

DICKINSON COUNTY HISTORY -- SAGOLA TOWNSHIP -- CHANNING NEWS COLUMNS

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BRIEF CITY NEWSITES.

A large transfer shed, 350 feet long by 25 feet wide, is being built at Channing, by the St. Paul company. All freight on the St. Paul road is transferred at Iron Mountain, and it is said that it is the intention of the company to remove the transfer station from this city to Channing, as soon as the shed is completed.

NOTE: Beginning in 1904 the Iron Mountain Press began running columns from the various settlements in and around Dickinson County, Michigan. There is a great amount of detailed information contained in these columns on smaller settlements which is of great interest to historians and genealogists.

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CHANNING NEWS NOTES.

There will be a **building boom** of quite large proportions at **Channing** this season. The work has been commenced already with the remodeling [*sic – remodeling*] and enlarging of the **Hotel Richards**, and other buildings in the near neighborhood. At the Hotel Richards, an

addition is being put on the back, and another story will be added to the building by putting in dormer windows in the upper portion of the building now not utilized. **Patrick Flannigan** [*sic – Flanagan*], the well-known lumberman of **Sagola**, is the owner of considerable other property in Channing and is making extensive improvements. A conductor on the St. Paul has plans out for a new store building and a residence. In all, it is stated that about twelve buildings will be erected inside of the next few months which will greatly add to the place. Considerable work will also be done on the streets and sidewalks this season, which will greatly improve the appearance of the village.

About noon Monday fire from brush caught in a detached wood-shed of **N. LaCourt**, and only the efforts of the “**Volunteer**” **Fire Brigade** saved Mr. LaCourt’s residence from destruction.

Fred Bennett, the day operator here, has returned from a brief vacation.

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New School-House.

In **Sagola township**, on Monday last, at the annual school election, it was voted to erect a **new two-room school-house** at Channing. The estimated cost of the building is \$3,000. The contract will be let at once.

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CHIPS FROM CHANNING.

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Monday was **pay day** for the railroad boys.

Dan Wall, of **Crystal Falls**, representing the **New York Life Insurance company**, was in town Monday.

Channing is to have a new, up to date **school-house** with all modern conveniences. It will be heated by furnace.

John R. Hayes, transfer clerk for the **railroad company**, has completed his cottage and moved his family from **Florence**. They arrived Tuesday.

Channing does not claim any notoriety as a **farming country**, yet there are two or three farms that are started in a small way in this vicinity. **Robert Nowack** has 240 acres of land one mile from Channing, with thirty-eight acres under cultivation. He has one acre in wheat, eight acres in oats and fifteen acres in hay, from which he expects to get thirty tons, eight acres in potatoes, which will probably yield 1,500 bushels, and the balance in peas and garden truck. **W.J. Boll** has forty acres two miles from Channing and last year he cleared five acres, which he has planted mostly to potatoes. **B. Cuculi** has 120 acres of land one mile and a half from Channing. He has twenty-five acres cleared, ten acres of hay, which will yield him twenty tons, three acres of potatoes, from which he expects from eight hundred to one thousand bushels, five acres of oats, two acres of wheat, one acre of field peas and balance in garden truck. The soil in the vicinity of Channing is good and yields good crops, and there are a great many nice locations for farms which have not yet been taken.

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B. Cuculi and **S.J. Rogers** spent several days at **Marinette** in the past week.

Mrs. W.B. Kane returned last Friday from a visit with friends at **Green Bay**.

Mrs. Geo. Mogan is gone to **Green Bay** to undergo an **operation for appendicitis** [*sic* – *appendicitis*].

Ader & Gray have a crew of twenty wood-choppers at **Sawyer Lake**, four miles north of **Channing**. They are shipping about three cars of wood per day.

A company of prominent business men of **Channing**, among whom are **John Havey**, **O.L. Keyes**, **John Dunn**, **W.J. Ball**, **Fred Gage**, **Wm. Kerr** and **James Hart**, have purchased a piece of land adjoining **Sawyer Lake** and will build a **summer resort**. They have already cleared up a portion of ground, which they intend for a park, and have built a boat-house, and the lumber for the club house is expected to be on the ground this week. The place will be equipped with every convenience necessary for the comfort and pleasure of parties who wish to spend a few days at this beautiful lake.

The **regular team of Channing** crossed bats with **Sagola**, at Sagola, last Sunday. The slauthering [*sic* – *slathering*] they gave Sagola can be explained by superior pitching of **Groves** and **Vincent**, who were simply invincible. The way the Sagolas went after their spit balls was simply laughable. It was simply an off day for the fielders, as they had nothing to do, with the exception fo **Herring** on third, who accepted nine chances without an error, and second baseman **Merrich**, who distinguished himself by a couple of one-handed stops, and **Meshan** on first, who accept [*sic* – *accepted*] everything in sight. Sagola seems to think that Channing is easy money, but I suppose they are

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satisfied. For Sagola, Mr. **Rodick** and **Bleveris** made some very fine plays, the only features of the game on their side. Their manager claims he did not have this regular team, but Channing supplied him with two players who, I think, can discount the regular Sagola players in their respective positions. Come again boys when you want another game. The following is the score:

Innings,	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Channing	2	1	0	2	2	0	0	3	0	- 9
Sagola	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	- 1

Base hits, Channing, 15; Sagola, 4; earned runs, Channing, 9, Sagola[,] 0; umpire, **Adams**.

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CHIPS FROM CHANNING.

Miss **Mamie Warren** is visiting relatives at **Chilton, Wis.**

Art Welch spent several days last week at his old home in **Chilton, Wis.**

Miss **Clara Rosen**, of **Ontonagon**, spent Sunday with Channing friends.

Mrs. John Crane, of **Iron Mountain**, was a Channing visitor last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson are rejoicing over the advent of a **baby boy**.

Miss **Kate Carey** and Miss **Sadie Richard** visited at **Iron Mountain** last Sunday.

Mrs. Lisle Ross and daughter, **Blanche**, of **Ontonagon**, visited friends at Channing last Sunday.

B. Cuculi is having his **hotel repaired** by putting new sills under the main building and laying a new maple floor in the saloon.

The **Channing base ball team** played the **Republic second nine** at the latter

place on Sunday and lost by a score of six to nine.

The **frost** Sunday night damaged the gardens in the vicinity of **Channing**, to some extent, the cucumber and tomato vines were mostly destroyed.

Mrs. Wallace Pritcher, who has been visiting at **Channing** for the past two weeks, returned to her home in **Milwaukee** last Saturday.

The contract for clearing the ground for the **new school-house** was let to **Robert Nowack** for \$90. The ground comprises three lots, 150x120 over all, and is located one block east of the **Hotel Richard**. Mr. Nowack commenced the work of clearing on Monday.

The plans for the **new school-house** are in the hands of the township clerk. The building will be 36x58 on the foundation and will have two class rooms with fourteen foot ceiling, well lighted and well ventilated. There will be a basement the full size of the building, a portion of which will be used for the furnace-room and the balance for a play-room. The entire work will cost about \$4,000.

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CHIPS FROM CHANNING.

Jas. Lowrey, of **Milwaukee**, was in town Sunday.

Mrs. Henry Lewis was up from **Green Bay** last Tuesday.

Mrs. E.I. Hermanstater, of **Green Bay**, is visiting friends in Channing.

Mrs. Joseph Bush and **Mrs. Julius Nadon**, of **Green Bay**, spent last Sunday in town.

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Robert Nowack will finish grading the ground for the **new school house** this week.

Miss **Laschan Kalweit** and Messrs. **Chas. and Edward Hatch**, of Milwaukee, spent several days in Channing this week.

The **St. Paul railroad company** started three work trains last Friday hauling gravel on the **Ontonagon branch** between **Kelso Junction** and **Sidnaw**.

The **shipments of iron ore from Iron Mountain and Crystal Falls districts** that go over the **Escanaba & Lake Superior railroad** averaged about 8,000 tons per day during the past week.

Channing is to have a **volunteer fire department**. A hose cart and 500 feet of hose have been purchased by the township and arrangements are being made with the **C., M. & St. Paul company** to furnish the water form their pump-house.

Geo. Wereley and **Mike Collins** killed a she bear and two cubs last Thursday afternoon while out picking berries, about four miles from town. They also wounded another one, but did not succeed in getting it. The carcasses were shipped to **Chicago** on Friday.

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CHIPS FROM CHANNING.

Mrs. Carl Christofer is visiting relatives at **Sturgeon Bay**.

Mrs. Edward Redline, of **Green Bay**, visited in Channing last Sunday.

Mrs. A.B. Hume, of **Green Bay**, spent last Sunday with Channing friends.

John Meehan, who works in the **transfer shed**, spent last Saturday at **Florence**.

The guests at the **St. Paul hotel** expect to give an informal **dancing party** soon.

Miss **Sadie Richard** went to **Green Bay** yesterday for several days [*sic – days*] visit with friends.

Wallace Pritchard returned last Monday from a visit with his wife and family at **Milwaukee**.

Mrs. J.E. Conery and sons, **Joseph** and **Lisle**, and **Miss Wilkinson**, of **Milwaukee**, are guests of **Mrs. Mary Richard**.

Mrs. James McDermott, of **Chicago**, was in town last Monday locating a piece of timber land which she expects to purchase.

The contract for building the **new school-house** was awarded last Saturday to **John Anderson**, of **Crystal Falls**, for \$3,435. There were three bids for the job as follows: **Axel Newman, Norway**, \$4,100; **Edward Bemis, Channing**, \$3,700; **John Anderson, Crystal Falls**, \$3,435.

The **south bound passenger train** barely escaped a serious wreck last Sunday. A large elm tree was blown across the track on a curve near **Sawyer Lake** four miles north of **Channing**, and but for the timely discovery of the obstruction of **Fred Russell**, a **cook at Berkholder's camp**, the train would have crashed into the tree and caused a great deal of damage, if not loss of life. Mr. Russell flagged the train and then assisted in clearing away the tree. The train was delayed over an hour.

P.H. McCormick and **bride** arrived from **Milwaukee** last Sunday morning and the following night were treated to a genuine old-fashioned **charivari**. **Mike Dwyer** headed the party, and pandemonium reigned until the bridegroom decided to "set 'em up," then quiet was again restored and all went merry as the marriage bells.

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CHIPS FROM CHANNING.

The **railroad company** is trying to **increase the tonnage of their ore trains** between here and **Escanaba**, and have made several trial trips during the past week. One train, pulled by **Engine No. 486, Swan**, engineer, had 4,692 tons of iron ore, besides fourteen empty coal flats. Another train, with **Engine No. 487, Mead**, engineer, had eighty-eight cars, with 4667 tons, and a third train, with **Engine No. 488, Brooks**, engineer, had ninety-nine cars with 5,417 tons. It is the intention of the company to make the trains average 5,000 tons of ore.

Partridges are plentiful in the vicinity of Channing. It is claimed by old hunters that, owing to the dry weather in the early part of the season, a larger number than usual were hatched.

W.C. Zimmerman, assistant train dispatcher, left last Saturday night for **Beaver Dam, Wis.**, for a two weeks' vacation. **C.A. Spoor**, of **Milwaukee**, is relieving him.

Conductor John Harvey and Engineer John B. Hart are building a **club-house at Sawyer Lake**. **Jas. Anderson** has the contract to build it.

F.L. Linderman resigned his position last Monday, as section foreman, and will try farming for a living in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cuglin, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Brewington and **Mr. E.F. Redline** spent last Sunday at **Green Bay**.

Miss **Saddie [sic - Sadie] Richard** returned last Sunday from a short visit with friends at **Green Bay**.

Mrs. Kate Cary left last Monday for an extended visit with relatives at **Maple Grove, Wis.**

Mrs. Chas. Brooks returned last week from a two months' visit in **South Dakota**.

John Mulendyke left last Sunday night for **South Dakota** to hunt prairie chickens.

Mrs. Harry Lewis returned on Sunday from a visit to **Green Bay, Wis.**

Mrs. O.A. Keyes, of **Green Bay**, is a Channing visitor this week.

Mrs. E.Z. Hermansader, of **Green Bay**, spent last Sunday in town.

Wallace Pritchard and **J. Diezer** are up on the **Ford River** fishing.

Mrs. Chas. Horn, of **Green Bay**, visited friends here this week.

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CHIPS FROM CHANNING.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Cuculi spent last Sunday at **Marquette**.

Mrs. Paul McCormick is visiting relatives at **Milwaukee**.

Carl Stenger, of **Green Bay**, is a guest at the **Hotel Richard**.

Mrs. Jos. Noel and son are visiting friends at **Menominee** this week.

Mrs. Kate Carey returned last week from a visit with relatives at **Maple Grove, Wis.**

Mrs. A.E. Culp and two children, of **Green Bay**, are guests at the **Hotel Richard**.

Carl Stenger and Miss **Sadie Richard** attended a **dancing party** at **Iron Mountain** last Friday night.

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Train Dispatcher O.A. Keyes is taking a two weeks' vacation and left for his home at **Green Bay** last Thursday.

Robt. Nowack, who has the contract for building the **township road** between **Channing** and **Sawyer Lake**, commenced grading, just north of Channing last Monday morning.

There was a social dance at the **Hotel Richard** last Saturday night. **Dewey's orchestra**, of **Crystal Falls**, furnished the music. A number of young people from **Iron Mountain** and **Crystal Falls** were in attendance.

H.A. Paulus, a brakeman on an ore train between **Channing** and **Escanaba**, met with a painful accident last Saturday while switching at **Wells**. He caught his foot in a frog and fell[,] spraining his ankle.

The **railroad company** has four trains in gravel service between **Channing** and **Sidnaw** and 200 men in the extra gang ballasting the track. This work will probably be finished by October 15th and the track will then be in first-class condition as far north as Sidnaw.

The **average shipment of iron ore** for the past week from the **Crystal Falls district**, via the **C., M. & St. P. road**, is from 160 to 200 cars per day and from the **Iron Mountain district** about 120 cars per day. Four trains are in the ore service on the Crystal Falls branch, two between Iron Mountain and Channing and four [sic] between Channing and Escanaba.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 18 [sic - Number 19] [Thursday, September 29, 1904], page 5, column 2

CHIPS FROM CHANNING.

Wm. Steele killed two large **black bears** last Friday.

Mrs. M.A. Aylward is visiting relatives in **Milwaukee**.

Mrs. Wallace Pritchard went to **Milwaukee** yesterday.

Mrs. Will Kane is visiting friends in **Green Bay** this week.

Dr. Webber Kelly, of **Green Bay**, spent last Sunday in **Channing**.

Mrs. A.B. Hume, of **Green Bay**, visited friends at **Channing** this week.

Miss **Sadie Allen**, of **Ontonagon**, visited Miss **Sadie Richard** last Sunday.

Henry Holtzman, of **Sagola**, is drilling a well at the **E. & L.S. section-house**.

Mrs. John Coughlin returned last week from an extended visit with friends in **Milwaukee**.

Mrs. Kate Carey attended the convention of the **Degree of Honor** at **Iron Mountain** last Wednesday.

O.A. Keyes returned last Monday from a two weeks' vacation and resumed his duties as **train dispatcher**.

Art Welch went to **Marinette** last Monday in answer to a telegram stating that his brother, **Norman Welch**, was **dying**.

James Hart, **John Allen** and **John Harvey** went to **Pardeeville, Wis.**, last Saturday night with the remains of the late **Charles Henry Baldwin**.

Robert E. Hayes left last Thursday for **Milwaukee**, where he is attending the **Milwaukee Medical college**. Mr. Hayes will finish his course this year.

The **daily shipments of ore** passing through **Channing** the past week averaged 200 cars from the **Iron Mountain district** and 125 cars from the **Crystal Falls district**.

The **gravel work** on the **Ontonagon branch** of the **St. Paul railway** will be finished as far as **Sidnaw** this week. The work trains will then be moved north of Sidnaw.

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W.C. Zimmerman left last Monday for **Beaver Dam, Wis.**, for a weeks' sport hunting ducks. It is rumored there is another attraction at that city that occupies more of Mr. Zimmerman's attention than duck hunting.

A volunteer fire department was organized last Saturday night with fifteen members. **J.W. Warren** was elected chief, **Art Welch** first assistant, **Louis Kempen** second assistant, **John Deneen** secretary and **M.A. Aylward** treasurer.

Charles Henry Baldwin, a **St. Paul road engineer**, died in **Houghton** last Friday afternoon in a carriage while being taken from a **Copper Range train** to the hospital. Mr. Baldwin had been engineer of the mixed train on the **Channing-Ontonagon run** for eight years. A few days before his death he was taken ill in his cab and was taken to his hotel at **Ontonagon**. He rapidly grew worse and it was finally decided to take him to the **Houghton hospital** and he died as above recorded. Mr. Baldwin was a single man, thirty-three years of age, and is survived by his mother and sister at **Wauwatosa, Wis.** His father was a conductor on the **St. Paul road** and was killed about fifteen years ago. The remains were shipped on Saturday to **Pardeeville, Wis.**, for burial. Mr. Baldwin will be sincerely mourned by a wide circle of friends.

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CHIPS FROM CHANNING.

J. Meehan went to **Milwaukee** last Monday.

F. Longrie visited friends in **Green Bay** last Sunday.

A.C. Blesch went to **Green Bay** last Monday on business.

Chas. Forestad, of **Oconto**, spent several days in town this week.

Mrs. M.A. Aylward returned last Saturday from a trip to **Milwaukee**.

Mrs. E.Z. Hermanstader, of **Green Bay**, is visiting **Channing** friends this week.

Partridges are scarce in the vicinity of **Channing**. There appears to be about two hunters to one bird.

Mrs. Thos. Brewington left last week Wednesday for **Green Bay**, where she will remain for the winter.

Mrs. Kate Carey and Miss **Sadie Richard** left last Friday for **Chicago**. They will be gone several weeks.

Mrs. Mary Richard has been quite sick for the past week, but is improving and expects to be able to attend to her duties as landlady soon.

Work on the new school-house is progressing finely. The frame is up and enclosed and the roof will be completed by the first of next week.

Some one [sic - Someone] stole a valuable hound from **Fred Gage** last Sunday. Fred is on the track of the thief and will make it warm for him if he succeeds in locating him.

There was a pleasant surprise party at the **St. Paul Hotel** last Sunday evening in honor of Miss **Gusta Johnson**, who left Monday for her home at **Beaver Dam, Wis.**

O.A. Keyes, train dispatcher, and **Conductor John Havey** [sic - Harvey] visited the ore docks at **Escanaba** last Sunday in company with **Train Master Otto Brendler**, of **Green Bay**.

Robert Nowack, who has the contract to build the road from **Channing to Sawyer Lake**, has the right of way cut out and cordoroy [sic - corduroy] laid, and will finish the grading next week.

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Jas. Brum, a **section hand**, met with an accident last Monday evening. He was coming in from work on the **Ontonagon branch** on a hand car, and when near the water tank fell from the car and fractured his left arm. He was also bruised and scratched about the head and face. He went to **Iron Mountain** for medical treatment.

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CHIPS FROM CHANNING.

Mrs. Ed. Ross, of **Green Bay**, is visiting **Channing** friends.

Mrs. John Coughlin visited friends at **Iron Mountain** last Monday.

Carl Stenger, of **Green Bay**, was a guest at the **Hotel Richard** last Sunday.

Mrs. Mary O'Connell, of **Iron Mountain**, was the guest of **Mrs. Mary Richard** last week.

T.J. Dinnvoodie [sic], one of the force of **train dispatchers**, left last Saturday for **Danoy, Wis.**, on a two week's [sic - two-week] vacation.

Mrs. Kate Carey and Miss **Sadie Richard** returned from **Chicago** last week on account of the serious illness of **Mrs. Mary Richard**.

C.S. Christoffer returned last Saturday from a two weeks' visit at his home in **Germantown, Wis.**, and resumed his duties as **train dispatcher**.

Mrs. Mary Richard is gradually improving and she is now able to sit up a portion of the day. It is hoped that she will soon entirely recover from her sickness.

Iron ore shipments passing through **Channing** for **Escanaba** have averaged 225 cars per day for the past week, 100

cars coming from the **Iron Mountain district** and 125 cars from the **Crystal Falls district**.

Chas. Schiepke, one of the **section men**, had his **fingers crushed** by being caught in the hoisting gear while hoisting a bucket of coal at the **St. Paul coal-shed** last Friday. One finger was so badly crushed that it was necessary to amputate a portion of it.

There was a **partridge banquet** at the **Railroad Hotel** last Friday night. The guests of honor were **Chief Train Dispatcher A.A. Keyes**, **Assistant Dispatcher W. Zimmerman**, **Travelling Engineer A.E. Klumb**, **Roadmaster John Dunn**, **Conductor John Harvey**, **Engineer James Hart** and **B.F. Merrill**. The boys did justice to the supper and [there were] many words of praise for the landlady, **Mrs. White**, who prepared the feast for them. Mr. Harvey was mentioned, especially for his splendid appetite.

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CHIPS FROM CHANNING.

Rev. J.P. Kunes, of **Crystal Falls**, read mass at the **Channing school-house** last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Coughlin went to **Milwaukee** last Saturday for a week's visit with friends.

Mrs. Mary Richard has recovered from her recent illness and is able to attend to her duties as landlady.

Misses **Marie Stapleton** and **Mamie Sheedy**, of **Wausaukee, Wis.**, were guests of **Mrs. W.J. Boll** last week.

John Coughlin had his shoulder fractured last Monday by being caught

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between the cab and the doorway of the **round-house** while the engine was being taken out of the house.

The **new school-house** is all enclosed and ready for the painters. The contract for the heating apparatus was awarded to **A.J. Rundle**, of **Iron Mountain**, and will consist of a hot air system.

Jay Cowling cut his foot with an axe while working in a cedar swamp near **Metropolitan** last week. The full bit of the axe entered his foot, splitting the bone. He was brought to **Channing** and **Dr. Dockery**, of **Sagola**, dressed the wound, but had to remove a piece of the split bone three inches long. He will probably be laid up for six weeks.

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CHIPS FROM CHANNING.

Roy Mead is visiting his parents at **Sault Ste. Marie**.

Richard Eckhart is visiting friends in **Green Bay**.

Wallace Pritchard went to **Milwaukee** last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Noel have gone to **Oconto, Wis.**

Frank Reese was in **Green Bay** the first of this week.

Oscar Rosendahl and **S. Kelly** went to **Green Bay** last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Paulson left Tuesday night for a trip to **Milwaukee**.

A **baby girl** arrived at the home of **Mr. and Mrs. Walter Webber** last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kerr, of **Green Bay**, were guests at the **Hotel Richard** last Monday.

Frank Davidson was called to **Green Bay** last Saturday on account of the **illness of his wife**.

The **ore shipments** passing through **Channing** averaged 200 cars per day for the past week.

The work on the **new school-house** is progressing rapidly. The building will probably be finished by **December 1st**.

Mrs. John Allen, of **Ontonagon**, was in town last Monday night en route from a visit with **Mrs. J.M. Clifford** at **Escanaba**.

John Coughlin returned last Saturday from **Green Bay**, where he has been for the past three weeks receiving treatment for a **crushed shoulder**.

Mrs. Mary Richard and daughter, **Sadie**, went to **Escanaba** last Monday to attend the **Flemming-O'Connell wedding**. They accompanied the wedding party to **Iron Mountain** on Tuesday and returned home yesterday morning.

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CHIPS FROM CHANNING.

Miss **Sadie Richard** is visiting friends at **Green Bay**.

Mrs. Harry Lewis has gone to **Green Bay** for the winter.

Miss **Kate Madden**, of **Beaver, Wis.**, is visiting **Mrs. Leo Moll**.

Mrs. Angus Bedore returned from a visit at [sic - to] **Green Bay** last Saturday.

Mrs. John Zilkoski, of **Green Bay**, visited friends in **Channing** last week.

Mrs. Wm. White went to **Green Bay** last Tuesday for a short visit with friends.

Mrs. John Quarnstrom, of **Norway**, was a guest of **Mrs. Mary Richards** last week.

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Miss **Lizzie Champion**, of **Crystal Falls**, was a guest of **Mrs. H.A. Paulus** last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Gavin, of **Green Bay**, will move to **Channing** to-morrow and will reside here this winter.

B. Cuculi had **three valuable cows poisoned** recently by eating grass on which some parisgreen [*sic - Paris green*] had been spilled.

Peter Calvi and **Chas. Rigassi**, of **Iron Mountain**, were up hunting last Friday and Saturday, and each got a **deer**.

Jas. B. Hart returned last Saturday from **Milwaukee**, where he was recently called on account of the illness of his wife.

Art Welch left last Tuesday for **Marinette**, where he was summoned by a telegram stating that his brother, **George Welch**, was **dying**.

M.A. Aylward has **purchased the residence** formerly owned by **Jos. L. LaCourt** and will move into it as soon as necessary repairs can be made.

Mrs. Jos. L. LaCourt left last Monday for **LaCrosse, Wis.**, where **Mr. LaCourt** located a short time ago, and where they will make there [*sic - their*] future home.

W.J. Boll has **sold his stock of merchandise** to his brother, **R.E. Boll**, and others, who will conduct the business under the firm name of **R.E. Boll & Co.**

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CHIPS FROM CHANNING.

Mrs. Edward Harring, of **Ontonagon**, visited Channing friends last Sunday.

Miss **Sadie Richard** returned last Monday from a week's visit with friends in **Green Bay**.

S.J. Rogers killed **two deer** last week, one weighed 180 pounds and the other 197 pounds.

Engineer Jos. Hart is taking a lay off and **Harold Goodell**, of **Green Bay**, is relieving him.

Mrs. Phil. Gavin arrived from **Green Bay** on Monday and will reside in Channing this winter.

Walter Richards returned last Friday from **Two Harbors, Minn.**, where he has been working for the past four months.

John R. Mahone arrived from **Green Bay** last Monday. He will be **fireman on a log train on the Ontonagon branch** this winter.

Mrs. Mary Richard, who has been in poor health for some time, was taken to **St. George's hospital** at **Iron Mountain** last Tuesday for treatment.

The **social dance** at the **St. Paul Hotel** last Friday night was well attended. The music was furnished by **Michand's orchestra**, of **Florence**, and gave good satisfaction.

The **log shipments are increasing** now that cold weather has come. About forty cars of logs per day are being received from the **Ontonagon branch**, thirty for **Oconto** and ten for **Sagola**.

The **last ore train for Escanaba for this season** passed through Channing today. The ore was from **Republic**. The **Tobin mine** at **Crystal Falls** made the last shipment for the season yesterday.

The **train crew on the Copper Range railroad** played a **good joke** on the agent at **Rockland** and **Conductor Allen** and his crew on the **St. Paul** last week Thursday. When the Copper Range train came from Ontonagon the engineer reported that there was a **wounded buck near the track** about a mile from Rockland, and Allen, anxious to secure the deer, cut the engine loose from his train and with his brakeman, **P.L. Vincent**, and **J.H. Kohne**, agent at

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Rockland, all got on the engine and ran down to where the deer was reported. They soon came in sight of the deer, which was a fine specimen with large antlers. The buck had evidently been wounded in the back and was sitting on his haunches in the snow and held his head high in the air in defiance of the new-comers. The engine was brought to a stop, **Engineer Jas. Hart** took the gun and fired three shoots [*sic* – *shots*] at the wounded deer, missing him each time. The brakeman, P.L. Vincent, also tried three shots, and in his excitement also missed the deer. Agent Kohne then said to give him the gun and he would kill the deer. He shot twice and the second shot hit the deer in the head, but did not seem to hurt him any, as he did not move, and still maintained his defiant position. The men then decided to investigate and found on close inspection that the deer had been dead about a month and the crew of the Copper Range train had placed the carcass in a sitting position, propping the head up with a forked stick. The St. Paul crew took the joke in good humor and are now devising some means to get even.

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CHIPS FROM CHANNING.

Mrs. W.M. White made a business trip to **Iron Mountain** last Tuesday.

Louis Zimmerman left last week for **Beaver Dam, Wis.**, on a three weeks' vacation.

Miss **Sadie Richard** went to **Iron Mountain** last Tuesday to visit her mother, **Mrs. Mary Richard**, who is at **St. George's Hospital** receiving treatment.

Robert Nowack has started a **logging camp at Sawyer Lake** and will cut basswood bolts and cordwood this winter. He also has a contract to build a **96-foot bridge** across the outlet to the lake on the **Township road**.

This is the **dull season at Channing**. The ore business is over and the train crews have been sent to other divisions of the road, consequently the hotels and business houses feel a general depression of business in their line.

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CHIPS FROM CHANNING.

There are **four log trains on the Ontonagon branch** and they are bringing down about seventy cars of logs per day.

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W.H. Mitchell, the **Iron Mountain hardware man**, was in town last Tuesday looking after a **gas lighting plant recently installed at Gage's saloon**.

A snow plow was sent over the Ontonagon branch last Monday to clear the track of snow. About sixteen inches of snow was reported on the branch.

J.O. Blixt, of **Iron Mountain**, has started a **cordwood camp near Cuculi's farm**. He has twelve woodchoppers now and expects to hire more as fast as he can secure good men.

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.

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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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Number 4 [Thursday, June 13, 1907],
page 5, column 4*

CHIPS FROM CHANNING

A volunteer fire company was organized last Saturday with fifteen members. J.H. Warren was elected chief, Preston Vincent, assistant chief, Geo. Mogan[,] engineer, E. Kalish, R.E. Boll and Thos. Molinsey, assistant engineers, E. Harring, hose captain, E. Kerr, L. Distash, L. Thiel and L. Kemper, pipemen. With this efficient force of men and the present system of water works and equipment for fighting fire, Channing people ought to feel comparatively safe from any danger of material loss by fire.

*Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain,
Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 12,
Number 5 [Thursday, June 20, 1907],
page 5, column 5*

CHIPS FROM CHANNING

The volunteer fire company turned out for practice last Sunday and found everything in connection with the water works system in first-class shape. The new gasolene [*sic – gasoline*] engine was started up and worked to perfection, and the boys made a good showing in the fire drill, working systematically, promptly and with effect.

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

Store in Channing.

Khoury Bros. have leased the Blesch building at Channing and will engage in the general merchandise business therein about the 15th of this month. Paul Khoury, who will have charge of the store, will go to Chicago in a few days to purchase the stock. Khoury Bros. have two stores in Iron Mountain and their success in business induces them to extend their trade to Channing, where their acquaintance [sic – acquaintance] with the railroad employees will bring them a large share of the business.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 12 [Thursday, August 11, 1910], page 4, column 5

BOY IS SHOT DEAD

Five-Year-Old Johnny Murphy Killed by a Playmate at Channing.

John Murphy, a five-year-old boy, was shot dead by a playmate named Steel [sic – Steele] at Channing yesterday afternoon.

The boys were playing in a vacanhouse [sic – vacant house] west of the village. A shot-gun [sic – shotgun] was found by the Steel [sic – Steele] boy. He announced "look out, Johnny, I am going to shoot you!" and pulled the trigger.

The charge of shot lodged in the back of the head of the Murphy boy killing him instantly.

It is the opinion that the Steele boy did not know the gun was loaded.

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CHANNING KILLING

JOHNNIE MURPHY ACCIDENTALLY KILLED BY THE STEELE BOY.

Testimony of the Boys Before Cor- oner Reveals a Shocking Con- dition of Youthful Minds.

The tragedy at Channing which resulted in the killing of four-year-old John Clinton Murphy, son of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Murphy, as briefly noted in the last issue of *The Press*, appears to have been entirely accidental, but reveals a degree of youthful degeneracy that is most shocking.

After the Steele boy, aged twelve years, had discharged the contents of a shot-gun [sic – shotgun] into the head of the Murphy boy, killing him instantly, the handler of the gun, assisted by two other boys, aged seven and four years, respectively, hauled

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the remains a distance of several hundred feet to a brush-pile [*sic* – *brush pile*], where they carefully concealed the little body. Then the trail of blood was carefully covered up and the little cap of the dead boy was pushed deep into the mud of a swamp some distance in another direction from the scene of the tragedy.

It appears from the evidence, that, in order to still further deceive the people and ward off suspicion, the Steele boy, upon his return to town a few hours later, made inquiries as to the whereabouts of the Murphy boy.

It also appears from the evidence of the lads, [*sic*] that they seemed to have no comprehension of the awfulness of the accident – that the killing of their little playmate caused them no uneasiness of mind – no unhappiness – no sorrow. The boys spent the time from the hour of the killing to the hour of the finding of the body in playing as usual. There appears to have been no emotion at any period. Johnnie, their playmate, had been killed by the discharge of a gun which one of them had found and did not know was loaded. They had concealed the body, destroyed as well as they could the evidence of the accident, and continued their games. Had the lads not been questioned, they would not, it seems, have volunteered information regarding the missing Murphy boy. They questioned, one boy coolly led the hunting party to the place where the body was concealed, at no time showing any feeling of emotion for the death of his playmate. In their crude minds there was no occasion to mourn. Johnnie was dead. One of their number had caused his death. In order to avoid any talk the body was concealed and evidence destroyed. This, in their minds, was all that was necessary. The book had been closed as far as their playmate was concerned. Why waste time in mourning? Why incur possible punishment by

disclosing the accident? Why not continue to laugh and play?

The case is one that will afford the students of criminology ample opportunity for scope for investigation [*sic*].

Young Darius Steele, who fired the gun, told the following story at the inquest held in Channing last Saturday by Coroner Cudlip and Justice Stevens:

“I am twelve years old. I was born at Middle Inlet, Wis. I lived at Sagola. I came to Channing last winter. I go to school. I have a brother younger. I am the oldest of the family. I was twelve the 18th of March, 1910.

“I was at home last Wednesday morning when Van Allen came after me. He came after me about half past nine or ten o'clock. He said, “Come over to my house and we will go and play.” We walked up town and met a team on the way and asked the man for a ride and he said, “No,” so we walked.

“We went up town and saw Freddie Grant and Johnnie Murphy, and Van Allen asked us all to go over to his house. We went over by Peskey’s and got the horse. We put the bridle on the horse and we all rode on him. I just went so far as the door of the house. I did not go in. I saw a rifle in the house. It was standing in a corner right beside the door. I took the rifle in my hand and we took it outside and Van Allen took it and pointed it into the air. I took it and put it back. I did not open it to see if it was loaded. Van Allen said Hoe did not have any shells for it.

“I saw Van Allen with a little rifle. Van Allen went into the bed-room [*sic* – *bedroom*] and got it and brought it out. I had the little rifle in my hands. I pointed it at Johnnie and Freddie. I done it because we were playing. Van Allen said there was no shells for it. I saw the gun (the gun with which the Murphy boy was killed) when I was riding the horse. It was leaning against a stick at a stump-pile [*sic* – *stump pile*].

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We rode the horse for awhile after I saw the gun and then we took the horse back to the barn and took the bridle off and came back to the house. We did not give the horse any food. We started to play with the guns. This was when we first started to play with them. We played with the big rifle first; then we played with the little one; then we noticed this gun standing at the stump-pile [sic – stump pile]. I went and picked it up.

“Johnnie was standing about fifteen feet from me. Freddie Grant and Van Allen were sitting in the door playing with the little gun. When I first got the gun I pulled the hammer back and it stayed back. I then pointed the gun and it went off. My finger was on the trigger. I have never handled this gun before. I have handled ones like it. I have shot guns before. I have shot shot-guns [sic – shotguns] like this one. I could tell if a gun was loaded if I opened it and looked at it. I did not open this to see if it was loaded. I did not think to open it to see if it was loaded. I knew if I pulled the hammer back and I touched the trigger it would go off, but I thought it was not loaded.

“When I pointed the gun at Johnnie I said, “Watch out, I am going to shoot,” and when I put it to my shoulder my finger touched the trigger and it went off. I was not going to shoot. I was just playing. I snapped the big rifle when we had it out.

“When the gun went off Johnnie fell and I said, “Did I hurt you, Johnnie?” “He did not answer me. Then I said, He is dead,” and took him to the brush. I took him to the brush because I was afraid. I don’t know what I was afraid of. Van Allen helped me to take him over a log and to the brush. He helped me pretty near all the way.

“There was blood where Johnnie fell. There was some blood in one little place in the grass where we dragged him. Van Allen covered one blood spot and I covered the other. We covered it with sand.

“I covered the blood because we did not want anyone to see it. I said to Van Allen and Freddie, [sic] not to tell; that it would cost me a lot of money if they told. I did not intend to come back to him after we put Johnnie in the brush. We were not going to tell anybody.

“I played with Johnnie very often. Johnnie was not mean to play with. He did not throw sticks and stones unless we passed his house sometimes. I never got mad at Johnnie in my life.

“Johnnie’s cap was lying on the ground after we covered up the blood. Freddie Grant did not say anything about the cap. Van Allen said, “Let us hide it down in the pond.” Van Allen took the cap down to the pond. He stuck it under his blouse and carried it that way awhile and then took it out and carried it under his arm. When we got to the pond I rolled up my sleeve and stuck it down in the mud so that it was out of sight.

I “dragged [sic – “I dragged] Johnnie by his feet. I did not get any blood on my hands. Johnnie fell down on his back. When we stuck the cap in the mud we came up to the path and on the road as far as John Coullard’s house and then we followed the road around the northeast through the woods and came out by Hinckley’s. Then we came down the road as far as Aylward’s.

“I met Antony [sic – Anthony] Forzell. I said to him, “Have you seen Johnnie? I am looking for him to play.” And Anthony said, “I saw him go up the road toward Sawyer Lake this morning.” And then we came down town [sic – downtown] and I met some boys and we got some candy and went up to Anderson’s Park and were swinging there awhile; then we went to Ford river and went in swimming.

“I stayed out there about half an hour and then Van Allen, Anton Forzell and me caught a team and came back to town.

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This was about half past two or three o'clock in the afternoon. It was about half past ten or eleven when Johnnie was shot. I threw the gun down when it went off, right by the stump-pile [*sic - stump pile*]. I did not hide the gun. I put it back just the same way it was. This was after we put Johnnie in the brush. I don't remember what reason I had for putting the gun back where it was.

"When I came back at half past two or three, I went home to my mother's house. Van Allen went up town on the wagon when I got off. I got my dinner when I got home. I ate a little bit and had to come up town to get some whisky for my mother. She was sick. I did not tell my mother what had happened. My mother did not ask me where I had been. I came back up town and got the whisky and came back home again. It was about four o'clock then. I did not talk to anybody about Johnnie after I saw Anthony Forzell. Nobody asked me about Johnnie that night.

"When my father came home at four o'clock I knew Johnnie had been found. My father said Leahy came up and told him I had shot Johnnie, and I said I did not. I did not tell my father anything about Johnnie then. I told Mrs. Forzell first that I had shot him. I told her the same evening. I did not tell father as I was afraid he would whip me. Van Allen did not ask me not to play with his gun."

Freddie Grant, aged four years and seven months, a witness of the tragedy, said, in part, in a statement before the jury:

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"I had a ride on the horse that day. We played with the guns after we rode the horse. I saw this gun at the stump-pile [*sic - stump pile*]. I saw it before Darius picked it up. When Darius pulled the trigger the bullet came out the other end and then Johnnie fell down. As soon as I heard the noise he, Darius, said, "Did I hurt you?" and Johnnie would not answer. I remember the little gun of Van Allen's. He was playing with it. Johnnie was not. Darius did not have the little gun.

"After Johnnie fell down Darius dragged him over in the brush. Darius didn't say anything about telling. He toke [*sic - took*] some sand and put it over the blood with his hands. Van Allen helped Darius to lift Johnnie over a log. He did not help drag him. Johnnie's cap was right where he fell down. I did not say anything about the cap. Van Allen said, "Put it down in the swamp."

"When I got home my mother asked me if I saw Johnnie, and I said, "He is out in the woods." I told her he was shot. I said Darius shot him, and then I ran out of doors."

Van Allen Nolan, aged seven years, tells the following story of the shooting, after giving an account of the moments [*sic - movements*] of the lads up to the movement [*sic - moment*] of the tragedy:

"I saw Darius pick the gun up from the stump-pile [*sic - stump pile*]. Johnnie Murphy went over with Darius to the stump-pile [*sic - stump pile*]. Freddie Grant was over by the house. I was standing by Johnnie Murphy when Darius picked up the gun. He took it up just as if he was going to shoot and he said, "Now I am going to shoot you, Johnnie." Darius was about ten feet from Johnnie when he said that. I was standing right by Johnnie then. Johnnie did not say anything. He saw him (Darius) pull the trigger and turned his head. The gun went off. I saw Johnnie fall when he was

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shot. I was looking at him. Johnnie fell right as soon as the shot was fired. He did not move after that. Darius threw the gun away after he fired the shot. He threw it towards the stump-pile [*sic – stump pile*], and he said, "Johnnie, did I hurt you?" And then he said, "He is dead," and he started to drag him over to the brush pile. He asked me to help him drag him over one log. Freddie walked along behind. When Darius got Johnnie in the brush he put the brush over him so that you could not see him.

"Darius, after he put Johnnie in the brush, said, "Now we will go back," and he started to cover up the blood with dirt. He scratched it over with his hands. There was blood all the way from where he shot him and he tried to cover it up.

"Freddie said, "What will we do with his cap?" And I said, "Carry it to the pond." I carried it down under my arm. Darius pulled up his sleeve and stuck it down in the mud so that it would not come up.

"Darius said, "Do not tell about this, as it would cost me a lot of money," and he told Freddie Grant the same. He did not say he would do anything to us if we told."

Later the Nolan boy led the party to the brush-pile [*sic – brush pile*], where the body of the Murphy boy was found.

The verdict of the jury summoned by Coroner Cudlip was to the effect "that said John Murphy came to his death by the accidental discharge of a shot-gun [*sic – shotgun*] held in the hands of one Darius Steele; said wound was in the back of the head."

The jury was composed of H.H. Boll, L.J. Kramer, Pat Tobin, James Ferzzill, Chas. H. Grant and John Brick, and the inquest was held at Channing last Saturday.

Dr. Dockery[,] who examined the body of the Murphy boy, said that he found a hole in the back of the head between two

and three inches square. At the upper end of the spine where was a fracture of the spine and also the lower back plexus of the skull and the brain was oozing out through the opening. The wound was all blackened around as if by powder. The whole charge seemed to have been driven into the head at close range. A wound of that kind would cause instantaneous death.

Little John Clinton was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Murphy. The father is employed in the St. Paul road repair shop at Channing. The remains were taken to the former home at Peshtigo for burial and the funeral was held on Sunday.

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SAGOLA NEWS GOSSIP

The rainfall in the vicinity of Sagola last Sunday and Monday was the heaviest known in the last twenty years. All the streams were overflowing. The wagon bridge across the Ford river on the Sagola-Channing road was washed away; also the bridge across Tom King Creek on the Randville-Metropolitan road. The St. Paul track was washed out at the north end of the Sagola yard, where a small creek crosses the right of way, and also at the Ford river bridge. The morning passenger train was held at Sagola for nearly an hour last Tuesday morning while the track was being repaired. It is said that at Channing a ten-inch log was floating along the main street in two feet of water Tuesday morning.

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Railroad Town Grows.

Channing is showing evidences of prosperity these days contrary to the general rule. Increased population has necessitated increased school facilities. A large addition is now being made to the school-house [sic – schoolhouse] at a cost of about \$5,000. Another evidence of advancement is the erection of an opera hall by Mr. Cuculi and an apartment house by Mr. Couillard. Ten or a dozen neat homes have been erected during the year and more are being planned. At present Channing is without a church, but the Catholic ladies have an organization and hope to have the money in hand at an early date to commence the erection of a mission church. Services are not held at stated intervals. The Methodists also have an organization. District Superintendent Marvin, of Houghton, was a visitor here recently. There is some little talk of forming a village organization. With such a government more public improvements in the town would be possible. Channing is populated almost entirely by railroad men and it is proverbial that railroad men are progressive citizens.

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A Channing Crime.

John Karkus, charged with assault with intent to commit murder, will have his examination before Justice Woodward next Tuesday. John is now in the county jail, having been unable to secure bondsmen. The crime was committed at Channing. Karl Margenberg was the victim. For a time it was thought that Karl would die. He was cut about the throat and head. One knife stroke missed the wind-pipe [sic – windpipe] and main neck arteries by a fraction and required a goodly number of stitches. Karl has been receiving treatment at the county hospital and his recuperation has been so rapid that it is expected that he will be able to appear in court next Tuesday as the main witness for the people against John.

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CHIPS FROM CHANNING

Cuculi's opera house and dance hall has been completed and the grand opening will be held this (Thursday) evening. Good music will be furnished and a cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

Among the new residences recently built, or now in course of construction, are those of H.B. Knisely, Emil Osberg, Herman Mourow, Anton Holzknecht, William Dione, Sidney Leeman and Hiram Lutz.

There are three hotels in Channing, also a restaurant. R.E. Boll & co. have a general merchandise store and meat

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market. Khoury Brothers a dry goods and clothing store, and H.B. Knisely a drug and stationary [sic – stationery] store.

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John Cuculi, one of the progressive citizens, has built an opera house. The building is 36x56 feet on the foundations with fourteen-foot studdings. The stage is 32x10 feet in size. Mr. Cuculi will install an electric lighting plant. A grand opening will be given tonight.

During the past years, a large number of new public buildings and private residences have been built in Channing, making substantial additions to the town. The school-house [sic – schoolhouse] has been remodeled and enlarged by an addition 32x46 feet in size. A concrete basement has been constructed and a steam heating [sic – heating] plant installed. The improvements to the school-house [sic – schoolhouse] cost about \$4,000. Channing folks can now pride themselves on having one of the finest three-room school-houses [sic – schoolhouses] in Dickinson county.

Channing is the headquarters for many train crews. At the present time, the St. Paul road is handling greater shipments of iron ore than for many years. The average daily shipments coming from Iron Mountain, Norway, Crystal Falls, Amasa and Iron River, passing through Channing to the docks at Escanaba, is 500 cars, each car averaging fifty tons of ore, making a total of 25,000 tons per day. To handle these shipments employes [sic – employs] twenty-two train crews of five men each.

Another new building, which has recently been completed, is John F. Couillard's new rooming house. The bilding is 34x54 feet in size and three stories high, with full concrete basement. Steam heating and water pressure plants have been installed. The reception hall, parlor, dining-room, kitchen, pantry, four sleeping rooms and bath-room [sic – bathroom] are on the

first floor. The second floor has eleven sleeping rooms and a bath-room [sic – bathroom] and the third floor seven sleeping rooms. All the rooms are well furnished. The house is especially arranged for the accommodation of transient [sic – transient] trade and railroad crews, who are here one night and somewhere else the next. The place will be known as the Couillard House.

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Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 21, Number 40 [Thursday, February 15, 1917], page 4, column 1

CHIPS FROM CHANNING.

John Cuculi has purchased and will install a Delco lighting plant, for use in illuminating his residence and opera house, and also to furnish light to operate his moving picture machine.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 21, Number 42 [Thursday, March 1, 1917], page 4, column 1

CHIPS FROM CHANNING.

John Cuculi has installed his new Delco lighting system in his opera house and will have no trouble with the movies from now on.

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Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 25, Number 13 [Thursday, August 12, 1920], page 4, column 1

MURDER MYSTERY

Frank Kiel Found Dead from Bullet Wound Near Sawyer Lake.

Channing has a murder mystery.

Frank Kiel, a Belgian, aged about sixty years, was found dead with a bullet wound at the farm of Henry Boll, at Sawyer Lake, last Tuesday.

When found the lower part of the body was partly covered by a load of hay, which had capsized, and it was at first thought that he was the victim of a runaway accident.

An investigation established that he had been murdered. It was found that a bullet of large caliber had entered the body at the left shoulder and came out at the throat. The throat was badly lacerated [*sic – lacerated*] by the out-going bullet, which is thought to have been of the soft-nose variety.

Fred Hansel and R.B. Edmunds are being detained as witnesses. They alleged that they witnessed the murder and were threatened with death by the men who committed it.

According to their story, Kiel was standing on the load of hay at the time he was shot. When he fell the team ran away, smashed down a fence and capsized the load. There is no blood on the ground where the body was found.

Frank Shields is the last man seen with Kiel and he will be detained as a witness.

Kiel was a tenant on the Boll farm. He was, as near as can be learned, a bachelor,

and had no [*sic – no*] relatives in this vicinity. He was a kindly old man and without enemies, it was thought. The reason for the heartless murder is thus surrounded with mystery.

Sheriff Farrell and Coroner MacDonald were at Sawyer Lake yesterday investigating the murder.

The body of Kiel was brought to this city and a coroner's inquest will be held to-day [*sic – today*].

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Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 22, Number 38 [Thursday, February 7, 1918], page 4, column 3

CHIPS FROM CHANNING

Mrs. W. Pritchard was a **Crystal Falls** visitor last Friday.

Mrs. James Kocha was an **Iron Mountain** visitor last Saturday.

Miss **Eulalie Flannigan**, of **Sagola**, visited here between trains last Friday.

Miss **Robena Johnston**, of **Oconto**, is a guest of her brother, **S.W. Johnston**.

Mrs. Omar Martineau has been spending the past week with her parents at **Abrams**.

Mrs. J. McClure, of **Greenleaf**, is a guest of her daughter, **Mrs. Ed. Christian**.

Mrs. Jess Hale returned last Tuesday from a few days' visit with her parents at **Marinette**.

Dr. Leslie Coffin, of **Iron Mountain**, was called here last Friday to attend **Mrs. Ed. Christian**.

Mrs. Jess Hale pleasantly entertained the **Five Hundred club** at her home last Wednesday evening.

DICKINSON COUNTY HISTORY -- SAGOLA TOWNSHIP -- CHANNING NEWS COLUMNS

[Compiled and Transcribed by William John Cummings]

Geo. Cuculi has returned to **Camp Grant**, Rockford, after a week's furlough at the home of his mother.

Born, to **Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Christian**, Friday, Feb. 1st, a son. Mother and son are reportedly doing nicely.

Otto Miller has a **contract to fill the ice-houses in town** and is now busily engaged in hauling ice from **Sawyer Lake**.

Mr. and Mrs. George Boll, of Saskatchewan, Canada, were guests at the homes of **Henry and R.E. Boll** the past week.

Mrs. Ed. Beyer, of Detroit, left for home last Wednesday after a week's visit with her brothers, **Henry and R.E. Boll**.

The **Young Girls' club** gave a party at **Miller's farm** last Friday evening. The party was given for **O. Miller**, who is home on a visit. A large crowd walked out and all report a very good time.

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CHIPS FROM CHANNING

Miss **Ruth Little** visited at **Iron Mountain** last Saturday.

Traveling Engineer Ralph Graves was in town last Friday.

Mrs. Wallace Pritchard visited friends at **Crystal Falls** last Saturday.

Mrs. Howard Couillard was an **Iron Mountain** visitor last Thursday.

Mrs. George Morgan has returned from a week's visit at Green Bay.

Rev. Father Stahl, of **Republic**, held services here Sunday and Monday.

S.W. Johnston returned last Tuesday from a business trip to Green Bay.

Mrs. James Kocha spent last Tuesday with her mother at **Iron Mountain**.

Al Baenen and **Claude Clark** were **Iron Mountain** visitors last Tuesday.

Mrs. Helen Greenfield, of Milwaukee, spent the week with **Mrs. James Kocha**.

Miss **Inez Uren** was a guest of the **Misses Ruth and Lois Little** last Sunday.

Rev. Samuel Bottrell, of **Republic**, held services here last Thursday evening.

Mrs. Charles Foster and daughter **Genevieve** are visiting with relatives at Green Bay.

Mrs. Wenzel Krummel returned last Wednesday from a short visit with her parents at **Marinette**.

R.E. Boll left last Sunday evening for Green Bay to receive medical treatment and will be gone a week.

John Cuculi went to **Esanaba** last Monday to **purchase a horse** to take the place of one that recently died.

Dr. M.F. Dockery, [sic] was called here last Friday to attend **Fred Gage**, who at this writing is much improved and able to be out again.

Mrs. James Nazzel returned last Friday to her home at Green Bay after a week's visit at the homes of **Mrs. A.B. Worthing** and **Mrs. Jess Hale**.

Mrs. John Erickson, of **Wausaukee**, visited with her husband the past week. **Mr. Erickson** is employed as engineer between here and **Ontonagon**.

Mesdames Herman Lindeman, **Edw. Kurth**, **Edward Redline**, **S.W. Johnston** and **Jesse Hall** [sic - Hale] were among the **Iron Mountain** callers the past week.

Word has been received that **Lyland Worthing** is greatly improved in health and able to be on duty. He is stationed at **Kelly Field**, San Antonio, Texas.

Misses Mable Couillard and **Rose Shay**, **Messrs. Edw. Van Duren** and **George James** and **Mr. and Mrs. John Erickson** attended the ski tournament at **Ishpeming** last Friday.

DICKINSON COUNTY HISTORY -- SAGOLA TOWNSHIP -- CHANNING NEWS COLUMNS

[Compiled and Transcribed by William John Cummings]

Miss **Dorothy Worthing** entertained the **Junior Sewing club** last Monday afternoon from four to six o'clock. The little folks spent the afternoon in sewing and playing games. At six o'clock light refreshments were served.

M. [sic - Mrs.] A.B. Worthing entertained the **Five Hundred club** last Wednesday evening. The evening was spent in playing cards and dainty refreshments were served. **Mrs. James Nazzel**, of Green Bay, was a guest of the club.

Misses **Ruth and Lois Little** entertained the **Junior Sewing club** at their home last Friday afternoon from two until six at a George Washington party. The club consists of eight girls. The afternoon was spent in sewing and playing games. Musical selections and singing were also features of the afternoon. The girls think **Robert Little** was entitled to a prize for the best playing and singing. At six o'clock refreshments were served by **Mrs. Little**. The table was decorated with flags. A delightful afternoon was spent by the little folks.

Earl Redline, who is still stationed at **Camp Hancock**, Georgia, sent in the following poem, saying it is one of the favorites among the boys in camp:

A TIP TO THE GIRLS.

Our girls are sturdy patriots of courage
tested through,
But on a little matter, girls, a tip I'll give to
you:
For the ships that we are building we must
conserve the paint,
With daubs of rouge we must camouflage
to make 'em what they ain't.
Go easy on the powder, girls, so each
munition plant
Can make the shells burst louder when the
German Kaiser can't.

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CHIPS FROM CHANNING

Mrs. Jas. Kocha spent Monday at Green Bay.

Mrs. John Brick was a **Sagola** visitor last Monday.

Stanley Johnston visited in Chicago last Tuesday.

Mrs. John Krouse visited at **Marinette** last Saturday.

Peter Willman, [sic] spent last Saturday at **Iron Mountain**.

I.A. Fries was an **Iron Mountain** visitor last Friday.

George Hirn was a **Crystal Falls** visitor last Monday.

Mrs. Wm. Tobin and baby are spending the week at **Nadeau**.

Mr. and Mrs. Ebbie have returned from a business trip to Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. M.M. Harrington were Green Bay visitors last Saturday.

Mrs. Jas. Kocha spent last Friday with her mother in **Iron Mountain**.

Mrs. Rocco and **Mrs. George Carey** and son spent last Friday at **Sagola**.

Mrs. Wallace Pritchard spent last Sunday with her husband at **Ontonagon**.

R.E. Boll left last Tuesday night for Rochester to receive medical treatment.

Mrs. Frank King and daughter, of Green Bay, are guests of **Mrs. Frank Hawley**.

Mesdames Johnston, Dinwoodie and **Redline** were **Crystal Falls** visitors last Monday.

Mrs. Fred Olson and **Mrs. Pat McCole**, of **Sagola**, visited friends here last Thursday.

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[Compiled and Transcribed by William John Cummings]

Mrs. Chas. Quist and children returned last Saturday from a visit with relatives at **Marinette**.

Mrs. Ernest Schramm, *[sic]* left last Saturday for an extended visit with friends in Milwaukee.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ford and son **Russell** returned last Monday from a week's visit at **Ishpeming**.

Traveling Engineer Ralph Graves and wife and daughters, **Gladys** and **Ora**, were visitors here last Sunday.

Mrs. Cecil Worthing and Miss **May LaCourt** visited their aunt, **Mrs. Dr. Oshwaldt**, at **Sagola** last Tuesday.

Gilbert Warren has returned from Vancouver and says he will now spend his time with his mother. No place like home.

Mrs. E.T. Redline returned last Sunday from a visit with her son, **Lester**, who is attending school at St. Norbert's College, Depere *[sic - De Pere]*.

Mrs. E.T. Redline entertained the **Five Hundred club** at her home last Wednesday evening. **Mrs. Louise Little** was a guest of the club.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Chapman and daughter left Friday for an extended visit with relatives at Oconto, Milwaukee, Chicago and Kansas City.

Mrs. Howard Couillard was taken to the **Deaconess Hospital** at Green Bay last Monday and was in a serious condition. **Mrs. Wallace Pritchard** accompanied her.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wruk, of **Kelso**, are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby girl, born Monday, March 4th, at the **Crystal Falls** hospital. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

Word was received here last Tuesday of the death of **Mrs. Gladys Helgerson** at a Green Bay hospital last Saturday. **Mrs. Helgerson** was a former resident of **Channing**. **Mesdames Jesse Hale, Henry Ford** and **Louis Little** went to Green Bay to attend the funeral services.

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CHIPS FROM CHANNING

B.H. Berman was a Green Bay visitor last Monday.

Miss **Alma Kramer** spent last Sunday with her parents at **Sagola**.

S.W. Johnston has returned from a business trip to Green Bay.

Miss **May Daniels**, of **Sagola**, spent last Sunday with the **Misses Dione**.

Mrs. Henry Ford entertained the **Five Hundred club** last Thursday evening.

Rev. Sam Bottrell, of **Republic**, held services here last Thursday evening.

Mrs. Cecil Worthing left last Monday for a few days' visit at **Marinette** and **Oconto**.

Mesdames Louis Little and **Wallace Pritchard** were **Crystal Falls** callers last Monday.

Herbert Woelz, of Appleton, was a guest at the home of **A.W. Holzkecht** *[sic - Holzkecht]* last Sunday.

Miss **Edna Johnson**, of **Iron Mountain**, was in town last Tuesday attending to her music class.

W.W. Pritchard returned to **Ontonagon** last Monday after a few days' visit with his family.

Mrs. Geo. Mogan returned last Monday from Greenleaf, where she attended the funeral of a relative.

Mrs. Jesse Hale will leave to-day *[sic - today]* - Thursday - for a few days' visit with her parents at **Marinette**.

Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Holzkecht are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby girl, born, *[sic]* Thursday, March 7th.

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[Compiled and Transcribed by William John Cummings]

Mrs. George Bloomer returned last Monday from Greenleaf, where she went to attend the funeral of her aunt, **Mrs. Ellis**.

Mr. and Mrs. W. McClure attended the funeral of **Mrs. Ellis** at Greenleaf last Sunday. Mrs. Ellis was a sister of Mr. McClure.

Mrs. Robert Hayes has returned from a visit with her husband at **Camp Grant**, Rockford, and reports the Dr. in the best of health.

Several parties are in receipt of a letter from **Arthur Manivelt**, who is "somewhere in France." Art is **running a railroad train**. He says it is nothing like pulling a train to the docks.

Mrs. Herman Lindeman was pleasantly surprised by her friends last Monday evening. The evening was spent in playing cards. Prizes were awarded and refreshments served. A very pleasant evening was spent.

A caucus was held here last Monday evening and the following were nominated on our ticket:

Supervisor – **Otto Miller**.
Clerk – **I.A. Fries**.
Treasurer – **J.T. Dinwoodie**.
Commissioner – **James Cowling**.
Board of Review – **Albert Baenen**.
Justice of Peace – **Dan McDonald**.
Overseer of Highway – **John Cuculi**.

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CHIPS FROM CHANNING

G. Gestner spent last Sunday at Green Bay.

Ed. Grade spent last Sunday at Milwaukee.

Mrs. John Brick was a **Sagola** visitor last Monday.

Mrs. I.A. Friess was an **Iron Mountain** visitor last Friday.

Traveling Engineer Ralph Graves was in town last Friday.

Mrs. Herman Lindeman spent last Saturday at **Marinette**.

Father Stahl, of **Republic**, held services here last Sunday.

W. McClure made a business trip to Green Bay last Saturday.

Miss **Cora Anderson**, of Milwaukee, is visiting with her parents.

Mrs. Louis Little spent last Tuesday with friends in **Iron Mountain**.

Mrs. Theodore Peterson and children were Sunday visitors at **Wausaukee**.

Mrs. S.W. Johnston is spending the week with her parents at **Ontonagon**.

John Smith, Jr., returned last Monday from a few days' visit at **Menominee**.

Mrs. Noelz, of Appleton, is a guest of her daughter, **Mrs. A.W. Holzknicht**.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Berman made a business trip to Green Bay last Friday.

Mrs. W. Wallendorf and daughter were **Iron Mountain** visitors last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ford and son **Russell** are visiting friends at Green Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. John Couillard were business visitors at **Iron Mountain** last Friday.

Mrs. Frank Hawley and **Mrs. Paul Bauman** were Green Bay visitors last Friday.

Ruth and Robert Kurth returned last Tuesday from a week's visit at Milwaukee.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bloomer are spending the week with relatives at **Marinette**.

Miss **Jennie Oakland** has returned from a short visit with her parents at **Northland**.

Mrs. T.M. Brady, of Green Bay, visited **Mrs. Wallace Pritchard** last Wednesday.

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Mrs. Jesse Hale returned last Sunday from a week-end [*sic* – *weekend*] visit with her parents at **Marinette**.

Miss **Margaret Flanagan**, of **Iron River**, spent Sunday with her aunt, **Mrs. John Brick**.

Miss **Eulalie Flanagan**, of **Sagola**, was a visitor at the home of **Mrs. John Brick** last Monday.

Mrs. Grade, of **Stiles Junction**, was a guest of her daughter, **Mrs. Herman Krohn**, the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Erhard Bauman returned last Monday from a visit with **Iron Mountain** relatives.

Bernard Trigloff returned last Monday morning from a short vacation, which was spent at **Green Bay** and **Milwaukee**.

Frank Noonan has returned from **Rochester, Minn.**, where he accompanied his father, who underwent an operation.

Albert Wagner spent Sunday with his wife at **Green Bay**. **Mrs. Wagner** is a patient at **St. Vincent's Hospital** and is doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenney returned last Monday from **Iron Mountain**, where they visited **Mrs. Mary Sweet**, who is seriously ill.

Mrs. Howard Couillard returned last Sunday morning from **Green Bay**, where she was receiving medical treatment and is greatly improved in health.

Chester Anderson has returned from the **Iron Mountain hospital**, where he was receiving treatment. **Chester** was shot in the arm three weeks ago. The arm is getting along nicely and will be saved.

Mrs. Ben Berman entertained last Saturday evening at a **St. Patrick's party**. The home was beautifully decorated for the occasion and a very enjoyable evening was spent by those present.

A. Holz knecht and son **George**, [*sic*] spent last Friday at **Green Bay** and were accompanied home by another son,

Frederick, who came to meet his new sister. **Frederick** returned to his school at **Green Bay** on Monday.

George Mogan made a business trip to **Green Bay** last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hiem returned last Friday from a week's visit with relatives at **Hilbert Junction**.

Mrs. Herbert Modrow and daughter left last Thursday to visit relatives at **Green Bay** and **Hartford, Wis.**

Mr. and Mrs. E.T. Redline and daughter **Virginia** returned last Monday from a few days' visit at **Green Bay**.

Mrs. J.T. Dinwoodie and daughters, **Florence and Dorothy**, returned last Tuesday from a few days' visit at **Green Bay**.

Mrs. Geo. Mogan was called to **Hartford, Wis.**, last Monday to attend her daughter, **Mrs. Lawrence Thibido**, formerly **Miss Marion Mogan**, who is ill.

Mrs. Wallace Pritchard entertained the **Five Hundred club** last Wednesday evening. A very enjoyable evening was spent by all. **Mrs. T.M. Brady**, of **Green Bay**, was a guest of the club.

The Misses **Alice, May and Florence Dinwoodie** entertained the **Junior Sewing club** last Wednesday afternoon. The afternoon was spent in playing games and sewing. At six o'clock a delicious lunch was served by **Mrs. Dinwoodie**.

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CHIPS FROM CHANNING

Born, to **Mr. and Mrs. Louis Anderson**, a daughter.

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I.A. Friess, J. Dinwoodie, wife and son, **Eddie Grade** and **M.M. Harrington** are on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Couillard were at **Iron Mountain** last Tuesday and closed a deal for **four lots in McGinley's First Addition to Channing**. These lots adjoin the Couillard property.

Floyd Duchaine has purchased the **M.F. Dockery building on Main street**. Consideration, \$3,000. The building will be remodeled and made up-to-date for his increasing barber and pool room business.

Thomas Carney, the **Randville saloonkeeper**, was convicted of selling liquor contrary to law by a circuit court jury last Tuesday. The case had been pending for nearly a year. **Charles Dwyer**, of **Crystal Falls**, represented the defendant, and **Prosecutor Brackett** appeared for the state.

John T. Spencer left yesterday for Chicago on a business mission.

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CHIPS FROM CHANNING

Mrs. E.T. Redline is visiting in Chicago.

J.C. Marchant, of **Marinette**, was a business visitor here last week.

Miss **Bessie Nowack**, who has been on the sick list, is back at the **Paul Khoury store**.

Miss **Jennie Okerlund** has returned to her home at **Cornell**, after spending the winter with her sister, **Mrs. Ben Berman**.

We hear of **several new houses that will be erected in the spring**. Real estate is lively, several transfers being recorded during the past week.

Word received from **Postmaster R.E. Boll**, who is receiving treatment at the **Mayo Hospital** at Rochester, Minn., is to

the effect that his ailment is improving slowly.

About May 1st, **George Boutotte** will open a **barber shop and billiard hall** in the **building now occupied by Kemper & Boutotte**. George is well versed in the business and will conduct an up-to-date place.

Paul Khoury has returned from the eastern markets, where he went to buy spring and summer goods and also to meet **Mrs. Khoury**, who has been spending the winter at her home at Brooklyn, N.Y.

Casper Kammerer, who died from the effects of a **kick from a horse in the U.S. cavalry**, was a brother of **Mrs. George Boutotte**, of this village. His funeral at **Crystal Falls** last Sunday was the largest ever held there, every person in that city turning out to do homage to the **first of their soldier dead**.

Next Wednesday a **patriotic rally and food show** will be held in this village under the supervision of **County Food Commissioner Donald O'Hara** and Miss **Helen Simonson**, county agent. Afternoon and evening sessions will be held, and it is hoped that all our people will attend the sessions and get the valuable instructions which will be offered them.

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CHIPS FROM CHANNING

Alex Hume, of Green Bay, was in town last Friday.

I.A. Fries was an **Iron Mountain** visitor last Tuesday.

Mrs. George Boutoff spent last Sunday at **Crystal Falls**.

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Mrs. Louis Little was an **Iron Mountain** visitor last Saturday.

Mrs. M. Klemmer, of **Ishpeming**, is a guest of **Mrs. Henry Ford**.

John Erickson spent the past week with his family at **Wausaukee**.

Mrs. E.T. Redline spent the weekend with relatives at **Green Bay**.

Mrs. Wallace Pritchard spent Sunday with her husband at **Ontonagon**.

Mrs. Wm. Dione and **T. Peterson** spent last Saturday at **Marinette**.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lear spent last Sunday with relatives in **Abrams**.

Mrs. Jas. Kocha spent last Saturday with her mother at **Iron Mountain**.

Miss **Minnie Caron**, of **Chicago**, is visiting her sister, **Mrs. Walter Lear**.

Mrs. I.A. Fries entertained the **Five Hundred club** last Thursday evening.

Mrs. M.M. Harrington has returned from a visit with relatives at **Ontonagon**.

Peter Witman left last Saturday for a month's vacation and is headed for **Texas**.

Mrs. Jesse Hale and **Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Nazalle** were **Marinette** visitors last Monday.

Miss **Harriet Cuculi** has returned to **Milwaukee**, after a week's visit with her mother.

Rev. O. Haas, of **Iron River**, held **services at the school-house** last Tuesday evening.

Elizabeth, Helen and Teddy Peterson spent last Sunday with their grandparents at **Wausaukee**.

Mrs. John Erickson, of **Wausaukee**, attended the **Red Cross dance** last Monday and left Tuesday for her home.

Thomas Jonas has returned from a month's vacation at **Escanaba** and is now employed as **baggage man at the depot**.

Mrs. John Holling left last Monday for her home at **Marinette**, after a weeks' [*sic - week's*] visit with her daughter, **Mrs. Jesse Hale**.

Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Boll and son returned last Monday from a visit at **Milwaukee** and **Chilton**. **Mr. Boll** has been receiving treatments at **Rochester, Minn.**, and returned greatly improved in health and his many friends are glad to see him back.

S.W. Johnston has purchased a new car and now everybody is dodging the corners. But **Spike** makes a pretty good chauffeur, at that.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Alexander and daughter **Evelyn** left last Thursday for their home at **Portage**, after a week's visit at the home of **W.W. Pritchard**.

John Stryculi left last Wednesday for **Excelsior Springs, Mo.** John has been laid up for the past two months with rheumatism and we hope the treatments will do him good.

Donald O'Hara and **C.V. Ballard**, of **Iron Mountain**, held a patriotic rally at the hall last Wednesday evening. **Miss Simondson** demonstrated on the food question in the afternoon.

Earl Redline, [*sic*] is now located at **Camp Greene**, **North Carolina**, and **Lyland Worthing** at **Long Island, N.Y.** The boys write home that they are in good health and enjoy army life.

Mr. Eben Johnson and son **Ward** went to **Iron Mountain** last Tuesday. **Ward** had the misfortune to fall on an air-tight heater and burned his face quite badly and was taken to **Iron Mountain** for treatment.

The **Red Cross dance** given by the **Red Cross Junior girls** was a success in every way. The girls cleared \$92.00 for the **Red Cross fund**. They are deserving of a lot of credit, as they worked hard to make it a success, and every one [*sic - everyone*] in attendance report it the best party ever held in **Channing**.

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CHIPS FROM CHANNING

Mrs. Ed. Kurth spent last Friday at **Marinette**.

Mrs. James Cowling was a **Sagola** visitor Friday.

Mrs. John Brick spent last Wednesday at **Sagola**.

Mrs. R.E. Boll visited at **Iron Mountain** last Saturday.

Mrs. S.W. Johnston was a **Green Bay** visitor last Tuesday.

M. [sic - Mr.] M.H. Harrington made a business trip to **Chicago** last week.

Miss **Cecil Dione** spent the week-end [sic - weekend] with relatives at **Pound, Wis.**

Mrs. Wallace Pritchard was a business caller at **Marinette** last Friday.

Mrs. Foster, of **Green Bay**, spent last Saturday with her son **Chester**.

Miss **May LaCourt** is spending the week with her parents at **Oconto**.

Mrs. F. Duchaine and daughter visited at **Iron Mountain** last week.

Mrs. Wm. Dione entertained the **Five Hundred club** last Thursday evening.

Mrs. M.M. Harrington spent the week-end [sic - weekend] with relatives at **Green Bay**.

Mr. and Mrs. I.A. Fries were among **Iron Mountain** visitors last Wednesday.

Mrs. Fred Balzer, of **Marinette**, was a guest of **Mrs. Jesse Hale** last Wednesday.

Arthur Klemner, of **Houghton**, was a week-end [sic - weekend] visitor at the home of **Henry Ford**.

Mrs. Herman Lindeman and daughter **Zaderine** were **Marinette** visitors last Friday.

Mrs. George Bloomer went to **Marinette** last Thursday for a short visit with relatives.

Louis Anderson and son **Chester** were business visitors at **Iron Mountain** last Wednesday.

Misses **Theresa Thiesen** and **Loretta Wifler**, of **Sagola**, were guests at the **Shay home** last Saturday.

Mrs. E.T. Redline attended the final function of the **Catholic Woman's club** at **Green Bay** last Tuesday.

Mrs. Charles Gustafson and daughter **Ardella** returned last Saturday from a short visit with relatives at **Lena**.

Lester Redline, who is a student at **St. Norbert's College**, **Depere**, spent last Sunday here with his parents.

Paul Khoury has leased rooms from **Mrs. Robert H. Hayes** and will bring **Mrs. Khoury** here from **Iron Mountain** to reside.

Mrs. Oliver Raymond is a patient in a **Green Bay hospital**, having been operated on, and reports are that she is doing nicely.

Mesdames E.T. Redline, S.W. Johnston, Walter Lear, William McClure, Bert Kenny, J.T. Dinwoodie and **James Kocha** were among **Iron Mountain** visitors last week.

The **Red Cross Safety First car** was in town last Friday. In the evening **Dr. Litzcomb** lectured on first aid at the hall. **Supt. Tyler, Master Mechanic Wm. Hart, Mr. Dittman** and **Traveling Engineer Ralph Graves**, of **Green Bay**, attended the lecture, which was very instructive and enjoyed by a large audience.

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CHIPS FROM CHANNING

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George Holtzknect is visiting relatives at Shawano.

Mrs. E.T. Redline spent last Sunday at Green Bay.

Fred Gage was an **Iron Mountain** visitor last Saturday.

Mrs. Cora Schramm spent last Saturday at **Iron Mountain**.

Miss **Winifred Cuculi** was a week-end [*sic – weekend*] visitor at Green Bay.

John Erickson spent last Sunday with his family at **Wausaukee**.

Mrs. Henry Ford spent last Tuesday with **Ishpeming** relatives.

Henry Derwin spent last Sunday with his family at Green Bay.

Mrs. Charles McGregor was a Green Bay visitor last Thursday.

Mrs. Wenzel Krummel spent last Sunday with relatives at **Marinette**.

Eden Hayes and **Roy Lindeman** spent last Saturday at **Iron Mountain**.

Mrs. Paul Khoury, of **Iron Mountain**, spent a few days here this week.

Mrs. Albert Kurth and daughter **Ruth** spent last Friday at **Iron Mountain**.

Miss **Minnie Caron** spent last Thursday with her mother at **Champion**.

Mrs. Jesse Hale entertained the **Five Hundred club** last Thursday evening.

Mrs. Theodore Peterson and children were Sunday visitors at **Wausaukee**.

Alice May Dinwoodie spent the week-end [*sic – weekend*] with her grandparents at Green Bay.

Mrs. R.C. White and children, of Green Bay, are visiting with relatives here.

Mrs. W. MacFarland and children came up from Green Bay last Monday and has [*sic – have*] moved into their new cottage, which has just been completed.

Leo Burm, of Green Bay, has enlisted in the army and will leave soon for camp.

Mrs. Fred Terwilleger [*sic – Terwilliger*], of **Ralph**, was a guest of **Mrs. A.B. Worthing** last Thursday.

Mrs. Wm. Dione and **Mrs. Henry Ford** were among the **Iron Mountain** visitors last week.

Rev. Sam Bottrell, of **Republic**, held services at the school-house last Thursday evening.

A baby girl arrived at the home of **Mr. and Mrs. Earl Clement** last Thursday morning.

Mrs. Wallace Pritchard and **Zaderine Lindeman** spent last Sunday and Monday at **Ontonagon**.

Mrs. R.M. Sampson, of **Iron Mountain**, spent last Sunday with her daughter, **Mrs. James Kocha**.

Ben Burman and **Otto Putski** are clearing lots and will erect cottages as soon as labor can be secured.

Mrs. Herman Lindman [*sic – Lindeman*] and daughters, **Zaderine** and **Eleanor**, were **Iron Mountain** visitors last Saturday.

Louis Thiele is putting up a portable house and will move his family here from Green Bay for the summer.

Mrs. J.T. Dinwoodie went to **Iron Mountain** last Wednesday for instructions in the registration for women.

Misses **Ursale Dione** and **Dulcine Gohr** returned last Tuesday from a few days' visit with their grandparents at Pound [*Wisconsin*].

Mrs. M. Klemner has returned to her home at **Ishpeming**, after a two months' visit at the home of her niece, **Mrs. Henry Ford**.

The eighth grade girls gave the play "Wahelo" at **Cuculi Hall** last Wednesday evening. A large audience attended and the girls did very good work in their first appearance on the stage. After the play, a dance was given. Music was furnished by **Wilson's orchestra**, of **Crystal Falls**. The girls cleared sixty dollars and the funds were turned over to the **Red Cross**. Our

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girls are good and faithful workers and are doing everything to help win the war.

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An Arrest at Channing.

At **Channing** recently a young man named **Raymond Shay**, in an intoxicated condition, made free with **two bottles of whiskey**, endeavoring to dispose of it by treating his friends at a **dancing party**. He was induced to tell where he got the "booze." It transpired that, on the last wet day in Michigan, an auction sale of the remaining stock of **John Cuculi** was held, and the auctioneer sold some of the whiskey to Shay, who from all accounts looks to be over twenty-one, though it is said he is under age. **Mr. Cuculi is held for selling liquor to a minor person.**

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Alban Frizzel has enlisted in the navy.

Peter Calvi, of Iron Mountain, was in town last Friday.

Mrs. George Carey and son spent last Tuesday at **Sagola**.

Mrs. J.T. Dinwoodie spent last Tuesday at **Iron Mountain**.

Mrs. Louis [sic] Little and son **Lewis [sic]** are visiting relatives in **Calumet**.

Mr. and Mrs. M.M. Harrington are spending a few days at **Ontonagon**.

Ferris Nelson, of Green Bay, has accepted a position as a **machinist** here.

Miss **Eulalie Flanagan**, of **Sagola**, visited **Mrs. John Brick** last Friday.

Mrs. Emil Schimek returned last Tuesday from a few days' visit at **Norway**.

George Kronhke, of Wabeno, was a Sunday guest at the home of **I.A. Fries**.

Mrs. George Bloomer returned last Tuesday from a week's visit at Green Bay.

Cecil Worthing returned last Saturday from a short business trip to Racine.

Mrs. Wm. Dione returned last Saturday from a visit with her parents at Pound.

Mrs. Herman Lindeman returned last Saturday from a few days' visit at Abrams.

Mrs. Frank King and daughter, of Green Bay, are guests of **Mrs. Frank Hawley**.

Mrs. E.T. Redline and daughter **Virginia** were **Iron River** visitors last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam LaValley and boy returned last Tuesday from an extended visit at Coleman.

Rawley Deacon and **Ed VanDusen** enlisted as **machinists** at Milwaukee and have left for camp.

Paul Khoury has purchased **Fred Gage's cottage** and is having it repaired for his own use.

Miss **Margaret Tobin**, of Fond du Lac, is a guest of her cousins, the Misses **Margaret and Edna Tobin**.

Mrs. S.W. Johnston returned last Tuesday from a few days' visit with her parents at **Ontonagon**.

Mrs. George Hirn and son **Edward** have returned from an extended visit with relatives at **Escanaba**.

Mrs. Wm. Tobin, who has been a patient at **St. Vincent's Hospital**, Green Bay, returned home last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crane have returned to Hilbert Junction, after a week's visit at the home of **J.T. Dinwoodie**.

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Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Woodrow and daughter **Eleanor** returned last Saturday from a short visit with relatives at Peshtigo.

Mrs. Lawrence Thibido has returned to her home at Hartford, Wis., after a week's visit at the home of her parents, **Mr. and Mrs. George Mogan**.

Miss **Winnifred Cuculi** returned last Friday from a week's visit at Green Bay and is now filling her old position as **clerk at the dispatcher's office**.

Wallace Pritchard returned to **Ontonagon** last Saturday morning after a week's visit here. Mrs. Pritchard visited at Ontonagon over Sunday.

Mrs. Wm. Dione was pleasantly surprised last Saturday by the members of the **Cinch club**. A very pleasant evening was spent and refreshments served.

A number of **K.C. [Knights of Columbus]** members attended the meeting at **Iron Mountain** last Sunday. Among them were **I.A. Fries, Al Baanen, R.E. Boll, Thomas McGuire** and **E.T. Redline**.

Mrs. Wm. Feak, of Green Bay, was in town last Tuesday visiting with her husband and making arrangements to **move into their home recently purchased from G. Bovinger**.

Miss **Edna Johnson**, of **Iron Mountain**, was in town last Tuesday, **preparing her piano students for a recital**, which will be given at **Crystal Falls** on June 16th, at the **city hall**. Admission will be charged and the receipts given to the **Red Cross**.

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PERSONAL

At **Menominee**, last Friday, a marriage license was issued to **Wilbur Rushford**, of **Channing**, and **Lottie M. Kuehl**, of **Kewaunee, Wis.**

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(Wednesday, May 29th, 1918.)

Mrs. Nowack was an **Iron Mountain** visitor last Saturday.

Miss **Susie Puterbough**, [sic] is visiting friend [sic – friends] in **Ishpeming**.

Mrs. E. Schram, [sic] is visiting her daughter at **St. Cloud, Wis.**

Mrs. Howard Couillard [sic – Couillard] spent last Saturday at **Marinette**.

Rev. Father Stahl, of **Republic**, held services here last Sunday.

Mrs. Herman Lindeman was a **Marinette** visitor last Saturday.

Miss **Winnie Cuculi**, [sic] is spending the week with friends at **Green Bay**.

Mrs. Hans Oleson, of **Elkhart**, visited with [her] husband here the past week.

Mrs. Henry Ford and son **Russell** are visiting with relatives at **Ishpeming**.

Mrs. Wm. Dione and children spent the week-end [sic – weekend] with relatives at **Pound**.

Mrs. Theodore Peterson and children were **Wausaukee** visitors last Sunday.

Lester Redline is home from **St. Norbert's College** for his summer vacation.

Mrs. E.T. Redline returned home last Saturday from a week's visit at **Green Bay**.

Miss **Marie Hiene**, of **Elkhart**, is a guest at the home of her brother, **Ray Hiene**.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crane, of Hilbert, are guests of **Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Dinwoodie**.

Mrs. John Cochran, of Green Bay, spent last Tuesday here with her husband.

Mrs. Theodore Hansen, of Green Bay, spent last Sunday here with her husband.

Mrs. W. McClure and son **Urban** and daughter **Gladyce** are visiting friends at Green Bay.

Mrs. Ed Kurth entertained the **Five Hundred club** at her home last Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Ray Hiene and **Mrs. George Baribeau** were **Iron Mountain** visitors last Saturday.

Cyril Mogan left last Saturday for **Iron Mountain** to join the men who left for **Camp Wheeler**, Ga.

Mrs. Wm. Tobin was operated on last Friday at **St. Vincent's Hospital** at Green Bay, and is getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hinkley, Jr., of **Iron River**, were guests at the home of **Fred Hinkley, Sr.**, the past week.

Earl Redline left last Thursday evening for **Camp Greene**, Georgia, after spending a week's furlough with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Clements, of International Falls, Minn., left last Tuesday evening for their home, after a week's visit here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. James Nazelle left last Monday for Green Bay. Mr. Nazelle was called to leave Monday night for **Camp Grant**. Mrs. N. will visit friends at Green Bay and Crivitz.

The home of Wm. Tobin was struck by lightning last Friday night. The house and furniture were badly burned. Mr. and Mrs. Tobin were out of town at the time.

Mrs. George Mogan entertained last Friday evening at her home in honor of her son **Cyril**, who **left with the drafted men** last Sunday. The evening was spent in

dancing and a very delightful time was had by the young folks.

Mrs. William Dione was pleasantly surprised last Thursday evening by the members of the **Five Hundred club**. The evening was spent in playing cards. Refreshments were served. A very pleasant evening was spent by all.

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CHIPS FROM CHANNING

Mrs. Deacon is visiting friends at **Iron River**.

Mrs. Wm. Dione spent last Saturday at **Marinette**.

Mrs. W. Krummel spent last Monday at **Marinette**.

Mrs. P. Tobin spent last Tuesday at **Iron Mountain**.

Bob Tobin was an **Iron Mountain** visitor last Tuesday.

Mrs. James Kocha was an **Iron Mountain** visitor last Saturday.

Mrs. Paul Bauman is a patient at one of the **Green Bay hospitals**.

Miss **Gladys McClure** has recovered from a severe case of measles.

George James, of Manitowoc, spent Sunday here with his best girl.

Mrs. J.T. Dinwoodie was an **Iron Mountain** visitor last Saturday.

Mrs. Minnie Cuculi is spending the week with relatives at Milwaukee.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Lenz were **Iron Mountain** visitors last Saturday.

Mrs. Walter Lear is a patient at **St. Vincent's Hospital**, Green Bay. Latest reports are that she is doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bloomer visited with relatives at Appleton last Sunday.

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Mrs. Theodore Peterson and family visited **Wausau** relatives last Sunday.

Miss **Lillian Hirm**, of **Escanaba**, is spending the summer vacation with her parents.

Mrs. Cora Schramm returned last Friday from a two weeks' visit at Milwaukee.

Mrs. Hans Oleson, of Elkhart Lake, spent the past week here with her husband.

Misses **Helen Wallendorf** and **Alice Warren** were **Iron Mountain** visitors on Tuesday.

Mrs. Chas. McGregor returned last Saturday from a visit with relatives at Green Bay.

Mrs. Wallace Pritchard spent a few days this week with Mr. Pritchard at **Ontonagon**.

Mrs. R.E. Hayes returned last Sunday from a week's visit with her husband in Chicago.

Miss **Edna Johnson**, of **Iron Mountain**, was in town last Tuesday in the interest of her **music class**.

James and Clifford Whirely, of **Escanaba**, are visiting their grandparents, **Mr. and Mrs. P. Tobin**.

Mrs. Wm. Feak came up from **Wausau** last Saturday and is now busy settling in her new home.

Mesdames Herman Lindeman, Jesse Hale, Edw. Kurth and Henry Ford spent last Saturday at **Marinette**.

Mrs. Cecil Worthing and baby returned last Saturday from a two weeks' visit with her parents at **Oconto**.

Miss **Luella Couillard**, who has been attending the **Crystal Falls high school**, is home for her summer vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. John Harvey and Miss **Ethel Powers**, of Milwaukee, were guests at the home of **R.E. Boll** last Sunday.

Mrs. Maggie MacNamara, of **Iron River**, and **Mrs. Edw. Newton**, of Milwaukee, called on friends here last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eben Johnson and Miss **Jennie Johnson** have returned from Cleveland, Ohio, where they attended the **convention of railway engineers**.

Mrs. Chester Foster returned last Tuesday from a few days' visit with her husband at Green Bay. Mr. Foster is a patient in **St. Vincent's Hospital** and is getting along nicely.

A large crowd of Channing people attended the piano recital at **Crystal Falls** last Sunday. It was given for the benefit of the **Red Cross** by Miss **Edna Johnson's** music pupils.

The pupils of Miss **Alma Kramer** and Miss **Irene Miles** gave a play at the **Channing Hall** last Wednesday evening. A large crowd attended. Misses **Kramer** and **Miles** are deserving of a great deal of credit for the way the children were drilled and took their parts. A small admission was charged and turned over to our local **Red Cross**. The play was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. M.M. Harrington was pleasantly surprised last Thursday evening by the members of the **Five Hundred club** at the home of **Mrs. R.E. Boll**, it being a farewell party. Mr. and Mrs. **Harrington** will leave next week for **Wausau**, to make their home. Mr. H. has **accepted the position of chief train dispatcher** at that place. The good wishes of their many friends go with them to their new home.

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Dinwoodie Promoted.

J.T. Dinwoodie, for the past several years assistant trainmaster for the **St. Paul** road at **Channing**, succeeds **M.M. Harrington** as trainmaster. **E.G. Grade**,

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relief dispatcher, has been appointed assistant to Mr. Dinwoodie. The appointment of Mr. Dinwoodie will prove popular with the railroad boys and the general public, as he has many friends. **M.M. Harrington**, who came to the division with the late **Supt. Clifford**, has been advanced to the position of dispatcher of the Wisconsin division with headquarters at Wausau.

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CHANNING MURDER

Frank Shells, the Perpetrator of the Crime, is Still at Large.

"He came to his death by a gunshot wound" was the verdict returned last Monday by **Coroner MacDonald's** jury in the case of **William Kiel**, who was found dead under a load of hay at the **H.M. Boll farm at Sawyer Lake** the evening of August 10th.

The jury was composed of **Holton Knisely, Ed. Vermulen [sic - Vermullen], Henry M. Boll, Louis Kempen, George Cuculi** and **Leo Duford**, all residents of Channing.

The witnesses examined were **Fred Hamel, R.B. Edmunds** and **William Johnson**, otherwise known as "**Billy, the Finn.**"

Hamel testified that he witnessed the shooting of Kiel by **Frank Shells or Shields**. The latter is also known as **Frank Armstrong** and at one time made his headquarters at Channing. According to Hamel, Shells, **Curtis Pringle** and Kiel were **operating a still in the swamp a short distance from the Boll farm**, where Kiel and the witness were employed. On the day of the shooting, Hamel had spent some time at the still and all the men, Kiel included, had drunk considerable moonshine. All became intoxicated with the exception of Kiel. It had been agreed to abandon the still and the outfit had been dismantled, several jugs of the moonshine had been divided and the mesh [*sic - mash*] destroyed [*sic - destroyed*]. Shells, according to Hamel, had gone to sleep in the hay field near where Kiel was working. In the late afternoon, Shells and Pringle were seen approaching Kiel, who was on a load of hay. Shells accused Kiel of robbing him while he was sleeping off the effects of his moonshine drunk, and yell [*sic - yelled*] that he would [*sic - he would*] kill him unless he returned the money. Kiel made denial of the charge. Shells at once fired at Kiel, who was in a stooping position on the load of hay. The shotgun with which Shells was armed was loaded with buck-shot [*sic - buckshot*], seven to the shell. The load of shot struck Kiel in the throat and passed out under the right shoulder. Hamel stated that at the time Shells shot Kiel, he was standing on one side of the hay wagon and that Curtis Pringle, armed with a rifle, was on the other side. However, he only heard one shot. After the shooting, Shells threatened to kill Hamel if he told anyone of the murder. Shells and Pringle then disappeared. Hamel admits that he was intoxicated and feared that Shells would make good his threat, and did not tell of the murder until some hours later, when he informed **R.B. Edmunds**. Edmunds

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assisted Hamel in uncovering the body of Kiel, which was under the load of hay, the wagon having capsized when the team ran away after the shooting. The two men then informed a number of people at Channing that Kiel had been Edmunds [sic – murdered]. Edmunds assisted Hamel[.] Hamel told of the shooting and **Sheriff Farrell** and Coroner McDonald [sic – MacDonal] were informed of the crime.

R.B. Edmunds, the second witness, testified that he had met Shells on the road the evening of the the [sic] shooting. Shells was intoxicated and was waving his arms and shouting. With-gilled [sic] in a runaway accident. Later the _____ **Dutchman[.]**” He robbed me of \$85.00 while I was sleeping in the hay field. I demanded that he return the money. I gave him a chance to do so. I counted three before I shot the _____!” Later he met Hamel and assisted in uncovering the body of Kiel, which was buried under the load of hay. On Thursday, Edmunds stated, he told **H.M. Boll** and **Louis Kempen**, a deputy sheriff, of meeting Shells on the road.

William Johnson, known as “**Billy, the Finn**,” testified that the evening after the shooting, between five and six o’clock, Shells came to his shack, about three miles from the Boll farm. Shells told him that he had killed Kiel. That Kiel had robbed him of all his money and that he was penniless. He wanted to sell his overcoat and a watch, but Johnson had no money. However, he gave him some bread. After making some inquiries regarding the road to Crystal Falls, Snells [sic – Shells] left the shack. Johnson says that he watched Shells until he disappeared in the woods. Johnson did not inform the authorities of Shells’ visit until last Thursday.

Sheriff Farrell and his assistants are making an energetic search for Shells and Curtis Pringle. Pringle has been seen in

Green Bay and Milwaukee and he can be arrested when wanted. Shells is admittedly a “bad actor.” **He has been in the vicinity of Channing for more than a year and is supposed to have been engaged in trapping. From developments it would appear that the making of moonshine whiskey was his chief occupation.** The authorities are hopeful of having him under arrest in the near future.

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NEW THEATRE AT CHANNING OPENED

With a **dance** attended by 160 couples, the **Liberty theatre** at Channing was opened this week. Dancers were in attendance from all parts of Iron, Dickinson, and Marquette counties, according to **Ed. Vermullen**, manager. **Johnson’s orchestra**, of **Escanaba**, furnished music.

The new theatre is a large one, 800 seats being provided. The seats are removable, allowing the floor to be cleared for a dance hall, as was done at the opening. Several late motion picture features have been booked for showings in the near future, Mr. Vermullen declared.

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KHOURY BUYS OLD

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ST. PAUL HOUSE

Paul Khoury, of Channing, who has been conducting an alterations sale at his store in that village the past few days, has changed his plans with regard to future arrangements for his business. He has purchased the **St. Paul house**, and will prepare it for the conduct of a **general store**, instead of remodeling his present quarters, as was his first intention. The St. Paul house has a frontage of fifty feet and, when Mr. Khoury completes the work he has planned for it, he will have well appointed [sic – well-appointed] quarters in which he will carry a large and varied stock.

Mr. Khoury writes that his sale has been a great success, due largely to the pulling power of his advertisements. A foot note [sic – footnote] to his letter is the phrase, "It pays to advertise."

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The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 3, Number 12 [Tuesday, April 24, 1923], page 1, columns 6-7

"Boost Channing", is Purpose Of Committee From Railroad Terminal of St. Paul System

**Will Visit Road Officials
This Week to Learn Ex-
tent of Improvements**

"Boost Channing," is the slogan of a booster committee appointed at a "Channing rally," when methods of developing the town and putting it on the upper peninsula map were discussed thoroughly.

The committee was appointed to collect data and go into everything that will boost the community, which has a population of approximately 1,200. The primary object of the meeting, it is said, was to allay fears of residents and to deny reports that the **Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul company** intended to move its shops and terminal from Channing to Iron Mountain, Crystal Falls, or any one of the half dozen cities mentioned in recent reports.

The committee will visit railway officials at the company's headquarters within a few days to go over contemplated improvement plans and learn if possible when and to what extent the company intends to improve its holdings at Channing. It was reported at Channing recently that the railway company intended to make extensive improvements to its shops there and it is the intention of the "booster committee" to co-operate [sic – cooperate] with the company in every way so as to see realization of the contemplated developments as rapidly as possible.

Get Electric Service

Electric lights will be available at Channing before the end of the year, according to prominent men of the city, who say that a franchise has been obtained and it is probable that arrangements will be made with the **Peninsular Power company** before long to supply the town with power.

From 40 to 50 new homes have been built in Channing within the past year or two and, according to the present outlook, between 15 and 20 more will be erected early this summer by railroad employes [sic – employees].

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Channing's new \$125,000 high school is pointed to with pride by residents as an indication of the town's progress and as an evidence of faith in the St. Paul railroad's willingness to keep its terminal there.

On the direct railroad line, with four passenger trains daily, merchants and businessmen are assured of good service, while the town's location is said to be well suited for the railroad's terminal requirements.

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CHANNING DRY, RESIDENTS SAY

Nothing But Odor Is Left in "Wildcat Town"

"Hard-boiled" Channing no longer is very hard. About all that breaks the calm, serene tranquility of its evenings now is the piping of a multitude of love making frogs, denizens of the marshes that surround the town.

Residents of Channing assert that the change has been miraculous, and almost overnight. **The town which one month ago bore the reputation of being one of the "wildest in the upper peninsula," is now incredibly tame.**

To Prosecutor MacAllister, Sheriff Cleveland, and United States District Judge Sessions, of Marquette, Channing pays tribute as its cleansers. **The harsh treatment by Cleveland of three alleged bootleggers at Sagola, who attempted to prevent arrest by assaulting a deputy sheriff; the message sent to the proprietors of the several Channing soft drink parlors by MacAllister that no "monkey business" would be tolerated, and last, but far from least, the stiff prison sentences imposed by Judge Sessions upon Iron Mountain bootleggers who are now serving long terms at Fort Leavenworth, is said to have prompted the decision by the peddlers of moonshine liquor that the occupation was a too hazardous one to be considered worth while [sic - worthwhile].**

There are several establishments there quite redolent of forbidden beverages. That redolence causes officials to sniff the air suspiciously; but Channing residents are unanimous that the odor is all that is left. The town, they say, is dry.

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The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 143 [Monday, September 28, 1925], page 1, column 2

Channing Business District Swept By \$50,000 Fire

Three Buildings

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Are Destroyed By Flames

Fire of an undetermined origin early this morning took its toll at Channing, 16 miles north of Iron Mountain, causing damage estimated at \$50,000, and destroying three frame buildings in the heart of the business district.

The loss was as follows:

Paul Khoury, general merchandise store, \$25,000.

Sam Khoury, restaurant and rooming house, \$10,000.

R.J. Tobin, pool hall and barber shop, \$6,000.

Lawrence Calcugh, restaurant and rooming house, \$4,000.

The blaze, according to the night operator at the **Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad station** who gave the alarm this morning at 12:20 o'clock, started in the rear of the Paul Khoury building.

Fanned by a southeast wind, the fire soon spread to the adjacent buildings. Within half an hour, two buildings were a mass of flames. Unable to check the progress of the fire, it next spread to the Sam Khoury and Tobin places. Volunteer firemen were hampered by the intense heat and were forced to fight the flames from a distance of 50 feet.

Send Call For Help

An emergency call was sent to the Crystal Falls and Iron Mountain fire departments, but the local engine company was unable to give assistance as the steam pumper had to be loaded on a flat car. At the time that the alarm was received here, it was considered almost next to impossible to check the spreading flames.

Due to motor trouble, the Crystal Falls department was on the road for an hour

and 30 minutes, it was stated. The distance is about 17 miles.

Ten minutes after the fire was discovered a **bucket brigade** was organized and the village hose cart put into use.

Fully 75 volunteers were engaged in fighting the fire but their efforts were unavailing as the old buildings, built of pine lumber, made excellent fuel.

Four streams of water were played on the flames. Two hoses were attached to a fire hydrant close by while two others were stretched from locomotives of the St. Paul railroad. Two locomotives alternated to supply water from their tanks and it was pumped with the **Crystal Falls American-LaFrance fire truck**. The engines each made four trips to the railroad water tank, which is a mile south of the village.

Roomers Forced Out

More than 25 roomers, living at the two rooming houses, were forced to flee, scantily clad. Many lost their clothes and jewelry. Panic-stricken, they raced to the nearest exit and in the jam, several fell over each other. Fortunately none was injured.

Efforts were being made today to determine the origin of the fire. It is known that it started in the rear of the Paul Khoury store. Mr. Khoury was in Iron Mountain at the time and arrived in Channing three hours after the alarm was given. He stated that no furnace or stove was in use when he left the store yesterday afternoon and it is thought the fire may have started from spontaneous [*sic - spontaneous*] combustion.

A 125 gallon tank of kerosene was located in the rear part of the building. Shortly after the fire got underway, the tank exploded and spread the kerosene to every part of the interior.

Fire workers were not only hampered by the heat but also by low water pressure. Water, however, had little or no effect on

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the burning buildings, the fire having obtained too much headway.

Save Nearby Property

After it was found impossible to halt the fire, the volunteers concentrated their efforts on protecting nearby buildings. Five barns in the alley way and a large store building about 25 feet from the Sam Khoury building, *[sic]* were saved, although the sides were considerably scorched.

Oswald Singlaub was the proprietor of the poolhall *[sic – pool hall]* and barbershop which was being rented by Calcugh.

The Paul Khoury store was one of the oldest in Channing. It was 50 feet wide and 83 feet long, including the warehouse, where the fire started. Mr. Khoury stated that his loss was only partly covered by insurance. He plans to rebuild immediately, he said.

None of the damage was fully covered by insurance, it was stated by others who suffered losses. It is not known yet if they will rebuild although Sam Khoury indicated that he will continue in the restaurant and rooming house business.