everybody happy.

Improvements are going on rapidly.

The MINING NEWS will be found on sale at **Kimball's news depot.**

The sidewalk on the north side of Superior Avenue is nearly completed.

Messrs. Elmore, Bishop and L. Bush have retired to the beautiful Hemlock for trout.

Dr. Metcalf is finding many warm friends with the citizens of Crystal Falls.

Great credit is due our efficient town board for its enterprise in improving our streets and roads.

We have to thank **Dr. Kimball** for courtesies extended during the week. He is an obliging gentleman.

Charles Bertrand was lucky enough to catch a large bear, weighing 500 pounds, Monday night, north of the Falls.

J.M. Longyear and his friend **S.B. Jameson**, of **Marquette**, have been looking us over, and express themselves pleased with our prospects.

L.J. Kimball, who has been confined to his bed for over a week, with pneumonia, is now out of danger, and will soon be around again. Allow us to congratulate.

The shaft that was being sunk at the **James mine** found the ledge yesterday, showing the finest ore, to all appearances, that has been seen in this vicinity.

Mrs. Dr. Kimball is the happy recipient of a beautiful bouquet [*sic – bouquet*] of cut flowers from her neice [*sic – niece*], **Miss Maud Taylor**, of Coloon, St. Joseph county, Mich.

Elder Perrin, presiding Elder of the M.E. Church, preached to large congregations both morning and evening last Sabbath, and made arrangements for preaching regularly hereafter.

The **Great Western** has shipped 1,068 tons of ore to Escanaba, so far this season, and more to local furnaces. The **Paint River** has sent down 546 tons, and the Union 550 tons.

A CRYSTAL FALLS man advertises his hotel for sale. He'll be sorry before long if he disposes of it. There's a better time coming, and the Falls, with its extensive resources, will not be passed unnoticed.

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THE fire at Crystal Falls startled the insurance men not a little and several visited this place during the week with the avowed purpose of cancelling their policies. On finding the danger had been greatly exaggerated, they left in better spirits, without carrying out their hastily formed intentions.

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THE trains commenced running through to Crystal Falls and Iron River, on Monday last, which is a great accommodation to the citizens of those places.

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THE bright little settlement of **Mastodon** was sorely afflicted last week by the **death of two of her citizens – John Linnblad, a miner, killed by falling ore, and Richard Chigwadden, who died from inflammation of the lungs.** Both funerals were held on last Saturday, and the pall of death and sadness attendant seemed to overspread all.

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Iron River Ripples.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

The NEWS is on sale at **Dr. Bond's drug store.**

Trout fishing is a great pastime and is being indulged in by all.

There is some talk of organizing a lodge of **Odd Fellows** at Iron River.

The **McKinnon** boys are about to commence an exploration at the west end of the town site.

The prospects of our place look somewhat brighter, and we can see a slight change for the better.

On Wednesday of last week a pleasant **ball**, which was greatly enjoyed by all, was given at **Innes Hall.**

Our hotels can see the difference brought by the change in running trains, which allows visitors to stay here at night, when before they stayed at Florence.

Dr. F.L. Bond visited Chicago and Peoria, Ill., and returned the latter part of the week. His sister and mother are to spend a portion of the heated term at Iron River.

Much complaint is made because sawdust is being dumped into the Iron River. It drives out the trout, by getting into their delicate gills and strangling them.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Lake are soon to leave Iron River, at least temporarily. Mr. Lake will go to Harvard, Ill., and join his wife at Minneapolis, about the first of July.

The new plant of machinery received by the Nanaimo from the Florence Iron Works is doing good work and giving excellent satisfaction. The Florence institution will get all the work that is to be had from this section.

Steller Bros. are fitting up their store in the bank building in a fine manner. A new counter has been put in the bank, and when all is completed it will be a model business room. We have just the cutest little **post-office** for miles around.

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Work on the new depot at the foot of **Adams Street** is being pushed, and it will be completed in short order. The structure is to be 100 feet in length and quite commodious. Sanguine property owners on Adams street vehemently aver that this street is to be the future business thoroughfare of the town.

George Innes is rapidly fitting up his **new hotel on Adams Street** and will have everything complete in the course of two weeks. The hotel will be conducted on first-class principles, is near the new depot and also convenient to the business quarters. It is bound to do well.

The Wisconsin and Michigan officials visited this place on Wednesday, and all are agog over the idea of soon having another railroad. The survey of the Ontonagon & Brule River road was completed from Ontonagon to the Brule River, on Tuesday. At the latter place the Wisconsin & Michigan and the Ontonagon & Brule River, will join rails.

The unsettled condition of titles still bothers us more than anything else, and keeps back explorations and other active movements. It is probable that a test case will be had sometime soon, which will settle matters. As soon as we know "who is who and what is what" there will be a decided onward movement here. We have plenty of ore, but we don't want to find it for some one [*sic – someone*] else.

From Stambaugh.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

Considerable street work is being done, and our driveways are becoming many and good.

The road from Stambaugh station up to the town is one of the most picturesque little

stretches imaginable. It winds its way up a giant mound, in cunning turns, walled by great trees and high banks on either side. A prattling brook trickles musically down, seemingly to sing on its way that beautiful sonnet of Tennyson's, in which is found:

"For men may come and men may go,
But I go on forever."

B.N. Riebel, one of our merchants, advertises his wife and warns any and all to beware of giving her anything on his account, stating as a reason that she has left him without cause. The little social disturbance is said to run thus: Mr. Riebel married the woman to be his second wife. He had several children and she objected to any of them staying at home. One day Mr. Riebel went to Sheboygan and brought his daughter back on a visit. The new wife, who is much younger than her husband, deliberately "got up and got."

Several saloons have closed their doors recently, and other business is being conducted from hand to mouth, in the hopes of better times soon.

One hundred men are now employed in the **Iron River mine**, and ore is being shipped at the rate of from 50 to 70 cars per day.

In spite of the dull times considerable building is going on.

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Crystal Falls Matters.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

J.A. Ames and others, who have been for a long time **exploring a little south of the Youngstown mine**, have eventually

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struck it rich, having found a rich, hard, blue ore at the depth of 65 feet. The ore is very different from any other deposit ever found in this vicinity, and is in texture and other appearances very similar to some of the hard ores found on the Marquette range.

The **Crystal Falls Iron Company**, which has for a long time been looking for the **Great Western deposit** on their lands just west of the Great Western mine, have at last got the iron rich and clean, which verifies our maxim, "stick to it."

The town of Crystal Falls has new sidewalks, and we expect soon to see our complement of corner loafers.

The NEWS is on sale at **Dr. Kimball's drug store**.

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Crystal Falls Matters.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE]

F.G. Clark has a fawn. It is his first child.

George Runkel was quite seriously indisposed on Tuesday evening.

A grand **picnic** is on foot for June 14, which promises all a good time.

John L. Kimball has entirely recovered from his attack of pneumonia.

E.A. Maas, of **Humboldt**, smiled on us Tuesday. He is always smiling after coming from **Quinnesec**.

Saloon men look angry. Cause: It is said John Condon, the beer peddler, skipped with pockets well lined.

There will be preaching at the school house every Sabbath at 10:30 A.M. and

7:30 P.M., and Sabbath school at 12 M. [sic – 12 P.M.]

L.M. Tyler left for Green Bay Sunday, to be absent a few days. We hope Lou has no serious intentions outside of fun with the boys.

Rooney & Urquhart are doing a thriving business, and among other things dispose of two carloads of beer a month to the lager lovers of the falls.

James H. Elmore, of the **Fairbanks**, and one of the "Fathers of the Falls," carries around a nice peice [sic – piece] of ore, that didn't come from the Fairbanks, either.

Asa F. Leopold was here during the week, but left for Chicago on Wednesday. He talks of going to Europe as advance agent for **M.B. Leavitt's minstrels**, at a salary of \$2,400 per annum.

Our popular **post-mistress, Mrs. S.D. Hollister, Jr.**, has turned her talents in the direction of **newspaper corresponding**, and is, of course, doing so well as to be a valuable addition to any editorial staff.

Capt. C.T. Roberts, J.H. Parks and **A.F. Leopold** have returned from the **Hemlock river**, where they captured over **400 brook trout**, the result of two day's sport. Wasn't much of a day for fish, either.

Hon. Edward Breitung's private secretary, F.R. Pearce, was in town on Tuesday last, straightening up the **Juniata Iron Mining Company's (section 29) matters**, and paying labor and other clamis [sic – claims]. None too soon to suit the boys who have waited a year and over.

S.D. Hollister, Sr., can show off our bright little place to an honest advantage, if there is one here, who can. He courteously takes all visitors around, spends time when he can't spare it, and what he can't explain or tell in connection with the place, isn't worth knowing.

L. Bishop, of **Bishop & Runkel**, went to Chicago on Thursday where he will remain for several days. Mr. Bishop was

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connected with a large Chicago hardware firm before he came to the Falls, and has myriads of friends in the Garden City.

J.A. Ames, whose prospects at the **Quincy** are so bright, will soon move Mrs. Ames and the children from their present home at **Houghton**, to **Omro, Wis.** Mr. Ames has a magnificent place at Houghton, but the health of his wife is much better at Omro.

M. Coogan, of **Hoffman, Billings & Co., Milwaukee, president of the Acme Mining Co.**, was here and looked over his promising property, on Tuesday. Mr. Coogan is an agreeable and well posted gentleman, and left well pleased with our place. He is building a hotel at **Manistique** for a Chicago firm.

M. Breese, a brother of **R. Finley [Breese]**, a married man whose proclivities are to teach school and mix drugs, and a thorough gentleman, has located here. He looks enough like R. Finley to often cause confusion, and has already been the cause of the latter being thought to be a *pater familias*, by his being seen taking care of the children, and taken for his brother. Mr. Breese has applied for the school.

Man-of-all-things **Essington** is arranging matters for a special train to Florence to attend the "World" performance next Monday evening. If it wasn't for Florence we should fare hard for theatricals. A little energetic management on anybody's or somebody's part would bring lots of good shows here. **Doucet's Opera House** is a fine hall, has a large stage, and we are an amusement loving people.

The **Caledonia House** is now managed by **Duncan Cruikshanks**, and has been put in such condition that it cannot help but pay. The walls have been frescoed, the rooms refitted, the dining hall enlarged, remodeled and improved, and the house put in good shape generally. Its location is

favorable for a good patronage and its business is growing in a healthy manner. Mr. Cruikshanks contemplates more improvements in the future, and is bound to maintain a first-class house.

Charles E. Geer, late of **Escanaba**, is the new and obliging **clerk at the Lockwood**. The business of this house is picking up considerably, and it should be well patronized as it is kept in first class style. Mr. Lockwood is arranging to make his place a rare summer resort and has already received application for quarters from several Chicago parties. On Wednesday he sent out an exploring party to test the fishing qualities of a chain of lakes, which is beautifully located at easy distance from the hotel and suitable also for camping parties. Both fishing and hunting are splendid, the air is bracing, the nights are cool and there is no reason why the Falls could not be made a renowned resort.

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Iron River Ripples.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

Mrs. Cummings has opened a **millinery store** on **Gennese [sic – Genesse] street**.

Both the **Iron River and Nanamo [sic – Nanaimo] mines** are shipping ore daily.

Preparations for the erection of the **new depot** are rapidly progressing.

A petition is going the rounds which has for its object the grading of Nelson street.

Your correspondent has this week to thank **A.S. McNaughton** for courtesies received.

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A first-class **laundry** has been opened on **Adams street**, opposite **Mr. Steller's residence**.

Wm. Scott has christened his hotel "**Central House**," and his sign bearing that name has been hoisted.

The fires which have been endangering the safety of the town have been mostly extinguished by the late rains.

Goetz & Paradise are fitting up **McKinnon's store**, preparatory to a removal of their stock into that building, which is more centrally situated than their present place of business.

One of the great wants of Iron River has been at last supplied, **Mr. Parker** having opened a **bakery and restaurant**, and we are glad to notice that his enterprise is likely to prove a success.

The brakeman who had his leg so badly shattered while discharging his duties on the C. & N-W. in this vicinity last week, died on Saturday afternoon from the effects of his injuries.

John Morrison and **A. McCullough** are now the sole partners in the **furniture store** here, they having bought out **A. McCue**, who had been a partner in the concern since it was started in the spring of 1882.

Some of our lady gossips have of late become very jealous of younger ladies than themselves, who enjoy the pleasure of buggy-riding in company with gentlemen much younger than the husbands of said lady gossips.

While a four-horse team was crossing the bridge near the Nanaimo mine, on Sunday last, the structure, which was a poor apology for a bridge, gave way. No serious injury resulted, however, beyond the maiming of one of the horses. The bridge is now undergoing repairs.

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IRON RIVER ROUSED!

HANNON'S STORE BLOWN UP BY DYNAMITE.

A Terrible Midnight Explosion – No Clue to the Malicious Perpetrators.

At about 2:30 o'clock Thursday morning the citizens of Iron River were startled from their sleep by a terrible concussion and tumbling noise resembling sharp, heavy thunder. The few who were up, including the night watchman, hurried in the direction of the report and found the building owned by **Mrs. Hannon** and occupied until lately by **Hannon & Vail**, terribly shattered in front. Buildings near, especially the **saloon of William Webb**, were badly injured, and glass was shattered for hundreds of feet. The concussion was plainly felt all over the town, and few were there who slept through the noise. Close investigation revealed the fact that a quantity of giant powder had been inserted under the southeast corner of the building. On exploding, it tore out the front, drove out the sides and burst asunder the joists. Many are the causes assigned for the malicious deed, but no clue to the actor in the cowardly affair is yet to be had. Considerable trouble over the property and between those who have occupied it, has been had in the past. Anybody who, in the stilly [*sic – still*] hour of night, will sneakingly [*sic*] proceed to an unprotected spot, insert a powerful explosive and destroy property which, perhaps, it has taken years of hard toil to accumulate, is unworthy the form in which he exists, let alone the name of man.

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Such work should be rewarded by swift and unerring punishment, to the fullest extent of the moral and physical law. Iron River, like all new towns, has been infested with a rough element, which is gradually sinking out of sight before the face of the many law abiding citizens who, when awake, assert good order with a vim. Had the building been occupied, the affair might have resulted in a terrible tragedy, but as it was, no one was hurt. It does not necessarily speak ill of the town that such a thing should occur, as viscious [*sic – vicious*], cowardly, sneaking, immoral specimens, capable of anything, are to be found in all places from the largest city to the smallest hamlet. Every citizen of Iron River should constitute himself a special detective to hunt down the guilty wretch and see that he gets his just deserts [*sic – desserts*].

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Iron River Ripples.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

THE NEWS is kept on sale at **Bond's drug store**.

David Leroy, a farmer living nine miles north from here, **shot and killed a bear** last Saturday. Bruin was very lean.

Andy Boyington, Harry Gibbon, Mr. Kirkpatrick, W. and A. Habig, and Emil Drugstore, went **trout fishing** last Sunday. Mr. Habig made the prize catch, length 14 inches.

A. Clement was in town this week and says he is about to commence explorations near here. He deserves success. Mr. Clement was formerly identified with the **Nanaimo mine**.

The **Nanaimo mine** is shipping on an average of 20 cars of ore, and **Capt. Luxmore** says he could do double this easily, if the demand would warrant. **Supt. McDonald** says he can sell the ore, but prefers to hold for better prices.

A new wagon road is proposed between Iron River and Hemlock. The road would be of great benefit to lumbermen next winter, and has already been surveyed. Those interested in the road will be asked to assist in making it and if they acquiesce, we will soon have one.

Conductor Crimmins' train so bewildered a deer which stood in the track between Florence and Iron River, the other day, that it ran to its death ahead of the engine. The lithe *en vidae* seemed to have lost both sight and senses, as it dashed pell-mell into trees, stumps and stones, until it fell with a broken neck and was **reibred** by the trainmen.

John O'Leary, a big hearted son of the green isle, and an old Ranger, died after a short illness of pulmonia [*sic – pneumonia*], on Tuesday evening. He had scores of friends, and with his death there ceased to beat a generous heart. Mr. O'Leary was a single man, although on the shady side of life. He will be missed and mourned by his associates.

Dr. Frank L. Bond and **Conductor Riley** had a narrow escape at Iron River, near **Simpson's bridge**, the other day. Their canoe turned over and caught the pontoons on their feet, which held their heads under water. Riley claims he rescued Bond, and *vice versa*. The conductor asks his legal friends in an anxious manner, "if he would have been indicted for murder had the doctor drowned and he escaped?"

Mrs. Ignatius Fauteux died at **Stambaugh** on Monday evening from erysipelas in the head and her body was brought to **Florence** for burial on

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Wednesday. Six friends acted as pall bearers [*sic* – *pallbearers*], and a huge concourse followed the remains to the grave. Mrs. Fauveux [*sic* - *Fauteux*], who was but 24 years of age, leaves a husband and two small children to mourn her untimely departure across the mysterious stream. Mr. Fauteux is a young gentleman who is well thought of, and has many friends, all of whom tender him their heartfelt sympathy, in this his greatest bereavement.

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Iron River Ripples.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

THE NEWS is on sale at **Bond's drug store**.

Another building is in course of erection on **Maple street**.

Alex. Quirt is having a **law office erected alongside of his hotel**.

J. Innes, the **real estate agent**, located eight homesteaders last week.

A **fair challenge and a free fight on Genesee street** last Monday evening.

J.B. Weimer has twenty acres planted to potatoes and oats, and five acres to vegetables.

A committee has been appointed to collect subscriptions for the **celebration of the Fourth of July**.

A.S. McNaughton has painted the front of **Morrison & Co.**'s place of business and otherwise improved the surroundings.

Larsen has opened a **restaurant in Stambaugh**. He intends to supply the town with all kinds of fruits and vegetables in their season.

No clue has yet been found as to the identity of the party or parties who attempted to and so nearly succeeded in demolishing **Hannon & Vail's store** last week.

Robert Quinn has opened a new and commodious **clothing store on Genesee street**, opposite **Morrison's meat market**. We have now four well stocked clothing stores in our town.

Fish are becoming very plentiful in the town. Besides the baskets which are being almost daily filled by pleasure parties, the **Indians are bringing in large supplies from the surrounding lakes**.

The **Nanaimo Mining Company** has been compelled, on account of the foul air found to exist in the mine, to supply the miners with fresh air by means of a fan. The fan is driven by water power. The water-wheel, which has just been completed, measures twelve feet in diameter, and drives the fan at the rate of about 1,240 revolutions per minute. It appears, however, that the fan revolving at that rate makes it a little too fresh for the workers below, and to save themselves from the effects of a miniature cyclone, they are obliged to regulate the water supply.

E. Morgan, of this town, the street-grading champion of the Range, has contracted to entirely **remodel the streets of the town of Stambaugh**. He expects to have a force on the work this week. The primary move will be the grading of **Porter street** from **Lacy street** to the brow of the hill, overlooking the **Iron River mine**, and then the ungainly hills which at present adorn more or less nearly every street in the village, will be leveled down into the swampy hollows, and Stambaugh will emerge from the ordeal a better looking town, with her chances of prosperity augmented and her business men encouraged.

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Farmers have of late been much engrossed with their potato planting and seed sowing. Those who have never and an opportunity of exploring the lands in the vicinity of Iron River must fail to realize the extent to which farming is being carried on. On nearly every quarter section for miles around can be seen the unpretentious and primitive looking shanty of the homesteaders or the pre-empter. Should the lands which are at present under dispute eventually revert to the actual settler, these farms will become a support to the town which will enable it to thrive and grow in importance, independent of the fluctuations of the iron market.

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Iron River Ripples.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

THE NEWS is on sale at **Bond's drug store.**

Paradise has moved into **McKinnon's store.**

The saw mills at Stambaugh and Iron River are both running.

Rev. G.S. Woodhull visited the town on Monday last.

J.S. McDonald, of the **Nanaimo**, was in town last week.

Explorations by the Nanaimo management are to be started south of the mine, so 'tis said.

The dance at the **Scandinavian hotel**, on **Maple street**, last Saturday night, was largely attended.

J.H. Blackburn, the **photographer**, will leave **Iron River** for the **copper regions** in the early part of **July**.

The long expected colossal hotel of **Stambaugh** is to be built without delay. The lumber is already being put on the ground, and it is authentically stated that there will be no further postponement.

The town has decided to make a **road out to the Hemlock**, a distance of ten miles, to be completed by September, with the view of securing a big lumbering trade during the coming season. Operations will be commenced at an early date. A bridge will be laid across the Iron River.

Mr. Flanigan, the **teacher**, has a **crowded school in Innes' building**. Great credit is due him for his efficiency in teaching the young and rising generation of this place. We have little doubt many of his pupils will excel in the future, based on the valuable training they are receiving.

The towns of Stambaugh and Iron River are at last to have proper means of communication. A good driving road is to be formed from here to the **Stambaugh depot**, which will connect there with the present road, leading to the **village of Stambaugh**. The want of a good road between the two places has been long felt, and its completion will be hailed with joy by all concerned.

Iron River is becoming a very popular resort of **sportsmen**, especially of those who take delight in the piscatorial art. But the place will ere long offer inducements to visitors, which cannot be excelled by any town on the Range. We refer to the vegetable products, which are being raised in such abundance. A very laudable **mania for gardening** seems to have taken possession of all who are fortunate enough to possess a spare piece of land in the village. In the **part of town known as "New Brunswick,"** the display of vegetables in such variety and luxuriance is enough to make the passer-by forget, for the nonce, what constitutes the best policy and search around for an opening in the

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fence. **J. Waters** and **G. Lingley** are the leading spirits of horticulture – the first to begin when the town was in its infancy. They still take the lead, despite the numbers who are trying to emulate them. A proposal has been mooted to institute an annual floral and horticultural exhibition, and we hope the proposal will be acted upon, as it would add considerably to the zest with which this interesting and useful occupation is already pursued.

A PARODY ON TRUTH. –On the morning of the 22nd inst. [of this month] three bold and sturdy horsemen started from Iron River, whom we will designate as one minister of the gospel, one civil engineer, and one “jobber.” Directing their course due east, they rode till they reached the camp of the **Lake Chicagoan mine**, where they abandoned their horses and applied for a trustworthy guide to lead them two and a half miles north for the purpose of locating homesteads. After getting fairly started, and hav- [missing words here] jobber to take the lead. After traveling until night set in and not reaching their destination, the guide proposed starting back to camp. They, however, confident that they could find the corner post in five minutes, refused to return with the guide, who, knowing the dangers of spending the night in the woods without food, arms, or extra clothing, returned to camp, arriving there in good time, expecting they would follow. After waiting till the night was far advanced, and the party not returning, the citizens of Lake Chicagoan mine started in search of the missing ones. After traveling all night and far into the next day, the searchers came upon the lost party in fearfully wretched state. Their clothes hung in threds [sic – threads], their tongues were swollen, their beards grown to an enormous length, while their finger nails [sic – fingernails] resembled the talons [sic – talons] of a vulture. When found, the

minister was engaged in prayer, the civil engineer was trying to reverse the transit, and the poor “jobber” was still confident that he could find the corner post and the promised land. The party, after doing the best it knew for the suffering ones, returned to camp to await the return of the pilgrims. Up to a late hour on the night of the 23rd, neither the promised land, corner post or the party had been heard from. Messengers were dispatched to Iron River in hot haste, to acquaint their friends of the missing party’s sad fate. In the meantime the citizens are getting up another party **with the aid of some Indians and half-breeds**, to scour the woods in the morning if the party does not turn up. The mine whistle is being blown every five minutes through the day.

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Iron River Ripples.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

Campbell is building on **Cayuga Street**. THE NEWS is on sale at **Bond’s drug store**.

Hicks’ house of ill-repute, at Stambaugh, has been destroyed by fire.

Thirteen men were discharged from the **Nanaimo mine** this week.

A. Morrison, of **Morrison & Hudson**, left here for Fond du Lac on Monday.

In Iron River a **dog fight** will bring together a bigger crowd than any other kind of attraction.

L. Leigh, the **engineer at the Nanaimo mine**, has moved into the new residence erected for him by the company.

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Minckler has secured the **contract of building the bridge, across the river on the road leading to the Hemlock.**

Two pigs, a dog, and a cat, were the sociable inmates of a box that arrived at **Stambaugh depot**, a few days ago.

Florence, [*sic*] will have to look to her laurels. **Iron River is sending fresh meat to Chicago. The first shipment was made a few days ago, in a refrigerator car, from the top of which it was artistically suspended: It consisted of – a porcupine.**

The **anniversary of the proclamation of national independence** was celebrated here in grand style. The advent of the auspicious day was heralded by a canonade [*sic – cannonade*] of loud-sounding explosives, which was repeated at dawn. Notwithstanding the number of excursion parties which drove out to surrounding places of interest, the streets were all day thronged with a happy and ever-increasing crowd. Pic-nicing [*sic – Picnicking*] and games of various kinds, which afforded no small amount of amusement, served to beguile the hours throughout the day, and in the evening a **display of fireworks** was followed by a **dance at the Innes Opera Hall and another at the Scandinavian Hotel.**

On Sunday last the people of Iron River had to turn out *en masse* to fight the **fire-fiend**, which from Saturday till Sunday night made strenuous though futile efforts to invade and annihilate the fair town. **J.B. Weimer**, on whose farm the fire originated, fought it valiantly all night, and in the morning, the church bell having been tolled, he was relieved by an anxious and willing crowd. Three teams were employed during the greater part of the day, bringing water to the scene of the conflict and all the pumps in town were kept incessantly working. Besides the main fire at Weimer's farm, another of less magnitude raged on the

southeast side of the town which, early in the morning, laid in ashes **Morrison & Hudson's old slaughter house**, and threatened to make the **lumber yard** another victim. Both fires, however, were extinguished towards evening, the gale which blew so boisterously having subsided.

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Crystal Falls Matters.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

THE NEWS is on sale at **J.L. Kimball's drug store and news stand**, where subscriptions will also be received.

Several of our people celebrated at home and then took the afternoon train for the fun in Florence. Among them **Prof. Scadden.**

Things at **Lake Fortune** are progressing nicely, and under **D.C. Lockwood's** spirited management, the place will become, as before predicted, a magnificent resort.

On Friday the **tin wedding of Capt. C.T. Roberts** and his estimable wife was celebrated in **Pic-Nic Grove**, by a large number of friends. A most pleasant time was had.

The **celebration of the nation's natal day** passed off quietly, nicely, enjoyably and successfully. **James H. Elmore** read the Declaration of Independence, and **W.H. Clark**, of Florence, delivered the oration. The games and sports were interesting and exciting.

A **disastrous fire at the Youngstown mine** occurred [*sic – occurred*] last Sunday. It started between the Youngstown and

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Quincy, and for some time had its own way. Two hundred cords of wood, one of the engine houses, \$2,000 worth of square timber, blacksmith shop, and new trestle works were destroyed. The loss is estimated to be in the neighborhood of \$5,000.

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Iron River Ripples.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

THE NEWS is on sale at **Bond's drug store**.

The **Iron River Company** is now enjoying grand expectations. It is building a track to **Metropolitan mine**, which will be ready for use in less than a week. It is also carrying on several explorations. At present the Company is shipping from 70 to 100 cars of ore a day from **Iron River mine** and employing about 200 men.

We expect soon to see a boom in Iron River.

Nanaimo mine is putting in more new drums and anticipating an extra output of ore.

Miss McKinnon, cousin to the **McKinnon Brothers**, arrived here from Canada last week and is highly pleased with the change.

Mrs. Bond, and **Miss Bond** also, arrived here last week from below, and will hereafter make their home in the **fine suite of rooms over the drug store**.

The new depot will be opened up for passengers the last of this week. It will be a great accomodation [*sic* – *accommodation*] to the people of this town.

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Crystal Falls Matters.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

Thunder and lightning night and day now – some of the time.

We have **dog fights** on the streets occasionally to make things lively.

Landlord Lockwood is pleased with the excellent manner that **Fortune Lake** prospects are developing.

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Friendly feelings between the **Methodist** and **Presbyterian** leaders were shown by an exchange of pulpits last Sabbath.

Our **new school building** begins to loom up, and ere long we shall have an edifice in which minds are developed, not second to any on the Range.

Rev. D.A. Perris, of **Iron Mountain**, was here the first of the week, looking after the interests of the **Methodist Episcopal** people of this place.

The explorations being made by the **Acme Mining Company**, superintended by **S.D. Hollister, Sr.**, are very promising and experienced men say "they have struck it there."

Improvement is the order of the day. **Crosswalks have been laid on Superior Street at all of the crossings, making it pleasant for business, as well as for evening promenading.**

Dr. A.A. Metcalf, who has been spending a few days professionally at **Iron**

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River, returned on Monday. The Doctor is straight-forward and bound to succeed.

Dr. Tideman's small dog has learned tricks young, and with the dexterity of older kleptomaniacs [*sic* – *kleptomaniacs*], purloins sweet meats from boxes within his reach.

Jno. [John] Cory, of the firm of **R. Flood & Co.**, a most active gentleman, is busy here and there, up and down the line. He will be back again the first of next week.

Alfred Holm who had his leg and ribs broken, while working in the woods last winter, and who has been under **Dr. Tideman's** care, was removed to the **county house** on Tuesday.

Fortune Lake is fast becoming a favorite resort. Parties from all parts of the country are daily coming prepared with camping outfits[,] fishing tackle and oil of Pennyroyal. All spend pleasant days on its banks, and come away loaded with fish and well satisfied.

Late rulings of the **post office department**, require that fifty cents for each key to the lockboxes be deposited with the department. The same to be refunded upon return of the keys. This is to secure the return of the keys when parties are through with the boxes and leave town, and is as it should be.

The **post office** here has taken a boom. It is now a money order office and has been given more room in **Bower's store**. Under the gentlemanly and accommodating care of **R. Finley Breese**, every one [*sic* – *everyone*] is satisfied with it. **Mrs. Hollister** is to be congratulated on the efficiency of her assistant.

A.J. Van Anada, principal of the **Iron Mountain schools**, has been visiting here, the guest of **Mr. and Mrs. O.O. Welch**. We learn that Mr. V has given excellent satisfaction and has been employed for another year. He left Monday for Iowa,

where he will spend the remainder of his vacation.

Owing to the resignation of **Thos. Moran**, a caucus has been called to be held at **Doucett's Hall**, on Saturday night, for the purpose of nominating candidates to fill the vacancy. Mr. Moran left early in the week, but the NEWS correspondent did not learn his point of destination.

J.M. Essington was the guide for the party of pleasure seekers from Chicago, last Monday. All the sport that was wanted was had, and trout enough to satisfy were taken. Mr. Essington makes a **good escort for trout fishers and pleasure seekers**, and we hope **Col. Kidder** and **Tony Dwight** will call again and bring more with them.

Henry Oldenberg, formerly **Judge Bannerman's efficient clerk**[,] made his appearance on our streets last week, with his brother from Green Bay. Having a little time off they are here visiting **A.G. Oldenberg**, our worthy **furniture dealer**. Henry has for the last year been pursuing his studies at Madison, where he was admitted to the bar, some months ago. We need just such a man here to look after our business interests and plead the cause of the innocent and hope he may be induced to settle among us.

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Iron River Ripples.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

The **Iron River Mine** is booming.
NEWS on sale at **Bond's news stand**.

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John Morrison, of **Morrison & Co.**, is building another house, adjoining his old one on **Cayuga Street**.

“Andy” Boyington keeps a most excellent hostelry, is an expert angler and a jolly, entertaining landlord. Nothing is too good for his guests and those in search of recreative [*sic*] pleasure could not do better than pay “Andy” a visit. He can show them sport enough.

In endeavoring to play a practical joke the other day, the biter himself was badly bitten. One of the blocks of the town is comprised of three very respectable looking buildings. The centre [*sic*] one of these is **Tully’s saloon**; to the west of that is **Bush’s saloon** and to the east, **Quinn’s clothing store**. The proprietors of all three are, or at least have been, on most friendly terms with one another. On the day of which we write, Tully, who thought that a little amusement would not be out of place, even at the expense of his worthy neighbors, conceived the idea of reliving Quinn of some of the superfluity of dry-goods, oil-skins, etc., which graced the front of his store, and of transferring them to the more meagerly-clad front of Bush’s saloon. This idea was speedily acted upon and in the “twinkling of and [*sic – an*] eye” the fronts on each side of Tully’s, were more equalized as regarded outward show. It is possible, even probable, that the perpetrator of this joke, which was by no means a bad one[,], chuckled immensely over the success of his plan. But alas! “the best laid schemes of mice and men aft a-glee.” The tables were turned in an apparently most dismal manner, when **Officer Griffin** [*sic*] solemnly marched into the presence of the joker, and presented to his astonished gaze a criminal warrant for his arrest. The wrath of the originator of all this fun was by no means mollified, when he learned that it was a sham warrant and that he had been amply paid back, with his

own coin. We feel for Quinn. The eaves of his building which project over the line of Tully’s lot, will have to come off.

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Iron River Ripples.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

NEWS on sale at **Bond’s news stand**.

Work on the **new hotel at Stambaugh** does not flag.

Stambaugh can boast the finest residence on the range.

Thomas Lawson has opened a **bakery and confectionery at Stambaugh**.

Dr. Carpenter’s new residence is nearly completed. It is modern in every sense and very pretty.

Iron River is to have a **new school house**. The plans and specifications are now being prepared. It will cost in the neighborhood of \$3,000. The location has not yet been decided upon.

On Wednesday **Minckler Bros.** commenced the erection of a **warehouse**, which is to be 24x50 feet, on the **corner of Adams and Third Streets**. Minckler Bros. are doing a good business and selling large lots of nice potatoes.

First Street is being graded and improved from the main business street to the **new depot**. **Overseer Thomas Webb** has charge of the work and is making a fine thoroughfare. **As soon as the street is in shape for travel, the new depot will be opened for use**. It is a neat little structure.

Andy Boyington, [*sic*] took **F.S. Easton**, of Chicago; and **J.G. Allard**, of Nuneau [*sic – Juneau*], Wis., up to the **Pine, trouting**, on Monday. They had

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loads of fun and good sport. Andy is the boss sportsman and his good house and accommodating nature are fast building a profitable reputation.

The **intrepid burglar boy** has arrived in Iron River. On Monday night a veiled depredator made a raid on **Hannon's boarding house at Stambaugh**, with complete success. Money, watches, etc., to the value of at least \$100 were taken. We will give him a neck-tie if he makes himself known.

MacKinnon Bros., [sic] have platted a new addition to the town of Iron River. It is on the west side and is composed of 60 lots. When the land question shall have been finally settled, Iron River will boom wonderfully. The town is situated in the midst of a fine hard and softwood timber, with good water and commanding location. There is probably no place where iron is more abundant and everybody is only waiting to see who will hold the lands. As the saying goes up there "we have a mine in every back-yard." Good pieces of float have been picked up in the street. The agricultural surroundings are excellent. In time Iron River and Stambaugh will be one and quite a city exists, where the present hardy settlement is striving to hold its own.

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Iron River Ripples.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

NEWS on sale at **Bond's news stand.**

Bond's drug store is being painted.

Mrs. Minckler, who has been dangerously ill, is rapidly convalescing.

Chris. McRae, of Florence, was exploring for pine in the Iron River region last week.

Archy McDonald and Miss Kinney were united in wedlock last Thursday. Justice Alexander Quirt performed the ceremony.

The **Innes House** has been painted inside and out, and is thereby much improved in appearance.

Plasterers, painters and paper-hangers have been at work renewing and renovating the interior of **Capt. Luxmore's picturesque residence**, on **Adam's [sic – Adams] street.**

A petition is being circulated signed by the people of Iron River, praying for the **removal of M.H. Kilgallen from the office of post master.** [Our correspondent fails to give the reasons therefore [sic – therefore].]

Good news has arrived for Iron River and Stambaugh! "Old Trust" is dead and all may profit from his death. For particulars of his demise call at **Morrison & Hudson's, [sic – Hudson's] meat market** where meats and provisions of all kinds are sold at greatly reduced rates. Money saved and fortunes made by all who take advantage of the cash system now adopted.

The meat markets of the town have set an example which other business men [sic – businessmen] would do well to follow. We refer to the abolition of the credit system, which necessarily makes prices high and keeps dealers as well as consumers continually behind. **Morrison & Hudson, [sic] and Chas. Lorenz** have gone hand in hand in establishing a **cash system.** Henceforth, "Cash!" is their motto.

Long and patiently have the people of Iron River waited and hoped for good times; for a renewal of the bustle and hubbub of last summer when, as if by the touch of a magician's wand, the village sprung from a

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wilderness of the primeval forest, to be what it is to-day [*sic – today*], a town of no mean pretensions, which can boast of some really fine buildings, and can furnish hotel accommodations for all classes, which can be surpassed by no city in the upper peninsula. During the dreary and protracted state of dormancy into which the place was plunged last winter, and from which it is only now awakening to a realization of what it has to bravely bourn [*sic – borne*], many were the memories recalled of the race against time, in which all to a greater or less extend joined, throughout the summer and fall of the past year; when the steady stroke of the woodman's axe, the perpetual tap of the mechanic's hammer, the ringing blow of the blacksmith's sledge, the buzz of the mill, the blast of the mine, and the roar of unloading lumber, intermingled with the rattle of wheels and the merry din of voices, made a Babel alike of the morning, noon and midnight hours. And now, when many of our business men [*sic – businessmen*], were momentarily expecting to feel the weight of "the last straw" which inevitably "breaks the camel's back," the mists of despondency have been dissolved, the rumblings of prosperity are heard, and "Forward!" is again the cry. An addition to the town site has been surveyed. **Capt. Luxmore** of the **Nanaimo** has received instructions to quadruple the amount of his daily shipments, and improvements which will enable him to get out the quantity of ore called for are being rapidly consummated. Public roads are being cut in all directions, the **new school-house** [*sic – schoolhouse*] will be built right off, and the new depot will be opened this week. Strangers throng the streets and everything points to an early restoration of all the pristine prosperity of the town.

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Rev. W.T. Doggett, of **Crystal Falls**, will occupy the pulpit at the **Presbyterian Church** to-morrow [*sic – tomorrow*] morning and evening, he and **Mr. Cory** exchanging pulpits.

J.F. Shafer, with his usual enterprise and hospitality, erected a huge tent at **Mastodon Crossing** on the railroad, near the scene of the immense blue-berry [*sic – blueberry*] fields, last Tuesday and invited all or any of the Florence folk, to come and pick berries and make their headquarters at his stamping grounds. Not a few took advantage of the popular man's kindness and had a good time; procuring a large quantity of berries, without the hard buck-board [*sic – buckboard*] ride, attendant upon driving out from the city.

FIRE.

On Monday evening last the large **general store of Leopold & Newman's**, at the **Mastodon mine**, was totally destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated to reach at least \$5,000 and the stock was insured for \$3,300 in Chicago companies. The fire originated at about 11 o'clock at night from the **explosion of a kerosene lamp in the cellar** and spread so rapidly after discovery, that it was impossible to save anything. The store was owned by **Asa F. Leopold**, of Chicago, and **Louis Newman**. The NEWS heartily sympathize [*sic – sympathizes*] with the unfortunates. The conflagration occurred just as business was becoming very lively at **Mastodon** and the loss will not be confined to merely what was destroyed. The firm will resume as soon as possible.

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Crystal Falls Matters.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

[Crowded out last week.]

The NEWS is on sale at **J.L. Kimball's drug store news stand**, where subscriptions will also be received.

As a town we are fast becoming civilized and the genuine old time surprise parties are going the rounds. Several have been had, but the one at **J.E. Bowers [sic – Bowers'] residence** last week, capped the climax.

Henry Oldenburg, whom we had hoped would remain among us as our legal advisor, could not be persuaded to stay. He left for Green Bay last week where he has relatives. Henry thinks of locating at Eau Claire, Wis. Wherever he goes may success attend him.

W.B. Carlin has sold his interest in the building in which the **postoffice [sic – post office]** is situated, to **M.J. Lindsey**. Mr. Lindsey has finished the front and given it a coat of paint, making a vast improvement in what once was known as the "old ark." Mr. Carlin and wife left for **Marinette** last week.

J.M. Thorn was around looking up life insurance. **Thos. O'Callaghan**, of **Norway**, has been looking up fire insurance this week.

S.C. Hall has been here looking after the interests of the **Great Western**.

Wm. James is said to have found 36 feet of good clean ore on his exploration east of town.

D. Bannerman has gone eleven feet into marketable ore on his find. A deposit of ore 24 feet wide across forty acres is the way they have it here.

The **Paint River mine** has commenced shipping.

J.L. Kimball, Miss Hollister and Miss Briggs went fishing out to **Fortune Lake**. The mosquitoes and flies had fasted several days and the horse would not be a willing sacrifice, to satisfy their ferocious appetites [*sic – appetites*], so despite the halter, the faithful animal came home leaving our friends to sup and breakfast on crumbs that fell from the dinner table.

Al. Austrian, Mrs. Capt. Roberts, Mrs. Harry Roberts and others, wanted to go to **Fortune Lake fishing**. Their horses did not, so the party decided to camp on the road, out.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollister went to **Fortune Lake fishing**, with the white horse following behind. White horse and bay horse got through fishing an hour or so before the party was ready to come in and now Mr. Hollister says the best way to go to Fortune Lake fishing, is to walk.

The **Rev. J.W. Sanderson**, of Milwaukee, occupied the pulpit at the **school house [sic – schoolhouse]** last Sabbath.

The caucus was held as announced, and Capt. W.H. Morrison was nominated as a suitable man to fill the vacancy in the office of supervisor. It seems as though he would be the right man in the right place.

The election notice which called upon the voters to say who they would have for supervisor, has been changed to August 8.

Cody Hollister and R.F. Breese went **trout fishing**, camped out three nights, got tired and [*sic – and*] wet, but did not get many trout.

Rumors were in circulation that our township clerk is holding his office illegally.

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Mr. Lustfield was the unanimous choice of the people last spring, so why not let him serve the people. He does it and can do it well.

“Berrying on the plains” is all the rage now and berries are plenty.

Miss **Clara Briggs**, of Chicago, is the guest of Miss **Nellie Hollister**.

The **Rev. Mr. Cory**, of **Florence**, spent an evening with **Rev. W.T. Doggett**, who ministers in spiritual things here. There would seem to be nothing strange in this circumstance were it not from the fact that whenever “the elder” is seen in town someone expects someone is going to be married. Such was the case this time and as there are not many just now who take the long moonlight walk or sit long in the evening twilight, suspicion was not long in pouncing down like a hawk upon Mr. ---- and Miss ----[,] both prominent in upper circles here, and they were greatly surprised on the following morning to receive the congratulations of their numerous friends. These things ought not so to be.

R.F. Breese, who has been **acting assistant postmaster** for several months past, has stepped down and out of that position. Two [sic – Too] much help is assigned as the cause.

The firm of **Bishop & Runkel** has ceased to carry the **Great Western miners** and **R. Flood & Co.**, [sic] now get their trade.

Justice Bannerman has resigned his judiciary power and in speaking of a substitute, **Capt. J.B. Schwartz**’s name is mentioned.

THIS WEEK.

A **bear** was trapped and killed by **Chas. Bertrand**, at **Armstrong’s Camp**, last week.

The **funeral of Mr. and Mrs. Rowley’s little child** took place from the **residence of Geo. Runkel**, whose wife is a sister of

Mrs. Rowley. It will be remembered that the babe was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Rowley some months ago, and was the son of **Mr. and Mrs. F.B. Johnson**. Mrs. Johnson died at its birth and Mrs. R. kindly took the care of the motherless one upon herself.

There was a **shooting affray at Mastodon** on Sunday evening. **J.C. McDermott** shot a **Cornishman named Henwood**. McDermott was brought before **Justice Welch**, on the charge of assault with intent to kill, and after a preliminary examination was bound over to appear next week, in the sum of \$3,000. We learn that the wound is not a serious one. McDermott is a relative of **Martin McHale**, of **Florence**. He shot Henwood in the leg and claims self defense [sic – self-defense] with good grounds. The defendant is a bar tender [sic – bartender] at Mastodon.

A **“huckle-berrying” party** camped out on the plains Monday night, consisting of **Mrs. Geo. Runkel, Mrs. P.P. Smith, Mrs. O.O. Welch, Nora Welch, Harry Runkel, Geo. W. Runkel, Julia Hollister, Mollie Hollister, Mystic Rowley, Mart Lindsey, W.F. Bower** and **Rev. W.T. Dogget**. A fine time was had and about four bushels of berries were gathered.

DEATH. –On the evening of the 27th of July, **Charles H., son of Mr. and Mrs. L.D. Rowley**, aged 5 months and 21 days. From the first the frail constitution of the little one was ill prepared to cope with the power of whooping-cough [sic – whooping cough] which seized upon him a few weeks ago. All the aid that untiring human love could give, [sic] availed not to help him through with the dread disease. Death came and the freed spirit gently flew away from the sufferings of earth to the joy of heaven. As in their life so in their death is heard the voice of Jesus, saying: “Suffer the little children to come unto me, and

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forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God.”

The tender flower did sweetly bloom,
A few short morning hours;
Transplanted now in fields of light,
It blooms 'mong heavenly flowers.

And from those happy fields above,
To aching hearts and sad,
Descends a voice: “To fade no more;
Rejoice; in hope be glad.”

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Crystal Falls Matters.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

Election Wednesday.

White frost Monday night.

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Excursion to **Fortune Lake**, Thursday.

A **bear** was seen at **Union mine**, Tuesday.

The NEWS is on sale at **J.L. Kimball's drug store news stand**, where subscriptions will also be received.

A **dance and raffle** will be an attraction at **Doucet's Opera House** next Saturday evening, the 18th inst. [*of this month*].

Rev. Doggett, of the Falls, occupied the **Presbyterian pulpit at Florence** last Sunday, filling **Mr. Cory's** place while he was here.

The contract for finishing the cutting of a road from the Falls to the **Caledonia mine** has been awarded and the work will be prosecuted at once.

Those evergreen trees, which looked so pretty on the 4th of July, are quite unsightly now and ought to be removed from our

street. Let the commissioner of high-ways [*sic – highways*] look after this.

Our **city schools closed** last Friday week for a two months [*sic – months*] vacation and now the children are out on a romp. It is expected when school commences again, the **new school building** will be ready for occupancy.

Whew! “Smell um bref!” Those pretty, interesting little animals, whose perfume is so strong, have been unpleasantly common for the last few weeks. **Ed. Munhall** was compelled to move out last week on account of them.

Jas. H. Elmore, who has so efficiently held the position of **superintendent of the Crystal Falls Iron Co.**, removed his family to Green Bay on Saturday of last week. Mr. Elmore is in every way an estimable man and we are sorry to lose him and his family.

Dr. A.A. Metcalf commenced practicing for the **Youngstown mine** on August 1st. The doctor has moved his office to the **Breese and Van Anden building opposite the Lockwood House**, where he is nicely settled and ready during office hours to attend to the needs of the suffering public.

Another instrument has been added to our **cornet band** and one by one it is increasing. **Harry Essington** is the owner of the new piece, a fine **E. flat alto**. Those who already have instruments are improving rapidly and by another season we hope to have as good music here as can be heard on the Range.

Rev. H.P. Cory, of **Florence**, occupied the **pulpit of the School House** last Sunday, administering the Sacrament, in the morning. **Mrs. Cory** and babe accompanied him, and were the guests of **Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Runkel**. Mr. Cory returned Tuesday morning and dispatched little **Elsie** to this point to also have a visit with her mother. They returned Thursday.

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S.D. Hollister, Sr., who succeeds Mr. Elmore in looking after the interests of the Crystal Falls Iron Co., moved into the house vacated by Mr. Elmore, on Monday. S.D. Hollister, jr. [sic – Jr.], moved into the house vacated by his father, on Tuesday. Dr. A.A. Metcalf, has moved his office to the rooms vacated by S.D. Hollister, jr. [sic – Jr.] A. Breese will move in to the rooms left vacant by Dr. Metcalf. Conductor J.B. Owens and family will remove to the rooms vacated by A. Breese.

The election at Crystal Falls, on Wednesday, to fill the offices of supervisor and justice-of-the-peace, vacated by the resignation of Thomas Moran and J. Bannerman, passed off quietly as follows: Whole number of votes cast for supervisor, 159, of which Capt. W.H. Morrison received 124 votes and Al. Austrian, 35 votes; Morrison's majority, 89. John Gallagher beat J. Essington in the race for the justiceship [sic] by a majority of 25.

R. Finley Breese has secured a window with J.E. Bower, in the postoffice [sic – post office] drug store, where he is prepared to do all kinds of watch, clock and jewelry repairing, reasonably and on short notice. He had been doing the work in connection with his postoffice [sic – post office] work, for several months past and now hopes to merit his share of patronage. Mr. Breese also does all kinds of gun and revolver repairing and has worked up quite a business in this branch of industry, while in connection with the postoffice [sic – post office]. He also did quite a foreign exchange business and will continue this also and is prepared to make remittances to all parts of Europe or sell passage tickets to and from all parts of the old world [sic – world]. Mr. Breese is willing to do anything to earn an honest penny and hopes the public will remember him in his new location.

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Iron River Ripples.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

NEWS on sale at Bond's news stand.

Johnnie Helps visited Florence on Wednesday.

J.S. McDonald, of Fond du Lac, was in town on Tuesday.

Mrs. Peter Higgins left here for Glasgow, Scotland, on Monday.

Jack Frost has been playing sad havoc among the potato tops.

McKinnon's new building is being sided. K. Campbell has the contract.

The work of painting the exterior of the Boyington House has been commenced by J. Campbell.

The contract for painting the Stambaugh Hotel has been awarded to J. Campbell, who will begin work about the 24th inst. [of this month]

The contract for building the new school house has been let to John Morrison & Co. It is expected to be completed about the 10th of October.

T. Parker has retired from the restaurant business. The restaurant lately kept by him will in future be managed by L. Cummins [sic – Mrs. Albert G. (Lucy Boyington) Cummings], the proprietor of the building.

The Iron River Company is building an engine house, and proposes the erection of two furnaces at an early date. They will be situated in the vicinity of the sawmill.

Capt. Harry Roberts and lady will celebrate the anniversary of their tin wedding on the evening of September 8.

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The affair will be a select one, and is looked forward to as a great treat in social circles.

Last week **Tom Donnelly's "Hotel of the Woods"** was pulled; but alas ! too late. The birds [*prostitues*] had flown the nest, and two men who were found there were arrested and fined for keeping guard over the deserted building.

The contract for building a **road from here to Lake Chicagoan** has been let to various parties, at prices ranging from \$3.75 to \$5.00 a rod. It will be a fine highway when completed, and cost in the neighborhood of \$12,000.

There was quite a large attendance at **Innes Hall** on last Wednesday morning, the occasion being the presence of **Rev. Father Seubert** to attend to the spiritual wants of the **Catholics** of this place. After the services were over, **Messrs. Quinn, Griffin and Schipch [*sic* – Schipschen]** were formed a committee to arrange for services every month.

The **Methodist church** in Iron River is gaining strength every day, and is exerting a civilizing influence in the community which is felt by all and appreciated by many. The able and instructive discourses of **Rev. S. Cox** are drawing crowds every Sunday to the **Innes Hall**, where services are regularly conducted. A new feature, which no doubt is also an attraction, is the introduction of an organ, which is presided over by **Miss Luxmore**, who does ample justice to the instrument.

Died at Buckingham, Canada, on July 31 last, Mrs. James Bush, aged 75 years. Mrs. Bush, with her husband, emigrated from Ireland in the year 1837 and settled in the vicinity of Buckingham, on a homestead where they have since resided. She was the mother of seven sons and three daughters, all of whom are living to mourn the loss of their beloved parent. The deceased was known as a kind and hospitable woman and had a host of

friends, all of whom did her the last homage in death, by following her remains to the grave, amid the largest concourse of people that ever assembled in the community for that purpose. She had children and relatives at Iron River.

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Crystal Falls Matters.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

R. Flood & Co. are doing an immense business.

R.F. Breese, with **J.E. Bower**, has put out a new **36-inch "watch" sign**.

J.H. Mars and **F.L. Johnson**, of the **Florence Iron Works**[,] were up on Tuesday.

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There seems to be enough **jewelry business** in town for two establishments. Both **K.S. Buck** and **Mr. Breese** are doing well.

Three good girls can find employment at the **Lockwood House**. The genial landlord is doing well and is putting up a **new barn**.

A road is to be cut through to the Mastodon mine location from the Falls, which will no doubt be another valuable channel of trade opened up.

The carpenter work on the **school house** is finished and the workmen have been laid off until the masons have had their say around there a while.

O.H. Chamberlain, principal of the **schools at Florence**, canvassed our streets on Tuesday with that popular book,

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“The People’s Cyclopaedia.” Success to him.

George W. Bairo, Miss **Ettie Taffee**, **Mr. and Mrs. C.S. Osborn**, of **Florence**[,] and Miss **Emma Jones**, of **Milwaukee**, were guests of the **Lockwood House** during the week.

Geo. Runkel and **Cady Hollister** explored the **Brule River** with rods last week and from there explored the woods to **Fortune Lake**, finding on their way several other lakes, one of which is full of **black bass**.

E.H. Munhall, the enterprising **wagonmaker and blacksmith**[,] has moved into new quarters on **Superior Avenue**. His new building is nearly completed and when entirely so will contain an excellent shop.

Dr. F.C. Weber, who was employed some months ago exploring for the **Ogemaw Iron Co.**, but got the blues and went to Chicago to practice medicine, returned last Sunday and is now **exploring on the south half of the north east quarter of Section 22**.

J.E. Bowers [*sic – Bower*], the popular **druggist**, is having an elegant sign painted. The work is being executed by **Artist VanEuskirk** and when unfurled to the breeze will be one of, if not the finest in the Falls. Mr. Bower keeps a model business place and he means to let the world know it.

Mrs. A.G. Oldenburg went to Green Bay last week. **Mr. Oldenburg** will join her this week. Mr. Oldenburg goes to work in a **furniture establishment** there and leaves his business here in charge of **Charles Henry**, who will add to the stock and continue the business at the old stand. If the furniture business brightens up Mr. O. will come back here again, later in the season.

The **lumbermen have started into the woods** and quite a large number are now laboring in the sylvan recesses, for **D.L.**

Bush. The **Kirby Carpenter Company**, and others. **J.H. Parks** will not start his men before the middle of September. **Fortune Lake** is to be the scene of logging operations the coming winter, and a dam is being built, so as to raise the water in the straits and form a current.

While bathing at Fortune Lake Miss Nellie Galbraith, of Crystal Falls, got beyond her depth and Charlie Runkel went to her assistance. The frightened and struggling young lady was too much for the gallant would-be rescuer and both sank to the watery depths. This unpleasant manoeuvre [*sic – maneuver*] was executed several times, before others present could procure a boat and lend aid. But luckily both were finally taken from the water; though nearly dead. Both have probably ceased “taking water in theirs.”

On Tuesday **Capt. C.T. Roberts** and **C.S. Osborn**, visited **Fortune Lake** and were royally entertained at **Camp Runkel**. **Mrs. George Runkel** and **Mrs. O.O. Welch** are the leading hostesses and right well do they know how to make camp life what it should be. The gentlemen killed several fine pickerel and saw plenty of other game. They returned like all others, infatuated with the lake and fully appreciating its many superior sporting advantages. The NEWS correspondent cannot tell how many times **Capt. Roberts** shot at a deer and then failed to get it.

The following have registered at **Camp Runkel**, on **Fortune Lake**: **Mrs. Geo. Runkel**, **Mrs. O.O. Welch**, **Myrtie Rowley**, **Miss Nellie Galbraith**, **Miss Nora Welch**, **Miss Katie Brown**, **Miss Aggie Brown**, **Carl Pardee**, **Frank Bower**, **George Freeman**, **Chas. Runkel**, **Willie Galbraith**; **S.C. Hall**, **Miss Emma Hall**, **Miss Hattie Hall**, **Muskegon**; **Chas. Lustfield**, **Geo. Runkel**, **Rev. W. Doggett**, **Cady Hollister**, **O.O. Welch**, **Harry D. Runkel**, **Capt. C.T. Roberts**, **C.S. Osborn**; **Mrs. Dr.**

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Washington, Oshkosh; **Mrs. L.D. Rowley** and **Georgie Runkel**.

Crystal Falls, not to be behind in the sporting line, has organized the "**Iron Clad Sporting Club**," with the following officers: **Henry Pentecost**, President; **D.W. Brown**, vice president; **Al. Austrian**, acting president; **John L. Kimball**, secretary and treasurer. In addition to the officers the members include **John Larson**, **Robert McCourt**, **J.M. Essington**, **J.C. Kimball** and **Harry Runkel** has been made an honorary member, on account of his extraordinary glass ball shooting. The club has a charter and is duly organized under the state laws of Michigan. It has for its object the enforcing of the game laws, general sporting and trap shooting.

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Crystal Falls Matters.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

The Falls is receiving its share of rainfall.

Jack Frost spoiled some of our gardens last week.

Swift of the Menominee Range was playing ball on the streets Monday.

It is reported that the **Methodist organization** will have a social at the hall soon.

The NEWS will also be found on sale at **J.E. Bower's drug store**.

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Capt. Taylor, of the **Great Western**, is giving excellent satisfaction. He has

already made a number of changes for the better.

Rev. F. Stevens spent last Sabbath at **Iron River**, while **Rev. Mr. Cox** of that place was here.

Mr. Bailey, who has been under **Dr. Metcalf's** care for the past week or two, is around again and says he is not going to get down again.

Steps, we learn, are being taken to incorporate the first church organization in the place, under the laws of the State of Michigan. It is to be the **First Presbyterian Church**, of Crystal Falls, Mich.

The boss timberman from **Iron Mountain**, who came up to take a situation at the **Great Western**, failed to meet expectations and has been allowed to depart. **Ephriam Morley** supersedes him.

Rev. W.T. Doggett, **Rev. H.P. Cory**, **Cady Hollister** and **C.F. Runkell** [*sic* – **Runkel**], spent Monday and Tuesday at **Fortune Lake**. The "game law" didn't interfere this time, but they came back without a deer.

Born to **Mr. and Mrs. William Doucette**, last Saturday morning, a bright little boy, but we are sorry to have to record that, on Tuesday, the little life passed away as quietly as it came and on Tuesday evening the remains were buried in the "**City of the Dead**." The parents have the heartfelt sympathy of all.

Trouble seems to have been the fortune of the **Acme Mining Co.** On Monday one of their small boilers gave out, making it impossible for them to keep the water out of the shaft. **Superintendent Hollister** has secured the boiler that has been lying idle at the Falls, and Wednesday it was placed in position. They feel sure they are near plenty of iron and we hope they will find it.

The NEWS correspondent interviewed the lady of the unfortunate experience, at **Fortune Lake** last week. He learned that both she and her "would be rescuer" went

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into water deeper than they thought, he going backward and she forward. Suddenly he disappeared, forgetting to let go of his lady until she had lost her balance, off what appeared to be an overhanging ledge of rock. When **Master Charley** re-appeared **Miss Galbraith** had gone down and when she came up he had disappeared again. This unpleasant performance was repeated until each had gone down twice, no one noticing but that, they were having fine sport, until Miss Galbraith unable to speak was disappearing the third time. She held up her hands imploringly. This attracted the attention of the lady's brother and he, hastening to the rescue, succeeded in getting **Master Runkel** where he could help himself only sustaining the almost lifeless form of his sister, until a boat was brought to their rescue. Bravo.

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Crystal Falls Matters.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

Three hops [*dances*] in town last Saturday night.

Dr. A.A. Metcalf and J.E. Bower, looked around Florence Sunday.

The NEWS will also be found on sale at J.E. Bower's drug store and fancy emporium.

John Koepke has cleared ground opposite the postoffice [*sic – post office*] and is erecting a shoe shop.

The NEWS is on sale at J.L. Kimball's drug store news stand, where subscriptions will also be received.

– Thomas Hooper was killed by a cave at the Mastodon mine Friday of last week and was buried on Saturday.

Dr. H.G. Tideman moved his office to the rear of J.E. Bower's drug store Monday and will move his family there soon.

Frank Scadden, the worthy time-keeper at Paint River mine, spent a day or two at Iron River this week. What's the attraction[,] Frank?

Rev. Stevens, who is soon to leave, is a promising young man; earnest and faithful [*sic – faithful*] and what will be the church's loss here will be the church's gain wherever he may go.

The Methodist Church had a sociable which was attended by about 200 people and all had a glorious time. Ice cream, berries, music and games were the features of the evening and \$65 were realized for Rev. Stevens.

In spite of the hard times, considerable of building is going on here. Bannerman's building is looming up big at the other end of town. Mr. B. was offered a "V" the other day to tell what he was building, but could not do it.

Carl Grosse, who taught the schools here last winter, appeared on our streets Tuesday. Mr. Grosse, like some others we know of, got the blues and left in disgust, but now says we have made vast improvements and are bound to amount to something in less than five years.

S.D. Hollister, superintendent of the Acme exploration, brought in some fine specimens of ore on Tuesday. With their new boiler in place, the water is easily kept out and now he is going down. The ledge was struck on Monday and the specimens were from the top. Hope he will find it big.

Some cruel person cut a large gash in the hip of one cow; the tail-bone nearly off of another and a slight gash in still another, that were in a certain

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garden on Monday night. It is true the cows ought not to be allowed to run loose at night, but anyone who will vent spite on a poor brute, in this way, ought to be punished to the fullest extent of the law.

Another **social** was held on Monday night for the benefit of **Rev. W.T. Doggett**, who has been holding services at the school house for the last three months. The evening was bad, but in spite of this a goodly number turned out and a good time was had. Peaches were ordered by telegraph, but the telegram failed in getting through in time, and the ladies who got up the entertainment were much disappointed and collected ten cents instead of twenty-five cents, as it probably would have been if the peaches had come. Notwithstanding the draw backs [*sic – drawbacks*] twenty-three dollars were taken in and all satisfied.

School was announced to commence at **Commonwealth** last Monday, but the schoolmaster was far away and realizing the importance of promptness our “would-be pedagogue” made every effort to be on time. But either the train was a few minutes early, or he late. Leaving his satchel in care of his attendant, he remarked: “I’m going to catch that train,” and away he went. When near the foot of **Superior Street**, an obstreperous plank came in contact with the sole of his shoe, and the sidewalk came up to meet him. Nothing daunted he pressed on into the misty fog of the morning, beyond sight of curious lookers-on. Anxious to know the result of the chase, his attendant followed and when near the railroad found both shoes of the runner, which he had laid aside, deeming them encumbrances. He made the train.

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Iron River Ripples.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

NEWS on sale at **Bond’s news stand.**

Jake Hammer, the **contractor**, nothing daunted, is again at work on the **Stambaugh hotel structure.**

A. Cummins [*sic – Albert G. Cummings*] has secured the contract for a **new dwelling house to be erected by the Nanaimo Mining Co.**

E. Morgan has opened a **Livery Stable on Genesee street.** He has a good livery outfit, and claims to have the best stock on the Range. Excursion parties and explorers need no longer long for a bicycle or a balloon, when the well-tryed steeds of the Iron River livery stable are ever ready for fire at reasonable terms.

The **Rev. T. Cox** left this week for the south, where he will work to complete his education for the ministry. Last Sunday he delivered his farewell sermon, at **Innes Hall**, to a large and appreciative audience. During the stay of Mr. Cox in our midst, which has extended over the last five months, the regular attendance at services has attested to the enjoyment which the people have derived from his interesting discourses. That he leaves the place, [*sic*] is the regret of all, and should he ever revisit Iron River, we feel confident that he will be warmly welcomed.

At noon on Monday, a sad **accident** occurred at the **Nanaimo mine**, which resulted in the **instant death of James Luxmore**, brother to **Thomas Luxmore**, and in serious, though not fatal injury, to **J. Pender**. At the time of the accident Mr. Luxmore was tamping a charge, preparatory to blasting, and it is supposed that a spark was struck from the rock or that the old fuse retained fire, which ignited the charge. About three and a half kegs of

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powder were in the hole when it exploded. The unfortunate man was thrown fully 200 feet in the air. The occurrence has cast a gloom over the town as Mr. Luxmore was greatly respected by all classes, alike for his affability and his spirit of usefulness. Being an able orator, and an earnest Christian, he cheerfully took upon himself the task of conducting church services, at whatever time the town happened to be without a minister, and it was announced last Sunday that he would preach on the Sabbath following. He leaves a wife and five children to mourn his untimely end. The remains of the deceased were interred on Tuesday, the obsequies being attended [sic – attended] by a large concourse of relatives and friends.

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Iron River Ripples.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

NEWS on sale at **Bond's news stand**.

The **new depot** is a great convenience.

Minckler Bros.' new warehouse is under roof.

Minckler Bros., [sic] are to open a **new meat market**.

Charley Bush is as smiling as ever and reports a good business.

Morrison & Hudson report their "cash" rule to be working finely.

F. Camins is busied at **blacksmithing** and **W.H. Windsor** also has plenty of work.

A.C. Cummings [sic – **A.G. Cummings**] is running as neat a **restaurant** as can be and deserves to be well patronized.

Steller Bros., [sic] have taken the agency for the **American sewing machine** and **Kimball's organs and pianos**.

George Innes' new hotel looks immense. Business is picking up with Mr. Innes. All he wants to do is to "stick."

E.A. Kendley contemplates soon building an addition to his store. We are glad to know of Mr. Kendley's prosperity.

Your correspondent smells a lively litigation in the distance. He hears soft mutterings of libel suits, defamation of character, damages, etc.

D.C. McKinnon and his sister, Miss **Mary**, visited Chicago during the week. Mr. McKinnon doesn't seem to worry about the land question. And he needn't.

W. Habig has gone to Chicago to remain permanently. Mr. Habig was an enterprising and pleasant young gentleman and we are sorry to lose him. Horse shoe.

"Punk," "Kate" and "Topsy" are three deers [sic], not "dears" now mind you, owned by **Conductor Riley** and **Dr. Frank L. Bond**. The little creatures are quite young and are becoming very tame.

Andy Boyington is a jolly fellow, a good story teller, keeps the boss **hotel**, is a crack shot, can catch trout with all of the expertness of Izaak [sic – Isaac] Walton himself and is pleasant to everybody.

Capt. Thomas Luxmore, of the **Nanaimo**, has been chosen a member of the **school board**, to fill a vacancy caused by the **resignation of Andy Boyington**. Mr. Luxmore will make a good officer.

Society is on the *qui vive* over the event which is to occur on Saturday evening. **Captain and Mrs. Roberts** know how to entertain and that their reception will be a most pleasant affair, is an assured fact.

Your correspondent has been informed that "John Porcupine, who has just concluded a course in 'botany' at Lodi, has returned to Iron River, to make this his

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permanent residence.” Gossipers say the course “cost Mr. Porcupine \$50.”

The boys insisted on running popular **W.J. Tully** to fill the school board vacancy, against his will. The joke was carried so far that Mr. Tully came within one vote of being elected. He is liked by all and would poll a handsome vote for any office.

An injunction has been served upon those who are building the **road to Lake Chicagoan**. The opposing party claims that, the road can only be built by the vote of the people. Your correspondent has been informed that **District Attorney [sic – Attorney] Mapes** has expressed it as his opinion that the road was being legally projected in every way.

The **fair to assist in the purchase of an organ for the children of Iron River**, for which the ladies have been arduously preparing, for several weeks past, is fixed to take place in **James Innes’ building** on the evening of Sept. 13th. Preparations are thorough, an elegant supper will be served and the affair will be very enjoyable indeed in such hands and deserves the highest patronage. All are kindly invited to attend and have a good time.

Stambaugh Stylographs.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

Business is picking up.

The **hotel** is being pushed.

Supt. W.B. Linsley, of the **C. & N-W.**, was up this week.

T.W. Wilson and son, of Youngstown, Ohio, are here.

The firm style is now **Buell & Taylor**, **Mr. Crooks** having retired.

Supt. Porter’s residence is the finest one by all odds, on the Range.

W.H. Mack was a visitor here on Tuesday. He hadn’t been up since the railroad came in.

C.E. Brunelle has completed arrangements for opening a **branch lumber yard** here, for the **Merick Lumber Co.**

Thomas Larson, who opened up a neat **bakery and confectionery establishment** a short time ago, is doing well.

Charley White, of **Florence**, has opened a cosy [*sic – cozy*] little **barber shop** and is commencing to do well. He is a good barber.

Thos. Hannon has broken ground for a nice, large **boarding house**, 50x60 feet and two stories high, which is to cost about \$3,000.

Mr. Fogarty is at the head of the energetic **move to erect a Catholic church**. He is a live man and has already procured three lots and nearly \$1,000.

Henry Todd, son of **ex-Governor Todd**, of Ohio, who is connected with the **Iron River Company**, was looking over the company’s interests this week.

Stambaugh is still prospering in the way of improvements. New buildings are looming up most every day. The **new hotel** is up and sheeted and nearly roofed. It is greatly improved in appearance.

Our folks don’t like the way Iron River has acted about the **road to Lake Chicagoan**. It would have been more direct to have started at Stambaugh, which would have made the thoroughfare mutually beneficial.

Our would-be German plenipotentiary, or supervisor rather, who, with his staff was going on at railroad speed, with an unnecessarily extravagant piece of work, which was to cost in the neighborhood of \$10,000, irrespective of the wish of the majority of the tax-paying citizens of the Township, had a halt put to his gallop, by

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having an injunction served, the result of which has not yet been arrived at.

The **annual school meeting** was held last Monday and as I have been informed, they have voted for a term of ten months' school and a female teacher. The board elected **J.S. McLane**, assessor and **Pat. Fogarty**, director, the latter of whom was appointed to that position in place of **W.H.Selden**, resigned. The District returned **W.H. Seldon** [*sic – Selden*] a vote of thanks for the bell he presented the school district, which is now used to call the people together for Divine services, as well as the children to school.

The **Iron River Co.**, [*sic*] is also building. It has built a powder-house, an oil house and is now building a magazine and under the management of **F.P. Mills**, who has charge of the Iron River Co's. mining interests, everything in that way is progressing astonishingly and it certainly could not be otherwise under his control. It is admitted, by all who know him, that Mr. Mills is second to none in the upper [*sic – Upper*] Peninsula, as the theoretical and practical education he has received in mining, makes him equal to the wants of the extensive mining interests of the Iron River Co. The property leased by the company extends a mile along the Iron River, from the north end to the south end. The property has been opened in different places and ore has been found at each place and at each end there seems to be a great deposit. The vein is known to be ninety feet wide in one place and they are now stripping and have striped [*sic – stripped*] ore seventy-two feet and do not yet know how much wider it is. The company has been shipping ore from the top of the ground without the aid of machinery thus far and can ship thousands of tons in this manner yet, but Manager Mills finds it necessary to put in machinery in some places, where the ore has been

taken out down to or below the level of the railroad track. To see the car loads [*sic – carloads*] of fine machinery arriving would make one think that the manager was also educated as a machinist, as well as in mining. He is now putting in an engine 16x230 for present use, while the **Florence Iron Works** build him two 18x24 engines, which, with six large drums, will be inclosed [*sic – enclosed*] in one building. In addition he has a small engine already housed and in operation and is putting up another at the south end of the property, which is called at present the "**Saw-mill mine.**" This is intended to both pump and hoist. The "Saw-mill mine" is now being stripped by **Mr. Crook**, who has taken the contract and has about thirty men to work with horses and push cars, stripping at a rapid rate. He has a vein of ore nearly one hundred feet wide exposed, which the company intends to commence shipping from soon.

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Crystal Falls Matters.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

Lawyer McIntosh, of **Florence**, was in town Wednesday.

Dr. Butts, of **Mastodon**, spent a few hours on our streets Monday.

The **Bay Shore Lumber Co.** sent a crew of men into the woods on Monday.

John Koepka's new building opposite the Postoffice [*sic – post office*] looms up big for a small one.

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Dr. A.A. Metcalf took a run down to **Powers** and **Spaulding** [sic] Saturday. Back Sunday.

V. Carr, of **Marks Camp 5**, looks hearty after a summer in the woods. He was down Tuesday.

The NEWS is on sale at **J.L. Kimball's drug store news stand**, where subscriptions will also be received.

A. Breese, of **Commonwealth**, came up Friday night and spent the Sabbath with his family.

Work commenced at the Junietta on Tuesday night and soon that will be among our working mines again.

J.E. Bower spent a few days in the woods with **D.L. Bush** last week, but we have not seen that bear he shot at yet.

C.E. Geer, the gentlemanly clerk at the **Lockwood House**, spent a day or two in **Escanaba** and returned Saturday.

A.J. Van Andee [sic – *Van Anda*], who has been visiting in Iowa, returned last week and went to his field of labor as **principal of the Iron Mountain schools**, on Saturday.

Rev. W.T. Doggett left last week for **Spiceland, Ind.**, where he will teach school and also preach. Mr. Doggett made many warm friends while here and they are sorry to lose him.

Mrs. A. Breese and child moved to **Commonwealth** Tuesday, where Mr. Breese has been teaching about seventy young ones “to shoot new ideas” during the past week.

The new **postal notes** were ready for issue at our postoffice [sic – *post office*], on Monday. By this arrangement any amount from one cent to four dollars inclusive may be sent to any **money order office** in the United States for three cents.

Dr. Tideman is contented to stay around home now, as he has his office there and on Sunday morning found a

thirteen and three-quarter pound attraction there besides. It's a “young doctor.”

A. Willerling, of **Park's Camp 1**, brought to market eighty heads of fine cabbage, the first that has ever been grown and marketed here. Mr. Willerling is a practical gardener and has **over a thousand heads of cabbage in his garden on the Michigamme.**

Owing to the strike at the **Great Western** last week and three paydays in two weeks there have been many carousers on our streets who had nothing else to do but get drunk and, fight. The pay-days [sic – *paydays*] we can stand, but let's have as little fighting as possible.

Some one [sic – *Someone*] has the **dog-poisoning fever and now most of the canine race are ornamented with muzzles.** **Dr. Tideman's** dog was the first to disappear, **Paul Tearney's** followed Monday morning and there were four more reported missing Wednesday morning.

On Tuesday morning work was resumed at the **Great Western mine**, under the supervision of **Capt. Buddle**, of **Florence**. Mr. Buddle is a thoroughly practical miner and will remove his family here soon. About twenty-five of the old crew were now allowed to commence work again. The mine is now working 70 men.

Dr. A.A. Metcalf and **R.F. Breese**, by the leaving of **Mr. and Mrs. A. Breese**, with whom they had been boarding, are left two lone and forlorn old batchelors [sic – *bachelors*]. They propose to marry each other and keep house, but the doctor got scared out and has gone to boarding at **Lockwood's**, where he can get a good square meal. Now who can help these two young men out?

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Iron River Ripples.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

NEWS on sale at **Bond's news stand.**

P.N. Main has opened a livery here.

Rev. H.P. Cory officiated here and at Stambaugh last Sabbath.

Tom Webb still limps on that cut foot of his, but it is growing rapidly better.

Geo. Innes' new barn is to be a fine one. It will accommodate twenty horses.

A. Lobel now has charge for **Joe Laev.** He takes the place formerly occupied by **W. Habig.**

The excellent communication from "Sportsman" has been unavoidably crowded out this week.

The celebration of the **tenth anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Capt. Harry Robert's [sic – Roberts'] wedding**, at **Innes Hall**, last Saturday evening, was an elegant affair. Dancing was participated in to music furnished by the **Iron River String Band**, until the approaching noon of night heralded the Sabbath morn, when the guests were ushered to the **Boyington House**. The genial host had almost outdone himself in spreading the banquet board and not the least enjoyable was the time spent at the festal tables. The *menu* would have done credit to a metropolitan hotel and the table decorations of flowers, were most tastefully arranged. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts received an endless number of useful and amusing presents in the line of tinware and were the recipients of a shower of congratulations and good wishes. Among those present were: **Mr. and Mrs. C.T. Roberts, Dr. D.M. and Mrs. Bond, Dr. F.L. and Miss Lillian Bond, Dr. H.C. Kimball and Mrs. Kimball, of Crystal Falls; Mr. and Mrs. Hitchcock, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. John**

McDonald, Capt. and Mrs. Thos. Luxmore; Miss Mollie Bartle and Prof. Frank Scadden, of Crystal Falls; Messrs. P. Fogarty and Bronson, of Stambaugh; Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Crocker, Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Boyington, John Findeisen, Miss Laura Hill, Mr. McKinnon, Miss McGinnis, J.B. Riley, John Helps, John Williams, William Brown, Robert Quinn, Judge James Innes, Miss Loga, Mrs. Weston; James H. MacNaughton, Jas. I. Toner and Chase S. Osborn, Florence.

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[Special Correspondence.]

The NEWS will be found on sale at **J.E. Bower's drug store and fancy emporium.**

J.B. Dufresner is fixing up his **barber shop and restaurant** for winter.

The **Lockwood House** is doing quite a business now, entertaining **hunters.**

It snowed enough to make the ground white on the Hemlock, Friday night.

J.M. Sssington [sic – Sissington] escorted a **Chicago hunting party up to the Fence River**, on Friday.

The **school house** has been given an attractive coat of paint and is a handsome structure.

M. VanBuskirk accompanied a lot of Galena pleasure seekers to the **Deer River** on Tuesday.

The weather has been warm enough for the last few days to make the **ice business** quite brisk.

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M.J. Lindsey is having the **postoffice [sic – post office] drug store** painted inside and things are topsy-turvy there now.

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A. Lustfield left for Chicago Wednesday morning, for the purpose of stocking up for winter trade.

The **Lockwood House**, although not compelled to, **now runs a free bus to and from the depot**. D.C. believes in accomodation [*sic – accommodation*].

Uncle Geo. Parks, who has been taking a run-around among his friends in Wisconsin and Minnesota, returned last week, looking as well as ever.

Master **Ray Kimball** has returned home from a week's trip in the woods, having **killed a large buck**, weighing over 200 pounds dressed. Ray is a famous hunter and is as proud of his game as any boy of fourteen could well be.

A **new livery will be opened and run in connection with the Lockwood House** commencing with Monday next. Ho! For cheaper prices in the livery line. Mr. Lockwood's enterprise will be and should be appreciated.

Dave Adams, formerly a resident of this place, now in Agate Bay, Minn., was around shaking hands with his many friends here last week. He returned Monday, taking **Tony Harding** with him. Tony is going to take up a homestead.

The following party from Nashville and Chicago have been at the **Lockwood House**, from which they made some most enjoyable sporting excursions: **N.A. Phillips, J.A. Phillips, Mrs. J.A. Phillips, Miss Florence Phillips, H.A. Douglas, Geo. W. McDonnel** and **L.D. Phillips**.

N.F. Leopold and **Louis Newman** have purchased the old **Leopold & Austrian store**, which will hereafter be managed by **Al. Austrian**. The firm style

will be **N.F. Leopold & Co.** The same firm has a **store at Mastodon**. The store is a fine one, the stock large and expensive and that it will have an excellent business management is not to be doubted for a moment. Success.

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Crystal Falls Matters.

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Our ambitious [*sic – ambitious*] **Prof. Scadden** contemplates "teaching the young ideas how to shoot" in the branch school across the river.

Among the many new papers at **J.L. Kimball & Co's drug store** you will find the MINING NEWS. It is always there with the other interesting publications.

Our school opens Monday with M.L. Smith, of Monroe Co., Mich., as principal. Mr. Smith is a very pleasant appearing gentleman and comes highly recommended.

The meeting of the **I.C.S. Club** Tuesday evening was not very well attended. The cause is thought to be a little indisposition on the part of the members. A little more interest boys, or this season will slip away without accomplishing much.

The **pulpit at the school house** has for the last two Sabbaths been without a regular minister but the vacancy has been supplied by **Cady Hollister** and **R.F. Breese**, who have been reading Dr.

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Talmadge's sermons, with a fair attendance. Efforts have been made during the last few weeks to find a man for the place, but without success. Last Sabbath evening, after service, a meeting was held to consider letters which had been received, and a movement was inaugurated [*sic – inaugurated*] by which **a new bell will very soon be inviting the late sleepers on Sunday morning, to arise and come to worship.** For the benefit of this enterprise there was a **social** given in **Doucette's Hall** on Friday night.

The **Iron Clad Sporting Club**, the organization of which was given in the NEWS some time ago, has posted up notices warning hunters to beware and comply with the game laws. The new club has worthy objects and its members mean business. At present there are twenty members and seven applications. The newly elected officers are: President, **Dr. D.W. Brown**; Vice President, **J.M. Essington**; Secretary, **Frank Scadden**; Treasurer, **Adolph Lustfield**; Board of Directors – **Al. Austrian**, Chairman; **C.T. Roberts**, **L. Bishop**, **George Runkel** and **Harry Pentecost**. The club meets the second Tuesday in every month. It is down on fence building and night hunting.

On Monday morning messengers came in post-haste from the **Caledonia mine** with the sad information that a little **nine-month-old child of Capt. Cavender had been fearfully scalded.** **Dr. Tideman** was called and spent the day and night with the little sufferer. It had been placed near the stove to warm and in a moment when the mother was not watching, had caught the coffee-pot, which was setting on the edge of the stove, and pulled it over with its boiling contents onto itself. Almost the entire surface of the legs and feet were blistered and large patches on its face, arms, side and abdomen were badly burned. The doctor estimates that fully half of the

surface of the child is burned. At last reports the little sufferer was quiet and a little better. The poor mother is almost wild over the unfortunate accident.

On Friday last our usually quiet village, was startled to unusual activity, by a report that **a man was found dead in the woods near the Union mine.** A German working on the new road, which is being cut between this place and the **Mastodon mine**, brought the report. **Justice Gallagher** summoned a jury and repaired to the place, only to find that one **Albert Tolman**, a German who had also been working on the road above mentioned, had **evidently taken his own life.** The unfortunate man was seen on the street about six o'clock the evening before, with some picks and sundry articles for the camp, among which was a bottle of whiskey. From all the facts which could be gathered in the case, the Coroners [*sic – Coroner's*] Jury returned the verdict that deceased came to his death by a revolver shot from his own hand. He had made a bed of branches by the side of a log, placing the picks under them for a pillow. One arm was under his head and in the other hand he still held the revolver, all covered with blood, with which he had done the deed. Deceased had for a year or more been working for **Martin Rogan**, and was subject to violent fits of rage. In one of these Mr. Rogan once saw him go through the motion of cutting his throat with a knife. The supposition is that deceased was considerably under the influence of liquor, as the bottle when he was found, was empty, and on pulling off his boots they were found full of mud and water; that he became discouraged and in one of his insane spells, placed the revolver to his right temple and so ended the life in which he could see nothing but sadness. The remains were brought to town; placed in a

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plain wooden coffin and properly buried in our cemetery.

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[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

A little child of Mrs. O.C. Hill died last Sunday of diphtheria [sic – diphtheria].

Supt. J.M. Porter is putting a new fence around his place, which will greatly improve the looks of the premises. **Dr. Carpenter** and **J.S. McLane**, are going to do likewise.

Chas. E. Brunelle, [sic] is busy now with men and teams, hauling and piling up dry and dressed lumber, lath and shingles in his **new lumber yard**.

The **Catholics**, I understand, are expecting to hear from the Bishop in regard to **building their church**, for which they have a subscription to the amount of \$1,100.

R.O. Bronson, of the firm of **Bronson & Fogarty**, has been to **Escanaba**, I am informed, to meet an agent with a sample stock, to purchase a stock of fall and holiday goods for their drug store.

Mr. Crooks has taken a contract of the **Kirby Carpenter Co.**, [sic] for getting out about thirty million feet of pine on the **Iron and Paint Rivers** and has now got men at work cleaning up and improving the **Iron River**, from the **Iron River Co's saw-mill [sic – sawmill] to the Brule River**. He intends building his **warehouse** at Stambaugh and will distribute his supplies from here for the **Iron River** work. He may build another at **Crystal Falls** for the **Paint River crew**.

And still we prosper in building, painting and improving. The lumber is being hauled on the ground for **Mr. Hannon's big boarding house** and the **hotel** is putting on a citified appearance. It is going to be like **Supt. Porter's house**, when completed, on [sic – one] of the nicest buildings on the Range. **Mr. Hamer, the builder**, is just the man that knows how to make it so. **Mr. Crooks** is fitting up and going to beautify the building formerly owned by **J. Curran**. **Mr. Morrison** has fitted up one of his buildings for a Florence man to deal out drinks to the thirsty.

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Stambaugh Stylographs.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

Our **school opened Monday**, with **Miss Downs** in charge.

Supt. J.N. Porter went to Chicago to meet his wire [sic – wife] on her way home from a visit in Youngstown, Ohio.

New buildings are going up as fast as carpenters can be got to finish them and strange families are coming in and occupying them.

The extensive amount of work that is being done in and about the **Iron River Co's mines**, gives employment to a great number of men and horses.

The farmers about Stambaugh are now digging their potatoes. The quality is very good but on account of early frosts the quantity is not very large.

Some of our neighbors from **Iron River** are coming over to locate at Stambaugh. One gentleman has a nice residence now well under way toward completion.

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John Corcoran, of Escanaba, was in Stambaugh last week. He has **three store buildings here**, the largest and best of them he is going to occupy this fall with an immense stock of gents furnishing goods, hats and caps, boots and shoes, etc.

The **editor of the Marinette North Star** was up this week and seems to be agreeable disappointed in the appearance of our new place. It is far ahead of what he expected. He was especially surprised at the magnitude of the Stambaugh mines.

D.N. McKay, of Escanaba, and **Mr. Helps**, father of **Johnnie Helps**, **bookkeeper at the Nanaimo mine**, were here looking Stambaugh and its big mines over. It is rumored that either one of the above named gentlemen or **J.S. McDonald** is going to build a store at the mining location.

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Iron River Ripples.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

NEWS on sale at **Bond's news stand**.

Hitchcock & Cannon are having the exterior of their store painted.

Harry Gibbon has moved into **Noonan's building**.

O.C. Hill has lost a second daughter from diphtheria [*sic* – *diphtheria*] – **Mabel**, aged eight years. The family has the sincere sympathy of the NEWS.

Capt. Luxmore, who was lately elected treasurer of the **School Board**, has resigned in favor of **Mr. Campbell**, who has been accepted by the Board.

The **new School** [*sic* – *school*] **building** is rapidly nearing completion.

John Morrison & Co., the contractors, deserve credit for the substantial manner in which the building is being erected.

Last week, two men named **Tom. Loyced** and **Henry Reynolds**, attacked **Simon Simonson on Genesee St., opposite the Bush saloon**. Complaint having been made to the proper parties and a warrant procured, they were arrested by **Deputy Sheriff Griffin**, and taken before **Judge Quirt**. After being duly examined they were found guilty of the charge of “**assault and battery**.” Loyced was fined \$10 and costs, and Reynolds \$2 and costs.

One of our business men [*sic* – *businessmen*] was around last week with a petition, having for its object the ousting of **Griffin** from the office which he so adequately fills. But we are glad to be able to say that his efforts to be revenged in that way, [*sic*] were unsuccessful, he having procured only three signatures. It is a difficult matter to get a man who can fill the post as Mr. Griffin does, and the people of Iron River know and appreciate the value of his services.

A fair was held in **Jas. Innes' building** last week to **raise funds for purchasing an organ for the use of the Sunday School**. The arrangements were made and carried into effect in a manner most creditable to **Mrs. Y. Campbell**[,] who was the originator of the scheme, and to other ladies of the town who combined their efforts with those of Mrs. Campbell to make the affair a success. In this aim they succeeded, beyond the expectations of all. An excellent supper which lacked neither in substantiality nor in the *entremets* of delicacies, prepared the way for an evening of sociable enjoyment which was shared by all. Beyond some cavilling [*sic* – *caviling*] over one of the prize tickets, there was nothing to ruffle the orderly and pleasurable flow of the proceedings. The sum of \$104 was realized.

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EDITOR MINING NEWS: – *Dear Sir*, I have waited some time hoping someone else would make a move in regard to the **wanton and wholesale slaughter of deer in the vicinity of Iron River and Sand Lake, where the Indians have constructed what is termed a “deer fence,” extending a distance of eighteen miles and another to Lake Chicagoan about twelve miles long.** During a period of ten days three Indians slaughtered 165 deer, bringing their pelts into town and disposing of them and leaving their carcasses in the woods to decay. If this continues it will not be long before their [*sic – there*] will not be a deer in this section of the country. Now, what I would like to know is, whether there is not a law prohibiting such wanton slaughter and what steps should be taken to put a stop to it. If you will give this an insertion in your valuable paper, you will confer an inestimable favor upon one who loves hunting but not in the way it is practiced in this part of the country. SPORTSMAN.

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Crystal Falls Matters.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

News is scarce this week.

The NEWS will be found on sale at **J.E. Bower’s drug store and fancy emporium.**

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C.T. Runkel, who has been visiting in Waupun, Wis., for the past week[,] returned on Monday.

T.G. Clark and family, **H.C. Brailey** and family and **Dr. Metcalf** spent Monday night at **Fortune Lake**.

The **social** on Friday night was a success sociably and financially [*sic – financially*]. A large number were in attendance and \$36 were the gross receipts.

School commenced in the upper room Monday morning, with an attendance of twenty-seven pupils. Monday was spent in examination and grading preparatory for thorough and systematic work. **School in the lower room commenced Wednesday morning with Miss Mattie Parmenter, of Commonwealth, in charge.**

Our quiet village was stirred to a little excitement on Monday evening, by the sudden appearance of our **band boys on the street with their instruments.** Though the boys have not practiced much, they showed they could do something. The NEWS correspondent hopes this will not be the last appearance that will be made.

Morris Welch[,] our efficient **city marshall** [*sic – marshal*][,] left town quietly one day last week and returned as quiet, but not without company. Not until on assuming his official duties and setting up the cigars, did many know that he had been to **Quinnesec** and captured, not a miscreant, but a fair daughter of that little village, who had changed her name and promised to share his “weal and woe” as long as life shall last. Morris has the hearty congratulations of his many friends and the NEWS.

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Our woods look very beautiful in their autumnal garb.

A.J. Rand brought in a large bear and a deer on Thursday of last week.

Our population was increased by one, in **Peter Peterson's** family, Friday morning.

Ed. Munhall was around setting up the cigars Saturday. It's a girl.

Ambrose Breese, principal of the schools a [*sic* – at] Commonwealth, spent Tuesday night with his brother.

Ole Hager had quite a fall on Saturday night, but with a bottle of liniment and a little of **Dr. Tideman's** care is out and around.

Still another instrument has been added to our band. **S.D. Hollister, Jr.**, being the owner of a fine new snare drum. More are coming.

A Swede at the Youngstown mine had his finger pinched by the falling of some dirt on Saturday last. The wound was dressed by **Dr. Metcalf.**

The force is being increased daily at the Youngstown mine. They are now working about 50 men in and around the mine, besides the wood choppers.

Charley Smith, who was formerly in **Curry's barber shop** here, but who has been at **Stambaugh** for some time, returned to this place Sunday and will run a shop here after this.

R.F. Breese received a telegram Tuesday, to the effect that the **Rev. J.M. Belding**, of Chicago, would be at Crystal Falls Thursday, so that it can be definitely

announced that there will be services at the school house Sabbath morning at 10:30 o'clock and evening at 7:30 o'clock. Let there be a general turn out.

The efforts to procure a divine to fill the pulpit at the school house have been partially successful: Last week a letter was received from **Rev. J.M. Belding**, of Chicago, saying if suitable arrangements could be made he could fill the place. Mr. Belding was telegraphed to come early in the week and spend next Sabbath with us, so that arrangements could be made more satisfactorily [*sic* – satisfactorily] than by writing. Mr. Belding, it will be remembered by some, spent a year ago last summer at **Hermansville** and **Spaulding** [*sic*] and was here once or twice visiting his friend, the **Rev. J.W. Lowrie**. He has been prominent in **Young Men's Christian Association** work in Chicago and is a lively, earnest, energetic young man. If the church can secure his services it may consider itself fortunate.

On Monday night, a meeting of those interested in music was held in **R.F. Breese's** rooms, for the purpose of organizing a band. **R.F. Breese** was called to the chair until officers could be elected, when the following were chosen: **L.D. Rowley**, president; **A.J. Logsue**, vice president; **W.F. Bower**, secretary and treasurer. **S.D. Hollister, Jr.**, **R.F. Breese** and **L.D. Rowley** were appointed a committee to draw up rules and regulations for the government of the band. **Al. Logsue** was appointed a committee to visit the **Paint River mine**, for the purpose of ascertaining if there were any there, who would join the band. **R.F. Breese** was appointed a committee to visit a band instructor, now at the **Mastodon mine**, for the purpose of ascertaining his terms for instructions. The meeting adjourned till Friday night. The following, so far as now known by the NEWS correspondent, are

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the band members; [sic – :] **L.D. Rowley**, bass drum; **S.D. Hollister, Jr.**, snare drum; **James Moore** and **C.F. Runkel**, B. flat cornets; **Harry Essington**, E. flat alto; **A.J. Logsue**, baritone; **R.F. Breese**, clarionette; **W.F. Bower**, tuba. Those who have no instruments yet are **Sam'l Pearce** and **M. Van Buskirk**.

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Stambaugh Stylographs.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

A nice new passenger coach decorates our passenger train.

Sol. Eckstein, the merchant tailor, of Oshkosh, was up this week and viewed our town with much satisfaction.

Lem. Ephraim, of **Escanaba**, was up measuring the boys for new clothes and took quite a number of orders. He gives good satisfaction.

Mr. Morgan has taken a contract to cut and deliver to the **Iron River Co.**, about 4,000 cords of wood, work on which he is going to commence as soon as he can procure men.

Bronson, of the firm of **Bronson & Fogarty, druggists**, has gone to Chicago to purchase a stock of fall and holiday goods, not finding what he wanted when he went to **Escanaba** to meet an agent.

Contractors and men working in the mine all seem to be doing well and all are well satisfied. The men make from \$1.75 to \$3.00 per day. This being the case, it is brightening up for business men [sic – businessmen] in all branches.

The **Iron River Co.**, is about to put up a large building in the swamp, between its

side track and the river, the size of which is to be about 80x140 feet. The structure will be used for **blacksmith, carpenter and machine shops** and will be commenced as soon as the swamp is filled. The work of filling the swamp with strippings and waste rock is now progressing.

And still our village puts on a prosperous appearance. Improvements are too numerous too [sic – to] mention. So much is doing that contractors of buildings can not [sic – cannot] get men enough to do the work as fast as it is wanted. Lathers are in good demand now. I don't know of a better place for four or five, for the balance of the season, as there are a good many buildings in course of construction and a number more to be built.

Several parties who delight in **pugilistic sport**, showed their ability last Saturday night. It seemed to "be a free-for-all.[]" A son or [sic – of] the Emerald Isle with a scientific pass, laid out a Norseman, who interfered in the sport off [sic – of] two others, who were practicing. To make matters worse, the Swede's poor wife fainted and fell on top of her prostrate lord, as if determined to hold him down. Shortly after, a curly headed Frenchman, called "Frizzy," imagined [sic – imagined] himself powerful enough to assault and beat one or two Norwegians. On making the attempt he got laid out with a couple of "shanties" over his eyes. He had to pay the cost of courting next day, which ended the matter. The melee was about the first in our village. We expect to be at peace now for some time. During the excitement "**nigger**" **Charley**, of **Florence**, got hit with a rock and they say he got as white as a sheet, but next day when I saw him, he looked natural.

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[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

Stambaugh is booming and prospering.

Mr. Stambaugh, president of the **Iron River Mining Co.**, and the gentleman in whose honor the village is named, is here at present looking over his interests and the vast improvements recently made by **Manager Mills**.

C.J. Lewis, with some of his friends, were looking our town over and I suppose **Curt** is looking for another mine.

The **new hotel** is receiving a very nice coat of paint, which adds greatly to its appearance. The structure is nearing completion.

The **Iron River Co.**, [sic] has commenced to erect the new building spoken of last week, which is intended for their shops.

The extent of the improvements made in and about Stambaugh and the mines is very encouraging to the people of this place.

Mr. Bronson, of **Bronson & Fogarty**, has returned from Chicago with lots of new goods for their **drug store**, for the fall and holiday trade.

John Corcoran, of **Escanaba**, is shelving and fitting up his **corner store**, preparatory to receiving his stock of dry goods which is expected by the middle of the month.

Dr. Carpenter, who has been north, looking after his interests in the **Ropes gold mine**, has returned home again satisfied with the result of the test which was recently made.

Mrs. Alex. Kempt was up during the week, visiting with her father and mother, **Mr. and Mrs. Brunelle** and also her brother

Charley, of the hardware business and lumber yard.

Mr. Morgan, of **Iron River**, is now preparing to build a residence in **Stambaugh** and intends moving here this fall, which he says will be necessary, on account of working so many men and teams in getting out wood for the **Iron River Co.**

Thos. Hannon's boarding house is up and enclosed. It looks as if it were large enough for a hotel and would do credit to any town on the Range for such, except **Stambaugh**, which means to excel all other towns in such accommodations.

T.E. Connolly, of **Escanaba**, was up this week figuring on putting in a furnace in the new hotel and doing some plumbing, so as to convey hot and cold water to the different rooms. The hotel is to have all of the modern improvements.

W.B. Linsley, superintendent of the **Peninsula Division of the C. & N.W.R.R.**, and several railroad magnates, including **Messrs. Hughitt, Layng** and others, were up in a special car and looking the **Iron River Mining Co's**. [sic – Co.'s] property over during the week.

I am reliably informed that the **Bishop was up last Monday night, pertaining to church matters and decided to have a church built at Stambaugh**. He intends to locate a priest here in the near future. **Messrs. Schipson, Kilgallen, Griffin** and others of **Iron River** and **Pat Fogarty**, of **Stambaugh**, waited on the Bishop and in their presence and with their consent, decided to build at Stambaugh.

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[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

The **Boston cheap store** is full of new goods.

The NEWS will be found on sale at **J.E. Bower's drug store and fancy emporium.**

G.S. Lyon, of the **Union Iron and Steel Co.**, was up Sunday.

The NEWS is on sale at **J.K. Kimball's drug store news stand**, where subscriptions will also be received.

R.P. Hollow, formerly in the **harness shop** here, was on the streets Monday, shaking hands.

J.E. Bower, of the **post office drug store**, left for a trip to southern Michigan Tuesday noon.

Alex. Claperton, who handles the "lightning" at the **depot**, left for a visit to his home in Kalamazoo, Thursday.

Carl Pardee, who dispenses tickets to those who leave, took in the fair at De Pere and returned Monday.

S.D. Hollister, Sr., [sic] took the train Wednesday of last week for an eastern trip. He will visit New York.

The **pulpit at the school house** was occupied acceptably and to the profit of all who attended, by the **Rev. J.M. Belding**, last Sunday.

Will Terongeau, who has had **care of the freight, at the depot**, left for Houghton Wednesday, and will not return.

Geo. Runkel, of the firm of **Bishop & Runkel**, returned from a trip to Detroit on Friday.

Mrs. S.D. Hollister, Sr., Mattie Hollister, and **Zilpha Hollister**, [sic] returned from an extended visit among friends in Wisconsin, on Tuesday of last week.

Dr. Mead, the genial, jovial, medicine man of **Quinnesec**, came up Thursday and

had a "jolly good time" with his friends here. Returned Sunday.

Owing to the sickness of **Miss Parmenter**, there was **no school in the lower room** Monday. She was around and ready for work Tuesday morning.

Some fine specimens of steel ore were brought in from **L. Blaney's exploration on section 27, east of town**. Mr. B. is now working in loose ledge, and has fine prospect of a good thing.

Geo. Runkel and **D.C. Lockwood**, while skimming around the woods last Sunday[,] were surprised at coming to a jumping-off place; an abrupt perpendicular precipice, upwards of an [sic – one] hundred feet high. Strange for this country.

Omer Lindsey, who worked for **Leopold & Austrian** when they were in business, afterward going to his home in Bellevue, Ia., returned last week to work for the new firm of **Leopold & Co.**, under the management of **Al. Austrian**.

Reports came in from one of **Bush's camps**, that there was a **party of hunters on the Deer River, slaughtering deer by the wholesale, taking only the skin and saddles and leaving the rest to lie in the woods**. If this be true, those who have the enforcing of the law, should look after it.

At the **Acme location** they cut the ledge near the railroad track in green stone, and have moved their boiler and pump 200 feet worth, to an old pit abandoned on account of too much water, last summer. In **Mr. Hollister's** absence, **Cady Hollister** is visiting the exploration once a day.

And now our brass band is flourishing. **Fred Kopp**, of the **Mastodon mine**, has been secured as **teacher** and he promises that inside of two weeks, the boys will be able to play two pieces. **Eight new instruments have been ordered and the band now consists of eighteen pieces.** [Wonder if Kopp is the same man who

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taught the Florence band boys and left without paying his bills? ED.]

That deer fence on Chicagoan Lake has been broken up and burned. Deputy Sheriff Henry accompanied by **M. VanBuskirk**, visited that section of country on Monday, for the purpose of investigating the matter. From there they went to **Iron River**, where they found prominent citizens interested in deer skins. When officers of the law wink at violations, what can be expected of citizens?

On Tuesday night **Dr. Tideman** received a telegram to come on the first train in the morning to **Iron Mountain**. The occasion was the sickness of little **Mary Tearney**, sister of **Paul Tearney**, of this place. The doctor returned Wednesday night, reporting that there was little hope of her recovery, as that dreadful disease, **diphtheria**, had poisoned the blood and it was too late to do anything for her.

Our quiet village was stirred to more than usual excitement on Saturday. **As the handcar was running in just before train time, Mike Tender lost his balance and fell off backward. The car was moving unusually fast and passed entirely over the unfortunate man, throwing it from the track. The injured man raised up, only to fall unconscious again on the track.** There were five men on the car, besides all of the section tools and the only wonder is that Mr. Tender was not killed outright, instead of receiving a severe gash in the forehead, several severe bruises around the shoulders and a general shaking up. Under **Dr. Metcalf's** care he is up and around again.

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Crystal Falls Matters.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

Fine weather after the rainy spell.

The NEWS will be found on sale at **J.E. Bower's drug store and fancy emporium.**

A **white deer** was brought in and sold to **A. Uren**, our up town **butcher**, last week.

The NEWS is on sale at **J.K. Kimball's drug store news stand**, where subscriptions will also be received.

A.E. Guensburg, of **Florence**, was up Tuesday looking over his interest in the **Boston Cheap Store.**

M.J. Lindsey is having his property, occupied by our first-class **jeweler, K.S. Buck**, sided and fixed up generally.

Miss **Clara Briggs**, who has been spending a month or so with her friends here, left for her home in Chicago Saturday. Come again.

W.A. Curry, the **tonsonial artist [barber]** of **Florence**, was up Tuesday in the interest of his shop here, which is being run by **Charley White.**

J.H. Bartle, of **Saline, Michigan**, is visiting his sister, **Mrs. Dr. Kimball.** He intends to enjoy some of the fine deer shooting, before his return.

On Thursday of last week, **John Morrison's** little two-year-old child broke its left arm above the wrist, at the **Peninsula exploration.** Under **Dr. Metcalf's** care the little sufferer is doing finely.

A. Lustfield is putting in a large table, under which is a large case of drawers, in the middle of the already full store, for the accomodation [*sic – accommodation*] of a large stock of boots, shoes and clothing. The **Boston cheap store** is bound to keep up with everything.

D.A. Graham, of **Florence**, has opened a **harness shop** in the building next to **Ed. Munhall's wagon shop.** **Wm. Welch**, who

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worked with **R.P. Hallow** last year, is managing the shop and doing the work. This is a much needed enterprise here and he ought to receive a liberal patronage.

And now our **brass band** is going to be something. Nine new instruments were added last week. **Wm. Doucette** has kindly rented the boys his hall, charging them barely enough to cover the expense of light and fuel. The members are in earnest and will make the undertaking a success if possible.

It is reported from **Mastodon mine** that, on Monday morning **lightning struck a man named Henry Henwood**; a girl working in the boarding house and a horse. Mr. Henwood had his right hand paralyzed; the girl was deprived of her senses and the horses killed. Mr. H. seems to be unfortunate. It will be remembered that he was shot not long ago and now this disaster has come upon him.

Thomas Nankevis, while engaged in **timbering in shaft No. 1**, of the **Great Western mine last Monday**, received injuries from rock falling from above, cutting several small gashes in his head and causing several bruises in different parts of the body. The wall, where the cave occurred, had just been examined and considered safe. Thomas will soon be around as his injuries are not serious. **Dr. Kimball** is attending him.

George Runkel, Charley Runkel and Cady Hollister, spent Friday and Saturday night, at **Fortune Lake**. During their absence a telegram came for Mr. Runkel, calling him to Chicago. **Mein Host Lockwood** undertook to find the party on Saturday afternoon, but on reaching the lake found no boat in which he could reach their camp. So he wandered around the lake until he found the boat, which the hunting party had left on a trail going into the woods. It being late, he did not like waiting until they should return, so leaving a

note asking the party to camp there until he should return in the morning, he captured the boat, crossed the lake and came home. Tired and hungry the party came to where they had left the boat, only to find it gone and the note in its place. But that did not satisfy their hunger. All that could be done at that late hour was to build a fire and spend the night in all sorts of planning and vowing revenge, on the one who had perpetrated so practical a joke upon them. The party returned Sunday forenoon bringing in plenty of venison to satisfy their hunger, after the long fast.

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Iron River Ripples.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

NEWS on sale at **Bond's news stand**. **William Thompson** has put an addition to his house on **Maple street**.

George Lingley and **Alexander Morrison** had a successful hunt last week.

James Innes has his hands full locating homesteaders and pre-emptors [*sic – pre-emptors*].

Chas. Lorenz is having a commodious cellar dug underneath his **meat market**.

Mrs. P.M. Weston, our fashionable **milliner**, has her parlors crowded with the very latest out in ladies' goods of all kinds.

Mrs. P.M. Weston, the **milliner**, has household goods, including stoves, bedsteads, crockery, etc., which she will sell cheap.

Bush's saloon has been painted, inside and out, and is thereby, much improved in appearance. **Jim McFarlane** had the painting of it.

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M.H. Kilgallen has had the interior of his **residence**, reconstructed on an entirely new plan, which is an improvement as regards both comfort and appearance.

Alex. Quirt has re-opened his **hotel for the accomodation [sic – accommodation] of boarders**. During the past summer the house has been thoroughly renovated, re-paintec [sic – repainted], and many conveniences added.

“Paradise is in the City of Sin.” This may seem to be a rather queer assertion, but **Mr. Paradise, Sr.**, of **Getz & Paradise**, is still in Chicago, where he is enjoying a pleasant visit.

Under the hands of carpenters, masons, lathers and plasterers **Joel Water’s residence** has undergone a most beneficial transformation, which amply fits it to cope with the severity of our northern winters.

Joe Laev’s store looks as neat and tasty as can be. **Abolph [sic – Adolph] Lobel** has an excellent eye for arrangement and displays his stock to the very best advantage. Adolph is popular here and under his management, your correspondent should say from appearances, that the Laev establishment is doing a driving business for the times.

One of the first structures of Iron River, **John Morrison’s log-house [sic – log house]**, was moved last week. This is the fourth time that levers, the Spanish windlass and other scientific appliances, have been at work moving the unfortunate house from place to place, but as it is now close in the embrace of his new and elegant building, we venture to hope that for the remainder of their days, the poor old logs will be allowed to rest in peace.

Peter Kimberly, the prominent iron merchant of **Sharon, Pa.**, and **Johnny Jones**, of **Iron Mountain**, were up Tuesday to complete arrangements for erecting a furnace here. **John Sipchen**, the kind

hearted German, has donated twenty acres west of the **Nanaimo mine**, for a furnace site. The erection of a furnace is still conditional upon obtaining sufficient wood, but our citizens regard the question as definitely settled favorably, and are feeling quite exuberant in consequence. Iron River has a magnificent future in store and all that is now longed for, is the settling of the land question.

Business is picking up considerably. We have the best line of business houses ever claimed by a new town. If you don’t believe it just look in at **Bond’s nobby drug store**; **McDonald’s general store**; **Steller’s jewelry establishment**; **Hitchcock’s hardware house**; **Hause’s tonsorial parlors**; **Kilgallen’s bank**; **Bush’s and Tully’s sample rooms**; **Minckler’s grocery**; **Morrison’s furniture rooms**; **Mrs. Weston’s temple of fashion**; **Laev’s**; **Paradise’s** and **Quinn’s furnishing houses**; **Morrison & Hudson’s meat market**; **Cumming’s [sic – Cummings’] restaurant**; **Boyington’s and Innes’ hotels**; **Camin’s and Windsor’s blacksmith shops**, and a dozen other establishments, whose proprietors’ names we do not recall.

Stambaugh Stylographs.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

Mrs. Lem Ephraim has her sister from Fond du Lac visiting with her.

Manager F.P. Mills has placed **Charles Peck** in charge at the **Isabella pit**.

Local business is picking up slowly, but we still have plenty of time to eat our meals.

The name of the **new hotel** has not yet been decided upon, but it will probably be called the “**Stambaugh House**.”

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C.E. Brunelle has the contract for gutting the new hotel and it is needless to say that the work will be done well.

A nice plank sidewalk will be built to the depot from the village and another to the saw mill [sic – sawmill] and the Isabella pit.

A better road between here and Iron River could be easily constructed if everybody was willing. It ought to be done.

Mr. Morgan has been hauling logs to the saw-mill [sic – sawmill] from which he will have lumber cut for his **new residence at Stambaugh.**

Miss Downs is getting the **school organization** perfected as rapidly as possible. She has about 60 scholars enrolled, with an average daily attendance of 45.

We have had quite a number of visitors during the week, the names of all of whom I have been unable to learn. Among them were **Peter Kimberly, Capt. Wood** and **Capt. Stephens.**

With the present **mine management**, Stambaugh is bound to prosper. **J.N. Porter as superintendent** and **F.P. Mills as manager**, makes the team complete and puts the right men in the right place, both for the interest of the company and the people.

A furnace at Stambaugh in the near [future] consequently is not only among the possibilities, but is one of the probabilities. When Stambaugh and Iron River meet, which is bound to be some time, we shall have a town that will be attractive in more than one sense of the word.

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Stambaugh Stylographs.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

Leon Ephraim was down to **Escanaba** this week on business and also to see his parents.

The **Iron River Company** is now **loading about 140 cars per day**, when it can get them.

There have been parties here with an eye to starting a **livery barn**, a thing which is much needed.

Capt. W.E. Dickinson, of **Commonwealth**, was up during the week **looking over the big mines of Stambaugh.**

Mr. McLaughlin, of Youngstown, Ohio, who represents the **Ohio Powder Co.**, was at Stambaugh during the week.

John Corcoran is opening up and marking his stock of new goods of **ready made [sic – ready-made] clothing, boots, shoes, hats and caps**, etc.

Peter Michaels has opened up a **butcher shop on Main Street**, in **one of John Corcoran's buildings** and is doing a nice business.

Mr. Crooks, who has been absent for a few days, has returned and is making preparations to go into the woods at once, to commence lumbering operations.

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The **new hotel** is nearing completion. It looks as though **J.B. Hamer**, the **contractor and builder**, knew just what

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was necessary to excel all other hotel buildings on the Range.

The **Iron River Company**, is **moving its office building** from where it stood, across the track to the swamp, which has been filled up. The **company's shops**, which **J.J. Hall** is building, are being raised and enclosed. When completed they will be pleasant and convenient.

Mr. Hannon's house is being pushed along rapidly and will be occupied by the first of December at farthest. He seems to have difficulty in getting water, but when he gets it, it will be good as he is now down about 36 feet and about eight of that in rock.

Mr. Morgan has his **residence, which he is building in Stambaugh**, well under way. The dimensions are 24x40 feet, and it is to be two stories high. Property, in some cases, is changing hands and the demand is increasing. Quite a number of small tenement houses are being built by miners and laboring people.

Charley Brunelle, our **hardware and lumber merchant**[,] is getting rather reckless in his religious affairs. I noticed last Sunday he had two teams hauling lumber for him and most of the week previous had only two teams respectively hauling hardware and lumber. Perhaps a rush of business accounts for it. Don't punish him this time.

W.B. Linsley, **ex-Superintendent of the Peninsula Division of the C. & N-W.**, who has been promoted to the **assistant general superintendency of the C. & N-W.**, was up this week with his successor, **W.F. Fitch**, showing him around. We hope Mr. Fitch will be as good for the company and the boys, [sic] as Mr. Linsley has always been. If he is, both the company and the railroad boys of this division will be fortunate, to say the least.

Stambaugh is to have a **furnace** as well as Iron River. It is a street rumor that **Mr.**

Stambaugh will spend \$250,000 to keep even with or ahead of Iron River. He is as enterprising a man as ever founded a town, and has money besides. Iron River is also populated by an active, energetic class and it looks as though a spirit of rivalry would be born, which, if it does not become bitter, and it should not, cannot help benefitting both towns. We are so close together that whatever benefits one, must help the other, unless too much ill-feeling is engendered. As we said before, no bad blood should be manifested. An honest, earnest, active, good-natured rivalry would be the life of everything.

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Iron River Ripples.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

NEWS on sale at **Bond's drug store**.

The **Innes Opera Hall** is being plastered.

E.A. Kendley, the popular **groceryman** [sic – *grocery man*] is driving a brisk trade and smiles benignly in consequence. He deserves it.

De Grass, of **Iron River**, has **contracted to build E. Morgan's new house at Stambaugh**, and has already commenced operations.

The flight of one of a **flock of geese**, on its way to a more congenial clime, was this week arrested by a shot from **Billy Windsor's** rifle.

Young Campbell's building is being plastered. When finished, part of it will be occupied by **Miss Hill** as a **dressmaking establishment**.

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The **Lingley cord-wood saw** is again in active operation. Mr. Lingley has several extensive contracts on hand, and expects to do a lot of sawing before snow, sufficient to retard the work, falls.

On Thursday of last week the **first feathery flakes of snow**, precursors of many a coming storm, made their appearance in Iron River, but finding the climate too warm, they left for a colder sphere.

It is confidently asserted that the **foundation of the proposed furnace will be laid next week**. The site chosen is **opposite the Nanaimo mine**, on the north side of the river, and is one, which as far as regards getting a supply of ore from the mine, offers all the advantages possible. [The NEWS has definite information that a furnace will be at once built at Iron River. ED.]

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Crystal Falls Matters.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

Thursday of last week was a **Jewish holiday**.

The NEWS will be found on sale at **J.E. Bower's drug store and fancy emporium**.

Two inches of snow fell last Saturday morning.

J.E. Bower returned during the week from his visit to old home scenes in lower Michigan.

Cady Hollister shot a **deer** Saturday night. This is his second one.

Mrs. Runkel, mother of **Geo. Runkel**, is here paying her son a visit.

Dave Desbins [sic – Despins] killed **two bears near the Union mine last week**.

Our **brass band** discourses music well for the time it has been together and practicing.

The NEWS is on sale at **J.K. Kimball's drug store news stand**, where subscriptions will also be received.

J.L. Kimball's hunting party sent down **a bear and a deer** showing their success in game catching, last Friday.

Ambrose Breese, **Commonwealth's pedagogue [teacher]**, came up Saturday evening and spent the Sabbath with his brother.

Charley Runkel shot at a **deer Monday night**, but as usual did not bring it in. He says he is "going to."

Encouraging reports come, that the **Nelson shaft, at the Youngstown mine**, is to be opened and an additional force put on.

The **Hemlock hunting party** returned Tuesday night bringing **six deer**. It pays such parties to take an experienced guide with them.

R. Flood & Co., [sic] are [sic – has] filled their [sic – its] **root house with potatoes** raised in this vicinity and some of them are fine ones.

R. Flood & Co. [sic – Co.], [sic] have [sic – has] increased their [sic – its] store room and now have an establishment they can be proud of.

Deputy Sheriff Charles Henry has the contract for **erecting a new office at the Youngstown mine**.

A **lynx was killed** a short distance up the river, the other day. The forest seems to be live with ferocious animals.

The editor of the FLORENCE MINING NEWS was in town Monday and reports himself pleased with "Crystal Falls Matters."

Efforts are being made to **start a lodge of "Ancient Order of Foresters"** in this

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place. Also we hear the **Masons** are talking lodge. Some fraternity should establish itself here.

Capt. Dave Utter was noticeable on our streets on Monday and **John Herrick**, of the **Delphic**, promenaded up-and-down hill on Tuesday.

A **special train, bearing some of the officials of the C. & N-W.**, [sic] ran around the various spurs, to the different mines, in this vicinity last week.

Peter McGovern, who was around here last winter exploring, but spent the summer in southern Missouri, returned last week suffering with malarial fever. He is now under **Dr. Tideman's** care.

Capt. Roberts and wife, **Henry Pentecost**, **Al. Austrian** and **Miss Bartle**, guided by one of the best hunters in the country, went on a **hunting expedition to the Hemlock** last Saturday.

Professor Smith was appointed to **measure the building to be used as a school house across the river and make an estimate of the number of seats required.** The building is known as the "**Blazing Stump.**" **Prof. Scadden** will **teach the new school.**

C. Beverund, who has been working for **Dan'l Bush**, moved his family to town last week. He brought his team in Monday and lost one of his horses Monday night. Three bushels of oats was the cause. **Charley** is a hard working man and can ill-afford this loss.

Mrs. Dr. Kimball is becoming quite a "Mollie Pitcher." A few days ago she dressed an injured hand, [sic] that was mangled frightfully. On Monday she caught a runaway. The horses lunged wildly, but Mrs. Kimball clung to them manfully (womanfully would be better) and after being dragged quite a distance succeeded in checking their mad flight. But not until she had her wrist and angle badly twisted.

Dr. Tideman was called to The **Kirby, Carpenter Co's camp 15**, late last Friday evening and on reaching the camp found a man suffering with pneumonia. One of the camp men came back to town for the necessary medicines and one or two trips were made during the night. When the messenger came in town on the last trip and while he was procuring things necessary for the sick man's comfort, some villain untied his horse and sent it home, leaving the rider to get there as speedily and easily as he could on foot, on a dark night and through a dense woods for a distance of three or four miles. The perpetrators of such a practical joke as this, should be detected and punished to the severest extent of the law.

An attractive little placard announced to the residents and visitors at Crystal Falls that the first *debut* of the **Lime Kiln Club** would occur on Friday evening of last week and that everybody was welcome. Of course none but a morose Diogenes, could resist such a pressing invitation, the admission being free and a supper in some strange manner could be obtained by purchase. The first part of the programme was principally songs, with full choruses, which elicited many expressions of delight. Then half an hour was devoted to supper and the gastronomic delicacies, so gracefully arranged, were scattered pell-mell inside the various persons, much to the satisfaction and delight of the several ladies who worked effectively to make this part of the entertainment a success. After the repast the **orchestra attired in negro fashion** eclipsed, if possible, the former part of the programme. As before stated the first part of the programme was principally songs and choruses, which elicited much applause, especially the songs "Some day [sic – *Someday*] I'll wander back again" and "I Stand on Memory's Golden Shore," rendered by **Mrs.**

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C.T. Roberts. The gentlemen from Paint River did themselves credit in rendering the old familiar song “Old Cabin Home.” It brought out some of the deep-toned British voices, [sic] that had been lying dormant so long. **Prof. Frank Scadden**, their leader[,] proved himself a vocalist of high order and demonstrated that he was accustomed to stand before an audience. He rendered that good old South Carolina song, “Going from the Cotton Fields,” with much ease and expression, and the delight of those present was shown by the applause that followed. The *Finale* – parade of the “Lime Kiln Band” – was the mirth-provoking effort of the evening. It kept the audience in an uproarious [sic – uproarious] state of laughter, from beginning to end. The **Methodist feast of good things and flow of music and mirth**, [sic] was a decided success.

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Milwaukee & Northern R.R.

On Monday a special car containing magnates interested in the Milwaukee & Northern, passed through Florence. Here they picked up **H.D. Fisher** and proceeded to **Iron River**. The party consisted of the **Messrs. Hoyt**, of New York; **E. Mariner**, **Angus Smith**, **Alex. Ray**, **Guido Pfister** and **Supt. Dutton**, of Milwaukee. **The object of the trip was to give the stockholders an idea of the country they are piercing.** And they were more than pleased. Their surprise and astonishment at the resources of the Range were made manifest continually. Supt. Dutton and several of the stockholders assured the MINING NEWS that their road

would reach Florence about the middle of next season.

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Crystal Falls Matters.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

Dr. Kimball and his company brought in **a couple of deer** last week.

P.S. Dunn, one of our former supervisors, was in town last week.

The road to Caledonia is completed and it is an excellent driveway.

Thos. O'Connor, [sic] is having his building sided and made comfortable for winter.

One bear and six deer have been killed at **Park's lumber camp** during the past week.

The NEWS will be found on sale at **J.E. Bower's drug store and fancy emporium.**

One b-flat bass, one e-flat and one b-flat clarionets [sic – clarinets] have been added to our **brass band.**

The NEWS is on sale at **J.L. Kimball's drug store news stand**, where subscriptions will also be received.

G.C. Sheldon and **J.F. Shafer**, of the **Sheldon & Shafer mine**, were up looking over their interests here.

On Thursday of last week, **Erick Renberg** received a **slight scalp wound**, by a fall of dirt at the **Youngstown mine.**

W.F. Bower and **L.D. Rowley**, [sic] shook the bark off of a log, while waiting for deer one night last week. So Frank says.

The **Crystal Falls brass band** made its **first appearance on our streets** on Tuesday night and for the time the boys

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have been practicing, they did remarkably well.

Herman Row is going to making [*sic – make*] a valuable addition to our **brass band** and has ordered a one-hundred-dollar lyre. [Must have purchased an Ishpeming newspaper man. ED.]

J.E. Bower returned from his trip to southern Michigan and Chicago Friday of last week bringing with him **Peter Bower** and lots of new goods. Peter has already been chasing deer around the woods.

A piece of ore, falling from an ascending bucket, at the Youngstown mine, struck Wm. Dwire on the back of the head last week, producing a severe scalp wound. Passing on, it bruised his shoulder and knocked him down, resulting in serious internal injuries. Under **Dr. Metcalf's** care, he is doing well and will soon be around again.

D.W. Brown and **K.S. Buck** went up to **Michigamme** after the deer. Mr. B. stayed as long as [*sic – as*] he could and returned without anything. Mr. B. had better success and stayed under the hospitality of **W.H. Clark**, who is exploring in the vicinity. [The ED. Is at sea about this item. Which Mr. B. was lucky?]

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Stambaugh Stylographs.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

Miss Ephraim, sister of **Lem Ephraim**, is visiting here with her brother.

Miss Carpenter, of Akron, Ohio, is visiting her brother, **Dr. Carpenter**.

Someof [*sic – Some of*] the **Milwaukee & Northern magnates** were up in a special

car this week and looked over the monstrous **mines of Stambaugh**.

Our **school** is prospering and increasing in members. **There are now over sixty scholars in attendance.**

Stambaugh real estate is still booming. Ground is being cleared and cellars being dug for new buildings in all directions, one of which is going up on **Main Street**, for a business place.

Supt. J.N. Porter has commenced the work of putting down the **sidewalk from the town to the depot**. The walk is to be of hemlock plank and about five feet wide. When finished, it will be a great convenience, both to the people of the town and the public generally.

The **new hotel** is nearing completion. It will be open to the public on or about November 15, or in time to give a Thanksgiving dinner at farthest. It would be a very appropriate place for the Ancient Order of Hibernians to celebrate next Patrick's Day as the color of the building is an imitation of the hue of their Emerald Isle, which, I think adds to its beauty and if I were an Irishman and lived in Stambaugh, I should feel complimented at the selection of the color by the parties in charge. But I am from the County Mayo, God help me, and that lets me out all right.

The Iron River Co. shipped last week over a thousand tons of ore per day and could ship nearly or quite two thousand tons per day now, if they could get the cars. Its large buildings between the side-track and the river are moving along rapidly under the management of **J.J. Hull**, the **contractor**. The office is in place and when fitted up will be comfortable and convenient. The company is doing so much that it employs a great many men and it is hard to find an idle man in the place and none need be idle if they wish to work. There is plenty of work for both men and teams.

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A most delightful interpolation of the social history of Stambaugh, was a party given by **Superintendent and Mrs. J.N. Porter**, at their elegant **residence**, on Thursday of last week. The invited guests included all of the best people of Stambaugh and Iron River, besides many from neighboring places. The mansion was ablaze with lights and the decorations were tasty and rich. The hostess is a charming entertainer and the evening sped on the wings of joyousness. The *menu* was such that the most fastidious epicure could not have found fault. The affair was gorgeous in every respect and will long be remembered.

Iron River Ripples.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

NEWS on sale at **Bond's drug store**.

J.S. McDonald, of the **Nanaimo**, was in town this week.

Getz & Paradise have put in a colossal stock for the winter season.

Robert Quinn's shelves and counters are "groaning 'neath their load."

No actual work has yet been done towards the erection of the **furnace**, although preliminary arrangements are still in progress.

F. Heffron was in town on Sunday. He is running **Ruprecht's sawmill at the new town of Mastodon**.

Alex. Quirt is fixing up his **law-office** for the winter. He anticipates a busy season and evidently intends to be well prepared for it.

The **Nanaimo company's office** has been finished, in shellac and varnish.

Kinney's boarding-house has been sided and painted, which vastly improves the appearance, and adds greatly to the comfort of the building. Mr. Kinney is

prepared to give adequate accommodation to a big crowd.

During the week **A. Quirt** has been over head and cars in the law-business [*sic – law business*].

Joe. Laev has got a flashy new sign erected. Guess he has changed his mind about leaving Iron River? The boxes he had made to ship his stock are piled in the back yard for stove-wood [*sic – stove wood*].

Last week **M.J. Griffin** was made the happy recipient of a welcome gift, which weighed no less than thirteen pounds. **'Tis a boy**.

The **new school-house** [*sic – school house*], as far as regards the carpenter and plastering work, is on the verge of completion. The painting has still to be done.

On Wednesday evening, what might have proved a very serious, if not fatal accident, was in its consequences averted in a most heroic and laudable manner by the timely aid of one of our leading and magnanimous townsmen. It appears that on the rear part of one of the lots which compose the main block of the village, workmen have been engaged in digging a well or something of that description – probably it was a test-pit [*sic – test pit*] – which on the aforesaid evening, was left in a most careless manner, devoid of the semblance of an obstruction to protect the unwary from gliding swiftly down the steep incline, which at that time was twelve feet deep. As ill-luck [*sic – ill luck*] would have it, a young lady passing that way recklessly regardless of the nature of the pathway, and blissfully unconscious of coming events, stepped boldly into, and was instantly precipitated to the bottom of the excavation. Much credit is due to the aforementioned gentleman, for the valorous and unselfish magnanimity of soul, and the herculean physical vigor, which he so

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unsparingly exercised in the appalling emergency. Suffice to add that, owing in a great measure to his marvelous presence of mind, expert action and untiring exertions, the lady was speedily rescued, minus scar or hurt, from the yawning abyss – of the 12-foot pit.

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Mastodon Murmurs.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

Dr. Butts visited **Crystal Falls** Wednesday.

Mrs. John Fitzsimmons visited **Florence** during the week.

School began one week ago, with Miss Effie Sweet, of Florence, as teacher.

Miss Emma Jannes, sister of **Mrs. Thomas Wills**, is in delicate health.

Martin McHale's blooming countenance was visible in Mastodon during the week.

The **new boarding house at the Delphic is completed** and the new boarding boss has taken charge.

Judging from the way '**Squire Fairchild** is gathering swill in the neighborhood, he must be stock-raising.

Mr. and Mrs. Greese have moved their residence from near Capt. Fitzsimmons', to a more beautiful locality.

Thomas Wills made a flying visit to **Norway** and brought back his son, who has been attending college there.

McHale & Winkler have suspended business for unknown reasons. **Tim. Harrington's** robust form will be missed.

Mastodon is in a fair way to reap an abundance of orange blossoms yet, judging from the preparations being made.

Our handsome and accomplished **Reuben Purpins** is still faithfully discharging his duties as **time-keeper at the mine.**

Capt. Westgren, of the **Delphic**, will remove his family there soon, to the **new house built for his accommodation.**

Capt. Harry Roberts, of **Iron River**, accompanied by **Capt. C.T. Robert's [sic – Roberts]**, of the **Falls**, visited Mastodon on business during the week.

The mining houses are filling with families. **Every frame or log building which will accommodate a person, is filled to its utmost capacity.**

Gus. Anderson, who has been employed by **Louis Newman**, as **clerk**, left last week for California. His health demands a change of climate.

The new town which is being laid out at **Ruprecht's mill, is to be called "Mastodon"**. The people are of an enterprising spirit and will have a town there too.

Mrs. John Goldsworthy is still on the sick list. **Her illness was caused from being thrown from a buggy.** The accident is laid to the carelessness of the driver.

Louis Newman visited **Crystal Falls** Monday. Mr. Newman's visits to the Falls are becoming very numerous. Things of a mysterious nature are apprehended.

A farewell party was given to **Mrs. Pepper** at the **Mastodon hotel** two weeks ago and another last Saturday and still she lingers. The cause for her lingering is not known. We suspect it is a love affair.

Lew. Newman is **one of the band boys**. He does not see why a horn will not play just as well with a cork stopper in it, as otherwise. The professor can see and says it don't [sic – doesn't] make any difference with the music when **Louis** plays.

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The **Mastodon** mine has stopped shipping ore for the season, but is still working a large force of men. The Mastodon is under the management of **Capt. John Fitzsimmons**, who is considered by all the right man in the right place.

Even Mastodon can boast of a dog fight. Last Wednesday two canine beauties entered into a fierce combat. **Dr. Butts'** peg dog "Keyes" would probably have won the laurels but he was being prepared for a deer hunt and had been fed on "no meal a day" for three weeks.

The **Mastodon band** is progressing finely, under the efficient management of **Prof. Kopp** and now produces music which is enchanting. We wish to call the attention of the **Crystal Falls** people to the fact that Prof. Kopp is the gentleman that instructed the **Florence band** and if he left Florence with his bills unpaid, it was owing to the fact that he claims he received no pay for his services there.

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Crystal Falls Matters.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

The NEWS will be found on sale at **J.E. Bower's drug store and fancy emporium.**

The NEWS is on sale at **J.L. Kimball's drug store news stand**, where subscriptions will also be received.

This has been an eventful week.

Lawyer McIntosh was up Monday looking after legal matters.

F.C. Clark and **R.F. Breese** spent Tuesday night and Wednesday in the woods, but without success.

Mr. Buck was the successful hunter the Ed. Of the MINING NEWS was in the mist about last week.

M. Buck, a brother of **K.S. Buck**, who had been visiting his brother returned to Chicago on Tuesday.

No, brother Ed. The \$100-lyre was too rich for Ishpeming's blood. Had to be ordered from the Old World.

R. Flood & Co., [sic] delivered to one Snow-(vember) party \$54.24 worth of goods on the first day of November.

A. Lustfield has received a carload of hard coal for use in the fine stove which has been placed in the **Boston Cheap Store.**

On Tuesday of last week a man was brought in from the Menominee River Lumber Co.'s camp 10 with a broken leg and was placed on the cars for one of the hospitals below.

A case involving two of the most respectable families in town has got into the courts. The details are not suitable for publication and the best thing for all concerned would be to amicably settle the affair before it goes further. Unsavory.

On Sunday another man was brought from Menominee River Lumber Co.'s camp 10 with a broken leg. He had been kicked by a horse the day before. The fracture was reduced and the sufferer made comfortable by Dr. Tideman.

On Friday night of last week the **band gave its first serenade.** After practice hour, the boys repaired to the front of **Cady Hollister's house** and after playing their stock of pieces they were invited in and under Mrs. H.'s hospitable care fared well.

Reports come from over the river that one of our respectable neighbors' wife has for the past several weeks been abusing and maltreating a twelve year old child she had taken to raise. A doctors' [sic – doctor's] examination proved the report to have been founded on fact as the greater part of the child's

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[sic – child's] body was found to be covered with bruises, cuts and scars. Complaint was entered, but before the officers reached the place the woman had disappeared. Such misdemeanor as this should be severely punished.

Geo. Blackmore met with a serious accident at Kirby, Carpenter Co.'s camp 36 last week. He was knocked from a bridge by a rolling log and fell twenty feet striking some logs that were in the river below. Dr. Tideman was called and found the left leg broken four inches above the knee. Mr. B. was made comfortable and last Friday was carried to town on a stretcher, a distance of eight miles and placed on the train. Fortunate enough for the sufferer, he had the day before purchased a hospital ticket and will receive care and attention on that, at a cost of only four dollars.

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Stambaugh Stylographs.

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Jacob B. Hemmer has his hands full of work.

The carpenters are at work on a **building on Main street**, which I understand is to be used as a **general store**.

W.J. Suelflohn is to be the landlord of the new hotel in **Stambaugh**. At least it is so reported. He is highly spoken of.

Mrs. Morrison, wife of Alexander Morrison, died **Tuesday** after a short

illness and the community loses one of its finest lady's [sic – ladies], in her death.

A delightful party was given at **Lem Ephraim's residence** on Thursday evening of last week, in honor of Mr. Ephraim's sister, who is visiting him.

Ely Gilman, a brother of **N. Gilman**, was killed on a road out near **St. Paul**, where he was employed as a brakeman. He only had been there a short time.

Thomas Larson, who keeps the neat little **bakery and confectionery establishment, on Main street**, has decided to add groceries, a large stock of which are now on the road. Mr. Larson is making money.

The **Quinnesec priest** was up here last Sunday and held services in the **new school house**, [sic] for the benefit of both **Stambaugh** and **Iron River** people. We expect soon to have a **resident priest and a new Catholic church at Stambaugh**.

Buell & Taylor are doing a fine business and deserve to. **Mr. Crooks**, who went out of the firm a short time ago, is seriously thinking of re-engaging in the business, under the same old firm style. He is a popular gentleman of extended acquaintanceship and employs enough men to support a good-sized store. Mr. Crooks has a four years' lumbering contract. Buell & Taylor could not induce a better man to associate himself with them.

John Corcoran, of **EsCANABA**, has sent up a clerk to attend to his clothing store, in the person of **William Reynolds**, who parts his hair in the middle and makes a clerk that would do any store credit. All he needs to capture one of the fair sex, is a little more brass. I have compassion on the poor fellow. He is just as I used to be when about his age. But for all his timidity, they tell me he casts "sheeps' eyes" at the "School Ma'm."

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Iron River Ripples.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

MINING NEWS on sale at **Bond's drug store.**

Miss **Mattie Valentine**, of **Escanaba**, is visiting with **O.C. Hill's** family.

John Minckler claims to have **killed the largest buck**. He says it **dressed 233 pounds**.

Last Saturday night Messrs. Bond, Tully and Griffin managed a ball at the new school house. Music was furnished by the Florence orchestra. A splendid time was had by all.

The **barber shops** [*sic – barbershops*] are **troubled not a little by an element that insists on loafing around on Saturday nights, and in fact, on all busy occasions.** They crowd into the chairs and give the shop an appearance of being crowded, thus driving away numerous customers, who cannot bear the idea of waiting long to be shaved. Move along[,] boys, before the barber posts up a notice of "NO LOAFING."

Mrs. Alexander Morrison, wife of our meat merchant, died on Monday. On Friday of last week Mrs. Morrison **gave birth to a sweet infant** and everything went well until Sunday, when she suddenly became rapidly worse. All day she was delirious and her ravings were terrible. She remained unconscious until Heaven claimed her Monday. Mrs. Morrison was an amiable wife and a much loved lady. Her death has cast a sad gloom over the community. The remains were take [*sic – taken*] to Fond du Lac for interment.

A certain dry goods clerk in town is getting altogether too affectionate. He can love all the girls in town without overdoing himself. In fact he makes love a business and has offered one young lady a trunk and several other articles, if she will desert her present adorable adorer and be his ownest [*sic*] own. The soft headed young man insisted on telling a young lady that went in the store to trade, the other day, how the girls of New York fondled him and insisted on caressing him continually, even going so far as to lead him up Broadway by a chain attached to a collar around his dear neck. He ended up by asking her if she would not like to adopt him for a pet, asserting in his own behalf, that he could be trained so as to be far superior to a dude or a poodle. The young lady reported the metropolitan "masher" to her big brother, who will "train" him. If the MINING NEWS correspondent hears of any more antics on the part of idiotic counter jumper, he will send his name and photograph in for publication.

EDITOR MINING NEWS: *Dear Sir,* – My attention was called to an article printed in the North Star (October 27) a so-called newspaper of Marinette. It takes the NEWS to task for copying the article relating to the "slaughter of deer" at Iron River and not giving credit for it. I am the author of that item. Now I do not see that the composition of the communication signed "Sportsmen" [*sic*] printed in your valuable paper was so brilliant that, it should be claimed by such a distinguished writer as the editor of the Star, a paper I never heard of before to-day [*sic – today*] and therefore could not have copied from the sheet. He winds up his article in the "What-is-it" with: "If this is not the richest find of cheek in the country, we want to die." Is he dead yet?

"SPORTSMAN."

Iron River, October [*sic – November*] 1, 1883.

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Crystal Falls Matters.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

L. Bishop went to Chicago this week.

The NEWS will be found on sale at **J.E. Bower's drug store and fancy emporium.**

Solomon Thorn is having his building sided and fixed up for winter.

Tom. O'Connors has made his place of business more comfortable with a coat of siding.

Cap. [sic – Capt.] J.B. Swartz has received a carload of hard coal for himself and others.

Capt. L. Blaney left Tuesday for a rest and visit to his family in Sheboygan, Wis.

The NEWS is on sale at **J.L. Kimball's drug store news stand**, where subscriptions will also be received.

John Koepeke, the popular **boot and shoe merchant**, has **moved into his new building** and is doing a good business.

Andrew Uren is fixing up around the upper **meat market** and making things cosy [sic – cozy] for his winter business.

Alex Claperton, the lightning slinger at the **depot**, returned from a visit to his home Wednesday.

S. Mary brought in a **deer** on Wednesday morning and **Mr. Runkel [sic – Runkle]** killed one Tuesday evening.

Paul Tearney, who has been under **Dr. Tideman's** care for the last week[,] is still in a very critical condition.

The **birthday party given at the Caledonia House by Mrs. D. Cruickshank**, last evening, was one of the most enjoyable of the season.

It is rumored that [sic – that] **D.C. Lockwood has sold his hotel property to Capt. C.T. Roberts and N.W. Northam is to run the hotel after Dec. 1.** Mr. Lockwood will go south, if his mothers [sic – mother's] health will permit.

About **35 lumbermen** arrived at this place last Saturday and took their departure to the woods Sunday. New arrivals are being made every day and the woods are filling up.

Charley White, Will. Curry's barber[,] got tired of this section of the country, ran down the line Sunday and has not been seen since. It is rumored that **John Dern** will take his place. John's friends will be glad to see him back again.

Notices have been circulated that the firm of **Laev, Guensburg & Co.**, [sic] will soon be dissolved and their large stock of goods will be sold regardless of cost. Now is the time to buy.

Lieut. John T. Janssen, Milwaukee; **C.C. Olin** and **C.S. Osborn** compose a party that are [sic – is] spending a week in this vicinity **shooting deer**. By the supply of ammunition taken they intend to rid the woods of all the fleet-footed animals.

The NEWS correspondent neglected to notice last week that **Prof. A.J. Vananden** paid his respects to the **Welch mansion** over Sabbath and that **A. Breese** spent the same time with his brother. Both returned to their respective fields of labor, **Iron Mountain** and **Commonwealth** Monday morning.

Prof. C. Kelsey, secretary of the **County Board of School Examiners**, held a special meeting for **examination of teachers in this vicinity** last Saturday afternoon and evening. Four candidates for certificates were examined. Some of the A. class also attended and did themselves great credit for their interest and ability in answering the questions. Among those were **C.F. Runkel** and **Nona Welch**.

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On Friday, **Dr. Metcalf** received a telegram to make haste and go to **Iron Mountain**, [sic] to attend a son of **Thos. Hanly**. The doctor took the train Saturday morning and on reaching there found himself in consultation with **Dr. Hirschman, Norway; Dr. Mead, Quinnesec; Dr.'s [sic – Drs.] Coyne and Crowell, Iron Mountain**. The unfortunate sufferer it will be remembered was hurt last week.

“Crystal Falls Matters” came out a little crooked last week. Instead of having [sic – having] **R. Flood & Co.** deliver \$54.24 worth of goods to one Snow(vember) party, it should have read, goods to the amount of \$154.24 were delivered to one party on the first day of November. Your correspondent is informed that on the first day of October the above firm delivered goods to the value of \$425.

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Iron River Ripples.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

MINING NEWS on sale at **Bond's drug store**.

The **furnace** question is decided favorably.

J.B. Weimer has opened a land office in Tully's building.

It is whispered that the **saw-mill** [sic – sawmill] will soon come to life again.

The **furnace** is coming, “slow but sure” and Iron River is looking forward to a bright and prosperous future.

John S. McDonald is to start a bank and exchange, in connection with his general store. John S. is a very

enterprising gentleman and deserves to be encouraged. We wish him luck.

Contractor Dan Bush will employ over a hundred men in the woods this winter, getting out timber for Menominee parties. He will manage three camps in the vicinity of Iron River.

Alex. Quirt is going to spend the winter on his homestead. His commodious and advantageously situated place, “**the Iron River Hotel[,]**” is for rent. This is a good chance for some one [sic – someone], as the house has always been well patronized.

John McDonald telegraphed from here to Marinette on Monday, at 9 P.M. and left for there himself at 1:10, on arriving there he founp [sic – found] that the message had not as yet reached its destination. This country is much in need of a **telephone system**.

The Town Board is floundering in the mud over the **cleaning of the cemetery ground**, which piece of work was to be let to the lowest bidder. Only one bid was put in, and the Board, instead of quietly and honorably accepting it, in fulfillment of its promise, kicks at it like a mule.

The churches of Iron River are still without a minister. The sheep are been [sic – being] converted into wolves at an alarming rate, if left alone in the woods much longer, their new nature will soon be fully developed and when the furnace, the saw-mill [sic – sawmill], and the capital arrive in town, the shepherds who will then hasten to gather the wool will get badly left, for the wolves don't submit to be shorn of their fur in such a cold-hearted climate.

The Iron River dry goods clerk who was referred to in last week's correspondence as being an affectionate young man, seems to be the victim of a gross piece of malicious misrepresentation, according to his own story. The charges made against him were quite serious, if true, and the NEWS thought they were from a reliable

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source. The gentleman concerned denies everything and in fact, the NEWS wishes to add that it has always known him as a perfect gentleman. Anyway it seems to be a personal difficulty, in which these columns can have no more to do with.

Last week a meeting was convened in the **School [sic – school] house**, for the purpose of **re-organizing the defunct Sunday school**, and placing it on a permanent footing. The meeting, which was well attended[,] was presided over by **Captain Luxmore**. After the preliminary business had been disposed of, office-bearers were elected as follows: Superintendent, **J. Harris**; Assis't Superintendent, **Thomas Luxmore**; Secretary, **Miss Bond**; Treasurer, **Alex. McCulloch**; Teacher, **Wm. Sleep**. Others were nominated and elected for teachers but being non-present their acceptance or rejection of the post was not offered. All the necessary business having been transacted, **L. Hitchcock**, who was previously elected to take the minutes of the proceedings as they progressed, read them over, and they having been approved of, the meeting dispersed. Under the new directorship the school is bound to prosper.

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C.T. Brown has been at Marquette during the past week, serving as jurymen.

John L. Buell, of **Quinnesec**, was up and looked our town and monster mines over. I think he had an eye to business also.

Neighbors come and help us eat our Thanksgiving dinner in the **new hotel** and

have a pleasant social time at the grand opening.

John Corcoran, of **Escanaba**, who has **opened up the store on the corner of Lay and Williams streets**, was in town during the week.

M. Ephraim, the **merchant tailor**, of **Escanaba**, has been here during the week taking orders. During his stay he stopped with **Leon**, his son.

The **Iron River company** are [sic – is] progressing rapidly with their **shop buildings** which are large and will be very convenient when completed.

It seems as if all the business men [sic – businessmen] of the place, as well as the **Iron River Co.**, could hardly accomplish their objects in view before the snow flies.

The sidewalk is about completed from town to the depot. **Supt. J.N. Porter** should receive many thanks and an abundance of praise for this new piece of enterprise.

Supt. Kelsey, of **Marquette Co.**, was here this week and examined the **applicants for teachers [sic – teacher's] certificates, both of Stambaugh and Iron River**. He complimented the **Stambaugh teacher** on her high standing.

There was a very pleasant **sociable** at the residence of **Mr. and Mrs. J.N. Porter** last week, for the **benefit of the Presbyterian church**, and was a success both socially and financially. The reverse could not be expected under the management of **Mrs. Porter[,]** who never does things by halves.

Men and teams are all busy hauling lumber and building material, and buildings begin to loom up in all directions and the indications at present are that the merchants intend to lay in an extra large winters [sic – winter's] supply of goods[,] judging by the amount of freight that is being hauled up town from the depot.

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J.K. Crooks has a contract from the **Ludington, Wells & Van Schaike [sic – Van Schaick] Co.**, to get out 8,000,000 feet of timber. He has now in his employ 47 men, and intends to have about 110 men as soon as snow falls. Mr. Crooks will also fill an order for Chicago parties during the winter. The scenes of operation are on the Paint and Iron Rivers.

T.E. Conelly, of **Escanaba**, who had the **contract of putting in the furnace in the new hotel**, was here during the week. He has some plumbing to do yet in order to convey the hot and cold water to the different rooms, which will be completed soon. It looks now as if the landlord would soon be in possession, as there are great preparations being made in and about the hotel, such as grading and cleaning up the grounds, etc.

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Mastodon Murmurs.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

Louis Newman visited the **Falls** Monday on business.

Capt. John Fitzsimmons visited **Crystal Falls** Tuesday on business.

Miss **Eliza Janes** returned to her home in **Norway** last Tuesday.

Mrs. Thomas Wills, William Bray and Miss **Emma Janes** constitute the sick list this week.

The **Mastodon hotel** is now empty. The family that occupied it disappeared as mysteriously as it came.

Last Saturday fifteen men were discharged from the Mastodon. The

mine, is to work about forty men this winter.

Small shipments of ore are being made from the Mastodon at present. The Mastodon ore is considered of excellent quality.

Dr. Butts has purchased one of **Dr. Washburne's** horses. He thinks it is more comfortable to ride than to walk this weather.

The population of Mastodon is still increasing. **A little stranger put in an appearance in Mr. Sweet's family last Sunday morning.**

If you want a rare treat; [sic – treat,] you want to hear the **Mastodon band** play. They now produce as fine music as any band on the Range.

The Delphic Iron Co., has discharged all but twenty-five of its men. The company intends working a very small force this winter.

We wondered, what made **Henry Henwood** smile so, and offer a cigar without any questions. It was the advent of a new member to the family. **The little stranger put in an appearance last Wednesday morning** and all are getting along nicely.

Last Tuesday a little child belonging to Mr. and Mrs. David Utter, of the Delphic mine, was called into the hands of its Maker. The little one [sic – little one] had been sick for a few days and the doctor pronounced the disease **congestion of the lungs.** He was a bright little boy, seventeen months old. The sorrowing parents have the sympathy of the entire community.

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Crystal Falls Matters.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

There are many new faces in town now.

Cady Hollister captured another **deer** Thursday morning.

The coasting season has opened and small sleds are in demand.

Sunday was a blustery day and winter made its appearance in earnest.

Plenty of wild mutton in the woods, but **deer** will be scarce from this [point] on.

Capt. W.E. Dickenson [sic – Dickinson], of **Commonwealth**, looked around our streets Thursday.

Now look out for your house plants and cellars. (Better look in for them.)

A. Willel, photographer, was out capturing some of our pretty scenery last week.

Miss **Kate Fisher**, of **Florence**, was a guest of **Mrs. J.B. Owen's [sic – Owen]**, on Thursday.

The NEWS will be found on sale at **J.E. Bower's drug store and fancy emporium.**

There was no school Monday on account of the removal from one building to the other.

Mr. and Mrs. Cady Hollister celebrated their first wedding anniversary, Thursday of last week.

Rev. Mitchell, of **Iron Mountain**, filled the **pulpit at the old school room** acceptably last Sabbath.

The NEWS is on sale at **J.L. Kimball's drug store news stand**, where subscriptions will also be received.

A.G. Oldenburg, our old time **furniture dealer**, made his appearance on our streets Wednesday.

Beautiful snow has made its appearance here and the merry jingle of bells were [sic – was] heard on our streets Wednesday.

Mrs. E.S. Lockwood, mother of **D.C. Lockwood** and **Mrs. Geo. Runkel**, [sic] arrived on a visit Friday of last week.

Dr. J.M. Mead, one of **Quinnesec's Foresters**, came up Wednesday to see that our boys rode the goat properly.

Hunters went out in all directions and at all times of day and night, to improve the last few days of the hunting season.

The seats have been removed from the old school room, and placed in the new and attractive school building just completed.

There was a man killed by a wind fall [sic – windfall] at Park's camp 1 last Sunday. The MINING NEWS correspondent did not learn his name.

Mrs. P. Runkel, who spent several months here a year ago, returned on Friday and is a guest of her many friends in this place.

School opened in our beautiful new temple of education on Tuesday. Under Prof. Smith the interior will be made as beneficial as the exterior is pretty.

The sale of the Lockwood House has not been consummated. The hotel is a paying enterprise and we should dislike to see the genial **D.C.** desert the business.

Charlie Runkel is a persevering youth and has stuck to the trail so persistently that he has at least succeeded in bringing two of the **deer** (creatures). He is an old hunter now.

Geo. Runkel has been shooting all summer with a gun that shot sixteen inches astray at a distance of one hundred yards. He re-adjusted the sights last week and immediately killed three **deer**.

Paul Tearney is now improving rapidly and since he has regained his speech, expresses himself as quite indignant at some of the sayings in some of the papers which circulate here.

John Stambaugh and **R. McCardy**, accompanied by **Manager Mills**, visited the

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Falls last Sunday and looked over the **Youngstown mine**, where operations are becoming more active daily.

The building formerly known as the **Adams House** which has been undergoing a strengthening since its fall, has been re-plastered and is now ready for occupancy. **Nick Rooney** has the renting of it.

J.E. Bower, our popular **druggist**, received his large and well selected stock of holiday goods this week and says he now has “anything from Jews’ [*sic – Jew’s*] harp to a baby’s cradle.” Call and look him over.

R.F. Breese made a foreign post remittance of \$575 and sold a prepaid passage ticket at \$50.85 last Wednesday. Mr. Breese does all that can be done for security, safety and speed in his **foreign exchange business** and is building up a good business in that line.

On Tuesday night a lodge of “Ancient Order of Foresters” was organized under the title of “Court Iron City.” Officers were installed by a deputation of “**Menominee Rangers,**” of **Quinnesec**, and are as follows: **R.S. Waters**, C.R.; **John Buddle**, S.C.R.; **A. Lustfield**, Treas.; **Frank Scadden**, Sec.; **Frank Smith**, Financial Sec.; **Sam’l Pearce**, S.W.; **A. Berryman**, J.W.; **T. Tompkins**, S.B.; **James Waters**, J.B.; **A.A. Metcalf M.D.**, Physician.

Charley Geer, of the **Lockwood**, is not a “wood”-en-head, but he “wood” play a good joke on **Johnny Parks** when he got the chance. Last Sunday evening was blustery and as the genial Johnny sat by the glowing grate at the Lockwood, his heart warmed with his extremities and he made the remark, in Charley’s hearing, that anyone could have a load from his nice heap of two-foot maple, who “wood” go and haul it. It was nearly midnight, but Charley, nothing daunted by the flurry of wind and snow, went out “Geer”ed the mules and

drew up a slashing load. “Horse on Johnny.”

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Miss **May Webb** has opened a **dress-making shop** in **Mr. McQuown’s building** and seems to be getting a good patronage.

This cold weather suits **Mr. Crooks**, who is anxious to get his forces started to lumbering. He is now **building a warehouse and a barn at Stambaugh**.

All the business men [*sic – businessmen*] are doing well and seem to be getting a benefit from the **fifteen thousand dollars paid out by the company at Stambaugh every month**.

Last Sunday was a blustery day and since then we have had snow and cold weather. It looks now as if the close of the shipping season is near at hand. If it keeps only a little long, the **Iron River Co.**, of Stambaugh, will be enabled to **reach an out-put [*sic – output*] of over one hundred thousand tons of ore**.

Mrs. James Harrington, who keeps a **boarding house** at the foot of the hill, **near the mine**, in one of the company’s old camps, has been notified to move up to town and she finds it impossible to rent. This compels her to buy at an extravagant price, as every place is occupied and a demand for more. It is hoped Mrs. Harrington will be successful in getting a place, as she keeps about fifty boarders.

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These, with **Mrs. Hannon's** new house full, are a great benefit to the village.

The Catholic's *[sic – Catholics]* of **Stambaugh** and **Iron River** have their spiritual wants attended to for the present by the **Quinnesec** priest whom they expect up for next Sunday with power to organize a building committee to commence the erection of a new church at **Stambaugh**, for which purpose **J.B. Hemmer** and **Pat Fogarty** took up a subscription some time ago and which, as mentioned before, showed the liberality of the citizens, in-as-much as in a day or two, they succeed in getting the promise of over eleven hundred dollars and the promise of some lumber besides, from the mining company.

Mr. and Mrs. Brunelle, parents of the genial **Charley**, the **hardware and lumber dealer**, have gone south for a visit, which will leave **Charley** in want of a house-keeper *[sic – housekeeper]* and serves him or any man of his size and age right, for not going to the rescue of some school ma'am, "millionaire" or dress-maker *[sic – dressmaker]*. If he is wise, it is about time for him to move. I would suggest the "millionaire's *[sic – millionaires]*" for him and the school ma'am's *[sic – ma'ams]* for druggists and dry goods clerks.

President Stambaugh, of **Iron River Mining Co.**, of **Stambaugh** and the man in honor of whom the village received its name^[,] was up during the week. **Mr. McCurdy**, **secretary and treasurer** of the same company^[,] accompanied him. Both are fine specimens of nature's noblemen. They are pleasant, sociable, charitable and liberal. The entire company is liberal. That there are so many improvements going on in the village of **Stambaugh**, at the expense of the company, confirms its liberality and it is stated that the company intends keeping on a large force of men during the winter making preparations for a big-out-put *[sic –*

big output] next season. The company loaded two hundred and five cars of ore last Friday, the largest day's work since they commenced operations. It looks as if **Manager Mills** intends to be able to double that every day during the next season, if necessary.

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Mastodon Murmurs.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

Martin McHale visited **Mastodon** Monday on business.

Capt. John Fitzsimmons made a flying visit to **Crystal Falls** Saturday.

Miss **Eliza Janes**, of **Norway**, visited her sister, **Mrs. Thomas Wills**^[,] Tuesday.

Mrs. John Fitzsimmons^[,] accompanied by Miss **Effie Sweet**, visited **Florence** Saturday.

Louis Winkler, of **Florence**, made **Mastodon** a visit during the week.

H.F. Leopold, of the firm of **Leopold & Newman**, returned to his home in **Chicago**, last Wednesday.

Mr. Ruprecht, of the new town of **Mastodon**, spent Sunday among us, having a good time with the boys.

We understand that a spur is to be run to the **Mastodon mine**. The surveyors were looking over the ground the last of the week.

Mr. Jones' new house is fast nearing completion. The family will occupy it the first of next week.

The meat market has changed hands. **L. Newman** now hews off the surloin *[sic – sirloin]* for the accomodation *[sic – accommodation]* of his customers.

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Dr. Butts made a flying visit to Florence Monday. Business in the Dr.'s line seems to be rushing at present.

Mr. John Sewell, the former time-keeper [sic – timekeeper] of the Mastodon, dropped in to see his friends and returned the happier for having been here.

Miss Jennie Clary, one of Mastodon's fair daughters, has left this place, for one where she will take the position of bride in a few weeks.

A new store is opened at the Delphic under the management of John Herrick. They will carry a full stock of groceries and miners [sic – miner's] supplies.

Capt. C.T. Roberts, of Crystal Falls, could not exist if he did not look over Mastodon's fair town at least once a week. Come again, Captain.

Albert Leopold, formerly of Champion, Mich., has been engaged to run the store of Leopold & Newman, at the mine. Mr. Leopold comes to us bearing the reputation of being a model young man. We only hope that he is as wise as he is handsome.

Mastodon is to lose [sic – lose] one of its old-time citizens. Mr. Louis Newman will leave for Crystal Falls some time [sic – sometime] this week where he will make his home in the future. He will be generally missed. Mr. Newman figured very conspicuously as a member of the band, also in practical matters and now we presume it will be in "business" affairs.

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Iron River Ripples.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

MINING NEWS on sale at Bond's drug store.

Sleighs are in vogue.

It is reported that James Harrington will open a boarding house in town.

A. Morrison and G. Lingley brought in a buck this week, which weighed two hundred and fourteen pounds.

The schoolhouse is waiting for a bell. The board is determined to have a good one.

Morrison & Hudson have ordered a cargo of sleighs from below.

The "boys-in-blue" are in town again, making preparations for another season in the woods.

Now we can sympathize with the Esquimaux [sic – Eskimos]. Wonder if they sympathize with us?

The item in last week's MINING NEWS, which read that John S. McDonald was to start a bank and exchange, ought to have read John McDonald, he being the enterprising gentleman of whom we spoke.

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Stambaugh Stylographs.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

R. L. Silden [sic – Selden] has returned from the east.

The MINING NEWS will be found on sale at Bronson & Fogarty's.

S.C. Brown, route agent for the American Express Co., was at the Stambaugh House.

L. Stegmiller, of Escanaba, is registered at the Stambaugh House.

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Joseph W. Coria, of **Escanaba**, is visiting **L. Ephraim**.

J.K. Cooks has returned and is once more clearing up and improving his homestead.

Ross, one of the cash entry men, has brought suit against some of the homesteaders for \$10,000 damage.

James Corcoran has returned from a visit to his home and Chicago, with a good stock of spring and summer goods.

John B. Weimer had **200 cords of woods destroyed by clearing fires on Sipchen's addition** on Thursday night.

Capt. Thomas Luxmore of the **Nanaimo mine** has more than he can handle in the combination of repairs and mining operations, and **Capt. J.H. Buddle** has been temporarily transferred from the **Keyes Lake exploration** to help him until the pressure is over.

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Iron River Ripples.

[Special Correspondence.]

MINING NEWS on sale at the drug store.

On Monday evening **Michael J. Griffin**, deputy sheriff of this place, was **shot and seriously wounded by a Swede named John Anderson**, who was captured at **Commonwealth** on Thursday by **Officer VanMarter**. On the night of the tragedy a Swede dance was in progress, and it was necessary to make several arrests. Anderson got on a back street and proceeded to make himself very objectionable, whereupon Deputy Sheriff

Griffin attempted his arrest. The Swede, without ceremony, pulled a 30-calibre revolver and fired in the officer's face. The ball penetrated just above the heart and **Dr. Bond**, who was called, was unable to find it. The wound, though a serious one, is not thought to be fatal. As soon as the shooting was done Anderson took to the woods and was soon followed by a posse of men. The affair created intense excitement and it was feared the man would be lynched if he was caught. But he eluded capture until Thursday, when Officer VanMarter, of **Florence**, took him out of a cellar in Commonwealth and placed him under arrest upon the charge of assault with intent to kill. Deputy Griffin was doing as well as could be expected at last accounts, though suffering excruciating pain.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

The particulars of the **Griffin shooting affair** are substantially these: The fellow who did the shooting is a **Stambaugh saloonkeeper named Anderson**. In the early part of the evening he had begun to behave badly by **shooting Constable Webb's dog**. Nothing was done about it, Webb calculating to arrest him the next day for the offense. Monday was a Norwegian national holiday, being their mid-summer festival, and **C.O. Forsland**, a **hotel and saloon keeper on Maple street**[,] gave a dance on the day. Everything passed off quietly till about half-past teree [*sic – three*], when a disturbance arose between an Irishman named **Coyle** and a Swede. Griffin attempted to quiet the disturbance, when Anderson interfered, jumping on Griffin's back and attempting to choke him. Constable Webb then arrived on the scene, and took Coyle to jail. Griffin hurried back to secure Anderson, at the some [*sic – same*] time asking Webb to follow as soon as possible after securing Coyle. As Webb was returning he met a drunken Swede

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coming down the street, riding an ox and firing a revolver. Such things not being an honor to the city he put him in the cooler for safe keeping. In the mean time *[sic – meantime]* he heard the report of a revolver, and supposed that Griffin in attempting to arrest Anderson had shot at him. At this moment Anderson came in sight with three or four men after him. Griffin cried to Webb, "There he is, arrest him." Webb started in pursuit, but on learning that Griffin was shot he left the chase to the others, giving one of them his pistol, and returned to attend to Griffin. Anderson made for the woods and escaped from his pursuers, though five shots were fired at him, none so far as is known taking effect. He is still at large, though it is reported he has been seen at **Stambaugh**. Griffin's wounds are less serious than at first supposed. The ball struck him in the left breast just over the heart, but fortunately was turned from a direct course by striking a rib. He is under the care of **Dr. Bond**, who says the ball did not penetrate the lung. Griffin sat up yesterday to have his bed cared for, and will be on duty again in a few weeks.

Gustaff *[sic – Gustaf]* **Ludloff**, a Swede, was quite seriously injured at the **Nanaimo** on Monday. The carpenters were raising and putting in place a heavy piece of timbered work known as a gate bench. Through some mishap it became unmanageable, and the men were called to stand from under and let it fall. All succeeded in doing so except Ludloff, who stumbled and fell on a small stump. He was seriously though not dangerously hurt, his shoulder and hand being crushed.

As the **pile drivers** were at work last Friday, the drop weighing 1,800 pounds got caught as it was being lifted. Something had to give way and as the hoisting engines were the least securely fastened they were turned completely over and carried about

[sic – about] eight feet forward. Young **Mr. Jones**, brother of **Supt. Jones**, was standing on the engine bed with another man, and both narrowly escaped injury.

I visited the **coal burnings about three miles west of town** Wednesday. I found over forty men under the management of **Darius Faulkim**, and one of the best-managed, best-looking and best-fed crews it has been my pleasure to see. Faulkin is the right man in the right place. A.B.

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Iron River Ripples.

[Special Correspondence.]

MINING NEWS on sale at **E. Ammerman's drug store**.

MINING NEWS on sale at **Penberthy's new drug store**.

Wm. Hathaway died at the Boyington House on Tuesday evening.

D.C. McKinnon went down the line during the week.

Almost everybody went down to Florence to attend the circus on Thursday.

Rumor says **work is about to be suspended on the new furnace here** for the present.

J.S. Penberthy & Co., *[sic]* have opened a drug store in the building formerly occupied by **Paradise & Co.**

M.J. Griffin is to supervise a **grand raffle, [sic] for a fine house and lot**, valued at \$1,000, which will occur at **Ishpeming**, September 1, 1884. Tickets are selling rapidly at one dollar a piece *[sic – apiece]*. The prize is a grand one.

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Anderson, the Swede, arrested by Officer VanMarter, of Florence, for the shooting of M.J. Griffin, was discharged by Justice Minkler. He was re-arrested in Florence on Thursday evening, by Constable McMillan and on about the same complaint.

E.J. Gilbert has been appointed express agent at Stambaugh and Albert Steller to the same position at Iron River, in place of M.H. Kilgallen, who resigned. It is also reported that Mr. Kilgallen has resigned the post office and that Albert Steller has received the appointment to succeed him.

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Crystal Falls Matters.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

G.S. Park was in town during [the] week.

Mr. McDonald, of Iron River, was in town on Tuesday.

Geo. Runkle [sic – Runkel] returned on Wednesday, from a trip to Chicago and other places below.

The NEWS will be found on sale at J.E. Bower's drug store and fancy emporium.

The NEWS is on sale at J.L. Kimball & Co.'s drug store news stand, where subscriptions will also be received.

Henry Dixon, of Florence, was in town a few days during the week.

The Marinette Eagle says popular John
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entry men. There will be no rest for the weary homesteader until he makes up his mind to repent, turn from his wicked political ways and vote a straight republican ticket. Then and not till then, will he grow corn in abundance, and the rain will not descend upon it too greatly. Then will his porcupine, his ox and his potato flourish side by side, and all will be well.

There is no end to the attainments of science. The latest at Iron River, with a portion of Stambaugh, is the invention of an entirely new and ever-before-unknown bouquet. It is simple in its construction, easily adjusted, and bends its sun-flower-like head with the modesty characteristic of its inventor. So modest is it that its modesty debars all claims to dudeism, from wearing it, especially on the Sabbath. Thus our thrifty, though otherwise unknown to inventive fame, twin villages justly claim the honor of drawing a line between the dude, dudine and the "vulgar vulgares."

A company was organized on September 6 under the name of Iron River Fire Co. No. 1, with the following officers and members: John B. Weimer, forman [sic – foreman]; Paddy Vail, first assistant; M.B. Wait, second assistant; Alexander Morrison, treasurer; Will H. Atkins, secretary; T.H. Webb, T.H. Flanagan, W.J. Tully, W.C. Webb, James Innes, A.E. Steller, Geo. Cummings, Thos. Coyne, C.M. Rogers, R. Steller, M.F. Sullivan, Harry Spence, J. McDonald, Alex. McKinnon, John Scott, J. Riley, Robt. Quinn, L.S. Hitchcock, John F. Minckler, Wm. Barrett. It is understood that the people will furnish the company with ladders and buckets. They meet once a week for drill in Innes Hall. The people of

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Iron River should appreciate this move and do all they can to help the boys along in getting the necessary supplies and equipments [*sic – equipment*].

On Tuesday night of last week one of the pleasantest parties of the season was given by **James Riley** and friends who were out camping at **Lake Chicagoan**. Music was furnished by **C. Hall**, violin; **Mrs. C. Hall**, organ, and **Prof. Wildman**, piccolo. The party broke up in the morning early, and all went home after passing a really enjoyable evening. Among those present were the following: **L. Hichcock** and wife, **W.B. Wait** and wife, **M.J. Griffin** and wife, **P. Griffin** and wife, **R. Hause** and wife, **J.N. Porter** and wife, of **Stambaugh**, **W.W. Noyes** and wife, of **Florence**, Misses **Mamie Eunson**, of **Menominee**, **Julia and Teasy Riley**, of **Fort Howard**; **Lula Hill**, **Lillian Bond**, **Edith Forsyth**, **Etta Valentine**, of **Escanaba**; **McKinnon**, **McInnis**, Messrs. **S.F. Miller**, **C. Rodgers**, **H. Spence**, **Ed. Raymond**, **J.D. Helps**, **J.E. Findeisen**, **F.L. Bond**, **M. Lalley**, **W.H. Atkins**, **J.S. Ruby**, of **Winona, Ill.**; **Jay Gilbert**, **Stambaugh**; **O.F. Riebel**, **Stambaugh**; **J. Riley**, **J.B. Knight**, **Norway**; **Theo. Massey**, **Iron Mountain**.

Iron River Ripples.

[Special Correspondence.]

MINING NEWS on sale at **E. Ammerman's drug store**.

(Find this column, recorded but not photocopied.)

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The cards are out for the **wedding of Mr. Will Selden and Miss Annie Sears**, of **Portland, Conn.**, daughter of **Dr. C.A. Sears**, of that city. The ceremony will occur **December 9, 1884**. Mr. Selden is largely interested at **Stambaugh** and is a gentleman well and favorably known throughout the iron country. The **MINING NEWS'** best wishes are tendered in advance.

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IRON RIVER FIRE.

THE BRIGHT TOWN VISITED TO THE TUNE OF \$40,000.

McDonald, **MacKinnon**, **Boyington**, **Innes**, **Bies**, **Lalley**, **Penberthy** and **Others** Burned out by an **Early Morning Blaze** last Saturday – **One of the Largest Fires** that has ever Visited a Range Town – **An Absence of Wind and Hard Work** Saves the Town – **Very Little Insurance** to Cover the **Big Loss** – **Fortunes of a Life Time Swept Away** in a **Single Hour** – **Iron River Ripples**.

On Saturday morning last, at shortly before three o'clock, the bright town of **Iron River**, at the **terminus of the Menominee Range branch of the C. & N.-W. R.R.**, 27 miles northwest from **Florence**, was visited by a **disastrous conflagration**, which **destroyed five of the principal business**

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blocks and wrought damage to the extent of nearly \$40,000, with very little insurance to counteract the effect of the great loss. The appended table gives as near as could be procured, the loss and insurance in detail:

[LOSS AND INSURANCE TABLE; DIAGRAM OF DISTRICT BURNED]

The fire was discovered at shortly before three o'clock, in the stairway between **Lalley's saloon** and **Penberthy's drug store**, leading to the living apartments of **Alex. McKinnon**. Owing to the crude methods of fighting fire, nothing being obtainable but buckets, and the dryness of everything, the flames spread with lightning rapidity, although there was no wind. Brave men worked like heros and

EQUALLY BRAVE WOMEN

passed buckets of water and assisted in hastily removing effects. The demon, mad in its destructiveness, soon laid in ashes the three buildings on the north side of Main street, owned by **MacKinnon Bros.**, and **James Innes** and occupied by **J.S. Penberthy's drug store**, **Martin Lalley's saloon**, **John McDonald's large general store**, **Innes' Opera Hall**, the **Knights of Labor**, **MacKinnon Bros.**, business office, **W.J. Brown's insurance office**, **James Innes' justice office** and **A. MacKinnon's residence**. The flames then, in their hungry fury leaped across the wide street and devoured **Martin Bies' property**, in which he kept a **saloon** and **A.J. Boyington's magnificent hotel**,

ONE OF THE LARGEST,

best-appointed and best kept houses on the Range. All of this was done in a remarkably short time, but it took more to discourage the heroes that were giving battle. The bucket brigade worked like tigers at bay and another squad wet carpets and used them most effectually, thereby

saving after a hard battle, **Ammerman's drug store**, **Noonan's building** and **Lengren's building**. It was a hot time, but it found every man at his post. Had there been wind, nothing could have saved the entire town. As it was the loss was severe. **Stambaugh** responded nobly and a business man [*sic – businessman*] of Iron River writes as follows to this paper.

THANKS TO STAMBAUGH.

Editor MINING NEWS:

We wish to thank the Stambaugh people through your valuable columns, for timely aid in suppressing the fire at this place. We feel that we can not [*sic – cannot*] say too much in their praise. They worked nobly and stood by their work like men, and I might add women, for some of them, with Iron River ladies, were seen handing buckets of water to the men on the ladders. We will not mention names, fearing we will not do them all justice, as all are entitled to great praise. We will not forget them in the future.

Almost all succeeded in saving a portion of their stock. **John McDonald** saved about half of his, **J.S. Penberthy** saved considerable and **Andy Boyington** saved some. Mr. Boyington's loss, as will be seen by above table, is by far the most severe. He is a hard-working, popular, accommodating gentleman, who left an arm on a Southern battle field [*sic – battlefield*], defending his country's hearth-stones and made all that he lost in a single hour, with his remaining arm. His friends hear of his loss with the greatest regret, but Mr. Boyington is not the man to be cast down by the reverses of fate. Others also lost heavily and they have the sympathy of their neighbors here and elsewhere. Almost all have resumed business with characteristic American energy, in some shape or other. The **Boyington House** is now conducted in an **old Norwegian boarding house**, to the rear of his former splendid hostelry and it is

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hoped all of his old patrons will find him there. The people of Iron River have more than the usual share of courage, fortitude and perseverance. They have fought adversity ever since the town was founded and they meet each new enemy as bravely as ever. That they may win the fight in the end is the wish of the MINING NEWS.

IRON RIVER RIPPLES.

Frank Camins, the sturdy, hard-working **blacksmith**, was badly hurt while heroically fighting fire last Saturday morning. His friends hope to soon see him around again.

The MINING NEWS, ever enterprising, despatched [*sic – dispatched*] a special correspondent to the scene of the great fire.

The fire is supposed to have been of incendiary origin and many are the motives rehearsed.

The new saw mills are rapidly nearing completion. They will add some life to our town.

Boyington, MacKinnon and McDonald have announced their intention to rebuild at once.

Expert safe openers and insurance adjusters have been plentiful in town during the week.

J.M. Thorn was an outsider who witnessed the fearful fire.

The **Iron River Co.'s saw mill** will be closed July 1.

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Iron county's new paper has been started and named by those who are not interested. The man who is to do the work and spend the money seems to be in no hurry and he is sensible. When times come

good again Iron county will be a splendid place for a paper, but not till then. **Weimer** and his crew of land sharks, who are fleecing innocent, ignorant dupes, are the only ones who want a paper at present and when a paper is started, its proprietor, if he is wise, will not cater to that gang.

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Stambaugh Stylographs.

[Special.]

The NEWS will be found on sale at **Vilas' drug store.**

Dr. Carpenter took a trip north the latter part of last week.

Raspberries are numerous this year and the pickers are having a harvest.

Your news gather [*sic – gatherer*] was out of town last week and "Stylographs" were at a discount.

Leon Ephraim, of **Escanaba**, has been in town the past few days, looking after business matters.

John D. Ross has served notices of **ejectment [*sic – eviction*]** on all **homesteaders located on lands claimed by him.**

Our Farmers [*sic – farmers*] cut and put up considerable **hay** last week and all boast of good crops and excellent quality.

Mrs. Thomas Hannon and little daughter **Nellie**, visited with **Mrs. J. Crimmins**, of **Crystal Falls**, last week.

John Semer and **George English**, two of **Escanaba's** most prominent citizens, were here on Thursday, preparing for a trail trip to the **Gogebic district.**

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P.R. Vail, commissioner of highways, with his overseers, Farley and Luzerne, are building a road south, two miles, [sic] from the corner of W.H. Selden's homestead.

H.W. Godfrey and John Swanson took a trip to the Agogetic [sic – Gogebic] district recently, to see what inducement that country extended for hardware and harder ware.

County Surveyor McDermott has just returned from an extended trip in the forests. He located a road to the extreme north of the township of Iron River and within nine miles of Watersmeet.

E.J. Gilbert, W. Rubey, L. Ephraim and O.F. Riebel, took a trip down [the] Iron and Brule rivers one day this week and captured a large number of very fine speckled trout. The largest trout captured weighed one and a quarter pounds.

J.S. McLean has returned from Miramichie, New Brunswick, where he buried his wife early in July. Miss Annie McLean, his sister, returned with him and will take charge of his household affairs. His many friends are pleased to have him with them again.

Dr. W.T. Carpenter and wife, Supt. J.N. Porter and lady, Leonard Hitchcock and lady and Miss Enson, have made preparations for a camping out and Camp Jumbo is the ground selected. They expect to remain in the woods about two weeks and we know they will have a good time, as a more jovial crowd can not [sic – cannot] be found in this neighborhood.

The saw mill being erected by John Minckler, at Iron River, is rapidly nearing completion. Mr. Minckler is moving along solidly and will succeed. He has out a number of hardwood logs and will commence sawing in the very near future. Both the Mincklers are business men [sic – businessmen] and force success, even

though circumstances are not the most favorable.

Will. S. Rubey, of Ement, Ill., is stopping at the Stambaugh house. He visited this section last year, for the benefit of his health, which improved wonderfully during his stay. He recently took a trip to California on the same errand but thinks our country and climate far superior and much more healthful than that of the Golden State. Mr. Rubey made many friends while with us last year.

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The Mining Reporter, by Edward P. Lott, is the new Iron River paper. It starts out well and properly conducted, which of course it will be, it will be of much benefit to the plucky town in which it is published. We bespeak for Mr. Lott the patronage and good treatment which the MINING NEWS has always had at the hands of the people of Iron River.

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A BAD BLAZE.

Total Destruction of the Stambaugh House, at Stambaugh, Mich. – Loss Ten Thousand Dollars – About Half Insured – A Defective Flue Gets in its Work – Particulars and Details of the Fire by Eye Witnesses – Fine Cut of the Burned Building.

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On Saturday evening last, at about 8:30 o'clock occurred the **destruction of the Stambaugh House, at Stambaugh, Mich.**, one of the very finest hotels in this section of the country. The fire originated from a defective flue and obtained such a start before discovery that extinguishing it was an impossibility. The building and most of the furniture were owned by the **Iron River Co., operators of the Iron River mine**, at Stambaugh. The loss is placed at \$10,000, with \$4,000 insurance on building and \$1,200 on furniture. **R.B. Barclay**, lessee of the hotel, who had but recently taken charge, lost about \$600, with no insurance. The company has not yet decided whether to rebuild. The hotel was opened three years ago and was a large house, well furnished [*sic – well-furnished*] and well kept [*sic – well-kept*]. The particulars and details of the fire are given as follows by the special correspondent of the MINING NEWS at Stambaugh.

At about half past eight in the evening of July 24, the **Stambaugh House** was seen to be on fire. The fire was first discovered in the roof, around a chimney and had then made good headway and although the citizens responded promptly to the alarm, they were unable to subdue the fire, and so devoted their energy mostly to saving the contents and the adjoining buildings. The **house of L. McQuown** was in considerable danger, but was saved by prompt work. Rather senseless work was done by some in removing doors, windows, etc. which caused Mr. McQuown considerable loss. The **building owned by C.E. Brunelle**, of Chicago, was badly scorched. It was kept well wet down by the occupants and others, especially by some citizens of Iron River, several of whom worked well and deserve thanks. To some others there was not so much reason for being thanked. **R.B. Barclay**, the **lessee of the Stambaugh**

House, lost considerable on which there was no insurance, including seven tons of hay. The hotel building was owned by the **Iron River Company** and was insured for \$4,200. The loss is about \$10,000. There was an insurance of \$1,200 on the furniture, considerable of which was saved. Mr. Barclay has moved into the **Hannon House** and will soon be ready to receive guests, so that the hungry and thirsty traveler need not fear to come to Stambaugh. **The telephone which was saved from the Stambaugh House, is being put into the Hannon House for Mr. Barclay's use.** Miss **Carrie Bishop** and **Miss Armstrong**, of **Menominee**, were at the Stambaugh House when it burned. They have been taken care of by some of Stambaugh's ladies. Others were glad to find quarters almost any where [*sic – anywhere*] Saturday night. The Stambaugh House was doing a fine business. The fire was very unfortunate at this time and it is uncertain at this writing whether the hotel will be rebuilt.

The special correspondent of the MINING NEWS at Iron River, has this to say of the fire: "A very disastrous fire occurred at the village of Stambaugh, last Saturday evening at about 8:30 o'clock, by which the **Stambaugh House**, the only first class hotel in the village, was reduced to ashes, causing a great loss to the proprietor, **Robert Barclay**, and much more the **Iron River Co.**, who were the owners of the building and a portion of the furniture. The building is said to have cost in the neighborhood of \$10,000, upon which there was an insurance of \$4,200. Considerable damage was done to the greatest part of the furniture in its removal from the building. Bob Barclay had but removed into the house a short time ago as lessee and was just about getting into shape for active operation, when he was turned out so unexpectedly, which was very unwelcome

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news to many, owing to his popularity with the public. In fact there was a regular rush to the house. A greater crowd never having been there before than on the day it was reduced to ashes. Immediately on the loss of the Stambaugh House, Mr. **J.N. Porter**, the gentlemanly **superintendent of the Iron River Co.**, who is never caught asleep, when any emergency arises, took steps and **bought out the Hannon building for a hotel into which Mr. Barclay removed** and which place he will have in first class running order before this is in print. The present place commands a more beautiful view of the adjoining village, of Iron River and the surrounding country, than could be had at the old stand and taking everything into consideration, the present location will eventually be more satisfactory than the old one with the slight difference of a couple of small rooms. The traveling public will be well attended to, as if nothing had happened. **L. McQuown's residence** on the south, was more or less damaged and the **Brunelle building** on the north narrowly escaped. The thanks of the owner of this building are due to **Paddy Vail, a saloon keeper, of Iron River**, for his heroic fight with water and wet blankets, on the roof. Many others bravely done [*sic – did*] their part of the work, but Paddy takes the broom. No particular effort was made to check the progress of the flames, as everything was so dry and water so scarce, and fire engines were out of the question. It is evident that both villages could afford one steam fire engine between them and should have one.”

[There is a nice two-column cut of the Stambaugh House mid-way through this article, extending to the second column.]

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C.A. Johnson, of **Stambaugh**, was in town on Tuesday and made this office a pleasant call. He is **about to leave Stambaugh and will raffle off his house and lot there**, the drawing to take place on Christmas eve, with **T.C. Tully, Bob Barclay** and **Charlie Aspe**, on the committee.

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Stambaugh Stylographs.

(Special Correspondence)

The **Iron River Co.** paid off October 29. Go to **Dr. Vilas' drug store** for window

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Work was commenced Monday at Iron River by Harrison & Green, on the extension of the Chicago & Northwestern road from Iron River to Watersmeet. It is stated that crews will be put on at both ends of the line and that the work will be pushed forward as rapidly as possible.

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Crystal Falls Cullings.

(Special Correspondence.)

We are to have a **public library**.

Bound to get the county seat sooner or later.

Pat McHugh, of the Falls, and **Arthur K. Roulo**, of Chicago, **will have a scrap at Doucet's hall** this evening (Saturday) at 8:30 o'clock. McHugh announces that he will forfeit \$50 if he fails to knock out Roulo in five rounds, **Marquis of Queensbury rules. Club swinging and dumb bell lifting will also be features.**

Not much ore is being sent forward from jeer just now.

We went through "Turkey" and considerable of "Greece" on Thanksgiving Day.

The Reporter office has been attached by a Milwaukee type foundry and Sheriff Lockwood is in charge.

A jolly party was given at Doucet's hall on Thanksgiving evening, for the benefit of a public library. The attendance was large and the receipts considerable. Of course everything moved along lovely, as the gentlemen in charge included **Capt. Roberts, A. Lustfield, Wm. Doucet and Tim Bower**. Supper was served at **LaChapelle's and also at Desbien's restaurants**, both of whom did themselves proud.

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FIRE AT IRON RIVER.

A DESTRUCTIVE BLAZE ON FRIDAY MORNING WREAKS CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE.

About 6:30 o'clock Friday morning a fire was discovered in the **warehouse of the Menominee River Lumber Co., at Iron River**. No one saw it until the flames had made good headway and before they could be checked the warehouse and valuable contents of feed and supplies were destroyed and also an adjoining building used as a **beer and ice house by John Simon**, agent for the **Pn. [sic] Best Brewing Co.** With hard work the fire was here checked and the other buildings near, which were in imminent danger, saved. The loss is not known at this writing, but was probably covered by insurance.

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Crystal Falls Cullings.

(Special Correspondence.)

...visit of a fortnight at Illiopolis, Ill., his old home. His sister accompanied him. We hope he will have a good time and return home safe and sound.

Don't buy at the first place you stop, but examine **J.E. Bower's** great stock of holiday goods arriving daily.

Landlord Lockwood is the recent recipient of the **finest cow on the Range**. The animal is a pure bred "Galloway" and has given twenty-four quarts of rich milk at a milking. She is docile as a kitten and will follow her owner around as if trained. Mr. Lockwood has also been **replenishing his**

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livery as well as his dairy. Several new cutters, pretty and stylish and a new team have been added and another team will soon arrive. Lockwood is awake to the times and deserves the large patronage he is now enjoying.

Don't buy your Christmas goods until you see **J.E. Bower's** mammoth stock.

The Iron Mountain people need not talk "increase the size of the county and make the county seat at Iron Mountain" to us. If they want to hitch on to us they can, but we want them to understand that **the county seat of Iron county is going to be at Crystal Falls** and if they don't want to agree to this, they had better let us alone, form a county of their own or stay with Menominee county. They tried that scheme when Iron county was first formed and it didn't work and if they try it again we will all unite and sit down on them again.

This paper can be found on sale at **J.L. Kimball & Co.'s drug store**, where subscriptions will also be received.

A few days since Iron county, Mich., was socially agitated over the elopement of the attractive daughter of Editor E.P. Lott, of the Crystal Falls Reporter, and Claude M. Atkinson, foreman of the Reporter office. Slightly disguising herself, Miss Lott and Mr. Atkinson walked to the depot only a few feet behind Miss L's father and rode in the same coach with him as far as **Florence**, where they called on a j.p. [justice of the peace], who changed Miss Lott's name to Atkinson. Mr. Atkinson is said to be a good printer and a steady, sober, industrious young man. The blessing of the irate father of the bride will now be courted by the truant couple. – *Marinette Star*.

Holiday goods of all kinds and at all prices at Bower's.

The sport-loving business men of Crystal Falls, are hustlers and can "get there" if the

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Mrs. A.F.A. Atkinson and family, will move to Crystal Falls, where Claude is about to establish a weekly paper, to be called the Iron Center.

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Stambaugh Stylographs.

(Special Correspondence)

This paper can be found on sale at **Dr. Vilas' drug store**.

Now as the New Year is here, tread not in forbidden paths.

F.P. Mills and lady, of Chicago, visited with friends at this place and **Iron River** during the week.

Capt. W.H. Buddle is again in **Stambaugh** and we expect to see some lively mining work soon.

There are 250 men employed at the mine this winter which is a large increase over past winters.

The **Scandinavians** spent the **New Year Day** by giving thanks and praise to the Lord for past blessing.

Mrs. J.N. Porter gave one of her pleasant parties on Friday evening in honor of **Mr. and Mrs. F.P. Mills**.

Wolves are plenty in the adjoining township of Bates and one was killed

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recently. Poison is the only way of attacking the thieves.

The Iron River Co., [sic] is employing all the carpenters who can be found. A large amount of work will be done this winter.

The New Year passed away very quietly. Of course the usual quantity of the oil of gladness was imbibed by the thirsty part of our citizens.

The flag was hoisted at half-mast on last Friday as our last tribute of respect to another of our heroes of the rebellion, **John A. Logan**.

Elisha Morgan has a contract of hauling two thousand cords of wood for the **Iron River Co.**, and is now rushing it in at the rate of forty cords a day.

Mrs. Cook, who has been confined to her room by a severe illness for the past two weeks is now convalescent, which her many friends will be glad to learn.

The **Crystal Falls cannibal** has not made his appearance in our town yet. If he does and is desirous of trying his teeth, we have a champion dog hired which we will match.

Mrs. Dr. Carpenter gave a **progressive euchre party** to a number of friends of the two towns. **F.P. Mills** and wife of Chicago were, were among those present. **Miss Hyde** and **Mr. Hitchcock** won the prizes.

Now as our [sic] new sheriff is installed, we.....

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Crystal Falls Cullings.

(Special Correspondence.)

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...**Atkinson**, foreman of the Reporter office, were married. Mr. Atkinson is not only known to many Appletonians, but is also a nephew of one of our poet-artists, **Mrs. E.Y. Richmond**. – Appleton Crescent.

John Tearney, one of our popular young men, **died Sunday night from an injury received at one of Bush's camps, while working in the woods**. The Tearney family has been sadly unfortunate. All within a year **Matt** was drowned, **Paul** died of brain fever and **John** was accidentally killed. The bereaved parents have the heartfelt sympathy of the community.

Claude Atkinson, of Florence, is about to establish a paper here. It will be a five-column quarto, will probably be called the **Iron Center** and will no doubt be a good representative of the large and diversified resources of our splendid town. The first issue will be about January 15, or later and the **office will be in the building back of Kimball & Co.'s drug store**. Success to it.

Iron county people who are content that **Crystal Falls should be the county seat** (and they claim to be more than three-fifths of the population of the county) will oppose any legislation, no matter what, with reference to the boundaries of that county, at this session of the legislature. Let us alone, they will say to the legislature, until we have got fairly to running under the organizing act; then, if the interests of all will be served by so doing, rectify our frontiers; then we may want territory or may be willing to yield it, or both; just now we want nothing except what we have and to settle our internal affairs without interference. – Escanaba Iron Port.

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A.D. Gibbs, one of our most highly-respected citizens, has been lying seriously ill during the week and is yet very low. We all hope for his speedy recovery.

LATER – **Mr. Gibbs died about noon, on Thursday, quite unexpectedly.** It was known he was very ill, but his death was not expected to occur so soon. His illness was a complication of asthma, heart trouble and paralysis. Among his children are Miss **Ida Gibbs**, **Mrs. F.R. Whittlesey**, of **Florence**[,] and **C.D. Gibbs**, of **Menominee**. He was highly respected, had lived here several years and his death is much mourned by all who knew him.

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Crystal Falls Cullings.

(Special Correspondence.)

John Parks is on the sick list.

Dan Urquhart was in **Florence** Sunday.

Chas. Neering went to **Florence** Monday.

Johnny McGillis' sister visited him Wednesday.

J.F. Corcoran left town **Monday morning for good.**

M. Buskirk was on the sick list the fore part of the week.

Miss **Emma Olin**, of **Florence**, was visiting **Mrs. J.H. Parks**.

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...with the understanding of **starting a first-class ready-made clothing store.**

This paper can be found on sale at **J.L. Kimball & Co.'s drug store**, where subscriptions will also be received.

Prof. C.D. Lawton, while here, talked about the **Gogebic Range** the same as he is reported to have talked in **Florence**.

Editor Atkinson went down the Range the first of the week on biz. **Claude** is doing finely and the **Diamond Drill** is a **splendid paper**.

Col. John Sobieski, a **prominent temperance agitator**, will give three lectures, under the auspices of the **W.C.T.U. [Women's Christian Temperance Union]**, at **Doucet's hall**, commencing February 12.

Capt. Wm. Morrison is exploring on **Sec. 27 Town 46, Range 33**. The captain was one of the earliest explorers in **Crystal Falls** and now has gone twenty-five miles farther north.

Dr. Spencer, of **Iron Mountain**, will be in town for a week. **Office in back part of J.L. Kimball & Co.'s drug store. Now is the time to get your teeth fixed.** The doctor is a good workman.

The Range and Reporter came out last week with an item stating that **Homer Lindsley** had taken **Frank Scadden's** place as **bookkeeper at the Mastodon mine**, but instead of **Homer Lindsley** it was **Marsh Lindsley**.

Hush, be still as any mouse,

There's a baby in the house.

Not a dolly, not a toy,

But a laughing baby boy.

It is at **J.L. Kimball's**, seven and a half pounds, and has come to stay.

It is reported that **William Doucet**[,] of **Crystal Falls**, is negotiating for the purchase of the **Menekaune House**, now being managed by **Andy Shellman**. Hope it may prove true as Mr. Doucet is a good business man [*sic – businessman*] and a pleasant neighbor. – Menominee Herald.

The sad news was received Friday of last week from **Brampton**, of the **death** on **Thursday, of the oldest child of Mrs. Wm. Eldred** of this place. **Mr. Eldred** is

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stationed at **Ishpeming** and his wife and family were visiting relatives at Brampton. The funeral took place Sunday.

A visitor to the Falls writes as follows to the Menominee Democrat: "I arrived at Crystal Falls on Monday, and the first thing that struck me as peculiar is the "lay of the land," or it might be called a mountain, on which the village is built. This mountain slopes to the east, and the grade for one-quarter of a mile is at the rate of about 1200 feet to the mile. The main street runs straight up the side of this mountain, and viewing the houses from a distance it has the appearance of a huge stairway. At the foot of the hill are the **C. & N.W. R'y depot, warehouse and roundhouse. The village is composed of two churches, four hotels, one opera hall, two dry good stores, two general stores and one grocery, two restaurants, two meat markets, two drug stores, two barber shops and only nineteen saloons.** The people of Crystal Falls are very hospitable and pleasing in their manners to strangers, and I have been especially well treated since coming here."

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Crystal Falls Cullings.

(Special Correspondence.)

Nearly all of the county records have been moved here from Iron River.

Crystal Falls, it seems, has to stand her portion of the fire. What have we done?

It is rumored here that an intoxicated lumberman was cremated at the **Stephenson House fire** last week.

The mining properties in this vicinity never looked better and many new workings have the best of prospects.

This paper can be found on sale at **J.L. Kimball & Co.'s drug store**, where subscriptions will also be received.

The next term of the circuit court and also the next meeting of the county board will be held at the new county seat.

It is reported that a syndicate of local residents are to explore to the west of the town. There are some good indications out that way.

Another **disastrous conflagration** occurred in our village about noon last Sunday. **The buildings occupied by the Diamond Drill and Charles Henry and the barn and carriage house of Dr. Kimball were totally destroyed and the drug store of J.L. Kimball & Son narrowly escaped a similar fate.** The fire originated from some unknown cause in the building occupied by **Charles Henry**. Mr. Henry was engaged in his shop, preparing a coffin for a lumberman who was killed in the woods by a falling tree Saturday, when he saw the flames just breaking through the roof, with considerable headway. The alarm was given and a valiant effort was made to quench the fiery monster, but the building was soon in ashes. Most of the stock was saved. The building was valued at \$1,700, and was insured for about \$450. The office of the Diamond Drill, published by **Claude M. Atkinson**, was also devoured by the insatiate fiend. The stock, machinery and type were nearly all saved, however, with but little damage. The building was valued at \$500. The barn and carriage house of **Dr. Kimball** were also consumed, there being no insurance on either structure. The **drug store of Dr. J.K. Kimball & Son** was damaged to the extent of \$100 or more but was fully insured. It was a very close call for this building. By

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the liberal application of snow and a meager supply of water from neighboring wells, the fire was kept somewhat in check until teams returned from the river with water, after the arrival of which the flames were soon extinguished. Dr. Kimball's household furniture, which was fully insured, was removed, but was badly injured by rough handling. The stock and fixtures of the drug store were greatly damaged, owing to the haste incident to their removal. It is estimated that the loss will reach \$1500, the insurance on the stock and fixtures having expired shortly before the fire. It is very fortunate that the fire was extinguished before it extended further.

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IRON RIVER.

L.S. Hitchcock, an old-time resident and hardware merchant, has about concluded to sell out to a party from Appleton, Wis. The transfer is expected to be made in the very near future.

Charles Langendorf, of Stambaugh, is about to be married to a young lady from Bates. Charley is a good man, one of the most straightforward men in the place, and she is a lucky girl who gets him. We wish them much joy.

Rumor has it that **C. McDermott's residence, on his homestead, was lately entered by thieves, who used ladders to gain an entrance through an up-stairs [sic – upstairs] window, during the owner's absence, and robbed him of \$450 which he had in the house.**

Charles M. Rodgers, the ever-accommodating clerk at the Boyington House, has been suffering considerably

from sore eyes, and was preparing to go to Milwaukee for treatment, but is now supposed to have found a remedy nearer home, news which his many friends will be glad to hear.

Several new buildings are going up, among which may be found a **new office for A.B. McKinnon**, our supervisor, and also a **harness shop for Mr. Atkins, baggagemaster [sic – baggage master], who intends to engage a harnessmaker and do business in first-class style.** Surely the place can afford steady support for one shop at least, and we believe **"Billy"** can run it in good shape.

It is reported on good authority that the **McIntosh Bros.' contract on the Chicago & North-Western Railroad extension will be completed this (Tuesday) P.M., and that they intend to turn their forces in to help the completion of the Anderson contract adjoining. It is now understood that through trains will be running by the 4th of July.**

A **100-yard foot-race [sic – foot race]** came off here last Saturday, between **Paul Minckler**, a general merchant of this place, and **William Patterson**, a railroader, for a purse of \$25 a side. The match was decided in favor of Patterson. There was, of course, the usual number of side bets. It is reported that Minckler has challenged Patterson to run again on the Fourth for \$100 a side. Mr. Minckler has ordered a new running suit for the purpose.

Several of the **laborers from the Selden mine, near Stambaugh, informed your correspondent to-day [sic – today]** that

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Ira Jackson and Miss Delia Drago, both of Iron River, were married at the Polderman House on Saturday last, Justice Omer Huff officiating. Mr. Jackson recently purchased Capt. Thomas Luxmore's dwelling house at Iron River.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Robert Quinn, of Iron River, and Miss Josie McGillis, daughter of L.H. McGillis, were quietly married at the Florence Catholic Church, at 5:30 o'clock on Tuesday morning. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Leccia in the presence of the bride's parents, brothers and sisters and a few intimate friends, including Mr. and Mrs. Peter McGovern, Mrs. G.L. Taff and others. Miss Tidy McGillis and John McGillis, sister and brother of the bride, acted as bridesmaid and best man. A wedding breakfast was served at the residence of L.H. McGillis, after which Mr. and Mrs. Quinn left on the morning train for a short bridal trip to Chicago, Detroit and other eastern cities. The couple did not intend to be married until Wednesday, and so informed their friends, but, owing to the publication of the announcement of the prospective wedding in the MINING NEWS week before last, changed their plan and the event took place a day earlier. This was probably done so as to prevent several hundred of the MINING NEWS' readers from witnessing the ceremony. The editors extend heartfelt congratulations, all the same.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Robert Quinn, for several years one of Iron River's leading merchants, and one of our best citizens, was united in marriage at Florence, Wis., on the 21st instant [of this month], to Miss Josie McGillis, of the latter city. The bride is also well and favorably known in this city[,] having taught school here the past year. If she makes as good a wife as she did a teacher, "Bob" will have secured a treasure, indeed, and we believe that she will be all that. We, as well as all their Iron River friends, congratulate the happy young couple, and join in wishing them a long, prosperous and happy life. –[Iron River Correspondence.]

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume VIII, Number 51 [Saturday, December 15, 1888], page 5, column 1

An Aggravating Occurrence.

A. Peltier, the big-hearted, jovial ex-hotel keeper of this city[,] is in hard luck. In September last his large hotel, the Florence House, was destroyed by fire, with no insurance, and he recently sustained another pecuniary loss at Mastodon. Mr. Peltier purchased a one-story frame building, in the now deserted village, which he intended moving to Stager and there fit it up for a boarding house. The structure was placed upon a flat car, but in rounding a curve, both the car and house were capsized. He thereupon took the building

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to pieces and brought the material to this city, dumping it upon the site of the old Florence House. Mr. Peltier will erect another hotel building upon the spot early in the spring. The MINING NEWS trusts that the worthy hotel keeper's troubles are over forever.

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HORACE TUTTLE KILLED.

Shocking Railway Accident This Afternoon Near Iron River.

A shocking accident occurred on the **Menominee range branch of the North-Western road near Elmwood**, a small station eight miles the other side of Iron River between 1 and 2 o'clock this afternoon. The passenger train which left Florence at 11:30 o'clock, jumped the track at the place indicated, owing to a spreading of the rails. Only very meager particulars of the accident could be obtained at this writing, the news of which was received shortly before going to press. Three persons were killed outright, and several injured, two or three probably fatally.

The killed are:

Horace A. Tuttle, of Cleveland, **president of the Commonwealth Mining Company**.

A gentleman named **McDonald**, of Escanaba. LATER. – The latter is reported to be **Lieut. Gov. McDonald, of Michigan**.

Mr. Cochrane, residence unknown.

Fatally injured:

Mrs. D. McClure [sic – McClure], wife of **Baggage Master [sic – Baggage Master] McClure**.

Among those seriously injured were **E.P. Foster**, of **Iron Mountain**, and **Henry Armstrong**, of **Iron River**. Very few passengers escaped injury.

Mr. Tuttle, as announced elsewhere, spent two or three days in Florence and Commonwealth this week and he and **Capt. O.C. Davidson** left on the ill-fated train this noon, Mr. Tuttle bound for **Hurley** and Capt. Davidson for **Bessemer**. The two gentlemen were sitting in the same seat at the time of the accident. **Mr. Tuttle was instantly killed, while Capt. Davidson escaped without a scratch**. The terrible news created intense excitement in this city, and a large crowd assembled at the depot upon the arrival of the late afternoon train, everybody evincing a feverish desire to learn the particulars. Mr. Tuttle was well-known and universally esteemed and respected here. His body will be brought here and prepared for shipment to his grief-stricken family in Cleveland.

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 17 [Thursday, July 18, 1889], page 1, column 3

Our Little Vacation.

The writer took a **trip to Crystal Falls** last Saturday – the first in several months – and found the town wearing its usual appearance. Business looked a little dull, but apparently considerable was being done in a quiet way. The **Lockwood house**, under the management of the popular landlord, **D.C. Lockwood**, takes care of its guests with the same solicitude for their comfort as ever. **Atkinson** was just **leaving for a quiet Sunday at Spread Eagle lakes**, so we only had time to say "How do" to him, but his help appeared to be busy, and **Claude** wears a contented,

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prosperous look. **Doucet** had time to sit in front of his place and give us his opinion of **Judge Grant**. **Parks Bros.**, **Lustfield**, **Kimball & Co.**, and in fact all the merchants were more or less busy, but had time to be more busy if the occasion demanded. **Ed. Gustafson** is farming on his homestead, and makes hay while the sun shines and boats while it rains. People must eat, and **John Fisher** was busy – had only time for a word with us, and to renew his subscription for another year. **D. Bannerman** is the same enthusiastic democrat [*sic – Democrat*] “from the ground up,” as of yore, and did not give us a chance to forget it. **Hendricks** is so busy he hasn’t time to read the papers and when a man is in that unhappy predicament he ought to employ help. Considerable building is going on in Crystal Falls, the streets are in good condition, and the village wears a look of prosperity that is good to see.

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THE name of the Crystal Falls Cycle has been changed to the “Clipper.” The sheet is only a few weeks old and has had three different names, two or three different editors, and has recently changed owners, Dan Bannerman having purchased the plant from Welter & Smith. The Diamond Drill’s business has nearly doubled since the establishment of its alleged rival at the Falls. All of which is exceedingly gratifying to Claude and Henry’s friends here and elsewhere.

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Number 10 [Saturday, February 28, 1891], page 5, columns 3-4

A MURDEROUS POLACK.

JOS. HOLAS, INSANE WITH RAGE, SHOOTS TO KILL AT IRON RIVER

He Fires two Charges of buckshot Into a Large Crowd of People – He Shoots High, but Seriously Wounds Two Men – He Fires a Third Time, Probably Fatally Wounding Marshal Scott and Injuring Al. Cummings, who were Trying to Arrest Him – The Fiend Finally Secured – A Lynching Bee Barely Averted. – The Would-Be Assassin Run Out of the County in Order to Save His Precious Neck – Full Particulars on the Exciting Occurrence.

The bustling little city of Iron River, twenty-six miles west of Florence, on the North-Western road, was the scene of an exciting and tragic occurrence last Monday afternoon, a vicious Polander named **Joseph Holas** shooting down four men, two of whom received very serious injuries. The names of the victims are as follows:

Edward Scott, village marshal [*sic – marshal*], shot in three places – in the back part of the right shoulder, in the lower part of the right jaw and through the wrist.

Nic Docter, aged 19 years, shot near the left groin, the ball narrowly missing the intestines and bladder.

Joe Basinet, a Frenchman, shot in the left shoulder.

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Al. Cummings, about 30 [*sic* – 55] years of age, **proprietor of a saloon and restaurant**, flesh wound in the neck, near the breast bone.

A MINING NEWS reporter visited Iron River a day or two after the shooting and learned the essential particulars of the terrible affair. Joseph Holas, the man who committed the deed, is a Polish miner, unmarried and about 55 years of age. He at one time worked at the **Florence mine**, but for the past year or two has been employed at the **Stambaugh mine**. While Holas was passing along Genesee Street, early Monday afternoon, a few persons, said to have been composed mostly of boys, pelted him with snow balls. Holas went to one of the officers and demanded the arrest of a certain young man, whom he claimed led the attack. The officer replied: "You go and get a warrant and I'll make the arrest." Holas, who did not appear anxious to secure a warrant, said: "If you don't arrest him I'll

SHOOT HIM AT 3 O'CLOCK."

Holas started homeward and met a fellow countryman, a man of some education and one whom the Polanders generally go to for advice when in trouble. Holas related his alleged grievance to his friend, and the latter advised him to get his gun and "shoot anybody and everybody who molested him again."

True to his promised threat, the fellow appeared upon the street at the hour indicated. He passed along the **Boyington House** side of the street to the corner near the **postoffice building**, when two or three snow balls were thrown at him from across the road, none of the balls, however, coming anywhere near hitting him. At this juncture, Holas pulled the barrel and [*sic*] stock of a single-barrel shot gun from underneath his coat, calmly put the weapon together, raised it to his shoulder, took careful aim and

FIRED INTO THE CROWD

of men and boys standing in front of **Al. Cummings' restaurant**. The charge scattered, eleven ball [*sic* – balls] passing through the large plate glass and several others into the wood work and through the open door. One of the balls struck **Joe Basinet**, who was seated upon a table in the back part of the restaurant, and another one of the leaden missiles was stopped by young **Nic Docter** as he was passing out of the building to the street. The excitement became intense as the infuriated Pole was seen to calmly put a fresh loaded shell into his gun. Quite a number of children were among the crowd, and nearly all of them were quickly hustled into the restaurant and out through the back way to places of safety. Old man Cummings, hearing the shooting and seeing the two wounded men fall within his building, rushed out upon the sidewalk and, in a loud and authoritative manner and voice, commanded Holas to cease firing. The desperado replied by ordering Cummings to "shut up or I'll shoot you." The old gentleman went back into the front room to throw off his coat, and while doing so was startled by hearing a

LOUD BANG AND CRASH.

A glance at the smoking gun in Holas' hands proved that the Polish demon had fired a second time, and clearly shot the front of **E.M. Wright's barber shop**, a dozen or more of the buckshot passing through the window, glass door and window frame and burying themselves in the wall on the opposite side of the shop. One of the deadly messengers flew through the open door grazing the shoulder of one of Mr. Wright's artists and lodging in the black walnut frame of a large mirror. Fortunately, Holas aimed high in both cases, all but a few of the scattering buckshot striking the front of the double store building several inches higher than a man's head. Had he aimed a trifle lower, it is safe to say that a

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dozen or more people would have been shot, and probably a

NUMBER OF FATALITIES

would have resulted. There were half a dozen or more men standing within short distances of the would-be assassin, but not the slightest attempt was made by any of them to arrest the fellow, though his capture could safely and easily have been effected immediately after the first discharge of his weapon. Mr. Cummings finally made up his mind to capture the shooter, but in making the attempt the brave old man came very near losing his life. Hurrying across the street as fast as his rheumatic limbs could carry him, he seized Holas by the shoulder, but the desperate scoundrel struck Cummings' arm with his gun and, jumping sideways a rod or so, leveled his weapon, aimed directly at the old man's head and

FIRED THE THIRD SHOT.

Just as Holas was in the act of pulling the trigger, Cummings stepped backwards thus undoubtedly saving his life. One of the buckshot, however, struck him between the neck and breast bone, making an ugly-looking and painful flesh wound, though not a dangerous one. When Holas fired, **Ed. Scott**, the plucky **village marshal**, who was running to Cummings' assistance, was within a few feet of the latter, he arriving upon the scene just in time to receive a portion of the charge intended for Cummings. When Scott fell to the ground unconscious and bleeding, the

EXCITEMENT WAS INTENSE.

Hundreds of people flocked to the locality, but Holas, sullen and defiant, held them at bay until placed under arrest by **Under Sheriff Flannagan [sic – Flanagan]**. He made no resistance, which was probably owing to the fact that his ammunition was exhausted. The under sheriff and one or two other cool heads took charge of the man, determined to protect

him from violence at all hazards. The crowd clamored for vengeance and loud

THREATS OF LYNCHING

were freely made. Deputy Flannagan [*sic – Flanagan*] hastily procured a rig, hustled the murderous Pole into the cutter and started for **Crystal Falls**. The officers expected to be followed by the maddened friends of the wounded men, and were prepared to defend their prisoner and uphold the majesty of the law. Happily for the good reputation of Iron River, better counsels prevailed, and the officers were in nowise molested while en route to the county seat. **Sheriff Tully** had spent a portion of the day at the Falls, and while returning to Iron River, accompanied home by **Capt. John Morrison**, met the posse on the road. Learning the particulars of the shooting, the Sheriff sent his rig home by Capt. Morrison, and accompanied Deputy Flannagan [*sic – Flanagan*] to Crystal Falls. Arriving at the latter place, Sheriff Tully quietly placed Holas in a room on the third floor of the **Lockwood House**, summoned **Justice Henry**, and the latter quickly bound the prisoner over to the next term of the Circuit Court for trial. The reason why so much precaution was deemed necessary on the part of the sheriff, was owing to the fact that a large number of Iron River people were in the Falls at the time and fears were entertained that the facts of the shooting would be communicated to some of them by wire and that an attempt might be made to

LYNCH THE POLANDER

within sight of the new temple of justice now in course of construction in that city. So quietly were matters arranged and carried out that the presence of the posse and prisoner in town was known to scarcely half a dozen people. After the arraignment of Holas, the party boarded the sleigh and drove to **Florence**, arriving in this city about 3 o'clock Tuesday morning. Refreshments

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were procured at **McDevitt's**, and a charge of horses was made at **Molloy's livery stable**. The sheriff's party, thereupon, drove to **Iron Mountain**, but did not stop there, as was first intended, owing to the fact that **Engineer Scott**, a brother of the wounded marshal, is stationed in that city, the sheriff thinking that, in case the former had received information of the tragic occurrence, the presence of his brother's

WOULD-BE SLAYER

In the **Menominee County jail in the city of Menominee**, there to await the result of his victims' injuries. A movement is on foot to restore capital punishment in the state of Michigan. It is to be hoped that the Legislature, now in session, will hurry up and pass the death penalty bill so that Holas may be legally executed in the event of the death of Scott or Docter. The fellow deserves to be

STRANGLED TO DEATH,

anyway, no matter whether the men live or die. He shot to kill, and cared not whether he murdered a score of innocent people who had never wronged him in the least.

At last reports **Ed. Scott** and **Nic Docter** were in an exceedingly precarious condition, but their many friends are hopeful of their ultimate recovery. The bullet which lodged somewhere in Docter's body and the one in Scott's shoulder had not been removed at the time of the MINING NEWS reporter's visit at Iron River, both men being too weak to warrant probing for the balls.

Ed. Scott lived in Florence many years ago, his father having kept a restaurant and boarding house opposite the MINING NEWS office.

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Another Iron River Shooting Affray.

Special Dispatch to the MINING NEWS.

IRON RIVER, Mich., April 18, 1891. – On Tuesday, the 16th inst. [of this month], at about 11 o'clock P.M., the neighborhood of the **Boyington House** was suddenly aroused by the report of firearms. It appears that the village constable, **William Leroy**, had offended two brothers, named **Richard and Alfred Williams**, miners, who have been residents of Iron River for many years. They went to their home in **French town**, procured their guns and returned to the hotel. Leroy was just going into the door when Alfred fired from a distance of a few feet putting a whole charge of shot into Leroy's back. He fell into the office and Richard then sprang forward with a Winchester and swore he would finish him. **James Long**, who was in the office, jumped at him and caught the rifle and, after a hard struggle, succeeded in getting the gun away from him, dragging him into the office. During the struggle Richard Williams drew a large butcher knife, but Long threw him against the desk and held him down. While in this position, Alfred rushed in and aimed his gun at Long, but **Mr. Boyington** struck the barrel down and the charge intended for Long entered Richard Williams' forearm, fracturing the bone very severely. He is lying in the **Merchants' Hotel**, and will have his arm amputated to-day [sic – today]. Alfred, the one who fired both shots, is in the custody of **Marshal Frank McHugh**. William Leroy was taken home and is in a very precarious condition.

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Nicholas Northway and Miss **Mary Elizabeth Wilcox**, both of **Mastodon, Mich.**, were **united in marriage by Justice of the Peace Haberkorn**, in this city, on Monday last.

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Andy Boyington Captures a Bold Crook.

Sheriff Tully, of **Iron County, Mich.**, passed through **Florence** on the early morning train, Thursday, bound for Marquette with a **sneak thief calling himself C. Goodwin**, whom he landed in the Northern Michigan penitentiary for a term of three months. Goodwin is a "shabby genteel" looking man of about 50 years of age, with a countenance bearing the unmistakable imprint of a professional sneak thief. The fellow struck Iron River Tuesday afternoon and obtained lodging the same night at the **Boyington House**, registering as "C. Goodwin, Green Bay." While the family, boarders and guests were at breakfast the next morning, Goodwin entered the room of Miss **Etta Harttle**, **head cook of the hotel**, and stole a lot of jewelry, consisting of a gold watch, pair of earrings and a breast-pin, also \$5 in money, and made his escape from the building without detection. The robbery was discovered shortly afterwards and search was at once made for the villainous old tramp, who was believed to be the thief. No trace of the man could be found in Iron River, whereupon **A.J. Boyington**, the popular proprietor of the hotel, took a team

and started for Crystal Falls, hopeful that his man had gone in that direction. Andy had blood in his eye and drove at a furious pace for miles, happily running the fugitive down within two miles of the county seat. The wrathful hotelkeeper captured the crook, took him to Crystal Falls, where he was arraigned before **Justice Parks**. In order to save the expense of a trial in the Circuit Court, and other heavy expenses incident to a trial, Goodwin was permitted to plead guilty to petit [*sic – petty*] larceny, and received a sentence of 90 days. The writer is confident he saw Goodwin in Florence early in the week.

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He Ought to Rejoice.

A youthful appearing Swede came to Florence last Sunday morning, looking for his runaway wife. The parties live in **Crystal Falls**, and the **faithless woman left for parts unknown on Saturday last, taking with her all of her husband's savings and her 5-month-old baby, leaving behind, however the oldest child, aged 2 years.** The deserted husband and father had an idea the woman might be in hiding in this city, but a thorough search by **Under Sheriff Keyes** failed to result in her discovery. It is now known that the young wife went direct to Chicago in company with a woman of rather unsavory reputation. The young husband returned home and will make no further efforts to find his erring spouse. She will probably repent of her folly ere long and return of her own accord to her old home.

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DR. D.M. BOND DEAD.

P. O'BRIEN.

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Dr. Bond's Funeral.

The Well-Known Physician Passes Away at Noon To-Day.

The MINING NEWS learns with the deepest sorrow that **Dr. D.M. Bond**, one of the best-known physicians of the range, is lying at the point of death at his home in Iron River. He was stricken with paralysis at 7 o'clock last evening. The Doctor [*sic – doctor*] ate his supper as usual, and appeared to be in the best of spirits. He finally laid down upon a couch and was soon afterwards discovered in an unconscious condition. He was still unconscious this morning, and at last reports was gradually sinking. It is believed he cannot survive the day. His wife was visiting Iron Mountain at the time of his sudden illness, but passed through here on the noon train to-day [*sic – today*] on her way to Iron River.

News of Dr. Bond's momentary death will be received with profound grief in Florence, where he is greatly esteemed and has many warm and devoted friends. The genial Doctor [*sic – doctor*] was a regular weekly visitor here and was greatly attached to Florence.

LATER: -- **Dr. Bond died at noon to-day [*sic – today*].**

The following dispatch was received early this afternoon:

IRON RIVER, Mich., March 19, 1892.

GEO. C. YOUNGS, Florence.

Dr. D.M. Bond died at 11:40 this morning.

A representative of the MINING NEWS attended the funeral of the lamented **Dr. D.M. Bond**, at his late residence in **Iron River** on Monday afternoon. The house was filled with a large number of the Doctor's [*sic – doctor's*] old friends and neighbors, and the services were exceedingly impressive, **Rev. Mr. McDonald** preached the funeral sermon, during the delivery of which he paid an eloquent and touching tribute to the memory of the departed. The members of **Iron River Tent No. 336, Knights of the Maccabees**, of which Dr. Bond was a zealous and faithful member, besides being the tent's examining physician, attended the funeral in a body and acted as an escort. Six Maccabees also officiated as pallbearers. The remains were taken to the Chicago & North-Western depot and placed on the 4 P.M. passenger train and forwarded to Milton, Rock Co., Wis., for interment in the same cemetery where his parents and other relatives are buried. The Iron River Maccabees accompanied the body as far as Florence, and were met at the local depot by a large delegation of Florence Sir Knights.

E.E. Keyes, of this city, and **E.P. Lott, commander of the Iron River Tent, K.O.T.M.**, accompanied the remains to Milton. Funeral services were held at the Baptist Church at that place at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, **Rev. E.M. Dunn** officiating.

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The Iron River Reporter furnishes the following brief sketch of the life of the deceased:

“**Daniel M. Bond** was born March 22, 1826, at Clarksburg, West Virginia, where his youth was passed. He received an academical [*sic – academic*] education, graduating with honor, after which he took up the study of medicine and pursued the same for some years, when he entered the Chicago Medical College, graduating therefrom with honor to himself and the college. After receiving his diploma he located at Johnstown Center, Rock Co., Wis., where he resided about twenty-five years. He then removed to Janesville, in the same state, and remained there for three years, when he removed to **Quinnesec**, in this state, in 1880, and from thence to **Iron River** in 1882, where he lived until his death. He was married January 1, 1850, to Miss **Mary J. Swisher**, an estimable young lady of West Virginia, who proved herself a helpmate to him in all his adversities as well as in the prosperities, and who lives to mourn his death. Three children lived to bless their union and comfort their widowed mother – **Mrs. E. Saunders**, wife of **Edward Saunders**, founder and present cashier of the Milton (Wis.) Bank, **Frank L.**, who has been associated with his father for several years in the practice of medicine here and elsewhere, and Miss **Lillian M.** The deceased was the oldest of four brothers, two of whom, **Alexander Bond**, of Parma, Ill., and **S.G. Bond**, of Milton, Wis., survive him. He comes of a long-lived race, his father having died last May, at Milton, at the age of nearly 90 years, and 24 hours before his death the Doctor [*sic – doctor*] looked healthy enough to live to be as old himself.