

EARLY CONTEMPORARY NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS OF DICKINSON COUNTY PIONEER FARMS

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The importance of agriculture in the development of civilization is often forgotten in today's technological world. But great thinkers from ancient times to the present recognize the key role the farmer has played in society.

Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882), American essayist, philosopher and poet, write in *Society and Solitude: Farming*: The first farmer was the first man, and all historic nobility rests on possession and use of land. Daniel Webster (1782-1852), when speaking about agriculture in Boston on January 13, 1840, stated, "When tillage begins, other arts follow. The farmers, therefore, are the founders of human civilization." Webster added, "Let us never forget that the civilization of the earth is the most important labor of man." Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826), American statesman, third president of the United States and the author of the Declaration of Independence, was a progressive gentleman farmer in his day. He wrote, "Those who labor in the earth are the chosen people of God, if He ever had a chosen people, whose breasts He has made His peculiar deposit for substantial and genuine virtue."

Some years ago, while researching for other local history booklets, I first came across the series of articles relating to early Dickinson County farms in the *Iron Mountain Press*. I have eagerly anticipated sharing these accounts, as well as other more recent articles which were found last summer in the course of finishing research for the county's centennial book *Dickinson County, Michigan: From Earliest Times Through the Twenties*.

Logging camp farms were the first settlements of any permanence in Dickinson County. However, logging and mining overshadowed agriculture for several decades, and farming as an

occupation really began to develop here shortly after the turn of the century, as logging companies began to sell their cutover lands inexpensively.

All but the first article which follow are taken from contemporary newspapers. Several articles from the *Iron Mountain Press* recount a reporter's tour of the various farming districts during the first two decades of this century. Several accounts of the Dickinson County Fair are included, as well as articles pertaining to the short-lived experiment in sheep, goat and cattle ranching in West Branch Township during the late teens. Articles recording the establishment of Iron Mountain's Farmers' Market, a tradition which has faded away only recently, are also included.

Thanks to the efforts of my wife, Toni Marie (Freel) Cummings, an index of names and places found on pages 54 through 59 will make finding information on particular farmers and agricultural regions easier. Appendix I (pages 60 through 67) contains statistical data gathered for the 1894 State of Michigan Census regarding newly-formed Dickinson County's agricultural activities. Appendix II (pages 68 through 75) contains a listing of township residents in Dickinson County in 1913, and many farmers are included therein. A listing for Homestead, Wisconsin, is also included.

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The beginning of Dickinson County's agricultural heritage is closely linked with the logging industry. In the 1860's numerous firms operating sawmills at the mouth of the **Menominee River** established **logging camp farms** along the river and its tributaries, including the **Sturgeon River**. The following account appeared on page 496 of the *History of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan* published by the Western Historical Company in Chicago in 1883. Much of this material originally appeared in Chapter 8 (pages 63-66) of the **Hon. E.S. Ingalls'** book *Centennial History of Menominee County*, published in conjunction with the nation's centennial celebration in 1876.

In **1866**, the **Hamilton & Merryman Company** commenced clearing a farm fifty-six miles up the river [**Menominee River**] with a view of supplying their logging camps, and thus save the expense of transporting hay and root crops. Their principal crop has been hay, oats, potatoes and other roots. The company now has 120 acres cleared. The value of the crop raised last year on the farm is \$1,800. Adjoining the Hamilton & Merryman Company's farm the **Kirby-Carpenter Company** has a farm with 230 acres cleared; the value of the products of this farm for 1875 was \$4,600. The crops were hay, potatoes, turnips, cabbage and a small

amount of winter wheat as an experiment. **Thomas Murray** has charge of the farm. About one mile from these farms the **H. Witbeck Company** has a farm which was commenced in **1868**, and now has 200 acres cleared. The crop last year was 140 tons of hay, worth on the farm \$20 per ton; 1,500 bushels potatoes, worth 25 cents per bushel. The oat crop was cut for hay.

Adjoining this farm the **Ludington, Wells & Van Schaick Company** has a farm with 100 acres cleared; the value of the crops for last year was \$1,586. This company has two other farms, one at the **Relay House**, twenty-five miles from Menominee Village, with 120 acres cleared; value of crops, 1875, \$1,210, and one at **Pike River**, on the Wisconsin side, with forty acres cleared. At the mouth of the **Sturgeon River**, the **Menominee River Lumber Company** has a farm. The clearing on this farm was commenced in **1866**; there are now 100 acres cleared. The crops raised are principally hay, oats and potatoes. The estimated value of the crops at the farm for 1875 was \$5,000.

All crops on these farms have a greater value than they would have in the **village of Menominee**, for they save transportation of their products a great distance. The farms are also used as stopping places for the men and teams going to and returning from the logging camps in the winter. The **Kirby-Carpenter Company** has also three other farms between Menominee Village and the farm mentioned. One, called the **nine-mile farm**, has ninety-five acres cleared; the total value of the product of 1875 is \$2,325. One at the **mouth of Pike River**, in Wisconsin, has eighteen acres cleared; total value of product of 1875, \$1,170. Also one at the **Grand Rapids** with forty acres cleared; total value of products in 1875, \$885. Some of the crops suffered

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from grasshoppers last year, which reduced the yield to less than average.

H. Witbeck has one other farm.

The **N. Ludington Company** has a farm situated on the Menominee, near **Pembina Creek**. This is a large farm, but we have not the statistics.

William Holmes and **George Henderson** have opened a farm on the **Sturgeon River**, in Township 40 north, Range 28 West, which is the farthest in the interior of any farm yet cleared.

Since the building of the railroad, many farms have begun to be cleared along it and also in other parts of the county, but space forbids that we should make particular mention of them here. The principal products of the farms are hay, oats and potatoes, but other grains and roots will grow and mature well. In time, the county will be a great dairy and sheep-raising district. All the cultivated grasses grow well, and the soil and climate are particularly adapted to growing root crops.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 22 [Saturday, July 4, 1885], page 1, columns 3-4

PETER YOUNG is having a neat commodious dwelling erected on his farm, in the **Pine creek district**. The main building is 18x26, two stories high, with kitchen in the rear 18x20. **T. Harper** has the contract of putting it up and completing it.

SOMEWHERE in the neighborhood of twenty-five or thirty couples drove out to **Peter Young's farm**, in the **Pine creek district**, Friday night of last week bent on surprising Peter and his estimable wife, and having a good time generally. They took music along, for dancing was what they were after. They tripped the light fantastic

in the new dwelling that Peter is having erected, returning home towards morning much pleased with their night's enjoyment.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 28 [Saturday, August 15, 1885], page 1, column 3

AN **agricultural society** has been formed in this county, and the **first annual fair** will be held in **Menominee** on Sept. 21, 22 and 23. Suitable buildings, we understand, are to be erected for the exhibits, and it is hoped to make it as big a success as possible.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 31 [Saturday, September 5, 1885], page 1, column 5

OUR farmers should bear in mind that **Menominee county's first fair** will be held at Menominee the latter part of this month. The premiums offered aggregate nearly \$1000.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume II, Number 25 [Saturday, July 17, 1886], page 1, column 2

Work in the hay fields at the **M.R.L. Co's [Menominee River Lumber Company] farm** during the past week or two has been lively, the crop having matured much earlier and more rapidly than usual. **Farmer Juneau** and his 25 helpers have worked night and day, when the sun shone and when it didn't to secure the immense crop.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume II, Number 27

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[Saturday, July 31, 1886], page 1,
column 3

—The **Menominee River Lumber Co.** has purchased for use at the farm an **“Agitator” threshing machine** with all the modern improvements, and there is now no excuse for our farmers failing to grow grain. **Threshing will be done by the company for such farmers as may have grain to thresh at actual cost.** And should cash be short, grains will be taken in payment. This is a fine opportunity for those who cannot afford a machine of their own. The M.R.L. Co. will have about 3,000 bushels of oats this season.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume II, Number 39 [Saturday, October 23, 1886], page 1, column 3

CURRENT NOTES.

—If you want to see the **“daddy” of all the potatoes** just call at this office and see the one brought in by **Mr. Jouno**, of the **M.R.L. Co’s [Menominee River Lumber Company] farm**. It weighs 4 pounds and 10 ounces.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume III, Number 29 [Saturday, August 20, 1887], page 1, column 3

A Model Farm.

On Thursday last we visited the farm of the **M.R.L. Co. [Menominee River Lumber Company]**, at the **mouth of the Sturgeon river**, and was [sic – were] shown the property by Supt. Jouno. This farm is not by any means an experiment, it is a paying

investment and demonstrates conclusively that farming pays in this country. There are between 600 and 700 acres under cultivation and the greater portion of it is stumped and in shape to harvest by machinery. They were threshing when we visited the farm and Mr. Jouno took us through the extensive granaries and gave us the following figures. There has been harvested so far this year, [sic] 150 tons of **hay**, 2,500 bu. [bushels] **oats**, 80 bu. [bushels] **peas**, 180 bu. [bushels] **wheat**. The wheat and barley being something of an experiment, but little was sown, but the result will warrant the sowing of a larger area next year. Added to the above there is still some oats, buckwheat and an area which is expected to yield about 4,000 bu. [bushels] of **potatoes** to be taken care of. There is also a fine vegetable garden which we think will produce more than any piece of ground of like dimensions in the county. The buildings on the farm are of the most convenient and complete description, consisting of a **farm house**, **two fine frame stables** which will accommodate about 100 horses, a large **granary and machine house**, a fine **dairy**, with **ice house** attached, a large **warehouse**, a **carpenter and blacksmith shop**, a large **poultry house**, together with several large log buildings which are used for **cow stables**, **hog pens** and variety of other purposes. The live stock [sic – livestock] on hand at the time of our visit consisted of **8 cows**, **6 calves**, **24 sheep**, **50 hogs**, and **poultry innumerable**. About a dozen teams and 22 men were at work on the farm. It may be wondered why such large stables are needed and we will explain by saying that the M.R.M. Co. [sic – M.R.L. Co.], [sic] use this farm as a fitting out point for their many camps up river, and much of the stock and outfit is brought here to be put in condition for the hard usage incident to lumbering.

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The products of the farm are all used in the camps and cut now small figure in the winter's supply of edibles. Our description is a rambling one and we must excuse ourself [*sic* – *ourselves*] by saying that we were rambling when we took the notes, and that afterwards Mr. and Mrs. Jouno filled us so full of good things to eat, [*sic*] that we grew indifferent as to whether the public knew anything about the farm or not. In fact we grew unusually lazy, and have hardly recovered our normal condition yet.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume III, Number 36 [Saturday, October 8, 1887], page 1, column 4

–The writer is indebted [*sic* - *indebted*] to manager Jouno of the **M.R.L. Co's [Menominee River Lumber Company] farm**, [*sic*] for a lot of fine **citron melons** and some **sweet potatoes** grown by him this season. Those who may be doubtful as to the size and quality of sweet potatoes grown in this section, [*sic*] are assured that these grown by Mr. Jouno were large (one of ours measured fourteen inches in length) and of good quality. It will be remembered that we visited the above farm some weeks ago and were informed by Mr. J. that he expected to have four thousand bushels of potatoes from a piece of land measuring fourteen acres. His good judgment is proven by the digging of 4200 bushels, which gives just 300 bushels to the acre.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume IV, Number 2 [Saturday, February 11, 1888], page 1, column 4

–**Frank Jouno**, who has charge of the **Menominee River Lumber Co.'s farm**, which lies about 3 ½ miles from here, was a

caller at this office on Saturday afternoon last. The "**New York farm**" is one of the largest and most fertile of any in the county and is provided with magnificent buildings, such as would be a credit to an old agricultural county. A **new barn**, 115 x 41, 20 feet posts, is being erected on the farm and is nearly completed. During the year nearly two hundred head of stock are kept on the farm. It is the intention of the company, we understand, to build a large **brick root house with milk cellar** in connection. Mr. Jouno is said to be one of the best and most successful farmers in this section.

The Current, Norway, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XII, Number 18 [Saturday, May 30, 1896], page 1, column 4

Pine Creek.

This section of Dickinson county is surely becoming the most important farming district in it, and there are now fifteen farms under cultivation on the east side of the creek. The first farm one reaches after leaving the creek going along its east side is that of **Charles Albert**[,] who is well known to our city people as the truck farmer who brings them the first lettuce, radishes and onions. He has a fine home with many convenient buildings for stock, grain and vegetables and has recently added a large one for a workshop and for storing wagons, farm implements and for cooking feed for his stock. He has about 900 acres of land with about 200 acres well cultivated. The contrast between present conditions and those of eleven years ago when he and his estimable wife first took up their residence in an old camp on the property is indeed remarkable. On the opposite side of the road is the farm of **Fred Lavoie**, who will

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also in time have a fine property. Next one comes to the ideal home of **Abel London** and wife. They have been on the land about sixteen years and have a large brick farmhouse with many convenient farm buildings, a good sized orchard and garden. They have 160 acres of land all clear of wood and about 120 acres under cultivation. One need only to look around and over the property to reach a conclusion that its occupants are prosperous.

The next place going east is the **district school house** over which the stars and stripes float and **Miss Howard** presides. There are about twenty scholars the number being smaller because of seeding time and the necessity of using many of the larger boys. The teacher and scholars showed a patriotic spirit by observing Decoration day, and profusely [*sic* – *profusely*] decorating the grave of the veteran **Milo Priest** who died on his farm some time ago.

Going south through a long lane one next comes to the farm of **Peter Young**. Mr. Young was one of the pioneer farmers of the district but sold his place and became a business man [*sic* – businessman] in Norway. Tiring of this he purchased another piece of land and after three years returned to his first love. Mr. and Mrs. Young have a comfortable home and are making many improvements.

Next in an easterly direction is the home of **Mr. and Mrs. Robert Godfrey**, once owned by **Peter Young**. Mr. Godfrey says he has just begun to farm, but the evidences are against him and even the most casual observer will quickly decide that he has reached a model home, while the well cultivated fields and the many cattle and other farm animals betoken prosperity. Mr. Godfrey contemplates the making of many changes, which will add materially to the appearance and value of

the farm and will much enhance the beauty and attractiveness of this home next to which the sons and daughters may return to rest when wearied with their battles with the world. Here we must stop for now, leaving the other places and people for a future introduction to our readers.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 19 [Thursday, October 6, 1904], page 1, column 1

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Preliminary Organization Perfected at Meeting Last Night.

According to previous arrangements made by **Alvin Poe** with a number of representative citizens, a meeting was held at the council rooms last evening for the purpose of taking preliminary steps toward organizing an **Agricultural society with a view of holding an annual fair**.

A temporary organization was formed with **Mayor Cruse** as chairman, and **Alvin Poe**[,] secretary. **Alvin Poe**, **H.M. Pelham** and **John Daprato** were appointed a committee on permanent organization and by-laws.

It was decided to charge a membership fee of \$1.00 and all those present became members at once and paid in their fee.

As soon as the committee has time to confer with prominent citizens and farmers of the county, and prepare their report, another meeting will be called and a permanent organization perfected.

It is the intention of those interested to push the arrangements to an early completion, extend the organization throughout the entire county and have in generally known that there will be a county

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fair held next year, so that everyone will have ample time to prepare their exhibits.

The farming industry in the county is increasing rapidly and there is no doubt that the fair will prove a success.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 21 [sic] [Thursday, October 13, 1904], page 1, column 4

AN AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Canvass in Hand Assures the Success of An Organization.

Since the preliminary meeting held last week, for the purpose of starting the organization of the **Dickinson County Agricultural association**, a partial canvass has been made to secure the names of those who are interested in the welfare of the county and who were willing to contribute a dollar toward organizing the association.

Alvin Poe and others, who have the matter in hand, are meeting with abundant success and up to the present time have over two hundred pledged to full membership. There is no doubt that they will secure at least one thousand subscribers as soon as they have had time to canvass the entire county.

This is a matter that every resident of the county should be interested in, as the agricultural industries are increasing from year to year, and in no way can they be better advanced than by holding an **annual fair** and giving the farmers, gardeners, stockraisers [sic – *stock raisers*] and everyone else that is interested a chance to compete for prizes.

The matter has gone far enough now to insure success and every citizen in the

county should lend his name and influence to help it along.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 23 [Thursday, October 27, 1904], page 5, column 4

The **Menominee Range Telephone** has decided to **extend their line into the Pine Creek farming district**, a distance of six miles, one hundred and fifty poles for this line have been purchased from the **O.C. Lumber Co.**, at **Sturgeon mill**. Work on the line will be started at once. The company has also made some extensive repairs on the lines in the city.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 24 [Thursday, November 3, 1904], page 5, columns 1-2

PINE CREEK PARAGRAPHS.

A trip through the **Pine Creek district** discloses the fact that **Dickinson county** has some well cultivated farmers [sic - *farms*]. The writer visited a few of the farms last Monday and found the owners prosperous and abundantly satisfied with the bountiful crops of the past season.

The first place visited was **Chas. Albert's**. He owns 400 acres of timber and farming land and has 100 acres under cultivation. He has a good house, three large barns, granary, wagon and machine sheds, and a large root house. He keeps five horse [sic – *horses*], five milch cows, twenty-six head of young cattle, ten hogs and twenty sheep. This year he raised 80 tons of hay, 500 bushels of oats, 1,200 bushels of potatoes, 200 bushels of rutabagas, 300 bushels of carrots, 100 bushels of parsnips, 200 bushels of

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mangels and 10,000 heads of cabbage. He also has about 100 chickens. **Mr. Albert** feels well satisfied with the season's products and is now looking around for the best markets, where he can realize the most money for the results of his labor.

A visit was next made to the farm of **Abel London**, who has 160 acres of land and 120 acres of it under cultivation. He has a large and commodious brick house, two large barns, granary, wagon shed, hog barn and chicken house. He has five horses, six cows, ten head of young cattle, ten hogs and sixty chickens. He raised 100 tons of hay, 800 bushels of oats, 1,500 bushels of potatoes, 100 bushels of carrots, 50 bushels of beets and 3,000 heads of cabbage. He has a nice young orchard and started with sixty apple trees, from which he picked twenty-five bushels of apples this season. **Mr. London** says his potatoes yielded 400 bushels to the acre this year.

Fred LaVoie has 160 acres of land with 70 acres under cultivation. He has a good farm house, three barns, hay shed, granary [*sic – granary*] and root house. He keeps six horses, seven cows, seventeen head of young cattle, seven hogs and twenty-five chickens. He raised 50 tons of hay, 700 bushels of oats, 70 bushels of wheat, 55 bushels of barley, 25 bushels of peas, 450 bushels of potatoes and 500 heads of cabbage. **Mr. LaVoie** has his cultivated land all clear of stumps and stone and his farm presents a very neat appearance.

Alfred Tavis, whose farm joins that of **Mr. LaVoie**, has eighty acres with seventy under cultivation. He has a good farm house, two large barns and a machine shed. He keeps five horses, eight cows, nine head of young cattle, four hogs and one-hundred [*sic – one hundred*] chickens. He raised 40 tons of hay, 350 bushels of oats, 100 bushels of barley, 800 bushels of potatoes and 1,000 cabbage [*sic –*

cabbages]. All the farmers in the section appeared to be prosperous and well satisfied with the products of the season. There are several other large farms in this vicinity who [*sic – which*] the writer will have occasion to visit in the near future.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 28 [Thursday, December 1, 1904], page 4, column 2

BRIEF CITY NEWSITES.

At a meeting held in Norway last Thursday it was decided to circulate a petition addressed to the directors of the **Dickinson County Agricultural society** requesting that **Norway be designated as the place for holding the fairs.** “Farmer” **Robert E. Henderson** was chairman of the meeting. Our Norway neighbors are taking great interest in the agricultural society – since the success of the movement was assured. Prior to that, however, but mighty little interest was evidenced by our neighbors. Better late than not at all, however. But, on the side, wouldn't it be a good scheme for some of the fellows who are urging the holding of ALL the fairs at Norway, to join the society before attempting to dictate its management? It would be good taste, to say the least.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 10, Number 20 [Thursday, October 5, 1905], page 1, columns 1-6 and page 8, column 6

AROUND COUNTY

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A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRESS HOBNOBS WITH FARMERS.

A Carriage Excursion Through the North Tier of Townships – Farmers Are Progressive.

A trip around Dickinson county through the farming districts is an interesting one, especially in the fall season of the year when the farmers are busy gathering their crops, which, generally speaking, are abundant this season. The only drawback is in the **potato crop**, which, in many cases, is **nearly an entire failure owing to blight** caused, it is claimed, by the extreme heat killing the vines before the potatoes had ripened.

In making a circuit of the county one can go **north from Iron Mountain and Granite Bluff**. In the vicinity of that place there are two or three fairly good sized farms, including that of the late **C.D. Therien**, which are mostly seeded to timothy and clover. A short distance north of Granite Bluff is a **portable sawmill**, formerly operated by the **National Hardwood company**, but now owned and operated by the firm of **Ader & Gray**, who are engaged chiefly in handling cordwood for the southern markets.

Along the **county road from Granite Bluff to Randville** there are **no farms** until within one mile of the latter place, where, on the north slope of a fine maple ridge, is the home of **Byron A. Wilbur**, a former resident of **Iron Mountain**. He has forty acres of good farming land, with twenty-seven acres under cultivation, and keeps three horses, four milch [*milk*] cows and seven head of young cattle. He harvested

fifteen tons of timothy hay, ten tons of oat fodder, 400 bushels of potatoes, and 600 heads of cabbage, besides turnips, beets, carrots and other garden products.

Across the county road from **Wilbur's farm** is the home of **Martin Smith**, who has about the same amount of land cleared, and was equally as successful with this season's harvest. Messrs. Wilbur and Smith claim a great falling off in the potato crop on account of blight.

At **Randville** is the home of the venerable **Tom King**, one of the few now living of the **Chippewa tribe of Indians**. He has a good frame dwelling house and maintains himself and family by gathering and selling **genseng** [*sic – ginseng*], and by making occasional trips to **Metropolitan** with his team of ponies, carrying passengers.

After **leaving Randville on the road to Metropolitan** the first four miles is through a cut over place of country grown up with underbrush in which can be found the **partridge and rabbit in abundance**. The old **Groveland mine** is located just in the edge of a belt of green timber, four miles from Randville, and, being abandoned two years ago, the surroundings have a deserted and tumbled down appearance.

About half a mile farther on is the **logging camp of Carl A. Carlson**, who employs a crew of from twenty to thirty men getting out cedar, which is landed on a **spur from the St. Paul railroad leading out to the Groveland mine**. This is the second season of Mr. Carlson's operations at this place, and it is understood that so far he has been very successful.

A short distance from **Carlson's camp**, and close to the **Metropolitan road**, are the **new camps of Andrew Rian**, who owns 400 acres of timber land in that vicinity, and the stumpage on 200 acres more. He has just completed the camps, which consist of

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a large men's camp, cook camp, office and barn. The first three are made of hewn timber with shingled roofs and the barn has a log basement for horses, the upper part being frame with shingled roof, providing a large storage capacity for hay. There is also a good well of water on the premises. The entire cost of the camps is about \$1500. The intention of Mr. Rian in building such substantial camps is to use them for farm buildings after the timber is taken off from the land. In regard to his logging operations this season he expects to employ about thirty-five men and will ship from 500 to 600 carloads of pine, cedar and pulpwood.

The first farms along the **road from Randville to Metropolitan** are those of **E.J. Johnson** and **Eric Johnson**, about four miles from **Metropolitan**. The first named has 120 acres and the latter 80 acres adjoining. Notwithstanding the fact that they have been only one year on these lands, they have each a good frame house and barn located on their respective sides of the dividing line only a few rods apart. There is a good well of water on the line between them, and a short lane leading down from the main road to a yard, which is used jointly. Each has about five acres cleared and they own a team of horses, wagon and farm implements in partnership and the two families live peaceably and contented [*sic – contented*] in their new homes. Both men expect to do some logging on a small scale during the coming winter.

A short distance beyond are the homes of **Jonas Blomquist** and **John Seeland**, who have twenty acres each adjoining and built their houses and barns similar to those previously mentioned. Each has four acres of ground under cultivation and each a cow and owns a horse jointly. They expect to clear more land during the coming winter.

Just **across the road from the Blomquist and Seeland farms** is the home of **John Skog**, who located last spring on forty acres of timber land. He has a good frame house all completed and one acre of ground cleared. He owns a team of horses and one cow and will cut the timber on several acres more this winter, haul it to the railroad track at **Metropolitan**, and get the ground ready for cultivation in the spring.

Situated similar to some of the preceding farms mentioned, [*sic*] are those of **Matt Ovist** and **Jack Blomquist**, who each have twenty acres and each has four acres under cultivation, from which they have harvested wheat, oats, potatoes and turnips. The potato crop from these two new farms was abundant and clear from blight.

Nearing the **suburbs of West Metropolitan** are several farms under a more advanced stage of cultivation. The first is that of **Andrew Gustafson**, who has eighty acres of land with twenty acres cleared, and a large farm house and barn. A short distance from his place, and on the oposite [*sic – opposite*] side of the road, [*sic*] is the farm of his brother **Herman**, who also has eighty acres, with thirty acres cleared, and also has a large, modern farm house and barn. The brothers report an abundant yield of hay, oats, wheat[,], potatoes and garden products.

The next building on the road is the **new West Side School**, which is a two-room building, heated by furnace. The rooms are well ventilated and have plenty of light. The schools are in charge of **Alfred Johnson** and **Miss Tillie Starrin**. About sixty scholars are enrolled in both rooms. The school house is centrally located, on a very pretty site. It was erected during the past summer vacation at a cost of \$3500, and is a credit to the surrounding community.

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Andrew W. Wickman, an enterprising young farmer, recently located on twenty acres of land adjoining the school grounds. He has about three acres cleared, has a good house and barn and owns a horse and one cow.

Matt Wickman has one of the best farms in this vicinity. He has one hundred and twenty acres with thirty acres under cultivation, a large commodious farm house and large barn.

Across the road is the home of **John Blomquist**, who has one hundred and sixty acres, twenty-five acres clear, a good farmhouse and large barn. He has a a [*sic*] team of horses, four cows and two head of young cattle. Mr. B. harvested 400 bushels of oats, 400 bushels of potatoes and twenty tons of hay this season.

Matt Willman has forty acres of land with eighteen acres clear, and harvested 200 bushels of oats, ten tons of hay and 100 bushels of potatoes. He owns a team of horses, two milch [*milk*] cows and two head of young cattle. He has also a large farm house and good barn.

In the neighborhood is the neat little home of **Gust Timmer**, who has forty acres of land with ten acres cleared. He has good, comfortable farm buildings, and harvested 100 bushels of oats, four tons of hay and 100 bushels of potatoes. Mr. T. owns two milch [*milk*] cows and three head of young cattle.

Simon Newman has resided on his farm for five years. He has twenty acres of land with fifteen acres clear, a good farm house, barn and orchard. This season he harvested ten tons of hay, fifty bushels of oats and 200 bushels of potatoes. He owns a team of horses, two milch [*milk*] cows and three head of young cattle.

All in all, the **drive from Randville to Metropolitan** is a very pleasant one, the roads are good and lead through a fertile

tract of land heavily timbered with pine, hemlock, basswood, elm, birch and maple. The farmers in the vicinity are a hard-working, progressive class of citizens who will eventually make this section one of the richest portions of Dickinson county.

Metropolitan is properly divided into three distinct villages: **West Metropolitan**, **East Metropolitan** and **Felch Mountain**, their relative locations forming a triangle with the latter named place on the north. **West Metropolitan** has the **post-office**, **railway station** and one **general store**, that of **John J. Ovist**. **East Metropolitan** has **two hotels** and **Andrew Rian's general store**. **Felch Mountain** consists mainly of **residences and small farm houses**, and was **formerly a mining location**.

The **new school-house at East Metropolitan** is built after the same plan as the one on the **West Side**, and is located in a pleasant valley, only a short distance from the main street of the village, on the road leading toward the west side. The schools are in charge of **J.T. Hobson**, and **Miss M.N. Thomas**, two efficient teachers from the lower peninsula. It goes without saying that **Metropolitan** has two of the best up-to-date school buildings to be found in any of the township school districts in the peninsula.

The **Calumet mine** is located two and one half miles south of **Metropolitan** and some development work is being done by **Pickands, Mathers & Co.** They have sixteen men employed on the work and have shown up a large body of ore, averaging about 40 per cent iron. The **Chicago & North-Western railroad** has a crew of men at work laying track on the old grade of the former spur to the mine, and it is stated authoritatively that some shipments of ore will be made this season.

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Several Metropolitan citizens, including **Fred Richardson, John O'Connell, Archie McCallum, Cyrus Therrien and Jos. Bruno**, are **planning a trip to Oregon for the purpose of locating some timber lands upon which they expect to settle.**

A morning **drive from Metropolitan to Foster City**, where the road winds around among the rocky bluffs, down shady ravines and across little rivulets, is refreshing, and ere long the smoke from the saw-mill at the latter place appears in the distant horizon and soon the village appears in full view with its newly painted white cottages. Here is located the large saw-mill plant of the **Morgan Lumber and Cedar Co.**, which cuts about 5,000,000 feet of lumber annually, running both summer and winter. The company has already started three camps for the purpose of getting out logs for the coming year, and will employ about 100 men in the woods during the entire winter. In addition to 5,000,000 feet of logs for the saw-mill, they intend to do an extensive business in cedar posts, poles and railroad ties. The company, in addition to their **logging operations**, has a **large farm**. During the last season they had 120 acres under cultivation and cleared eighty acres more. Seventy tons of hay, 2000 bushels of oats and 1000 bushels of potatoes were harvested. The farm is run principally in the interest of the logging operations, producing feed for the horses and provision for the camps. A few cows are kept on the farm to furnish milk for the **mill boarding-house**.

A drive of two miles to **Hardwood** brings to view a **deserted saw-mill**, a few **cottages**, a large **boarding-house** and the **general store of P.J. Anderson**, one of the enterprising and substantial men of the county, who, with **Archie P. Farrell**, owns the whole village. Mr. Anderson has a large tract of **timber and farming lands**, about

1,400 acres in all, 500 acres of which is heavily timbered with hardwood, pine and cedar. He has 1,000 cords of dry body maple wood now on track and 250 cords in the woods left over from last winter's work. He expects to devote his attention to **logging cedar** during the coming winter. Mr. Anderson has forty acres of land under cultivation from which he harvested thirty tons of hay, 150 bushels of barley, seventy-five bushels of wheat and 350 bushels of potatoes, besides using a portion of the ground for pasture. He has ten horses, three cows and two heifers.

Archie P. Farrell is **logging extensively** this season and has **two camps in operation** at present employing about fifty men.

A short drive of two and a half miles north and the farm of **Swan J. Peterson** is found. He has 1,020 acres of **timber and farming land**, in one tract and has forty acres under cultivation, from which he harvested fifty tons of hay, six tons of oat fodder, five tons of millet and 600 bushels of potatoes. He owns eighteen horses, five milch [*milk*] cows, eight head of young cattle and fifty hogs. Up to the present time he has been **using a set of former logging camps for farm buildings**, but **intends to build a large residence** next year. In addition to his farming, Mr. Peterson is **logging extensively in the vicinity of Floodwood**. He expects to put in 4,000 poles, 30,000 posts, 15,000 ties, 200,000 feet of cedar logs, 50,000 feet of basswood logs, 100,000 feet of pine logs and 400 cords of spruce during the coming winter. He employs twenty men at the camps during the summer and twenty-five men during the winter, besides three men at the the [*sic*] whole year round.

After **leaving Peterson's farm**, a drive of **eight miles in a southerly direction**, for the most part through a dense forest of

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hardwood timber, the traveler comes to the farm of **Samuel H. Bridges**, consisting of 320 acres in on *[sic – one]* block, 125 acres of which is under cultivation. In addition to this Mr. Bridges owns 960 acres of timber land. On the farm he has a good **dwelling**, a **new barn**, 40x80 feet on the foundations and eighteen feet high, with a thirteen-foot *[sic thirteen-foot]* stone basement under it. **The barn is built of selected lumber and is the best looking and most substantial building of the kind in Dickinson county.** Besides the buildings already mentioned, he has **two other large barns**, one 42x60, with a **shed** 18x60, and the other 46x45, a **granary**, **two root-houses**, a **slaughter-house and ice-house combined**, **blacksmith shop** and an **office**. He has **two wells of good water** and at one of them he has erected a **windmill and a water tank** for fire protection and for supplying a system of water works in his residence and the adjoining buildings. He has nine horses, twenty milch *[milk]* cows, thirty-one head of young cattle, eighty sheep and forty hogs. As a result of this season's farming he has harvested 3,000 bushels of oats, 125 tons of timothy and clover hay, ten tons of second crop clover hay, 700 bushels of potatoes, 6000 bushels of rutabagas and has five acres of corn, which will produce 100 tons of fodder. His farm is equipped with a **harvester, mower, horserake, tedder, corn binder, gran seeder, corn seeder, disc harrow, springtooth harrow, roller, plows, threshing machine** and all other appliances necessary to farming in the most improved manner. In addition to other products he made 150 gallons of **maple syrup** last spring and has about half of it in his root-house in sealed packages for the fall market. The **Sturgeon river** flows through the farm only a few rods from the house, and about one mile distant is a

beautiful lake two miles in circumference in which there is an abundance of bass and perch. In the surrounding forest, wolves, bear, deer and partridges are plentiful, furnishing ideal hunting grounds for the enthusiastic sportsman. One feature in connection with Mr. Bridges' large holdings of land must not be overlooked and that is the interest he is taking in **forestry**. He has eighty acres of land along the **Sturgeon river**, which was burned over thirteen years ago, the fire killing every living tree. There are now on this piece of land about **5,000 young white pine trees**. Some of them he trimmed up six years ago and they have attained a height of twenty-five feet, and are from ten to twelve inches in diameter at the base. It is his intention to have the balance of them trimmed up this fall and he is satisfied that in twenty years more he will have a valuable tract of pine timber. In going back over the history of this farm, Mr. Bridges **first settled on forty acres where his house now stands in June, 1881**, having purchased the forty from the **Menominee River Lumber company** for \$200, paying \$50 down. After buying provisions for six months, he had just seventy-five cents left and all that he possesses now he has made by careful management and hard work. During the last ten years he has been **assisted by his two sons, Thomas and Clifford**, who are both steady and industrious, home-loving young men, and by his estimable **wife**, who attends to his correspondence, keeps the books and helps to plan his undertakings, proving herself a helpmate indeed. Mr. Bridges has met with reverses during his efforts and at one time lost \$10,000, leaving him in worse circumstances than at the start, but by indomitable will he surmounted all obstacles and again reached the top of the ladder, where he is now sure to remain, a

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monument to integrity for others to emulate who wish to succeed in the battle of life.

After enjoying the hospitality of mine host at the **Bridges' farm**, a morning drive of six miles, through a heavily timbered country along the **road toward Waucedah**, brings the traveler to the **Holmes' farm, one of the oldest improved pieces of property in the county.** The farm is managed by **Timothy Donahue**, who owns a half interest, the other half belonging to **W.A. Holmes**, of **Menominee.** **Mr. Donahue has been in charge of the farm since it was first started in 1874.** The farm property contains 320 acres, 200 of which are under cultivation. On the premises are **two larger dwellings**, one of which is used by the men employed about the place and the other by **Mr. and Mrs. A.K. Holmes**, who have resided here for the past four years. There is also a large **barn**, 40x120 feet, **two warehouses, toolshed, root-houses** and other buildings necessary for the care of the stock and farm machinery. The result of the harvest this year is 150 tons of hay, 1,500 bushels of oats and 1,500 bushels of potatoes, besides the garden products. The live stock [*sic* – *livestock*] kept on the farm is seven horses, ten milch [*milk*] cows, thirty head of young cattle and fourteen hogs. There is also on the farm an orchard of about 100 apple trees, the most of them well loaded with choice winter apples.

The drive **from Holmes' farm to Waucedah**, a distance of seven miles, is through a varied country, some time through heavy green timber and at others across cutover pine lands, and then among scattered farms, the first being that of **Stephen Brofka**, who has a **homestead of eighty acres four miles from Waucedah.** He has about ten acres clear and raised 1,000 bushels of potatoes, which he says are free from blight, 150 bushels of oats,

and ten tons of hay, besides onions, beets and carrots. He owns two horses and one cow, and notwithstanding the fact that **his cottage was twice burned to the ground within the last year**, he has a new one built and appears to be in prosperous circumstances.

At **Waucedah** there were several good farms, among others that of **Dan Vanitvelt**, who has 120 acres, with 40 acres cleared. He harvested 700 bushels of oats, 100 bushels of potatoes, 500 bushels of rutabagas and twenty tons of hay. He keeps a team of horses, three milch [*milk*] cows and four head of young cattle. This is only the third year since he began to clear the farm and the results shown are as good as any in the county and demonstrate what can be done in this vicinity with good management.

Leaving Waucedah[,] a drive of a few miles through the **village of Loretto**, [*sic*] brings one to what is known as the **Pine Creek district**, where are located several good farms. The first on the road is that of **Alford Tavis**, who has eighty acres with seventy acres under cultivation. This season he harvested 400 bushels of oats, fifty bushels of wheat, 100 bushels of barley, 800 bushels of potatoes and also has seven acres of corn for fodder. He has three horses, three colts, seven milch [*milk*] cows, ten head of young cattle, eleven hogs and 100 chickens. On the premises is a young orchard from which he picked ten bushels of apples and from his garden he gathered 1,000 heads of cabbage and 100 bushels of mangels.

The next farm visited was that of **Fred Paul**, who has 320 acres with eighty acres under cultivation. On the premises is a large **brick farm house**, a **barn**, 40x120 feet with stone basement, a **granary** and **root-house.** He harvested sixty tons of hay, 600 bushels of oats, 100 bushels of

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wheat, seventy-five bushels of peas, 200 bushels of potatoes, 900 heads of cabbage and has also two acres of sugar beets. Adjoining the house is a nice orchard of apple and plum trees, all heavily laden with fruit. He keeps four horses, five milch [milk] cows, thirteen head of young cattle and six hogs. Mr. Paul is an industrious, hardworking man, and a good manager.

Adjoining the Paul farm is that of Rich. Hobberkorn, who has 240 acres with 120 acres cleared. He harvested seventy-five tons of hay, 500 bushels of oats and 200 bushels of potatoes. He has five horses, seven milch [milk] cows, fifteen head of young cattle, fifty sheep and six hogs. On the premises is a good **farm house**, a **barn** 40x100 feet and a **granary** 30x50.

Along the road to Norway is Fred LaVoie's farm of 160 acres, with 120 acres under cultivation, from which harvested seventy tons of hay, 600 bushels of potatoes. He owns six horses, five milch [milk] cows, seventeen head of young cattle, ten hogs and sixty chickens. Mr. LaVoie claims that the results of his farming are better this year than last.

About a half a mile farther along is the farm of **Abel London**, of 160 acres, with 120 under cultivation. Mr. London has a large **brick house** and a large **barn** and **granary**. He harvested 100 tons of hay, 800 bushels of oats, 100 bushels of wheat, 100 bushels of barley and fifteen bushels of apples. He says his potato crop is a failure. He keeps five horses, ten milch [milk] cows, fifteen head of young cattle, nine hogs and 100 chickens. From the milch cows he has averaged eighty pounds of butter per week during the past summer.

Fred Rochon has 160 acres of land with thirty acres cleared. He owns a span of horses, five milch [milk] cows and six head of young cattle, and harvested twenty

tons of hay, 150 bushels of oats and fifty bushels of wheat. He says his potato crop is almost a failure, owing to the blight.

There are many other farms along the route, which the writer did not visit, and many more where the owner was away from home and information as to the season's results could not be learned, but this will give some idea of the farming industry in the county, which is rapidly becoming a more prominent feature of the wealth of the range.

While the roads all around the county are fairly good, the building of better ones under the county road system would greatly facilitate the rapid settling of the thousands of acres of good farming lands in the county.

A good road from Waucedah to Foster City, a distance of about twenty miles, is badly needed and would open up a large tract of as good farming land as there is in the county.

The work already done by the county road commissioners is well done and is a credit to the men who have it in charge. **The road from Norway to Quinnesec, which is nearly completed, is as hard and smooth as a hardwood floor and will last for years with very little repairs.** What is needed is larger annual appropriations for this purpose as every piece of new road opened up, opens way for farms and enhances the value of the adjoining lands by increasing the chances of disposing of them to actual settlers.

Give us good roads and wealth and prosperity will follow.

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A GREAT SUCCESS

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THE FIRST AGRICULTURAL SHOW EVER HELD IN COUNTY.

The Display of Fruits and Vegetables Was Large and Surprisingly Attractive – Prize Winners.

The first fair ever held in Dickinson county was a decided success in every department. It was held at Norway last Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The display of fruits, vegetables, grains, live stock [sic - livestock] and farm products in general was a [sic] surprisingly large and of a high degree of excellence. The display in the dairy division, in art and fancy work departments, and in the various other departments was very fine.

The Press has never doubted that Dickinson county could hold a successful fair – an exhibit that would be a revelation to our people as to the agricultural possibilities of this immediate territory, and we congratulate the people of the east end of the county that their enterprise made possible such an overwhelmingly successful demonstration of the fact. The Press doubts if any county in Michigan could show more perfect apples, such large and sound vegetables, or better grains.

And be it understood there is no jealousy on the part of Iron Mountain people upon the success of the enterprise, as was intimated in the Norway paper. This was nicely evidenced by the fact that over six hundred Iron Mountain people attended the fair and the attendance would have been double that number had the Norway people arranged for the necessary railway

accommodations. No, we have nothing but a feeling of “brotherly love” for our neighbors. What helps Norway in the way of advancing the agricultural interests of Dickinson county will certainly help Iron Mountain. No jealousy exists, neighbors, excepting in your own minds; rather we congratulate you upon the results secured. We are in the mood to boost in everything having a tendency to build up the county as a whole, but we don’t much relish the “knocks” with which our intentions have been received in some quarters.

Following is a list of the cash prizes awarded:

DIVISION A – HORNED STOCK.

Bull [-] 3 years old or over.

J.E. Bergeron, 1st prize.....\$5 00

Fred LaVoie, 2nd prize..... 3 00

John Geason, 3rd prize..... 1 00

Cow – 3 years old or over.

E.P. Lockart, 1st prize..... 5 00

J.E. Bergeron, 2nd prize..... 3 00

Samuel Johns, 3rd prize..... 1 00

Heifer – 2 years old.

A. Emer, 1st prize..... 3 00

D. Benzer, 2nd prize..... 2 00

Heifer – 1 year old.

H. Solomonson, 1st prize..... 3 00

J. Yungson, 2nd prize..... 2 00

Wm. Ramberg, 3rd prize..... 1 00

Heifer Calf.

J.E. Bergeron, 1st prize..... 3 00

H. Solomonson, 2nd prize..... 2 00

E.P. Lockart, 3rd prize..... 1 00

Herd - Bull 2 years old or over.

Cow 3 years, 2 calves.

J.E. Bergeron, 1st prize..... 7 00

DIVISION B – HORSES.

Draught Stallion, 4 years old or over.

Wm. Hupp, 1st prize..... 5 00

H. Perigny, 2nd prize..... 3 00

Draught mare 4 years old or over.

Alex White, 1st prize..... 5 00

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A. Edidon , 2nd prize.....	3 00	C.W. Pasche , 2nd prize.....	1 00
E. Martin , 3rd prize.....	1 00	Cockerel.	
Draught team 4 years old or over.		John Faull , 1st prize.....	2 00
The O.C. Lumber Co. , 1st prize.....	5 00	J.E. Johnson , 2nd prize.....	1 00
Penn Iron Mining Co. , 2nd prize.....	3 00	Hen.	
G. Guliani , 3rd prize.....	1 00	H. Ebling , 1st prize.....	2 00
Driving Stallion 4 years or over.		C.W. Pasche , 2nd prize.....	1 00
J. Legendre , 1st prize.....	5 00	Pullet.	
Driving mare 4 years or over.		Wm. Peryam , 1st prize.....	2 00
W.J. Turner , 1st prize.....	5 00	No Name , 2nd prize.....	1 00
A.W. Thompson , 2nd prize.....	3 00	Trio 1 year or over.	
Victor Barwell , 3rd prize.....	1 00	Jas. Dawe , 1st prize.....	3 00
Driving team 4 years or over.		Paul Kurtz , 2nd prize.....	1 00
Chas. Hogberg , 1st prize.....	5 00	Trio under 6 months.	
J. Kendall , 2nd prize.....	3 00	Jas. Dawe , 1st prize.....	3 00
Draught Colt.		Wm. Peryam , 2nd prize.....	1 00
J. Malone , 1st prize.....	3 00	Ducks – Drake 1 year or over.	
A. Trepanier , 2nd prize.....	2 00	E. Raner , 1st prize.....	2 00
Alex White , 3rd prize.....	1 00	Duck 1 year or over.	
Driving Colt.		H. Perigny , 1st prize.....	2 00
F. Parnette , 1st prize.....	3 00	Pair of Geese.	
W.J. Turner , 2nd prize.....	2 00	A.W. Brandt , 1st prize.....	3 00
A.B. Hansen , 3rd prize.....	1 00	Rabbits.	
DIVISION C – SHEEP.		W. Anderson , 1st prize.....	2 00
Ram Lamb.		J. Burns , 2nd prize.....	1 00
Chas. Albert , 1st prize.....	2 00	Homing Pigeons.	
Ewe Lamb.		J. Geason , 1st prize.....	3 00
Chas. Albert , 1st prize.....	2 00	E. Price , 2nd prize.....	2 00
Ram 1 year.		V. Leburg , 3rd prize.....	1 00
Chas. Albert , 1st prize.....	3 00	DIVISION F – DAIRY PRODUCTS.	
Special Entry – Goats.		Butter.	
John Hoheisel , 1st prize.....	2 00	Mrs. Abel London , 1st prize.....	5 00
DIVISION D – SWINE.		John Anderson , 2nd prize.....	3 00
Boar 1 year old.		Jos. Paul , 3rd prize.....	1 00
Gust Fredeen , 1st prize.....	3 00	Cheese.	
Boar under 6 months.		G. Guiliani , 1st prize.....	5 00
J.E. Bergeron , 1st prize.....	3 00	DIVISION G – VEGETABLES AND GRAIN.	
Sow under 6 months.		Best collection of vegetables.	
J.E. Bergeron , 1st prize.....	3 00	Chas. Albert , 1st prize.....	5 00
Sow and Litter.		J.E. Bergeron , 2nd prize.....	3 00
Men. River Lum. Co. , 1st prize.....	5 00	F. Bernard , 3rd prize.....	1 00
Gust Fredeen , 2nd prize.....	3 00	Best collection of grain.	
DIVISION E – POULTRY.		R. Underwood , 1st prize.....	5 00
Cock.		Ed. Martin , 2nd prize.....	3 00
C. Carlson , 1st prize.....	2 00	John Perkins , 3rd prize.....	1 00

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DIVISION H – FRUITS.

Best collection of fruits.

R. Underwood , 1st prize.....	5 00
Wm. Phelps , 2nd prize.....	3 00
F. Saltzeider , 3rd prize.....	1 00

DIVISION I – ART AND FANCY WORK.

Best collection of flowery plants.

Jas. Vezette , 1st prize.....	5 00
Anton Odell , 2nd prize.....	3 00
Mrs. Nepper , 3rd prize.....	1 00

Horse Races.

Trotting – Best two in three.

Jos. Legendre , 1st prize.....	20 00
Frank Stone , 2nd prize.....	10 00
Jos. Tifeault , 3rd prize.....	5 00

Running – Best two in three.

Jos. Legendre , 1st prize.....	15 00
Frank Pennette , 2nd prize.....	10 00
Jas. Brown , 3rd prize.....	5 00

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DICKINSON CO. FARMERS

The Press Interviews More Farmers and Finds Them Flourishing.

A representative of The Press attended the fair at Norway last week and had an opportunity to interview some of the leading farmers of Dickinson county gathering from them a few facts and figures relative to their farms, and the results of the season's work.

Judge J.E. Bergeron has 600 acres of land located **one and a half miles from Norway on the Pine Creek road**. He has 400 acres under cultivation, has **two good dwellings** on the farm, besides **four large**

barns, blacksmith and carpenter shop, hog-house, chicken-house, grain shed and machinery-shed. He has ten horses, sixty milch [*milk*] cows forty head of young cattle, seventy-five hogs and pigs and two hundred Plymouth Rock chickens. He harvested 275 tons of hay, 3,000 bushels of oats, 100 bushels of wheat, 150 bushels of barley, 200 bushels of peas, 150 bushels of buckwheat, 400 bushels of potatoes, 500 bushels of carrots, 1,000 heads of cabbage, 1,000 bunches of celery besides beets, onions and other garden products. Mr. Bergeron had several exhibits of live stock [*sic – livestock*] at the fair, which took the first prize.

S.R. Nicholson, of **Waucedah**, was also interviewed. He has recently sold a portion of his farm and has now only 120 acres, **located two miles east of the village**. He has sixty acres under cultivation, has a good **farm house, barn** 40x60 feet with a stone basement, and a **granery** [*sic – granary*]. Mr. N. keeps on span of horses, six milch [*milk*] cows, ten head of young cattle, ten hogs and one hundred and twenty-five chickens. The result of his harvest is twenty-five tons of hay, 400 bushels of oats, sixty-five bushels of wheat, sixty bushels of peas, 200 bushels of potatoes, 500 bushels of rutabagas, 200 bushels of white flint corn and 1,000 pumpkins, besides two and one-half acres of sugar beets. He says he has had a good yield in everything except potatoes, which are a poor crop this year owing to the blight. Mr. Nicholson has an orchard of 500 apple trees, which has been planted from two to eight years, and has forty bushels of apples this year.

Chas. Albert has 400 acres in the **Pine Creek district** with 100 acres under cultivation; has a large **farm house, large barn**, 30x70 feet, with basement, **tool-house, hog-house, machinery-shed** and

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root-house. He has five horses, seven milch [*milk*] cows, thirty-two head of young cattle, thirty sheep, fifteen hogs and one hundred chickens. The result of his harvest was eighty tons of hay, 500 bushels of oats, eighty bushels of wheat, thirty bushels of barley, fifty bushels of peas, 600 bushels of potatoes, 100 bushels of rutabagas and 2,500 heads of cabbage besides garden products.

Swan Anderson, from **Metropolitan**, attended the fair and he reports a successful season. He has **160 acres adjoining the village with forty-three acres under cultivation**, has a good **farm house** and **barn**. He owns two horses, four milch [*milk*] cows, four head of young cattle, sixteen hogs and two hundred chickens. He harvested twelve tons of hay, 250 bushels of oats, 385 bushels of potatoes, twenty-five bushels of rutabagas, fifty bushels of carrots and 100 heads of very large cabbage.

Herman Massie has had a fairly successful season. From sixty acres under cultivation he has harvested twenty-five tons of hay, three tons of oats for fodder and ten tons of corn fodder, 200 bushels of potatoes, ten bushels of carrots, ten bushels of beets and 800 heads of cabbage. He has a team of horses, two milch [*milk*] cows, two head of young cattle, four hogs and sixty chickens.

The **New York Farm** is owned by the **Menominee River Lumber company**, and contains 1,200 acres, 1100 of which are enclosed and 650 acres under cultivation, the balance being used for pasture. **The farm was started thirty years ago and for twenty-eight years was under supervision of Frank Jouno, who resigned his position two years ago and moved to Colorado.** Since that time **Fred Rogers**, of Madison, Wis., has been superintendent. **For many years, up until**

the present season, the management has kept from one hundred to two hundred and fifty milch [*milk*] cows and butter making was one of the principle industries of the farm, but an effort is being made to close out the entire estate and during the present summer the cows were sold, and in order to utilize the extensive pasturage fifty head of young steers were purchased and placed on the farm to fatten for the fall market. Besides these the other live stock [*sic – livestock*] on the farm consists of thirteen horses, two milch [*milk*] cows, a Guerusey [*sic – Guernsey*] bull, thirty-five sheep, one hundred hogs and fifty chickens. There are **twenty-three buildings on the farm**, including a large **farm house with a capacity for forty men besides the guest rooms and the family rooms for the superintendent, three cottages, creamery, horse barn, cow barns, repair shop, warehouses and pumping station**, which, altogether, forms [*sic – form*] quite a village. The farm is equipped with modern machinery, including a **twenty horse-power gasoline engine, thresher, harvester, corn harvester, mowers, horse rakes, tedder, loader, seeders, corn planter and potato planter.** The result of the harvest this year was 187 tons of hay, fifty-three tons second crop clover, 4,000 bushels of oats, 100 bushels of peas, 2,000 bushels of corn, 100 tons corn fodder, 700 bushels of potatoes, 200 bushels of rutabagas, fifty bushels of beets, 100 bushels of mangels, 200 bushels of carrots, 200 bushels of onions, 200 heads of cabbage and seventy-five bushels of apples, besides other garden products. The crops in general were good this year with the exception of potatoes, which are small on a poor yield.

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FARMER FRIENDS

THE PRESS MAN FINDS PROSPERITY IN FARMING DISTRICTS.

A Trip Through Sagola, Felch, Breen and Wauceah Proves County Agricultural Possibilities.

At this season of the year, when the weather is fine and nature has donned her most beautiful dress of many-colored autumn leaves, a drive around Dickinson county has many attractions. The roads are good and the forests, resplendent in the sunshine, abound in song birds, frisky, chattering squirrels and chipmunks. Among [the] road, through the thickly timbered forests, partridges are frequently seen and occasionally a deer jumps from its hiding place in the underbrush, bounds across the road and disappears in the thicket on the other side.

The most interesting feature of the trip, as far as the future welfare of the country is concerned is the progress made by the many hardy farmers who are building homes for themselves and their children along the main road and many by-roads, which intersect the forest.

LANGSFORD'S FARM.

Starting from Iron Mountain, driving north on the road to Randville, about

five miles from the city, is the home of **Fred Langsford**, who has eighty acres of land with about twelve acres under cultivation. He has been **on the farm only one and a half years** and has a good **home** and **barn**, one horse, two milch [milk] cows, four head of young cattle, three hogs, sixty chickens and two geese. He has harvested this year six tons of hay, twenty-five bushels of oats, one hundred and fifty bushels of potatoes and three hundred heads of cabbage besides other garden vegetables.

PETER STEINMETZ.

Just **across the road from Langsford's farm** is the home of **Peter Steinmetz**, who has forty acres of land with fifteen acres under cultivation. He has a good **log-house**, **two barns** and a **small saw-mill**. He has one horse, two milch [milk] cows and five head of young cattle. His harvest this season consists of twenty-five tons of hay, one hundred bushels of oats, twenty bushel [sic – bushels] of field peas, three hundred bushels of potatoes and one thousand heads of cabbage. The potato crop, he claims, is light this year. In addition to his farming, Mr. Steinmetz has sawed 8,000 feet of lumber from logs hauled to the mill by neighboring farmers.

GRANITE BLUFF.

Another **drive of four miles brings the traveler to Granite Bluff**, which is rightly named, being surrounded with bluffs of granite. Just before reaching the village the home of **John Anderson** is found. He has forty acres of land covered with a fine growth of hardwood timber and, although he has been **located there only a little over one year**, he has a good **log-house** and **root-house**. He has three acres under cultivation and has one cow. From this small piece of ground he has harvested two tons of hay and sixty bushels of potatoes.

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At Granite Bluff the first one to greet the traveler is the ever genial **Frank Tunney**, who resides with his mother, **Mrs. Ann Tunney**, and both of them are ever ready to entertain any one [*sic – anyone*] who chances to come that way. Mr. Tunney has eighty acres of land with ten acres under cultivation. He **also leases the Therien farm**, which has ninety acres under cultivation. He has four horses, eight milch [*milk*] cows, four head of young cattle, ten hogs and seventy-five chickens. Some of the land under cultivation is used for pasture and from the balance he has harvested sixty-five tons of hay, four hundred bushels of potatoes and two hundred bushels of rutabagas. Mr. Tunney expects to do some **logging** during the coming winter.

J.J. Collins, a neighbor of **Mr. Tunney**, has one hundred and twenty acres of land with about twelve acres cleared. He has one milch [*milk*] cow and twenty-five chickens. He raised two hundred and twenty-five bushels of potatoes and seeded five acres of ground to timothy and clover this year. Mr. Collins has **considerable cedar timber on his land** and spends considerable time each year **cutting poles, posts and ties**.

Alex Swanson, an adjoining farmer, has one hundred and twenty acres of land and forty acres of it under cultivation. He has a good **house, three barns**, five horses, six milch [*milk*] cows, five head of young cattle, six hogs and forty chickens. This fall he harvested fifty tons of hay, four hundred bushels of oats, six hundred bushels of potatoes, five hundred bushels of rutabagas and five hundred heads of cabbage besides five acres of corn.

Chas. E. Anderson, of **Iron Mountain**, has eighty acres of land in this vicinity with fifteen acres under cultivation, which is **leased to Emil Penault**. He harvested

fifteen tons of hay, three hundred bushels of oats, and three hundred bushels of potatoes this year.

A **short distance from Granite Bluff** is the home of **Chas. Johnson**, who has one hundred and twenty acres of land with twelve acres under cultivation. He has a good **frame house, two new barns**, two horses, two milch [*milk*] cows, four head of young cattle, two hogs and fifty chickens. His harvest embraces twelve tons of hay, one hundred bushels of oats and three hundred bushels of potatoes.

RANDVILLE DISTRICT.

Another **drive of five miles** and one comes to **Randville**, which consists of a **depot, water tank, section-house** and the **residences of Tom King and B.A. Wilbur**. The latter also has a **farm a short distance south of town**. He has a good **log-house and barn** on the farm, four milch [*milk*] cows, and three head of young cattle. Mr. Wilbur harvested eighteen tons of hay, one hundred bushels of oats, seven hundred bushels of potatoes, one hundred bushels of rutabagas and three hundred heads of cabbage besides a great variety of garden products. It will be of interest to the wayfarer to know that **Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur furnishes [*sic – furnish*] meals to the hungry traveller [*sic – traveler*], who chances to pass that way at meal time**.

GENSENG [*sic – GINSENG*] FARM.

Among the several farms within [a] radius of **two miles from the village** is that of **Chas. M. Griswold**, who has forty acres of land with a small clearing of about four acres. He has a **house and barn** and raised two tons of hay, thirty bushels of wheat and one hundred and ten bushels of potatoes. Mr. Griswold is cultivating a ginseng [*sic – ginseng*] garden and has 4,500 roots and 3,000 seed planted. The roots are from one to five years old and he expects to have some for market next year.

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Last spring he made fifty-seven gallons of **maple syrup** and seventy pounds of sugar.

L.L. Bon, a **freight conductor on the St. Paul road**, also has a **farm in this vicinity**. He has eighty acres of land with twenty acres cleared and employs a man to work the place. He has a **house** and **barn** on the premises, keeps two horses, two milch [*milk*] cows and seventy-five chickens, and harvested one hundred and eighty bushels of oats, three hundred bushels of potatoes and two hundred bushels of rutabagas. Mr. Bon has recently purchased eighty acres of timber land and expects to do some **logging** during the coming winter.

J.J. Clark, the **local station agent**, has eighty acres of land with fifteen acres cleared. He has a **house** on the premises and raised about eight tons of hay and two hundred bushels of potatoes. Mr. Clark is clearing thirteen acres more and will be able to make a good farm showing next year.

Ed. Ryan has eight acres of land with twenty-five acres cleared. He has a small **house** and **barn**, seven horses and five young cattle. He raised twenty-five tons of hay, seventy bushels of oats, seventy-five bushels of potatoes and thirty bushels of rutabagas.

Martin Johnson has forty acres with twenty acres cleared, a **house** and **barn**, two horses, three cows, five young cattle, five hogs and forty chickens. He harvested twenty-five tons of hay, fifty bushels of oats, thirty bushels of wheat and five hundred bushels of potatoes.

A.M. LaCourt has forty acres of land **one mile south of town** with fifteen acres cleared. He has a good **house** and **barn**, one horse, one milch [*milk*] cow and twenty hogs. He raised twenty tons of hay, fifty bushels of oats and seven hundred bushels of potatoes this season.

Thos. L. Carey has forty acres of land with eighteen acres cleared. A set of **logging camps** are located on the premises. He has two horses, one cow and two hogs, and harvested twenty-five tons of hay, fifty bushels of oats, two hundred bushels of potatoes and small quantities of beets, carrots and cabbage.

SUCCESSFUL PIONEER.

East of Sagola about eight miles, [*sic*] is **Wm. Leeman's** farm of two hundred acres with seventy-five acres cleared. He has a good **log house**, **two log barns**, two horses, five milch [*milk*] cows[,] eight head of young cattle, five hogs and two hundred chickens. Mr. Leeman harvested thirty-five tons of hay, five hundred bushels of oats, which were extra good, sixty bushels of wheat, four hundred bushels of potatoes and fifty bushels of rutabagas. Mr. Leeman's farm is **located on the east branch of the Sturgeon river in Section 33 and 34, town 43 north, range 29 west**, and is rather isolated, being **eight miles from Sagola** and **twelve miles from Metropolitan**, so that his facilities for marketing his farm products are poor.

SECURED RESULTS.

W.A. Wifler has eighty acres of land with sixteen acres under cultivation and has obtained the best results and raised the greatest variety of farm and garden products of any one [*sic – anyone*] in **Sagola township**. He has a large **frame house** and **frame barn**, two horses, two cows five young cattle, twenty hogs and seventy chickens. Mr. W. harvested twenty-five tons of hay, one hundred and seventy-five bushels of oats, thirty bushels of yellow corn, fully ripened; twenty bushels [*of*] sweet corn, two hundred bushels of potatoes, one hundred and fifty bushels of rutabagas, ten bushels of mangels, ten bushels of beets, six bushels of carrots, five hundred cabbages, five bushels of ripe

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tomatoes, twenty-five bushels of green tomatoes, twenty-five bushels of field peas, two bushels of ripe cucumbers and twenty-five bushels of green cucumbers. Mr. Wifler has eight acres of new ground cleared, which will be cultivated next season.

ACROSS THE COUNTY.

Again taking up the **route from Randville to Metropolitan**, which passes the **old Groveland mine**, now abandoned, the first place of interest is the **new set of lumber camps owned by Andrew Rian, of Metropolitan**. The camps consist of an **office, sleeping camps, cook camp[,] one dining room and large barn, all built of hewn logs and intended for farm headquarters** after the surrounding timber is cut.

A few miles further on are the homes of **E.J. Johnson and Eric Johnson**, who have **houses and barns built on the same plan with only the dividing line of their farms between them**. **Eric Johnson** has eighty acres of land with seven acres cleared, has one horse, two cows[,] one heifer and one hog. He raised eight tons of hay, thirty-five bushels of oats and one hundred and ten bushels of potatoes. **E.J. Johnson** has one hundred and twenty acres with ten acres cleared. He has two horses, two cows, two young cattle and one hog, and raised eight tons of hay, seventy bushels of oats and one hundred and fifty bushels of potatoes. Both men are prosperous and have each added to their acreage and cleared land during the past year. **This is their second season of farming.**

After **crossing the west branch of the Sturgeon river, and within two miles of Metropolitan**, is **John Skog's** farm of forty acres upon which during the past year he has cleared five acres, built a **frame-house and barn** and fenced in the cleared ground.

He has two horses, two cows and one heifer. On his little clearing he raised forty-six bushels of oats and sixty bushels of potatoes.

Matt Blomquist has forty acres, with two acres cleared, a **frame-house and log barn**. He raised forty-five bushels of potatoes, twenty-two bushels of wheat and twenty bushels of rutabagas, and has two horses, two cows and a few chickens.

Herman and Andrew Gustafson, two brothers, have each eighty acres of land on **opposite sides of the main road a short distance from Metropolitan**. Each have [*sic – has*] about thirty acres cleared. Both have good **frame houses** and large **barns**. They each keep a team of horses, three cows and four or five head of young cattle and each harvested twenty tons of hay, about one hundred and fifty bushels of oats, fifty bushels of wheat and about two hundred bushels of potatoes. Both have increased their acreage of cleared land this season.

In the **immediate vicinity of Metropolitan** is the home of **Matt Willman**, who has forty acres, with twenty acres cleared, and a good **frame house and barn**. He has two horses, two cows, two young cattle, one hog and forty chickens, and harvested twenty tons of hay, one hundred and six bushels of oats, thirty bushels of wheat, one hundred and sixty bushels of potatoes and forty bushels of rutabagas. Mr. Willman has cleared three acres of new ground this year and **recently installed a wind-mill to pump water for his live stock** [*sic – livestock*].

Across the road from Willman's resides **Simon Neuman**, who has twenty acres, with eighteen acres cleared, a good **house and barn**, and two horses, three cows and two young cattle. He raised eighteen tons of hay, fifty-five bushels of

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oats, twenty-two bushels of wheat and seventy-five bushels of potatoes.

John Davidson has eighty acres with sixteen acres cleared, a good **frame-house and barn**, two horses, three cows, two young cattle, one hog and twenty-five chickens. He harvested ten tons of hay, sixty bushels of oats, thirty-five bushels of wheat and one hundred bushels of potatoes this season.

Eric Skog, one of the oldest settlers in this vicinity, has eighty acres with seventy-seven acres cleared, a large **frame house and barn**, four horses, seven cows, three young cattle, seven sheep, four hogs and twenty chickens. He harvested fifty tons of hay, four hundred and seventy-eight bushels of oats, forty-seven bushels of wheat, thirty-nine bushels of rye, sixty-five bushels of barley and four hundred and fifty bushels of potatoes.

NEW METROPOLITAN.

L. Neeland, who resides on the nearest farm to what is known as **New Metropolitan**, has twenty acres with eight acres cleared, a good **house and barn**, two horses, four cows, one heifer and a few chickens. He harvested five tons of hay, fifty bushels of oats, thirty bushels of wheat, sixty bushels of potatoes and twenty bushels of rutabagas.

OLD TOWN.

Metropolitan being reached, the representative of The Press went to **Andrew Rian's hotel at Old Metropolitan, or Felch**, as it is now called and found accommodations for the night. During the evening an interview was had with Mr. Rian regarding his **logging, farming and merchandise business**. Mr. Rian owns 1,200 acres of land and has purchased the stumpage on 1,400 additional acres, 400 acres of which was recently purchased from **J.M. Longyear**. **He has eighteen horses, employs thirty men and expects to cut**

and ship 4,000 cedar poles, 50,000 posts, 12,000 ties and 100,000 feet of shingle timber during the coming winter. Mr. Rian is not an extensive farmer, but from ten acres of ground he raised fifteen tons of hay, three hundred bushels of oats and three hundred bushels of potatoes. In addition to his large land holdings he owns a **hotel, three store buildings** and a large **barn**. He conducts a **general merchandise business at Felch** with a \$12,000 stock and has a **branch store at New Metropolitan with Carl A. Carlson as manager**, where a stock of \$3,000 worth of general merchandise is carried.

CALUMET MINE.

While this write up is made principally in the interest of the farming industry of the county, a mention is made of the **Calumet mine**, the only mine now being operated on the Metropolitan range. It is located about **three miles south of Felch** and is operated by the **Calumet Exploration company, a subsidiary of Pickands, Mather & Co.**, and employs sixty men. The daily output is about 150 tons and *[it]* is expected that 18,000 tons of iron ore will be hoisted and shipped this season. It is the intention of the company to work the mine this winter and it is estimated that 15,000 tons of iron ore will be stocked, if a sufficient number of men can be secured to do the work. **No. 1 shaft** is down 100 feet and **No. 2 shaft** 150 feet. The latter shaft will be sunk another 100 feet during the coming winter. The buildings at the mine consists *[sic – consist]* of **two shaft-houses, boiler-house, engine-house, blacksmith and carpenter shop, dry-house, two large boarding-houses and six dwellings**. In the **boiler-house** is installed two 125-horse-power tubular boilers, a Fairbanks-Morse feed pump and heater, and in the **engine house** a hoist with double drum and a No. 10 Imperial

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type Rand compressor. **Chas. J.A. Forell** is in charge of the work at the mine.

SOLBERG'S FARM.

The **Chas. Solberg** farm at **Felch** is managed this season by his step-son, **Wm. Nesland**, Mr. Solberg now being in **Metropolitan, California**. The farm consists of forty acres of cleared land, has a large **farm-house** and **barn**. Of the live stock [*sic – livestock*] there are two horses, two cows, four head of young cattle, four hogs and twenty-five chickens. Some of the improved land is used for pasture and from the balance Mr. Nesland has harvested twenty tons of hay, one hundred and seventy-five bushels of oats, three hundred and fifty bushels of potatoes, thirty bushels of apples and twenty bushels of crabapples.

FOSTER CITY.

After leaving **Felch** there are no farms along the road to **Foster City**, a distance of seven miles, but at the latter place many improvements were noted, the principal one being the **new store of the Morgan Lumber & Cedar company**. The new building, now nearing completion, is 28x128 feet on the foundations and two stories high with a basement the full size of [the] building. The building will be equipped with many modern improvements including a steam heating plant, electric lights and a freight elevator. In the meat market department is an up-to-date refrigerator, and, in fact, throughout the entire building, there is every convenience for handling a large stock of general merchandise.

LOG EXTENSIVELY.

The **Morgan Lumber & Cedar company** will log extensively during the coming winter and will **employ about 200 men** in their several camps. The company expects to put in about 1,000,000 feet of pine, 4,000,000 feet of hemlock, 1,500,000 feet of maple, 1,000,000 feet of

birch, 1,500,000 feet of basswood, and cedar for 25,000 ties and 20,000,000 shingles, besides cedar poles and posts.

LARGE FARM.

The company has one hundred and twenty-five acres under cultivation and has cleared forty acres more this year. The **products of the farm** were one hundred tons of hay, two thousand bushels of oats, one hundred and fifty bushels of wheat, two thousand bushels of potatoes, eight hundred bushels of rutabagas, and one acre of carrots besides a large garden. Although together [*sic – Altogether*] the company has sixty-three horses, one cow and five head of young cattle.

NORTH OF FOSTER.

Just a **short distance north of Foster City** is **John Johnson's** farm of thirty acres with fifteen acres cleared. He has a good **frame house and barn**, and has two horses, three cows, three young cattle and one hundred chickens. He harvested fifteen tons of hay, eighty-five bushels of oats, twenty-three bushels of wheat, one hundred and fifty bushels of potatoes, twenty-five bushels of rutabagas, and two hundred and fifty bushels of mangels. Mr. Johnson also has a fine young orchard of fifty apple trees.

Chas. Skogman, who has a **farm adjoining Johnson's**, has fifty acres with ten acres cleared, a good **house and barn**, one horse, four cows, three young cattle and seventy-five chickens. He raised six tons of hay, sixteen bushels of wheat and one hundred bushels of potatoes; he also has a fine orchard of sixty young apple trees.

John Oman has ten acres of land and two acres cleared, a **frame house and barn**, one cow and twenty chickens. He raised two tons of hay and forty bushels of potatoes.

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Alex Skogman, in the same neighborhood, has forty acres with eight acres cleared, a **log house and barn**, two horses, two cows, one heifer and a few chickens. He raised twelve tons of hay, twenty bushels of wheat and eighty bushels of potatoes.

Jake Johnson has forty-six acres with four acres cleared, a **log-house and barn**, one horse, one cow and some chickens. He raised one hundred bushels of potatoes and two tons of hay.

PETERSON'S PLACE.

About **one mile east of Foster City** is a road leading north to **Swan J. Peterson's** farm. Peterson has nine hundred and twenty acres of farming and timber land with fifty acres cleared, a **log house, formerly used for a lumber camp**. He has just completed building a large **barn**, 38x90 feet in size, with a stone basement. He has thirteen horses, five cows, nine head of young cattle, thirteen hogs and one hundred chickens. His harvest this year embraced fifty tons of hay, two hundred bushels of oats, seventy-two bushels of wheat, three hundred bushels of potatoes, one thousand bushels of rutabagas and two hundred bushels of carrots. He also has a young orchard of thirty-six apple trees.

In addition to farming Mr. Peterson will cut 100,000 feet of **hardwood and hemlock timber** and deliver it to the **mill at Foster City** during the coming winter.

ARCHIE FARELL [*sic* – FARRELL].

At **Hardwood Archie P. Farell** [*sic* – *Farrell*] is building a **new hotel** 36x40 feet in size and two stories high with a one story wing 24x20 feet. Mr. Farrell is engaged in **logging** and employs fifty men. He expects to cut and land 300,000 feet of pine, 850,000 feet of hemlock, 850,000 feet of basswood, 700,000 feet of cedar logs, 15,000 poles and 200 cords of spruce.

Frank Drosie has eighty acres of land near **Hardwood** with twenty acres cleared, a good **house and barn**, three horses, four cows and five young cattle. He harvested ten tons of hay, fifteen bushels of oats, twenty bushels of wheat and two hundred bushels of potatoes.

MERCHANT ANDERSON.

P.J. Anderson, [*sic*] conducts a **general merchandise store at Hardwood**, returned two weeks ago from a trip to Sweden, where he visited the home of his childhood. He says he used to be partial to Sweden, but he is satisfied now that America is good enough for him. In addition to his merchantile [*sic* – *mercantile*] business he has a **farm** and also does some **logging**. The farm contains sixty-five acres cleared. He has ten horses, five cows, five young cattle, five hogs and one hundred chickens. He harvested forty-nine tons of hay, three hundred bushels of oats, thirty bushels of wheat, three hundred and twenty-five bushels of potatoes, seventy bushels of rutabagas and fifty bushels of carrots. Mr. Anderson has 160 acres of timber land from which he will cut the cedar and basswood this coming winter.

John Asp, a former resident of **Iron Mountain**, has a farm of eighty acres with seven acres cleared, just **north of Hardwood**. He has a good **house and barn**, two cows, two young cattle and fifty chickens. This fall he harvested six tons of hay, eighteen bushel [*sic* – *bushels*] of oats, fifteen bushels of wheat, fourteen bushels of barley, one hundred and fifteen bushels of potatoes, thirty bushels of rutabagas, eighteen bushels of carrots, twenty bushels of mangels and one hundred cabbages.

S.F. Farell [*sic* – *Farrell*] has two hundred acres with forty acres cleared, a **frame house and two barns**, two horses, four cows, twelve young cattle, five hogs, eight sheep and thirty-five chickens. He

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harvested twenty-five tons of hay, seventy bushels of wheat, sixty bushels of barley, forty bushels of peas, two hundred bushels of potatoes, one hundred and fifty bushels of rutabagas and ten bushels of carrots. Mr. Farrell has cleared four acres of new land this year and has only **been on the farm four years**, making all the improvements in that time.

William Farrell has forty acres and ten acres cleared, frame house and small barn, three horses, three cows, two young cattle, two hogs and forty chickens. He harvested ten tons of hay, forty bushels of peas, and one hundred bushels of potatoes. He has cleared two acres of new land this year.

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WOLVES ARE NUMEROUS

Are Now Attacking Flocks of Farmers in the Northern Townships.

Wolves are unusually numerous in the northern part of Dickinson county and the adjoining territory in Marquette and Iron counties and are doing an immense amount of damage.

The depredations of the sneaking critters are now confined to deer, but they are attacking the flocks of the farmer and the ranchman.

At the Fence river ranch of Mitchell Dykes, his flock of sheep has been attacked and one night recently six were killed. In this section the wolves are killing

a **large number of deer**. One cruiser tells The Press that, in a walk of less than ten miles, he found the partially eaten carcasses of twenty deer, and similar tales are being reported almost daily. **In Breen and Waucedah townships wolves never before were so numerous or bold.** A correspondent of The Press at **Foster [City]** says that they not only attack and kill **cattle** but **horses** as well. One farmer is reported to have had twelve head of cattle killed and another two horses, while many deer carcasses are found along all the trails.

Unless a determined and united effort is made by the several counties to exterminate [*sic – exterminate*] the critters, it will soon be unsafe to turn cattle into the pastures and the deer family will be wiped out of existence within the next few years. The wolves travel in bands and authorities tell The Press that one band will kill more deer in a season than all the hunters combined.

It appears to be impossible to trap wolves and they seem to be poison proof. It is only in rare instances that a hunter can get within gun shot [*sic – gunshot*] of them. Bounties are generous, but the reward does not appear to increase the number of scalps received by the county clerk. It has been suggested that a grand wolf [*sic – wolf*] chase be inaugurated and that every hunter be asked to donate his service for a few days in an endeavor to rid the district of the pest.

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OUR TRAVELER NOTES CHANGES AT THE BIG BRIDGES FARM.

Owner Meeting With Continued Success in Pine Cultivation – Pine Creek and Other Districts.

BRIDGES' PLANTATION.

A drive of seven miles, [sic] through a dense forest of hardwood, [sic] brought the writer to **S.H. Bridges' Sturgeon River Farm**, which is a little village built in the heart of the forest. Mr. Bridges has 1,280 acres of land and has purchased the stumpage on 840 acres more. On the farm proper there are 125 acres under cultivation. **The buildings consist of a good farm house, office, blacksmith shop, slaughter-house and storeroom, a large barn, 40x80 feet, with a ten-foot stone basement, one of the nicest barns in Dickinson county, a hay and sheep barn 60x80 feet, grain barn 46x46 feet, cattle shed 18x60 feet, a hay barn, two root-houses, granery [sic – granary], chicken house, hay barn, ice-house, and water tank with wind-mill [sic – windmill] pump.**

Mr. Bridges has ten horses, including a span of drivers which took first prize at the **Norway fair**, and a two-year-old colt, which weighs, [sic] 1,400 pounds, eight milch [milk] cows and fifteen cows with young calves, a large red Durham bull weighing 1,800 pounds, ninety sheep, forty hogs and fifty chickens.

He harvested eighty tons of hay, one thousand bushels of oats, ninety-three bushels of winter wheat, which yielded twenty-three bushels to the acre, sixty-one bushels of spring wheat, which yielded twenty bushels to the acre, two hundred

and forty-five bushels of barley from ten acres, three acres of yellow dent corn, which all matured, and four hundred and fifty bushels of potatoes.

PINE CULTIVATION.

The pride of the farm is a **grove of about 600 second growth pine**, which Mr. Bridges has had trimmed up and the underbrush removed from amongst them. The trees have grown nearly two inches in diameter and thirty inches in height during the past year. It is Mr. Bridges' intention to trim up 1,000 more young pines this year. He is so well satisfied with present results that he thinks there will be money made in cultivating second growth pine.

WILL LUMBER.

Mr. Bridges plans to log to some extent this season. He expects to cut and bank on the Sturgeon river 8,000 poles, 20,000 posts, 400,000 feet of shingle timber and 5,000 tie cuts.

WILD GAME.

The forests around **Sturgeon River farm** abound in wild game, partridges are plentiful, deer maybe seen near the farm any morning or evening, and bear and wolves are not uncommon, making altogether an ideal place for **sportsmen**. Right here we wish to say that **Mr. Bridges keeps a register where all guests at the farm are requested to enter their names and addresses**, under penalty of a fine if they neglect to do so. If you don't see the register, ask for it.

HOLME'S [sic – HOLMES'] FARM.

After enjoying the hospitality of mine host and hostess Saturday night and until after dinner Sunday, the writer drove to **Holmes' Farm**, a distance of **six miles on the road to Waucedah**, where a couple of hours were pleasantly passed. The farm proper contains 200 acres of cleared land and is owned by **W.A. Holmes and T. Donahue**. There are **two houses** on the

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farm. **One is used for the farm hands and the other occupied by Mr. and Mrs. A.K. Holmes.** In addition to these buildings there is a large **barn**, 40x110 feet in size, with stone basement, **two warehouses, hay-house, chicken-house, blacksmith shop, tool-house and wagon shed.** Near the dwellings is an orchard of seventy-five apple trees. The live stock [*sic – livestock*] consists of six horses, twelve cows, forty young cattle, five sheep, thirty hogs and fifty chickens. The season's products of the farm are one hundred tons of hay, fifteen hundred bushels of oats, fifty bushels of wheat, forty bushels of peas, one thousand bushels of potatoes, fifteen bushels of carrots and two hundred bushels of beets. The location of the farm is a pretty one, being on high, rolling ground with the buildings near the center and on the highest ground. **Mrs. A.K. Holmes** is a pleasant and amicable hostess and has the respect and esteem of all who chance to pass that way and enjoy the hospitality at the farm.

WAUCEDAH DISTRICT.

In the vicinity of **Waucedah** there are several well-to-do farmers. **S.R. Nicholson** has one hundred and twenty acres with fifty acres cleared, good **log-house and barn** 40x60 feet with stone basement and cement floor, and a **granery** [*sic – granary*]. He has four horses, eight cows, ten young cattle, four hogs and one hundred chickens. He harvested twenty tons of hay, three hundred bushels of oats, sixty bushels of wheat, twenty-five bushels of peas, two hundred and fifty bushels of potatoes, five hundred bushels of rutabagas, fifty bushels [*of*] carrots, two hundred bushels of corn, 3,000 pumpkins and 1,000 heads of cabbage. **Mr. Nicholson has taken a contract from the Pewabic company at Iron Mountain to log the timber off from forty acres of land near the Forest mine.** It is estimated

that there will be 500,000 feet of logs[,], 1,000 cords of wood and 10,000 pieces of lagging. He will employ fifteen men.

Thomas Broger has one hundred and twenty acres with forty acres cleared, a good **frame house**, large **barn**, 36x60 feet in size, with basement, two horses, two cows, three young cattle, two hogs and fifty chickens. He harvested thirty tons of hay, one hundred and fifty bushels of oats, five bushels of barley, eleven bushels of wheat, one hundred and fifty bushels of potatoes and fifteen bushels of rutabagas. **Mr. B.** also has an orchard of 150 apple trees, which have been standing three years.

Jos. Paul has one hundred and twenty acres, with twenty acres cleared, a **frame house and barn** 30x60 feet, two horses, six cows, two hogs and fifty chickens. He raised sixteen tons of hay, one hundred bushels of oats, twenty bushels of wheat and two hundred bushels of potatoes.

About **one mile east of Waucedah** is **Ed. Martin's** farm of one hundred and twenty acres with forty-five acres under cultivation, a **frame cottage** and good **barn**, 40x50 feet, with stone basement; also a good **tool-house**. He has three horses, two cows, three young cattle, one hog and forty chickens. He has harvested thirty tons of hay, three hundred and twenty bushels of oats, thirty bushels of wheat, twenty-eight bushels of barley, one hundred and thirty bushels of potatoes, forty bushels of rutabagas, ten bushels of onions, one hundred and fifty bushels of carrots, one hundred bushels of corn and six hundred heads of cabbage. **Mr. Martin** has cleared five acres of new land this year. In addition to **logging** in the winter. [*sic*] He expects to put in 1,200,000 feet of **mining logs** during the coming winter.

August Gruel has a farm joining **Martin's** of eighty acres with forty acres cleared, a good **log house** and a **barn**,

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30x30 feet, two horses, three cows, five young cattle, five hogs and one hundred chickens. He harvested twenty-five tons of hay, three hundred and sixteen bushels of oats, one hundred and fifty bushels of potatoes, fifty bushels of rutabagas, fifty bushels of carrots and two hundred bushels of mangels. In addition, he has cleared one acre of new ground during the past year.

E.L. Berg has eighty acres of land in **the same neighborhood** with forty acres cleared, a **log-house** and small **barn**. He has three horses, one cow and two young cattle and this season raised twenty tons of hay, one hundred and thirty-six bushels of oats and one hundred bushels of potatoes.

Dan Vanitvelt has eight acres of land **one half mile from Waucedah** with thirty-five acres under cultivation and a **log-house** and **hay shed**. He has five horses, one cow, nine hogs and sixty chickens. Mr. V. harvested seventeen tons of hay, four hundred bushels of oats, three hundred and fifty bushels of potatoes, one hundred bushels of rutabagas and five hundred heads of cabbage. Mr. Vanitvelt **resides in town in a neat frame cottage**, which he recently purchased.

Frank Knell has eighty acres of fine farming land **one mile from Waucedah** with sixty acres under cultivation, a good **frame house** and large **barn** with all necessary farming implements. He has two horses, two cows and one hundred chickens. His harvest was forty tons of hay, five hundred bushels of oats, two hundred and fifty bushels of wheat and four hundred bushels of potatoes.

John Lohfe has one hundred and sixty acres of land with one hundred acres cleared. His **farm house burned about one year ago** and he has **built a new cottage**; has a good **barn**, three horses and two cows. He harvested seventy tons of hay, two hundred bushels of oats, fifty

bushels of wheat, three hundred bushels of potatoes and one hundred bushels of rutabagas.

Vital Rochon, who conducts a **general merchandise business in Waucedah**, has seventeen forties of **timber and farming land in that vicinity** with one hundred and fifty acres under cultivation. The cultivated land is leased to three different parties and produced in the aggregate seventy-five tons of hay, six hundred bushels of oats, one hundred bushels of wheat, twenty bushels of field peas and five hundred bushels of potatoes.

T.E. Dillon has one hundred and eighty acres of land with one hundred acres cleared, only forty of which are under cultivation. He **resides in Iron Mountain**, but keeps one team of horses at the farm. He harvested thirty tons of hay, four hundred bushels of oats and sixty bushels of potatoes. His farm is **one of the oldest cultivated farms in the vicinity** and he is giving some of the land a rest and expects to improve the soil by plowing under the green sward next spring.

PINE CREEK DISTRICT.

Passing on **from Waucedah through Loretto to the Pine Creek district** the first farm reached is that of **Alfred Tavis**, who has eighty acres of land with seventy acres cleared, twenty of which are used for pasture. He has a good **frame house**, **two barns**, **granery [sic - granary]** and **toolshed**, five horses, ten milch [*milk*] cows, three heifers, twenty-two hogs and one hundred chickens. Mr. T. harvested twenty tons of hay, three hundred and twelve bushels of oats, thirty-nine bushels of wheat, ninety bushels of barley, one hundred bushels of corn, besides five acres of ensilage, five hundred bushels of potatoes, and one hundred and fifty bushels of mangels, fifty bushels of rutabagas, fifty bushels of carrots, fifty bushels of white

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beans and twelve hundred heads of cabbage.

Adjoining Tavis' farm is that of **Fred La Voie**, who has one hundred and sixty acres with one hundred acres under cultivation, a good **frame house**, **three barns**, and a **granery [sic – granary]**. He has five horses, five cows, thirteen young cattle, six hogs, seventy chickens and fourteen ducks. In his orchard he has thirty apple and plum trees, but this season being a poor one for fruit, the yield was not large. He harvested fifty tons of hay, four hundred bushels of oats, twenty-seven bushels of wheat, forty bushels of barley, nine bushels of peas, two hundred bushels of potatoes, fifty bushels of carrots, seventy-five bushels of mangels, twelve bushels of onions[,], one hundred and seventy-five bushels of corn, one thousand heads of cabbage and fifty bushels of apples.

Abel London has one hundred and sixty acres of land with one hundred and twenty acres cleared, fifteen acres of which is used for pastures, a large **brick house**, **two large barns**, (one with stone basement), **granery [sic – granary]**, **hay-house** and **chicken-house**. He has four horses, thirteen milch [*milk*] cows, eighteen young cattle, twelve hogs and one hundred chickens. He harvested one hundred tons of hay, five hundred and fifty bushels of oats, seventy bushels of wheat, sixty bushels of barley, fifty bushels of corn, one hundred bushels of carrots, thirty bushels of beets, five hundred bushels of turnips, seventy bushels of apples and six hundred heads of cabbage. **During the period from April 1st to October 1st, Mrs. London has made an average of sixty pounds of butter per week and took two prizes for the best butter at the Menominee Range Agricultural society fair – the special prize offered by The Press and the first prize.**

Adjoining London's farm is that of **Richard Stone**, who has eighty acres with twenty acres cleared and is clearing four acres of new ground this year. He has a good **house** and **barn**, two horses, five cows, seven young cattle, four hogs and forty chickens, and harvested thirty tons of hay, one hundred bushels of oats, thirty bushels of wheat, twenty-nine bushels of barley, fifty bushels of potatoes, twenty bushels of rutabagas, twenty bushels of mangels, ten bushels of carrots, ten bushels of apples and 100 heads of cabbage.

Charles Albert, who resides in **this same neighborhood**, has four hundred acres of land with one hundred acres under cultivation, a large **farm house**, large **barn** 30x70 feet, **tool-house**, **granery [sic – granary]**, **hog-house** and **root-house**. He has four horses, ten milch [*milk*] cows, thirty-four young cattle, twelve hogs, twenty sheep, one hundred chickens, twelve ducks and a **tame crow**. His harvest was seventy tons of hay, eight hundred bushels of oats, forty bushels of wheat, eighteen acres of ensilage, eight hundred bushels of potatoes, one hundred bushels of rutabagas, two hundred bushels of carrots, one hundred bushels of mangels and fifty bushels of beets.

QUINNESEC DISTRICT.

At **Quinnesec John L. Buell** has two hundred and forty acres of land with sixty acres cleared, ten acres of woodland, the balance used for pasture. He has a **commodious home, barn and tool-house in the village**, has two horses and fifty head of young cattle. Mr. Buell harvested fifty tons of hay and two hundred bushels of potatoes.

NEW YORK FARM.

The **New York farm**, owned by the **Menominee River Lumber company**, is located **two miles south of Vulcan on the**

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state road and consists of 700 acres of land with 500 acres under cultivation. **The buildings on the farm are so arranged that they resemble a small village.** There is a large farm house with accommodations for fifty men besides the guest room and apartments for the superintendent, and family. There are also three cottages, which are used by some of the farm hands who have families. Of the other buildings there are two horse barns, two cow barns, two hay barns, a toolhouse, blacksmith shop, pump house, two water tanks, two silos, a creamery and a large roothouse. For fire protection there is a system of water pipes with fifteen hydrants. Formerly the farm was used for dairy purposes and from 100 to 150 milch [milk] cows were, [sic] kept[,] but the company decided to **discontinue the dairy business** and the cows were all sold except what were needed for milk and butter for the farm. In order to utilize the pasture lands, a drove of steers is purchased in the spring, fattened and sold for beef. The livestock on the farm during the past season consisted of ten horses, three cows, fifty-three steers, thirty sheep, thirty hogs and fifty chickens. The total crop harvested was 200 tons of hay, 1,000 bushels of oats, 1,500 bushels of corn and 1,000 bushels of potatoes besides garden vegetables sufficient for use at the farm-house. It is the intention of the company to pasture 100 head of steers next year. The present **superintendent of the farm, John Krupp**, is an experienced man and no doubt under his careful management the results next year will be even better than this year.

BERGERON FARM.

Prominent among the large farms in Dickinson county is that of **J.E. Bergeron**, which is located about **one mile northeast**

of Norway and contains 62 acres of land, 40 acres being under cultivation. Mr. Bergeron has a large **brick residence** located on a slightly elevated piece of ground a short distance from **Pine Creek**. Besides the family home there is another large house, [sic] which is used for the farm laborers. There are **five large barns, granery [sic - granary], tool-shed, blacksmith shop, hog-barn and chicken-house**. He has ten horses, fifty milch [milk] cows, twenty-five young cattle, one hundred hogs and two hundred chickens. The harvest this season shows 300 tons of hay, 2,000 bushels of oats, 100 bushels of barley, 300 bushels of buckwheat, 100 bushels of peas, 1,500 bushels of potatoes, 500 bushels of carrots, 50 bushels of beets, 800 bushels of mangels and 2,000 heads of cabbages [sic]; also twenty acres of corn which fully ripened, but has not yet been husked.

NEED OF ROADS.

During the trip around the county, and especially along the **Metropolitan district**, the farmers had considerable to say relative to the county road system, and some of them seemed to feel as if some of the many appropriations for county roads, of which they are paying a portion, should be expended in that part of the county. They are anxious for good roads and the townships are building new roads every year to open up the farming districts, but they think the county

SUMMARY.

Dickinson county as an agricultural district is destined to rank among the best in the state. **The soil in most sections is a rich clay loam and capable of being brought to a high state of cultivation.** The raising of **winter wheat**, wherever tried, has proved very successful, the yield has been large and the quality of the grain of the very best. **Corn** has been

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successfully raised and fully ripened this season. It seems to be only a question of variety to insure success in corn raising in this county and this year even **yellow dent**, which is considered a late variety, was fully ripened. Fruits, such as **apples, plums, cherries, grapes** and **berries of all kinds** are raised in abundance on many of the farms which have been cultivated for several years and the quality of the fruit is superior to any that has been shipped in from Wisconsin or Southern Michigan points.

The question of cultivating the lands, generally designated as plains, where the soil is comparatively light, is now occupying the minds of many of the thinking farmers and in several instances these lands have been successfully cultivated and the soil brought to a high standard by what is known as the **three-year rotation**. This class of soil is especially adapted to the raising of **corn** and **potatoes**, while **timothy, clover** and **oats** are successfully grown and yield abundantly in any ordinary season, the soil requiring a little more moisture than the heavier lands.

Upon the **large tracts of timber lands** in the county is found **pine, hemlock, cedar, maple, birch, elm** and **basswood**, which form a large factor in the wealth of the county. **The hardy settler who builds up a home for himself and family markets a portion of his timber each winter and then clears the land from which it is cut and plants it the next season to raise food for the maintenance of the family; and again the next winter clears some more land, thus gradually enlarging his acreage of cultivated land and increasing the value of the farm.**

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RURAL DICKINSON

THE PRESS VISITS THE PROSPEROUS FARMERS IN THE NORTH.

The Morgan Company Preparing for a Large Input of Timber and Small Operators Active.

A representative of The Press recently made a trip around the county, calling on many farmers and found them prosperous. The following shows the result of the past year's work on the farms at which he called:

Martin Schmidt, who has forty acres of land **near Randville**, has fourteen acres cleared, a good **house** and **barn**, and keeps three horses, two cows, three head of young cattle, six hogs and fifty chickens. He has harvested fifteen tons of hay, 100 bushels of corn, 850 bushels of potatoes, seventy-five bushels of rutabagas, forty bushels of beets, 150 bushels of carrots and 1,300 heads of cabbage. He reports everything saved in good condition.

B.A. Wilbur, who has eighty acres of land **across the road from Mr. Schmidt's farm**, has twenty-seven acres cleared, has a good **house** and **barn on the farm, besides a house, barn and store at Randville**, where he resides and holds the office of **postmaster**. He keeps two horses, one cow, two hogs and fifty-five chickens. He has harvested twelve tons of

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hay, forty bushels of corn, 500 bushels of potatoes and thirty-five bushels of rutabagas besides having a large garden. **In addition to his farming, Mr. Wilbur makes trips to Metropolitan and Foster City frequently with passengers.** His brother, **Francis Wilbur**, of Jamesville, California, is spending the winter with him.

After **leaving Randville**, a drive of four miles brings one to the **Groveland mine**, which is in charge of **superintendent J.M. Lawrey**. At the present time thirty men are employed at the mine and Mr. Lawrey says he could use twenty-five more if he could get them. The shaft is down only 300 feet, but the mining at the present time is on the second level, from which 250 tons of ore are being hoisted daily and shipped to Cleveland. **Supt. and Mrs. Lawrey recently welcomed their thirteenth child, a little daughter, into the family. Twelve children out of the thirteen are living.**

About **one mile east of Groveland, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Grant** are residing on a new farm, **formerly owned by Andrew Rian, of Felch**, which he sold to **Herman Stephen**. Mr. Grant has not done much in the agricultural line, as he has been employed as **land-looker for the state tax commission**. In the way of gardening, he has raised forty bushels of potatoes, six bushels of onions, three bushels of beets and three *[sic]* heads of cabbage.

Herman Stephen, who owns the farm, is a batchelor *[sic – bachelor]* and lives by himself in a little **house near the one in which Mr. and Mrs. Grant reside**. He bought the farm which furnishes ample house and barn room. Mr. Stephen has one hundred and twenty acres of land and has cleared twelve acres. He has two horses, two cows, three head of young cattle, six hogs and eighty chickens. He has harvested 150 bushels of oates *[sic – oats]*, 200 bushels of rye and 225 bushels

of potatoes. He also had about one acre of corn which did not fully ripen.

Ronald McDonald has one hundred and twenty acres of land **adjoining Stephen's farm** and has ten acres cleared. **He has not yet finished a farm house, but resides in a nearby camp on his clearing, which is new.** He raised 200 bushels of potatoes and two tons of millet. He has two horses and one cow.

A little **farther along on the road to Metropolitan** is the house of **John Isaacson**, who has forty acres of land with twelve acres cleared. He has a **log house and barn**. He raised ten tons of hay, 100 bushels of oates *[sic – oats]* and 150 bushels of potatoes. Mr. I. has two horses and one cow.

Adjoining Isaacson's farm are the farms of **Erick Johnson** and **E.J. Johnson**, who have each eighty acres of land with twenty acres on each cleared. Both have good **frame houses and barn [sic – barns]**. **Erick Johnson** has enlarged his house during the past six months. He has two horses, three cows, two head of young cattle and two hogs. He has harvested fifty tons of hay, and thirty bushels of potatoes. **E.J. Johnson moved to Felch Mountain two years ago, so that he could send his children to school, and has left his farm in charge of a hired man, while he is giving his own attention to logging.**

A new school-house has been completed, just across the highway from the Johnson farms and it is understood that **E.J. Johnson will move back to his farm next spring.**

John Skog has forty acres of land just **east of the Sturgeon river** on which he has twenty acres cleared. He has a large **frame house and barn**, owns two horses, three cows, three head of young cattle and twenty chickens. He harvesed *[sic –*

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harvested] 20 tons of hay, 150 bushels of oates [*sic – oats*], 300 bushels of potatoes and fifty bushels of rutabagas. Mr. S. has cleared four acres during the past year.

John Selund also has sixty acres of land with twenty acres cleared. He has a **log house** and **frame barn**, owns three horses, two cows, three head of young cattle and thirty-five chickens. His farm produced twenty tons of hay, 150 bushels of oats, thirty bushels of barley and 275 bushels of potatoes.

Erick Skog resides in the same neighborhood, where he has a good **frame house and barn** on one acre of ground, on which he raises vegetables and keep [*sic – keeps*] two cows. He is employed most of the time on a farm or in the lumber woods.

Matt Blomquist has fifty acres of land with twenty acres cleared, a good **frame house and barn**. He has two horses, four cows, two head of young cattle and thirty chickens. His farm produced fifty tons of hay, 100 bushels of oats, 500 bushels of potatoes and twenty-five bushels of rutabagas. Mr. B. has cleared five acres this season.

Matt Ovist has sixty acres of land with twenty acres cleared. He has a good **log house and frame barn**. Mr. O. owns two horses, two cows and twenty chickens. He harvested twenty tons of hay, seventy-five bushels of oats, ten bushels of wheat, 600 bushels of potatoes and sixty bushels of rutabagas.

Andrew Gustafson and **Herman Gustafson**, brothers, have adjoining farms of eighty acres each. With good **frame houses and barns**. [*sic*] They work together and each has forty acres cleared. They plan to keep the same amount of farm produce. They each have two horses, six cows, and seven head of young cattle. They estimate the produce raised on each farm as follows: Twenty-five tons of hay,

350 bushels of oats and 300 bushels of potatoes.

John Blomquist, who has eighty acres cleared, has a large **farm house and two barns**. He keeps five horses, six cows, six head of young cattle, five hogs and fifty chickens. This year he harvested forty-five tons of hay, 700 bushels of oats, 575 bushels of potatoes and 300 bushels of rutabagas.

Matt Willman, one of the pioneer farmers in the **Metropolitan district**, has forty acres of land with thirty-five acres cleared. He has a large **farm house and barn and a wind-mill** [*sic – windmill*] for pumping water for his stock. Mr. W. owns two horses, six cows, four head of young cattle, four hogs and seventy-five chickens. His farm produced thirty tons of hay, 350 bushels of oats, 450 bushels of potatoes and 100 bushels of rutabagas.

William Wickman has forty acres at **Felch Mountain** with a good **frame house and barn**. He has only seven acres cleared and does not keep a team of horses. Mr. W. has three milch [*milk*] cows and seventy full blooded White Wyandotte chickens. He makes a speciality [*sic – specialty*] of furnishing eggs for hatching. On the seven acres cleared he raised four tons of hay and 100 bushels of potatoes besides a large assortment of garden produce.

One of the largest industries on the **Metropolitan range** is that of the **Morgan Lumber & Cedar company** at **Foster City**, where the company has a large **saw-mill** [*sic – sawmill*] and **planing mill**, which turned out during the past year 8,000,000 feet of lumber, 150,000 shingles, 60,000 railroad ties, 100,000 posts, 4,000 poles and 1,000 cords of spruce. Two million feet of logs will be left in the river at the close of the season for sawing. The company will operate **three logging camps** during the

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coming winter and will employ about 150 men. The cut for the coming year will be about 8,000,000 feet of logs and about the same amount of poles, posts, ties and spruce wood as last year. Sixty horses are worked during the winter skidding and loading logs and hauling them to the main road, where the slieghs [*sic* – *sleighs*] are coupled into trains and hauled to the landing with an **ice locomotive**. The company has a farm of 200 acres, all cleared, which produced 190 tons of hay, 3,000 bushels of oats, 2,500 bushels of potatoes, 800 bushels of mangels, 600 bushels of carrots, ninety tons of sugar beet [*sic* – *beets*], seventy-five tons of alfalfa from three cuttings on six acres of ground. Besides the sixty horses, the other livestock on the farm consists of 350 Berkshire hogs and seventeen head of registered Holstein cows and heifers. **Superintendent Pierce** says the labor question is unsettled at present and there is a shortage of men for the woods.

At **Hardwood**, the **P.J. Anderson Estate** conducts a **general store** and also has a farm of eighty acres with seventy-five cleared from which was harvested seventy-five tons of hay, 650 bushels of oats and 440 bushels of potatoes. On the farm are kept four horses, three cows, six head of young cattle, six hogs and one hundred chickens.

Archie P. Farrell, supervisor of **Breen township**, is a large property owner at **Hardwood**. He owns the **hotel building and several dwelling houses** besides a farm of one hundred and sixty acres of which eighty acres are cleared. On the farm are **two large barns and [a] machinery shed**. The farm produced forty-two tons of hay, 286 bushels of oats, twenty-five bushels of buckwheat, 1,000 bushels of rutabagas, three bushels of carrots, fifty bushels of beets, 250 bushels

of stock carrots, 1,500 heads of cabbage and thirty-four tons of sugar beets, one sugar beet weighed 9 ¼ pounds. He has seven horses, four cows, four young cattle, five hogs and ninety chickens. In addition to working his farm, Mr. Farrell is quite an extensive **logger**. He expect [*sic* – expects] to cut 500,000 feet of logs of his own and 600,000 feet for the **Morgan Lumber & Cedar company**, besides 500 poles, 5,000 ties and 10,000 posts.

Stephen F. Farrell has two hundred acres of land with eighty acres cleared. He harvested eighteen tons of hay, 300 bushels of oats, 100 bushels of barley, 350 bushels of potatoes and fifteen tons of sugar beets. He has four horses, eleven thoroughbred registered Holstein cows and one bull, seven hogs and two hundred chickens.

M. Kenny's farm is located at **Hylas**, where he also conducts a **general merchandise store**. He has one hundred and sixty acres of land with seventy acres cleared, a good **frame house and large barn**. He harvested fifty tons of hay, 400 bushels of oats, seventy-five bushels of barley, fifty bushels of peas, 500 bushels of potatoes, 400 bushels of carrots, 1,000 heads of cabbage and thirty tons of sugar beets. Mr. K. has five horses, eight cows, twelve young cattle, twenty-two hogs and ninety chickens. **Mrs. Kenny** has made and sold **1,000 pounds of butter** at twenty-five and thirty cents per pound, besides selling \$42.00 worth of **cream**, during the past season. Mr. Kenny has cleared eight acres of new ground.

Peter Nault has bought a **blacksmith shop** and also forty acres of land from **Archie P. Farrell**, at **Hardwood**. Mr. Nault is building a **new house and barn**, on his farm. During the winter months he will be kept busy at his trade, but during the summer months, when blacksmithing work

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is slack, he puts in his spare time on the farm.

One of the most interesting features of the trip around the county is along **the road from Foster City to Waucedah**, where six miles from **Foster City** is located the **Sturgeon River Stock Farm**, owned by **Samuel H. Bridges**. Mr. Bridges is an extensive land owner, owning 1,500 acres of timber and farming lands, besides the stumpage on 600 acres. Of his land holdings, he has one hundred and forty-five acres under cultivation, on which he has a large **farm house, a cottage, a large barn, 40x80 feet in size with twelve-foot stone basement, three other large barns for hay and grain, chicken house, hog-house [sic – hog house] and ice-house [sic – ice house], also a wind-mill [sic – windmill]** which pumps the water for the house and for the stock barn. The farm produced 180 tons of hay, 500 bushels of oats, 300 bushels of winter wheat, 150 bushels of buckwheat, fifty bushels of peas, 900 bushels of potatoes, 300 bushels of rutabagas, 100 bushels of carrots, twenty-five bushels of onions and 350 bushels of mangels. He has eleven horses, eight milch [*milk*] cows, twelve cows with sucking calves, eight other calves and twelve yearlings besides tow stall-fed steers, which will weigh 1,700 pounds each. The twenty cows and one bull are all short-horned Durhams. He also has thirty-five hogs and ninety chickens. Mr. Bridges, in partnership with **Mr. Harmon**, of **Menominee**, tried a little experiment in live-stock [sic – livestock] this season. Last spring, they shipped in 157 head of dry cows from the Chicago stock yards, the average weight of which was 800 pounds. The average cost was \$3.80 per hundred weight. These were turned out on range for four months and gained an average of 150 pounds each. The price has also advanced to nearly

double the cost and the firm expects to clean up a nice little sum on the investment. Seventy-five of the cows were shipped to Chicago two weeks ago, but, as Mr. Bridges had not returned when the representative of The Press was at the farm, the exact figures of the transaction could not be obtained. It is certain, however, that a good round sum was realized as profit. The balance will probably be shipped out this week. Mr. Bridges, in addition to his farming, has a **shingle-mill [sic – shingle mill]**, and expects to cut cedar enough during the winter to manufacture 3,000,000. He also has 18,000 shingles in in [sic] stock. He will also cut 800,000 feet of hardwood, hemlock and basswood. **The Bridges home is a favorite stopping place for around-the-county travelers as well as fishermen and hunters.** The hospitality of **Mr. and Mrs. Bridges** is enjoyed by many.

The next place of interest on the road is **Holmes' Farm**, which is **also a favorite stopping place for travelers and hunters.** The farm proper consists of one hundred and sixty acres of land, all under cultivation, besides eight forties of cut-over lands. The farm is managed by **Timothy Donahue**, who is part owner in the property. The farm produced sixty tons of hay, 2,100 bushels of oates [sic – oats], 1,600 bushels of potatoes[,] 100 bushels of rutabagas and 100 bushels of apples. The red squirrels, however, destroyed seventy-five per cent of the apples. The live-stock [sic – livestock] on the farm consists of eleven horses, five milch [*milk*] cows, eight cows with sucking calves, seventeen head of young cattle and fifteen hogs. There is a large **farm house and barn** on the premises, besides the **residence of Mr. and Mrs. A.K. Holmes.**

In the same neighborhood is **Jonas Blomquist**, who has sixty acres of land, with thirty acres cleared. He has a frame

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house and barn, keeps two horses, four cows and twenty-five chickens. His farm produced twenty-five tons of hay, 150 bushels of oats, 500 bushels of potatoes and 100 bushels of rutabagas. Mr. B. has cleared ten acres during the season.

The next place on the road to **Waucedah** is **Peter E. Cootware's** farm of one hundred and twenty acres, with twenty acres cleared and a good **log house and barn**. The farm produced 100 bushels of oats, 100 bushels of potatoes, seventy bushels of rutabagas, forty bushels of carrots, thirty bushels of mangels, twenty-five bushels of onions, forty bushels of white turnips and 1,300 heads of cabbage. Mr. Cootware has seeded two acres to timothy and clover and is clearing ten acres of new land. He is also building a **new barn**.

The last farm visited before reaching **Waucedah**, [sic] was that of **Jos. Corbeil**. He has eighty acres of land, with thirty-five acres cleared and a good **frame house and large barn**. He harvested thirteen tons of hay, 500 bushels of buckwheat, 150 bushels of carrots, 200 bushels of mangels, and ten bushels of onions. Besides this, Mr. Corbeil leased forty acres of cultivated land on which he raised thirty-five tons of hay, 150 bushels of oates [sic - oats], and 140 bushels of potatoes. He has two horses, five milch [milk] cows, seven head of young cattle, eight hogs and forty chickens.

As the time of the writer was limited, **Mr. Corbiel** was the last farmer interviewed, but another trip will be made soon, covering the territory in the vicinity of **Waucedah**, **Loretto** and the **Pine Creek district**.

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COUNTY FARMERS

A PRESS REPORTER MARKES TOUR OF FARMING DISTRICTS.

Crops Abundant, New Acreage, Many New Buildings, a Fruit Tree Nursery and Prosperity.

A representative of The Press recently made a trip around the county and interviewed some of the farmers. Many improvements were noted and the crops were found to be abundant. The farmers all along the route seemed prosperous and progressive. Items were taken from a number of the farmers as to what advancement they had made on their farms and what the farms had produced this season.

The first one interviewed was **Peter Steinmetz**, who has eighty acres of land about **seven miles north of Iron Mountain**. He has forty acres cleared and has cleared two acres this season. Mr. S. harvested twenty tons of hay, 150 bushels of oats, 500 bushels of potatoes besides garden vegetables. He does his farm work with one horse.

J.J. Collins has 160 acres along the **county road near Merriman**. His farm is new and as yet he has only eighteen acres clear. Five acres of this was cleared this season. He has a good **farm house** and has just completed a **new barn** twenty-two feet wide by thirty feet in length and twenty-eight feet high. This year he harvested fifteen tons of hay, 100 bushels of oats, 300 bushels of peas and 300 bushels of potatoes.

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Frank Tunney has eighty acres at **Granite Bluff**, about half of it cleared. He has built a **new hay barn**, thirty feet by one hundred. Mr. Tunney keeps considerable livestock. He has four horses, six cows, seven hogs and 150 chickens. Mr. T. cut thirty tons of timothy hay and twenty tons of wild hay this season and threshed 300 bushels of oats. About one-third of the cleared land is used for pasture. Mr. Tunney has been doing some **road work for the township** this past summer, having recently completed **one mile of road from Dr. O.F. Brauns' farm out to the county road.**

Just **south of Randville** is **William Kie's** farm of eighty acres. He has thirty-eight acres cleared. Five acres of this he has cleared this season. He has two horses, three cows, two head of young cattle, five hogs and one hundred chickens. **Mrs. Kie is an excellent butter maker** and considerable revenue is received from this source. The harvest shows a cut of eleven tons of hay, 250 bushels of oats, forty bushels of peas, 300 bushels of potatoes, 400 bushels of carrots and twenty bushels of rutabagas. **Mr. Kie has the only nursery in Dickinson county.** It is in its infancy as yet, but contains 1400 two-year-old apple trees of choice varieties.

Martin Schmidt owns forty acres **adjoining Mr. Kie's farm.** He has sixteen acres under cultivation and has cleared three acres more this season. Mr. S. has harvested ten tons of hay, fifty bushel [*sic – bushels*] of oats, fifteen bushels of wheat and fifty bushels of corn of the White Test variety. He also has 300 bushels of potatoes, 100 bushels of carrots, 1,600 heads of cabbage, seventy cauliflower, twenty-five bushels of beets and fifteen bushels of peas.

Along the road toward Metropolitan, several improvements were noticed[.]

among [*sic – Among*] them was a large **frame-house** built during the summer by **John Selund.** Small clearings of new ground were noticed at nearly every farm, showing a general increase in the acreage of cultivated lands.

Herman and Andrew Gustafson have eighty acres which they own jointly. They have **two good farm-houses and two large barns,** and own jointly five horses, twelve cows, seventeen young cattle, twenty-one hogs and six sheep. They cut about 100 tons of hay and threshed 1,000 bushels of oats. They also have about ten tons of corn fodder, and will dig about 1,000 bushels of potatoes.

John Blomquist has one of the best farms in the **Metropolitan district.** He has sixty acres clear of stumps and under cultivation. Mr. B. has a large house and two large barns. The farm this year produced sixty tons of hay, 1,000 bushels of oats, 100 bushels of wheat and 100 bushels of barley and 600 bushels of potatoes. **From six cows Mrs. Blomquist has made an average of forty pounds of butter per week.**

Matt Willman has the **adjoining farm** and harvested thirty-five tons of hay, 400 bushels of oats, fifty bushels of wheat, fifty bushels of barley and 500 bushels of potatoes from thirty-eight acres of cleared land. Mr. Willman has six milch [*milk*] cows and seven young cattle and about 200 hens.

John Davidson has eighty-four acres of land and has thirty acres cleared, one acre of this cleared this year. He has a good **farm house and a barn** twenty-four by fifty feet on the ground. He owns two draught horses, five cows, four young cattle and two hogs. His harvest includes twenty tons of hay[.] one hundred bushels of oats and 200 bushels of potatoes.

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John E. Wickman, who lives in the **village of Felch**, has purchased forty acres of land one and one-half miles east of town and will start next spring to clear this ground and start a farm.

Among the substantial improvements in the **village of Felch** is **Andrew Rian's new store building**. The structure is forty-four feet wide, ninety feet long and two stories high with full basement. The basement is constructed of concrete with cement floor and is nine feet high. The main building is constructed of brick. The building is heated with vacuum steam heat and has electric lights. Mr. Rian has his own electric lighting plant, which furnishes light for the store and also the **hotel**.

Chas. Solberg has forty acres of land adjoining the **village of Felch**. He has thirty acres cleared. The farm produced, this year, twenty tons of hay, 350 bushels of oats, twentyfive [*sic – twenty-five*] bushels of barley[,] 700 bushels of potatoes, 700 heads of cabbage and sixty bushels of apples.

At **Foster City**, one of the noticeable improvements is a **new cow barn for the Morgan Lumber & Cedar company**. The barn is thirty-six feet wide and one hundred and eight feet long with eighteen foot posts and a gamble [*sic – gambrel*] roof. It is equipped with the James sanitary stalls, stanchions and mangers. There are four box stalls. The floor of the barn is concrete with cork brick litter carriers. In one end of the barn there are two sixty-ton silos, twelve feet in diameter and thirty feet high. The silos are of the Green Mountain type. The estimated cost of the barn is \$5,000. It was built by Oscar Clow, of Winneconne, Wis. The barn is the most up-to-date building of the kind in Dickinson county.

The **Morgan Lumber & Cedar company** has 200 acres under cultivation and clear of stumps. The crops on this

farm were exceptionally good this year and consisted of 212 tons of hay, seventy tons of clover, fifteen tons of alfalfa, the latter being three cuttings from four acres of ground, 3,000 bushels of oats, 3,000 bushels of potatoes, 1,500 bushels of mangels, 400 bushels of carrots, 150 tons of ensilage corn and five acres of peas. In addition to this seventy-five crates of strawberries were picked from a half acre of vines. The company will set one acre more to strawberries this year and will also set out 100 cherry trees of the Early Richmond and Mt. Morrissy [*sic – Montmorency*] varieties. Among the live stock [*sic – livestock*] on the farm are twenty head of thoroughbred registered Holstein cows and 350 head of registered Berkshire hogs. The company has just completed a **new cement root-house** [*sic – root house*] with a capacity of 3,000 bushels.

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COUNTY FARMERS

A Continuation of the Story of a Trip Around Dickinson County.

Magnus Oleson has built a **new frame house on his farm just west of town**. The building is sixteen feet wide, thirty feet long and two stories high.

At **Hardwood**, **A.P. Farrell** has built **two new barns** on his farm – one sixty by thirty-six feet on the foundation and the other sixty by twenty-four feet. The first one cost \$1,200 and the latter, a hay barn, costs \$640. Mr. Farrell has 40 acres under

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cultivation from which he harvested 32 tons of hay, 777 bushels of oats, 32 bushels of wheat, 50 bushels of peas, 500 bushels of potatoes, 1,500 cabbages, 200 [bushels] of carrots, 100 bushels of mangels, 35 bushels of spelts and one acre of corn, which produced about four tons of fodder. Mr. Farrell also has eight acres under cultivation at his **logging camp** from which he harvested eight tons of oats, which he will feed without threshing, 400 bushels of potatoes, and 1,000 bushels of rutabagas. Mr. Farrell owns six horses, four cows, five head of young cattle and fifteen hogs.

S.F. Farrell's farm of 200 acres is located **three miles southeast of Hardwood**. He has fifty acres cleared and has cleared four more acres this season. He has a good **frame house, barn and tool house**. Of live stock [*sic – livestock*] he has two horses, five registered Holstein cows, two bull calves, five hogs and one hundred hens. The outlook for crops was exceptionally good up until the 27th of June, when a severe hail storm swept across the farm and damaged the growing crops about seventy-five per cent. As a result of good soil and thorough cultivation the crops were saved from a total loss. The harvest shows 25 tons of hay, 100 bushels of oats, 10 bushels of barley, 300 bushels of corn, 300 bushels of potatoes, 100 bushels of carrots and about three tons of cabbage. **Mrs. Farrell** is an **excellent butter maker** and the sale of butter is a source of considerable revenue. Mr. Farrell started to clear his farm nine years ago and has brought it from a virgin forest to a high state of cultivation.

A drive of **six miles from Hardwood**, along a winding road through the green timber[,] brings one to **S.H. Bridges'** farm on the **Sturgeon river**. He has 130 acres under cultivation from which he has harvested 120 tons of hay, 1,500 bushels of

buckwheat and 900 bushels of potatoes. Of the live stock [*sic – livestock*] on the farm there are eleven horses, four milch [*milk*] cows, six cows running with calves, thirty young cattle, forty-four hogs and one hundred hens. In the way of improvements during the past year, Mr. Bridges has built a wagon shed, 20x50 feet on the ground, and has arrangement to have two new wells drilled to supply water for the stock. He has also purchased a new gang plow. The 2,500 second-growth pines, on a portion of Mr. Bridges' farm, are growing rapidly. The growth this year, [*sic*] is three feet in height and over an inch in diameter. Some of the trees are at least eighteen inches in diameter and the average is about twelve inches.

Four miles from **Bridges' farm** is **Holmes' farm**, which is managed by **T. Donahue**. On this farm there are 150 acres clear from which there has been harvested 60 tons of hay, 1,000 bushels of oats, 200 bushels of carrots, 50 bushels of onions and 75 bushels of apples. Mr. Donahue keeps nine horses, six milch [*milk*] cows, twenty-one head of young cattle, fifty hogs and one hundred hens.

Along the road toward Waucedah is **Peter Cootware's** farm. He has 24 acres cleared and is clearing four more this year. This year's harvest shows 162 bushels of oats, 14 bushels of buckwheat, 400 bushels of potatoes, 300 bushels of rutabagas, 300 bushels of carrots, 300 bushels of mangels, 1,000 heads of cabbage and four acres of corn. Mr. Cootware keeps two horses, two milch [*milk*] cows, sixteen hogs and three hundred chickens. He expects to cut and haul to the North-Western track 7,000 pieces of **lagging for the Loretto Iron company** during the coming winter.

One mile north of Waucedah is **Joseph Corbiel's** farm of 40 acres with 25 acres cleared, and he has cleared two more

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this year. He raised 10 tons of hay, 225 tons of corn fodder, 300 bushels of potatoes[,] 50 bushels of carrots and five bushels of beans. Mr. C. has two horses, six milch [*milk*] cows, ten head of young cattle, seven hogs and fifty chickens. During the coming winter he expects to cut and haul to the North-Western track 200 cords of wood and 2,000 pieces of lagging.

In the **Pine Creek district** the **first farm out of Loretto** is that of **Alford Tavis**. He has 40 acres, all cleared. He has harvested 20 tons of hay, 600 bushels of oats, 150 bushels of buckwheat, 2,000 bushels of potatoes, 50 bushels of rutabagas, 20 bushels of onions and 100 bushels of apples. He keeps three horses, five milch [*milk*] cows, five head of young cattle, nineteen hogs and one hundred hens.

The **adjoining farm** is owned by **Fred LaVoie**. He has 70 acres cleared from which he harvested 40 tons of hay and 700 bushels of oats. Of the oats there were 240 bushels of Swedish oats raised on two and three-quarters acres. He also harvested 1,500 bushels of potatoes, 700 bushels of rutabagas, 50 bushels of carrots, 200 bushels of mangels and five acres of corn. Mr. LaVoie has five horses, nine milch [*milk*] cows, twelve young cattle[,] twenty-three hogs and fifty hens.

Charles Albert has **one of the largest farms in the Pine Creek district**. He has 160 acres cleared on which he raised 65 [*tons*] of hay, 1,000 bushels of oats, 85 bushels of spelts [*dinkel wheat or hulled wheat, a species of wheat cultivated since 5,000 B.C., and an important staple in parts of Europe from the Bronze Age to medieval times*], 80 tons of ensilage corn, and 800 bushels of potatoes. He keeps five horses, twelve milch [*milk*] cows, ten head of young cattle, fifty hogs, 125 hens, a few ducks and geese and twenty-five sheep.

In the vicinity of **Sagola** there are a number of improved farms.

The **Sagola Lumber company** has the largest acreage of cultivated lands in that district. From 225 acres the company has harvested this year 300 tons of hay, 5,000 bushels of oats and 3,000 bushels of potatoes. Twenty acres of the cleared land is used for pasture.

Just south of town is **Martin Johnson's** farm of forty acres, thirty acres of which is under cultivation and five acres more has been cleared this year. Mr. Johnson has a large new frame-house [*sic – frame house*] and a good barn. He keeps three horses, two milch [*milk*] cows, four head of young cattle, eight hogs, twenty-one sheep and sixty hens. He has harvested thirty-five tons of hay, seventy-five bushels of rye, ten bushels of peas, 2,000 bushels of carrots and 200 heads of cabbage. Mr. Johnson will cut and haul to the **Sagola Lumber company's** track 150,000 feet of hardwood logs during the coming winter.

Thomas L. Carey has forty acres of land **along the county road a short distance from Sagola**. He has eighteen acres cleared from which he raised fourteen tons of hay, 210 bushels of oats, two tons of corn fodder, eight bushels of wheat, six bushels of peas, 300 bushels of potatoes, fifteen bushels of carrots and 250 heads of cabbage. He has three horses, one milch [*milk*] cow, four hogs and sixty hens. Mr. Carey has a logging contract and expects to cut and land on the **Escanaba & Lake Superior road** tracks 800,000 feet of logs during the coming winter. He employs eighteen men in his **logging camp**.

Adjoining Carey's place is **Stanley Gomney's** farm of eighty acres, of which he has thirty acres under cultivation. He has cleared five acres this year. Mr. Gomney has a good house and barn on his farm.

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He harvested forty tons of hay, 170 bushels of oats, and 400 bushels of potatoes. Mr. G. keeps a team of horses, two hogs and one hundred and fifty hens. He is **overseer of highways** and has earned \$400 on road work during the past summer. Mr. G. expects to do some logging this coming winter. He will cut and haul to the saw-mill [*sic – sawmill*] about 400,000 feet of logs.

Frank Knisely has eighty acres of land and about twenty acres clear, which produced twenty tons of hay, 200 bushels of oats, ten bushels of wheat and fifty bushels of potatoes. He has a team of hores [*sic – horses*], one milch [*milk*] cow, two young cattle, three hogs, seven sheep and thirty hens. Mr. Knisely has a new barn, 35x50 feet on the ground, and expects to build a house, 22x34 feet on the foundation and two stories high. He will build the foundation this fall and erect the building in the spring. The family is now living in a small building, which will afterward be used for an auto garage.

Frank Fruik has forty acres **adjoining Knisely's farm**, and has twenty-five acres cleared, three acres of which were stumped this year. He also has forty acres of land northeast of **Randville** on which there are twenty acres of timber. Mr. F. has a good farm house, a barn 24x40 feet with basement for stock, a wagon and tool shed, root-house [*sic – root house*] and granery [*sic – granary*]. He has four horses, two milch [*milk*] cows, two head of young cattle, three hogs and forty hens; he also owns three wagons[,] two buggies, a mower and horse rake besides other farm implements. He has harvested 35 tons of hay, 275 bushels of oates [*sic – oats*], five bushels of peas, 500 bushels of potatoes and 1,000 heads of cabbage. Mr. Fruik has a young orchard of eight apple trees, of choice varieties. He has also planted shade trees along his road line and in the front yard

giving the place a neat and cosy [*sic – cozy*] appearance. Mr. Fruik is a progressive farmer and everything about the place has a thrifty appearance. In addition to the farm work, Mr. F. and his fifteen-year-old son, with the two teams of horses, have earned \$500 **working on the township road**. During the coming winter he will cut and haul to the saw-mill [*sic – sawmill*] 500,000 feet of logs.

Albert Kramer, who lives in town and works as **head sawyer for the Sagola Lumber company**, has **forty acres of land a short distance from town** on which he has ten acres cleared. He has cleared two acres this year and raised 130 bushels of oats, 300 heads of cabbage, 100 bushels of potatoes, ten bushels of carrots, five bushels of beets and four bushels of onions. He does all of his farm work with one horse.

Gust Carlson also lives in town and has **forty acres of land nearby** on which he has twenty acres clear. The harvest this year shows 18 tons of hay, 400 bushels of oats, 200 bushels of potatoes, 25 bushels of carrots and 500 heads of cabbage.

W.A. Wifler has eight acres of land **one half mile from town on the Mansfield road**. He has twenty-five acres cleared, and harvested twenty tons of hay, 200 bushels of oats, 300 bushels of potatoes, 150 bushels of corn, 300 heads of cabbage and 100 bushels of carrots. Mr. W. has a young orchard of 100 apple trees from which he picked five bushels of apples. A large farm house and a good barn is [*sic – are*] on the farm. He keeps one horse, four cows, two head of young cattle, four hogs and one hundred and fifty hens. In addition to his farm work, Mr. Wifler **works in the lumber yard for the Sagola Lumber company**.

Russell Pringle has leased the **Bon and Clark farms two miles west of town**.

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Both farms are seeded to timothy and clover. He has cut seventy-five tons of hay from both farms.

Clark Weaver has eight acres of land **one-half mile east of town** on which there are ten acres cleared. Five acres of this is [sic – are] used for pasture. From the balance he harvested six tons of hay and thirty-eight bushels of barley. Mr. Weaver lives in town and **works most of the time in the shingle-mill** [sic – shingle mill].

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The **Sharpless machine milker** has been installed at the **Asselin farm**. The machine will milk at the [sic – one] time and thirty cows an hour. This is the first machine of the kind to be installed in Dickinson County.

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FARMER FRIENDS

A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRESS NOTES MUCH PROGRESS.

Many New Homes and Barns Erected and Additional Acreage; Only Dullness in the Woods.

In a recent trip around the county a representative of The Press interviewed the farmers and noticed many improvements.

The work on the **county and township road** is a great factor toward opening up the farming districts of the county. **Between Granite Bluff and Randville the road, [sic] has been straightened and graded, completing the county system from Iron Mountain to Randville.** The **new piece of county road from one mile west of the Sturgeon river to Felch, a distance of six miles,** is also completed, and much work has been done on the township roads intersecting the county highway.

Improvements in the way of new buildings and new clearings on many of the farms were noticed.

J.J. Collins, the **Granite Bluff postmaster**, has cleared and stumped fifteen acres of land this year. He reports his hay and potato crops good.

Frank Tunney, at **Granite Bluff**, is planning to raise stock extensively. He now has fifteen head of cattle and forty hogs. Mr. Tunney has **built a dance hall on top of the hill near the county road** and expects to give an opening dance next Saturday evening.

Alex Swanson threshed 530 bushels of oats from thirty acres, which is better than the average this year. The oat crop is reported light all around the county.

William Kie has a farm **one mile south of Randville**. He has cleared four acres of new land this year. Mr. Kie raised a little wheat as an experiment and threshed twenty-five bushels of a good quality. He has added five head of cattle to his livestock [sic – livestock] this year. He ships from six to eight dollars [sic – dollars] worth of cream to **Iron Mountain** every week.

Martin Schmidt has cleared two acres of land this year. His principal crop is potatoes, of which he has ever 1,000 bushels. He also raised seventy-five

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bushels of yellow flint corn, which ripened nicely.

At the **Groveland mine**, **Charles Grant** has purchased forty acres this year. Mr. Grant has also purchased four acres of land and two log houses from the mining company adjoining his forty. He is caretaker at the mine.

Along the road toward the Sturgeon river is **Ronald McDonald's** new farm. He has cleared eighteen acres this year and built a two-story frame house with concrete basement; also a new barn, 22x30 feet on the ground, with twenty-foot elevation.

William Herrzog [*sic* – *Herzog*] has purchased eighty acres **across the road from McDonald's**. He has built a new log house and cleared three acres this season.

Eric Johnson, near the beginning of the new county road leading to **Felch**, has cleared five acres of land this year and is now starting to clear ten acres more.

Adjoining Eric Johnson's is **E.J. Johnson's** farm. He has made a substantial improvement this year by building a new barn, 36x98 feet in size, with a twelve-foot concrete foundation and concrete floor. The barn is divided into two parts, one end for horses and the other for cows. The latter is equipped with steel stalls and mangers and has room for twenty cows. The barn has a capacity overhead for 100 tons of hay. Mr. Johnson has cleared and stumped five acres of new ground. He has a young orchard from which he picked five barrels of apples. Mr. Johnson expects to do some **logging** during the coming winter. He will cut 100,000 feet of pine and hemlock logs, which are sold to the **Morgan Lumber & Cedar company** at **Foster City**. He also expects to cut 4,000 ties, 10,000 posts, 1,200 poles and 200 cords of pulpwood, and **will employ twelve men and four teams**. Mr. Johnson has **purchased an**

auto this summer and makes frequent trips to **Iron Mountain** with butter for the market.

Andrew F. Skog has purchased forty acres of land **just west of the Sturgeon river** and built a log house and barn and cleared about two acres of ground.

John Skog has cleared one acre of new ground and stumped two acres more. He reports a good potato crop, having dug 380 bushels of Rural New Yorkers and 50 bushels [*of*] Early Sunshine. The latter are very large, weighing over two pounds each. Mr. Skog has bought the stumpage on eight acres of lumber land, but has not decided whether he will log this year or not on account of the low market price for timber.

Herman Gustafson has stumped ten acres of land this year. He reports good crops, one item being forty bushels of wheat. From a small orchard he picked sixteen bushels of apples.

Andrew Gustafson has cleared four acres of new ground and stumped ten acres. He is building a new chicken-house [*sic* – *chicken house*] and expects to go into the **chicken business** extensively.

Matt Willman has been experimenting in wheat raising this year. He threshed twenty-two bushels from one acre of ground, a good showing. His orchard is beginning to bear, having produced twenty bushels of apples. Mr. Willman has cleared two acres of new land and stumped five acres.

On the **new county road between Felch and the Sturgeon river** are several new farms on which houses have been built, one being that of **John Isaacson**, who has forty acres of land. He has just completed a new frame house 16x30 in size with a wing 16x18 feet in size, one and a half stories high. He has a good log barn and ten acres cleared.

Andrew M. Wickman is building a frame house, 22x26 feet in size, one and a

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half stories high, with full concrete basement. He has a good log barn and ten acres cleared.

Matt Ovist is also one of the progressive farmers **located on the new road**. He has built a new frame house 24x30 feet in size, two stories high, with full concrete basement. Mr. Ovist has cleared seven acres this year.

At **Felch, Andrew Rian** has made some substantial improvements to his barn. He has torn down the old part and rebuilt it, making the barn now 30x120 feet in size, with a twelve-foot concrete foundation and concrete floors. One portion of the barn is used for horses and is equipped with iron and concrete stalls. The part used for cows is equipped with steel stalls and mangers, and a litter carrier runs the entire length of the barn. Mr. Rian expects to do considerable **logging** during the coming winter. He will cut 2,000,000 feet of mixed logs, 2,000 poles, 40,000 posts, 20,000 ties and 400 cords of pulpwood. He will **employ thirty men**. Mr. Rian has a short haul to the railroad tracks.

John D. Mattson has purchased an eight-acre farm at **Bark River**. There are forty acres under cultivation and a good house and barn on the premises. Mr. Mattson has **moved his family to Bark River** and taken possession of the farm.

Andrew Mattson will **employ ten men cutting cedar** during the coming winter. He expects to cut 10,000 ties, 15,000 posts, 100,000 feet of cedar logs and 100 cords of pulpwood.

Backlund Brothers will also cut about 100,000 feet of cedar logs, 12,000 ties and 10,000 posts.

Gustafson Brothers have the contract to **build two and one half miles of road from Felch to the marble quarry**.

John E. Wickman has bought forty acres of land **along the road to the marble**

quarry. He expects to commence building a house and barn early next spring.

Jack Wickman has also bought forty acres along the marble quarry road.

Carl A. Carlson has built a modern cottage at **Felch**. The building is 28x36 feet in size and one and one half stories high, with full concrete basement.

The **Morgan Lumber & Cedar company** has cleared and stumped twenty acres of land this year, making two hundred and thirty acres now under cultivation. There is now an orchard of 100 apple trees and 100 cherry trees and 100 more apple trees will be planted this fall. The company will curtail logging operations this year. The cut will be only 4,000,000 feet of logs, compared with 7,000,000 last year.

In the **vicinity of Foster City, Magnus Olson, Ole Olson and Peter Carlson** have all built new houses on their farms.

Swan J. Peterson, the well-known lumberman and farmer, resides **two and one half miles northeast of Foster City**, where he has 160 acres of farming land, of which 90 acres are under cultivation. He also owns 2,800 acres of timber lands. The house is a large and modern one, 35x35 feet square and two and one half stories high, with full concrete basement. It has all modern conveniences except electric lights and this will be supplied soon, as Mr. Peterson has ordered a plant, which will be installed as soon as it arrives. On the farm is a large barn 38x90 feet in size; a warehouse, 26x40 feet; hay barn, 26x48 feet, and wagon shed. Mr. Peterson has recently built a concrete root-house [*sic* – *root house*], size 20x40 feet with granery [*sic* – *granary*] on the second floor. He also built an **auto garage**, 18x40 feet with concrete floor. Mr. Peterson is undecided about logging this year on account of the low prices. He had planned to cut 1,500,000 feet of logs, 6,000 ties, 10,000

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posts and 300 cords of pulpwood, but if the timber market does not pick up, this amount will be curtailed.

After leaving **Swan J. Peterson's**, the next stop was made at **S.H. Bridge's Sturgeon River Stock farm**. Mr. Bridges reports an average crop of oats, having threshed 800 bushels. He also has some fine onions, about fifty bushels of Yellow Denver and American Reds. In measuring the ground they grew on the yield was at the rate of 750 bushels to the acre. Mr. Bridges has sowed ten acres of winter wheat and three acres of rye. He has stumped about four acres of land this year. The 4,000 second growth white pine trees on Mr. Bridges' farm, which The Press has mentioned at several previous times, are growing about three feet in height each year and many of the trees are eighteen inches in diameter. There were 6,000 trees at first, but 2,000 were destroyed by forest fires. Mr. Bridges will **log quite extensively this season**. He expects to cut 1,000,000 feet of logs, 2,000 poles, 5,000 posts, 200 cords of shingle timber, 150,000 feet of cedar logs and 150 cords of pulpwood, all to be delivered to the **Morgan Lumber & Cedar company** at **Foster City**. He will **employ twenty-five men and eight teams**.

In driving through the **Pine Creek district**, the farmers all seemed to be prosperous. **Alford Tavis** was digging potatoes and estimated that he would have 1,500 bushels from ten acres.

Fred LaVoie has built a new barn, size 30x80 feet, with nine-foot concrete foundation and concrete floors. He has also built a silo having a capacity of 75 tons.

Abel London raised 400 bushels of Yellow Flint corn on four acres and it all ripened.

Charles Albert has remodeled one of his barns, making it 30x100 feet in size, with twelve-foot concrete foundation and concrete floors. One part of the barn, 30x70 feet, will be used for young cattle and [the] other part for a horse barn. In connection with this barn he has built a silo having a capacity of 100 tons. His cow barn is 32x70 feet and he also has a 100-ton silo.

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Instructor in Farming.

Clinton V. Ballard, who has been elected to the position of **agricultural instructor in the local high school**, will arrive next Saturday from Woodbine, New Jersey. While Mr. Ballard is a native of Michigan and a graduate of the Agricultural College [now Michigan State University], he has for some time held a position in the New Jersey school at Woodbine. A course of study will be arranged soon after his arrival. Mr. Ballard will also have charge of the experimental farm, which the county board has agreed to finance, and will advise farmer [sic - farmers] regarding crops and soils.

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Successful Ranchmen.

Albert Skelly, of Ralph, who is associated with his brothers in the

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ownership of a cattle ranch in West Branch, spent a portion of the week in attendance at the circuit court in the capacity of a juror. The Skelly ranch is the pioneer in Dickinson county. The firm now has 240 breeders and about forty feeders. The latter will be slaughtered at the ranch and shipped to Escanaba. Mr. Skelly states that, in the six months, [sic] the feeders have been ranged, they have gained, on the average[,] about 300 pounds each, which is certainly a larger gain than western cattle. The breeders – all Herfords [sic – Herefords] – will be wintered and the firm expects the herd to increase by sixty before spring. During the season only one cow and a calf were lost, and they are supposed to have wandered away. This is a very small percentage of loss. The firm also operates a farm and this year cut about 200 tons of hay and a considerable acreage of oats and peas. The oats are threshed and then mixed with the ground straw and fed to the cattle with the hay. Mr. Skelly says that hay was only about half a crop. Next season the firm will greatly enlarge their operations.

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The **Dickinson County Menominee Range Agricultural Society** has decided to **repair the race track at the fair grounds** [sic – fairgrounds]. The society has solicited **help from the farmers** and sixty of them have agreed to donate one day's work with a team to haul clay on to the track. The work was started last Tuesday with the arrangement that fifteen teams would work each day. It will take four days to complete the work.

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Agricultural Society.

A meeting of the directors of the **Dickinson County Menominee Range Agricultural society** was held last Wednesday afternoon at the council chambers. Officers were elected as follows:

President – **A.T. Sethney.**

Vice-President – **Anton Anderson.**

Treasurer – **James O'Callaghan.**

Secretary – **Clarence Kearns.**

Messrs. **J.C. Wickstrom, Ray Turner** and **Anton Anderson** were made a **general committee** whose duty it will be to appoint all other committees necessary. **Omer Turner**, who is on the **race track committee**, reported that he has the signatures of sixty farmers, each of whom has pledged two days' work with teams to place the race track in condition for next year. The track is in great need of improvements, but with the carrying out of the present plans and the hearty co-operation of the many signers, it will be clayed and rolled and thus made one of the best and speediest courses in the north. The present weather permits of much of the work being done this year and it is understood that many of the farmers will enter on the undertaking at once. – Current.

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County Infirmary.

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The **new hospital for contagious diseases at the county infirmary** is nearing completion. The building is 30x60 feet on the foundations and two stories in height. A feature of the hospital is a **sleeping porch for tuberculosis patients**, 20x30 feet in size, which is partially shaded with a growth of balsam trees. **Supt. Franck** tells The Press that he will have **110 acres of the farm under cultivation** this season. A considerable acreage will be devoted to root crops and vegetables. The farm now has forty head of cattle and five horses. There are **thirty-one inmates at the home**, the largest number since the place was opened. Mr. Frank [*sic* – *Franck*] estimates the maintenance cost per capita per week at \$2.50 in comparison with about \$3.80 under the **Prater** management. He is confident that, if the crops the coming season are in keeping with his expectations, he can make the farm meet all expenses.

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County Farm.

I.N. Berg has accepted the position of **manager of truck farming at the Dickinson county farm** and will remove to **Vulcan**. **Supt. Franck** is ambitious of making the farm a success from a financial standpoint and has secured a competent assistant in Mr. Berg, who has had much experience in truck farming. It is proposed to devote ten acres to truck. In addition to supplying the needs of the home, it is proposed to market a considerable portion of the truck. A considerable plat will be

devoted to cabbage and the balance to roots. In addition several acres will be devoted to potatoes. The balance of the 160 acres will be devoted to forage – oats, rye, etc. Mr. Franck is also desirous of securing permission to lease an additional sixty-seven acres from the Turner estate for pasture purposes.

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The meeting held at the court-house [*sic* – court house] last Thursday for the purpose of considering the matter of organizing a grange was a success. A preliminary organization was perfected with Clinton Ballard as secretary.

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Breeders Association.

The **Dickinson County Co-Operative Breeders association** was organized last Saturday when the following directors were elected: **Joseph Mongrain, Fred Langsford, Charles Engman, Peter Peterson** and **Richard Pollard**. The society is composed of farmers residing in **Iron Mountain** and [*the*] immediate vicinity [*and*] has a membership of about thirty who have each contributed about \$30.00 in capital stock. The society **will at once purchase three thoroughbred Holstein bulls**, two of which will be purchased from the herd at the state experimental farm at **Chatham**. Later the society will purchase other blooded stock. It is proposed to form

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similar societies in other parts of the county. County Agriculturalist Ballard is promoting the organizations.

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The **plank curbing along a portion of the race track at the fair grounds** [*sic – fairgrounds*] has been completed and the work of hauling clay for filling and top dressing will be started at once. It is the intention of the management to have the track completed early, so that the ground will have time to settle before the opening of the fair.

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Breeders Association.

The **Dickinson County Breeders' association** has been incorporated. Following is a list of the officers: President, **Peter Peterson**; vice-president, **Joseph Mongrain**; secretary and treasurer, **Fred Langsford**; directors, officers and **Charles Engman** and **Richard Pollard**; caretakers, **John Nelson**, Pine Creek; **Joseph Mongrain**, Iron Mountain, and **Peter Peterson**, Twin Falls. Three **registered Holstein bulls** have been placed on the farms of the caretakers. It has been agreed to place the animals at the service of non-members at a charge of \$2.00. **Mr. Ballard**, the **county agriculturist**, is of the opinion that this is a splendid opportunity for the farmers to better their stock. The bulls, he says, are exceptionally well-bred

and were purchased subject to the tuberculin test. If this venture proves as successful as anticipated, the association will engage in other lines of breeding.

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ENGAGE BALLARD

COUNTY MAY HAVE THE EXCLUSIVE AID OF AGRICULTURIST.

Will Receive Substantial Financial Assistance from Federal and the State Governments.

We are advised that the **committee on agricultural education of the county board**, acting through the **Dickinson County Farm Bureau**, has made application to the **Agricultural College at Lansing** [*now Michigan State University*] to have **Clinton V. Ballard**, **county agricultural instructor in the Iron Mountain high school**, appointed as **County Agriculturist**.

If the application of the county is granted, Mr. Ballard will be relieved of his duty as instructor, and will receive a salary paid in part by the United States government, in part by the state of Michigan, and the balance by the county. The contribution to this salary fund is \$600 by the United States government and \$600 by the State of Michigan.

A number of other counties in the state are already receiving this support for their agricultural department, notably **Iron and**

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Houghton counties in the upper peninsula, and the results of their work have shown a very marked improvement in the agricultural industry in these counties.

It is proposed by the agricultural education committee of our county board, which consists of Messrs. **E.F. Brown, Iron Mountain; A.W. Thompson, Vulcan, and Patrick Flannigan [sic – Flanagan], of Sagola**, to utilize the services of Mr. Ballard entirely in work throughout the county in assisting the farmers in determining the proper methods of handling the various kinds of soil, assisting them in the stock raising industry and in all other lines of farm work; also in delivering lectures in the various subjects incidental to the great business which is the foundation of our national wealth.

If the appointment of Mr. Ballard is confirmed, it is **proposed to hire an instructor in agricultural education who will utilize the facilities of the Iron Mountain high school, and all residents of Dickinson county will be entitled to free tuition and to the free use of all facilities of the high school applicable, [sic] in teaching the course in agriculture.** This course has now been established in the Iron Mountain schools for nearly a school year, and has been well patronized.

Mr. Ballard and the committee would like to have all those interested in agriculture inspect the results obtained during the past year by the pupils engaged in this work.

It is estimated that with the aid received from the federal government and from the state of Michigan, the expense to the county of Dickinson under this new arrangement, [sic] will be no greater in the future than it has been in the past and that results obtained will be much more than doubled.

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BALLARD IS NAMED

AGRICULTURIST FOR THIS COUNTY BY STATE AUTHORITIES.

**County Will Now Receive \$800 from
the Federal Government and
\$400 from the State.**

It is now **County Agriculturist Ballard**, if you please. The appointment has been made by the authorities of the **State Agricultural College at Lansing [now Michigan State University]** in accordance with the law recently enacted, and notification of the action was received last Tuesday by the agriculture and agricultural education committee of the board of supervisors. This is a **new committee of the county board** and is composed of Supervisors **Brown, of Iron Mountain, Thompson, of Vulcan, and Flanagan, of Sagola.** This committee **succeeds to the duties of the Dickinson County Farm Bureau**, which was financed by the supervisors.

The appointment of Mr. Ballard was made at the request of the committee and and [sic] is one that will prove highly satisfactory to the farmers of the county and all others interested in our advancement from an agricultural standpoint. He is a **graduate of the State Agricultural College [Michigan Agricultural College, now Michigan State University]** and [an]

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exceptionally progressive young man. Mr. Ballard has been a pronounced success in matters appertaining to agricultural [*sic – agriculture*] as a member of the local high school faculty. In addition to his duties as instructor he has been active in advising the farmers of the county relative to soils, crops, fertilizers and cattle breeding, and he has won the confidence of all with whom he has come in contact. The general impression is that Mr. Ballard is the right man for the place. Under the new conditions he will devote all his time to promoting our agricultural possibilities in advising the farmers regarding all matters appertaining to farming, the selection of stock and erection of buildings, and will be active in all seasons. This will necessitate the employment of another instructor in agriculture at the high school, who will be employed only during the school year.

Dickinson county now having complied with all legal requirements, [*sic*] is due to receive material financial assistance from the federal and state governments in support of this new department of our county government. The sum to be received from the United States government is \$800 each year and from the state government \$400. Other benefits will also be received from Washington and Lansing.

Mr. Ballard will maintain an office at the court-house [*sic – court house*], where he can be consulted by farmers and others, and will also tour the county at regular intervals.

The engagement of a county agriculturist is a long step in the right direction.

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Dickinson County Fair.

With the united efforts of horsemen of Vulcan and Norway and the farmers of this vicinity, the **race course at the fair grounds** [*sic – fairgrounds*] is now in first-class condition. They have practically remodelled [*sic – remodeled*] the track, placing curbing on a quarter-mile stretch. About 300 loads of clay hauled into the ½-mile track has been spread and dragged, converting the speedway into one of the fastest in the north. **Dickinson county fair** dates are Sept. 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th and the one big attraction in conjunction with its annual show will be horse racing, the most extensive meet in the history of the fair association. Special attractions will be booked and with the hearty co-operation of all the farmers, whose crops are promising a bountiful yield, the coming fair will be the biggest and best ever. – Current.

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NEWS OF FARMERS

FROSTS COLLECT HEAVY TOLL IN THE NORTHERN TOWNSHIPS.

Supt. Franck Makes County Farm Blossom; About the County Agriculturist's Work.

This section of the country was visited by a severe "spell of weather" during the week. There was a **white frost** several

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mornings. On Monday morning the **governmental thermometer at the office of the Oliver Iron Mining company** registered thirty-two degrees above. This is the coldest August morning within the recollection of the oldest inhabitant. Great damage was done to crops in the northern tier of townships and the loss will total many thousands of dollars. However, the damage in Dickinson is not so great as in some of the northern counties, where the loss is almost total. The damage in **Felch and Breen townships** is very heavy. It is believed that even the potato crop is a total loss. The corn crop was wiped out and cannot be utilized in the silos. The same is true of beans and nearly every other crop. At **Foster City**, it is reported, the thermometer recorded fifteen degrees above. The cold wave was general throughout the west and extending through the lower peninsula and far east.

Those who have been counting on a hot September and warm October had better not smile too soon. "There is nothing to show we shall have a mild fall or winter," said **Forecaster Mitchell**, of **Chicago**. "The weather records prove that hot summers have been followed by harsh winters, and vice versa. This department can no longer recognize seasonal divisions in Chicago. The weather comes all mixed up."

The **Dickinson County Farm**, under the management of **Frank Franck**, is undoubted one of the most productive in the county. The farm proper contains **one hundred and fifteen acres, all under cultivation**. In addition to this, Mr. Franck has leased two hundred and eighty acres from the **Turner estate**. Of the leased land one hundred acres are under cultivation, the balance being employed for pasturage.

On the joint farms Mr. Franck has forty acres of oates [*sic – oats*], thirty-five acres of timothy and clover from which he has cut sixty tons of hay, five acres of wheat, ten acres of barley, eight acres of rye, five acres of Scotch peas, ten acres of corn, seven acres of potatoes, five acres of buckwheat, six acres of spelts, one acre of strawberries and fifteen acres of vegetables. Among the latter are 18,000 heads of cabbage. The other vegetables include onions, sugar beets, carrots, garden beets, cauliflowers, cucumbers and sweet corn. Mr. Franck is also experimenting with **peanuts** and **cotton**. There is probably not a farm in the county with a more diversified crop.

The live-stock [*sic – livestock*] on the farm consists of five horses, thirty-five head of cattle among which are several thoroughbred registered Holstein cows and a bull, fifty hogs and two hundred red hens.

The buildings on the farm consists [*sic – consist*] of a large farm-house [*sic – farmhouse*], a hospital, shop, silo, granery [*sic – granary*] and feed mill, stock and hay barn combined, hay barn with feed cooking room, hen house and root-house [*sic – root house*]. All the buildings are kept in good repair and are clean and sanitary.

There are **thirty-three inmates** in the home. Many of them are able and willing to help with the farm work. None are forced to work, but all do so willing [*sic – willingly*]. All seem contented and satisfied with the kind and thoughtful treatment accorded them by the superintendent.

Under the management of Mr. Franck the expense of maintaining the infirmary will be greatly reduced, as the surplus from the farm will be sold to buy necessary supplies not raised on [*the*] farm.

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Clinton V. Ballard, the county **agriculturist**, will have his office in the same apartment with **School Commissioner O'Hara** and **Mine Inspector Trestrail** will be provided with desk room in the office of **Register Corin**. Under the new arrangement, Mr. Ballard will devote all his time to the agricultural interests of the county and a new instructor has been engaged for the high school. The county board has purchased an automobile for Mr. Ballard and the farmers may expect to receive frequent calls from the gentleman. He invites calls from all interested in agricultural matters and would welcome the opportunity to advise [*sic – advise*] with farmers relative to crops, soils, seeds, cattle, fertilizers and new buildings; Mr. Ballard appears to be the "right man in the right position," and he is ambitious to make his position beneficial and material in advancing the interests of the county. The successful engagement of Mr. Ballard depends in a large measure upon the co-operation of the farmer and cattle raiser. He is willing to do his part to a degree and the farmer should feel free in seeking his advice. He will receive a salary of \$1,800 per year, of which amount the federal government will pay \$600, the state of Michigan \$600 and the county \$600.

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The County Fair.

Do not neglect the county fair on the 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th. Despite an adverse season, every farmer has something worthy of the fair. Bring your best, anyway. In addition to the soil

products help make the cattle show one worth of Dickinson county. Prove your dairy skill and bring in your fruits and posies. In addition to **J.H. Hendershot's United Shows**, there will be a good **race program**, a number of **motorcycle and bicycle races**, **base ball [*sic – baseball*]** for the championship of the range [*Menominee Iron Range*] and **field sports**. Accompanying the United Shows is a **solo cornet band of twenty pieces**. There will be three free feature acts twice daily – the **Flying Geyers**, the world's greatest aerial act, the revolving ladder act, and **Mlle. Zalla**, in her sensational swing perch act. The other shows are: **Little Marie and her trained bears**, **Leon's cat and rat circus**, **glass blowers**, **Huber's bears**, that **Strange Girl**, the **Show Girls**, **Southern Plant Show**, **Tango Twins**, **Sensational Wild West**, **Ferris wheel**, **jumping horse carousel**, **Wonderland City** and **Wise's European flea circus**.

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SUCCESS ASSURED

ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR ANNUAL COUNTY FAIR AT NORWAY.

**Amusement Program the Most At-
Tractive in the History of the
Society; Now All Boost.**

Are you doing your part to make the county fair at Norway a success? The management was never more active in

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planning for a successful exhibition in all departments. A good fair is a good advertisement for the county as a whole. While the season from the agricultural viewpoint has been a contrary one, there is hardly a farmer in the county who cannot contribute something to make the fair a success. There are many gardens in **Iron Mountain** that should be represented. Our chicken fanciers should be in evidence. Send your fruit and flowers. And then encourage the management with your presence. Remember it is a county fair. A splendid entertainment program has been planned. In addition to the **Hendershot shows**, which **Marquette** neighbors assure us are of a high order, there will be horse races for large purses. Assurances have been received that some of the fastest horses in the peninsula will participate. Then there will be base ball [*sic – baseball*] games for the championship of the range [*the Menominee Iron Range*] and exciting motorcycle races. The buildings and grounds are in fine condition. Iron Mountain should be very much in evidence at the fair. Next Wednesday is the opening date.

PROGRAM OF SPORTS.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 15TH.

Entry day. Two big free acts. Hendershot's United Carnival.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 16TH.

2 p.m. – Free Acts, the **Flying Geyser** and **Mlle. Zalla**, the world's greatest aerial and sensational swing perch act.

3 p.m. – Base ball [*sic – Baseball*], Married Men vs. Single Men, prize, watermelon feed.

Horse-racing 2:19 pace, with 2:15 trotters eligible, \$150, 3 heats in 5.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 17TH.

2 p.m. – Three big free acts.

2:30 p.m. – Base ball [*sic – Baseball*], Iron Mountain vs. Norway, for \$40.00.

3 p.m. – Farmers' race, 2 heats in 3, prizes, \$10.00, \$5.00.

3:15 p.m. – 100 yard dash, boys under 16, prizes \$1.25, \$1.00, 50c; 100-yard dash, girls under 16, prizes \$1.25, \$1.00, 50c.

3 p.m. – Horse racing, 2:35 pace, 2:30 trotters eligible, purse \$150, 3 heats in 5.

4 p.m. – 50-yard dash, boys under 12, prizes, \$1.00, 75c, 50c. 50-yard dash, girls under 12, prizes, \$1.00, 75c, 50c.

8:30 p.m. – Big Fair Dance at Norway auditorium, tickets \$1.00.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 18TH.

2 p.m. – First Aid Contest, Chapin Mine vs. Aragon Mine; 3 big, free acts.

3 p.m. – Base ball [*sic – Baseball*], Iron Mountain vs. Hardwood, purse \$50.00; horse racing, free for all, 3 heats in 5, purse \$200.

3:30 p.m. – Dog race, 2 heats in 3, prizes, \$3.00, \$2.00, \$1.50.

4 p.m. – Bicycle race, 1-2 mile, 2 heats in 3, prizes \$6.00, \$5.00, \$4.00.

5 p.m. – Motorcycle race, 5 miles, prizes \$20.00, \$15.00, \$10.00.

Hendershot's United Shows will play at the fair grounds [*sic – fairgrounds*] during the fair, on the streets of the **City of Norway** every evening.

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COUNTY FARMERS

A PRESS SCRIBE NOTES MATERIAL PROGRESS IN PAST YEAR.

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A Number of Jobbers Are Preparing to Operate Camps, But Total Input Will Be Small.

A representative of the Press recently made a trip around the county and enroute [*sic – en route*] interviewed some of the farmers. All seemed prosperous and the crops were generally good notwithstanding the fact that the weather conditions have been unfavorable during the whole summer.

Many improvements were noticed in the county and township roads, especially in Felch township. Since the county road has been completed from a point five miles east of **Randville to Felch**, the township has built several cross roads connecting the adjoining farming districts with the main road.

At the **Groveland mine, Charles Grant**, a former resident of **Iron Mountain**, has recently purchased eighty acres of land in addition to forty-three acres which he owned. Mr. Grant is engaged in clearing land and expects to have five acres ready for crops before the season closes.

A short distance along the road toward Felch, Herman Stevens has 120 acres of land and has thirty acres under cultivation. He is clearing five acres this season. Mr. Stevens has three horses, six milch [*milk*] cows, twelve young cattle and fifteen hogs. In addition to the crops raised on his own farm, he has cut hay on the **Ader & Gray farm**. Mr. Stevens has sixty-five tons of hay and two hundred bushels of oats, besides a small crop of potatoes.

Ronald McDonald has 120 acres of land and twenty-five acres cleared. He is clearing six acres more this year. Some of the cleared land is used for pasture. Mr. McDonald cut five tons of hay and has one hundred bushels of oats. He also has one

acre of potatoes, which he thinks will yield a good crop. Mr. McDonald has three horses, one cow and two heifers.

E.J. Johnson, whose farm is located **one mile west of the Sturgeon river adjacent to the county road**, owns 120 acres and has forty under cultivation. In addition to this, he has cleared five acres this year. Mr. Johnson is giving a good deal of attention to stock raising. He now has seven milch [*milk*] cows and sixteen young cattle, all Holstein grade. This year he harvested four hundred bushels of oats and forty tons of hay. He reports the potato crop fair. Mr. Johnson usually does some logging dur- [*sic*] during the winter months, but the price of timber is so low this year he is uncertain whether he will do anything in that line or not.

John Skog has forty acres of land with twenty acres under cultivation from which he has harvested twenty-five tons of hay and three hundred bushels of oats. He also has two acres of potatoes, of the Rural New Yorker variety, from which he estimates a crop of three hundred bushels. In addition to a team of horses, Mr. Skog has three cows and five head of young cattle.

John Blomquist, one of the most prosperous farmers and loggers in the **Metropolitan district**, has 200 acres in his farm proper, besides a large holding of timber lands. He has eighty acres under cultivation and cleared ten acres this season. Mr. Blomquist harvested one hundred tons of hay, eight hundred bushels of oats, fifty bushels of wheat and fifty bushels of barley. He expects his potatoes will yield at least five hundred bushels. The varieties are Rural New Yorker and the Sir Walter Raleigh. Mr. Blomquist has seven milch [*milk*] cows and fifteen [*head*] of [*young*] cattle.

Matt Johnson owns 250 acres of land with eight acres under cultivation and has

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cleared ten acres this year. He has harvested seventy tons of hay and five hundred bushels of oats and expects his potatoes will yield one thousand bushels. Mr. J. has eight milch [milk] cows and ten head of young cattle.

Andrew Skog, Jr., has forty acres of land, with fifteen acres under cultivation. He has a team of horses, three cows and two heifers. He raised mostly oats and four tons of hay.

At **Felch**, **Andrew Rian** and **John J. Ovist**, the two merchants of the town, have adopted a cash system in their business and find it a success.

Andrew Rian will do some logging during the coming winter. He expects to cut 1,000,000 feet and will employ

hundred bushels of oats. Mr. Carlson said that, on account of the low price of timber, they would not log any this season.

The **Felch creamery** has been operated for four months this summer and **turned out an average of 600 pounds of butter per week**. The creamery was closed down the first of the month for the season.

The **Morgan Lumber & Cedar company** at **Foster City** will curtail logging operations for the coming season. **Only two camps, employing forty men each, will be operated**. The company expects to cut about 4,000,000 feet of logs, which will be landed on the **Sturgeon river** and at the mill. **Twenty men will be employed at the landing, making one hundred men in all**.

The company expects to start logging operations the 15th of this month. The cut at the mill this season, in round numbers, was 6,000,000 feet of lumber and 15,000,000 shingles. The **company farm** has 250 acres under cultivation from which was harvested 175 tons of hay, 4,000 bushels of oats, 400 bushels of peas, 500 bushels of barley, and 800 bushels of spelts. It is estimated that the potato crop will yield 4,000 bushels and the mangels 4,000 bushels. The corn for ensilage, while it was not frosted, did not develop well on account of the cold season. On the farm are ten head of thorough-bred Holstein cows and twenty head of young cattle; also 150 thorough-bred Berkshire hogs. The orchard consists of 100 apple trees and 100 cherry trees.

Swan J. Peterson, of **Breen township**, is the largest individual land owner, logger and farmer in the township. He owns 2,800 acres of land on which he estimates there are 8,000,000 feet of timber. Besides this he has purchased 1,600,000 feet of stumpage. All of his land, when the timber is cut, will make good farming land. Mr. Peterson will curtail his

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COUNTY FARMERS

A PRESS SCRIBE NOTES MATERIAL PROGRESS IN PAST YEAR.

**A Number of Jobbers Are Preparing
to Operate Camps, But Total
Input Will Be Small.**

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thirty men. The timber will be landed on the spur track leading to the Calumet mine.

Carl A. Carlson and **John Edberg** have purchased 120 acres of land near the **Calumet mine**, forty acres of which is cleared. Their only crop this year was three

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logging operations this year. He expects to cut 500,000 feet of logs, 3,000 ties, 5,000 cedar posts and 100 cords of pulpwood, and will employ twenty men. Mr. Peterson has ninety acres under cultivation at his farm, *[sic]* from which he harvested forty tons of hay, 1,400 bushels of oats and forty bushels of wheat. He estimates a yield of 1,000 bushels of potatoes, 1,000 bushels of rutabagas, 500 bushels of mangels and 200 bushels of carrots. Mr. Peterson has twelve horses, eight milch *[milk]* cows and seventeen head of young cattle.

Archie P. Farrell, of **Hardwood**, has 100 acres in his farm, fifty acres of which is *[sic – are]* under cultivation. He harvested thirty-one tons of hay, 550 bushels of oats, seventy-five bushels of wheat, fifty bushels of peas and fifty bushels of spelts, and estimates his yield of potatoes at 250 bushels and will also dig 150 bushels of mangels, 100 bushels of carrots and 400 cabbage *[sic – heads of cabbage]*. He has seven horses, two cows, nine head of young cattle, and eleven hogs, one of which weighs 500 pounds. Mr. Far- *[sic – Farrell]* has 400 acres of timber and cut-over lands. He **will employ thirty men this coming winter** and expects to cut 600,000 feet of logs, 7,000 ties, 5,000 cedar posts and seventy-five cords of spruce. Mr. F. has 14,000 ties on hand from last winter's cut.

Michael Kinney, of **Hylas**, has 280 acres of farming land and 320 acres of timber land. On the latter he estimates he has 3,000,000 feet of timber. He expects to log 500,000 feet of timber this coming winter and **will employ twenty men**. On his farm he has eighty acres under cultivation, from which he has harvested sixty tons of hay, 1,200 bushels of oats, 100 bushels of spelts and fifty bushels of peas. Mr. K. estimates he will have 300 bushels of potatoes, 500 bushels of mangels and 200 bushels of carrots. He owns eight

horses, twelve milch *[milk]* cows, fifteen head of young cattle, a **registered Holstein bull** and twelve hogs. Mr. Kinney **ships his cream to the Whitney farm creamery** and has realized \$25 per week from the herd during the summer.

S.F. Farrell has 200 acres of farming land, with fifty acres under cultivation. He harvested twenty-five tons of hay, 350 bushels of spelts and twenty-five bushels of peas, and he estimates he will have 200 bushels of potatoes, fifty bushels of beets, 150 bushels of carrots, 300 bushels of rutabagas and 400 cabbage *[sic – heads of cabbage]*. He has three horses, **two Holstein cows**, six young cattle and **eight Chester White hogs**. Mr. Farrell has bought stumpage, estimated at 465,000 feet, and will log some of it this year. He **will employ six men**.

S.H. Bridges, who owns a large tract of land in the **Sturgeon river district**, has 135 acres under cultivation. He has harvested 125 tons of hay, 1,500 bushels of oats and sixty bushels of rye. Mr. B. estimates he will have 200 bushels of potatoes, 100 bushels of onions and 1,000 head *[sic – heads]* of cabbage. He has eight horses, five cows, twenty head of young cattle, a **registered Holstein bull** and 114 hogs. The second growth pine of which mention has been given in previous issues of The Press, is now twenty-four years old and some of the trees are twenty inches through at the butt. Mr. Bridges does not expect to do much logging this coming winter.

At **Holmes' farm**, on the **Sturgeon river**, there are 200 acres under cultivation from which there was harvested eighty tons of sugar beets and 1,500 bushels of oats. It is estimated that there will be 1,500 bushels of potatoes, 200 bushels of mangels, 100 bushels of rutabagas. On the farm are seven horses, six milch *[milk]* cows, twenty-four head of cattle and twenty-six hogs.

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Joseph Corbiel has 120 acres of land **one mile north of Waucedah** with thirty acres under cultivation. He has harvested 500 bushels of peas and thirty-two tons of hay. Mr. C. had four acres of corn, which was frosted. He expects to have about 200 bushels of potatoes. He has five milch [*milk*] cows, fifteen head of young cattle, three horses and a colt, four months old, which took the first prize at the county fair.

Fred Klatt has forth acres of land and thirty-five acres cleared, part of which is under cultivation. He harvested twelve tons of hay, 200 bushels of oats and expects to have about 100 bushels of potatoes. Mr. K. owns a team of horses, four cows and two heifers.

In the **Pine Creek district**, **Alfred Tavis** has eight acres of land with forty acres under cultivation. He has harvested forty tons of hay, 500 bushels of oats and 40 bushels of wheat and estimates he will have 1,500 bushels of potatoes. The stock includes a team of horses, seven milch [*milk*] cow [*sic – cows*], eight head of young cattle and seven hogs.

Richard Stone has eighty acres of land with forty acres cleared, a part of which is used for pasture. He has harvested fifteen tons of hay and 150 bushels of oats and expects a yield of 200 bushels of potatoes. Mr. S. has a team of horses, seven milch [*milk*] cows and five head of young cattle.

Charles Albert owns 4,400 acres of cut-over lands, 100 acres of which is under cultivation, some of which is used for pasture. He has harvested 1,200 bushels of oates [*sic – oats*], thirty-five tons of ensilage and estimates he will have 1,500 bushels of potatoes and ten tons of sugar beets. Mr. A. owns five horses, fourteen milch [*milk*] cows, twenty head of young cattle, mostly **Holsteins**, fifty hogs, 150 hens and a **talking crow**.

Fred LaVoie has eighty acres under cultivation. He harvested fifty tons of hay, 750 bushels of oats and estimates he will dig 1,000 bushels of potatoes, 500 bushels of mangels, 200 bushels of carrots, twenty-five bushels of onions and 4,000 cabbages. He has three horses, ten milch [*milk*] cows, seventeen head of young cattle and fifteen hogs, two of which are Ohio improved **Chester Whites**.

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A GOOD POOR FARM

Manager Franck Is Highly Praised By Editor Mason, of Gladstone.

Dickinson county has the county system of poor relief. It is well satisfied with it. The method pursued by the superintendents of the poor, of whom there are three, is to engage a manager, who has control of the county farm and infirmary, and of the outdoor relief of [the] poor. Owing to numerous fatalities in the mines, there are many widows and children receiving relief in the county, and especially was much relief needed last winter, owing to the closing down of mines and reducing forces of others.

The population of Dickinson county is quite compact, almost the whole of it being found in the mining locations on the North-Western road between Iron Mountain and Waucedah. For that reason it is easier to keep tracks [*sic – track*] of persons receiving relief. For cases occurring in the sparsely settled regions the supervisors are

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often consulted; but all authority is vested in the superintendents of the poor.

Dickinson county purchased the old New York farm of the Menominee River Co. and uses it for an infirmary. Though old, the buildings have been modernized and are kept serupiously [*sic* – *scrupulously*] neat. Last year the board engaged as **manager** Mr. **Frank Franck**, a prominent resident of the county, who had the advantage of being a practical farmer. In addition to 115 acres of good land on the farm, he leased about a hundred adjoining.