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The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume VI, Number 48 [Saturday, November 27, 1886], page 1, column 6

E.P. Lott, of the Crystal Falls Reporter, who has been peculiarly unfortunate in the publishing business in Iron county, was in town on Tuesday and made this office a pleasant call. His friends hope to soon see him on his feet again.

Claud [sic – Claude] M. Atkinson, of Florence[,] and Miss Ida Lott, of Crystal Falls, daughter of E.P. Lott, editor of the later Reporter, were married in Florence on Wednesday afternoon, by Justice J.E. Parry.

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It is reported that Fay G. Clark has purchased the Crystal Falls Reporter. It cannot be said of Fay that he is not enterprising, does not possess energy and is not in love with Crystal Falls. These are things the good people of that active town desire to see evidence in their local paper and there is no doubt but what Mr. Clark will succeed in giving them just the paper they want. At least we wish him success in his

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new departure and if hitting the nail on the head hard and often, will achieve it, success is his.

LATER – Since the above was written the material of the Reporter office has been attached to satisfy a claim of Benton, Waldo & Co., of Milwaukee, for \$300 or over. Mr. Lott will either replevin or pay the claim and will again assume control of the office. At present it is in the hands of Under Sheriff Lockwood, who, it is said, is thinking of starting a paper at Crystal Falls. We sincerely regret to see the office in the “toils” and hope the financial cloud now enveloping it, will soon exhibit a silver lining.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume VI, Number 50 [Saturday, December 11, 1886], page 8, column 1

CRYSTAL FALLS CULLINGS.

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.

THE DIAMOND DRILL
[Established in January, 1887]
Claude M. Atkinson, Editor
Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume VII, Number 5 [Saturday, January 29, 1887], page 4, column 1

The initial number of the Diamond Drill, published at Crystal Falls, by Claude M. Atkinson, has made its appearance. It is a five-column folio and printed with a brand new [*sic – brand new*] outfit. It presents a neat appearance and is newsy and bright. It has a good field in which to “Drill” and will doubtless be the means of making a “rich find.” Success to it.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume VII, Number 7 [Saturday, February 12, 1887], page 8, column 1

Crystal Falls Cullings. (Special Correspondence.)

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

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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 extend of \$100 or more but was fully insured. It was a very close call for this building. By 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.

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 17 [Thursday, July 18, 1889), page 5, column 2

Personal and Social.

Henry Anderson, foreman in the Diamond Drill office, was a visitor at this office yesterday.

THE IRON CENTER

[Established in January, 1887]

Claude M. Atkinson, Editor

Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume

VII, Number 2 [Saturday, January 8, 1887], page 5, column 2

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.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume VII, Number 2 [Saturday, January 8, 1887], page 8, columns 1-2

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.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume VIII, Number 5 [Saturday, January 28, 1888], page 5, column 3

Henry F. Anderson, an old and faithful employe [*sic – employee*] of the MINING NEWS, resigned his "sit" on Saturday last to accept cases with his old friend, Claude Atkinson, publisher of the Diamond Drill, at Crystal Falls. Mr. Anderson is succeeded on the MINING NEWS by H.L. Stevens, formerly of the Industrial Journal, Iron Mountain. Mr. Stevens is an experidnced [*sic – experienced*] news and job printer, and comes well recommended.

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The Current, Norway, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 6, Number ____ [Saturday, November 1, 1890], page 1, column 3

–Charles W. Taylor[,] who has been doing reportorial work on the Iron Mountain Journal, informed the writer, Thursday, that he will issue at Crystal Falls, on Thursday of next week the first number of the Iron County Record, a newspaper with Democratic proclivities. Although we think one paper all that can make a fair living at Crystal Falls, we wish Mr. Taylor success.

The Current, Norway, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 6, Number ____ [Saturday, November 22, 1890], page 1, column 2

–Saturday, we received the first number of the Iron County Record, published at Crystal Falls, by Charles W. Taylor. It is a 5-col., quarto and judging from the pith and point in it is edited by Will Kernan. That it will succeed is the earnest wish of THE CURRENT.

IRON RIVER

THE MINING REPORTER

[Established in August, 1885]

Edward P. Lott, Editor

Iron River, Iron County, Michigan

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume V, Number 27 [Saturday, July 4, 1885], page 4, column 1

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.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume V, Number 36 [Saturday, September 5, 1885], page 4, column 1

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.

The Diamond Drill, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 1 [Saturday, January 21, 1888], page 4, column 2

Omar F. Spencer, late of the Iron Mountain Journal, has taken the foremanship of the Iron county [sic] Reporter. He is a good printer.

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 17 [Thursday, July 18, 1889], page 1, column 3

Newspaper News.

There is talk of a democratic [sic – Democratic] paper being started in Iron River. If this proposition is carried out it means starvation for either the new venture

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or O'Brien's excellent paper – undoubtedly the former. The Reporter is a good paper and should have the united support of the people of Iron River and Stambaugh.