

# DICKINSON COUNTY HISTORY – CELEBRATIONS, CIRCUS PERFORMANCES, CONTESTS AND PARADES

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## NEW YEAR'S DAY

## EASTER

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### **Easter Services.**

Easter, the day that Christians commemorate [*sic – commemorate*] the resurrection of their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, was appropriately observed by the Episcopalians [*sic – Episcopalian*s] of this city last Sunday. Fifteen devout Episcopalian were in attendance at early communion. Mr. John James preached the morning sermon, assisted by Mr. Edward Hawtrey. The church was beautifully decorated with floral offerings, and the singing, both morning and evening, excelled any that is often heard in Iron Mountain churches. The bass solos sung by John Jenkins were particularly fine. Mr. Jenkins possesses a rich bass voice, [*sic*] that it is a real pleasure to listen to. The evening services were conducted by Rev. C.M. Stanley, at which time an infant and an adult were baptised [*sic – baptized*]. A beautiful communion service has been provided for the church through the instrumentality of John James, W. Kennedy and others, who are also active in their endeavors to have a suitable church building erected this summer. An Episcopal Sunday school was organized last Sunday by the election of John James, superintendent; Miss Mamie Parent, assistant superintendent; John Jenkins, secretary, and George Yelland, treasurer.

The impressive services at St. Joseph's church were conducted by Father Keul and

Father Chebul, of Ontonagon. There was [*sic – were*] full choral services, the interior of the edifice and the altar were beautifully decorated with flowers and evergreens, and the attendance of worshippers and Easter rejoicers was remarkably large at every service. Father Chebul left this city Monday for France.

## DECORATION DAY MEMORIAL DAY

*The Current*, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume III, Number 18 [Saturday, June 4, 1887], page 1, column 4

## **MEMORIAL DAY**

### **Its Interesting and Impressive Observance at Florence, Wis., Last Monday**

At 10:00 A.M. the Veterans, Light Guards, Fire Company and many other citizens of the pretty village of Florence met at Tully's Opera House, where they were formed in procession by Marshal R.W. Mars and his assistants. Marching to the depot, they welcomed the arrival of members of the G.A.R. [*Grand Army of the Republic – Union veterans*] Post at Iron Mountain and veterans from other towns on the Range [*Menominee Range*], who joined the procession on its return to the opera house, under command of Capt. Connell, of Major Belcher Post. Here the following order of exercises were observed:

1. Music by the Florence Band.
2. Prayer by Chaplain W.H. Cook.
3. Welcome Addresses by Comrades R.W. Mars and Wm. H. Clark.

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4. Response by Col. Jno. [John] L. Buell.
5. Music by the Band.
6. Singing “Star-Spangled Banner.”

After being royally entertained at dinner, the veterans and citizens again assembled at the opera house to take up their line of march to the cemetery. A rain storm at this time interrupted the formation of the procession, in the meantime the decoration exercises under the ritual of the G.A.R. were gone through with, after which the ex-soldiers and about 50 of the citizens proceeded to the cemetery and decorated the graves of deceased comrades and a general mound dedicated to the memory of soldiers buried elsewhere, with the beautiful floral tributes that had been prepared and contributed by the gentle hands of the ladies and children of Florence and vicinity. The ceremonies throughout were solemn and impressive.

In the evening the program of the “Soldiers’ Camp-Fire,” at the opera house, was enjoyed by a large audience. It consisted of addresses by veterans, narratives and experiences of camp-life [*sic – camp life*], interspersed with music, etc.

To the enterprising ladies and gentlemen of Florence much credit is due for their successful efforts in affording the ex-soldiers on the range an opportunity to observe their Memorial Day in so fitting a manner.

Among the floral contributions, all of which were beautiful, the mourning basket of flowers presented by Mrs. J.J. Buell, of Quinnesec, was most conspicuous and elegant. The flowers were taken from her conservatory, and coupled with the feeling and sympathetic words of Col. Buell, in his addresses, were indeed a sacred contribution, not only to the memory of their deceased brothers, but to all comrades who have gone before.

Rev. A.S. Fair, of Norway, a veteran of the 27th Mich. Inf., was present during all the exercises, and gave some very interesting narratives and anecdotes of his war experience. He also discovered a member of his regiment among those in attendance, who has been living near Florence for some time. It was their first meeting since being mustered out in 1865.

*The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 11 [Thursday, June 6, 1889], page 1, column 3

## Memorial Day in Menominee.

The writer, Fred Shiffman and Richard Thomas, of this city, and Andy Boyington, of Iron River, united with their comrades of Lyon Post, No. 266, G.A.R. [*Grand Army of the Republic*], (of which all the above mentioned are now members) last Thursday in the usual memorial services of the 30th of May. The weather fortunately was auspicious and every thing [*sic – everything*] connected with the memorial day exercises were admirably conducted. The line of march was formed in front of the Stephenson house about 2 p.m., with the Sons of Veterans in the lead headed by Weinberg’s band. Lyon Post came next numbering about 75 veterans, followed by the Menominee Rifles. Comrade Hubbard, superintendent of Menominee public schools, was the orator of the day, and delivered a very appropriate and eloquent oration at the cemetery [*sic – cemetery*]. A Miss DeLand recited a beautiful selection entitled *The Boys Beyond the River*. The choir, under the leadership of O. Burlingame, rendered appropriate selections, and Kendall’s band played very sweetly *Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep*. The ladies of the W.C.T.U. [*Women’s*

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*Christian Temperance Union*] provided a banquet for the veterans and their friends, which was given in the evening in the old Business Men's [*sic – Businessmen's*] Association rooms. The program comprised music, recitations, and an address by Comrade A.W. Bill, after which the usual refreshments which form an important part of every banquet was [*sic – were*] passed around. The Menominee ladies and gentlemen spared no pains to make the day a memorable one to the members of Lyon Post.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 14, Number 52 [Thursday, May 19, 1910], page 1, column 4

## Re-Union of Veterans.

Nearly all arrangements have been completed for the first big re-union [*sic – reunion*] of the veterans of the Spanish and civil wars of the upper peninsula of Michigan at Hancock for three days in July. All the camps of Spanish war veterans and all G.A.R. [*Grand Army of the Republic*] posts will be represented in this re-union [*sic – reunion*]. A big parade of the veterans of '61 and those of '98 will be a feature. The Calumet & Hecla band, formerly the Thirty-fourth Regiment band, has been engaged for the occasion. Meetings will be held, patriotic exercises conducted and Hancock people will do all in their power for the entertainment of the old soldiers. Many veterans are expected.

*Iron Mountain News*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, \_\_\_\_\_ Year, Number \_\_\_\_\_ [Monday, May 29, 1922], page 1, columns 2-3 [Illustration]

## Memorial Day

Each Memorial Day through the past years we have watched the column of gallant men pass by – proudly bearing their battle flags, fifes swirling, drums rolling -- through the streets of the old town. A quiver has run up our backs, we've stepped a little brisker, our chests out a bit further even though our eyes dimmed for a minute after they had passed. These men marching reverently, proudly to do honor to their fallen comrades, have reminded us that we had many things to be proud and grateful for – that we were citizens of the United States of America and that these men had handed down to us a free nation.

To us, fellow Legionnaires, this glorious day is a direct inheritance, not only as Americans, but as veterans of a war fought victoriously for a righteous cause and a better world.

Each man and woman whom we honor on this day won the war for us – their part may have been small and unsung but to all of them equal honor is due. They gave their all. And as we line up with our post, in our old regimentals – the proudest raiment any American can ever wear, the uniform of our country – think of those buddies who did not come back, of their mothers and fathers who are watching you, grateful for this little tribute to their boys – our comrades who gave their lives, that we might enjoy the citizenship of this nation.

“Dedicated to the great task remaining before us – that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion.”

HANFORD MacNIDER.

National Commander American Legion.

## Our Soldier Dead

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## CIVIL WAR Cemetery Park

Richard G. Thomas	W.T. Carpenter
Sylvator A. Hall	J.W. Burbank
William H. Sweet	H.H. Bradford
O.J. Roshey	John L. Buell

## Quinnesec Cemetery

Patrick O'Connell	Jerome Dakota (Bad Water)
Joseph Warne	George H. Johnson
Peter LaFave (Lagelier)	Charles De Witt
James B. Lyons	Edwin S. Raymond
Patrick McCrystal	Louis F. Calkins
Patrick Crane	Sid E. Felch
Andrew Boyer	Thomas Fort
James M. Mead	

## SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR Cemetery Park

John Symons	Andrew Johnson
Frank A. Sundstrom	Thorval Lyng
Hector Le Page	William J. Cameron
Lars Larson	Oscar Johnson
George P. O'Connell	Rudolph J. Conrad
William McWhirter	Matt Foucault
	Robert Burbank

## Quinnesec Cemetery

John Oliver	Charles R. Warne
George Bodle	August L. Johnson

## Norway Cemetery

Edwin E. Fisher

## WORLD WAR Cemetery Park

Eldred I. Swanson	Earl Mitchell
Fred Beard	Alex Nyman
Robert Burbank	James A. Peters
Paul Flatka	Robert Schwei
William Frances	Walter Thomas
Harry A. Johnson	John Sentko
Elmer Johnson	Theodore Trowsell
Axel Johnson	Thomas Uren
George Koellenback [sic]	Edward Vargo

## Sagola Cemetery

Frank Tosh

## Buried in France

Charles C. Anderson (Ralph)	Richard Olson
James H. Hall (Norway)	Newton P. Powell
John S. Johnson	Peter Severyns (Norway)
David Lindborg, [sic] (Norway)	Fred Utley
Fritchof Nelson	Chester Wildeman (Quinnesec)

Bert Carpenter (Burial Unknown)

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Dickinson County, Michigan, \_\_\_\_\_  
Year, Number \_\_\_\_\_ [Thursday, April  
24, 1924], page 3, column 1

## LEGION TO MARK GRAVES OF VETS

### Program Will Be Held By Post On Memorial Day

Dickinson county boys, wearers of the olive drab and blue in the World war, who gave their lives fighting Germany, will be remembered by their comrades on May 30, when the American Legion plans to put on an appropriate program.

Graves of Dickinson county World war victims will be marked by the legion, according to Post Commander William Riley, who said the contract has been let for supplying the markers, each of which will bear the legion emblem and have the name, rank and "outfit" of the man whose grave is to be decorated.

The legion has appointed a man to check up on all records in the county to learn the names of persons who died in their country's service.

On the morning of May 30 exercises will be held at the memorial monument, in the court house yard, according to the post commander. Speeches, demonstrations of Boy Scout work, music by the chamber of commerce band and other numbers would comprise the program. Following the exercises at the memorial tablet, the

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legionnaires, who are co-operating with the legion auxiliary and the Woman's [sic – Women's] Relief Corps, will go to the cemeteries to mark the graves.

The city has donated \$100 to the Woman's [sic – Women's] Relief Corps, to be used in decorations for graves. The legion will bear whatever expense there is over this amount, Riley said.

Lewis Eisele, senior vice commander of the Thomas Uren post, is chairman of the committee in charge of the Decoration day pro- program [sic – program].

## **Membership Drive.**

Coincident with passage yesterday by the senate of the soldier bonus bill, plans are being made by officers of the Thomas Uren post, for a membership drive, which will run through to Decoration Day, May 30.

It is the hope of Commander Riley to double the present enrollment of 220 by that date. With [need to copy the remainder of this article]

*The Iron Mountain News*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 4, Number 31 [Friday, May 16, 1924], page 1, column 5

## **PLAN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY**

### **Services Will Be Held At Memorial Monument And Cemetery**

Under plans agreed upon at a special meeting last night, observance of Memorial Day by the American Legion will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the assembling of the Legion band, Boy Scouts and any other

organization desiring to take part in the services, at the Legion rooms.

From these [sic – there] the organization will go in the court house grounds where Rev. Hilding Myreen will open the services at the memorial monument. The program includes selections by the band, an address by C.D. Symonds, demonstrations of Scout work and closing remarks by Rev. Fr. Fillion.

Following conclusion of the services at the court house, the marchers will go to Cemetery park, where services will be held for the country's war dead.

All graves will be decorated during the week and markers placed. Services will be held only at Cemetery park.

*Iron Mountain News*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 42 [Friday, May 29, 1925], page 1, column 5

## **CITY PAUSES FOR DECORATION DAY**

### **Address to Be Given at Momentum to Service Men**

Iron Mountain will pause tomorrow for 24 hours to dwell in memory, the memory of thousands of valiant heroes who have shown their love of the country by the truest and hardest test known – the bearing of arms in its defense.

Today Stephenson avenue was becoming brilliant with the colors of red, white and blue as decorative work for Memorial day was going forward.

Tomorrow between two lines of colors they defended, veterans of the World war

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and one veteran, Samuel Bassett, of the Civil war, will make their way to the court house grounds where a program will be held at the service men's monument. Thence the procession will wend its course to Cemetery park where taps will be blown for the heroes who sleep in the bosom of the soil they loved so well.

## **Start At 10:45**

The parade will begin at 10:45 o'clock. In addition to the war veterans, members of the legion auxiliary and Women's Relief corps, the Boy Scouts and others will take part. Dr. G. Fredrickson, commander of the legion post, today issued a call asking all ex-service men, whether or not legionnaires, to meet at the city hall at 10:30 o'clock for the procession.

The parade will pass down Stephenson avenue to the court house where, after a selection of *[sic – by]* the chamber of commerce band, the invocation will be given by the Rev. J.H. Beauchene. Then will follow a selection by the high school glee club and the address of the day by E.J. Dundon, attorney. Benediction will be given by the Rev. J.E. Crosbie.

The parade will then go to the city cemetery where the usual services will be held. At 12:40 it will have returned to the corner of Stephenson avenue and B street where the flag will be raised to the top of the city flag pole.

It will be the usual solemn ceremony holding a wealth of memories, some of them poignant, for those who take part and many of those who are witnesses.

## **Industries Shut Down**

The Ford plant, with the exception of the chemical plant, the von Platen-Fox mill and the Chapin mine will all be closed tomorrow as will the stores. In addition, city, county and the village of Kingsford offices will be closed.

Members of the Women's Relief corps have been asked to meet at *[the]* city

council rooms at 10 o'clock in the morning while other marchers will meet at the city hall between 10 and 10:30.

*Iron Mountain News*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 43 [Monday, June 1, 1925], page 2, columns 1-2

## ***Pacifists Are Menace to Country, Dundon Declares***

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### **Their Words Are Treason, Their Purpose Evil, Me- morial Day Speaker Says**

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Branding pacifists as weaklings that are dangerous to the welfare of the country and declaring that their purpose is even and their words are treason, Attorney E.J. Dundon sounded an appeal for a more serious observance of Memorial day in the principal address at the ceremonies here Saturday.

"Let us all beware of the pacifist – that weakling who would cut the story of our national heroes out of the books of the schools," the speaker declared. "They would tarnish the luster of our heroes. Their purpose is evil and their words are treason. Nationhood depends upon the inspiration of heroes. War will come to test the love of patriots. War will always exist. It is in the divine scheme."

### **Sacrifice Test of Patriotism.**

Sacrifice is the cornerstone of heroism, Mr. Dundon asserted. It is the test of patriotism, the seal of love and the noblest human effort, he continued.

"They (the soldiers) flung themselves into the peril of war, and withstood the maelstrom of hot lead and steel, without

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flinching, only to sink from exhaustion when Old Glory was planted on the ramparts of victory,” the speaker said. “That is the sacrifice that we wish to show gratitude for today – to show our love for those who sealed their love with their life’s blood.”

Praising his country’s military and naval heroes of other days, Attorney Dundon asserted that the boys from the 86th and 32nd divisions and the buck private from home who gave all he had – life – for the cause, *[sic]* deserve a place in *[the]* hearts of everyone just as the great heroes do. It is these comparatively unknown men that are to be honored on Decoration day, he said, and it is a day especially reserved for their memory.

## **Parade From City Hall.**

The parade, led by Dr. G. Fredrickson, post commander of the American Legion, started from the city hall at 10 o’clock. IN the line of march were the band, the standard bearers, the Woman’s *[sic – Women’s]* Relief Corps, the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion, school children, members of the American Legion and the sole survivor of the Civil war.

The ceremonies on the court house lawn were opened by the Rev. J.E. Crosbie, who offered a prayer. A selection by a quintette *[sic – quintet]* of high school students followed and the band played a number. Then came the talk of the day by Mr. Dundon and another band number closed the program.

Salutes were fired over the graves of the veterans at Cemetery park, and the Woman’s *[sic – Women’s]* Relief Corps decorated its monument.

Following the ceremonies at the cemetery, the marchers returned to the First National bank corner, where the national colors were raised.

## **FOURTH OF JULY**

**1877**

*Escanaba Tribune*, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume VIII, Number 32 [Saturday, July 7, 1877], page 2, column 3

## **Our Correspondence from the Menominee Range Railway.**

SEC. 42, July 5, 1877.

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

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

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

One of the enthusiastic citizens succeeded in getting away with a pint of kerosene oil, property of Mr. Duncan

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McMillan; we would propose that he now proceed to light himself.

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

Yours, &c.

RACKETTY.

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## Our Correspondence from the Menominee Range Railway.

SEC. 42, July 12, 1877.

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

The postoffice [sic – *post office*] at Powers of which we made mention in a previous number, has been decided on, and Miss Carrie Roberts of this place has been appointed post mistress, with the

necessary bonds signed and approved; this will be a great convenience to the citizens of this place.

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

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

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

Yours, & c.

RACKETTY.

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

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

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

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The fourth at the Breitung mine was spent by the men working as usual, also on the railroad the same; but in the evening there was a large bonfire and a small show of fireworks, and the stars and stripes were flung to the breeze for the first time in this part of the country, creating a great deal of excitement in consequence, and the firing of guns and singing of national airs.

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

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

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

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

WOLVERINE.

SPALDING, July 10, 1877.

**1879**

*The Menominee Ranger* in *The Mining Journal*, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 573 [Saturday, July 12, 1879], page \_\_, column \_\_

## WAUCEDAH.

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The Fourth passed off rather quietly here. Our band, headed by Sampson and his mules and Mike O'Connell and his horse, visited Vulcan and remained until it was late for the train in the afternoon. It returned home on foot in the evening, however, with flying colors and beating drum and marched through the principal streets and fell over the principal stumps, and kept the glorious day alive until the very last minute before twelve o'clock. Then the band broke up for the day and the members repaired to the several pleasure resorts and drank and made merry until the early dawn of the fifth. And the celebration of the Fourth at Waucedah was ended.

*The Menominee Ranger* in *The Mining Journal*, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 573 [Saturday, July 12, 1879], page \_\_, column \_\_

## QUINNESEC.

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The fourth [sic – Fourth] passed off very quietly here. A number of our people went to Escanaba to attend the celebration there, and the only thing in the way of celebration which occurred at home was two picnics, one at Little Fumee falls [sic – Falls] by the Catholic society and the other south of the railroad track by a few of the villagers. Both were enjoyable affairs, the one by the Catholic society netting them something over \$75.00 clear of expense. But little drunkenness was visible, though of course some of it had to be indulged in, as well as a little fighting, both of which are very necessary adjuncts of the fourth [sic – Fourth] of July.

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**1886**

*Menominee Democrat*, Menominee,  
Menominee County, Michigan, Volume  
1, Number 37 [Saturday, July 17, 1886],  
page 5, column 4

## COUNTY AND VICINITY.

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**What is going on round about us.**

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**Democrat Reporters gather Spicy  
Fragments on Every Hand.**

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## QUINNESEC.

Quinnesec celebrated the glorious  
“Fourth” to [*sic – too*], perhaps as great an  
extent, considering the amount of her  
population, as her sister towns. A pleasant  
picnic, some evergreens, a big flag, heaps  
of fire crackers [*sic – firecrackers*] during  
the day and in the evening, fire works [*sic –  
fireworks*] for the little ones and the G.A.R.  
Ball at Iron Mountain for the older ones.

King, Burk & Co.’s circus come [*sic –  
came*] so near the national holiday that it  
seemed but the continuation of that day,  
and of course everyone turned out to see  
the elephant. Even “the fellow who started  
out to write fish stories and abandoned that  
occupation for shoveling sand on the R R” –  
according to the veracious (?) statement of  
the handsome and gifted correspondent of  
the Norway Current was there, got back just  
in time to witness the unloading of the cars  
containing the “show,” also to behold the  
wonderful feat achieved by the aforesaid  
gifted correspondent, when with incredible

daring he boldly rushed forward and caught  
a monkey which had succeeded in  
escaping from its keeper. His agility and  
extraordinary presence of mind is worthy of  
the highest commendation, and to see him  
tenderly clasping that monkey and gazing  
down into his expressive face with  
evidently anxious solicitude, was a sight  
once seen never to be forgotten.

Well, the “big show” drew as usual a  
large crowd, some going away pleased and  
others grumbling but since that eventful day  
every little boy in town has been playing  
circus; yes, and some of the big boys too.  
Even one of our hitherto dignified young  
men while trying to balance himself on a  
beer keg succeeded in getting a very  
undignified tumble.

Peck’s “New Bad Boy” will hold forth on  
the fifteenth at Buell’s Opera House, of  
course everyone will attend, as all are  
curious to know if he is “more badder,” as  
our Scandinavian brethren would phrase it,  
than the old “bad boy” who for the last few  
years has furnished the reading public with  
so many jolly laughs.

**1887**

*The Current*, Norway, Menominee County,  
Michigan, Volume \_\_, Number \_\_  
[Saturday, July 9, 1887], page \_\_,  
column \_\_

## THE FOURTH.

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**A Grand Success.**

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The celebration of the 4th of July at  
Norway was a success in every particular,  
and the program advertised was carried out  
to the letter. Early in the morning a

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National salute was fired under the supervision of a number of members of the G.A.R. [*Grand Army of the Republic – Civil War Veterans*] At six A.M. the ancient order of Calithumpians formed on the base ball [*sic – baseball*] ground at the Perkins mine, and after marching through the principal streets, they made a raid on Vulcan, taking that burg by storm. Returning about 8 o'clock the celebrated band of that order mounted the grand stand and charmed (?) the people of the city with some choice airs, after which an astonishingly *pointed*, piquant and withal unique oration was delivered by the boss boodler, who showed an astonishing knowledge of the way in which streets were made and forts built. The convention was then dismissed, and its members disappeared to mingle again with common mortals. Soon after, the Norway Cornet band took possession of the grand stand and stirred all hearts with patriotic music. About 9:30 o'clock the orator of the day, Rev. Fr. Kehoe, and the reader, Mr. Joseph Corin, arrived at the stand, followed in short time by the members of the Boston Opera Co., who had kindly consented to assist in making the day pleasant by contributing some vocal music. At 9:45 the exercises were opened by the reading of the Declaration of Independence by Mr. Corin, who acquitted himself in a manner highly creditable to both the time honored document and his acknowledged ability. The reading was followed by the rendering of the Star Spangled Banner by the Opera company which elicited many rounds of applause from the audience. Next in order came the crowning feature of the day, the oration by Fr. Kehoe. To those who have the good fortune of a personal acquaintance with the Rev. gentlemen [*sic – gentleman*] his natural eloquence is of course well known, but even they were surprised on Monday last by what was by

far the most pointed, pithy, instructive and eloquent patriotic speech every made in Norway, and the unanimous verdict was "good," and even the small boy, forgot for the nonce to toot his "tooter" or fire his cracker. Following this came the beautiful rendering of "America" by the Opera company, and the whole concourse proceeded to the base-ball [*sic – baseball*] grounds to witness a game between the Iron Mountain Rangers and Norway Maroons. A spirited game was played, the Rangers playing eight innings and the Maroons seven, and the score standing at the close 23 to 12 in favor of the Maroons. The large score may be attributed in part to the extreme heat, and the fact that the boys had been celebrating to some extent and and [*sic*] were tired when they began. After dinner the usual trials of strength and agility were indulged in and much enjoyment obtained, until a series of short rain falls dampened both the streets and the ardor of the contestants. The evening was very pleasant and many enjoyed the fine display of fire-works [*sic – fireworks*] and others went to the opera. Little if any drunkenness was indulged in and but one arrest was made, that being late at night. The vendors of lemonade, ice-cream [*sic – ice cream*] and fire-crackers [*sic – firecrackers*] were, in number, like sand on the seashore, and they all seemed to be doing a good business. Many visitors were in the city, and it is safe to say that hereafter Norway will be encouraged by its recent success to celebrate on a large scale, especially when it becomes the metropolis of the range. No accident, no fire, no fight, but lots of fun, was the order of the day.

*The Current*, Norway, Menominee County,  
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## WAUCEDAHA.

The Fourth was passed here in good shape, everybody being well pleased. At 2:30 P.M. dinner was served to about 150 people, the tables being loaded with everything that the season afforded. A large number came in from the adjacent farms. Dancing was kept up during the day and until the morning of the 5th. Football was the chief sport of the day. No fights or quarrels marred the pleasure of the occasion. Much credit is due the ladies for the interest taken in making the day pleasant, and for getting up the dinner.

On the 5th of July a number of Italians who had been imbibing some of Rochon's best the day before, traces of which still lingered in their system, caused some excitement. Many threats, a few blows, and no blood spilled. During the fracas a couple of our boys made themselves quite conspicuous, but were afraid of the knives in the hands of the sons of sunny Italy.

**1889**

*The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 7 [Thursday, May 9, 1889], page 1, column 4*

### Shall We Celebrate?

We notice that already the people of Marquette are preparing to celebrate the coming Fourth of July in a manner be fitting [sic – befitting] the day. It seems a little early to begin to talk about it, but if it is intended to have any thing [sic – anything] like an elaborate celebration of the day that commemorates the birth of this great nation, it is after all time to begin to make the necessary arrangements. We would

like to see the day observed at [sic – as] it should be observed in the metropolis of the Menominee range; that means that ours should be the largest and most brilliant celebration in this part of the state; that we should have more and better attractions than any of the neighboring towns; that our calathumpians [sic] should be a more ludicrous, ridiculous, fantastic set of fellows; that our trades should be better represented; that our grand parade should be larger and more brilliant; that the fastest horses should trot here; that the amusements should be more varied; that our pyrotechnical display should be more brilliant; in fact, that everything connected with the celebration should be on a larger and grander scale than every before in this city, or will be this year elsewhere on the range. It should be a well established [sic – well-established] fact that he who wants to see the most and enjoy the most on that day, [sic] must come to Iron Mountain. Let's get together, all of us who desire to see our city maintain its position in this regard and talk the matter over a little.

*The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 13 [Thursday, June 20, 1889], page 1, column 2*

### THE CITY.

THE grand Fourth of July dance to be given at the Polka Dot Club Rooms will certainly be a success in every particular, judging by the great preparations being made for the event. Noble's Orchestra will furnish the terpsichorean strains of harmony.

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XI, Number 13 [Thursday, June 20, 1889), page 1, column 4

## Shall We Celebrate?

Yes. That is, THE RANGE, will celebrate by issuing on the 4th of July the handsomest paper ever printed in Michigan. Fourth of July this year occurs on our publication day – a thing that will not occur again until 1895 and we are going to “blow in” \$250 in honor of the event. THE RANGE that week will be a 12 page paper, the first page to be beautifully illustrated in colors, containing the portraits of our city officials finely executed, nineteen in all, together with appropriate Fourth of July sketches. A limited number *[sic – number]* only will be issued, and persons wanting extra copies will do well to order at once. They will be on sale at the mews *[sic – news]* stands and by newsboys on the streets Wednesday evening, July 3, and all day on the Fourth, provided the supply does not become exhausted. Extra copies 20 cents each. This will be the most valuable advertising medium ever offered to the business men *[sic – businessmen]* of this city, because not only will a large number be issued, but they will be of such a character that they will attract universal attention and will be preserved for years. Of course the advertising space is also limited. We can’t do any more than fill the three remaining pages on the sheet, of which our \$250 picture forms the first page. We shall endeavor to give every business man *[sic – businessman]* in the city an opportunity to get before the public through this desirable medium, and we hope all will appreciate our endeavor to advertise the city of Iron Mountain, and its business men *[sic – businessmen]*. Let it be remembered that THE RANGE, in going to its regular subscribers, enters nearly every state and

territory in the union, besides crossing the waters to the old country, and our business men *[sic – businessmen]* will not only appear before their patrons in this locality in a most attractive manner but at the same time will aid in showing the world that Iron Mountain is a live town filled with live enterprising business men *[sic – businessmen]*.

*The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 14 [Thursday, June 27, 1889), page 1, column 3

## THE CITY.

THE home club has accepted the challenge of the Norways to play one game at Norway on the Fourth for a purse of \$50. The Republics will also play a return game of ball, *[sic]* with our boys in this city, *[sic]* on that day, provided a suitable purse is put up by our citizens.

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## THE CITY.

THOSE people who think it is a proper thing to celebrate the Fourth of July in a manner befitting the occasion will have to thank Joe Pascoe and Wm. Moyle for the celebration that is to take place next Thursday. Our people responded generously to their solicitations for the necessary funds, but they, so far as we know, were the only gentlemen who felt disposed to take the lead in the matter.

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## THE CITY.

WE shall not make a fortune out of our Fourth of July issue, still it is due to the business men [*sic – businessmen*] of this city to thank them for their generous patronage in the way of advertising, without which the venture would have been a dear experiment for us. We hope and believe that every advertiser in our Fourth of July issue will find that the price of his advertisement is so much money exceedingly well invested, and will pay him a handsome return.

*The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 14 [Thursday, June 27, 1889), page 1, columns 5-6

## Let the Eagle Scream.

One week from today the 113th anniversary of the nation's birth will be celebrated by the patriotic citizens of this city in the good old fashioned way. The day will be ushered in by a national salute of 113 guns at sunrise; at 8 o'clock the calithumpian parade will take place, to be followed at 9. [*sic - 9*] a.m. by the grand parade, comprising the city officials, fire department, civic societies, citizens, etc. Reading of the Declaration of Independence at 11 a.m. In the afternoon a list of sports has been arranged which will fill up the rest of the day, opening with a grand running race open to horses not exceeding fourteen hands three, bicycle races, foot race, free to all, grand wrestling match at J.H. Pascoe's, tug of war between 18 men, catching the greased pig and climbing the greased pole, hand drilling

contest, pitching heavy weight, and other sports. Liberal prizes will be awarded in the several contests, but as the amounts are not definitely fixed at the time of this writing, we are unable to give them. Large posters will soon be issued, however, containing all desired information. The sports will be managed by a citizen's committee, and we hope everybody will join in for a grand good time. In the evening there will be probably the grandest pyrotechnical display ever witnessed in this city.

One of the great attractions of the day will be a base ball game between the Republic and Iron Mountain nines. Probably to lovers of the national game, this will be one of the most interesting [*sic - interesting*] features of the day. Our boys are in excellent trim, and the Republics are also one of the best clubs on the upper peninsula.

If our friends along the range want to have a glorious time on the glorious Fourth let them come to this city.

**1891**

*The Current*, Norway, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume VII, Number 23 [Saturday, July 11, 1891], page 1, column 5

## Norway's Fourth.

The glorious Fourth of July, America's Independence Day, was ushered in by salutes from guns and cannons in this city, which continued until the dawn of day. The day opened cool with indications of rain but an hour or more after sunrise found the clouds hiding behind the hills, allowing the sun to shine upon our people who celebrate the day so dear to the heart of an American citizen. At 8:30 o'clock the members of the Sons of St. George, Scandinavian and

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Sons of America societies, numbering about 250 members, formed into line in front of the Miners' hall, first ward and headed by the Norway Cornet Band marched through the first ward, then down Main street through the business portion of the city, over to Ingallsdorf and Frederickton in the second and third wards and then returning by way of Nelson street to the starting point where they broke ranks. 'Twas upon the invitation of the Sons of St. George, who wished to display their new banner, that the other societies turned out in the procession. The new banner which, by the way, is the nicest one on the range, was carried during the march through the first ward where an accident happened [to] it and it was returned to the hall greatly disappointing many who had gathered on the streets about the business houses to see the much talked about banner. The banner, in size, is about 6 x 8 ft., hung on brass rods and has heavy cord [sic], two at each end, of the upper rod. The ground of the front of the banner is heavy white silk and on the top red silk draped [sic – draped] up with gold cord and tassels and fringed with gold. In the left corner is the British coat-of-arms, in the right the U.S. coat-of-arms and under it in gold letters appear [sic – appears] William Pitt Lodge order Sons of St. George, then a painting of William Pitt, to the right and left which are draped the Stars and Stripes and Union Jack, the United States flag prominent on one side and the British flag prominent on the other, below which appear Norway, Mich., also in gold letters. The other side of the banner has a blue silk ground, showing a painting of St. George and the dragon, the emblem of the order, under which is [sic] the words Instituted Feb'y 13, 1888. The next time the banner will be taken out will be at the time of the celebration at Houghton which occurs on the 25th inst. [of this month]

**1895**

*The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVII, Number 11 [Saturday, July 6, 1895], page 1, column 3*

## **IT WAS A SUCCESS.**

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### **Our Celebration the Best Ever Had in this City.**

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The citizens of Iron Mountain had allowed so many Fourths of July to pass without celebrating the anniversary of American independence in a befitting manner, that some had about made up their minds that there was not enough patriotism left to pay proper homage to the day. They think differently now. Promptly at sunrise Capt. Holland, of the Pewabic, and his assistants began the firing of the grand salute of 119 guns, and although we did not count them we have no doubt that he put them all in, and each one had a genuine old fashioned Fourth of July ring. They work [sic – woke] up sleeping Iron Mountain about 3 a.m. to a realization that the 119th anniversary of American independence had arrived, and the small boy armed with his torpedoes and fire crackers [sic – firecrackers], from the little two-bunches-for-a-nickel affair to the most vicious cannon cracker, was promptly on hand to contribute his mite toward the joyful noise. Coming down town [sic – downtown] after an early breakfast the streets presented a lively appearance, crowded with our own people and the crowds from surrounding towns who had come in to help us have a grand celebration. Several Calithumpians

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appeared early on the scene and there were some very good representations of Uncle Sam, the jolly gentlemen from the Green Isle and others, but they contented themselves parading the streets singly and probably attracted more attention and made more fun for the boys than if they had passed through in a body.

Promptly at 10 a.m. the grand parade was formed in front of the Commercial house *[The Commercial House, later The Milliman Hotel, later the Dickinson Hotel, and last the Dickinson Inn, was located on the 100 block of West B Street.]*, headed for the fire department, and followed by a large bus loaded with 44 young girls dressed in white and representing the several states of the union, with Miss Mamie Clancy as Goddess of Liberty. Then came the Iron Mountain City Band, the Uniform Rank K. of P. *[Knights of Pythias]*, the Swedish Benevolent Society, the Christopher Columbus societies, Guttenberg Lodge, O.D.H.S., and others. Bert Jones made a very efficient and active grand marshal, and led his army up Stephenson avenue to Brown street, on Brown street to Carpenter avenue, and up Carpenter avenue to Ludington park *[in the vicinity of the Chippewa Club]*. Here the multitude gathered around the grand stand *[sic – grandstand]*, and after music by the band and the singing of national hymns by the girls, Irving Woodward introduced William Clark, who read the Declaration of Independence, and Oscar Chamberlain, the orator of the day. These young men did remarkably well, and of the oration particularly we have heard nothing but words of the highest praise.

The crowd then went to Crystal Lake to witness the log driving contest, which was won by Frank Parent. The result of the rolling contest is in dispute, Frank Parent claiming that he was pushed off the log.

The mile bicycle race came off at 2 p.m. This was not a very satisfactory race. Two of the boys were thrown from their wheels and the others stopped. Bert Jones, however, mounted his wheel again and reached the goal first with John Sheerin a tardy second. We understand that this race will be run over again next month.

In the bicycle race for boys John Pascoe won first prize and Elmer Jones second. John Oliver's log legs easily gave him the lead in the 100 yard and 220 yard foot races, with John Pascoe second in the 100 yards and Ed. Brockington second in the 220 yards. Pascoe was also allowed to run in the 100 yard race for boys and won with John Simmons second.

The scrub race for horses was a failure. A very slow, homely, contrary mule is owned in this city but evidently we have no slow horses, so this race had to be given up.

The crowd then returned to Ludington park. In the tug of war Capt. Holland picked out nine men who could pull harder than the nine men selected from the Chapin mine.

William James won the first prize in the vaulting contest, clearing the cord at 8 feet, which was one inch too high for John McCloud and John Sheerin.

The display of fire works *[sic – fireworks]* and grand ball in Rundle's Opera House in the evening closed the festivities of the day. We think the celebration is conceded to have been a success in every respect. The weather was perfect. There were no accidents worthy of note. We saw no drunkenness and have heard of no quarreling or trouble of any kind. It was a day of recreation, sport and good humor.

In the above report we have failed to mention one or two who will be awarded prizes by the committee at their meeting this evening, as there are yet some questions to be settled in regard to some of

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the events, but there is no doubt that everybody will be fairly dealt with.

**1896**

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## THE GLORIOUS FOURTH.

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**Iron Mountain's Grandest  
Celebration  
Passes Off in Good Form.**

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## A DELIGHTFULLY COOL DAY.

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**An Imposing Parade and Excellent  
Industrial Display.**

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Captain Holland and assistants committee for firing salute, [*sic*] began their cannonade promptly at the hour when Old Sol would have peeped over the eastern hills if the heavy clouds had not shut off the peep, and from the way the houses shook and the windows rattled, we believe that the captain must have found some dynamite that had a double twist to it. At all events it shook the sleep from the drowsy eyes of all Iron Mountain, and the city came forth to make the celebration of the 120th anniversary of American independence a more notable event than any of its predecessors. The calithumpian parade contained some very good exhibits and the marine band secured first prize for the most horrible music every produced[.] A horse

and buggy with banners and individuals representing Republicanism and Gold, and Bland and Silver was awarded the second, and Alfred Larson captured the third as the most comical single character in the procession. The grand parade was formed on B street and passed up Stephenson avenue through the Chapin location, and returning passed down Carpenter avenue to the Central school building [*the site of today's Iron Mountain High School*]. The procession was headed by Dr. Menestrina, grand marshal, and the Iron Mountain city, [*sic – City*] band and proceeded in the following order: Co. E, Trudell Rifles, Boys' Brigade of Presbyterian church, St. Jean Baptiste Society, Italian Band, Christoforo Columbo Society, Italian Benevolent Society, Swede Band, S.H. & E.F. society, Sons of Hermann, City Officials in carriages, Fire Department, and the following industrial displays: R. White, meat market; C. Gaudio, groceries; Leisen & Henes, brewery; The Great London store, a very handsomely decorated wagon advertising their dry goods, groceries and furniture; Kauffman & Son, a dummy horse harnessed to a buggy with driver drawn on a wagon, a very striking exhibit; Hagemeister Brewing Co[.]; Bowery, two rigs; Z. Rouselle, harness maker; Jay W. Hoose & Co., meat dealers; O.O. Rollins, Singer Sewing machine. The Upper Michigan Brewing company had the most elaborate display of any and had seven rigs in line. The first was a representation of their brewery building drawn by a four horse [*sic – four-horse*] team, and inside were perhaps a dozen men engaged in the various processes of making beer and offering it to the crowd as they passed along; "Our Baby," Mr. Meyer, with his ample form still farther enlarged by padding, was seated on an immense beer cask; two other rigs followed, and then came a span of goats harnessed to a small

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wagon and representing bock beer; and the brewery officials followed in a carriage. John Swanson had a large wagon loaded with groceries from his store. One of the most interesting exhibits was a miniature court house, a counterfeit of Dickinson county's *[sic – County's]* new court house now being built, and made by Wm. Clancy from the court house plans on a scale of one inch to the foot. The Daily Tribune wagon, representing Iron Mountain's latest enterprise, appropriately brought up the rear, followed by citizens in carriages. Arrived at the Central school building and crowd gathered about the grand stand *[sic grandstand]* where the Star Spangle *[sic – Spangled]* Banner was sung by a choir in which the crowd joined. Supt. E.F. Brown, read the Declaration of Independence – a good declaration well read. Hon. F.J. Trudell, orator of the day, made one of his best speeches, brief, but appropriate, to the point and well received. The singing of America by the assembled multitude closed the exercises for the morning.

## THE AFTERNOON SPORT.

In the afternoon the following persons won prizes:

100 yard dash – 1st prize, \$5.00, John Oliver; 2d prize *[,]* \$3.00, John Pascoe.

75 yard dash for boys 10 years of age – 1st prize, \$3.00, Charlie Sackerson; 2d prize, \$2, Tom Secomb; 3d prize, \$1, Richard Shoblasky.

120 yard hurdle race – 1st prize, \$5, John Pascoe; 2d prize, \$3, John McLeod *[sic – Mc Leod]*.

75 yard dash for boys 13 years old – 1st prize, \$3, Clifford James; 2d prize, \$2, Walter Richards; 3d prize, \$1, Pat Shea and John Carbis, tie.

100 yard dash for boys 16 years old – 1st prize, \$3, John Pascoe; 2d prize, \$2, Warren McLaughlin.

100 yard dash for men 50 years and upward – 1st prize, \$5, Stanley Scott, second prize, \$3, Josiah Davey.

Vaulting, prizes, \$3 *[sic]* \$2, -- Wm. James, Jos. Davey, John McLeod all tie and money divided equally.

220 yard race – 1st prize, \$5, John Oliver; 2d prize, \$3, Warren McLaughlin.

Sack race – 1st prize, \$3, Friend Powell; 2d prize, \$2, Ed Shea.

Putting 12 lb. shot – 1st prize, \$3 *[,]* John Oliver; 2d prize, \$2, Hart Sampson.

Throwing hammer – 1st prize, \$3, John Oliver; 2d prize, \$2, Hart Sampson.

Wheelbarrow race – 1st prize, \$5, John Pascoe; 2d prize, \$3, Hart Sampson.

Potato race – 1st prize, \$3, Hart Sampson; 2d prize, \$2, James Powell and Frank Ruth, tie.

Standing high jump – 1st prize, \$5, Ed Crebo; 2d prize, \$3, John Oliver.

Running high jump – 1st prize, \$5, John Oliver; 2d prize, \$3, Hart Sampson.

Running broad jump – 1st prize, \$5, John Oliver; 2d prize, \$3, Hart Sampson.

Putting 18 lb *[,]* shot – 1st prize, \$5, M. McDuff; 2d prize, \$3, James Bemis.

Egg race – 1st prize, \$3, Dave McLeod; 2d prize, \$2, F. Powell.

Horse trotting – 1st prize *[,]* \$40, H. McLaren; 2d prize, \$15, Geo. Fitzpatrick; 3d prize, \$10, Leander Martelle *[sic – Martell]*.

Drilling contest – 1st prize, \$10, S. Jenkins; 2d prize, \$5, Ed Bowden, John Thomas, Wm. Javna.

Bicycle race – 1st prize, \$12, John Flanningan; 2d prize, \$8, Alphous Deroeck; 3d prize, \$5, Alf Mitchell.

Bicycle races *[sic – race]* for boys under 15 years – 1st prize, \$8, James Carpenter; 2d prize, \$5, John Andrews; 3d prize, \$3, Burr Catlin, Jr.

Bicycle race for boys under 17 years – 1st prize, \$8, Joel Legendre; 2d prize, \$5, Thos. Sampson; 3d prize, \$3, Frank Brynes.

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In the evening about 100 bicycle riders assembled on Hughitt street to form a bicycle parade, and several of the ladies particularly had their wheels decorated very handsomely.

Mrs. Wagner won the 1st prize for \$5, for the best decorated wheel; Josephine Crowell, 2d prize of \$3, and Bessie Oliver, 3d prize of \$2.

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## **Child Killed by Reckless Driver.**

When Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ekman and children, 610 Millie street, were returning from a church picnic on the Fourth, their little 5 year old daughter, Gerdi [*sic – Gerda*], was run over by a driver of one of the carettes and instantly killed. The father says the vehicle was being driven recklessly, and he, who was carrying another child, also had a narrow escape. The little girl was knocked down by the horses and the wheels of the heavy vehicle passed over her chest, crushing the life out of her instantly. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon, from the Swedish Baptist church.

The coroner's jury impannelled [*sic – impaneled*] to inquire into the death of Gerda Ekman, killed by being run over by one of the carettes on the 4th of July, returned a verdict yesterday afternoon, placing the blame both on the driver for fast driving and on the father of the child for attempting to "cross the street with his family without satisfying himself beyond doubt that there was no danger."

**1897**

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## **WILL CELEBRATE MONDAY.**

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**Sagola will Remember  
Independence Day  
with Fire Works, Horse Races  
and Other Events.**

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Not to be outdone by other towns in the upper peninsula the enterprising citizens of Sagola will observe Independence Day by a grand and glorious celebration on Monday, July 5. Supervisor D. Wittenberg and Dr. Dockery were in the city for the purpose of arranging events for the day's festivities. There will be horse races, bicycle races, orations and a hundred minor events for which prizes will be offered. In the evening there will be a grand display of fire works [*sic – fireworks*] followed by a ball and supper.

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## **FOURTH AT SPREAD EAGLE.**

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**Program of Events Arranged for  
Sunday at the Lake.**

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Walter Webber and Sam Gribble [*sic – Sam Gribble*], of the Eagle Island Club house at Spread Eagle, were in the city

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Tuesday to arrange for the celebration of Independence day at their resort. Mr. Webber has arranged a list of events including boat races, canoe races, swimming contests and various other sports for which prizes will be offered to the winners. A greased pole contest will be one of the features of the program. The pole will reach 50 feet out over the water with a flag at the end, and a prize of \$5 will be given the person who walks the pole and brings in the flag. In the evening there will be a grand display of fireworks. The events will take place on Sunday, July 4.

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## DUSKY MAIDENS WILL RACE.

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**Squaws From Bad Water will  
Paddle Their Own Canoes at  
Spread Eagle.**

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Preparations are now under way to hold a regatta on the lakes at Spread Eagle July 4th and 5th, and a program of several events is now being arranged. Possibly the most interesting race will be that of the Indian maidens, from Bad Water, who will compete for honors in their canoes. The program will be completed by Thursday, or Friday, and next Sunday promises to be a great day at this popular resort.

Thus far the hotels there have enjoyed a very fair patronage, although the past week has seen few visitors. Camping parties are beginning to pitch tents and arrange for their regular summer outing, and by another week the islands will be changed from their

wild, picturesque state to tented cities of white.

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## THE CELEBRATION.

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**The 121st Anniversary of  
American Independence  
at Quinnesec.**

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## RED HOT MORE'N ONE WAY.

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**The Town Crowded with Visitors,  
All of Whom Were Hospitably  
Entertained by the Good  
People of Our Sister City.  
Full Account of Events.**

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Independence Day is not celebrated as it used to be. No longer do we see the unique street processions with their "horribles," the city firemen, and, in the evening, the Kalithumpians – those grotesquely attired individuals who attracted more attention and caused more undiluted joy to well up in the youthful heart than all the fireworks demonstrations of today. The time has gone by when from the city hall steps or other public meeting place the orators of the day electrify the people of the city and surrounding country with their spread eagle speeches that in the good old-fashioned days were a feature of all Fourth of July celebrations, whether given in the

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largest city in the land or the smallest town. And with the passing of the quaint street parades and the old-time oratory has gone perhaps forever the holiday occupation of the small boys who sued to sell ginger beer and lemonade with more color in it than lemon, and crackers and cheese what were a bit aged. But these old-time celebrations of Independence Day had their charms and their simple, inexpensive peculiarities that the present day observances with their noticeable lack of enthusiasm cannot *[sic – cannot]* replace. To the old resident who lived and participated in the events and customs of fifty years ago or more, there is a disagreeable hollowness, a noticeable lack of concerted action in the public demonstrations that are now made each anniversary of the nation's *[sic – nation's]* natal day.

The celebration at Quinnesec Saturday was not one of the old style, eagle searching affairs, but it was strictly up to date, and the town of Captain Cundy and John L. Buell covered itself all over with glory and made its guests feel as though they had been amply repaid for the part they took in celebrating Independence Day in their sister city.

## THE WEATHER.

When the first of the visitors began to arrive at 8 o'clock in the morning the thermometer *[sic – thermometer]* stood at 82 degrees in the shade, and the clear sky warned the people of what was to come later. By the time the special train rolled in from this city 90 was registered by the mercury. At noon it was 5 degrees higher, and still going up. Two hours later, when the crowd repaired to the ball grounds, the patience of suffering humanity was heated to the breaking point, and everyone who did not have ice cream or lemonade to sell expressed their opinion of the weather man in such violent language that the mercury in the thermometers *[sic – thermometers]*

became afraid of the part it was taking in the celebration and it tried to climb out of the tube. Its efforts were only partly successful, however, for when the game of ball was ended it dropped to 90, where it remained until after supper, when it began to lower gradually until the special left for Iron Mountain. That was at 9 o'clock, when the mercury had found a comfortable resting place at 86.

## PROGRAM OF THE DAY.

The parade started promptly at 10:30, headed by Nels Freeberg's Swedish band from this city. After marching and countermarching through the principal streets the parade lined up at the depot platform and awaited the arrival of the passenger. The train was packed with fathers and mothers with babies, young men and their sweethearts and many without their sweethearts. Others drove in wagons and carriages from Norway, Quinnesec Falls and other neighboring towns, and by noon fully 700 strangers were walking the streets or resting comfortably beneath the evergreens that had been erected by the thoughtful and patriotic. The streets were lined with men, women, children[,] baby carriages and bicycles, and they seemed to be enjoying themselves laughing, chatting and drinking lemonade. Refreshments were plentiful and to a stranger it appeared as though every resident of Quinnesec had embarked in the business.

After the parade was dispersed the crowd assembled at the stand erected in front of the mining office to listen to the words of welcome by Supervisor Cundy, who officially turned the city over to the visitors. Captain Cundy's address of welcome was followed by the reading of the Declaration of Independence by Editor Fitzgibbons. Hon. John L. Buell then delivered the Fourth of July oration, which was replete with facts, figures and history,

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and which was delivered with much grace and eloquence.

## ATHELETIC EVENTS.

Athletes from Norway and Iron Mountain were there to capture the prizes offered by the committee. The Iron Mountain boys, "Sprinter" McLaughlin, "Kangaroo" Jones and Jas. Bemis[,] were very much in evidence, and succeeded in carrying off the silver dollars as well as the glory.

## THE BICYCLE RACES.

In the quarter mile track race Will Cruse had a walk-away over his opponents, while Sampson, of this city, captured second prize.

In the four mile race from Iron Mountain to Quinnesec, DeRoek, of Norway, peddled [*sic – pedaled*] the distance in 12 minutes, winning the \$10 prize, while Axberg was a close second, capturing the \$5 prize. Other contestants in the four mile race came straggling in from two to five minutes later.

## THE BALL GAME.

Fully 400 people witnessed a one sided [*sic – one-sided*] game of base ball [*sic – baseball*], and were it not for several good plays made by the Florence team, the crowd would have left the grounds utterly disgusted with the contest. The Iron Mountain boys hit at the ball as if its horsehide cover was originally the possession of some near relative, or had been the outer shield of the vital organs of some dear departed friend. The Florence boys, on the other hand, swated [*sic – swatted*] the ball as if their life depended upon sending it out among the trees and brush on the opposite side of the race track, and they usually did this when there were three men on bases. The score was 22 to 5.

From all appearances everybody enjoyed themselves to their heart's content, despite the fact that the mercury in the

thermometer [*sic – thermometer*] was flirting with the nineties.

**1898**

*The Daily Tribune*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole No. 602 [Monday, June 20, 1898], page 3, column 2

## CITY NEWS ITEMS.

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It appears from a communication in another column that someone has complained that the \$175 to be paid for a balloon ascension would go out of the city. We do not know of anyone in the city who would make a parachute jump for that price unless it would be Cy Davey or Harry Sweet.

*The Daily Tribune*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole No. 609 [Tuesday, June 28, 1898], page 3, column 2

## CITY NEWS ITEMS.

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The merchants are requested by the committee to decorate their wagons on the Fourth of July and join in the parade. The wagons should not be made too high so as to interfere with wires and thus cause delay.

Chisholm, the Musical Wonder, who represented Michigan at the World's Fair, in the musical line, will give his wonderful exhibition in Iron Mountain on the 4th. He plays a whole orchestra along, viz., 1st and 2nd violin, bass viol, cornet and piano all at once.

The committee on sports will include "calithumpians" in the list of prizes to be competed for in the Fourth of July parade.

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This is a very interesting feature of a parade and much interest will be taken in it. "Calithumpians" means comical figures on wagons or floats.

*The Daily Tribune*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole No. 606 [Friday, June 24, 1898], page 3, column 2

## CITY NEWS ITEMS.

Professor Baldwin, who will make an ascent in this city on the Fourth of July, is a government aeronaut and will use one of the largest balloons ever seen in this northern country.

*The Daily Tribune*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole No. 610 [Wednesday, June 29, 1898], page 3, column 5

### The Line of March.

The Fourth of July procession will form at 9 o'clock a.m., west of C.M. & St. Paul tracks on B street, under the direction of the marshal. Then will proceed east to Stephenson ave., north to Main street to Vulcan street, south to Fourth street, west to Stephenson ave., and south to the grand stand, where the exercises will be held.

*The Daily Tribune*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole No. 613 [sic – 612] [Friday, July 1, 1898], page 3, column 3

## ARRANGEMENTS MADE.

**For a Grand Celebration on the Forth  
of July.**

Arrangements are about all completed for a glorious time on the Fourth of July. The parade will probably be the largest ever seen in this city. Societies are requested by the marshal to be on hand at the corner of Carpenter avenue and B street not later than 8:30 a.m., on Monday so they can be assigned to their positions.

The line of march will be as follows: East to Stephenson avenue, north to Main street to Vulcan street, south to Fourth street, west to Stephenson avenue, and south to the grand stand, where the Declaration of Independence will be read and a short potriotic [sic – patriotic] address delivered by the Rev. W.H. Mills.

*The Daily Tribune*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole No. 614 [sic – 613] [Saturday, July 2, 1898], page 3, column 3

## FOURTH OF JULY.

**Preparations Being Made for a Great  
Celebration.**

**A DAY OF REST, RECREATION AND  
FUN**

**Grand Parade in the Morning - Sport-  
ing Events in the Afternoon – Bal-  
loon Ascension and Parachute  
Jump in the Evening.**

Arrangements are all completed for the Fourth of July celebration, nearly all the committees meeting last night and closing up matters. The parade will start at 9

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o'clock, and will consist of bands of music, a platoon of police, the fire department, societies and organizations, city officers, calithumpians, and wagons representing the different business interests of the city.

The line of march will be as follows: East to Stephenson avenue, north to Main street, to Vulcan street, south to Fourth street, west to Stephenson ave. and south to the grand stand which has been erected under the flag pole at the corner of Stephenson avenue and Ludington street. Here the following exercises will be held:

Music.

Reading of Declaration of Independence, Matt Cook.

Music.

Address by the Rev. W.H. Mills.

In the afternoon the following sports will be indulged in:

100 ardY [*sic* – Yard] Dash, open to all. Prizes, \$5, \$2 and \$1.

100 Yard Dash, boys 16 and under. Prizes, \$2 and \$1.

220 Yard Dash. Prizes, \$5, \$2 and \$1.

Three Legged Race. Prizes, \$3 and \$2.

Sack Race. Prizes, \$3, \$2 and \$1.

Potato Race. Prizes, \$3, \$2 and \$1.

120 Yard Hurdle Race. Prizes, \$5, \$2 and \$1.

Running Broad Jump. Prizes, \$5, \$2 and \$1.

High Jump. Prizes, \$5, \$3 and \$2.

Pole Vault. Prizes, \$5, \$3 and \$2.

Putting 16 lb Shot. Prizes, \$5 and \$2.

Putting 12 lb Shot. Prizes, \$5, \$2 and \$1.

880 Yard Dash. Prizes, \$5, \$3 and \$2.

Bicycle Race. Quinnesec to Iron Mountain. Prizes, \$8, \$5 and \$3.

Bicycle Race. One-half Mile. open to all, best two in three. Prizes, \$15, [*sic*] \$10 and \$5.

Bicycle Race. One-half Mile. 16 years and under. Prizes, \$5, \$3 and \$2.

Bicycle Parade, best decorated wheels. Prizes, \$5, \$3 and \$2.

In the evening, between five and six o'clock, the balloon ascension and parachute leap by Prof. Baldwin will be held.

The following are the committees:

Finance – James Holland, J.M. Clifford, James D. Cudlip, M. Swanson, L.A. Henze.

Arrangement – John Daprato, Thomas Nanna, Richard Herrick, D. Lavictoire, H.E. Smith.

Sports – Alfred Cruse, Ben Kramer, Bert Jones, Fred Parmelee, John Clifford, R.C. Browning, W.S. Laing, Hugh McLaughlin.

Awards – R.C. Browning, C.F. Larson, John James, Jos. Tirschell, J.W. Burbank.

Salute – James Holland, Ben Martin, Ed. Lord.

Marshals – E.F. Brown, John Daprato, C.F. Larson, M. Goldsworthy.

Cut this out and keep it for future reference.

*The Daily Tribune*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole No. 614 [*sic* – 613] [Saturday, July 2, 1898], page 3, column 4

## PROF. BALDWIN HERE.

### He Arrives This Morning With His Balloon and Parachute.

Professor Baldwin, the aeronaut, arrived from Quincy, Ills. [*sic* – Ill.], this morning with his balloon and parachute, and the weather permitting, will make an ascension and parachute leap on the Fourth of July.

The balloon is 60 [*feet*] high and 40 feet wide, and Baldwin expects to reach a height of nearly a mile. His parachute is 26 feet in diameter and is made entirely of silk.

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Nothing will prevent an ascension on Monday but an unusually high wind which is hardly probable at this season of the year, unless it precedes a shower, in which event it would not last long.

## 1903

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 8, Number 5 [Thursday, July 9, 1903], page 1, column 4

### WAS A GREAT SUCCESS.

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#### Large Number of Neighbors Help Iron Mountain to Celebrate.

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The weather was perfect.

There were no serious accidents.

There was not an arrest.

The committees were most efficient.

And everybody aided everybody in having a good time.

Therefore the Iron Mountain Fourth of July celebration was the biggest success ever recorded on the Menominee range.

The crowd was a tremendous one – the biggest ever seen here – and it was a splendidly good-natured one. And all had “money to burn” – and burned it freely.

And Iron Mountain looked her prettiest – thanks in a large measure to the beautiful arches erected over Stephenson avenue under the supervision of Capt. James H. Cundy and the gay decorations of business houses.

The parade was the best in years, being four blocks in length, and containing many beautiful floats, that of the Maccabees being particularly fine and was justly awarded first honors. Anton Miench secured the second prize. Max Kurz was

awarded the first prize for his beautifully decorated private turnout.

In the calithumpian parade no first prize was awarded, the second going to the Sioux Indians.

Hermansville won the ball game, the score standing nine to six. Frank Byrnes won the free for all bicycle race, Prof. Z. Scovil the tub race, and Wm. Baird, Joseph Higgins and Alfred Thomas first money in the drilling contest.

The oration delivered by Attorney Hurley was scholarly and eloquent, Rex Plowman read the Declaration of Independence with the proper amount of enthusiasm, and the singing of the national anthems was grand and inspiring.

There was music in the air all day and the Quinnesec and St. Jean Baptiste bands won many compliments. The playing of the Quinnesec band was surpassingly good – and The Press has been requested by many people to tell 'em so.

Now one and all will please take off their hats to the several committees and we will give them a rousing vote of thanks.

## 1904

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 7 [Thursday, July 7, 1904], page 1, column 3

### Comfortable Celebration.

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Iron Mountain's Fourth of July celebration was a most comfortable one. The weather was perfect, the day was devoid of accidents and there was not too much noise. All the events were conducted in accordance with the program and at the hour fixed. The parade was dainty. Attorney O'Hara's oration contained much

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good advice, and the singing under the direction of Mrs. Richard White was all that could be desired. The several committees have reason to be proud of their labor.

**1909**

*Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 14, Number 6 [Thursday, July 1, 1909], page 1, columns 1-2*

## FINE FIRE-WORKS

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**DISPLAY HERE NIGHT OF THE  
FIFTH WILL BE GREATST EVER.**

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**All the Arrangements Completed  
for the Great Celebration; Three  
Bands Furnish Music.**

The Iron Mountain Fourth of July celebration will be the best in the history of the town.

The several committees are well supplied with funds, the business men [*sic businessmen*] and citizens in general have responded liberally to the request for money.

The committees have been energetic in formulating a program for the entertainment of old and young. It is a gingery program and extends from daylight to dark, and embraces many new features.

There will be the usual parade in the morning in which all the automobiles in the county will take part. At the band-stand [*sic – bandstand*] Attorney O'Hara will deliver an address and S. Rex Plowman will read the Declaration of Independence. Benediction by Rev. Raymond G. Jacques.

The Castel and Columbian bands have been engaged to furnish music during the day and evening.

After the exercises, a program of athletic sports for large cash prizes will start and will continue through the afternoon.

Horse races on West Hughitt will be a feature that will interest many. It is expected that many horses will be here from neighboring towns. The purses are generous.

At attractive feature for the youngsters will be the distribution of tickets good for five cents in trade at any store in town. The lads and lasses may invest the money in peanuts, red lemonade, ice cream soda or fire crackers as they please.

However, the feature of the celebration will be the display of fireworks at night from the Millie hill. The display secured by the committee includes not only rockets of all descriptions, mines, shells, batteries, roman candles, bengolas, fountains, tourbillions, and lights and serolities, but many exhibition pieces. Included in this display are the following beauties:

The Rising of Jupiter – This design opens with two revolving zones of brilliant colored rings, between which is seen the planet Jupiter, in brilliant lance fires while sun fire gerbs fill the atmosphere with showers of golden spray mist, making a most beautiful effect.

The Italian Sunset – A rapidly revolving zone of golden fires with a center of emerald and ruby rings of flame changes to a beautiful representation of an Italian sunset. Heavy magazines throw intensely brilliant scintillations of golden fires to a great height. These are alternated by scarlet and green illuminations of great brilliancy while the center is filled with revolving rosettes of flame in colored rings.

Persian Glory – This design commences with a dazzling circle of colored rings. A sudden explosion fills the atmosphere with

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shooting stars of every hue, while below the circle sun gerbs discharge showers of golden spray mist ending with a loud report.

Revolving Mazo – The mechanical design begins with circles of fires revolving in contrary directions. Suddenly the design revolves on a turntable, showing bands of ruby and gold, azure and crimson rings in a whirlpool of spray mists.

The Carnival of Glory – Showers of golden fire studded with scarlet and emerald jets, the sides and bases in variegated colored fires, which are projected high in the air, while the center is filled with rapidly revolving rosettes of golden fire, interspersed with colored rings, forming a pleasing and showy spectacles *[sic – spectacle]*.

July Fourth and American Flag – The National motto and flag is represented by a design formed of red, white and blue lances. On a staff in lines of fires is seen the stars and stripes in graceful folds and national colors, floating gracefully over the letters forming the motto “July 4th,” which is distinctly visible and burns several minutes.

From the above brief description of a few of the pieces some idea may be given of the display. It will be worth traveling miles to witness.

There will be band concerts during the evening, a ball at the opera house and various other attractions, making the celebration as a whole one of the best ever.

In addition to all this, the committed *[sic – committees]* have arranged for a nice, cool day.

Better arrange to come to Iron Mountain and celebrate, neighbors!

**1910**

*Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15,*

Number 1 [Thursday, May 26,1910], page 1, column 5

## **Will Celebrate.**

The attendance at the Fourth of July meeting held at the council rooms last night was small, but notwithstanding the limited number present, action was taken and it was decided to celebrate the national holiday. Mayor Miller was elected chairman, H. Russell Hooper secretary, and Oliver Evans treasurer. Rev. N.H. Nosbisch proposed that a committee of two from each ward be appointed to solicit funds and the appointment of such committee was left to the chairman. The next meeting will be held June 9th and at that time the soliciting committee will report.

**1914**

*Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 19, Number 4 [Thursday, June 11, 1914], page 1, column 4*

## **EAGLE WILL SCREAM**

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### **Iron Mountain Is Planning Biggest Celebration in the U.P.**

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The call issued by Mayor Cruse for a meeting of citizens to consider the matter of a Fourth of July celebration was held at the city hall last Monday evening and was well attended.

The meeting was opened by his honor, who after stating the object of the meeting, voiced a desire to make the celebration a

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county affair and invite Norway neighbors to participate in the “doings.”

A temporary organization was perfected by the election of Mayor Cruse as chairman and S. Rex Plowman performed the duties of scribe.

Frank M. Milliman, Henry LaFontaine and John Andrews, Jr., were named a committee on permanent organization. A general committee of arrangements was named, as follows: Louis J. Will, John Andrews, Jr., Henry Suino, Joseph B. Eslick, Z.P. Rousselle, Joseph Balderica, John E. Quarnstrom, Charles Hallman, Frank M. Milliman and E.J. DeGaynor. The committee was empowered to name such sub-committees as were deemed necessary and to report at a second meeting to be held in the immediate future.

It developed at the meeting that the Miller street carnival was desirous of coming to Iron Mountain the week of the Fourth opening on June 29th and closing on the Fourth and the sentiment was unanimous in favor of encouraging the management to bring the show here. The Miller shows were here last season and gave excellent satisfaction. The shows were clean and much better than the average street carnival attractions. In addition to this, no rowdyism was permitted and gambling devices were barred. The Miller carnival would add very materially to the celebration.

The committee of arrangements is composed of a bunch of live wires, the businessmen are disposed to be liberal in the way of donations, and it is safe to predict that the coming celebration will be the largest and best ever held on the range.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 19, Number 5 [Thursday, June 18, 1914], page 1, column 5

## A HUGE CELEBRATION

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### Iron Mountain Will Expend a Large Sum in Entertaining.

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The several committees having charge of our Fourth of July celebration have been working early and late this week. The finance committee is still engaged in soliciting. Yesterday the subscriptions totalled [*sic – totaled*] over \$1,000 and the committee is confident of securing several additional hundred. The program committee is now at work and promise many attractive features. It is proposed to have a particularly strong program for the children. All this in addition to the aeroplane flights and the street carnival. The Miller shows – eighteen in number – will be here for a full week, closing on the night of the Fourth. The shows will be stationed on the streets abutting Stephenson avenue, between Ludington and C streets. The combination gave excellent satisfaction when here a year ago and the management say that it has been greatly improved. The shows are clean and gambling devices are not tolerated. Our citizens are planning to make this a county celebration. They want Dickinson county people to rally in Iron Mountain on the Fourth and promise a celebration second to none in the north country.

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## AEROPLANE EXHIBITION.

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Our Fourth of July committee has negotiated a “fly or no pay” contract with Lincoln Beechey [*sic – Beachey*], the world famous aviator of Chicago. By the term of this contract, Mr. Beechey [*sic – Beachey*] agrees to send an expert aviator to Iron Mountain and the aforesaid fly-man will make the flights in an aeroplane from central point in the city regardless of atmospheric conditions. The local committee agrees to pay Mr. Beechey [*sic – Beachey*] the sum of \$500. The flights will probably be made from the ball grounds – in the afternoon and evening. The aeroplane exhibition will be worth coming miles to see. It will be the first ever seen on the range and is certain to attract many visitors to our city.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 19, Number 5 [Thursday, June 18, 1914], page 8, column 1

## FLYING MACHINE TOYS

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### Lincoln Beechey Says Government Aeroplanes Are No Good.

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“The aeroplane will decide the next great war,” declared Lincoln Beechey [*sic – Beachey*], the noted loop-the-loop and upside-down aviator, who has engaged to give a demonstration with one of his machines in this city on the Fourth of July.

“Americans cannot seem to realize the tremendous import of the air navy. In the present Mexican situation the aeroplane and pilots are nothing more nor less than toys, fit for no practical use. In the first

place the men are not trained for aerial ‘rough riding’ and their craft are no more adapted to hazardous scouting flights than a race horse is fit for pulling a heavily loaded truck.

“To start on the inside, congress and senate members look on aviation as a joke. Probably not one-tenth of them ever saw a real flight. They only know that a sum of money was appropriated for a few aeroplanes and men from West Point and Annapolis were assigned to the flying corps. Machines were smashed and men were killed in accidents. When the Mexican trouble arose the army and navy arose to the front. But they are doing little more than help make a lot of convenient “copy” for the enterprising correspondents.

“I think I know something about aviation, but you couldn’t pay me enough to go up in some of the hulks I have seen those army officers fly in. What the United States needs is a better flying equipment and more scientific methods of teaching the art of aviation. No little appropriation is going to bring this about.

“Why, do you know that even Mexico spends more money every year for her air navy than America does? Mexico sets aside \$400,000, while the United States graciously permits her war office to apportion \$125,000. Over \$7,000,000 is deemed for little France, while 600 war aeroplanes are not considered adequate by Russia.

“Aerial warfare even with its drawbacks in the way of machines and experienced pilots has been proven highly efficient by the army and navy experts. Radio will permit an aeroplane ten miles in the air [*to*] take messages and signals from the ground. Positions of troops and fortifications can be seen and platted 2,500 feet in the air. Photographs can be secured at 1,500 and 2,000 feet in the air. Why, one aeroplane with a cargo of terrible lydite

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bombs could have wiped out the combined armies of Alexander the Great, Napoleon and Julius Caesar.

“An armed aeroplane could have blown up the Spanish armada while Admiral Drake was taking his morning shave. This country could have won its independence without its years of hardship and suffering had aeroplane warfare been known. England has 300 machines of war that can steal up in the night like a thief and wreck whole towns and fortifications. Germany has 1,200, Russia between 500 and 600. France over 500 and the United States has the imposing array of fifteen, and mighty slim prospects of getting any more.

“I am going to Washington after my exhibition dates and show the war office officials what can be done in the air. Anything I can do others can be taught to do. Looping the loop isn't dangerous; it is scientific.”

*Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 19, Number 6 [Thursday, June 25, 1914], page 1, column 5*

## CONTRACT CLOSED

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**Iron Mountain Will Pay \$800  
for Aeroplane Flights.**

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**To Be Made by Lieut. Roy Francis,  
Who Will Be Accompanied  
by a Parachute Jumper.**

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They come high but Iron Mountain is willing to pay the price, meeting vigorous metropolitan competition in the matter of

securing an aeroplane for the entertainment of our guests on the Fourth of July.

Until last Thursday, the committee having the proposition in hand, supposed that an arrangement had been reached with the Lincoln Beechey [*sic* – *Beachey*] company for two exhibitions. Word was received from Chicago, however[,] that the agreement had not received the approval of Beechey [*sic* – *Beachey*] and the deal was likely to fall through. A meeting was held and it was decided to dispatch a committee[,] consisting of Mayor Cruse, Louis J. Will and John E. Quarnstrom, to Chicago for a personal interview. The interview with the Beechey [*sic* – *Beachey*] people was secured and as a result an iron-clad contract was signed to close the deal, it was necessary for the committee representing Iron Mountain to guarantee the company \$800. Before leaving for home the following self-explanatory telegrams were received at the Chicago office of the Beechey [*sic* – *Beachey*] company:

“Roy Francis, Aviator, San Francisco, Cal. Have closed up the Fourth of July for you at Iron Mountain, Michigan, for \$800 with parachute jumper. You can arrange to ship direct so as to be there in due time. Best luck and good wishes to all in the family.

“Hartford, Conn.: Closed Iron Mountain for Francis, July 4th, and wire Francis. We have closed our share for \$800 net. Pickens”

Pickens is Lincoln Beechey's [*sic* – *Beachey's*] personal representative. Francis is a lieutenant in the regular army now on a furlough. He is considered one of the most daring and successful aviators in the world and there was great competition for his services. The parachute jumper is a [*sic* – *an*] added attraction. The jump will be made from the aeroplane from a height of seven thousand feet and it will be a most

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thrilling sight. It will be an exhibition never before seen in Michigan, and will be a sight worth traveling many miles to witness.

And all this is only one of the many attractions to be seen in Iron Mountain the Fourth. It is not too much to state that our celebration will be the greatest ever here in Northern Michigan.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 19, Number 7 [Thursday, July 2, 1914], page 1, column 5

## **BIGGEST IN THE U.P.**

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### **The Iron Mountain Celebration of Nation's Birthday.**

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### **The Beachey Aeroplane Has Reached the City from San Francisco.**

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### **Other Features of the Day.**

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Iron Mountain will be called upon to entertain many thousands of visitors next Saturday the Fourth of July. The city will be appropriately dressed for the occasion. The decorations will be elaborate and becoming and many business houses will spend large sums in decorating.

A great program has been perfected for the entertainment of our guests. In addition to the street carnival, there will be a great parade in the morning, to be followed by field sports. There will be an oration and music by the bands.

In the afternoon there will be more athletic contests, a baseball game and the aeroplane flight. The aeroplane has arrived and the contract with the Beachey company provides for two flights and a parachute jump regardless of weather conditions. Lieut. Roy Francis, of the United States government corps of aviators, will make the flights. He is now in the city and declares that the flights will be made in accordance with the contract, one in the afternoon and one in the early evening. The ascensions will be made from the base ball [*sic – baseball*] grounds. Lieut. Francis is one of the most daring and successful aviators in the world. He has made many successful flights in the vicinity of San Francisco, from which city he comes direct to Iron Mountain. He will be accompanied in his flights by a parachute jumper, who will leave the aeroplane from a height of several thousand feet. This will be the first time such a dangerous exhibition will be seen in the upper peninsula and the attraction alone is sufficient to bring many people to the city. The cost of this feature of the celebration is \$800.

In addition to the foregoing there will be displays of day and night fireworks. Iron Mountain people extend a cordial invitation to county and range neighbors to be their guests for the day.

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## **GREAT CELEBRATION**

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### **Iron Mountain Entertains Many Thousands on the Fourth.**

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[Compiled and Transcribed by William John Cummings]

It is estimated that Iron Mountain entertained 15,000 visitors on the Fourth of July.

It was one of the best looking and best dressed crowds ever assembled in the upper peninsula.

Despite the throng and the liberal policy of the authorities, there was not a serious accident during the celebration.

The program was a most varied and entertaining "something doing all the time."

The decorations were the best ever seen in the peninsula.

The parade was several miles long and contained five bands, all good tooters[,] not to mention the Rag-Time Brigade. The floats were good those of the Light & Fuel and von Platen Lumber companies being deserving of special mention.

The "talk" by Dr. Abrams, of Hancock, was short and snappy, one of the best Fourth of July orations ever heard here, and contained many patriotic thoughts.

The aeroplane flights by Lieut. Francis were considerably more thrilling than anticipated. There was one at noon and a second at six o'clock. Two more were made on Sunday. In the last flight a height of 4300 feet was reached. Topographical conditions here were such that a parachute drop part of the program had to be abandoned after three trials. In the last the plane was nearly wrecked. Lieut. Francis stated that it was necessary for his plane to reach a ground speed of thirty miles an hour before it would lift two men with the needed apparatus. Despite this failure, the exhibition gave immense satisfaction.

The fire works [*sic* – fireworks] in the evening were excellent, pleasing a crowd of 10,000 people.

Finally, voicing the sentiments of 25,000 people, The Press wishes to thank the committees who made the celebration such

a complete success. Folks not connected therewith have but a faint idea of the immense volume of labor involved in planning and conducting such a great celebration. The committeemen are to be congratulated.

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## LINCOLN BEACHEY

**Lincoln J. Beachey** (March 3, 1887 – March 14, 1915) was a pioneer American aviator and barnstormer. He became famous and wealthy from flying exhibitions, staging aerial stunts, helping invent aerobatics, and setting aviation records.

He was known as *The Man Who Owns the Sky*, and sometimes the *Master Birdman*, Beachey was acknowledged even by his competitors as "The World's Greatest Aviator". He was "known by sight to hundreds of thousands and by name to the whole world."

Beachey was born in San Francisco, California on March 3, 1887. He worked as a dirigible pilot for Thomas Scott Baldwin. Beachey helped build the dirigible "California Arrow" and made his first dirigible flight in 1905 at the age of 17.

He piloted his balloon at the 1910 Los Angeles International Air Meet at Dominguez Field where he raced against a fixed-wing aircraft around a course, at an altitude of 100 feet.

Beachey learned to pilot airplanes at the Curtiss Flying School.

On June 27, 1911, he took off into a drizzle and flew over the lower falls of Niagara Falls, then above American Falls, before an estimated 150,000 spectators. He took his plane under "Honeymoon Bridge," 20 feet (6.1 m) above the rapids. (Local papers described his plane as looking like "a beat-up orange crate.")

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In Chicago, Beachey raced a train and let his wheels touch the top of the moving train as it passed underneath. At the 1911 Chicago International Aviation Meet, he won multiple awards for stunts, and set a new altitude record. He filled his tanks with fuel, then said he would point the plane's nose skyward and keep going until the fuel ran out. For an hour and forty-eight minutes he spiraled upwards until the engine sputtered and died. The plane glided in spirals to the ground, and Beachey climbed out, numb and stiff. The barograph aboard the plane showed he had reached a height of 11,578 feet (3,529 m), temporarily setting the world's altitude record. In 1912, Beachey, Parmelee, and Martin performed the first night flights in California with acetylene burners, fuses, and small noise making bombs dropped over Los Angeles. In 1913, Beachey took off inside the Machinery Palace on the Exposition grounds at the San Francisco World's Fair. He flew the plane at 60 miles per hour and landed it, all inside the confines of the hall. His stunt specialty was the "dip-of-death", where he would take his plane up to 5,000 feet (1,500 m), and dive toward the ground at full speed with his hands outstretched. At the very last moment he would level the plane and zoom down the raceway, with his hands off of the controls, gripping the control stick with his knees. In a jest aimed at Blanche Stuart Scott, another member of the Curtiss exhibition team, Beachey dressed up as a woman and pretended to be out of control in a mock terror to hundreds of thousands.

Orville Wright said: "An aeroplane in the hands of Lincoln Beachey is poetry. His mastery is a thing of beauty to watch. He is the most wonderful flyer of all." Thomas Alva Edison wrote: "I was startled and amazed, when I saw that youngster take to the sky and send his aeroplane through the loop and then follow that feat with an

upside-down flight. I could not believe my own eyes, and my nerves were atingle for many minutes."

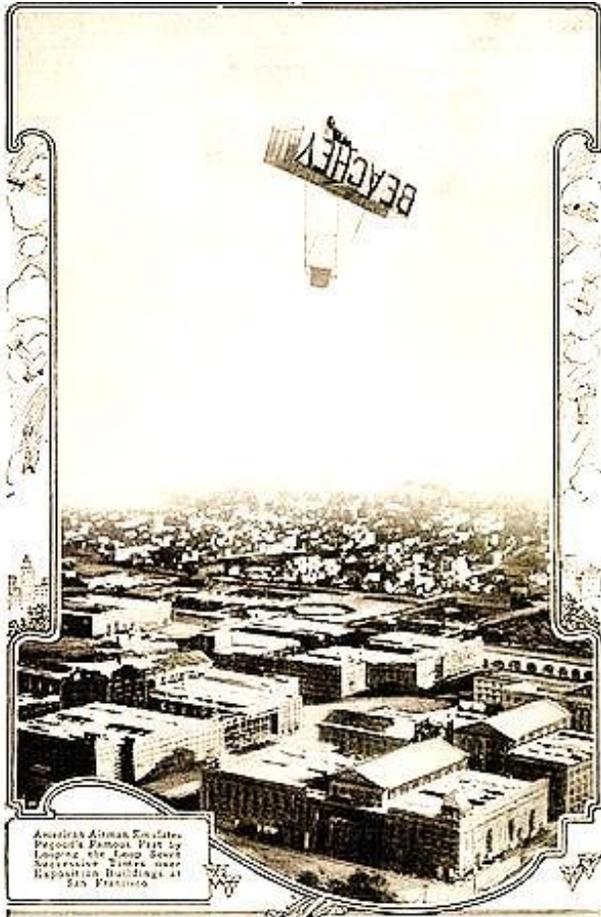
In 1913, a Russian pilot, Captain Peter Nesterov made the first inside loop. Frenchman Adolphe Pegoud later that year became the second and more famous person to do it and Beachey wanted to try it himself. Curtiss refused to build him a plane capable of the stunt, and Beachey left the flying team. At the same time, he wrote a scathing essay about stunt flying, stating most people came to exhibitions out of morbid eagerness to see young pilots die. On March 7, 1913, he announced he would never again fly professionally, believing he was indirectly responsible for the tragic deaths of several young aviators who had tried to emulate his stunts. In May, he would cite twenty-four fatalities, all of whom were "like brothers" to him. He felt tremendous guilt about their deaths and the suffering of their families.

Beachey went into the real estate business for a time, until Curtiss reluctantly agreed to build a stunt plane powerful enough to do the inside loop. Beachey returned and, on October 7, took the plane up in the air at Hammondsport, NY. Unfortunately, on its first flight either a downdraft or a loss of speed following a turn caused the plane to dip momentarily. One wing clipped the ridgepole of a tent on the field and the plane then swept two young women and two naval officers off the roof of a nearby hangar, from where they had been watching the flight, contrary to Beachey's wishes. One woman was killed and the others injured as a result of the fall, a distance of about ten feet. Beachey's plane crashed in a nearby field but he managed to walk away from the wreckage with minor injuries. (A coroner's jury ruled the death of the 20-year-old woman as accidental.) Beachey decided for the second time to leave aviation.

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However, the sight of a circus poster changed his mind. The poster depicted a plane flying upside-down, a stunt that hadn't been attempted yet. Beachey was determined to master the loop and upside-down flight, but decided to go it alone.



He tried making a living demonstrating loops on exhibition grounds, but soon found that people would not pay to see a stunt they could see easily outside the gates. He retired for a third time, but returned when his manager had an idea that he depicted in a poster: the "Demon of the Sky" against the "Daredevil of the Ground." Beachey was to race his plane against a racing car driven by the popular driver, Barney Oldfield. The manager made sure there was a high fence around the exhibition

grounds, forcing people to pay if they wanted to see the race. Beachey's plane was faster than Oldfield's car, but they took turns "winning," and crowds flocked to see their daily competitions. With the money he earned by racing, Beachey designed and built a new plane, the "Little Looper." He had his name painted in three-foot-high letters across the top wing. Soon he was flying multiple loops. Whenever he heard about another pilot setting a record for flying continuous loops, Beachey would promptly break it, flying as many as eighty loops in a row. Beachey and Oldfield toured the country, staging races everywhere they went. In Dayton, Ohio, home of the Wright Brothers, they performed to a crowd of 30,000.

After he first successfully completed a loop, he wrote a poignant reflection, saying, "The silent reaper of souls and I shook hands that day. Thousands of times we've engaged in a race among the clouds. Plunging headlong in to breathless flight, diving and circling with awful speed through ethereal space. And many times when the dazzling sunlight has blinded my eyes, and sudden darkness has numbed all my senses, I have imagined Him close at my heels. On such occasions I have defied him, but, in so doing have experienced fright which I cannot explain. Today, the old fellow and I are pals."

In 1914, he dive-bombed the White House and Congress in a mock attack, proving that the US government was woefully unprepared for the age that was upon it.

In 1915, he had a large wooden model made of the Battleship Oregon, and had it anchored a mile offshore of San Francisco just before the Panama-Pacific International Exposition. The Navy loaned him 100 sailors to man the fake vessel, which was loaded with explosives. Beachey flew his plane over the model, dipped, and dropped

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what looked like a smoking bomb. One explosion grew into fifty as Beachey swooped over the model dreadnought. The crew had already escaped aboard a tugboat, but 80,000 people onshore screamed and some fainted in the belief that Beachey had just blown up the Oregon.

It was at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition that Beachey made his last flight. Prior to the exposition, in 1914, he had ordered a Taube monoplane built with an 80 horsepower (60 kW) engine, powerful enough to carry out a maneuver Beachey had not yet presented to the public: inverted flight. He had tested it at low altitudes, and on March 14, 1915, he was ready for his first public flight. He took the plane up in front of a crowd of 50,000 (inside the Fairgrounds, another 200,000 on the hills), made a loop, and turned the plane onto its back. He may have been so intent on leveling the plane inverted he failed to notice he was only 2,000 feet (610 m) above San Francisco Bay. He pulled on the controls to pull the plane out of its inverted position, where it was slowly sinking. The strain caused both wings to shear off, and the fuselage plunged into the bay. Navy men jumped into action, but it took 1 hour and 45 minutes to recover Beachey's body. Even then, rescuers spent three hours trying to revive him. The autopsy found he had survived the crash and had died from drowning.

His funeral in San Francisco was said to be the largest in the city's history up until then. Vast crowds had followed his tours and it has been estimated 30 million people saw him in his career, 17 million in 1914 alone.

**ROY NEWELL FRANCIS  
(1886-1952)**

**Died in San Francisco, California, on  
October 10, 1952**



*Lieut. Roy N. Francis*

Captain Roy N. Francis, born 1886 in Santa Clara County to Octave Francis, is considered one of the "early birds" of American aviation. In 1911, he took off from Cow Flat near the Presidio of San Francisco, and made a successful flight in a biplane of his own design. On November 18, 1912, his twin-tractor plane made the first passenger flight over the San Francisco Bay carrying local theatre member Vivian O'Brian, taking off from Alameda and landing near Cliff House. Later he partnered with Charles Patterson in Patterson-Francis Aviation Company, San Francisco. They produced a two-engine tractor flying boat, which Francis flew in the 1913 Great Lakes Reliability

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Tour, and a Twin-Tractor plane designed by Francis.



**Early San Jose Aviator Roy N. Francis and his young passenger, Ernest Stockton**

Postmaster Chapman established a postal sub-station at the Aviation Meet McLeansboro IL. Aviator Roy N Francis flew from the meet about five miles to a point near the Post Office where he dropped the mail from the plane. The mail was then retrieved and taken to the post office. As an added attraction, James Irving made a parachute jump from Francis's plane landing among the meet onlookers.

The Patterson & Francis Aviation Company started as the Patterson Aeroplane Company based out of San Francisco, California.

In 1912 Chas H. Patterson built and tested his own aircraft based on a Nieuport Design. Later aircraft included twin tractor designs from his future partners, Roy Francis and Frank Bryant. Shortly afterward, production moved to 1410 Howard Street.

Patterson built Nieuport style aircraft and custom parts for early aviators such as Fritz Schiller and E.F. De Villa. The company also built aircraft to compete in

the Gordon Bennet Races Allan Haines Loughhead, co-founder of Lockheed, contracted Patterson for a float to be used on the first Loughhead aircraft, the ALCO Model G.



**Paterson Twin-Tractor Biplane, Roy Francis, aviator**



**Roy N. Francis taking off in his bi-plane.**

In 1913, the company produced a twin propeller flying boat that competed in the 1913 Great Lakes Reliability Trophy. Competing against Glenn L. Martin, Francis earned 6722 points flying a route around the Great Lakes. The aircraft developed mechanical difficulties around Pentwater,

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leaving Francis with a twelve hour train ride to get parts to continue.

The historical papers of the company are now held by the Burton Historical Collection of the Detroit Public Library.



**Prof. James Irving Jumps from Roy N. Francis' Aeroplane in Parachute (Roy N. Francis at right)**

## GREAT LAKES "RELIABILITY CRUISE", 1913

Not until 1913 was sufficient interest aroused in the United States to warrant a contest for water craft. Under the auspices of *Aero & Hydro*, a Great Lakes "Reliability Cruise" was organized for the week of July 8 – the course to follow the shoreline from Chicago to Detroit via the Straits of Mackinac. It was heralded as the biggest competitive aerial event of the year. Most of the pilots who had taken up the practice of flying over water were on the entry list – a total of fifteen names. John B. R. Verplanck, an affluent sportsman from the Hudson River Valley, and his seasoned pilot, Beckwith Havens, entered a Curtiss flying boat with a 90-hp Curtiss motor, as did Charles C. Witmer, Jack Vilas, G.M. Hecksher, and Navy Lieutenant John H. Towers, Antony Jannus, Hugh Robinson, and Tom Benoist entered Benoist flying boats, each with a Hall-Scott motor of 100

hp. Walter E. Johnson, who had worked as a mechanic for Glenn Curtiss, enlisted himself as the pilot of a Thomas brothers flying boat specially designed for the contest; with a 65-hp Kirkham motor, it was the first aircraft with an all-metal hull in the United States. Glenn Martin entered his tractor hydro with 90-hp Curtiss motor. Although labeled a "queer craft" by the Los Angeles *Examiner*, it had carried three passengers in California without trouble, and was headed for altitude records. Others on the original list were Max Lillie (the first to receive an "expert aviator's certificate" from the Aero Club of America), piloting a Walco monoplane flying boat with 70-hp Sturtevant motor; DeLloyd Thompson, flying a Walco biplane model with 50-hp Gnome; **Roy Francis**, with a Paterson tractor hydro powered by an 80-hp Hall-Scott; Weldon B. Cooke, with his Cooke flying boat fitted with 75-hp Roberts motor; and Frank Harriman, also with a flying boat and engine of his own make. When the day of the race dawned – one of the stormiest in years on Lake Michigan – the list had appreciably shortened. Only five flyers actually managed a start from the Chicago lakefront either that morning or the next – Johnson, Jannus, Havens, Martin, and **Francis** – and only one, Havens, reached the first control point at Michigan City. Johnson, vainly fighting the weather, put in at Robertsdale, Indiana, only a short distance out of Chicago, while lifeboats searched for him until word came of his safety. From Michigan City to the control points at Muskegon (45 miles) and Pentwater (81 miles) beyond, the pilots had difficulty with rough water, balky engines, and broken propellers – the last a common complaint caused by damage from spray. Such obstacles slowed progress and kept public interest at a minimum. Holes were knocked in floats, and wind and high seas continued to harass the contestants – till,

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on the seventh day, only the team of Havens and Verplanck could be said to have made a creditable showing. Alone on July 14, they flew the distance of 138 miles between Pentwater and Charlevoix, in 2 hours 25 minutes at an average speed of 780 m/hr. On July 15 the race ended in recriminations – a fiasco as far as "reliability" was concerned.

In view of the unexpectedly poor showing, the committee was reluctant to pay out prize money, while the prospect of flying without reward was not pleasing to the competitors. Verplanck and Havens finished in Detroit on July 18 and decided to prolong their Great Lakes excursion, giving exhibitions here and there. Martin announced that he, too, would exhibit independently, but **Francis** felt it was time to dismantle his machine and ship it home. All the others had given up. It was not a heartening experience for proponents of the hydroaeroplane in the United States – especially as the Schneider cup race at Monaco had just laid the foundation for record-breaking performances over water. Americans could, however, take satisfaction in the fact that Glenn Curtiss had given the world the first flying boat – the development of which was one of the leading features of aviation in the last year before World War I.

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## CELEBRATION FOR FOURTH PLANNED

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**Village Hopes to Make it**

## Gala Day For Children

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Plans are in the making for a big Fourth of July celebration in the village of Kingsford, it was announced today.

A community meeting will be called soon to those sponsoring the celebration and committees will be selected to take charge. The name of William Olin, of the Olin & Olin store, Breitung, is being mentioned for the general chairmanship.

The celebration will be a big affair, according to those who are taking the initiative in the event. The primary purpose will be to give children a gala day. Sports of all kinds will be arranged, in addition to a big parade which will be headed by a band.

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## FUNDS COLLECTED FOR 4TH PROGRAM

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### Seeking \$300 to Finance Village-Skidmore Celebration

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The finance committee of the joint Fourth of July celebration for the children of the village of Kingsford and the Skidmore addition last night at a meeting held at the Boyle & Jobe real estate office reported that \$210 had been collected for the affair.

Committee members were still soliciting today and it is expected that the \$300 sought will be obtained. Whether or not a band will be engaged for the event will be

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decided late this afternoon, depending upon the amount of money available.

The program, as arranged last night by a committee, will begin at 10:30 o'clock a.m. with an address. The speaker of the day has not yet been selected. At noon a lunch will be served by the ladies of the First Christian church.

## Sports Program.

At 1:30 o'clock, sports for the children will begin and prizes awarded the winners.

Following is the racing program:

50-yard dash for boys under 15.

50-yard dash for boys under 12.

50-yard dash for boys under eight.

50-yard dash for girls under 15.

50-yard dash for girls under 12.

50-yard dash for girls under eight.

Novelty show races for boys and girls under 15.

Potato races for boys and girls under 15.

Potato races for boys and girls under 12.

Following the races, baseball games will be played for cash prizes by selected teams from Kingsford, Skidmore, Garden Village and Ferndale.

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## NAME GROUPS TO SOLICIT FUNDS

Parade Planned as Feature of Celebration on Fourth

With a program of sports fairly well mapped out and committees appointed to solicit funds, plans which got off to a late start Thursday, bid fair to blossom into a full pledged [sic – full-fledged] municipal celebration on July 4.

A parade in which the children participating will be given flags, balloons and crackerjack, [sic] will probably prove to be the exciting feature of the day for the little folks.

Speeches, music, baseball, foot races and children's athletic events will all have a place in the day's activities.

The committees appointed to solicit funds to finance the celebration are:

A.C. Gronlund and E.J. DeGayner – Territory west of the C. & N.W. railroad tracks.

A.G. Buchmana and F.X. Buchannan – East of the C. & N.W. railroad tracks, between B and C streets.

R.C. Blanchette and Charles Palmer – Between A and B streets East.

Albert Levy and Charles Parent – Between Hughitt and A streets East.

Dan Goodman and Gilbert Fugere – Between Ludington and Hughitt streets East.

Walter Mette and Horace Mitchell – Between Brown and Ludington streets East.

James Mitchell and Louis Johnson – Between Flesheim and Brown streets.

A committee meeting will be held Monday evening beginning at 7:30, when it is expected that these committees will report at the Chamber of Commerce rooms with funds sufficient for a creditable entertainment program.

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## Many Events For Fourth In Kingsford

Amateur talent from Norway, Niagara, Felch, Loretto and various other communities in the district, in addition to the Kingsford-Iron Mountain area, is signed up for the contest, which, at 10 a.m., tomorrow, will be a principal feature of the Fourth of July celebration arranged by the Kingsford Retail Merchants association.

The program, opening with a bicycle parade at 9:30 a.m., will be held at the Ford Twins baseball park, east of Carpenter avenue. Following the amateur contest, at 11 a.m., the Rev. E.C. Beversdorf, pastor of the Mount Olive Lutheran church, will deliver the address of the day.

About \$140 worth of prizes will be awarded to winners of the talent contest in the morning and in the games and races starting at 1 p.m. There will be more than 14 events for boys and girls and judges have been selected.

### Booths On Midway

Several booths will be established along the midway, one for the redemption of tickets being given by the Kingsford merchants for some time past with cash purchases and payments on accounts.

Music during the day will be furnished by the Bert Carpenter senior and junior drum and bugle corps, the Kingsford high school band and the Dickinson county WPA band.

Committees for the day are: Clyde Neldberg, general chairman; entertainment – Kenneth Tipper, Victor Newberg, Harry Snyder and Frank C. Sweeney; finance – Andrew Whistler, Charles Lash and William

Taylor; music – Vital Payant; tickets – Tracy Wales, Clyde Neldberg and John Williams, Jr.; concessions – Frank Derrick, Clarence Peterson, William Poupore and Ted Marcellini.

The amateur talent show and all games and contests will be supervised by the Kingsford WPA recreation division.

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## Two Programs In Community Yesterday

Separate celebrations in Iron Mountain and Kingsford, in addition to the Goodman Wonder shows, special programs at the Braumart and Colonial theaters and other features, provided plenty of entertainment in the community for yesterday's Fourth of July observance.

The Iron Mountain program opened at about 9 a.m., with the parade which formed at the Lincoln school, on Carpenter avenue, and traversed the business district, disbanding at St. Paul park. A unique feature of the program at the park was an impressive talk by W.C. Blackwell, the "Abe Lincoln" of the Goodman shows, who has attracted considerable attention here during the week, garbed in the Lincoln manner.

Tall, slightly stooped, bearing a remarkable likeness to the Emancipator and dressed in the long back [sic - black] coat and top hat which characterize most of the Lincoln pictures, he has walked about the streets during the week.

Selecting a patriotic topic for his subject, his talk was warmly applauded.

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Other features of the program at the band stand included selections by the WPA band, directed by August Spera; high school senior band, directed by T. Ray Uhlinger; pledge to the flag, led by Bob Luke and repeated by the audience and distribution of favors for the children, after which the first free matinee at the Braumart was begun.

## **The Parade Lineup**

Mrs. A.E. Anderson, widow of the late Dr. A.E. Anderson, first mayor of Iron Mountain, occupied the first car in the parade.

In the lineup also were the massed colors of the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Boy Scouts. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bassett, the latter now 98 years old and the only surviving civil war veteran in the city, were in an automobile at the head of the procession, with Mrs. J.W. Burbank, Civil War widow. Sam Bassett will be 99 years old next September, and his wife 87 in December.

In addition there was the decorated bicycle section, floats, automobiles carrying pioneer residents of all nationalities and other features. Three, free matinees arranged by the Thomas Uren Legion post were held at the Braumart theater, starting at 11 a.m. There were games and contests on Stephenson avenue, starting at 2 p.m. The day's program was concluded with a fireworks display on the hill back of the Hulst school building, starting at 8:30 p.m., and in charge of city firemen.

Another parade feature yesterday was the "biscuit-eaters" section, arranged by the Colonial theater, in which a large number of dogs were pushed, hauled and coaxed along the route by their youthful owners. Prizes were given the best entries, and Colonial theater tickets to each boy and girl entering a dog.

Prizes for parade entries were awarded as follows:

Artistic floats – first, Stanley Flowers; second, Thomas Uren Legion post, and third, Wisconsin-Michigan Power company; commercial – first, Chippewa Lumber and Fuel company; second, Dickinson county health unit, and third, Frigo brothers, cheese-makers; comic – M.G.M. troupe, in charge of Elizabeth Grace Thomas, and the dog section, arranged by the Colonial theater.

George McGowan was Legion chairman of the celebration in the city. The committee will meet Monday night, to check reports.

Clyde Neldberg was general chairman for the Kingsford program yesterday.

## **Programf [*sic* –Program] in Kingsford**

The Rev. E.C. Beversdorf, pastor of the Mount Olive Lutheran church, sounded the keynote of all Independence Day celebrations when, as speaker at the Kingsford program yesterday, he said: "Patriotism is loyalty to a nation that protects you." It was, likewise, a timely theme.

The Kingsford program opened with a bicycle parade at 9:30 a.m., at the Ford Twins baseball park, east of Carpenter avenue. There was an amateur talent contest at 11 a.m., races during the afternoon and other events, all at the ball park. Awards were given the winners of the several contests.

Music during the day was furnished by the Bert Carpenter senior and junior drum and bugle corps, the Kingsford high school band and the Dickinson county WPA band. The amateur talent show and all games and contests were supervised by the Kingsford WPA recreation division, and the celebration program, generally, was arranged by committees of the Kingsford Retail Merchants association.

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The Rev. Beversdorf opened his talk, at 11 a.m., with references to the signing of the Declaration of Independence, "America was then a small nation," he said, "with less people, less wealth, less influence, less prestige than in our present time was enjoyed by Belgium and Denmark, before the German invasion."

## **Traced History**

The speaker traced the history of the Revolutionary war, from the colonists' first protest against oppressive taxes, to the signing of the Declaration. He outlined, briefly, the provisions of the Declaration, and showed how Americans still enjoy these manifold privileges.

"This nation, in exchange for liberties it gives us," the Rev. Beversdorf said, "asks only one thing of us – and that is loyalty. And loyalty is patriotism."

"You may not agree with me, at first thought," he went on, "but the greatest ally of the state is the church – the Christian...Furthermore, the foundation of any government is the home. If the home life and home foundations stand in a nation, the land will stand. No country is any stronger than its individual homes. And what organization in our midst teaches the sanctity of the home? It is the church!"

"So, when you pass the next Christian church, be it high, towering spire or a small chapel, remember that there is the nation's greatest ally. If the church can still influence its people – if it can still make the heart of a man or his knee bow to the Almighty God; if it can keep America humble and lowly, then America will be strong."

## **LABOR DAY**

## **COLUMBUS DAY**

*The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 30 [Thursday, October 17, 1889], page 5, column 3*

## **The Italian Jubilee.**

**About 200 Italians from Norway and Vulcan came up in a special train last Saturday to join the 100 or more Italians of this city in their celebration of the 397th anniversary of the discovery of land in the western hemisphere by Christopher Columbus.**

The Norway delegation was accompanied by Norway's excellent band, while the Iron Mountain band furnished music for the society in this city. The nondescript vessel bearing the name "Pinta of Spain," with its modern Columbus standing on the top of the pilot house and occasionally scanning the horizon with a spy glass for a glimpse of the promised land, was not a very good counterfeit of the staunch ship that bore Columbus and his crew across the Atlantic 397 years ago, but it at least answered the purpose. The Iron Mountain society wore a sailor uniform and the Norway society marched well and in fact made one of the best civic displays ever seen in this city. **In the evening a ball was given in Boudeau's hall.** The special train returned to Norway about one o'clock in the morning with its load of passengers. Everything passed off quietly and without the least disturbance, so far as we have heard. The Norway and Iron Mountain bands played some excellent selections during the day. We were particularly pleased with the selections played in front of Boudeau's hall in the afternoon, and both bands show that they are under the leadership of thorough and competent musicians.

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## FIRST OBSERVANCE

### MICHIGAN'S NEWEST HOLIDAY TO BE CELEBRATED HERE.

#### The Italian Societies of the County to parade, Followed by Ora- tions and Field Sports.

Arrangements are being made by the several Italian societies in the city for an appropriate commemoration of Columbus Day next Tuesday. Societies from Norway, Loretto and other range towns will join in the celebration. Some speakers from Calumet are expected to be present and two bands will furnish music. In the morning there is to be a grand street parade of the societies in uniform, headed by the Columbian band, followed by a float constructed from a large boat, which will carry a representation of Columbus and his crew when the discovery of America was made. After the parade there will be addresses by prominent speakers and music by the bands, followed by a general celebration of the day in a manner customary to the followers of the noted discoverer. The event is the annual gala day of all the Italian societies and will be observed by them in a fitting manner.

Following is the program as announced by the committee:

8 a.m. – Reunion of the societies at their halls.

8:30 a.m. – Reception of outside societies.

9 a.m. – Attending Mass at the Italian church [*Immaculate Conception Catholic Church*].

9:30 a.m. – Grand parade, marching through the principal streets of city, headed by the Italian Columbian and Castel band.

10:30 a.m. – Oration by City Attorney O'Hara, at No. 1 band-stand [*sic – bandstand*].

At termination of parade, speeches will be made by Attilio Castigliano, of Calumet, Ruffino Carocci, of this city, and others at No. 2 band stand [*sic – bandstand*].

2 p.m. – Sports will commence for cash prizes.

7 p.m. – Grand fire works [*sic – fireworks*] display.

9 p.m. – Grand ball.

Officers of the day: President, Carmine Gaudio; secretary, Giovanni Sogo; grand marshal of the day, W.O. Ferzacca.

The Press learns that the meeting which was to have been held in the city next Tuesday – Columbus day – for the purpose of organizing a federation of the Italian societies of the upper peninsula, has been postponed. The postponement was deemed advisable for the reason that Columbus day celebrations are to be held in nearly all the peninsula towns and this would have a tendency to decrease the attendance. According to Mr. Castigliana, of Calumet, one of the leaders in the movement, the federation contemplates paying a death benefit to its members which will amount to at least \$1,000. The federation will also endeavor to prevail upon the individual members of each society to become citizens of the United States, and will try to some extent to teach the English language. It is proposed to have the members work concertedly in state and national political matters.

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## Successful Observance.

Despite the weather conditions, necessitating the postponement of many features, the first observance of Columbus day in Iron Mountain can be recorded a success. Ankle-deep mud and slush had no terrors for the paraders and this portion of the program was not curtailed. The parade was an imposing one, there being several hundred uniformed men in line escorted by the two bands. The banquet and indoor meeting program was carried out. The speakers were: Hon. Angus QW. Kerr, Tetro Castilano and Rufino Carocci, of Calumet; Faust Zandoroni, of Chicago, and Rev. Lungo, John O'Hara and Guiseppe Bruno, of this city.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 18 [Thursday, September 22, 1910], page 1, column 1

## Columbus Day.

The several Italian societies have named committees to arrange for a notable celebration of Columbus Day – Wednesday, October 12th. The celebration will include a parade with three bands of music in line, athletic games, dances, etc.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 21 [Thursday, October 13, 1910], page 1, column 4

## Celebration a Success.

The second formal observance of the discovery of America by Columbus held

yesterday under the auspices of the united Italian societies of the city, [sic] was a most pronounced success. The parade in the morning was one of the largest and most brilliant ever seen on the range. There were nearly eight hundred men in line and many school children dressed in patriotic costumes. The several divisions were headed by the Castel, Columbian and City bands. The afternoon was devoted to amusements, etc. The several mines were closed; also the banks and city offices and the saloons. Circuit court remained in session and the business houses were open.

## HALLOWEEN

*The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 33 [Thursday, November 7, 1889], page 1, column 4

## Hallow'een.

The boys had to have their fun last Thursday evening and remind the people of this city by their pranks that it was Hallow'een. THE RANGE office was remembered. A cloth sign of the Brown County Fair, that had ornamented the end of Wright Bro's warehouse for a month past, was tacked across the front of our building. We find the sign useful for wiping our machinery, it saves cotton waste.

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## HALLOWE'EN IS COMING.

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## Night of Joy For the Young and Old Not Far Distant.

Hallowe'en[,] which is Sunday, Oct. 1st [sic – Oct. 31st], is rapidly drawing nigh and already small boys are laying plans for their annual depredations.

Of late years, however, the old-fashioned plan of plundering the town on Hallowe'en night has been discouraged by the police and adults in general and this year will be no exceptions [sic – exception].

The celebrants will be notified that if they get too boisterous and damage the property of other people, they will be gathered in and punished for their misdemeanor by the minions of the law.

Harmless amusements and demonstrations abroad that night will, of course, be permitted and pedestrians must expect to be showered with pellets from bean shooters and the windows of their places of business nicely soaped up on the following morning.

The social side of the occasion have [sic – has] its participants, too, and in this the girls will have an active part. Many functions are being planned and the good old apple-diving contests will be prominent among the features.

A notable feature in a social way will be the Hallowe'en party given by the Golf club at the club-house [sic – clubhouse] next Saturday evening.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 24 [Thursday, November 3, 1910], page 6, columns 5-6

## SAGOLA NEWS GOSSIP.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Flanagan gave a Hallowe'en party at the K.O.T.M.M. Hall last

Friday night. Seventy-five invitations were issued to Iron Mountain friends who came up in a special coach, arriving at 6:30 p.m. and returning at 1 a.m., Saturday morning. Upon the arrival of the guests, dinner was served in the annex to the hall. The dining-room [sic – dining room] and hall were decorated with pumpkin jack o'lanterns, made from yellow tissue paper, cats, bats and evergreens, producing a very pleasing effect. In one end of the hall a tent was arranged for a witch who told fortunes for the guests. After the fortune-telling [sic – fortune telling], the guests, all masked with yellow faces, joined in the grand march, which was followed by dancing. During the evening, a delicious punch was served and before the guests departed a light luncheon was furnished and unique favors given. Altogether a very pleasant time was enjoyed.

## THANKSGIVING

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### Thanksgiving for the Poor.

The **Ladies' Benevolent Society**, of which Miss **Anna Cady** is president, desire [sic – desires] that every poor family in the city shall have a good **Thanksgiving dinner**. Charitably disposed persons who wish to contribute toward this praiseworthy object can send their contributions to the Cady residence, and they will be used where they are most needed.

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## THANKSGIVING FESTIVITIES.

The members of the First M.E. church will give an entertainment and supper at their church on Thanksgiving evening, and all those who attend are assured of a good time.

The Trade Carvinal at Rundle's hall to-night [*sic* – *tonight*] will be one of the greatest novelties of the season. Do not miss it.

A social dance will be given Friday evening, under the auspices of the Iron Mountain Base Ball club. Good music will be in attendance and a first class time is guaranteed to all who attend.

*The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 36 [Thursday, November 28, 1889], page 4, column 3

## LOCAL.

THE **Chapin mine** will give away **800 turkeys** this **thanksgiving** [*sic* – *Thanksgiving*].

*The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 36 [Thursday, November 28, 1889], page 5, column 3

## Communication.

Through your columns, the **Ladies Benevolent Society**, would like to return thanks, to all, who contributed toward their efforts to make a **feast day of Thanksgiving in all our homes**. We are glad to state that you helped us to add groceries and vegetables to our turkeys, and many a happy smiling face closed the door on our retreating footsteps. This

society was formed about two months ago, its object being to relieve any worthy unfortunate ones, whether helpless from sickness, or any other cause; and especially to aid any discouraged heart, in finding employment, gaining the best way to make rough places smooth by their own individual efforts.

We often meet the remark, "there are none such here;" [*sic*] and yet some know by their own experience, that they have been preventing hunger entering the door of families ever since their residence in Iron Mountain. We feel we have already accomplished much good, and have hope for a brighter and more useful future. The aim of the society is to be supported by voluntary contributions, thus avoiding the unpleasant duty of begging, and we would gladly receive all the mites, that are being withheld for solicitation.

We have given one pupil the advantages of **Mrs. Chamberlain's school**, and would like to secure its benefits for others. If there is anyone, or several who would like to join together and have an interest in educating some child who would appreciate the offering, if you will send the amount naming this purpose, it will be gratefully received, and used for any particular scholar you may know as especially deserving. Tuition one dollar per week, clothing of all kinds, and delicacies for the sick are much needed. We would like to have deserving cases reported any time.

We feel sure of your sympathy and support when you become familiar with our work. All ladies in any of the churches are invited to join our number. Next Wednesday p.m., there will be a meeting at **Mrs. Whitney's**.

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1904], page 1, column 4

## Thanksgiving Birds.

As has been customary for many years, the mining companies of Iron Mountain will this morning present all married men (and heads of families) in their employe [*sic – employ*] with Thanksgiving turkeys. At the Chapin mine it will require over six hundred birds to “go round” and at the Pewabic about four hundred. This is the only mining center in the Lake Superior region where this practice prevails. “Long may it wave.”

## CHRISTMAS

*Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 28 [Thursday, December 1, 1904], page 5, column 2*

## HOLMES' LANDING ITEMS.

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Mr. White, of St. Louis, Mo., is at present engaged in cutting Christmas trees for shipment to that city.

*Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 31 [Thursday, December 22, 1904], page 11, column 2*

## CHIPS FROM CHANNING.

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It is rumored that there will be a Christmas tree at the Eating House next Saturday evening. It is to be gorgeously decorated and trimmed and will be loaded with presents and good things for the train dispatchers and the rest of the kids.

*Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 32 [Thursday, December 29, 1904], page 5, column 2*

## CHIPS FROM CHANNING.

Christmas was observed in a royal manner at the Eating House. A Christmas tree was placed in one end of the diningroom and was bountifully loaded with presents for the guests and members of the household, some [*sic – household. Some*] very suggestive presents were received by some of the guests. John T. Dinwoodie, who was lost in the woods during the hunting season, received a compass charm for his watch chain. Engineer Roy Mead, a miniature engine, No. 487, the same number as the engine he has used the past season hauling ore. Roadmaster John Dunn, a swell suit case [*sic – suitcase*]. Mrs. White, the landlady, an elegant rocker and Dispatcher W.C. Zimmermann, the luckiest man in the bunch, got a whole trunk full of presents. The Christmas dinner was elaborate and a credit to the hostess. The menu consisted of oysters, chicken soup, turkey with cranberry sauce, roast mountain sheep smothered with onions, roast pork, with brown potatoes, a great variety of vegetables, mince and cherry pie and all the other little delicacies that an expert pastry cook can invent. The guests did justice to the dinner and were loud in their praises for the hostess who provided such a bountiful repast for the benefit of the poor wayfarers who could not go home for their Christmas dinners.

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## Christmas Trees.

During the past few weeks fully twenty carloads of Christmas trees have been shipped from points along the St. Paul road between Iron Mountain and Republic. It is estimated that the shipment contained not less than 70,000 trees. The heaviest shippers were Frank Cleveland, of this city, who shipped about ten carloads, and a Green Bay firm. The trees were shipped east to Toledo and Columbus, west to Omaha and Tokepa and south to St. Louis.

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## SAGOLA NEWS GOSSIP

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Mrs. Edward Ryan entertained seventy little folks at the K.O.T.M.M. Hall Christmas eve. The hall was beautifully decorated with pictures of Santa Claus, wreaths of holly and Christmas trees. A contest was arranged for both the girls and boys. The girls were to find a wire ring hidden in a wreath of holly. The prize for the finder was a bottle of perfume in a miniature sleigh drawn by Santa Claus and was won by Margaret Kramer. The boys' contest consisted in finding bags of nuts, which were hidden in the branches of the trees, the one finding the largest number to get a prize of a nice story book. This was won by Leslie Carey. Later, Miss Agnes Kramer played the piano while the little ones danced. A delicious lunch consisting of sandwiches, lemonade, ice cream and cake was served by Mrs. Ryan, assisted by Misses Gertrude Kramer and Julia

Yuhasse. After lunch Santa Claus appeared and, although he was very tired from his long journey, distributed favors, consisting of many colored tinsel cornucopias to each little guests [*sic – guest*]. Santa even came back a second time to wish the little ones a Merry Christmas. During the evening Mr. Ryan called at the hall and was given a cordial welcome by the little folk, who loudly insisted upon a speech. Mr. R. said that speech-making was usually his long suit, but as he had recently contracted a severe cold he begged to be excused this time, but wished the little ones a Merry Christmas and many more of them. The little guests have a very warm spot in their hearts for Mrs. Ryan, inspired by the royal manner in which she entertains them each year at Christmas-tide, and they will bear this kindly feeling toward her after they attain their manhood and womanhood, a memory of the happy days gone by.

## CENTENNIAL OF THE INAUGURATON OF GEORGE WASHINGTON – 1889

*The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 6 [Thursday, May 2, 1889], page 5, column 3

## THE CENTENNIAL

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**No Great Celebration but a Quiet  
Display of Patriotic Reverence for  
the Father of his Country.**

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The centennial of the inauguration of President Washington following so

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closely upon Good Friday, which was made a general holiday in this city, was not so generally observed as it otherwise would have been. **The national colors were flying from nearly all the flag staffs in the city all day long, and the store fronts of our prominent merchants were appropriately draped and ornamented with bunting and national emblems. The city hall was draped with bunting on the north and east side.** The day was unfavorable for a general parade, as a cold, disagreeable wind prevailed all day, but the **fire department** turned out at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon, and headed by the **Iron Mountain city band**, proceeded down Stephenson avenue to B street, thence west to Carpenter avenue, then north to Hughitt street and east to Carpenter avenue, whence they turned north again, and apparently headed for the Chapin location. Reaching Brown street, however, **Fire Marshal Sweet** ordered the column to halt, the engineers to get up steam and the companies to prepare to put out a brush fire that was rapidly spreading at the west end of Brown street and threatening some of the residences in that vicinity. **Engine No. 2 was placed at the top of the hill and No. 1 at the creek near Hastings & Hancock's butcher shop. The latter engine pumped water into the former, and No. 2 sent it rushing through its long line of hose to do its work in drowning out the fire.** In this way water was pumped for a distance of over half a mile, two thirds of the distance up a steep hill, and even at this long distance from its source a stream of water was poured upon the burning debris that plowed up the ground, knocked over stumps, and scattered the brush in all directions. **The fire had started near the fence along the west boundary of G. Kloeckner's property.** The fence had been torn down to save it from burning. There was another

large pile of brush a little further away, that it was thought advisable to burn while the fire companies were there to keep it within bounds, so it was fired, and in a few minutes was reduced to ashes.

## CIRCUS PERFORMANCES

*The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 10 [Thursday, May 30, 1889], page 1, column 2

### THE CITY.

FOREPAUGH's circus, with its 42 cars and all the greatest wonders of the age, is booked for appearance in this city on the 17th of July.

*The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 11 [Thursday, June 6, 1889], page 1, column 4

### Coming Attractions.

Next Thursday evening the popular actor, Newton Beers, who has already appeared before an Iron Mountain audience, will be at Rundle's opera house.

The attraction of the season for our Swedish citizens will be the Swedish octette [*sic – octet*] which will appear in Rundle's opera house July 2. This will probably be one of the finest entertainments ever given in this city, and will be enjoyed by our English and American born citizens as well [*as*] by the fair haired sons and daughters of the land of the midnight sun.

King & Franklin's colossal shows and wild west, [*sic*] will hold forth in this city in a canvas tent Friday, June 21. Their advertisement appears elsewhere.

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Forepaugh's "best show on earth" will spread its tents in this city July 17.

Bristol's horse show will exhibit in Rundle's opera house the 17th and 18th of this month.

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## Personal and Social.

King & Franklin's circus is dated for this city on June 21.

*The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 14 [Thursday, June 27, 1889], page 1, column 2

KING & FRANKLIN'S circus drew fair audiences last Friday, and for a small affair – a 25 cent show – it gave general satisfaction. The little one for a cent, that has been holding forth in a small tent opposite the M. & N. depot the past two nights, we don't hear much about. Guess nobody went to see that.

*The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 17 [Thursday, July 18, 1889], page 1, column 2

CONSIDERING the damage done by the heavy wagons of a circus like Forepaugh's to the streets and crossings of our city, the amount they pay for license is certainly none too much. We doubt if \$25 will repair the damage done by the Forepaugh circus.

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## THE CITY.

FOREPAUGH'S circus advertised extensively that Dr. Carver would be one of its attractions. We didn't see him here, however, probably for the reason that our eyesight couldn't reach to Paris, where Dr. Carver has been performing with Buffalo Bill for a good many months past. We saw Dr. Carver on Forepaugh's posters, however, all right, and his picture looked very much weirdly western. Probably that was enough for the multitude.

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## THE CITY.

ONE of the heaviest wagons of the Forepaugh circus, with 24 horses attached, was ditched near Contarini's saloon yesterday forenoon. In order to make the turn at the corner of Hughitt street and Carpenter avenue the teamsters got off the road bed, and the wagon was mired, the front wheels jerked from under it, and the horses made a break for liberty. They were finally controlled after some lively work, but the residents of that vicinity were treated to a little excitement that was not looked for.

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## Forepaugh's Circus.

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The city yesterday had quite a holiday appearance, with the crowds who came from surrounding towns, and our own people, who turned out to see the “greatest show on earth” (?) Whatever Forepaugh’s circus may have been, it is now only great in pretensions. It makes quite a show in its street parade, but the performance presents very few features of interest. There were some fair acrobatic feats performed, the trapeze pony did jump from one swinging trapize [*sic – trapeze*] to another, which being new is worthy of note, and a pony was carefully led forth and back on a plant some ten feet above a strong net spread to catch him if he should fall. The wild west part of the performance was a novelty and therefore interesting; but the ring performance was decidedly commonplace. We expected more from Forepaugh – perhaps expected more than we should – but certainly have seen better in circuses of much less pretensions. We will, however, give the men with whom we had business dealings credit for being a gentlemanly lot of fellows, and we should like to give their show a better “send off.”

*The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 17 [Thursday, July 18, 1889], page 1, column 5

## Circus Day Happenings.

There are always some foolishly reckless persons who carry an unnecessary amount of money about them when attending a circus or mixing up in any other large assembly of people where thieves, swindlers and pickpockets are sure to be. One lady we hear of who displayed two \$20 bills at the Forepaugh ticket wagon, and the ticket seller asked her to exchange them for small bills. This she consented to do and

passed over \$40 in two \$20 bills, and the fly ticket seller picked up a bunch of small bills, dexterously counted both ends of the bills and handed the lady \$20, which she confidingly put in her pocket. She discovered the swindle after she got into the tent, and finding that the ticket seller never corrected mistakes after a person had left the wagon, had a warrant sworn out, and fortunately recovered the money from Forepaugh himself.

Sam. Merritt somehow managed to get a \$1 bill instead of a \$5, which he should have had, and when we last heard of him he was looking for the ticket seller and proposed to take the other \$4 out of his hide. We did not hear that he found him.

The most base faced swindling schemes were permitted to run and rob the unwary in the side shows of Forepaugh’s circus, and many a dollar was raked in from the gullible ones who always think they are sharper than the man who runs the game.

Chas. Sutton, a circus employe [*sic – employee*], insulted A.E. Robbins, using profane and abusive language, and Justice Bergeron fined him \$5.00 and costs, and Forepaugh discharged him.

City Marshal Catlin made several trips through the side show tents, but the fellows who were running their snap games always got the tip and skipped just, [*sic*] before he entered. The shell game was worked industriously, and even a lady was seen to stake \$10 on her ability to tell under which shell the seed was. We haven’t any sympathy for people who are foolish enough to lose their money in any such manner[.] Any one [*sic – Anyone*] who knows no better than to think these rogues [*sic – rouges*] take any chances of losing their money at their own game deserve to be swindled.

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## Remarkable Canine Intelligence.

A “Prof. Williams,” proprietor of a small circus, was in this city several weeks ago, and Bill Webb swapped a white bull dog for one of the professor’s Irish setters. Williams took the bull dog along with him as far as Minneapolis, when the animal disappeared. The surprising sequel of this is that last Monday this same bull dog, apparantly [*sic – apparently*] half starved, jumped off a freight train when it pulled into the depot a this city, and commenced hunting for his old master. He found him some hours later at Jim Moriarity’s, and there was no room to doubt the genuineness of his joy when he greeted him. This intelligent dog had beat his way back from Minneapolis to this city to find his old master, and the wonder is, how could he find his way? Well, the dog is here, any way [*sic – anyway*], and Webb is a dog ahead.

*The Daily Tribune*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole No. 593 [Thursday, June 9, 1898], page 3, column 2

## CITY NEWS ITEMS.

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You do not have to go to a large circus to see a good performance. Skerbeck & Co’s show does not carry on so many people as the Forepaugh-Sells combination, but their performers, while fewer in number, are the equals of any in the larger shows. Sherback’s show will be in this city June 14.

*The Daily Tribune*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole No. 593 [Thursday, June 9, 1898], page 3, column 4

## Skerbeck’s Circus Coming.

Next Tuesday Skerbeck & Co’s circus will show in Iron Mountain. Since its appearance in this city last season it has been enlarged and strengthened and may not be said to be the largest and best 25 cent show under canvass. Every performer is the best to be obtained and every act is perfection in its line. The show will be here Tuesday, the 14th, and the prices will be 15 and 25 cents.

*The Daily Tribune*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole No. 597 [Tuesday, June 14, 1898], page 3, column 5

## ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

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A cheap circus is giving some kind of a show in the east part of town. The “show” arrived in a freight car early this morning. The animals consist of three horses.

*The Daily Tribune*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Third Year, Whole No. 620 [Monday, July 11, 1898], page 3, column 4

## THE CIRCUS.

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### Holloway Brothers’ Show Arrives and Will Stay Two Days.

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Holloway Brothers’ circus arrived in town last night from Quinnesec and have

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pitched their tents on the vacant property corner of Stephenson avenue and C street. The show is quite a formidable one and has a number of horses and other animals. It is recommended by the press of the towns in which it has visited as a good circus. As the prices charged are popular it will no doubt be visited by a large crowd. It is here today and tomorrow and will give two performances each day.

*The Daily Tribune*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Third Year, Whole No. 621 [Tuesday, July 12, 1898], page 3, column 3

## THE CIRCUS.

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### Holloway Brothers Gave a Good Show Yesterday.

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The circus attracted the usual crowd yesterday and will give another performance this afternoon and tonight. The contortionist acts of Ben Tanner, Ed. Holloway and Geo. Alberts, the Frog, were the best ever seen in this city. The tent is pitched on the vacant lot corner of Stephenson avenue and C street, across from the Court House. Popular prices prevail.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 4, Number 8 [Thursday, July 13, 1899], page 1, columns 4-5

### About the Big Ringling Show.

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The announcement that Ringling Brothers' circus will exhibit in Iron Mountain on Friday, August 4th, will be gratifying

news to all who have seen this great show or familiarized themselves with its claims to unrivaled fame. Some idea of the size and scope of the exhibition can be gained from the fact that five trains of double length railroad cars are required to transport from city to city, while the performances are given in three rings, upon two stages, in mid-air and upon an immense hippodrome racing track, under an enormous canvas pavilion so vast that all other circuses in America could be gathered, without crowding under its colossal dome. The menagerie is the most complete zoological collection in America, the hippodrome is an actual reproduction of the exciting contests of old Rome, and the arenic [*sic – in the arena*] performance is so vastly superior to anything ever before seen in this country as to create a distinct departure in this form of popular entertainment. The acrobats, gymnasts, aerialists, riders and other specialists number three hundred of the highest-salaried European and American artists, including the great Fisher family of mid-air evolutionists; the seven DeComas, world-famous aerialists and acrobats; Joseph LaFleur, the lofty somersault diver; Mile Turnour, the personification of grace, beauty and cleverness of the swinging trapeze; Alvo, Boise and Pickard, absolute masters of the aerial bars, Mike Rooney, Edward Shipp, Lizzie Rooney, Julia Lowande, Elena Ryland, Olga Reed, Albert Cran- [*sic*] and a long list of other horsemen and horsewomen, together with many other feature-performers now presented for the first time in the United States. Especial attention has been given this season to trained animal displays. Rockhart's elephant comedians compose the most novel dramatic company in the world. These huge pachyderms actually presents [*sic – present*] plays and farces with an intelligence and clever appreciation of the power of expression by means of

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pantomime such as no human actors could surpass. Souder's elephant brass band is the most sensational brained animal feature ever seen in America. O'Brien's sixty-one horse act, the most remarkable instance of trained equine intelligence on record, has created a furore [*sic – furor*], while the new patriotic introductory spectacle, "The Last Days of the Century" is declared by the leading newspapers of the country to be the most gorgeously magnificent display of the kind ever attempted. Circus day will open with a beautiful street display, in which will be exhibited free upon the streets the longest, richest, most resplendent parade ever organized – a display which even the Caesars, in the last of Rome's greatest splendor and spectacular extravagance, could not have equalled [*sic – equaled*].

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 4, Number 9 [Thursday, July 20, 1899], page 8, columns 1-5

## **FIVE-COLUMN RINGLING BROTHERS ADVERTISEMENT**

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 4, Number 12 [Thursday, August 10, 1899], page 5, column 5

## **BRIEF CITY NEWSITES.**

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While on the way to Iron Mountain last Thursday night, one of the Ringling circus trains ran over and killed John Jacobson, of Bessemer.

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It is estimated that over fifteen [*sic – fifteen*] thousand people attended the Ringling Bros.' show here last Friday afternoon and evening. It is known that

there were over eleven thousand paid admissions at the afternoon performance and four thousand is a conservative estimate of the attendance in the evening. Accepting these figures as correct, it is safe to say that the brothers were winners to the extent of nearly \$10,000 by their visit to Iron Mountain. It was a good show, however, and we are glad that they visited our city.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 9 [Thursday, July 19, 1900], page 8, column 3

## **BRIEF CITY NEWSITES.**

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The Ringling show yesterday attracted nearly 5,000 visitors to the city.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 17, Number 7 [Thursday, July 4, 1912], page 1, column 2

## **Are Not Interested.**

Harry Scott, the press representative of the Ringling shows, says the brothers are not the owners of a half interest in the Buffalo Bill shows, as is the general impression. Mr. Scott states that, at the time the Ringlings purchased the Barnum shows, it was necessary to include in the deal the Bailey interest in the Buffalo Bill shows, but this interest was sold the following year. The Ringlings, however, own the Forepaugh-Sells shows.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 17, Number 9 [Thursday, July 18, 1912], page 4, column 2

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## BUFFALO BILL IS STILL SHOW HERO

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### “Wild West and Far East” Has Many New Acts of High Standard.

That the American populace is as unwilling to part with Buffalo Bill as the famous Indian fighter is reluctant to leave the show life was evidenced by the large crowds which greeted both performances of Buffalo Bill's Wild West and Pawnee Bill's Far East here yesterday afternoon and evening. The entertainment has lost none of its popular features and is the same success which has traversed the world for years. Col. Cody, his long locks now almost pure white, was enthusiastically received on each appearance. Despite his advanced age he is as active as every and repeats his stunt of shooting at the glass balls while riding around the arena with his old-time accuracy.

The introduction is a beautiful spectacle, the brilliant war paint and costumes of the Indians mingling with the varied colors of the far easterners, while the star and stripes stand out above us all. A similar scene is the drill on horseback of nearly all the riders taking up the whole arena.

The military stunts including the artillery *[sic – artillery]* and cavalry drills and the Zouaves *[sic – Zuoves]* in their intricate evolutions are still fine features. The Cossacks come in for their part with their daring riding. The cow boys *[sic – cowboys]* appear in various diversions including riding of bucking bronchos *[sic – broncos]* and remarkable lassoing. The Indians show their primitive modes of living and give their war dance, and they engage in warfare with the whites. Frontier life among the American pioneers of the early days with their big prairie schooner is

shown. The push ball game between the Indians and cowboys on horseback is as exciting as ever while the battered stage coach which has been held up twice daily for many years comes in for its usual experience.

The Far Eastern section is a worthy entertainment in itself. The Hindus and South Africans are seen in their native diversions *[sic – diversions]* including their dance to the noise of tom-toms. The troupe of nine easterners of which one of the number holds up the other eight is still on the program. The Japanese do juggling stunts of unusual class, and the human top who whirls for many minutes are prominent features. The show claims the best trained elephant in the world and if there is another in existence which is more intelligent it must be able to talk. A horse, pony and dog are included in this troupe and they are remarkably well trained. A group of Russian dancers possess unusual ability in the the *[sic]* terpsichorean art.

Altogether the entertainment is very high class and it is hoped that these shows will be able to visit the city again with the venerable Buffalo Bill still at their head. –  
Saginaw Courier-Herald.

*Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 17, Number 12 [Thursday, August 8, 1912], page 1, column 3 [LARGE ADVERTISEMENT, page 4, columns 4-6; will perform Monday, August 12, 1912]*

## HIS FAREWELL TOUR.

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### Buffalo Bill Will Retire to Ranch at Close of Present Season.

Time is not far off when the cowboy must go to training school to learn the art of

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shooting and horsemanship. The last vestige of those wild frontier days out west is centred [*sic – centered*] in Buffalo Bill, the nation's ideal American. The romantic west is but a memory; everywhere scattered are the monuments of civilization; the milestones of commercial progress have staked off that vast arid tract where history tell [*sic – tells*] that once nothing grew but the wilderness and Indians. Both have succumbed to the inevitable; but little remains to us except history.

Buffalo Bill, the greatest of scouts, the last of them all, is the final chapter in that history. Historians have told us of the earlier days. Cooper, in his *Leather Stocking Tales*, has thrilled the youthful breast, mostly with heroic unrealities. To-day [*sic – Today*] we have the last of the Argonauts, and for to-day [*sic – today*] only for Col. Cody's appearance in this city within the next few days will positively be the last time he will appear in the saddle. In every country Buffalo Bill is the popular hero; in him is exemplified the type of manhood that did things when duty called, and all the world loves the man that's a man.

For thirty years Buffalo Bill has gathered about him the most exceptional talent of its kind in the Wild West; his entertainment has always been one of thrilling interest – of course the main interest centering in himself. The public and press year after year have lavished unstinted praise on his endeavors and each year proclaimed the exhibition better than the last.

Buffalo Bill will be in the saddle at every performance. He will be there to welcome and wave a salute and bid you a last farewell on horseback.

*Iron Mountain News*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, \_\_\_\_\_ Year, Number \_\_\_\_\_ [Friday, July 14, 1922], page 3, column 3

## CHRISTY'S CIRCUS HERE TOMORROW

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**Special Will Arrive At  
Dawn Over Milwaukee  
Road**

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Tomorrow's show day. The long gaudily painted special train will arrive at dawn at the C.M. & St. P. railroad yards, and the working army of Christy Brothers' Four-Ring Wild Animal Exposition will begin unloading the wonders of the big top and all the smaller tops.

The wagons will be taken to the lot at South Carpenter avenue. Elephants, camels, bison, dromedaries, sacred oxen, zebras and other "led" animals will lumber, waddle, pad and walk in their wake, and the clatter of six and eight-horse teams will resound in the streets.

And, after the great tents are raised and the circus people, horses and animals have been fed, groomed and garbed for parade, the mile long procession will head toward the heart of the business district. It will leave the show lot at 11 a.m. promptly, and much of novelty is promised, together with a world of color, gorgeous tableaux wagons, floats, four bands, two calliopes, and all cages and dens open to view.

The performances, which open with stirring pageantry, start at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Hundreds of arenic artists, clowns and trained wild beasts will perform thrillers in the four rings, the air and the steel arenas, all will be the best there is to be seen in the land, it is claimed, from the big elephant act to the last monkey races.

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1922], page 2, column 1

## HUNDREDS SEE CIRCUS PARADE

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### Christy's Wild Animal Show Arrived Here At Dawn

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Christy Bros. wild animal show arrived in the city at dawn this morning and shortly after the big circus train was unloaded and the "big top" was going up on the lot on South Carpenter avenue. At noon the first real indication in the uptown district that the circus was here, [sic] was the parade, witnessed by hundreds of people who lined the sidewalks.

Music for the parade was furnished by four bands and a calliope, operated by a keyboard master who produced some lively tunes from the lungs of the whistles.

Dozens of tiny ponies drew the circus tableaux wagons. Included in the parade were elephants, camels, strange looking oxen, a tandem of zebras and other animals.

At 2 p.m. the big show opened with a concert of 45 minutes by Professor E. James' band of 20 pieces. Then came the performance, the acts following each other with such rapidity that it was hard to watch the action in the four rings at once. The aerial performers went through their usual daring stunts and the tension they introduced was relieved by the funny antics of the clowns.

From out of the noise and jangle of it all, came the voices of the peanut and popcorn vendors, who did a brisk business.

## CONTESTS

## PARADES

## PICNICS

*The Daily Tribune*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Third Year, Whole No. 629 [Thursday, July 21, 1898], page 3, column 2

## CITY NEWS ITEMS.

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We were in error in stating yesterday that the M.E. Church would hold a pic-nic at Shady Island Wednesday. It is the Presbyterian Church. The grown people are invited as well as children.

*The Daily Tribune*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Third Year, Whole No. 632 [Monday, July 25, 1898], page 3, column 2

## CITY NEWS ITEMS.

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The Presbyterian church and Sunday School will give a pic-nic to Shady Island Wednesday, to which all are invited. The charge for the round trip will be five cents for children over seven, and ten cents for adults, children under seven transported free, if with parents. Ice cream, etc., will be sold on the grounds. Lemonade will be free. Come and bring your lunch and have a merry time with the children. Carriages

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will leave the church at eight and again at nine o'clock, a.m.

*Iron Mountain News*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, \_\_\_\_\_  
Year, Number \_\_\_\_\_ [Saturday, July 15, 1922], page 2, column 2

## **Twin Falls Picnic.**

The young people of Twin Falls enjoyed a marshmallow and "wienie" roast Thursday evening at the camping grounds at Twin Falls. Games were played until dark when the fire was built for the roast. Those who attended the picnic were the Misses Margaret and Glyde Langsford, Teckla Lagerstedt, Jennie Hicks, Carmella Fiorucci, Josephine Monchak, Ida Ellen, Olga and Hulda Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Collins, Jack and Joseph Langsford, Oscar and Eric Lagerstedt, Jack, Eric and Charles Johnson, Albert and Arthur Erickson, Carl Lindstrom, Ed Johnson, Ed Strelick, Albert Patrick and Louis, Jack and Robert Fiorucci.