

DICKINSON COUNTY HISTORY – CITY OF IRON MOUNTAIN – BUSINESS BLOCKS

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ANDERSON BLOCK

105 East C Street

The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIII, Number 34 [Thursday, November 12, 1891], page 1, column 2

THERE is no difficulty in renting good store rooms in this city. John R. Wood's block is hardly complete before tenants are found ready to move into it. Every store room is rented. M.C. Gleason has the first, J. Bitterly the second, Louis Newberger the third, the post office will move into the fourth, Mrs. Copeland has the fifth and the Iron Mountain Insurance Agency the sixth. The Robbins block was rented with equal promptness, Mr. Mitchell moving into the spare store there, and Graham and Hunting will occupy Eskil's store room. In Fisher's block the rooms are already spoken for, and we have no doubt Anderson's building will find a tenant as soon as it is ready.

EDWARD BIES BUILDING

Corner of East A Street and South Stephenson Avenue

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 23 [Friday, May 6, 1921], page 3, column 1

EDWARD BIES TO ERECT BUILDING

At the corner of East A street and Stephenson avenue, Edward Bies, the well-known garage man, yesterday broke ground for the erection of a concrete business block. It will be a one-story structure and will have a [sic] On B street will contain two stores each having a

frontage of thirty feet. Both have been leased. Mr. Bies has leased the store he now occupies for the sale of automobile tires and accessories and a drug store will be opened therein. Mr. Bies will remove his business to the apartment south now occupied as a salesroom and exhibition room, and the rear portion of the new building will be utilized for a shop and general garage purposes.

CAMERON BLOCK

North Stephenson Avenue

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XIII, Number 9 [Thursday, May 21, 1891], page 1, column 2

The Freidrich's block on Stephenson avenue was sold on Wednesday to Dr. J.D. Cameron; consideration \$12,500.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 9 [Thursday, June 3, 1897], page 1, column 5

Will Rebuild Their Store.

Hancock & Sundstrom, the hardware merchants, are engaged this week in moving their stock of goods to the Montgomery block. It is the intention of the company to rebuild the store they have occupied for so many years. A stone foundation and basement will be put under the store and other improvements made that will add much to the appearance of the corner.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 23 [Thursday, October 28, 1897], page 1, column 3

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Sundstrom Moves.

A.J. Sundstrom, the hardware merchant, who has occupied the Cameron building, N. Stephenson avenue, ever since he engaged in business here, is moving this week to the Montgomery block, opposite the Chicago & North-Western depot. This is an excellent stand, convenient to all parts of the city, and the removal will undoubtedly result in an increase in business. Mr. Sundstrom informs The Press that he intends adding largely to his stock of goods and will receive in a few days a splendid line of china, crockery and glassware, which will be displayed on the second floor. He will make a specialty of this line and invites the public to inspect his stock.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 42 [Thursday, March 10, 1898], page 8, column 4

COMING DOWN TOWN.

John Swanson Has Leased the Cameron Block for a Term of Years.

John Swanson, the enterprising proprietor of the Princess store, has leased the Cameron block, lately occupied by D.H. Lieberthal, and will stock the same with a fine assortment of high class dry goods, gent's [*sic* – *gents*] furnishings and boots and shoes. Mr. Swanson left last Tuesday evening for Chicago to purchase his stock of goods and expects to have everything in readiness to welcome the buying public in about two weeks. The building is now being prepared for him. The stand is a good one, and as Mr. Swanson intends to

handle a superior grade of goods, the venture will no doubt prove a success.

It is not the intention to discontinue business at the Princess store, as has been reported. This establishment will be maintained in all its departments. The decision of Mr. Swanson to branch out proves that he has "his ear to the ground" and is preparing to do his share of the increased business of the city in the future.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 44 [Thursday, March 24, 1898], page 1, column 4

John Swanson's new store in the Cameron block was illuminated last Saturday night with the acetylene gas machine handled by Geo. J. Dehn. The light is perfectly white and burns with great steadiness. Several hundred people inspected the apparatus during the evening.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 48 [Thursday, April 21, 1898], page 1, column 2

Dry Goods Store.

Robert Sherman has secured a lease of the Cameron building and will engage in the dry goods business. He expects to leave for Chicago in a few days to purchase his stock of goods and will be ready for business early in May. Mr. S. is a popular young man and will undoubtedly succeed.

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All the ladies calling at R.H. Sherman's new dry goods store last Saturday were presented with a handsome picture of the ill-fated battleship Maine mounted on glass. It was a pretty and timely souvenir. Several hundred were given away. The opening was a grand success, the store being crowded with customers until a late hour in the evening.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 23, Number 74 [Thursday, July 8, 1943], page 2, column 3

Old Landmark Bought By Sam Khoury

Sale of the Cameron building, southeast corner of Stephenson and Ludington, to Sam Khoury, proprietor of the tavern and confectionery store adjoining to the south on Stephenson, may mean the eventual razing of one of the oldest landmarks in the city, according to tentative plans of the new owner.

Recently damaged by fire, for the second time in its history, the building, Khoury said, may some day be torn down to make room for a new structure. No such move is planned, however, until after the war, and no repairs will be made to the present structure.

Sale of the building was negotiated through Carl G. Miller, of the Miller Agency in the First National bank building. Although the consideration was not given, the sale price was reported, unofficially, in the neighborhood of \$4,500.

From Kiel [*sic* – *Keel*] Ridge

While there may be some disagreement on the point, older residents recall that the building, the first to appear in the 300 block on Stephenson, as the town moved slowly south from the Chapin location, was one of

several small structures moved here from Kiel [*sic* – *Keel*] Ridge, between Iron Mountain and Quinnesec, after the mine caved in. Originally a one-story, frame building, a second story was added some years later.

At that time, Iron Mountain extended south only as far as the Jenkins hotel, on the corner now occupied by the First National bank.

The clothing and dry goods firm of Schuldice [*sic* – *Schuldes*] and Carrier [*sic* – *Carriere*] was the first to occupy the store, according to accounts, remaining several years before the structure was purchased by Hancock and Sundstrom, for a hardware store.

Hancock eventually sold out to Sundstrom, and the latter continued the business, which he later turned over to his son, William, who maintained it for several years before moving west. William Sundstrom now lives at Dupont, Wash. His wife is the former Elizabeth Murphy, of Iron Mountain, sister of the late Ann Murphy, last of her family to live in this city.

Several Proprietors

Continuing as a hardware store, the business was taken over from William Sundstrom by Gust Gensch, who sold out to Fugere and Eck. They were succeeded in the hardware business by Olaf Rian. Thereafter it passed to the McDonald Hardware company, which finally sold out and closed the business.

The structure remained idle for some time before it was taken over by the Majestic Lunch, which continued for several months before fire destroyed much of the interior.

Khoury said today he bought the corner partly as an investment, but with a thought of either extending his own store or constructing a new one on the site, after the war. Because of shortage of materials, no effort will be made to repair the building and

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it will remain unoccupied until razed, the owner said.

CAMERON BUILDING **311 South Stephenson Avenue**

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 17, Number 43 [Thursday, March 13, 1913], page 1, column 4

A New Store.

G.P. Fugere and his brother Frank, well-known and popular young business men [*sic – businessmen*], have decided to open a shoe store with a side line of furnishing goods. The Cameron building, now occupied by G.P. Johnson, has been leased. The brothers will leave next Sunday for Chicago and other markets to purchase their stock of goods and expect to open their place of business about April 15th. Gilbert has been employed as a salesman for many years in the M. Levy company store and Frank has held a similar position with the Abe Sackim company. The young gentlemen enjoy the confidence of the community, are well versed in the business in which they propose to embark and will no doubt receive a generous patronage.

CATLIN BUILDING **Brown Street**

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 2 [Thursday, June 3, 1897], page 1, column 4

Hassel Embarrassed.

The dry goods establishment of Ellis Hassel, in the Montgomery block, was closed on a chattel mortgage held by Lauerman Bros., of Marinette, last Monday. The mortgage is for \$1,874. Mr. Hassel came to the city about a year ago and engaged in business in a small way in the Catlin building on Brown street, moving about four months ago to Stephenson avenue. He was enterprising and was thought to be doing a successful business. His failure is a surprise to his most intimate friends. Mr. Hassel informs his intimates that he intends going to Europe as soon as his affairs are settled.

MAX A. COHODES BUILDING **600 Block South Stephenson Avenue**

Built in 1922

COOK & PELHAM BLOCK **411-413 South Stephenson Avenue**

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 14, Number 44 [Thursday, March 24, 1910], page 6, column 5

BRIEF CITY NEWS.

The old livery barn on Stephenson avenue, occupied by L.M. Hansen for a long term of years, is being demolished preparatory to the erection of a brick block by Messrs. Cook and Pelham, owners of the property.

Cook & Pehlam Block: Located at 411-413 South Stephenson Avenue, this brick block was erected on the site formerly occupied by Louis M. Hansen's livery

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stable. According to an item in the March 24, 1910 edition of *Iron Mountain Press*: The old livery barn on Stephenson avenue, occupied by L.M. Hansen for a long term of years, is being demolished preparatory to the erection of a brick block by Messrs. Cook and Pelham, owners of the property. August C. Cook and Herbert M. Pelham were lawyers and had a professional partnership.

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 14 [Thursday, June 27, 1889], page 1, column 1

MIKE CORAGLIOTTI has opened up his new brick block, where he is prepared to furnish his customers liquid refreshments as of yore.

CORAGLIOTTI BUILDING

Brown Street

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 2 [Thursday, April 4, 1889], page 1, column 5

More Brick Blocks.

Mr. Paul Barossi, who has done some excellent masonry work around the location, is now putting up a handsome brick building on Brown street to take the place of the wooden premises which were occupied by Michael Coragliotti before the recent fire. The structure will be two-stories [*sic – two stories*] high and handsomely decorated. As the work is in the hands of Mr. Barossi there will be, judging by his previous work, a very substantial building added to those already within the fire limits.

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 7 [Thursday, May 9, 1889], page 5, column 2

Personal and Social.

Ed. Parmelee, who has the contract to build Mike Coragliotti's brick building, is hustling the job through in good shape. Ed. is quite a hustler, anyway.

CORDY BUILDING

102 East B Street

Built in the fall of 1921 by Joseph Cordy, the Cordy Building, a one-story brick structure, is located at 102 East B Street. The building does not occupy the entire lot, as the rear portion was purchased by Brauns & Thomas, whose original plans were to use it for part of the Braumart Theatre. The building was occupied by Christ Anegon & Co., Arthur Mitchell being the "& Co." of the firm, as a confectionery store. It was known as the St. Paul Candy Kitchen by 1924, and was usually referred to as Anegon's Candy Kitchen. Anegon and Mitchell purchased the building from Joseph Cordy on May 27, 1925, for \$22,000.

CORDY BUILDING

110 East B Street

Located at 110 East B Street in *Polk's Iron Mountain City Directory 1935* and *Polk's Iron Mountain Classified Business Directory Including Dickinson County 1935*.

ESKIL STUDIO

215 East Hughitt Street

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

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Number 26 [Saturday, June 20, 1891], page 5, column 3

J.J. ESKIL, of this city, and A.E. Robbins have decided to erect a handsome brick block (50x80 feet) on Hughitt Street, Iron Mountain. J.E. Clancy will furnish the plans.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume XI, Number 30 [Saturday, July 18, 1891], page 5, column 1

J.J. Eskil and family contemplate removing to Iron Mountain about the middle of August. Sorry.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume XI, Number 30 [Saturday, July 18, 1891], page 5, column 2

J.J. Eskil, the Florence photographer, who is erecting a beautiful stone photograph gallery near the Journal office, has made arrangements to remove to this city. He will reside here permanently, occupying the old gallery now on Stephenson Avenue. – [I. Mt. Journal.

The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIII, Number 34 [Thursday, November 12, 1891], page 1, column 2

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The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIII, Number 34 [Thursday, November 12, 1891], page 1, column 2

GRAHAM'S harness shop will be moved this week into Eskil's store building on Hughitt street. Mr. Hunting will also move his shoe store in the same building very soon.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume XII, Number 6 [Saturday, January 30, 1892], page 5, column 2

J.J. ESKIL, who removed to Iron Mountain, last fall, and is now running the finest photograph gallery in the upper peninsula, can be found at his gallery in this city every Wednesday.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVI, Number 49 [Saturday, March 30, 1895], page 5, column 3

Now it is about time that you sent that picture for which your friends and relatives have been writing and asking for so long. You are looking better now than you will when warm weather sets in, and at Eskil's Art Gallery, on Hughitt street, you will get better photographs than you ever had taken before. There you will get first-class pictures at prices to suit the times.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume

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XVI, Number 52 [Saturday, April 20, 1895], page 4, column 4

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The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVII, Number 44 (Whole Number 879) [Saturday, February 22, 1896], page 8, column 1

J.J. Eskil was in Minneapolis several days this week attending the annual convention of the Northwestern Photographer's [sic – Photographers] association. He is a progressive artist and no doubt secured some new ideas in photography.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 3, Number 27 [Thursday, November 30, 1898], page 1, column 4

ADDITIONAL CITY NEWS.

J.J. Eskil's photograph gallery, on E. Hughitt street, was badly damaged by fire on Friday night last. The fire was caused by the explosion of a lamp. Mr. e. places his loss on building at \$700 and on furniture and fixtures at \$700. In addition to this many of his negatives were destroyed and he estimates this loss at not less than \$500. The gallery was probably the best equipped in the upper peninsula. Mr. Eskil is repairing the damage as rapidly as possible and expects to be able to resume business

in a few days. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 7, Number 46 [Thursday, April 9, 1903], page 1, column 6

Lose a Good Citizen.

J.J. Eskil has sold his photograph business to a gentlemen [sic – gentleman] from Denmark, who has a splendid reputation as an artist of high degree. The deal goes into effect within a few weeks. Mr. Eskil expects to spend a month or two in sight-seeing in the west and southwest and may ultimately locate in Colorado. By his removal Iron Mountain not only loses a good citizen and a pleasant family, but one of the best photographers in Michigan.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 31 [Thursday, December 22, 1904], page 12, column 6

A.N. Chatelain is now proprietor of the Eskil photograph gallery on E. Hughitt street.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 33 [Thursday, January 5, 1905], page 8, column 1

A.N. Chateline [sic – Chatelain] is home from Chicago, where he purchased all of the latest "fads and fancies" for his photograph gallery.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 36 [Thursday, January 26, 1905], page 8, column 5

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Under new management the Eskil Studio is second to none in the upper peninsula. Bell 'phone 298.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 44 [Thursday, March 23, 1905], page 4, column 3

The 1st is April fool's day and the 4th is free baby day at Eskil's studio.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 47 [Thursday, April 13, 1905], page 8, column 4

We have card mounts, made especially for confirmation photographs, on which we are making reduced rates. The Eskil Studio, 215 E. Hughitt st.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 52 [Thursday, May 18, 1905], page 8, column 3

Free! Free! With each wedding party ordering two dozen or more photographs we give a handsome 8 x 10-inch group picture free. Eskil Studio, 215 E. Hughitt street, Iron Mountain, Mich.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 10, Number 8 [Thursday, July 13, 1905], page 8, column 3

Pay day is a very pleasant event, but not nearly so important as spending your wages wisely. An order for a dozen photographs at the Eskil Studio is a wise and sure to be satisfactory investment. 215 E. Hughitt street, Iron Mountain.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 10, Number 11 [Thursday, August 3, 1905], page 8, column 2

The only place in town where you can get strictly first-class work done on platinum carbons, callodion carbons and sepia is at the Eskil Studio, 215 E. Hughitt street.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 10, Number 13 [Thursday, August 17, 1905], page 8, column 3

Fire at the Eskil art studio last Sunday called out the department, but it was extinguished before any material damage resulted.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 10, Number 14 [Thursday, August 24, 1905], page 8, column 6

Chatelain makes pictures; pictures made Chatelain proprietor of the Eskil Studio, 215 E. Hughitt street. 14tf

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 11, Number 46 [Thursday, April 4, 1907], page 8, column 4

Disastrous Fire.

The Eskil building on East Hughitt street was the scene of the most disastrous fire that has visited Iron Mountain in many years last Sunday night. The fire originated in the photograph gallery of A.N. Chatelain on the second floor, but the cause is unknown. The fire had undoubtedly been burning for several hours before discovery. The apartments occupied by Mr. Chatelain were completely gutted. The contents were

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practically ruined either by the flames or the smoke and water[.] It is hard to estimate the damages, as the negatives cannot be replaced, and the loss will be between \$2,500 and \$3,000 with an insurance of \$1,500, \$500 of which was on household goods. The store of Holmberg & Co., on the first floor, containing a \$10,000 stock of general merchandise, was flooded with water. Smoke also caused much damage. Mr. Holmberg estimates the loss at about \$6,000 with \$5,000 insurance. The store has been closed and an inventory is being taken. The building is owned by J.J. Eskil, who places his loss at \$2,000 with an equal sum insurance.

The Current, Norway, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XXIII, Number 10 [Saturday, April 6, 1907], page 8, column 5

–Fire destroyed the photograph gallery of A.M. [sic – A.N.] Chatelain at Iron Mountain, Sunday night, resulting in heavy loss. The building was owned by J.J. Eskil[,] of Iron Mountain[,] the lower floor being occupied by K.J. Holmberg as a general merchandise store. The several losers carried insurance to the amount of \$6,500.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 11, Number 49 [Thursday, April 25, 1907], page 8, column 2

Chatelain, Iron Mountain's favorite photographer, has arranged to resume business at his old stand in the Eskil building next Saturday. He has received a new outfit of all that is late and new in photographic effects and is in fine shape to execute good work promptly. In another column he invites the people to all come and see him.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 11, Number 51 [Thursday, May 9, 1907], page 8, column 5

Business will be resumed Saturday morning, May 4th, at the Eskil Studio, 215 E. Hughitt street: 'Phone 298, Chatelain.

Most of the new stock and fixtures for the Eskil Studio have arrived and the studio will be open for business on and after May 4th.

On or after May 5th re-sittings can be had (free of charge) by all persons failing to get their proofs or pictures, owing to the fire at my studio. 'Phone 298. Chatelain, prop. Eskil Studio, 215 E. Hughitt street.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 11, Number 52 [Thursday, May 16, 1907], page 8, column 3

Confirmation pictures at the accustomed [sic – customary] reduction of one dollar per dozen at Chatelain's.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 14, Number 49 [Thursday, April 28, 1910], page 8, column 2

Personal Mention.

A.H. [sic – A.N.] Chatelain and family expect to leave here about the 15th of May for Stratmore, Alberta, Canada, where they will locate. Mr. C. has purchased a tract of land from J.O. Blixt and expects to engage in farming.

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Number 52 [Thursday, May 19, 1910], page 7, column 1

Personal Mention.

Mr. and Mrs. A.H. [sic – A.N.] Chatelain and children left the city last Friday evening enroute [sic – en route] to Calgary [sic – Calgary], Alberta, Canada, where they expect to establish a new home. Mr. C. has purchased a tract of land in that country from J.O. Blixt and expects to engage in farming.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 14, Number 51 [Thursday, May 12, 1910], page 1, column 3

Nelson Is to Leave.

N.M. Nelson, the Canada street photographer, plans to remove to Iron Mountain in about two weeks. Mr. Nelson for many years has been one of the best known Scandinavian citizens in the city. He served for several terms on the board of education and was the People's party candidate for mayor two years ago, being defeated by Captain Frank e. Keese. His many friends in this city trust that he will meet with success as a photographer in Iron Mountain. –Ishpeming Record.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 14, Number 52 [Thursday, May 19, 1910], page 6, column 2

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

N.M. Nelson, the New Photographer Is a First-Class Artist.

N.M. Nelson, of Ishpeming, who recently purchased the Chatelain photograph studio, is an artist of unusual merit and comes highly recommended by his patrons on the Marquette range. Mr. Nelson will make a specialty of sepia photos, the Di Nunzio carbon and buff sepias being the leading ones. The buff sepias are especial favorites with those desiring high-grade work. The hand coloring of the mounts in different floral designs is a very attractive feature. The group pictures, printed on high-grade paper, bringing out all the details, are far superior to the majority of such work produced in the upper peninsula. Photo post-cards [sic – postcards], both white and black, or in carbon green, are very attractive. A double-length photo postal is also a special feature of Mr. Nelson's work. Special attention is given to the finishing of amateur work in black and white effects. Mr. Nelson is always on the lookout for anything new in the line of photo work and uses every effort to please his patrons and give general satisfaction. One of the first group pictures after his arrival in Iron Mountain was a confirmation class of twenty-five from the Swedish Lutheran church at Metropolitan brought in by their pastor Rev. K.M. Holmberg. Mr. Nelson expects his daughter, Miss Marie, who is a fine artist, to join him soon and assist in the work. Everyone interested in photography should call and examine the excellent work at this studio.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 14, Number 52 [Thursday, May 19, 1910], page 7, column 1

Personal Mention.

L.M. [sic – N.M.] Nelson, of Ishpeming, who has purchased the Chatelain art gallery, arrived in this city last Thursday.

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Mr. Nelson comes to us highly recommended not only as an artist, but as a good citizen.

The Iron Mountain Daily News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 118 [Tuesday, August 29, 1922], page 1, column 1

NELS M. NELSON TAKEN BY DEATH

Nels M. Nelson, who for the past 12 years was the owner of a photograph studio at 215 Est Hughitt street, died this morning after an illness of six weeks. Death was caused by cancer of the liver.

Mr. Nelson was born in Sweden 59 years ago and came to the United States when a young man. He located in Ishpeming, coming to Iron Mountain in 1910. He is survived by two children, a daughter, Mrs. Charles A. Jutonen, of Iron Mountain, a son, Milton S., who lives in Saginaw, his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Ericson, four sisters and a brother. He was a member of the Swedish lodge.

The body will be shipped to Ishpeming tomorrow afternoon for burial.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 141 [Friday, September 25, 1925], page 5, column 3

Archie To Open Branch Studio

The Archie studio is opening a branch in L'Anse, Mich., [sic] The new studio will be located at the Ford block and will have the latest electrical equipment, the same as is used here.

The Archie studio has been doing business in Iron Mountain for three years. It has enlarged a rapidly expanding

business, having taken over the Nelson studio on the death of Mr. Nelson.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 21, Number 38 [Saturday, May 24, 1941], page 2, column 1

Three Hurt In Early Morning Blaze

Three firemen were injured, a fourth narrowly escaped being trapped, and damage estimated at from \$20,000 to \$25,000 resulted early this morning when flames gutted the second floor and damaged the first floor of the Eskil building on East Hughitt street.

The Archie Studio, on the second floor, and Nelson's market, on the first, bore the brunt of the damage.

Injured were firemen Jack Raho, who suffered burns about the head and face and cuts and burns on both hands; Theodore Hallman, burned about the head, face and hands, and Harry Person, burned on the face and one ear.

They were injured when they were caught in a sheet of flame and blown down the stairs leading to Archie's studio on the second floor of the building. The sudden burst of flame came when approximately 2,000 pounds of photographic film exploded.

As the firemen tumbled from the building, a column of flame more than 100 feet high shot from the roof, followed by a billowing puff of yellow smoke.

Fireman Alphonse Fuse, playing a hose on the flames from the rear of the second floor, was knocked down by the blast and

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momentarily stunned, but escaped without injury.

Firemen fought the blaze for more than three hours. At times five streams of water were pouring into the blazing structure.

Spread Rapidly

Discovered shortly before 4 a.m. today, the fire had spread between the partitions of the 50-year-old building before an alarm was telephoned to the fire department.

The blaze apparently started in the rear of Nelson's Food mart in the first floor, and spread to the second floor photographic studio. A few minutes after the flames were discovered, thick, yellow smoke poured from the building as celluloid films in the studio ignited.

Fumes from the burning film drove firemen from the building after a few minutes, and they were replaced by others wearing gas masks. Hallman and Rahoï were wearing masks, and without helmets when they were caught and burned in the blast of film.

Dave Archie, proprietor of the studio, said there was from 1,500 to 2,000 pounds of film and negatives stored in the two rear rooms of the second floor. He estimates his loss at \$5,000.

Grocery stock was a complete loss and fixtures were damaged by both fire and water in the Nelson market. Damage there was estimated at from \$4,000 to \$6,000.

Loss to the building, owned by J.J. Eskil, was estimated at \$15,000.

Archie had worked in the studio until about 11 last night, and everything appeared in order when he left the building, he said.

Blaze Discovered

The blaze was discovered by a patron at Happy's Lunch, a few doors west on Hughitt, who smelled smoke. Investigation showed it was coming from the Eskil building, and an alarm was sent in.

As firemen broke glass in the doors to enter, dense smoke poured from the building. As [*sic – At*] first the blaze appeared to be confined to the rear of the market and studio, but spread rapidly until the interior of the second floor glowed red beneath the heavy smoke.

As flames ate into the negative storage rooms, the heat became intense. Suddenly there was a dull roar as the films exploded. Archie explained that of the 23,000 old orders stored in the studio, most of them were old-style, explosive film. Non-explosive film was not developed until recent years.

Rahoï and Hallman were thrown from the head of [*the*] stairs into the street by the force of the blast.

In the rear of the building, Fuse was heard to call for help, but he staggered to a second floor gallery unaided as other firemen rushed to his assistance.

Rahoï and Hallman were taken to the General hospital for treatment of first and second degree burns, and released.

The Knights of Pythias club rooms in the adjoining building were damaged by smoke, but no estimate of the damage was available. Also damaged by smoke were the Sward billiard parlor and the Sanitary laundry.

Loss on the Eskil building and stock and equipment in the Nelson [*market*] and Archie studio was partially covered by insurance.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 21, Number 39 [Monday, May 26, 1941], page 2, column 2

Fire Breaks Out Again at Studio

Fire broke out anew, for a short time yesterday morning, at the Archie Studio in

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the Eskil building, east Hughitt street, where damage estimated at \$20,000 resulted in an early-morning blaze Saturday.

Firemen extinguished the second blaze in about 30 minutes, after it was discovered by a watchman. The fire was believed to have been caused by a spark which was fanned into flames by a brisk wind. No additional damage was done.

Fire Chief Mike Scolatti today said he believed the Saturday fire started in a rear room in the Nelson market. Flames had spread through the partitions to the second floor studio before firemen arrived.

Firemen Jack Rahoi, Theodore Hallman and Harry Person were back on duty yesterday and today, swathed in bandages. Hallman, the most seriously burned, and Rahoi were blown down the stairway from the studio when nearly a ton of photographic film stored in the studio exploded.

Hallman suffered burns on the head and face; Rahoi was burned about the face, neck and hands, and Person was burned on the face, neck and ears.

The Diamond Drill, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, Volume 63, Number 52 [Thursday, November 30, 1950], page 1, column 1

James Archie Dead at 76; Funeral Friday

James Archie, aged 76, widely known in Iron Mountain and Dickinson counties, died at 7 o'clock Tuesday morning at the Crystal Falls Municipal hospital. Death resulted from a heart condition.

Although in ill health for the past 18 months, Mr. Archie's condition did not

become critical until last week end [*sic – weekend*], when he was taken to the hospital.

Mr. Archie was well known in Iron county, having settled in 1928 on Beaver lake, Mastodon township. A stonecutter by trade, he had been retired for many years.

Born at Cape Ann, Mass., on March 1, 1874, he spent his boyhood at Portland, Wis., moving from there to Graniteville, Mo., when he was 16. After a few years at Graniteville, he moved to Amberg, Wis., where on December 12, 1895, he claimed the former Laura Waite as his bride. He and his wife moved from Amberg to Iron Mountain in 1922, and from Iron Mountain to Beaver lake six years later, in 1928.

He leaves his wife, Laura; a son, David Archie, prominent Iron Mountain photographer; a daughter, Mrs. James Perry (Margaret), of Oak Park, Ill.; three grandchildren, Allen, Jesse and Jim Archie, Iron Mountain; a brother, Gilbert Archie, in Amberg, and two sisters, Sara Huebner, Amberg, and Mary Roper, in California.

The body may be viewed at the Ellingboe Funeral home, where services will be held at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon. The Rev. A.R. Mohr, of Escanaba, pastor of the Seventh Day Adventist church, will officiate at the final rites. The body will be placed in the receiving vault at the Crystal Falls cemetery until spring, when it will be moved to Amberg for burial in the family lot.

Pallbearers will be John Gustafson, William Magray and Harley Sunday, of Mansfield, and Clarence Johnson, Mastodon.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 34, Number 7 [Monday, April 19, 1954], page 2, column 1

David Archie

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Found Dead At Cottage

Believed to have been despondent over ill health, David W. Archie, widely-known Iron Mountain commercial photographer and proprietor of the Archie Studio, died sometime Saturday night at his cottage on Beaver lake, near Stager in Iron county, from a self-inflicted revolver wound.

His body was found shortly after noon yesterday by his wife and Lawrence Paul and Robert Hoyle, who went to the cottage after Mr. Archie had failed to return to his home as expected yesterday morning.

Iron county Coroner Harold Ellingboe, of Crystal Falls, investigated and ruled death was caused by a would self-inflicted by a .32 caliber revolver.

Ailing For Three Years

Mr. Archie telephoned his wife from the cottage about 9:30 Saturday night and told her he was not feeling well, and planned to stay there Saturday night, informing her he would be home Sunday morning. When he failed to return yesterday morning and a telephone call to the cottage was not answered, Mrs. Archie notified Paul and Hoyle. The three went to the cottage to investigate.

Mr. Archie left no note indicating the reason for his act. However, he had been ailing in health from a heart condition for the past three years.

Born on Jan. 8, 1899, at Amberg, Wis., Mr. Archie lived for 15 years with his parents at their Beaver lake ranch and lived in Iron Mountain since 1923. He worked with his father, the late James Archie, at the Archie Studio, later taking over the business which he operated at the time of his death.

He also was one of the leading mineralogists in the Upper Peninsula. He

developed his hobby of collection rock mineral specimens to commercial proportions. His display cards, showing the various types of minerals found in the Upper Peninsula[,] were placed on the market and made available at various tourist centers in northern Michigan.

Veteran of Two Wars

Mr. Archie was a veteran of both World Wars. He served in the Marine Corps in World War I and served 14 months in World War II, as a Navy photographer. He was a member of the Elks club, Civil Air Patrol, Dickinson County Pilots association, and the U.S. Central Ski Officials' association. An ardent hunter and fisherman, he also was a member of the twin city Sportsmen and Archery clubs.

He leaves, in addition to his wife, Elva, three children, Allen, Jesse and James at home 624 East E street; his mother, Mrs. James Archie, and a sister, Mrs. James Perry, of Grand Junction, Colo.

Friends may call at the Erickson and son Funeral home beginning at 7 Tuesday night. The family requests that flowers be omitted.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Erickson and Son Funeral home. The Rev. Eskil Fredrickson, of the Trinity Methodist church[,] will officiate. Burial will be at Cemetery Park.

FISHER BLOCK **108-110 West Ludington Street**

This building, located at 108-110 East Ludington Street, was constructed by Hiram D. Fisher, of Florence, Wisconsin, in 1891, and originally housed the Commercial Bank, as well as the offices of *The Iron Mountain Press*. Before being torn down, it housed the Andreini Furniture Store annex.

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The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume XI, Number 27 [Saturday, June 27, 1891], page 5, column 4

Good for Iron Mountain.

It was rumored here to-day [sic – today] that **H.D. Fisher**, of this city, will build a \$20,000 brick store building on Stephenson Avenue, Iron Mountain, this summer. The new structure, it is said, will be three stories high and one of the handsomest and most substantial business blocks ever erected in Dickinson County. Mr. Fisher is out of town to-day [sic – today], making it impossible for the MINING NEWS to verify the rumor.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume XI, Number 29 [Saturday, July 11, 1891], page 5, column 2

The Rumor Confirmed.

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An investigation by the Dickinson County Journal discloses the fact that the building will be erected on Chicago & North-Western railroad ground on Ludington Street, immediately opposite No. 1 engine house. The lease of the property has already been obtained, and Architect Clancy has been employed to draw up the plans of the structure. It will be a

magnificent three story and basement block, either of stone or brick, sixty feet frontage on Ludington Street and 108 feet deep. E.J. Ingram and A.D. Stiles, of Iron Mountain, are identified with Mr. Fisher, of Florence, in the enterprise, and Mr. Ingram's drug store will undoubtedly occupy one of the store apartments. The building will be so close to the present business center of the city as to be a desirable place for rental.

The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XIII, Number 17 [Thursday, July 16, 1891], page 1, column 2

IN about ten days H.D. Fisher, of Florence, will commence the construction of a three-story stone building on Ludington street, opposite Arthur Flatt's news stand [sic – newsstand], [sic] that will be one of the handsomest buildings in the city. The first floor will be devoted to store rooms, the second floor to offices and the third floor to hall, banquet room, ante rooms, etc., for lodge purposes.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume XI, Number 30 [Saturday, July 18, 1891], page 5, column 1

H.D. FISHER, of this city[,] will commence the construction of his three-story brick and stone building, at Iron Mountain, in about a week. The first floor will be devoted to store rooms, the second floor to offices and the third floor to hall, banquet room, ante rooms, etc., for lodge purposes.

The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XIII, Number 19 [Thursday, July 30, 1891], page 8, column 1

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IT IS an assured fact that a handsome structure is to be erected on Ludington street opposite Flatt's news stand [*sic – newsstand*]. H.D. Fisher, of Florence, talked with our reporter on Wednesday, and while he could not give us a great deal of information he stated that there would be a large basement under the entire building, while the first floor would be made into two store rooms. The second floor will be divided into convenient offices, each one of which will be supplied with a fire proof vault, an advantage that can be appreciated by business men [*sic- businessmen*] who have quantities of records which should be kept in such places. The third floor will be divided into two large halls, provided with reception rooms, etc., and will be especially adapted to the use of secret societies. The structure as a whole will be one of the handsomest in the upper peninsula and will probably be completed in three months. Next week we will, no doubt, be able to give our readers a more extended account of the new building, as the contracts will probably be let and work begun by that time.

The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XIII, Number 20 [Thursday, August 6, 1891], page 1, column 2

THE contract for the work on the basement of the new Fisher block has been let to Webb & Smith, who began the excavations on Friday last. J.E. Clancy is now engaged in completing plans for the new building, which will be the finest in the city. The dimensions of the ground plan are 108x60 feet and the structure will be three stories in height.

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

Number 36 [Saturday, August 28, 1891], page 5, column 1

THE stone foundation for H.D. Fisher's new building is rapidly nearing completion, and as soon as finished the work of erecting one of the finest structures in the city will be commenced. – [Journal.

The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XIII, Number 25 [Thursday, September 10, 1891], page 1, column 6

THE contract for the erection of the Fisher building on Ludington street has been let to Joseph Lemieux, his bid being \$15,250, which was the lowest. One of the stipulations of the contract is that the building is to be completed by December 15. The architect's estimate of the cost of the building is \$17,452 and Peter Doyle, of Medford, Wis., offered in his bid to do the work for \$17,935.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume XI, Number 38 [Saturday, September 12, 1891], page 5, column 5

"WHERE will the new **Dickinson County offices** be located?" is a questions that is being frequently asked now a days [*sic – nowadays*]. The Iron Mountain Journal believes either **John R. Wood** or **H.D. Fisher** will capture the prize. Both gentlemen are erecting elegant business blocks at the new county seat. 'Twould be pretty safe to bet on H.D.

The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XIII, Number 27 [Thursday, September 24, 1891], page 1, column 5

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LAST week Joseph Lemieux began work on the Fisher building and the joists for the first floor are all in place. George Alexander has the contract for laying the brick and will begin that work very soon.

The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIII, Number 34 [Thursday, November 12, 1891], page 1, column 2

THERE is no difficulty in renting good store rooms in this city. John R. Wood's block is hardly complete before tenants are found ready to move into it. Every store room is rented. M.C. Gleason has the first, J. Bitterly the second, Louis Newberger the third, the post office will move into the fourth, Mrs. Copeland has the fifth and the Iron Mountain Insurance Agency the sixth. The Robbins block was rented with equal promptness, Mr. Mitchell moving into the spare store there, and Graham and Hunting will occupy Eskil's store room. In Fisher's block the rooms are already spoken for, and we have no doubt Anderson's building will find a tenant as soon as it is ready.

The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIII, Number 34 [Thursday, November 12, 1891], page 1, column 3

WE briefly mentioned the fact last week that Dr. Wm. Hutchinson will return in a few days to this city and will occupy rooms in Fisher's new block. It is hardly necessary to recommend Dr. Hutchinson to our citizens, as he, by his long acquaintance with our people, has established an enviable reputation as a physician of medical learning and skill. Until recently he was associated with Drs. Cameron & Crowell, but on his return from Capron, Ill., where he is visiting friends, will establish an independent practice, and his services will

certainly be in great demand by those who know him to be a thorough, competent and careful physician.

The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIII, Number 37 [Thursday, December 3, 1891], page 1, column 3

THIS weather is delightful for those who still have building operations on their hands, and is being made the most of by the contractors who are erecting the Spencer block on B street, the Fisher block and Dr. Crowell's handsome residence on Ludington street and Woodward's residence on C street. The latter is being remodeled and made into a more pretentious and convenient dwelling, and lawyer Woodward will have a very handsome and comfortable home when it is finished. The granite walls of Dr. Crowell's residence are finished and the second story is now well under way.

The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIII, Number 37 [Thursday, December 3, 1891], page 1, column 2

FISHER, Evans & Ingram have purchased the 22 feet west of their brick block for \$2,200, and will move the building thereon further west and face it toward Ludington street.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume XI, Number 50 [Saturday, December 5, 1891], page 5, column 3

H.D. FISHER, Oliver Evans and Ed. Ingram, owners of the magnificent three-story building nearing completion on Ludington Street, Iron Mountain, have just purchased the 20-foot lot adjoining the

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property to the west. The frame building now on the lot will be moved still farther west, and turned around so as to front on Ludington Street. – [Journal.]

The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIII, Number 38 [Thursday, December 10, 1891], page 1, column 4

STEAM is up in the Fisher block, the cornice is nearly on, the hardwood floors are being laid, and in fact the contractors – Jos. Lemieux and Dehn & Stutts – are putting on the finishing touches. They couldn't ask for more favorable weather [*sic* – weather] – to-day [*sic* – today] is like a spring day, and there is every indication that the first of the year, at the latest, will see this handsome block ready for its tenants.

The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIII, Number 39 [Thursday, December 17, 1891], page 4, column 4

WE get it from good authority that a new furniture store will occupy the west room in Fisher's new block, and a fine large stock of goods will be moved in as soon as the building is ready for occupancy. This will be a splendid stand for such a store, and the room is one of the largest in the city. It seems to be an accepted fact that a new bank will occupy the east room of this floor. Several of the office rooms are already rented, the city council will probably transfer the offices of the city officials to that building, and the Masons and Knights of Pythias are ready to occupy the third floor as soon as it is ready. So Fisher's block seems to be pretty well spoken for before the contractor is through with his work.

The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIII, Number 40 [Thursday, December 24, 1891], page 4, column 1

IN conversation with H.D. Fisher last Monday we learned that he intends to erect a one story [*sic* – one-story] fire proof [*sic* – fireproof] store building; [*sic*] 22x80 feet, next spring, on the ground recently purchased just west of his handsome [*sic* – handsome] brick block, now nearly completed.

The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIII, Number 40 [Thursday, December 24, 1891], page 4, column 2

IT is proposed by the Masonic and Knights of Pythias lodges that are to occupy the halls in Fisher's new block, [*sic*] to join together and have a house warming when they move in, about the 15th of January. Both halls will be thrown open to the invited guests. In the K. of P. hall is a hard wood [*sic* – hardwood] floor while the Masonic hall will be carpeted. There will be an opportunity for those who wish to dance in the K. of P. hall. In the Masonic hall there will be vocal and instrumental music, card playing, and a social time for those who don't care to dance, and a grand banquet will be spread for all in the banquet hall. Admission will be reasonable, and the proceeds will go toward furnishing the banquet hall, [*sic*] which is to be used in common by the two lodges. This will doubtless be one of the pleasantest social gatherings of the season.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume XII, Number 1 [Saturday, December 26, 1891], page 5, column 3

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The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIII, Number 41 [Thursday, December 31, 1891], page 1, column 2

THE Water Works Company's office will be moved into room 4, Fisher's new block to-day [*sic – today*].

The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIII, Number 42 [Thursday, January 7, 1892], page 1, column 4

FISHER's block is rapidly filling up. Cook & Pelham have three very large and pleasant office rooms on the second floor front, and the Water Works Company have [*sic – has*] equally pleasant ones across the hall. The register of deeds and county clerk also have their offices on the second floor. The offices of Hamlin & Fordyce, the Upper Michigan Brewing Company and Detroit Building and Loan Association are rooms 2 and 3, on the first floor, entrance form the east side of the building. Jos. Lemieux also has his office in the building.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume XII, Number 3 [Saturday, January 9, 1892], page 5, columns 1-2

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The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIII, Number 44 [Thursday, January 21, 1892], page 4, column 2

New Bank Assured.

We can state positively on the assurance of interested parties, [*sic*] that a new bank will be established in Fisher's building, and be in operation by the first of March. Whether it will be a savings bank or a national is not yet fully decided, but there is a strong probability that it will be the former. In either event it will have strong financial backing, and the management will be in able hands. Mr. Oliver Evans has severed his connection with the First National and will be cashier of the new bank. Mr. Evans has made himself very popular with the business men [*sic – businessmen*] of this city during the time he has been cashier of the First National, and his acceptance of the cashiership [*sic*] of the new bank insures to that institution a liberal share of public patronage. Mr. Evans is succeeded by Mr. M.A. Northrop, of Bessemer, a gentleman of large experience in the responsible duties of cashier. At the last annual meeting of the board of directors of the First National, A.F. Wright tendered his resignation as vice-president, and will cast his fortunes with the new enterprise.

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The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume XII, Number 5 [Saturday, January 23, 1892], page 5, columns 1-2

A New Bank in Iron Mountain.

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The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIII, Number 47 [Thursday, February 11, 1892], page 1, column 3

THE city treasurer's office is now in Fisher's block, in the room that is to be the new bank director's room. Entrance first door on Stephenson avenue side.

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The Commercial Bank.

Articles of incorporation of the Commercial Bank of Iron Mountain, [*sic*] have been filed with County Clerk Friedrich. By its terms the nature of its business will be both that of a commercial and savings bank, and the capital stock is \$50,000 divided into 500 shares of \$100 each. The incorporators are Jesse Spaulding, of Chicago; Michael Corry, John F. Hancock, and Francis A. Brown, of Marinette; John S. George and John H. Van Dyke, of Milwaukee; H.D. Fisher, of Florence; Oliver Evans, A.F. Wright, Albert Levy, E.L. Parmenter, Wm. Sundstrom, Lee Fordyce, H.M. Pelham, D.H. Lieberthal, G.T. Corning, Meyer Kramer, A.M. Oppenheim, E. St. Arnold, Louis Arnold, Wm. H. Scandling, Wm. B. Allen, Edwin Freeman, E.A. Ordway, E.J. Ingram, C.E. Parent, Dr. Wm. Hutchinson. The names above mentioned, particularly those heading the list, cannot fail to give the public confidence in the solidity of the institution, while the Iron Mountain shareholders are our leading and most successful business men [*sic – businessmen*]. The new bank, it is expected, will be ready for business by the 1st of March.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume XII, Number 8 [Saturday, February 13, 1892], page 8, column 1

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The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume XII, Number 9 [Saturday, February 20, 1892], page 5, column 5

A SOUND INSTITUTION.

Iron Mountain's New Bank – Facts Concerning Its Officers.

An enthusiastic meeting of the stockholders of the new Commercial Bank was held at Iron Mountain, Monday night. An organization was perfected by the election of the following excellent board of directors: Jesse Spalding, Chicago; J.F. Hancock, F.A. Brown, Mairnette; Oliver

Evans, M. Levy, F.C. Swart, H.M. Pelham, E.L. Parmenter, Jr., Iron Mountain.

The directors subsequently elected officers for the ensuing year as follows:

President – Jesse Spalding.

Vice President – Francis A. Brown.

Cashier – Oliver Evans.

The stock will be paid in by the 25th inst. [*of this month*] and the bank will be opened for business March 1st. The names of the directors are a sufficient guarantee of the future success of the new institution. Jesse Spalding is one of the best known men and capitalists of Chicago, and Francis A. Brown is one of the leading, progressive business men [*sic – businessmen*] of Northern Wisconsin. He is also superintendent and general manager of the Ludington mine. The Commercial Bank will get the bulk of Iron Mountain business. Its cashier, Oliver Evans, who is held in the highest esteem in Florence as well as at his own home, Iron Mountain, is very popular in Iron Mountain commercial circles, and enjoys the unbounded confidence and respect of the public at large. He has had many years' experience in the banking business and at the last election received the unanimous vote of his fellow citizens for the office of city treasurer. Certain parties, instigated, no doubt, by feelings of jealousy or envy, recently attempted to cast a cloud upon his official integrity by demanding and obtaining an investigation of his books. The result, as everybody expected, proved Mr. Evans to be an honest and careful custodian of the city's money, and the people pin their faith on Oliver more than ever before. His reputation remains unsullied and will so continue to remain, in spite of the efforts of disappointed non-residents to prove otherwise. The "investigation," it is said, was demanded, partly, for political effect, but the outcome of the whole spiteful business has only had the effect of strengthening Mr. Evans'

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popularity with the people of all political beliefs.

The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIII, Number 49 [Thursday, February 25, 1892], page 1, column 3

THE new Commercial Bank room has been ceiled with Bischoff sheet steel ceiling.

The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIII, Number 51 [Thursday, March 10, 1892], page 1, column 3

THE furniture for the Commercial bank was received today.

The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIV, Number 20 [Thursday, August 4, 1892], page 1, column 3

THE express office has moved into its new quarters on Ludington street, opposite No. 1 fire engine house.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIV, Number 49 [Thursday, March 9, 1893], page 8, columns 5-6

[ADVERTISEMENT FOR E.J. INGRAM, DRUGGIST, IN THE FISHER BLOCK]

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVI, Number 4 [Saturday, May 19, 1894], page 1, column 4

The Fisher block had an exceedingly narrow escape from total destruction Thursday night. The fire caught in the bank ceiling under one of the plates from the

electric light wires and burned quite a large hole, finally going out of its own accord.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVI, Number 29 [Saturday, November 10, 1894], page 4, column 2

Dr. J.A. Elmere made a flying visit to Norway Thursday on business.

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Dr. Elmere has moved his office down stairs [*sic* – downstairs] in order to make room for the county offices.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVI, Number 34 [Saturday, December 15, 1894], page 5, columns 5-6

[ADVERTISEMENT FOR GEORGE J. DEHN, PLUMBER, IN FISHER BLOCK]

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVI, Number 34 [Saturday, December 15, 1894], page 5, columns 5-6

[ADVERTISEMENT FOR GEORGE J. DEHN, PLUMBER, IN FISHER BLOCK]

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVI, Number 48 [Saturday, March 23, 1895], page 5, column 3

At a special meeting of Iron Mountain Lodge, No. 388, F. and A.M., held on Thursday evening last, it was voted to move April 1st from the Fisher block to the Russell building, Brown street, which has been leased for a term of years. Mr. Russell will build a fifty-foot addition to the building, [*sic*] which will be utilized as a banquet room, kitchen, etc., and the

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contract for the same has already been let to Robert Meyer.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 4, Number 17 [Thursday, September 14, 1899], page 1, column 5

Will Move.

Bond & Gill, the dealers in carpets, wall paper, paints, etc., expect to move into the store in the Fisher block at present occupied by Druggist Stoekly about the first of the month. We are informed there is no truth in the report that they intend engaging in the furniture business, although they may decide to add another line of goods to their store.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 31 [Thursday, December 22, 1904], page 1, column 3

To Fisher Block.

The Western Union Telegraph company's office, [sic] which has been located in the Wood Block ever since the building was erected, [sic] will soon be removed to the Fisher Block. The documents are signed and sealed and the removal will take place early in the new year. The company will occupy the offices about to be vacated by Attorney Waffin.

FLANAGAN BLOCK

Northeast Corner of South Stephenson Avenue and East A Street

Owned by Patrick Flanagan, of Norway and Sagola, the Flanagan Block, located at the northeast corner of South Stephenson Avenue and East A Street, was one of the

first large buildings constructed in Iron Mountain, housing a number of businesses. On Saturday, October 3, 1896, the Flanagan Block suffered severe fire damage, but the building was repaired, repapered and repainted. On Thursday, Feb. 25, 1904, the building was totally destroyed by fire. Possibly the building at 425 South Stephenson Avenue listed in the 1892-1894 city directory as Engberg & Flannigan (Peter Engberg and John W. Flannigan), dealers in wines, liquors, cigars and fresh beer was the Flanagan Block, perhaps with different owners. Their advertisement in the city directory reads: "Mixed drinks and bottled good served, and good treatment assured." Following the 1904 fire, the site stood vacant until 1921, when the U.S. National Bank was built on the site. This bank failed during the depression and later was occupied the Montgomery Ward Company. It is currently (2009) known as the Downtown Plaza, housing a number of businesses.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVIII, Number 25 [Saturday, October 10, 1896], page 6, column 3

CIGARETTE DID IT.

Some Careless Fellow Threw a Lighted Stump Under the Sidewalk on East A Street.

FLANAGAN'S BLOCK BURNED.

Loss Is a Heavy One. No Insurance. Grocery Store, Restaurant, Saloon and Plumbing Shop Were All Cleaned

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Out.

(From last Saturday's Daily.)

Shortly after one o'clock this afternoon a policeman discovered smoke issuing from the building situated on the corner of Stephenson Ave. and A street, and owned by Pat Flanagan of Norway. The alarm was turned in and the department responded promptly, only to find that they had an extremely treacherous blaze to fight. Every nook and crevice seemed to be ablaze, yet nowhere could the flames be reached. The tin roof was torn off and boards were ripped from their fastenings [sic – fastenings], and every time and no matter [in] what portion of the building an opening was made the red flames and black smoke would pour forth and engulf the heroic fire boys and the citizens who were assisting. Four streams of water were playing on the building at one time, and each moment it appeared as though the fire could not be gotten under control, and in that event the whole block would be endangered. For one whole hour the fire chief and his men worked diligently tearing up the tin roof and ripping the boards and plants in an endeavor to reach the blaze. It was a hard fire to fight but the department was equal to the occasion, and their efficiency for most any emergency was demonstrated on this occasion.

HOW IT STARTED.

Nothing definite could be gained as to the origin of the fire, but the man who first discovered the blaze gave his theory that a lighted cigarette had been carelessly thrown between the sidewalk and the building and had ignited the dry timbers between the outer and inner walls. This burned rapidly and ran the full length of the building and up to the roof before it succeeded in breaking out.

This appears quite plausible, for each time an opening was made that very spot was found to be on fire.

NO INSURANCE.

The building was owned by Patrick Flanagan, of Norway, and not one cent's worth of insurance was carried, as Mr. Flanagan has no faith in insurance companies, and always figures what he saves by reason of not paying premiums.

The building had four occupants, Frank Danielson owned a small stock of groceries, Wade Leek, a restaurant, Jno. [sic – John] Flanagan, a saloon[,], and Geo. Monroe, a plumbing shop.

Patrick Flanagan came up from Norway Monday to prosecute the work of repairing his building, which was damaged by fire Saturday afternoon. Mr. Flanagan [sic – Flanagan] will repaper and repaint the structure throughout. He estimates his loss at \$450. Jno. Flanagan, who conducted a saloon in one of the store rooms, places his loss at \$75, due principally to the quantity of goods stolen during the progress of the fire. W. Leek, the restaurateur, is out a cool \$100, besides his profits during the time he will be out of business. Geo. Munroe, the plumber, places his loss at \$25.

None of the occupants carried one cent's worth of insurance which may prove a lesson to many people who "never have a fire."

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 8, Number 40 [Thursday, February 25, 1904], page 1, column 4

BIG BLAZE LAST NIGHT.

Flanagan Building Totally Destroyed – Heavy Losses.

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At an early hour this morning the Flanagan building at the corner of Stephenson avenue and East A street was almost completely destroyed by fire.

The building was occupied by Kurz Brothers, the well-known horse dealers, as a carriage, cutter and harness depot; L.N. Richard, barber shop, and A.I. Khoury, confectionery dealers.

The total loss is in the neighborhood of \$9,000. The loss of Kurz Brothers is between \$3,500 and \$4,000, with \$2,000 insurance; L.N. Richards, loss \$400, no insurance; A.I. Khoury, loss unknown, insurance estimated at \$900; loss on building, owned by Judge Flanagan, of Sagola, estimated at \$4,000, no insurance.

The building was one of the first erected in Iron Mountain and was for many years used as a variety theatre.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 8, Number 45 [Thursday, March 31, 1904], page 1, column 4

THE FLANAGAN BUILDING.

Plans Being Prepared for a Twenty Thousand Dollar Block.

In a recent interview with Patrick Flanagan relative to the new brick building which he will build this season at the corner of Stephenson avenue and A street, the gentleman said that the building would be modern in every detail. There will be three stores fronting Stephenson avenue, and one on A street, where Quist's meat market is now. The rear end of the second floor will be made into a large and commodious lodge-room [*sic – lodge room*] with ante-rooms [*sic – anterooms*] and banquet room in connection. The balance of the second

floor will be divided into offices with a large and well-lighted court in the center, which will be a great improvement over the old-time long, narrow and dark halls. There will be two wide stairways leading from the street to the second floor, one from Stephenson avenue direct to the main court and one from A street to the lodge-room [*sic – lodge room*]. There will also be a basement under the entire building, the floors of which will be of cement, and the building is to be heated throughout with steam.

Mr. Flanagan will visit several neighboring cities and inspect their modern office buildings and then secure the services of a first-class architect to draw the plans for him. The estimated cost of the building is \$20,000.

[NOTE: This building was never constructed.]

FLANAGAN BUILDING East A Street

Located on East A Street in 1922, when it served as temporary quarters for *The Iron Mountain News* following a fire at the newspaper offices. The Payant Bros. had moved into their new offices at Merritt Avenue and A Street, vacating their quarters in the Flanagan building.

FREEMAN BUILDING 317-319 South Stephenson Avenue

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 4, Number 9 [Thursday, July 20, 1899], page 1, column 3

New Clothing Store.

S. Mortensen, who has been connected with the Hub Clothing Store and other

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mercantile establishments here during the past four or five years, has leased the new Freeman brownstone building and will engage in business for himself as soon as the store is ready for occupancy. He will handle clothing, gents' furnishing goods, hats, caps, boots and shoes, and will handle a superior grade of goods. Mr. Mortensen is a popular young man and will no doubt do a fine business.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 20, Number 51 [Thursday, May 4, 1916], page 1, column 5

Enlarge Building.

The work of remodeling the Freeman building for the F.W. Woolworth company was started this morning. Hans Nelson, of Green Bay, has the contract. The building will be extended thirty feet in the rear, making it, when completed, 30x110 feet, with full basement. A curve [sic – curved] glass front composed of eight lights of curved plate glass will be installed. Emil Bergquist has the contract for the cement floor in the basement, John Obermeyer will install a steam heating plant and plumbing, and W.J. Brown the electric light wiring. The interior of the building is to be redecorated. Mr. Nelson expects to have the work completed by the 15th of next month.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 21, Number 5 [Thursday, June 15, 1916], page 1, column 6

Woolworth Openings.

T.G. Young, general superintendent of the Woodworth stores, has been spending

the week in the city assisting E.A. Wangler, the local manager, in arranging for the formal opening of the local establishment, which will be held to-morrow [sic – tomorrow]. Mr. Young has assisted in the opening of several hundred stores. The company is now operating over eight hundred stores throughout the country. Mr. Young says that the Iron Mountain store is the equal of any in the chain in point of furnishings and stock, the company having expended over \$8,000 in rebuilding and enlarging the Freeman block. No city has a more up-to-date store, the front being almost entirely of plate glass, the windows being of an oval design. That the company is not superstitious is shown in opening the story on Friday. Mr. Young states that nearly everyone [sic – every one] of the over eight hundred and fifty odd stores of the company were opened on a Friday. The opening to-morrow [sic – tomorrow] is in the nature of reception. No goods will be sold and visitors will receive presents. A feature of the store is the candy department on the left of the main entrance. It has the approval of the state and federal sanitary authorities. On Saturday the formal opening will take place with thirty clerks in attendance.

FREIDRICH BLOCK

Southeast Corner of South Stephenson Avenue and East Ludington Street

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XIII, Number 9 [Thursday, May 21, 1891], page 1, column 2

The Freidrich's block on Stephenson avenue was sold on Wednesday to Dr. J.D. Cameron; consideration \$12,500.

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GINGRAS & TREPANIER

BUILDING

Hughitt Street

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XIII, Number 7 [Thursday, May 7, 1891], page 1, column 3

THE draymen about town had plenty of work on Friday last and all day long great loads of furniture, store fixtures, etc., were passing to and fro on the streets. May 1 is considered all over the country to be a general moving day and it seems to be an established fact that more people move on that day than any other day in the whole year. In this city there were more removals than usual and many business men [sic – businessmen] are comfortably ensconced [sic – ensconced] in their new quarters while others are making preparations to become settled. The Montgomery building which was formerly occupied by the saloon of J.H. Williams, [sic] will be taken up in a few days by the Bee Hive store. The building is being remodeled this week and when completed will make one of the finest stores in town, the old front having been torn out and substituted by one of plate glass. Williams' saloon now occupies the building recently erected by Sol. Noble on Ludington street. Edward St. Arnauld has vacated the building he occupied on Stephenson avenue and has removed his saloon to the Gingras & Trepanier building on Hughitt street. J.R. Johnston will occupy the vacated room with his tailor-shop [sic – tailor shop] and gents' furnishing store. The room is being newly refitted and papered and will make a good stand for Mr. Johnston's business. The City Shoe Store has been removed from Brown street to a stand on Stephenson avenue where Joseph Parry and A. Lieberthal & Co. were

stationed. This will now be an exclusive boot and shoe store and will be managed by Mr. Parry and Fred Hunting. The building vacated by them on Brown street will be occupied by A. Uddenberg as a drug store. A[.] Lieberthal [sic – Lieberthal] & Co. will remove their store to the building now occupied by the Bee Hive, but later in the year they will remove to the store now taken up by Sam Rusky, who in turn will go to the Bee Hive's present location.

I.O.O.F. HALL

**International Order of Odd Fellows Hall
421 South Stephenson Avenue**

Located at 421 South Stephenson Avenue in the *Directory of the Cities of Iron Mountain and Norway and Villages of Quinnesec and Vulcan, Mich. with a List of the Residents of Niagara, Wis. 1902-1903* and in *J.W. Shannon & Co.'s Directory of Iron Mountain for 1905-06*.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, _____ Year, Number _____ [Saturday, March 21, 1925], page 2, column 1

NEW CLOTHING STORE TO OPEN

**Hub Company Located in
Odd Fellows' Building
On Stephenson**

Featuring Fashion Park clothes and carrying the best in men's furnishings, the Hub Clothing company will open its doors to the trade in the Odd Fellow's [sic – Fellows'] building, 421 Stephenson avenue, early next week. David J. Confeld and

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Meyer Rosenblum are the owners of the new store.

Mr. Rosenblum, for the last six years manager and buyer of the men's department of the Fair Savings Bank store, Escanaba, and formerly connected with _____ Lytton and Sons, Chicago, Glass and Liebman, Brooklyn, Henry B---tsum, Glastone, Mich., and the Hub stores at Gladstone and Crosby, Minn., will personally be in charge of the store here.

Connected with Mr. Rosenblum in a managerial capacity is Mr. Confeld, who has been employed as a traveling auditor for the Gamble-Robinson company for several years and who for 12 years was employed by the Northwestern National bank of Minneapolis.

The interior of the building is being completely redecorated and in another week it is expected that much of the stock ordered for the new store will be on the shelves. The ceiling is being painted, a new lighting system is being installed and plans are made for the enlargement of the display windows within the next few months.

Fashion Park clothing is to be featured by the store, and Gordon hats are to be carried in the hat department. In addition, practically every known furnishing will be carried in stock, and a wide variety to choose from is promised.

A boy's [*sic* – boys'] department is planned and a complete stock of clothing for youths will be carried.

IRON MOUNTAIN CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY

**General Merchandise
118-124 West B Street**

[See Spencer Block and Iron Mountain Mercantile Company, Limited.]

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 11, Number 36 [Thursday, January 24, 1907], page 1, column 6

WILL BUY THE BUILDING

Co-Operative Society Votes Unanimously to Buy Spencer Block.

At a special meeting of the stockholders of the Iron Mountain Co-Operative Society held last Monday evening it was voted unanimously to purchase the Spencer building from the Marquette Savings Bank and the board of directors was authorized to enter upon the necessary negotiations.

The Spencer block was erected about sixteen years ago by Capt. John T. Spencer. It is a two-story brick and stone building and has a front on West B street of one hundred and twenty feet. It contains four store rooms on the ground floor. Three of the stores are occupied by the Co-Operative Society – one as a meat market, the second contains general merchandise, the third as a general supplyhouse [*sic* – *supply house*], and the fourth is doing duty as a sample-room for the Milliman House. On the second floor there are six or eight office rooms and a small hall.

It is probably that the Society will occupy the store now doing duty as a sample room, and engage in the dry goods and clothing business. The business of the concern has reached such large proportions under the present management that additional room was absolutely necessary.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 13, Number 15 [Thursday, September 3, 1908], page 1, column 2

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New Manager.

James W. Thompson has been appointed manager of the stores of the Iron Mountain Co-Operative society, succeeding John Carlson, who resigned and retired last Tuesday. Mr. Thompson has had experience in the position, having acted as manager several years ago.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 3 [Thursday, June 9, 1910], page 1, column 5

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Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 14, Number 41 [Thursday, March 3, 1910], page 1, column 5

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MERCANTILE TO ENLARGE PLACE

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Improvement Program
Will Cost \$25,000, Says
Monroe
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The Iron Mountain Mercantile company, which conducts a large retail store in its own building on West B street, is planning improvements that will cost \$25,000, according to an announcement by W.G. Monroe, chairman of the board of directors.

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In addition to extensive remodeling [sic – remodeling] in the store, a large warehouse and garage will be erected and work on this will get under way within the next 30 days.

The store at present occupies practically three separate stores. Partitions will be removed between these and the quarters enlarged to include the store formerly occupied by Jacobs' jewelry. The changes will give it an area of 70x90 feet.

A feature will be the installation of a refrigerating plant for the meat market. During rush hours butchers are unable to handle the trade as fast as is desired but this will be changed with the addition of glass refrigerator counters in which may be placed meats already cut. In this manner, the meat can be prepared in advance without any danger of waste or spoilage.

The warehouse will be of either brick or stone construction, one story in height and 40x65 feet. It will be fireproof and large enough to store a quantity of merchandise. The garage, a separate building, will accommodate nine trucks. A barn will also be built for teams.

According to Mr. Monroe, increased business at the store, which is managed by A.E. Gronlund, is responsible for the alteration and building program.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain-Kingsford, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 14, Number 235 [Wednesday, January 16, 1935], page 1, column 1; page 2, columns 1-3

Fire Wipes Out Mercantile Building; Loss is \$90,000

Four Business Establishments Destroyed;

Origin Not Known.

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NOTHING SAVED.
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Quick Action Prevents Spread To M.E. Church and Garage.

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Four business establishments were wiped out and damage estimated between \$90,000 and \$95,000 – including building, stock and fixtures – resulted when fire of undetermined origin, starting at about 10:45 o'clock last night, destroyed the Iron Mountain Mercantile company's building, West B street. It was the most disastrous fire in this city in many years.

The morning only the walls, steel pillars and girders and two brick chimneys were standing, and at noon eight streams of water were still pouring into the smoldering ruins.

Firemen fought the blaze in a 22-below-zero temperature during the night and early morning.

Besides the Mercantile company's meat and grocery departments, the jewelry partnership of Walter Flatt and Harmon McCarthy, the Allyn dress shop and the Actual Business college, located in the building owned by the Mercantile company, were wrecked. Officers of the Mercantile placed their loss by damage to building, stock and fixtures at about \$70,000; the jewelry store and dress shop, between \$4,000 and \$5,000 each, and the Actual Business college, about \$3,000.

Mercantile Fully Covered

The Mercantile damage was fully covered by insurance, Abe Gronlund, president of the corporation[,] stated. Mr.

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and Mrs. George Allyn, of the dress shop, estimated their insurance coverage as "little more than half." Flatt and McCarthy this morning said their insurance policies were locked in a safe now buried in the ruins, and were unable to fix their coverage. R.F. Dundon, proprietor of the Actual Business college, said he had "very little" insurance, and reckoned his loss as "almost complete."

Quick action of the Iron Mountain fire department, assisted by the Ford Motor company's equipment, and the added protection of stout, stone walls on either side, saved the E.J. DeGayner garage, corner of Carpenter Avenue and B street, and the Central M.E. church, adjacent to the Mercantile building on the east. The east wall of DeGayner's and the west wall of the church were blackened with smoke and heavily caked with ice today, and a small quantity of water had seeped into the garage office. Considerable smoke crept into the garage building, but no serious damage resulted.

All of the cars stored in DeGayner's garage last night, including five new passenger cars, a new truck, some second-hand units and a number of cars left there for overnight storage, were taken out safely last night, and the new cars and those left for over-night storage being taken to the Northern Battery company's garage, on East Hughitt street. All of the furniture and most of the fixtures in the DeGayner apartment, over the garage, were taken out, some being moved to the Iron Mountain Gas company's office across the corner, and the rest being taken elsewhere for safe-keeping.

Trooper Overcome

Trooper Watkins, of the Iron Mountain detachment of state police, working with Troopers Carstensen, Young and Gilmer in removing furniture and fixtures from the DeGayner apartment, and cars from the

garage below, was slightly overcome after his third trip into the smoke-filled building, but he was quickly revived. Troopers also were instrumental in salvaging Gronlund's car, stored in the rear of the Mercantile.

Crowds of spectators, attracted by the curling, black smoke which swept over the city, and the flames which leaped high into the air as the blaze reached its peak, stood about watching the fire and the efforts of troopers and others to salvage equipment. Despite the frigid temperature, the intense heat could be felt for a considerable distance and spectators crowded as close as possible for the double purpose of watching the spectacle at close range, and to benefit from the heat.

Alarm Turned In

An unidentified man turned in the alarm at 10:45 o'clock last night, and the crew from number one station, with Chief Mike Scolatti in charge, answered it. A call was sent immediately to number two station. At about 1:30 o'clock a truck arrived from the Ford plant with additional hose, and men, in charge of Hiram Byers. The Ford firemen stayed at the blaze until about 3:30 a.m., but the Ford hose was still in use at noon.

When the firemen arrived at the scene they found the blaze already well under way, apparently centered in the basement near the rear of the building and behind the Flatt and McCarthy jewelry. The Mercantile had a central heating plant, and the basement lay-out included several rooms and compartments, the furnace and boiler room being located at about the point where the blaze was discovered.

Eight Steams Working

Hooking onto five hydrants within an area of a block or more in every direction from the building, the firemen soon had eight streams of water playing full force into the structure, and from all sides. In all, about 5,500 feet of hose, including all of the

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\$90,000 LOSS AS MERCANTILE IS WIPED OUT

Flames Wreck Four Iron Mountain Business Establishments

(Continued from Page One).

Equipment from both city stations and about 900 feet from the Ford plant, were in use at the height of the blaze.

For a time it appeared that the blaze had been partially stifled, and its progress definitely checked. Suddenly, however, the plate-glass window in the front of the Allyn shop crashed in, taking with it a rush of air that immediately sent a spiral of red and blue flame leaping skyward. In the next few moments, fire enveloped the interior, and the wave of heat sweeping outward told the full story of that blast of air through the broken store window.

Meanwhile, Gronlund, Mrs. Allyn, Flatt and Dundon had been notified, and all arrived at about the same time. Mr. Allyn was at work at the Ford plant when word reached him.

Removes Cars, Fixtures

DeGayner, learning immediately of the blaze and waiting only long enough to note that it was mounting steadily, enlisted aid in getting the cars out of his garage, and the furniture and fixtures from the living quarters above.

Paul Gingrass, sheriff, arrived soon after the alarm and joined city and state police in keeping the crowd back.

When it became apparent, shortly after midnight, that the building itself was

doomed, the firemen concentrated their efforts on the east, west and rear walls of the structure, and that plan proved effective. At about 1:30 a.m., the second floor of the building, loudly crackling at first as if in warning, crumbled with a roar into the flaming mass beneath. With that crash went all the equipment of the Actual business [*sic* – *Business*] college.

Burns Self Out

Thereafter, despite the eight, full-pressure streams which played steadily into the ruins, the blaze burned itself out and, as the flames died away, only the steel pillars and girders, one half-wrecked brick partition and the two, brick chimneys were silhouetted against the sky. Rows of blackened cans stood out on the steel-shelving which still clung against the west wall of the Mercantile. There was nothing else but black, smoking ashes.

This morning, lines of hose stretched web-like in every direction from the building, much of it, immediately around the structure, submerged in water, slush or solid ice. Weary firemen plodded about, readjusting their lines and warning passersby against the danger of toppling walls. And perched crazily against a pole, in front of the Allyn dress shop, was a badly-dishevelled [*sic* – *disheveled*] clothes form, its bright apparel coated with icicles. It was the only article taken from the shop.

It was a busy, almost frantic scene at the DeGayner garage. Volunteers darted back and forth in and out of the building, and cars were shooting frontward and backward out of the south and west doors. Trooper Watkins, on his third trip, brought out a car but collapsed, for a moment, in the seat. He was quickly resuscitated and went back to work. Another trooper dived into the smoke-filled garage at the rear of the Mercantile, for Gronlund's car, backed it half out and the engine stalled. The trooper climbed out the door, scrambled up over

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the top of the car and dropped down in back, clear of the smoke. The car was pulled to safety.

College to Re-Open

Only one of the businessmen whose establishments were destroyed could announce any plans for the future this morning. That was R.F. Dundon, of the Actual Business college, where 22 students had been enrolled. "The business college will definitely be reopened," Dundon said, "—where and when, I can't say. I will find a place somewhere, and the work will go on."

The Actual Business college was established in Iron Mountain in 1908, and had been located in the Mercantile building for the past 14 years. Included in the equipment destroyed last night were 12 typewriters, about 75 desks, tables and chairs, and all of the records. The equipment and fixtures were valued, Dundon said, at about \$3,000. "It's just about a total loss," he added. "There will have to be some financing before I can start up again. I hope that any persons with accounts owing the business college will do what they can to assist."

Total Damage

The Mercantile damage was total, not a single item being saved. Only yesterday, it was learned, an insurance agent had checked the policies held by his company for the Mercantile, and had persuaded Gronlund to add another \$5,000 to his coverage. Several agencies, it was said, shared in the coverage, and adjusters are expected here probably tomorrow to check the loss.

Gronlund was unable to say whether the business will be re-established. The Iron Mountain Mercantile company, formerly a co-operative concern, was incorporated in 1910, but had occupied the Mercantile building for some time previous to that. The officers are A.E. Gronlund, vice-president,

and Peter Broullire, treasurer. The building, likewise, was owned by the corporation.

Eight employes [*sic* – employees] of the Mercantile were thrown out of work by last night's blaze.

The Allyn Dress shop had occupied store space in the first floor of the building for the past two years, or since the previous costly fire at the DeGayner flats, also at Carpenter and B streets. The loss in stock and fixtures there was estimated at about \$4,500, of which slightly more than half was covered by insurance.

Inventory of the Allyn stock, according to Mr. Allyn, was taken only a few days ago, at which time he had expressed the thought to his wife that more insurance could be carried. Nothing was done about it, however, he added.

No Plans For Future

The Allyn's today announced no plans for the future.

Walter Flatt, for many years a jeweler here, and having been variously located during his business in the city, said today that watch and jewelry-repairing tools owned by him to the value of more than \$1,000 were destroyed. Harmon McCarthy, of Vulcan, his partner in the business since the store was located in the Mercantile two months ago, also lost a considerable amount in tools.

All of the gems, watches, etc., as well as insurance papers and other valuables, were locked in the safe, Flatt said. The safe went down when the floor collapsed early this morning and was still in the ruins at noon. Flatt, however, had asked Anton Miench, contractor, to remove it as soon as possible, so that he could check up on his insurance coverage. Flatt said he had "five or six" policies, but did not know whether there were all in force. Consequently, he said, he could not even approximately estimate his loss.

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Flatt's business was destroyed last night on the site adjoining the location in which he first entered the business in Iron Mountain. Thereafter he was located in the new Wolf building on Stephenson avenue, between B and C street, and, before moving into the Mercantile, in the Blackstone Taxi building where he occupied a site, jointly, with Thor Lieungh, music dealer and instructor.

"I haven't any plans for the future," Flatt said this morning. "I won't know how I stand until I can get into the safe and examine the policies there. Unless it's what I hope it is, I may have to look around for a job."

State troopers stayed at the scene until about 5 o'clock this morning. City police and county deputies were still patrolling the area shortly before noon.

Approximately 800,000 gallons of water had been poured into the fire up to noon today, according to the estimates at the city filtration plant.

JACOBS BLOCK

407 South Stephenson Avenue

Located at 407 South Stephenson Avenue in *Polk's Iron Mountain City Directory 1935* and *Polk's Iron Mountain Classified Business Directory Including Dickinson County 1935*.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, _____ Year, Number _____ [Thursday, March 13, 1924], page 2, column 1

STORE WILL HOLD PUBLIC RECEPTION

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Stern & Field Company

To Have Music At Opening

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The public is invited to visit the Stern & Field company's store here, Iron Mountain's newest men's clothing establishment[,] tomorrow night. A program of music has been arranged for the occasion. The store will be open at 7 o'clock and will not close until 9.

This is the sixth and the newest of a chain of stores operated by the Stern and Field company. Four are located in upper Michigan, one in Minnesota and one in South Dakota.

Members of the Stern and Field company are Hugo Field, of Hancock; Sam M. Field, of Moorehead, Minn.; Sigmund Stern, of Marquette, Herbert Field, of Iron Mountain and Noe Bertrand, of Iron Mountain. The latter two are in charge of the store here.

The new store here is located in the Jacobs building which was recently erected and is one of the most modern in the city.

The fixtures were built especially for the store by a Grand Rapids, Mich., manufacturing concern. They represent an investment of approximately \$10,000 and are modern in every respect. They include wall display cabinets of the latest design, attractive counters and floor display cabinets.

The display windows are of the arcade type with two entrances. A special color scheme has been used in the windows being arranged by artists.

Many of the leading brands of men's wearing apparel are included in the stock of goods carried by the local store. The hats, clothes, shirts and other articles of clothing are products of manufacturers of established reputation.

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Although the store has been open for a few days, the formal opening will not occur until Saturday, following the public reception tomorrow night.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, _____ Year, Number _____ [Friday, June 5, 1925], page 9, column 5

French Gray Shop Is Opened Today

Opening of the French Gray Shop, handling a complete line of ladies' wearing apparel, under the management of Mrs. Sam Jacobs, was held today. The new store, modern in every detail, is located on the second floor of the Jacobs building.

The fixtures in the store are attractively finished in French gray. In addition to the complete line of dress apparel, imported handwork and fancy work is also handled. Japanese handkerchiefs were given as favors to the first 50 customers today.

KHOURY BUILDING

Southeast Corner of South Stephenson Avenue and East Ludington Street

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 23, Number 74 [Thursday, July 8, 1943], page 2, column 3

Old Landmark Bought By Sam Khoury

Sale of the Cameron building, southeast corner of Stephenson and Ludington, to Sam Khoury, proprietor of the tavern and confectionery store adjoining to the south on Stephenson, may mean the eventual

razing of one of the oldest landmarks in the city, according to tentative plans of the new owner.

Recently damaged by fire, for the second time in its history, the building, Khoury said, may some day be torn down to make room for a new structure. No such move is planned, however, until after the war, and no repairs will be made to the present structure.

Sale of the building was negotiated through Carl G. Miller, of the Miller Agency in the First National bank building. Although the consideration was not given, the sale price was reported, unofficially, in the neighborhood of \$4,500.

From Kiel [sic – Keel] Ridge

While there may be some disagreement on the point, older residents recall that the building, the first to appear in the 300 block on Stephenson, as the town moved slowly south from the Chapin location, was one of several small structures moved here from Kiel [sic – Keel] Ridge, between Iron Mountain and Quinnesec, after the mine caved in. Originally a one-story, frame building, a second story was added some years later.

At that time, Iron Mountain extended south only as far as the Jenkins hotel, on the corner now occupied by the First National bank.

The clothing and dry goods firm of Schuldice [sic – Schuldes] and Carrier [sic – Carriere] was the first to occupy the store, according to accounts, remaining several years before the structure was purchased by Hancock and Sundstrom, for a hardware store.

Hancock eventually sold out to Sundstrom, and the latter continued the business, which he later turned over to his son, William, who maintained it for several years before moving west. William Sundstrom now lives at Dupont, Wash. His wife is the former Elizabeth Murphy, of Iron

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Mountain, sister of the late Ann Murphy, last of her family to live in this city.

Several Proprietors

Continuing as a hardware store, the business was taken over from William Sundstrom by Gust Gensch, who sold out to Fugere and Eck. They were succeeded in the hardware business by Olaf Rian. Thereafter it passed to the McDonald Hardware company, which finally sold out and closed the business.

The structure remained idle for some time before it was taken over by the Majestic Lunch, which continued for several months before fire destroyed much of the interior.

Khoury said today he bought the corner partly as an investment, but with a thought of either extending his own store or constructing a new one on the site, after the war. Because of shortage of materials, no effort will be made to repair the building and it will remain unoccupied until razed, the owner said.

M. LEVY & COMPANY **415-419 South Stephenson Avenue**

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIX, Number 52 [Saturday, April 30, 1898], page 1, column 6

The Architect is Here.

J.E. Clancy, the architect for the new Levy building, came up from Green Bay yesterday with the plans for the building. The firm will send out for bids for constructing same at once and they must be received by May 16. The building will be two-story, brick, and the main rooms will be 50x100 feet, both the lower and upper floors being occupied by the firm. It will be

a modern building in every particular and will be heated by steam.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 3, Number 2 [Thursday, June 2, 1898], page 1, column 4

The Levy Building.

All rumors as regard the letting of the contract for the erection of M. Levy & Co.'s department store to Contractor Joergenson, of Green Bay, have been disposed of by that gentleman coming to the front with a certified check for \$9,000. The work of removing the old frame buildings has commenced, and the material for the new building has been contracted for.

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Third Year, Whole No. 652 [Wednesday, August 17, 1898], page 3, column 2

CITY NEWS ITEMS.

The new Levy building has reached the second story and the work will be rapidly pushed to completion. The firm expect [*sic* – *expects*] to occupy their new building next month.

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Third Year, Whole No. 664 [Wednesday, August 31, 1898], page 3, column 2

CITY NEWS ITEMS.

The new Levy building is completed to its full height and the work of finishing the interior will be rapidly pushed. It is a very

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handsome structure and the firm is entitled to praise for their enterprise. George Dehn, the plumber, is putting in an Eagle generator for an acetylene plant and 120 burners will be used to furnish light for the building.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 3, Number 17 [Thursday, September 15, 1898], page 1, column 4

Contract For Fixtures.

N.B. Parmelee & Son have secured the contract for building the fixtures for M. Levy & Co.'s new department store and will have the same ready to place in position as soon as Contractor Georgeson [*sic* – *Joergenson*] turns over the building to the firm. The fixtures will be the handsomest in the upper peninsula. It is now expected that the building will be ready for occupancy by October 15th.

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Third Year, Whole No. 693 [Wednesday, October 5, 1898], page 3, column 2

CITY NEWS ITEMS.

The plate glass windows for the new Levy building were placed in position yesterday and are very handsome. They cost nearly \$100 apiece and there are four of them. A traveling man remarked this morning that there was not a handsomer store front in Chicago than the Levy front.

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Third Year, Whole No. 703 [Monday, October 17, 1898], page 3, column 2

CITY NEWS ITEMS.

Two of the large plate glass windows in the new Levy building front cracked from being set too tightly. The windows were insured and the insurance company will have to replace them.

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Third Year, Whole No. 705 [Wednesday, October 19, 1898], page 3, column 2

CITY NEWS ITEMS.

M. Levy & Co.'s window presents a very attractive appearance. It is the work of a new window dresser.

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Third Year, Whole No. 716 [Thursday, November 3, 1898], page 3, column 2

CITY NEWS ITEMS.

We are told that at M. Levy & Co.'s cloak sale, which takes place tomorrow in their new store, styles will be shown that will eclipse and garments ever seen in this city.

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Third Year, Whole No. 728 [Friday, November 18, 1898], page 3, column 4

NARROW ESCAPE.

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Incipient Blaze in the Levy Store Which Might Have Proved Serious.

No. 730 [Monday, November 21, 1898], page 3, column 3

Last night about 11 o'clock, while the Levy and Unger boys were working in the new Levy store on Stephenson avenue preparing to receive the stock, the electric arc lamp in the store went out and they could not work longer. They left the building and went to the old store for their overcoats and as soon as they opened the door smoke was plainly seen in the store room. A telephone call was made at once to the engine house and an investigation was made. It was found that a spark had dropped from the arc lamp in the rear of the store and set fire to a covering on a line of cloaks. It had burned clear through the covering and had communicated to the coats, which were smouldering [*sic – smoldering*]. It took but a few minutes for the firemen to extinguish the fire, but it was a narrow escape. If the boys had not left their overcoats in the old building, the fire no doubt would have remained undiscovered until it got a good start and serious damage would have resulted. It was a fortunate thing that it turned out as it did. The loss will amount to less than \$20.

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Third Year, Whole No. 729 [Saturday, November 19, 1898], page 3, column 2

CITY NEWS ITEMS.

M. Levy & Co. will move tonight into their new store.

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Third Year, Whole

IN A NEW HOME.

The Firm of M. Levy & Co., Moves to Its New Quarters.

ESTABLISHED NEARLY TWELVE YEARS.

Steady Increase of Business – The Individual Members of the Firm – The Handsomest Storeroom in the Upper Peninsula.

Early in 1887 a firm in Ft. Atkinson, Wis., doing a general merchandise business, found its trade becoming so extensive that it concluded to look up another location, invest some capital and establish a branch house. This firm was M. Levy & Co., and two of its members after thoroughly investigating many cities and towns, decided that Iron Mountain was the most promising place on the list and offered the best inducements for the investment of capital.

So in September 1887, a branch establishment was opened here which was a success from the start, the business increasing so rapidly and requiring so much attention that the firm took advantage of an offer and sold out its Ft. Atkinson business, giving the business here its entire attention.

The firm at that time consisted of M. Levy, Isaac Unger and Henry Levy. Later on the senior member's youngest son, Albert Levy, was taken into the firm, which continued business successfully in the

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quarters just vacated, sailing through the dull years of 1892 and 1893 without financial mishap and carrying on its books many miners out of work and who greatly needed assistance, thus tiding them over until better times came.

Early last spring the volume of business of the concern began to increase so rapidly that steps were taken to construct a building exactly suited to their firm's demand.

The property adjoining the store on the North was purchased from Mrs. Amelia Pascoe and on June 1 a contract was entered into to construct a modern business block at a considerable cost, work upon which has just been completed.

Saturday night and this morning the immense stock of goods in the old store was moved into the new building which is handsomely fitted up with convenient counters and shelving, and modern office fixtures. The business of the concern is being conducted as usual today, and as soon as everything is in place a grand opening will be given. The whole of the building will be occupied by the firm and additional help may be needed to handle the holiday goods, a large and handsome stock of which is daily arriving. There are at present 20 people actively employed in conducting this large business. Four delivery wagons are necessary to deliver the goods to purchasers.

M. Levy & Co. certainly deserve *[sic – deserves]* great credit for investing so much capital in so fine a building but the members of the firm have confidence in the future of Iron Mountain and the handsome structure now occupied by them should be an inducement to others to invest capital in that way, which not only adds to the look of the city but would tend to increase the people's confidence in it.

We do not believe there is a finer store room in the upper peninsula than the one

now used by M. Levy & Co. and the Tribune wishes the firm in its new undertaking that prosperity which has characterized its business in the past.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 3, Number 28 [Thursday, November 30, 1898], page 8, column 4

BRIEF CITY NEWSITES.

Since moving into their new store M. Levy & Co. have been compelled to employ six additional clerks.

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M. Levy & Co. have placed an order for an immense stock of toys. Santa Claus will make his headquarters at the "big store" this season.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 16, Number 5 [Thursday, June 22, 1911], page 1, column 3

Lease New Quarters.

The M. Levy company has leased the handsome Cook & Pelham block for a term of ten years and taken possession. Carpenters are now engaged in building the counters and fixtures. It is the intention of the company to occupy the building with their grocery, china, glassware and granitware *[sic – graniteware]* departments. This will permit the enlargement of other departments in the company building. The office and wrapping counters will be removed to the space now occupied by the grocery department and the stairway to the second floor will be re-arranged *[sic – rearranged]*. This will give much additional space for the display of shoes, clothing and

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gents furnishing goods which have been crowded in an inconvenient manner heretofore. Manager M. Unger, of this department, declares that, when he has his goods arranged in the new building, no town north of Chicago will have a neater grocery store than Iron Mountain. Mr. Unger is thoroughly informed in this branch of the trade, has a knack of displaying goods in an appetizing [sic – *appetizing*] manner, and the business of the company is certain to increase as a result of the enlargement.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 16, Number 9 [Thursday, July 20, 1911], page 1, column 3

Moving Grocery Store.

The M. Levy company is engaged this week in removing the grocery and allied departments to the new Cook & Pelham building. Confusion reigns supreme just at present, but Manager Monroe Unger and his corps of assistants will soon have everything tastefully arranged. And The Press has sufficient confidence in the boys to predict that, when everything is in place, Iron Mountain will have the handsomest and best-stocked grocery store in the upper peninsula.

By 1935 the J.C. Penny Company, Inc., occupied 415-417 South Stephenson Avenue, with Claude A. Moore working as manager, offering “Men’s Furnishing Goods and Ready-to-Wear.” In 1939 and 1941-1942 the J.C. Penny Company, Inc., continued to occupy 415-417 South Stephenson Avenue with Claude A. Moore serving as manager.

The J.C. Penny Company moved to the Birchwood Mall, and the store was then occupied by Western Auto. Don and

Donna Christy moved into the J.C. Penny Store in 1979.

On Sunday evening, February 28, 1982, this structure was one of three buildings to be destroyed in one of Iron Mountain’s worst fires in recent history. Also lost were the Ace Drug Store building and Isabel’s Ready-to-Wear, which occupied the Odd Fellows building, which M. Levy & Co. occupied before moving into their new store in November, 1898.

McKINNEY FLATS

Southwest Corner of Carpenter Avenue and West B Street

Located at the southwest corner of Carpenter Avenue and West B Street, this building was originally a two-story structure containing apartments for eight or nine families. E.A. Croll purchased the building from the Marquette Savings Bank in early January, 1905. In mid-March, 1924, Croll sold the building to Eugene A. DeGayner. On May 14, 1931, a fire severely damaged the building which then housed the Iron Mountain Gas Company, Em’s Pasty Shop, Stomberg’s Self Serve Grocery, Allyn’s Dress and Hat Shop and the O’Connor’s Bake Shop. By early June, 1931, the structure was being rebuilt as a single-story. All of the tenants prior to the fire returned except the O’Connor’s Bake Shop.

The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIII, Number 34 [Thursday, November 12, 1891], page 1, column 2

Kalitt & Reeves move from McKinney Block to Montgomery Block [*need article*]

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9,

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Number 34 [Thursday, January 12, 1905], page 1, column 6

Bought the Flats.

E.A. Croll has closed a deal with the Marquette Savings Bank for the McKinney Flats at the corner of Carpenter avenue and West B street and has taken possession. The consideration is private, but it can be said that Mr. Croll secured a bargain. The building contains apartments for eight or nine families and two stores. It is the intention of the new owner to make many needed improvements.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, _____ Year, Number _____ [Friday, March 14, 1924], page 3, column 1

DEGAYNER BUYS FLATS BUILDING

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Purchases Property From
Croll; Price Reported
AT \$25,000
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Final details of the sale of what is known as the Flats Building, corner of Carpenter avenue and B street, were expected to be completed this afternoon, according to E.J. DeGayner, owner of DeGayner's garage, who will buy the property from E.A. Croll.

Mr. DeGayner plans to use the building for rental purposes, he said this noon, and does not contemplate any change in the structure.

Part of the building is divided into apartments, while another portion is devoted to business establishments.

Mr. DeGayner would not make public the monetary consideration involved in the transfer, while Mr. Croll also refused to give out the amount. A report from several sources today that the price was \$25,000 was denied by Mr. Croll.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 11, Number 29 [Thursday, May 14, 1931], page 1, column 8; page 2, column 1

FIVE BUSINESS PLACES BURN OUT

————— **HEAVY DAMAGE RESULTS FROM MORNING FIRE**

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**DeGayner Flats At Car-
penter Avenue And
B Street Ablaze**

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LOSS IS \$20,000

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**Flames Started In Rear Of
Structure Before
6 O'clock**

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Damage estimated at from \$20,000 to \$25,000 resulted from a fire which, starting shortly before 6 o'clock this morning in the rear of the DeGayner flats, on the southwest corner of Carpenter avenue and B street, destroyed part of that structure as

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well as most of the stock and fixtures of five business places located therein.

Insurance totalling *[sic – totaling]* \$23,500 is carried on the stock and fixtures of four of the five business places.

The Iron Mountain Gas company's offices and display room were situated almost in the heart of the blaze.

Others Burned Out.

The other four places burned out were Em's Pasty Shop, Stomberg's Self Serve grocery, Allyn's Dress Shop and the O'Connor Bake shop. The former three places were located on Carpenter avenue, the gas company's offices on the corner, and the bakery shop on the B street side of the building.

Started at Rear of Shop.

The only likely version of the blaze came from Miss Ida O'Connor, proprietress of the bakery shop on West B street. It was at the rear of her shop, according to authorities, that the blaze was first discovered by the firemen.

"I went to my shop at about 5:45 o'clock this morning," Miss O'Connor said, "and, as I have done every morning, I lit the fires under the bake oven and put some water on the stove for the two bakers who were to arrive later.

"Then, as usual, I returned home, planning to go back to the shop again at about 7:30 o'clock. Shortly after I got home I heard a commotion out in the street, and going to the window saw smoke coming from the shop. I ran across and opened the door. A puff of black smoke blew in my face and almost smothered me.

"Meanwhile a young man, who had been passing that way, saw the smoke, and was trying to rouse the neighbors in order to reach a telephone and called *[sic – call]* the department."

Robert Sheehan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sheehan, 310 East B street, was the first to notice the smoke, while enroute

[sic – en route] to attend an early morning church service.

Chief Mike Scolatti and members of both city departments arrived to find the flames spreading rapidly through the bake shop and the gas company's office adjoining. Sheets of fire shot over the ceiling, towards the Stromberg store and other shops adjoining to the south, the blaze travelling *[sic – traveling]* rapidly through the dry, frame structure.

Street Employes *[sic]* Assist.

Shortly after 6 o'clock, H.L. Senseman, city engineer and superintendent of the water department, arrived to check up on the water supply. A few moments later Senseman called out his assistant, Alton Forrel, and six members of the street department to assist the firemen of both stations in fighting the blaze. The extra men remained on duty until the last of the flames had died out.

When the trucks finally left the scene shortly before noon the upper part of the structure over the gas company's office had been torn away, exposing the charred and dripping rafters within, and the walls of the building on both Carpenter avenue and B street were blackened from fire and smoke.

Only the tin roof over the building prevented its destruction and held the outer walls intact, the chief said. The roof served also as a check for the flames which raced beneath it over the several stores and towards the second floor apartment occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Hicks, near the south end of the building. Mrs. Hicks is the proprietress of Em's Pasty shop.

Water Damage Heavy.

Water poured in streams through

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HEAVY DAMAGE RESULTS FROM

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MORNING FIRE

Five Business Places Are Burned Out; Loss Is \$25,000

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the roof and into the second and first floors of the business places, drenching the stock and fixtures. With the exception of the O'Connor Bake Shop and the Iron Mountain Gas company's office, where the blaze was centered, most of the damage was caused by water.

Insurance totalling [sic – totaling] \$14,500 was carried on the building by E.J. DeGayner, owner, according to reports. Other coverage reported and the estimated damage in each instance, follows:

Em's Pasty Shop, \$1,500 insurance on the shop and \$500 on the furniture in the apartment above; estimated damage, \$2,000.

Stromberg's Self Serve, \$3,000 on stock and fixtures; estimated damage, from \$1,000 to \$1,500.

Allyn's Dress and Hat shop, \$1,500 on the stock; damage not estimated.

O'Connor's Bake shop, \$1,000 on the stock and fixtures; estimated loss, from \$1,500 to \$2,000.

Insurance totalling [sic – totaling] \$3,000 was carried on the stock and fixtures of the Iron Mountain Gas company. The damage, considered total by the officials, had not been estimated up to noon today.

Save Some of Things.

Mr. and Mrs. Hicks, assisted by friends, managed to salvage some of their personal belongings from their living quarters, but much of that was damaged by water.

Water also drenched the package and sack goods at the Stomberg store, and poured over the counters, shelves and floor. The walls and ceilings of all the shops were blackened and streaked with water.

The building, one of the oldest in the city, provided ready fuel for the blaze, and only the combined effort of the firemen and others sent to help them saved the flames from spreading to adjoining buildings.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 11, Number 44 [Tuesday, June 2, 1931], page 3, columns 5-6

DEGAYNER FLATS BUILDING TO BE ONE STORY HIGH

Remodelling [sic] Of Fire- Swept Structure Is Under Way

Work on the re-construction of the DeGayner flats building, corner [of] Carpenter avenue and West B street, partly destroyed by fire, is progressing rapidly under the direction of Neil P. Gill, resident engineer for the Phelps-Drake Construction company. About 25 men are employed on the job.

Only one story of the structure will be retained, and a new roof provided for that. The building, it is expected, will be completed within a month.

With the exception of the bakery shop, which occupied the West B street store site, all of the former business places in the

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structure have applied for quarters, Mr. DeGayner said.

The Iron Mountain Gas company will utilize all of its former space and the added site vacated by the O'Connor bakery shop. Others who are expected to go back into the building are Ivan Stromberg, grocer, and Allyn's Hats and Dresses.

Men employed on the job are being selected by Mr. DeGayner from his own list of unemployed married men in the community, he said.

Sub-contracts will be let for the lighting, heating and plumbing in the building within the next few days.

[*The McKinney Flats were demolished during the last week in September, 2013.*]

MONTGOMERY BLOCK **321 South Stephenson Avenue**

Built in 1887 at 321 South Stephenson Avenue by Clinton W. Montgomery, a brick manufacturer, this was one of Iron Mountain's early business blocks. In April, 1889, Montgomery purchased the Adams House, belonging to the Jacques Brothers, for \$4,400. This frame property adjoined his brick building, and the editor of *The Menominee Range* hoped Montgomery would remove the wooden structure and extend his "handsome brick block." These two "Montgomery blocks," one brick and the other frame, both burned on Tuesday morning, January 11, 1898. At the time of the fire, the Montgomery blocks were occupied by D.H. Lieberthal, clothier; A.J. Sundstrom, hardware; E. Mattson, confectionery; and C. Corneilson, baker. *The Iron Mountain Press* termed the fire "the most destructive fire in the history of Iron Mountain."

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XIII, Number 7 [Thursday, May 7, 1891], page 1, column 3

THE draymen about town had plenty of work on Friday last and all day long great loads of furniture, store fixtures, etc., were passing to and fro on the streets. May 1 is considered all over the country to be a general moving day and it seems to be an established fact that more people move on that day than any other day in the whole year. In this city there were more removals than usual and many business men [*sic* – *businessmen*] are comfortably ensconced [*sic* – *ensconced*] in their new quarters while others are making preparations to become settled. The Montgomery building which was formerly occupied by the saloon of J.H. Williams, [*sic*] will be taken up in a few days by the Bee Hive store. The building is being remodeled this week and when completed will make one of the finest stores in town, the old front having been torn out and substituted by one of plate glass. Williams' saloon now occupies the building recently erected by Sol. Noble on Ludington street. Edward St. Arnauld has vacated the building he occupied on Stephenson avenue and has removed his saloon to the Gingras & Trepanier building on Hughitt street. J.R. Johnston will occupy the vacated room with his tailor-shop [*sic* – *tailor shop*] and gents' furnishing store. The room is being newly refitted and papered and will make a good stand for Mr. Johnston's business. The City Shoe Store has been removed from Brown street to a stand on Stephenson avenue where Joseph Parry and A. Lieberthal & Co. were stationed. This will now be an exclusive boot and shoe store and will be managed by Mr. Parry and Fred Hunting. The building vacated by them on Brown street will be occupied by A. Uddenberg as a drug

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store. A[.] Leiberthal [sic – Lieberthal] & Co. will remove their store to the building now occupied by the Bee Hive, but later in the year they will remove to the store now taken up by Sam Rusky, who in turn will go to the Bee Hive's present location.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 1 [Thursday, May 27, 1897], page 8, column 1

John J. Cole has moved his stock of goods to the Montgomery block on Stephenson avenue.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 2 [Thursday, June 3, 1897], page 1, column 4

Hassel Embarrassed.

The dry goods establishment of Ellis Hassel, in the Montgomery block, was closed on a chattel mortgage held by Lauerman Bros., of Marinette, last Monday. The mortgage is for \$1,874. Mr. Hassel came to the city about a year ago and engaged in business in a small way in the Catlin building on Brown street, moving about four months ago to Stephenson avenue. He was enterprising and was thought to be doing a successful business. His failure is a surprise to his most intimate friends. Mr. Hassel informs his intimates that he intends going to Europe as soon as his affairs are settled.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 2 [Thursday, June 3, 1897], page 1, column 4

A New Store.

Dan H. Lieberthal has decided to return to Iron Mountain and engage in business. He has leased the Montgomery brick block for a term of years, and the building is now in the hands of carpenters for an extensive refitting. Mr. Lieberthal expects to be in shape to receive customers on Saturday. Since leaving Iron Mountain he has been engaged in business in Dawson, Minn., and Ironwood.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 9 [Thursday, June 3, 1897], page 1, column 5

Will Rebuild Their Store.

Hancock & Sundstrom, the hardware merchants, are engaged this week in moving their stock of goods to the Montgomery block. It is the intention of the company to rebuild the store they have occupied for so many years. A stone foundation and basement will be put under the store and other improvements made that will add much to the appearance of the corner.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 23 [Thursday, October 28, 1897], page 1, column 3

Sundstrom Moves.

A.J. Sundstrom, the hardware merchant, who has occupied the Cameron building, N. Stephenson avenue, ever since he engaged in business here, is moving this week to the Montgomery block, opposite the Chicago & North-Western depot. This is an excellent stand, convenient to all parts of the city, and the removal will undoubtedly

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result in an increase in business. Mr. Sundstrom informs The Press that he intends adding largely to his stock of goods and will receive in a few days a splendid line of china, crockery and glassware, which will be displayed on the second floor. He will make a specialty of this line and invites the public to inspect his stock.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 34 [Thursday, January 13, 1898], page 1, column 2

A DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

The Montgomery Blocks Badly Damaged – A Loss of Nearly \$30,000.

The most destructive fire in the history of Iron Mountain occurred last Tuesday morning, resulting in the almost total destruction of the Montgomery brick and frame blocks and the damaging of the Allen building. The loss will reach a total of over \$33,000.

Shortly after one o'clock Policeman Bray discovered fire in the basement of the brick building occupied by Mr. Montgomery as an undertaking establishment. An alarm was at once turned in and the company responded with their usual promptness. Chief Harvey, with the assistance of his men and many volunteers[,] soon had nine streams of water pouring torrents of water upon and into the buildings, but owing to the difficulty of locating the flames it was not extinguished until six o'clock. In the meantime nearly 500,000 gallons of water

had been consumed. Chief Harvey pronounces the fire to have been one of the most vicious he ever had to fight, and it may be recorded that had it not been for the efficiency of our fire department and water works system the business portion of our city would have been wiped out of existence.

The Montgomery buildings were occupied by D.H. Lieberthul [*sic* – *Lieberthal*], clothier, A.J. Sundstrom, hardware, E. Mattson, confectioner, and C. Corneilson, baker. The Allen building had for a tenant A.E. Smith, saloon keeper [*sic* – *saloonkeeper*]. The losses are as follows:

C.W. Montgomery, brick block.....	\$6,500
“ “ frame block.....	5,500
C.W. Montgomery, undertaking goods	
.....	3,500
C.W. Montgomery, household goods	3,000
D.H. Lieberthal, stock.....	9,500
A.J. Sundstrom, stock.....	3,500
E. Mattson, stock.....	875
A.E. Smith, stock.....	500
W.B. Allen, building.....	150
C. Corneilson, stock.....	<u>175</u>
	\$33,200

The insurance carried by the several losers is as follows:

MILLER AGENCY.	
Montgomery brick.....	\$4,000
“ frame.....	1,000
“ furniture.....	<u>1,500</u>
Total.....	\$6,500
COMMERCIAL BANK AGENCY.	
Montgomery brick.....	\$1,000
“ frame.....	500
“ stock.....	1,000
D.H. Lieberthal, stock.....	<u>1,000</u>
Total.....	\$3,500
STERLING AGENCY.	
W.B. Allen, building.....	\$1,500
A.E. Smith, stock.....	<u>500</u>
Total.....	\$2,000
Total insurance.....	\$12,000
Total loss.....	\$33,200

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It will be noticed that the loss of Messrs. Sundstrom, Lieberthal and Mattson is almost a total one. Considerable of their stock were saved, but in such a badly damaged condition that they will hardly realized [*sic* – realize] 25 cents on the dollar for them. Mr. Lieberthal has his stock stored in the Cameron building and Messrs. Sundstrom and Mattson are in the Wood block. The gentlemen will have the solid sympathy of the community in their misfortune.

How the fire originated is a mystery, but talk of incendiarism [*sic*] is mere guess work.

ROBBINS BLOCK **217 East Hughitt Street**

Built of native red sandstone from the North Side quarry in 1891, this building, located at 217 East Hughitt Street, shares a common wall with what originally was the Eskil Studio. It was built by Albert E. Robbins to house his furniture and undertaking establishment, and had a stable to house the horses and hearses on the east side of the building where the parking lot is now located.

The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIII, Number 34 [Thursday, November 12, 1891], page 1, column 2

THERE is no difficulty in renting good store rooms in this city. John R. Wood's block is hardly complete before tenants are found ready to move into it. Every store room is rented. M.C. Gleason has the first, J. Bitterly the second, Louis Newberger the third, the post office will move into the fourth, Mrs. Copeland has the fifth and the Iron Mountain Insurance Agency the sixth. The Robbins block was rented with equal

promptness, Mr. Mitchell moving into the spare store there, and Graham and Hunting will occupy Eskil's store room. In Fisher's block the rooms are already spoken for, and we have no doubt Anderson's building will find a tenant as soon as it is ready.

The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIV, Number 6 [Thursday, April 28, 1892], page 1, column 1

Halls and Office Rooms to Rent.

A.E. Robbins has a small hall for rent at a reasonable figure, suitable for a small society, and also a larger one that will accommodate any of the larger societies in his stone block of Hughitt street, besides several office rooms that are very pleasant and centrally located for business purposes. For particulars apply to Robbins' Furniture Store.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 50 [Thursday, May 4, 1911], page 1, column 4

A Model Laundry.

The new steam laundry which Charles Kaufman, late of Chicago, is to establish in the Robbins building, on East Hughitt street, will be one of the very best equipped laundries in the west, containing everything that is new and modern in the way of machinery. The laundry will occupy the first floor and basement of the building. In the basement will be located three Ideal washing machines, an extractor, two starchers, the dry room, starch cookers, soap tank and engine and boiler room. On the main floor will be located the dampening press, combination ironer, 36-

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inch body ironer, collar shaping machinery containing seven pieces, flat work ironer 36 by 100 inches in size, and other small machinery. The office will occupy the front part of the building. Mr. Kaufman proposes making a speciality [*sic – specialty*] of family washing and believes he can offer such inducements in the way of prices and good work as will bring to his laundry the greater portion of the work. The machinery is expected here within the next ten days and it is expected to have the laundry in operation about the first of June.

SPENCER BLOCK

118 West B Street

[See Iron Mountain Co-Operative Society and Iron Mountain Mercantile Company, Limited.]

Located at 118 West B Street listed in the 1892-1894 city directory as the location of John T. Spencer's store and residence, where he dealt in fruits and vegetables, provisions, confectionery and notions. Spencer also had a business location at 321 South Stephenson Avenue at that time.

The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XIII, Number 2 [Thursday, April 2, 1891], page 1, column 1

Stores for Rent. Also basements, several offices and a club room suitable for societies in Spencer's new block will be ready for occupancy on or before May 1. Apply

James R. Spencer
Iron Mountain, Mich.

The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIII, Number

11 [Thursday, June 4, 1891], page 1, column 5

As there is a skeleton in every household, so too is there an eye sore in every town – a blot upon its otherwise fair escutcheon, which causes every stranger to ask annoying questions of the citizens, and make the latter “swearing mad” whenever – which happens every day – said eye sore obtrudes itself on their vision. Iron Mountain's eye sore is the “Spencer Block” nearly opposite the “Commercial [*Commercial Hotel, later the Milliman Hotel, later the Dickinson Hotel*].” It was started by a man who had more capital in his head than in his pocket, is (so far as it is completed) the skeleton of what would be a fine structure of brown sand stone [*sic – sandstone*] if it had a solid foundation to rest on and a solid bank account to draw upon for the carrying out of its projector's design. Instead, as we overheard a gentleman's remark last Sunday, “it has a swamp under it, a heavy mortgage on top of it, a rickety network of flimsy timber work inside of it, and a poor outlook for ever becoming anything but a settling, crumbling, tumble-down ruin all 'round it.” It was started to boom real estate on the avenue which its presence now disfigures, and the circumstance is really a pity, for that avenue is the most favorably situated for the building of a fine business street of any within the corporate limits of Iron Mountain. –Crystal Falls Clipper

The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIII, Number 37 [Thursday, December 3, 1891], page 1, column 3

THIS weather is delightful for those who still have building operations on their hands, and is being made the most of by the contractors who are erecting the Spencer

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block on B street, the Fisher block and Dr. Crowell's handsome residence on Ludington street and Woodward's residence on C street. The latter is being remodeled and made into a more pretentious and convenient dwelling, and Lawyer Woodward will have a very handsome and comfortable home when it is finished. The granite walls of Dr. Crowell's residence are finished and the second story is now well under way.

The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIII, Number 38 [Thursday, December 10, 1891], page 1, column 4

ILL luck seems to follow whoever attempts to erect the Spencer block on B street. The first contractor, after partly rebuilding the west wall left it in such shape that it had to be torn down and rebuilt, and now it will have to be partly torn down and rebuilt again. Some bad work was done on the rear wall by one of the masons, which escaped the notice of the contractor and the heavy rain of last Thursday night caused this portion of the wall to fall, and in falling it sprung the west wall so it will have to be partly taken down and rebuilt. Noble & Benson have gone bravely to work to repair the damage and we hope they will meet with no further ill luck.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 3 [Thursday, June 11, 1896], page 8, column 3

There was an impromptu dancing party in the Spencer block hall last Monday evening, attended by about twenty couples. The music was furnished by a wandering Italian orchestra, and was of a high order. A very pleasant evening was spent.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 11, Number 36 [Thursday, January 24, 1907], page 1, column 6

WILL BUY THE BUILDING

Co-Operative Society Votes Unanimously to Buy Spencer Block.

At a special meeting of the stockholders of the Iron Mountain Co-Operative Society held last Monday evening it was voted unanimously to purchase the Spencer building from the Marquette Savings Bank and the board of directors was authorized to enter upon the necessary negotiations.

The Spencer block was erected about sixteen years ago by Capt. John T. Spencer. It is a two-story brick and stone building and has a front on West B street of one hundred and twenty feet. It contains four store rooms on the ground floor. Three of the stores are occupied by the Co-Operative Society – one as a meat market, the second contains general merchandise, the third as a general supplyhouse [*sic* – *supply house*], and the fourth is doing duty as a sample-room for the Milliman House. On the second floor there are six or eight office rooms and a small hall.

It is probably that the Society will occupy the store now doing duty as a sample room, and engage in the dry goods and clothing business. The business of the concern has reached such large proportions under the present management that additional room was absolutely necessary.

SUNDSTROM BLOCK
East Fleshier Street

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Located on East Flesheim Street, the Sundstrom Block was sold early in 1922, but had been considered as temporary quarters for *The Iron Mountain News* which had experienced a fire in its offices on February 25 of that year.

WOLFE BROTHERS BUSINESS BLOCK

623-629 South Stephenson Avenue

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 7, Number 81 [Friday, July 15, 1927], page 2, column 1

Building To Be Erected At Hansen Corner Site

Wolfe Brothers Award
Contract For Modern
Business Establishment;
Work Starts at Once.

Work on the construction of a one-story, all-brick and steel business building at Stephenson avenue and C street, on the site formerly occupied by the L.M. Hansen livery, will begin early next week, according to G.A. Gustafson, contractor who has been awarded the job by Morris and Harry Wolfe[,] Chicago business men [*sic – businessmen*] and owners of the site. The total cost of the structure is estimated at \$35,000.

The announcement sets at rest a host of rumors which have been circulated for the year relative to the plans for the building.

According to the specifications, the structure will comprise four store sites occupying the entire lot with a full basement

throughout. Three fronts, each measuring about 23 feet in width, will face Stephenson avenue, and the fourth store will occupy the corner, facing both Stephenson avenue and C street with a 40-foot width in the rear.

No Second Floor.

There will be no second floor, with offices, as had been rumored.

The face of the structure will be of light yellow brick, trimmed with pre-cast stone. William G. Pagels, Chicago architect, designed the building.

The contract for the excavation of the basement will be sub-letted [*sic – sublet*], officials of Mr. Gustafson's firm said today, and when that task is completed the contractor will employ about 25 men on the actual construction. The contract provides that the owners of the site will supply part of the material for the structure, and the plumbing, heating and electrical contracts will also be awarded separately, it was indicated.

Purchased Two Years Ago.

Morris and Harry Wolfe, Chicago merchants and sons-in-law of Max A. Cohodes, of this city, purchased the site from Mrs. L.M. Hansen more than two years ago at a consideration of \$25,000. That part of the construction awarded to Mr. Gustafson is estimated at about \$26,000, and an estimated additional \$9,000 will go into the special material to be provided by the owners of the site and outside contracts for the fixtures.

In announcing the plans, the Wolfe brothers declared that they were prompted in their investment by a full confidence in the industrial future of the district, and the subsequent growth of Iron Mountain and the territory immediately adjacent. No indication was given as to the nature of the business establishments to be given first choice of the three store sites.

It is planned to complete the structure within three months.

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Rumors of the contemplated building have been general since the purchase of the site by Wolfe Brothers, but it was not until last week that Mr. Gustafson was given his part of the contract that plans for the structure became definitely known.

The building will complete an up-to-date business block between B and C streets, on Stephenson avenue, new fronts having recently been built there.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 7, Number 95 [Friday, August 1, 1927], page 2, column 7

DIGGING CELLAR FOR FOUR-STORE CORNER BUILDING

—————
Expect Business Block To
Be Finished In Three
Months
—————

Anton Miench, contractor, has started excavation for the \$35,000 one-story brick and steel business building to be built at the Hansen site, [on the] corner Stephenson avenue and C street. Announcement of the project was made Friday, July 15, by Morris and Harry Wolfe, of Chicago, owners of the property.

While the contract for the excavation has been sub-let [sic – sublet] to Mr. Miench, G.A. Gustafson has the contract for the structural work, to the amount of about \$25,000, the balance of the \$35,000, aside from the excavation, being made up but sub-letted [sic – sublet] contracts for lighting and heating and with materials which the Wolfe brothers plan to provide themselves.

As explained in the original announcement, the building will be a four-store structure, with three fronts facing on Stephenson avenue and the fourth, a corner site, on Stephenson and C. The face of the building will be of light yellow brick, trimmed with pre-cast stone, according to the plans prepared by William F. Pagels, Chicago architect.

The Wolfe brothers are sons-in-law of Max A. Cohodes, of this city, and they purchased the site about two years ago from Mrs. M.L. [sic – L.M.] Hansen. The consideration then was given as approximately \$25,000. Shortly after that deal fire destroyed the Hansen livery barn, which occupied the property. The site was later cleared and finally made ready for the beginning of the work now in progress.

The excavation, it is estimated, will require little more than a week, when G.A. Gustafson will move his men and equipment to the job. It is planned to complete the structure within three months. According to reports today numerous inquiries have already been received by the Wolfe brothers from prospective tenants for the four stores.

WOOD BLOCK **200 South Stephenson Avenue**

This building, on the corner of East Ludington Street and South Stephenson Avenue, contained the First National Bank in the first-floor corner section and various other stores originally. It was built by John R. Wood, who was president of the First National Bank, in 1888.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume VII, Number 42 [Saturday, October 15, 1887], page 5, column 4

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UNHAPPY DEPOSITORS.

FAILURE OF THE BANK AT IRON MOUNTAIN.

J.L. Edwards, Proprietor of the Merchants and Miners' Bank Makes An Assignment – A Large Number of Poor People Among the Depositors – A National Bank Organized – A Large Budget of Interesting Social and Personal Gossip.

Great excitement existed at Iron Mountain and other towns on the range this week over the failure of the **Merchants' and Miners' Bank** of the former place. The collapse of the concern was sudden and altogether unexpected, and hundreds of depositors, the majority of whom are poor people, will probably lose nearly all of their money. The Range estimates the liabilities of the defunct institution at from \$10,000 to \$15,000, and says that **J.L. Edwards**, the proprietor, owns and has an interest in several tracts of valuable mineral lands and will probably be able to pay his debts dollar for dollar. It is reported, however, that the liabilities will aggregate fully \$35,000. If this proves to be the case, it is extremely unlikely that the unfortunate depositors will realize more than from 25 to 50 cents on the dollar. At last accounts Edwards was said to be in Chicago, where he went to endeavor to raise money on his lands in order to meet his obligations. **Richard White**, who runs butcher shops in this city and at Iron Mountain, was among the heaviest losers. He is said to have lost \$2,600. The day before the failure Mr. White purchased a draft for \$1,400 on a

Chicago bank, and the money was not forwarded. **Rundle Brothers**, the well-known Iron Mountain hardware dealers, also lost a considerable sum. The bank was originally started at Norway by **Chas. L. Anderson**, who afterwards moved it to Iron Mountain, and a year or two ago sold out to Edwards. The Green Bay Advocate says that a suspicion is expressed that the latter has skipped to Canada with the available funds. The assignment was made to **J.S. Shafer**.

Iron Mountain, like many other towns, has had enough of irresponsible private banking institutions, and hereafter the people of that enterprising burg will do business only with national banks. The **First National Bank of Iron Mountain** was organized last Monday evening, with the following incorporators: **A.F. Wright**, Quinnesec; **John Perkins**, **F. Copeland**, **D.F. Mullens**, **B.W. Jones**, **E.S. Roberts**, Vulcan; **John R. Wood**, Appleton, Wis.; **Oliver Evans**, **A.D. Moore**, **H. McLaughlin**, **Wm. Oliver**, **W.S. Laing**, **R.P. Tuten**, **E.P. Foster**, **J.T. Jones**, **G.T. Corning**, **E.J. Ingram**, **C.E. Parent**, **H.E. Pearse**, Iron Mountain; **J.B. Maas**, **Samuel Mitchell**, **Edward Lobb**, Negaunee. Mr. Evans is a son-in-law of **H.D. Fisher**, of this city, and the other gentlemen are well and favorably known in Florence. The board of directors is composed of John R. Wood, A.F. Wright, H.E. Pearse, Oliver Evans, John Perkins, Wm. Oliver, W.S. Laing, C.E. Parent and Samuel Mitchell. The officers of the new bank are as follows: John R. Wood, president; A.F. Wright, vice-president; H.E. Pearse, cashier; Oliver Evans, assistant cashier. The capital stock is \$50,000. The bank will probably be ready for business by the first of November. A national bank is needed in Florence, but until one is organized, many of the local business men [*sic- businessmen*] will most

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likely patronize the new concern at Iron Mountain.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume VII, Number 44 [Saturday, October 29, 1887], page 5, column 3

LOCAL BREVITIES.

The NEW National Bank at Iron Mountain will be ready for business on Tuesday next.

The Diamond Drill, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 42 [Saturday, November 5, 1887], page 4, column 2

The new National bank at Iron Mountain opened for business on Tuesday.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume IV, Number 46 [Saturday, December 15, 1888], page 1, column 5

RAMBLINGS: IRON MOUNTAIN.

The Wood block is the busiest place in town.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume XI, Number 38 [Saturday, September 12, 1891], page 5, column 5

“WHERE will the new **Dickinson County offices** be located?” is a questions that is being frequently asked now a days [*sic – nowadays*]. The Iron Mountain Journal believes either **John R. Wood** or **H.D. Fisher** will capture the prize. Both gentlemen are erecting elegant business blocks at the new county seat. ‘Twould be pretty safe to bet on H.D.

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 22 [Thursday, August 22, 1889], page 1, column 2

Wantonness.

Some smart Aleck, who apparently is the **possessor of a cheap diamond ring**, has been amusing himself by **cutting the plate glass in the store fronts of John R. Wood’s block**. A circle is cut in one of the lights of glass in the **bank building**, and a straight cut made nearly across the plates in **Ingram’s and Wright’s stores**, and also in **C.E. Parent’s store**. Possibly the perpetrator of this vandalism is not aware that the injured glass is worth hundreds of dollars, but if he is discovered he will be likely to find out the value of plate glass of the size and quality of those he has thus nearly destroyed.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XXIV, Number 46 (Whole Number ___) [Saturday, February 16, 1893], page 8, column 6

Festive Burglars.

The tailoring and gent’s [*sic – gents’*] furnishing goods establishment of J.R. Johnston, in the Wood block, was entered by burglars last Saturday night and a quantity of clothing stolen. An entrance was effected by smashing the glass in the back door. There was no clue to the thieves [*sic – thieves*], but on Sunday afternoon, at the Chicago & North-Western depot, Chief of Police Clements overhauled a woodsman who was acting in a suspicious manner and found in his bag two coats, two pairs of pantaloons and one

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vest, all of which had been stolen from Mr. Johnston's stock. The fellow gave his name as Charles Tonkins and stated that he had purchased the goods from another. Soon after, at the place where Tonkins had been boarding, John Shields and George Tebo [sic – Theibault] were arrested. The former had one of the missing coats in his possession and the latter a pair of pants. Both claim to have purchased the goods from Tonkins, and did so in the presence of witnesses. All three were locked up, however, but on Monday Shields and Tebo were released upon furnishing bonds for their appearance. The examination will take place next Monday before Justice Bergeron.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVII, Number 45 (Whole Number 880) [Saturday, February 29, 1896], page 2, column 3

The Continental, a new clothing store, opens to-day [sic – today] in Wood's block, 221 Stephenson avenue, with a complete line of clothing, hats, caps and gents' furnishing goods. Their motto: Quick sales and small profits.

To-day [sic – Today] Charles Delaporte & Son, of Green Bay, will open the Continental Clothing store in Corning's old stand, Wood block, with a splendid assortment of goods. The firm has [a] well established [sic – well-established] reputation for square dealing and has come to stay. William Delaporte is the manager.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 24 [Thursday, November 4, 1897], page 1, column 5

BUSINESS BLOCK SOLD.

John R. Wood's Interest in the First National Bank Block Sold to Hoose & Co.

At an early hour yesterday morning The Press was in possession of information to the effect that John R. Wood had sold his interest in the First National Bank building to Jay W. Hoose and Edward W. Eaton. Mr. Hoose returned on the morning train from Appleton, where he had been conferring with Mr. Wood, and in an interview with The Press confirmed the report. Mr. Hoose says the consideration was \$20,000. The property transferred consists of the three stores on Stephenson avenue with the eleven offices above and the building occupied by Brauns & Van and the city council rooms. There is a mortgage for \$10,000 on the property, which Hoose & Eaton assume. A number of applications for the vacant stores on Stephenson avenue have already been filed. Hoose & Eaton will not moved [sic – move] their meat market to the building as has been reported, but will remain at the old stand.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIX, Number 28 [Saturday, November 6, 1897], page 1, columns 2-3

WOOD BLOCK SOLD

Important Transaction in Iron Mountain Realty Circles.

PURCHASE PRICE WAS \$20,000.

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J.W. Hoose and E.H. Eaton Now Own the Handsome and Valuable Structure. Deal Closed Tuesday in Appleton. New Tenants.

One of the most important sales of Iron Mountain business property that has been recorded in several years was the sale Tuesday by John R. Wood of the handsome brick business block facing on Stephenson avenue and Ludington street and known as the Wood Block. The consideration was \$20,000.

Monday evening J.W. Hoose, of the well known [*sic – well-known*] firm of J.W. Hoose & Co., left on the Northwestern train for Appleton, where, by appointment, he met John R. Wood, who had just returned from the Pacific coast. It required but a short time for Mr. Hosse [*sic – Hoose*] to state the object of his visit and before another train left for the north the sale of the Wood Block in Iron Mountain had been made and the names of J.W. Hoose and E.H. Eaton appeared as owners. The possessions acquired by the new purchasers include all of the building, except that occupied by the First National Bank and the offices directly over it. This portion of the building is owned by the bank and includes the rooms occupied by Dr. J.D. Jones, Attorney R.L. Hammond and the Michigan Telephone company.

All other office rooms on the second floor, including the council rooms and the stores beneath, are included in the sale.

Mr. Hoose informed a reporter for the Tribune that he has two first class applicants for the vacant stores facing Stephenson avenue, and that they will soon be occupied by permanent tenants. The

firm of Hoose & Co. will not occupy any part of the building.

In speaking of John R. Wood Mr. Hoose said that the well known [*sic – well-known*] and venerable capitalist is looking the very picture of health. From what little information Mr. Hoose could glean while in Appleton he learned that Mr. Wood has come into possession of some valuable mining properties in the Pacific coast and British Columbia countries, and that his rise in the financial arena of the west is but a matter of a few months. While the two gentlemen were making out the papers for the transfer of the property Mr. Wood received a telegram calling him to Tacoma, where a number of eastern capitalists were ready to purchase one of his largest mines, which has been acquired within the past three months. Mr. Wood expects to be in Iron Mountain about December 15.

The purchase of the Wood Block by residents of this city will have a tendency to hasten the close of several other deals that have been pending for some months, and which means an active revival of the real estate business in Iron Mountain. A number of other deals involving central business property are being matured and will be announced within a few days.

Register of Deeds Frank E. Crocker makes these remarks regarding "bargain hunters," who have become quite a factor of late in the realty market throughout the west and particularly in Dickinson County.

"There are buyers in the market for bargains. That is an improvement in itself. The advent of the bargain hunter is recognized as one of the unmistakable and conclusive signs of the appearance of dry land again, as in the days of Noah after the flood, when the land, as we are told so graphically, was both standing in the water and out of the water. It is now beginning to stand out again, as terra firma, and those doves with their green twigs in mouth are

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encouraging indeed. The days of harvest are at hand once more, and the water-logged state of things is becoming dried out by the returned sun of prosperity. The ordinary buyer cannot buy as yet; he must first nurse his poor little bank account till the amount gets on the the [sic] right side.

The times of liquidation and general saving have had this one advantage, that they have made our citizens free handed at last to put out some considerable surplus money, and the old reliable investment of real estate commends itself at once to favorable consideration, especially in the form of 'bargains,' of which, after any great depression like that of the past four years there is always a goodly supply. Not the ordinary owner places a less quotation on his holdings, but there are many reasons why a minority of holders will shade their valuations a little and sometimes considerable, in order to effect a quick sale after the long quiet. Perchance an estate is to be settled, or maybe there is some pressing necessity for immediate realization on a really choice property. One man's necessity is another's opportunity and so the bargain hunter is always abroad at just such a juncture as the present, and often times his search is rewarded with a decided prize. There is more money on the market than we can place. More money is seeking mortgage investment than can be accommodated."

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 29 [Thursday, December 9, 1897], page 1, column 4

New Business House.

The Press learns that Messrs. Kullgren and Hanson, two of the best known salesmen in the city, have leased one of the

vacant stores in the Wood block and will engage in the dry goods and clothing business. Mr. Kullgren was formerly employed at M. Levy & Co.'s and Mr. Hansen [sic – Hanson] at the Paris store. The gentlemen are now in Chicago buying goods and expect to have everything in readiness for the reception of customers in about ten days.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 11 [Thursday, August 2, 1900], page 1, column 3

New Bank Furniture.

The counting room of the First National Bank is to undergo many alterations in the near future that will add to the attractiveness and convenience of the institution. The present fixtures are to be replaced with others of a more modern design that will extend directly across the room. The new fixtures are of oak finished in the natural wood, and are expected daily from the factory.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 8, Number 16 [Thursday, September 10, 1903], page 1, column 6

Wood Block Sold.

The Wood block has been sold by Hoose & Eaton to John T. Spencer, the transfer papers having been signed last night. The consideration was \$22,000, and it is the general opinion that Mr. Spencer has secured a bargain. The Wood block includes the stores occupied by Louis Stoekly, Louis Kahn and Hanson on Stephenson avenue and Asp & Olson and Simpson & Vanderheyen on East Ludington

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street. Mr. Spencer contemplates making many improvements to the building.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 8, Number 19 [Thursday, October 1, 1903], page 6, column 3

Deal Closed.

The deal for the purchase of the Wood block was closed last Monday and Capt. John T. Spencer is now in possession. The amount paid Hoose & Eaton for the property was \$22,000. Mr. Spencer contemplates making a number of improvements to the interior of the building and may add a third story in the spring.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 31 [Thursday, December 22, 1904], page 1, column 3

To Fisher Block.

The Western Union Telegraph company's office, [sic] which has been located in the Wood Block ever since the building was erected, [sic] will soon be removed to the Fisher Block. The documents are signed and sealed and the removal will take place early in the new year. The company will occupy the offices about to be vacated by Attorney Waffin.

WOOD'S SANDSTONE BLOCK 206-216 East Ludington Street

This building is on the 200 block of East Ludington Street. Built by John R. Wood in 1891 out of native red sandstone from the North Side quarry, the building was originally a business block, then the Wood Hotel and finally was sold to the City of Iron

Mountain for offices and the fire department.

The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XIII, Number 13 [Thursday, June 18, 1891], page 4, column 3

IN the work of excavating for the cellar of John R. Wood's new building a ledge of blue slates were [sic – was] encountered and considerable blasting is necessary in order to remove the obstruction.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume VII, Number 29 [Saturday, August 22, 1891], page 8, column 3

RAMBLINGS.

The new block being built by J.R. Wood at Iron Mountain, [sic] will[,] when finished, sometime in October, be one of the finest in the county. The outer walls are of Iron Mountain sandstone, the partition walls of brick and the rest wood. It is 130 ft. front and 70 ft. deep. The first story will contain six good store rooms and the second story will have a hall about 35 x 90 ft. and a large number of fine office rooms. The work is being well done and when finished the building will be a great addition to Iron Mountain's permanent improvements.

The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIII, Number 28 [Thursday, October 1, 1891], page 1, column 3

THE stone work on John R. Wood's new block on Ludington street has been completed and masons are now plastering the rooms on the second floor. The store rooms on the first floor rank among the best

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in the city, each apartment being spacious and each is fitted with plate glass windows. On the second floor are rooms for offices and a large hall, which will probably be used for lodge purposes. The building is one of the best and most substantial in the city and a credit to the owner.

The Current, Norway, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume VII, Number 38 [Saturday, October 24, 1891], page 1, column 6

RAMBLINGS.

The grand opening of millinery goods at Mrs. A.L. Copeland's, in the new Wood's block, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, proved a great success, and 'tis safe to say that the church services must needs [sic] be very interesting tomorrow, to secure and hold the undivided attention of the feminine portion of the several congregations. "Twas ever thus."

Under the guidance of the genial owner, J.R. Wood, we made a trip through the new Wood block at Iron Mountain, [sic] Thursday. The block which is, as before noted in this column, of Iron Mountain's sandstone, is now receiving the final touches, and three of the six stores in the first story are already occupied. The second story contains eleven fine offices, well lighted [sic – well-lighted] and furnished with open fireplaces, and a hall 33 x 90 ft. in size, besides cloak rooms, wide halls and all the modern conveniences. This is probably one of the most convenient and handsome business houses on the peninsula.

The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIII, Number 34 [Thursday, November 12, 1891], page 1, column 2

THERE is no difficulty in renting good store rooms in this city. John R. Wood's block is hardly complete before tenants are found ready to move into it. Every store room is rented. M.C. Gleason has the first, J. Bitterly the second, Louis Newberger the third, the post office will move into the fourth, Mrs. Copeland has the fifth and the Iron Mountain Insurance Agency the sixth. The Robbins block was rented with equal promptness, Mr. Mitchell moving into the spare store there, and Graham and Hunting will occupy Eskil's store room. In Fisher's block the rooms are already spoken for, and we have no doubt Anderson's building will find a tenant as soon as it is ready.

The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XIII, Number 35 [Thursday, November 19, 1891], page 1, column 4

THE board of supervisors met last Monday pursuant to adjournment and adjourned Tuesday night to the 21st of December. The principal business of importance was the equalization of the tax rolls. Another effort was made to appoint a mine inspector, but without success, neither Capt. Wicks, nor J.B. Knight being able to secure the necessary majority. So we will have no mine inspector until the 21st of December, at all events. It is reported that the committee on county offices have [sic – has] arranged with John R. Wood for the necessary offices in his new block, though the committee did not report.

The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIII, Number 37 [Thursday, December 3, 1891], page 1, column 3

THE post office was moved Monday night to its new quarters in Wood's stone

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block, just above Bitterly's jewelry store. The room is larger and of course cleaner and therefore pleasanter to visit, but its cleanliness is only a temporary excellence. It won't be long, probably, before it, like the one just vacated, will look as though some one *[sic – someone]* had mopped the walls and ceiling with a rag dipped in mud, unless Mr. Wood gives the room an annual coat of whitewash.

The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIII, Number 38 [Thursday, December 10, 1891], page 1, column 2

It is a settled fact that the county offices are to be in Wood's new block until the county builds a court house, and the necessary vaults and other appurtenances are now being put in.

The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIII, Number 40 [Thursday, December 24, 1891], page 4, column 3

Board of Supervisors.

The board of supervisors met last Monday pursuant to adjournment, and after auditing *[sic – auditing]* and allowing several claims, approved a lease made by a special committee with John R. Wood for five office rooms, hall for court purposes, and ground on which to build a county jail, for an annual rental of \$1200 *[sic – \$1,200]*, with privilege of renewal for five years; made another stab at appointing a mine inspector but had to pass it – vote, Wicks 6, Knight 5; authorized the county clerk to issue county orders in payment of officers' salaries on the 3d *[sic – 3rd]* of each month without further action of the board, and then adjourned. This is the work accomplished,

briefly told *[sic – told]*; the official report will appear in these columns next week.

The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIV, Number 4 [Thursday, April 14, 1892], page 1, column 5

THE county clerk, register of deeds and county treasurer have moved their offices into the rooms provided by the county board in Wood's stone block.

The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIV, Number 15 [Thursday, June 30, 1892], page 1, column 3

Wood's new stone block has been connected with the main sewer.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XXIV, Number 46 (Whole Number ___) [Saturday, February 16, 1893], page 8, column 6

Festive Burglars.

The tailoring and gent's *[sic – gents']* furnishing goods establishment of J.R. Johnston, in the Wood block, was entered by burglars last Saturday night and a quantity of clothing stolen. An entrance was effected by smashing the glass in the back door. There was no clue to the thieves *[sic – thieves]*, but on Sunday afternoon, at the Chicago & North-Western depot, Chief of Police Clements overhauled a woodsman who was acting in a suspicious manner and found in his bag two coats, two pairs of pantaloons and one vest, all of which had been stolen from Mr. Johnston's stock. The fellow gave his name as Charles Tonkins and stated that

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he had purchased the goods from another. Soon after, at the place where Tonkins had been boarding, John Shields and George Tebo [sic – *Theibault*] were arrested. The former had one of the missing coats in his possession and the latter a pair of pants. Both claim to have purchased the goods from Tonkins, and did so in the presence of witnesses. All three were locked up, however, but on Monday Shields and Tebo were released upon furnishing bonds for their appearance. The examination will take place next Monday before Justice Bergeron.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XV, Number 33 (Whole Number ___) [Saturday, December 9, 1893], page 4, column 4

A relief store has been opened in the Wood stone block, and the first goods delivered there was [sic – *were*] the carload of flour from Menominee.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XXV, Number 45 (Whole Number ___) [Saturday, March 3, 1894], page 1, column 6

A dastardly attempt was made to burn the Wood brownstone block last Saturday night. Some scoundrel broke into the closet on the second floor and after demolishing the radiator packed a lot of waste paper around the woodwork and fired the same. The fire, however, went out for lack of nourishment, the woodwork being maple, and but little damage was done.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVII, Number 18 (Whole Number 853)

[Saturday, August 24, 1895], page 5, column 4

Prof. Rondell, the clairvoyant, has secured rooms in Wood's stone block, where he is ready to receive all who call upon him. He is highly recommended by the Escanaba papers, where he has just closed a brief and very satisfactory season, both to himself and all who have patronized him,

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVII, Number 19 (Whole Number 854) [Saturday, August 31, 1895], page 1, column 3

HE IS ALL RIGHT.

Prof. Rondell, the Clairvoyant, is Giving Satisfaction.

A few predictions and tests by Rondell, the clairvoyant now at Wood's stone block, have considerably strengthened our faith in that profession. The Prof. is doing a good business and terms to give satisfaction to all his patrons. He united a couple last Tuesday who for some time had been separated, and cleared up a mystery which has at one time been the talk of the town. He calls his callers by name without having seen them before, and generally proves that he is quite a marvelous man in his profession, and is certainly the peer of any clairvoyant that has ever visited Iron Mountain. He will stay only the first part of next week, leaving Iron Mountain on Thursday morning.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVII, Number 29 (Whole Number 864)

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[Saturday, November 9, 1895], page 1, column 2

THE question of a first-class hotel, centrally located, is again being agitated in business circles, and there can be no doubt as to its paying good interest on the money invested. The Wood stone block on East Ludington street is admirably situated for such purpose, and with another story added could be made the model hotel of the peninsula. Two years ago Mr. Wood seriously considered the question of converting the building into a hotel and had plans prepared by a leading architect of Oshkosh. These plans show that, with a few comparatively inexpensive alterations, and the addition of a third story, Iron Mountain would have a hotel second to none in the upper peninsula. In conversation with Mr. Wood last Tuesday the fact developed that, while he was not disposed to undertake the task of giving our city a first-class hotel single-handed, he certainly could be depended upon to contribute liberally toward the enterprise. With the revival of business on this range the needs of another hotel, centrally located, is becoming more manifest every day, and the subject is one that should receive the earnest consideration of our business men [*sic – businessmen*].

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVII, Number 37 (Whole Number 872) [Saturday, January 4, 1896], page 1, column 3

The New Hotel.

The work of converting the Wood brownstone block into a hotel has been unexpectedly delayed by the non-arrival of the plans. They are expected daily now,

however, and Mr. Wood feels that he will have the carpenters at work in less than a week. We hear that several parties are negotiating for the house.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVII, Number 38 (Whole Number 873) [Saturday, January 11, 1896], page 8, column 2

The plans for the new Hotel Wood were received last Sunday and the carpenters are now at work.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVII, Number 40 (Whole Number 875) [Saturday, January 25, 1896], page 1, column 2

Hotel Wood.

The work of converting the Wood brownstone block into a hotel is now moving forward with a rush, and Mr. Wood expects that the house will be receiving guests by the middle of March. The contract for the carpentry work has been let to Parmelee & Son, who are hard at work.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVII, Number 43 (Whole Number 878) [Saturday, February 15, 1896], page 3, column 4

The plasterers are at work on Hotel Wood.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVII, Number 44 (Whole Number 879) [Saturday, February 22, 1896], page 1, column 6

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The work of converting the Wood brownstone block into a hotel is progressing rapidly. A general survey of the plans and work already done indicates that the house will be a credit to the city. Mr. Wood is in correspondence with a number of hotelmen [*sic – hotelmen*] of established reputation and will have no trouble in securing a desirable tenant.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVII, Number 46 (Whole Number 881) [Saturday, March 7, 1896], page 8, column 1

A Chicago hotel man [*sic – hotelman*] – a Mr. Todd – is negotiating for a lease of Hotel Wood, and the lease will probably be closed in a few days.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVII, Number 47 (Whole Number 882) [Saturday, March 14, 1896], page 1, column 1

Hotel Wood Leased.

S.B. Todd, a veteran hotel man [*sic – hotelman*] of Chicago, has leased Hotel Wood, and it is expected that the house will be in shape to receive guests by the first of the month.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVII, Number 48 (Whole Number 883) [Saturday, March 21, 1896], page 2, column 2

S.B. Todd, the veteran hotel man [*sic – hotelman*] who has leased the Hotel Wood, will be remembered by upper peninsula

people as the first landlord of the Nelson House at Ishpeming.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVII, Number 49 (Whole Number 884) [Saturday, March 28, 1896], page 2, column 2

S.B. Todd will not be landlord of Hotel Wood.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVIII, Number 5 (Whole Number 892) [Saturday, May 23, 1896], page 2, column 3

Joseph LeRoy, of Marinette, formerly in charge of the Commercial Hotel, was in the city last Thursday looking over the new Hotel Wood.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVIII, Number 5 (Whole Number 892) [Saturday, May 23, 1896], page 8, column 2

John R. Wood is still looking for a suitable tenant for his handsome new hotel.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 1 [Thursday, May 28, 1896], page 1, column 5

There are 109 incandescent lamps in the new Wood hotel.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVIII, Number 7 (Whole Number 894) [Saturday, June 6, 1896], page 2, column 2

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The Hotel Wood will open a week from Monday.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVIII, Number 8 (Whole Number 895) [Saturday, June 13, 1896], page 1, column 5

The new Wood hotel will be ready to receive guests Monday.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVIII, Number 8 (Whole Number 895) [Saturday, June 13, 1896], page 2, column 2

Fred Treglawn has accepted a position at the new Wood hotel.

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C.B. Parker, the new manager of the Wood hotel, was in the city last Sunday.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 3 [Thursday, June 11, 1896], page 1, column 5

OPENING OF HOTEL WOOD

Guests Will Be Received Next
Monday Morning.

Grand Opening in About Two Weeks.

C.B. Barker, the manager of Hotel Wood, Iron Mountain's handsome new brownstone hotel, arrived from Milwaukee this morning with his corps of assistants, and is now hard at work preparing for an informal opening of the house on Monday

morning next. The grand opening will not take place until Manager Barker has everything in order – probably in two weeks.

The Press inspected the house and furnishings yesterday in their unsettled condition, and the writer is ready to affirm that no hotel in this northern country is more handsome [*sic* – *handsomely*] furnished or contains more conveniences. Owner Wood has not spared his pocket-book [*sic* – *pocketbook*] in making his purchases of furniture, rugs, carpets, etc., and the result is that Iron Mountain will have the model hotel of the mining region of Lake Superior. And it can be stated on the side that, in purchasing the furnishings for the house, Mr. Wood has patronized home business houses very largely, the bill of Messrs. Grossbusch and Heberle alone amounting to nearly \$3000 [*sic* – \$3,000]. The decorating was done by Bond & Gill and is unequalled in the peninsula – proof abundant that in their line this firm is unexcelled. A write-up such as the house deserves, [*sic*] is not possible at this time, but The Press will attempt to do the house justice when Manager Barker announces that he is “at home.”

In securing Mr. Barker for a manager Mr. Wood has been particularly fortunate. The gentleman has had a very extensive experience in the management of hotels, and his recommendations are of the highest order. He is a quiet, unassuming gentleman, and it is safe to predict that Hotel Wood will at once becoming [*sic* – *become*] a favorite resort for the traveling public under his management.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVIII, Number 9 (Whole Number 896) [Saturday, June 20, 1896], page 2, column 2

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Mr. C. Barker, manager of the Hotel Wood, arrived the latter part of last week and has been busy since making preparations for opening the hotel. He is now ready to receive guests. The Hotel Wood is new and handsomely furnished throughout, and will doubtless become one of the most popular in the upper peninsula.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 5 [Thursday, June 25, 1896], page 8, column 2

George Finch, of Escanaba, who has been here for the past ten days engaged in placing a system of electric call bells in the Hotel Wood, returned home last Monday.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVIII, Number 10 (Whole Number 897) [Saturday, June 27, 1896], page 8, column 1

Frank Beveridge has resigned his position with the Cundy Mining company and is now day clerk, [sic] at the Hotel Wood. He makes a model hotel clerk.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVIII, Number 11 (Whole Number 898) [Saturday, July 4, 1896], page 8, column 1

The system of electrical call bells at the Hotel Wood were [sic – was] put in by Geo. W. Finch, of Escanaba.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 23 [Thursday, October 29, 1896], page 1, column 5

Forty invitations have been issued for the Phantom party to be given by the young ladies of Iron Mountain at Hotel wood tomorrow [sic – tomorrow] evening, and it is probable that every last one of them will be accepted. The invitations are limited to the dancing capacity of the hotel, the young ladies being desirous of avoiding a crush. It is expected that the guests will come masked and in costume. The party is strictly a leap year affair.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 49 [Thursday, April 28, 1898], page 1, column 3

A NEW MANAGER.

Frank A. Beveridge to Retire From Hotel Wood the First of Next Month.

Frank A. Beveridge, who has so acceptably performed the duties of manager of Hotel Wood during the past year, will retire the first of next month. Mr. Beveridge is uncertain as to his future line of business, but it is probable that he will go to Idaho and accept a position with John R. Wood.

Mr. Beveridge will be succeeded as manager by J.W. Hall, of Chicago, who is now in the city, the guest of Cashier Ewing, of the First National Bank. Mr. Hall has had thirty years' experience as landlord of hotels of the better class and is certain to maintain the reputation of the hotel. He was engaged in the business in Kentucky, Missouri and Illinois.

Manager Beveridge will retire with the best wishes of many friends and the satisfaction of knowing that he was

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instrumental in establishing the business upon a paying basis.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 4, Number 21 [Thursday, October 12, 1899], page 1, column 5

JUDGE PATRICK FLANAGAN.

Has About Closed a Deal for the Hotel Wood Property.

Hotel Wood is about to change hands again. The deal will be concluded this week, a price satisfactory to all concerned having been agreed upon. The new proprietor will be no other person than ex-Judge of Probate Patrick Flanagan, of Sagola, who buys the property from Hon. Fred Brastad, of Ishpeming, to whom it was recently transferred by the Peninsula National Bank of that place. Judge Flanagan is also negotiating with the First National Bank of this city, for the furniture. The Press learns that it is the intention of the new proprietor to add a third story to the building, but this will probably not be done until next spring.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 4, Number 28 [Thursday, November 30, 1899], page 1, column 5

IT IS A GO

A Company Being Organized to Control the Hotel Wood Property.

A meeting of a number of gentlemen who are interested in the organization of a stock company for the purpose of acquiring the Hotel Wood property and making needed additions thereto was held last Saturday evening.

At this meeting all the preliminary arrangement [*sic* – *arrangements*] were made and it is probable that the articles of incorporation will soon be ready for filing. The company will have a capital stock of about \$25,000. Among those in attendance at the meeting and have subscribed for stock were E.F. Brown, W.S. Laing, John O'Callaghan, P. Flanagan, J.W. Hoose and R. Th. Miller.

The question of a third story or a rear addition has not yet been decided. A committee consisting of W.S. Laing, John O'Callaghan and R. Th. Miller was appointed to take the matter under advisement and report at another meeting. This committee was in consultation with Architect Clancy on Tuesday. It is quite probable that the decision of the committee will be in favor of a twenty room addition and that Architect Clancy will be instructed accordingly.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 4, Number 29 [Thursday, December 7, 1899], page 1, column 3

Hotel Wood.

Messers. [*sic* – *Messrs.*] Laing, Miller and O'Callaghan, the committee appointed to formulate plans for the enlargement and improvement of Hotel Wood, have engaged Architect Charlton, of Marquette, to prepare the plans and estimates. Mr. Charlton was in the city last Saturday and made a complete survey of the present building and premises.

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Christmas Bazaar at Hotel Wood next Wednesday under auspices of the ladies of the Presbyterian church.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 4, Number 33 [Thursday, January 4, 1900], page 1, column 5

Not to Be Remodeled.

It has been decided definitely not to remodel and enlarge Hotel Wood. This decision was reached when Architect Charlton's report was received to the effect that the contemplated improvements could not be made for less than \$16,000. This was considerably more than the proposed stock company cared to invest in the hotel business. The building will again be utilized for store purposes with offices on the second floor. Several parties who contemplate starting a department store here are negotiating for the ground floor, and it is probable that Messrs. Flanagan and O'Callaghan will soon close the deal with one of them.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 5 [Thursday, June 21, 1900], page 1, column 4

HOTEL WOOD PROPERTY

Deal on to Sell the Building to the City for Municipal Purposes.

The proposition of ex-Judge Patrick Flanagan, to sell the Hotel Wood property to the city for the sum of \$9,200, is one that the common council should hasten to

accept. The proposition already has the hearty approval of the taxpayers in general. The price which Judge Flanagan places upon the building is certainly a most reasonable one. The building cost double that sum to erect and is in excellent repairs [sic – repair]. We doubt very much if the building could be duplicated for \$20,000 to-day [sic – today].

That the city is very much in need of a building for municipal purposes has been understood for a number of years, and the question of the erection of a city hall was before the city council no later than last year. The Hotel Wood building is admirably adapted for the purposes proposed without disturbing the present tenants. There is an abundance of room for a fine council chamber, offices for the several city officials, the police department and the fire department. The stone building in the rear, formerly used as a sample room and laundry, would make a splendid jail with a few slight, inexpensive alterations, with apartments on the second floor for female prisoners. The rentals now received, if placed in a sinking fund, would more than pay for the building in ten years, to say nothing of the saving in rents. By all means the city authorities should purchase the building and should lose no time in doing so.

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CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

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The following resolution was offered by Ald. Martin:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Public Works be and they are hereby authorized to contract for remodeling the buildings

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situated on Lots 13, 14, and west ½ of lot 15, of block 8, of plat of Iron Mountain city, in accordance with the plans now on file with the clerk, at an expense not to exceed \$2,000, and also to contract for the purchase of a boiler and piping for heating said building at an expense not to exceed \$900.

Moved by Ald[.] LaVictoire, seconded by Ald. Michela, that the resolution offered by Ald. Martin, *[sic]* be accepted and adopted.

Yeas – Ald. Bodine, Cook, Daprato, Forell, Harvey, LaVictoire, Martin, Michela, Richards and Sandercock – 10.

Nay – 0.

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BRIEF CITY NEWSITES.

The new quarters for the city offices in the Woods *[sic – Wood]* Hotel building, recently purchased by the city, will be ready for occupancy about the fifteenth of this month. The new city home will be a great improvement upon the present quarters, and the city employes *[sic – employees]* are to be congratulated upon the pleasant change in store for them.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 5 [Thursday, June 23, 1910], page 1, column 3

Will Not Move.

The offices of C.T. Hampton Commission company will not be removed to the apartments in the Freeman block, as was announced in *The Press* several weeks ago. At a meeting of the common

council held last Monday evening it was voted to lease to the company the store-room in the city building now occupied as a lobby by the fire department. A number of alterations, including the erection of a private office in the southwest corner, will be made at once.