

# DICKINSON COUNTY HISTORY – GAME AND WILDLIFE

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## FISHING

*The Florence Mining News*, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 9 [Saturday, February 26, 1881], page 3, column 3

**TOM KING**, of **Lake Chicagon** [*sic* – **Chicagoan Lake**], informs us that in addition to the Mackinaw trout and white fish in that sheet of water, that there are plenty of herring. From all accounts **Lake Chicagon** [*sic* – **Chicagoan Lake**] must be a kind of subdued paradise and we think we must emigrate that way soon after the pond lillies [*sic* – *lilies*] blossom. Contemplating these last may invigorate our aesthetic tastes and a combined acquaintance with the former, may stimulate our brain.

*The Florence Mining News*, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume III, Number 26 [Saturday, June 23, 1883], page 8, column 1

### **Iron River Ripples.**

[Special Correspondence.]

Fish are becoming very plentiful in the town. Besides the baskets which are being almost daily filled by pleasure parties, the **Indians** are bringing in large supplies from the surrounding lakes.

*The Current*, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 13 [Saturday, May 2, 1885], page 1, column 2

It is against the law, to be sure, but we note the same does not prevent some mighty fine specimens of **brook trout** from being brought to the city almost daily.

*The Current*, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 25 [Saturday, July 25, 1885], page 1, column 1

**R.P. Dellis** caught an **8 3/4 pound pickerel** in the lake [**Lake Hanbury**] at **Vulcan**, during the past week.

*The Current*, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 39 [Saturday, October 31, 1885], page 8, column 2

### **QUINNESEC'S QUOTUM.**

**Anse [Anson] Wright** went to **Pine creek** on a fishing trip Tuesday, and brought home **two nice strings of the speckled beauties**. The **Indians** occasionally have fish for sale out that way, so 'tis said.

*The Current*, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume II, Number 24 [Saturday, July 10, 1886], page 1, column 6

### **QUINNESEC.**

**Landlord Felch**, [*sic*] has a **mud -turtle** which **weighs 182 pounds**, and he thinks of starting a show.

*The Current*, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume III, Number 19 [Saturday, June 11, 1887], page 1, column 4

### **WAUCEDAH.**

**E.N. Kraemer** brought in a **fine string of trout**, averaging about a half pound each, one day this week.

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—A fishing party went out early in the week, with the avowed intention of bringing home all the trout in Pine creek. The party consisted of Judge Flanagan, Postmaster Gee, Attorneys A.C. Cook and R.C. Flannigan, and Messrs. J.H. Bush and James K. Polk. After driving out beyond the Hamilton-Merryman farm it was discovered that Bush had gone out with the intention of looking up lines instead of fishing and that his honor, the Court, had gone with the intention of looking up anything which would be useful in logging next winter. The party separated, and after an all-day tramp they again "gathered at the river." The four fisherman [*sic – fishermen*] had about forty fine fish and Bush had obtained all the information for which he came, but the best loaded man of the party was his honor, who had two travoys [*sic – travoys*], a logging chain and a broad ax, besides having spotted a cross-haul, which he intends to bring home next winter. We don't know how much provision the party took, nor if they were wet or dry groceries, but they are all at work again, seemingly better for their relaxation.

*The Current*, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume III, Number 28 [Saturday, August 13, 1887], page 1, column 4.

## WAUCEDAH.

The King-Fisher party, from Ohio, arrived here a week ago, to fish Ruprecht lake, but failing to find any gamy fish, they pulled up stakes and moved to Brown's lake, where they are having lots of sport with the wiry black bass.

*The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume

XI, Number 7 [Thursday, May 9, 1889],  
page 5, column 2

## Adventures of Brook Trout Fishermen.

Last Saturday Landlord Wm. Felch, Dr. Mead and Conductor O'Brien, [*sic*] armed themselves with all the necessary equipment for brook trout fishing and started for the depot with the intention of spending the day fishing. Arriving at Groveland, they proceeded down the stream a short distance and cast their lines as well as their hopes in the beautiful stream, and waited patiently, for an hour or two. At last the doctor caught a long breath, which was the first catch that had been made by the party, and proposed to try their fortune further down the stream. Climbing over fallen timbers and pushing their way through the dense jungles of cedar swamps and under brush [*sic – underbrush*] and finding many obstacles which almost caused the shout [*sic – stout*] hearts of the bold fishermen to sink in despair, they struggled along their tedious journey, and after a prolonged march, tired and weary, they halted and for the first time perceived they were going in the wrong direction. A discussion then arose as to what course to pursue but owing to a disagreement in the council the company was then and there disbanded. Conductor O'Brien claimed he could smell a hot box in one direction, and Landlord Felch claimed he could smell hot coffee in another direction, and as to the doctor, he being a health officer, he did not know whether it would be healthy for him to remain in company with the rest of the boys or not, but came to the conclusion that he would act as caboose and follow the rest of the train under the control of Conductor O'Brien. The train started, and had not rounded many curves before Conductor O'Brien made a fly, he taking a side track

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and the landlord and doctor went down the main track. Hours passed. It was impossible for the train dispatcher to catch **Conductor O'Brien**. Signals were given but of no avail. At last **Mr. O'Brien** brought up at the dinner pail station, and taking twenty minutes for refreshments made sad havoc in the delicacies spread before him. Thinking the remainder of the train might come along, he left the pail as a signal that they were behind time and could not be allowed either the refreshments or the twenty minutes. After a perilous tramp through the cedar jungle, the doctor and landlord, much to their surprise, came suddenly upon the station they were in quest of, and to their great disgust found **Conductor O'Brien** quietly side tracked [*sic – sidetracked*] upon the bank of the stream trying to get communication from the bottom of the deep as to whether he should leave the station without brook trout or not. After a while [*sic – awhile*] it was concluded to make up the train and start for **Iron Mountain**, which was done, much to the regret of the company who did not succeed in capturing a fish. **Conductor O'Brien** was the most fortunate of the company, he did get a bite (from the dinner pail.) [*sic - .*].

*The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 8 [Thursday, May 16, 1889], page 1, column 3

## 300,000 Wall Eyed Pike.

**H.D. Fisher, of Florence, deposited in Spread Eagle lakes yesterday 300,000 young wall eyed [*sic – wall-eyed*] pike from the Wisconsin state hatchery.** If these fish thrive and multiply as it is believed they will do there will be plenty of sport in due time, for fishermen at these beautiful lakes, and we know of no one who will enjoy capturing a good string of wall

eyed [*sic – wall-eyed*] pike more than **H.D.** himself. **Mr. Fisher** is something like the gentleman – a former resident of this city – who said, the best sport in the world for him was to fish and catch a good string of fish and the next best sport was to fish and not get any fish.

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

## THE CITY.

WE are indebted to **George Seibert** for a nice mess of brook trout for dinner one day last week.

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

## THE CITY.

THE Journal says that **Moriarity and Gleason** caught 133 wall eyed [*sic – wall-eyed*] pike in Spread Eagle lakes last week. How those pike must have grown! When they were put in the lakes two weeks ago by **Mr. Fisher**, they were about the size of small minnows, and a man could carry 133 of them in his vest pocket.

*The Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 2 [Thursday, June 4, 1896], page 8, column 4

**Sheriff Catlin and Register [of Deeds] Crocker** were troutling at Randville yesterday and claim to have caught 90 odd fish.

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## LITTLE FISHES GALORE

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### John T. Jones Arranges for One Million Whitefish for Lake Antoine.

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The enterprise and persistency of **John T. Jones** has finally resulted in a determination on the part of the government fish commissioners to stock **Lake Antoine** with whitefish. **Mr. Jones** has had considerable correspondence with the board in the premises and the commissioners have decided that whitefish would undoubtedly thrive better in **Lake Antoine** than almost any other variety. The commissioners have accordingly notified **Mr. Jones** that he will be supplied with **1,000,000 whitefish for planting in this lake**. Whitefish are the very choicest of our fish, mature rapidly, and if properly guarded from the assaults of dynamiters, will undoubtedly thrive finely in **Lake Antoine**.

Other nimrods are in correspondence with the **state fish commission** and will endeavor to secure a supply of **brook trout** for the streams hereabouts.

*The Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 52 [Thursday, May 20, 1897], page 8, column 3

**Dr. Cameron** caught a **brook trout** in **Pine Creek** last Saturday that **weighed a pound and a half dressed**.

*The Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 2 [Thursday, June 3, 1897], page 8, column 1

**John T. Jones and party caught one hundred and eighty trout in Pine Creek** last Saturday. This is the largest catch of the season.

*The Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 2 [Thursday, June 3, 1897], page 8, column 3

**H.G. Schmidt**, an attaché of the Green Bay Gazette, was arrested in **Floodwood** last Monday by **Game Warden Brown**. He had **trout in his possession less than six inches in length** and this fact cost him \$12. Pretty expensive outing for a newspaper man.

*The Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 13 [Thursday, August 19, 1897], page 8, column 4

**Jeweler Swanson** caught a magnificent specimen of **rainbow trout** in **Spring Lake** last Friday. It **weighed nearly three pounds**.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 12 [Thursday, August 9, 1900], page 8, column 1

**Joseph Rayome**, of **Ravenwood, Ill.**, and **Sam Cudlip**, of **Seibert's Pharmacy**, are clearly entitled to the "pork rind" as the champion fisherman [*sic – fishermen*] of the season. They spent three days in the wilds of **Iron county** last week and came home with over **three hundred brook trout**. The fish were all of more than the average size, too. The Press was inclined to roast the boys until it was learned that, had they the disposition to be the least swineish [*sic – swinish*], the catch could have been increased many hundreds.

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*The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 8, Number 8 [Thursday, July 16, 1903], page 8, column 3*

**Joe Lawrence and Abe Luke** went to **Badwater** Sunday and brought home seventy nice brook trout.

*The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 25 [Thursday, November 10, 1904], page 1, column 3*

## Fish Hatchery.

**John T. Jones** has purchased 160 acres of land in the vicinity of the **hydraulic works** and is making extensive improvements thereon. Sixty acres have been converted in a lake and the balance will be farmed. **The lake will be utilized as a hatchery for the propagation of brook trout and it has been constructed in accordance with the latest ideas advanced by government and other piscatorial experts.** Over 200,000 little fishes have been plant [*sic – planted*] in the lake or pond, and Mr. Jones anticipates that, in a few years, he will be able to enjoy the very best of fishing.

*Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 47 [Thursday, April 13, 1911], page 1, column 1*

## Trout Season.

The trout fishing season in Michigan opens May 1st, instead of April 15th, as many people believe. The legislature of 1909 changed the season from April 15th-August 15th to May 1st-Sept. 1st, but the new provision did not go into effect until last season. If you would keep out of the

clutches of the game warden, keep away from the trout streams until May 1st.

*Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, \_\_\_\_\_ Year, Number \_\_\_\_\_ [Saturday, April 26, 1924], page 2, column 3*

## BROOK TROUT LAW CHANGES ARE MADE

### Limit For One Day's Catch Reduced to Twenty-five

Iron Mountain fishermen who are preparing their paraphernalia for the opening of the **brook trout season** May 1 may not be aware of the fact that a change in the state fish laws, effective this year, cuts down the number of trout which they may legally catch in one day.

**Last year it was lawful to catch 35 trout, over seven inches long, in one day, but the legislature amended the law and reduced the limit to 25.** The change became effective 90 days after the amendment was passed. Therefore, beginning May 1, next, it will be unlawful to catch more than 25 brook trout in one day.

The law also prescribes that a person must not have more than 25 trout in his possession on a stream and not more than 40 in his possession off the stream. The size limit is unchanged.

*Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 49 [Monday, June 8, 1925], page 2, column 4*

## BASS SEASON TO

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## OPEN ON JULY 1

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### Original Order of Conservation Department Is Modified

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July 1, instead of July 15, has been designated as the opening day of the **large and small-mouth black bass fishing season in Dickinson county waters**, in an order issued by John Baird, director of the state department of conservation.

This order modifies one issued in 1922 by **Mr. Baird** in which the closed season on bass in this county, [sic] was extended from June 15 to July 15, for a period of five years. The 1922 order also limited the number of fish that might be taken by any individual in one day to five and the number to be had in possession at one time to not [be] more than 10. The new order does not change the number which may be taken or held in possession. It reads, in part, as follows:

"It now appears, after a thorough investigation made in **Dickinson county** by the department of conservation and an investigation of the conditions therein prevailing, that the additional protection afforded by the 1922 order should be modified to limit the close season on **large mouthed and small mouthed black bass** to July 1, instead of July 15. Therefore the above mentioned order is hereby modified and changed limiting the closed season on **large mouthed and small mouthed black bass** from the first day of January to the first day of July, inclusive.

In all other respects the order issued in May, 1922, shall be and remain in full force and effect for the period of time therein mentioned.

## TWIN FALLS FISH HATCHERY (DOROTHY FOX HALL) Menominee River

*The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 204 [Saturday, December 7, 1935], page 2, column 3*

## WORK ON POLICE BARRACKS TO BE STARTED MONDAY

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### Structures Will Be Located On Site Donated By City

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Work on the construction of the new state police barracks for the Iron Mountain detachment, to be situated in part of the area designated as the North Side park, near the north city limits, will be started Monday, it was announced today by sixth district WPA officials. Only a small crew will be used at the start of the project.

The project is estimated at \$15,000, and approval of the site offered some time ago by the city was given early in November by **Oscar G. Olander**, state commissioner of public safety. Olander and **Captain O.E. Demaray**, of Marquette, the latter commander of the upper peninsula state police detachment, came here to inspect the site and also conferred with **Sergeant A.J. Hardon**, in command of the **Iron Mountain post**.

When news of the probable construction project was received here some time ago the Iron Mountain city council took prompt action in offering the site. The project will include the barracks, comprising an office,

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waiting room and sleeping quarters for the men, and a garage.

## May Start Hatchery Soon

There was also some indication today that work on the **pike hatchery at Twin Falls, recently approved and allotted by the WPA**, will begin in the near future. Sponsored by the county and planned for several months, the project has been pushed by **Harold Eskil**, chairman of the county board, and other officials.

The site at the Menominee river has been donated by the Wisconsin Michigan Power company, which will also grant free water for the hatchery. An elaborate plan of architecture for the building has been drawn up and it is predicted that the hatchery will be one of the most attractive in the state. State officials have declared the site ideal.

Further improvement of the area about the hatchery site is also being planned by the county, including the cleaning up of several small islands and linking them with suspension bridges for the use of residents and tourists.

## Expect All Back In Delta

There were no developments today in the WPA strike situation at Delta county, it was stated. About 700 men were at work yesterday out of 1,140 who walked out, and indications were this morning that the remainder will report on their jobs Monday morning.

A.T. Sweet, sixth district director, is in Lansing this week conferring with WPA officials on the progress of the work in the district so far, and the prospects for more projects if developments here warrant.

*The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 205 [Monday, December 9, 1935], page 3, column 1*

## WORK ON POLICE

## POST BARRACKS IS BEGUN TODAY

## Supervisors Have Been Assigned to WPA Projects

Work on two new WPA projects in Dickinson county – the **pike hatchery at Twin Falls** and the **state police barracks** near the north city limits of Iron Mountain – was begun this morning.

James Estabrook, of Kingsford, was named supervisor for the state conservation department on the hatchery project, and Louis Posti, of this city, supervisor for the WPA on both the hatchery and police barracks.

Explaining the hatchery supervision, officials pointed out that while the project was sought by Dickinson county some time ago it was sponsored, technically, by the state conservation department.

## Have Experience

Estabrook was foreman for the recently completed ERA work-relief project at the court house and jail, which included the construction of a wing connecting the two buildings, redecoration throughout, building new vaults in the basement of the county building, improvements to the heating system, building of an inside, underground coal bin and other construction.

Until recently Posti was a contractor foreman on the new Iron Mountain postoffice [*sic – post office*].

WPA officials today were unable to state just how many men the two projects will accommodate, depending largely on how many are still available through the national reemployment service. Maximum crews

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will be carried, however, to speed up the work.

**A.T. Sweet**, sixth district director, returned yesterday from a conference with state officials at Lansing. Favorable reports have been received of the progress of the work through the state, he said.

**Today all but a few of the 1,140 men who quit their WPA jobs at Delta county, had returned, it was said, and it is believed the strike movement there is permanently broken.**

## HUNTING

*The Florence Mining News*, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 39 [Saturday, September 24, 1881], page 3, column 3

AN **Indian** with a mouth on him like the opening of navigation, [sic] came past our office door the other day, with as big a **load of venison** on his back as he could conveniently carry. Shortly afterwards we saw the same dusky son of the forest, [sic] carrying even a bigger load. The venison was gone, but in its place he seemed to have taken some kind of freight, internally, which interfered very much with his homeward journey. Some of these parties who are furnishing the **Indians** with return loads of this kind [**selling liquor to Indians**] will be brought up with a twist some of these days.

*The Florence Mining News*, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume II, Number 30 [Saturday, July 22, 1882], page 3, column 5

COMPLAINTS have been made by a chief of this great family regulator, that the “**injuns**” – that is the aborigines, away over in Michigan, across the foaming current of the romantic **Brule**, are wantonly

slaughtering deer by unorthodox methods, to wit: building deer fences of immense lengthy and ever so high, behind which the lazy **red skin** lies and pops them over for their hides. Whether this is so or not THE MINING NEWS man could not conscientiously stand up and say, but if it is, it should be stopped, and we think the people in the vicinity of the nuisance will see that it is suddenly abbreviated.

*The Iron Port*, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume 13, Number 52 [Saturday, November 25, 1882]

## Range Items.

—**The man who shot Lind is in jail at Norway.** His name is **Sam. Brummell**, and he alleges that he fired at **Lind** only after **Lind** or his companions had repeatedly fired upon him and when **Lind** was endeavoring to get another shot. He made no attempt at concealment or escape, but told his story at once on reaching home, and sent word to the sheriff where he could be found.

... —**John Lind, with two companions named Strom and Anderson, went hunting, taking a dog with them. When near Moon lake their dog was shot, and upon following the trail of the shooter until he was overtaken, or nearly, Lind was shot, by him, and instantly killed.** His body was brought to **Iron Mountain** and and [sic] an inquest held, the verdict being “death at the hands of a party unknown.” **Strom and Anderson** describe the man who fired the fatal shot as “a tall man, dressed entirely in gray and wearing moccasins or pacs [shoepacs] and a cap.” — Range.

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

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## Iron River Ripples.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

Iron River, September 13, 1883.

EDITOR MINING NEWS: – *Dear Sir*, I have waited some time hoping someone else would make a move in regard to the wanton and wholesale slaughter of deer in the vicinity of Iron River and Sand Lake, where the Indians have constructed what is termed a “deer fence,” extending a distance of eighteen miles and another to Lake Chicagoan about twelve miles long. During a period of ten days three Indians slaughtered 165 deer, bringing their pelts into town and disposing of them and leaving their carcasses in the woods to decay. If this continues it will not be long before their [*sic – there*] will not be a deer in this section of the country. Now, what I would like to know is, whether there is not a law prohibiting such wanton slaughter and what steps should be taken to put a stop to it. If you will give this an insertion in your valuable paper, you will confer an inestimable favor upon one who loves hunting but not in the way it is practiced in this part of the country. SPORTSMAN.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume 16, Number 20 [Saturday, April 11, 1885], page 8, column 1

## Range Items.

–K.S. Buck shotat [*sic – shot at*] a lynx from his seat in a cutter. The shot scared his horse and in pulling on the lines he discharged his pistol (self-cocking) and killed the horse. – Range.

*The Current*, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 24 [Saturday, July 18, 1885], page 1, column 2

Three young lads, residing on the Chapin location, went out in the region of Lake Antoine Saturday last on a hunting and fishing expedition, taking two guns and some fishing tackle along. When the lake was reached the guns were left leaning against a stump while the boys indulged in fishing. In some manner unknown one of the guns was discharged, the contents striking one of the lads named Gabrielson, aged about 12 years, in the right arm, smashing the elbow in a terrible manner. He was taken home and placed in the Chapin mine hospital where Drs. Cameron and Crowell attended him until such time as the county physician could be reached. He was removed to his mother's house Tuesday, where he is now doing as well as can be expected under the circumstances. We glean these particulars from superintendent of the poor Thos. Hay, who also states that the chances are that the boy will lose his arm in consequence of the accident. Dr. S.D. Evans, of Waucedah, county physician, now has charge of the patient.

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

On and after top-day [*sic – today*] you can kill deer legally, providing you can find any and are good on the shoot.

*The Current*, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 31 [Saturday, September 5, 1885], page 1, column 2

## Two Muzzle-Loading Hunters.

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Tuesday last two Indiana mine sports, Joe and Pete, borrowed a gun from a friend and started off in search of deer. They hadn't gone far before one was sighted. A cartridge was produced which they tried to force into the muzzle of the gun, but the dodgasted [*sic – god blasted*] thing wouldn't go down. **Joe**, who is a **Cornishman** and had seen the militia in the old country tearing off the end of the old-fashioned paper cartridge with their teeth, tried the method on the one he held in his hand. He chewed, and chewed, but to no purpose, and in the struggle finally broke one of his teeth off short. Then **Pete**, who is from **Canada** and don't [*sic – doesn't*] know any more about a gun than a horse knows about his grandmother, tried his hand at it. He got a club and tried to drive it in, but after pounding until he had battered the cartridge out of all shape gave the job up in disgust. In the meantime the **deer** had got tired [*of*] waiting and left. The two finally concluded that the fellow who gave them the cartridges made a mistake, they were too big for the gun. So they returned to the location to get cartridges that would fit. The trees out that way is [*sic – are*] said to be laughing yet – **the gun was a breech-loader.**

*The Current*, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 33 [Saturday, September 19, 1885], page 1, column 5

**Deer slaying appears to be carried on with unabated vigor, the “mutton” all being shipped to the Chicago market.**

*The Current*, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 34 [Saturday, September 26, 1885], page 1, column 3

**Ask the Postmaster About It.**

On Saturday last a hunting and fishing party composed of Postmaster Gee, attorneys Flannigan and Cook, Marshal Bush, and contractor McGillis, hired one of our citizens, whom we will call "John," to take them out to the Sturgeon with his team, and to bring them, and the game which they were to kill, back.

**John concluded to take his nephew Jerry along, to help load up[,] etc.** All went merry as a wedding bell, [*sic*] until the camping ground was reached, but by this time the hunters (?) had found out that, [*sic*] **John and Jerry were both afraid.** Any one [*sic – Anyone*] familiar [*sic – familiar*] with the predilection of the whole party for practical jokes, [*sic*] will not be surprised at the out-come. **The first thing to do was to impress John and Jerry with the idea that the whole section was full of Indians, and that they were the worst specimens of their racing numbering along their other vices that of horse stealing.** The tents were pitched and after **John** had been guarded by the whole party while securing his horses about a rod from the tent, it became necessary to mount guard for the night. **Bush and Jerry** were detailed as a guard, and **Bush** proposed to watch until midnight and then call **Jerry**. But **Jerry** demurred, and wanted the first part of the night in his. **Bush** finally conceded the point and everybody turned in except **Jerry**, [*sic*] and **John[.]** who proposed to see no d-d **injun** [*sic – Indian*] stole his "hossees [*sic – horses*]." For some time nothing was heard except the tramp, tramp, of the sentinels. Then **Cook** raised the flap of the tent which he and **Bush** occupied, and **threw a stick into the woods.** In less time than it takes to tell it, **John** had **Cook** out with a rifle to protect the horses. While they were beating the woods in a vain attempt to discover **injuns** [*sic – Indians*] or **wolves**, and while **Cook** was earning for himself an enviable

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reputation for bravery, **Flannigan**[,] the evil genius of the other tent, fired a rifle in such a manner as to convince the trembling **John**, [sic] and **Jerry** that an attack was being made, and a couple of well timed [sic – well-timed] whoops finished the matter as far as the utter demoralization of the sentries were concerned. Quiet was finally restored and then **John** insisted on hitching up and going home, but this would not do, as as [sic] it would give the **indians** [sic – **Indians**] a fair chance for an ambush, and if the **indians** [sic - **Indians**] did not get them, the **wolves** would. Nothing[,] therefore, was left but to fight it out till morning.

**John** finally took up his weary tramp again, but first made sure that his gun was in good order, by putting in three charges of shot, and no powder. Scarcely had the camp again become quiet, [sic] when **John** saw **injuns** [sic – **Indians**], and aroused the whole party, several of whom, also saw lots of fun ahead, and to keep up the illusion fired into the woods. It soon became **Bush**'s time to mount guard, and now it became a question with **John**, should he go into the tent and lose his horses, or stay outside and be shot: Self finally conquered and **John** went in, but not to sleep. Scarcely had he reached the inside when the air was rent with rifle shots, intermingled with shouts and war whoops, and the only thing left for **John** to do, [sic] was to lie still and pray. After some time the enemy were beaten off, and **John** once more had a sight of his horses. This was about order of the night, and those who were there say that they never had so much unadulterated fun crowded into the same length of time in their lives. The party escorted **John**, [sic] and **Jerry** home the next day, and altho [sic – although], [sic] they did not get much game, they say they got, "for fifty dollar, fun."

*The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 34 [Saturday, September 26, 1885], page 1, column 4*

## Much Ado About Nothing.

One day this week a party of our business men [sic – businessmen] went out on the Felch road, as far as the half way [sic – half-way] house, to hunt deer. Deer being scarce they turned their attention to the slaughter of porcupines. They killed one and cooked it, but before they were done eating it, another party of hunters came up and being invited to dinner, were so pleased with roasted porcupine, as a principal dish, that, they concluded to do some hunting, on their own account. After several false alarms, the whole party were [sic – was] called out to see a large porcupine in a tree, and the late comers almost quarreled about the first shot. Finally number one stepped up and fired, but failed to drop the game. Number two stepped up with the exclamation, "let your uncle try a shot" and banged away, with the same result. A look of utter disgust overspread the face of number three at such an exhibition of poor shooting, and with the remark, "your dad will show you how to shoot" he also fired. And when the smoke of battle cleared away, the porcupine still clung to the tree. This was a circumstance which needed investigation, and while those who were posted were stuffing their handkerchiefs into their mouths to keep the laughter down, the shooting party investigated and found the skin of a porcupine only, and that nailed to the tree. Imagine the explosion which followed. When last heard from the party was on the warpath, breathing vengeance deep, [sic] and loud against [the] whole porcupine family.

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*The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 36 [Saturday, October 10, 1885], page 1, column 6*

## WAUCEDAH ITEMS.

**Dan Fitzgerald** wears the belt as the champion bear hunter of the range. While on his way to town from his farm about a mile south of here, he met an entire family – five in number – of that species and hostilities began at once. **Dan** killed four outright and wounded [*sic – wounded*] the fifth all in the short space of three minutes.

...

Sixteen hunt[ers] [*sic – hunters*] resident [*sic – , residents*] of Illinois, are encamped on the Hamilton Lake near Ruprechts [*sic – Ruprecht's*] mill, indulging in their annual sports. Five deer are reported to haev [*sic – have*] been thus far killed by them.

*The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 39 [Saturday, October 31, 1885], page 8, column 2*

**Hugh McLaughlin** and **Harry DeVere** went bear hunting the other day, and had no luck.

*The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 39 [Saturday, October 31, 1885], page 8, column 2*

## QUINNESEC'S QUOTUM.

There are a number of hunters hereaway [*sic – hereabouts*], but we see no venison except what the Indians bring in.

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**Wm. Tucker, Quinnesec's noble red man, killed 16 deer in five days.** The pale faces seem to be no good.

...  
**Pitt Drake** shot a large wolf near town this week.

*The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 40 [Saturday, November 7, 1885], page 1, column 5*

## QUINNESEC'S QUOTUM.

**Mr. Stevens, Indian agent at Keshena, Wis.,** is the guest of **Wm. Tucker.** Tucker is showing him how to kill deer.

...  
**John St. Denis** shot at a large buck on the railroad track the other day, but missed him owing to the barbed wire fence.

*The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 40 [Saturday, November 7, 1885], page 1, column 6*

A deer was killed at Waucedah a few days ago that weighed when dressed 335 pounds. Some venison, that.

*The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume V, Number 46 [Saturday, November 14, 1885], page 1, column 5*

About forty bucks, squaws and papooses have been camping on the Keyes lake road. They hail from the Indian reservations below and are up on their annual hunt.

A horde of Pottawotamie [*sic – Potawatomi*] Indians from Keshena, [*sic*] have been hunting south of Florence. They came to town on Tuesday, got full of fire water and made the woods resound with their wild whiskey war whoops.

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*The Current*, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume II, Number 31 [Saturday, August 28, 1886], page 1, column 2

—Yesterday **Christ. Johnson**, of the Norway mine, brought home a **good sized bear**, which he had killed on **Sec. 6**. He claims that he will bring home two more in due time. If you like **bear steak**, go to **Ahlich's market**.

*The Current*, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume III, Number 14 [Saturday, May 7, 1887], page 1, column 4

## Sturgeon River, Section 7

Mr. **Thomas Evans**, of sporting notoriety, is having a splendid sport on the **Sturgeon**. **Mrs. Barkle** and family visited the camp on Tuesday and enjoyed a sumptuous repast, the principal dish of which was, *[sic]* “**roast duck[.]**” the proceeds of Tommie’s game bag.

The gale on Monday afternoon visited this section, and not a few of the noble pines succumbed to its severity. **The road to Waucedah was completely blocked, and overseer Kraemer is busy with a crew clearing it out.**

*The Current*, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume III, Number 30 [Saturday, August 27, 1887], page 1, column 2

—**While hunting on the Sturgeon river last week, Robert Henderson and Frank King shot an eagle which measures five feet and nine inches from tip to tip.** The bird was wounded by the first shot and commenced a fierce combat with a dog before the second shot killed it.

*The Current*, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume III, Number 36 [Saturday, October 8, 1887], page 1, column 3

—**A.C. Cook, M. Farrell, R.C. Flannigan, J.H. Bush and J.K. Polk, [sic]** left Monday morning to spend a week on the **Sturgeon, deer-hunting**. They went to **Waucedah** and took the road towards the **Hancock mine**.

LATER — The hunters are home and report fair success having killed **four deer** and a large number of **patridges [sic – partridges]** and other **small game**.

*The Current*, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume III, Number 38 [Saturday, October 22, 1887], page 1, column 5

## Waucedah.

Monday was a day of luck for the **Decatur hunters**. They succeeded in downing **four large deer**. They will break camp and leave for their respective homes, Saturday, P.M. **Seven deer killed and one bear wounded.** Tally!

...  
Deputy game wardens, *[sic]* Baker and Kreamer *[sic – Kraemer]* took two offenders of the game laws to **Menominee**, Monday, to whack *[sic]* up. Complaint, **hunting with hounds and headlights.**

*The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 26 [Thursday, September 19, 1889], page 5, column 2

## The Michigan Game Law.

Now that the **fall hunting season** has nearly arrived it will be interesting and of value for the sportsman to refresh his memory as to the Michigan game laws. In

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the Upper Peninsula the open season for deer is from Sept. 25 to Nov. 15, while in the Lower Peninsula the season dates from Nov. 1 to Dec. 2. The use of dogs is forbidden and dogs worrying or chasing deer are declared a nuisance and may be killed by any person. It is unlawful to kill a deer in the water, to trip them, to snare them or hunt at night with a "Jack" or with a dark lantern. The digging of pitfalls is forbidden. **It is only lawful to kill ducks and partridges between Sept. 1 and Jan. 1.** Prairie chickens are protected in this state until 1894. Elk and deer on Bois Blanc Island until 1899, under penalty of \$200 fine and ninety days imprisonment. It is the design of the state to make a game preserve of the island. **Shippers are not allowed to transport venison or partridge out of the state.** All the common song birds are protected by law. The trout season closes Aug. 31. Bass may be taken with hook and line at any time of the year. For complete laws write **William Alden Smith, state warden, Lansing.**

*The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 29 [Thursday, October 10, 1889], page 1, columns 5-6*

## Un welcome Visitors.

Our local sportsmen hold the **Indiana** and **Ohio** men who come up here every fall to **hunt deer and ship their carcasses out of the state**, in the utmost contempt, and spare no pains to show them that their presence in Michigan is not desired. One party of local hunters have leased a very desirable tract of land up the line of the **M. & N. [Michigan & Northern Railroad]** for hunting purposes, an take no small degree

of pleasure in hustling the outsiders off their leasehold. Indiana men have the reputation of being the most penurious of any outsiders who come to Michigan every fall to hunt, and to make it more a matter of profit by surreptitiously shipping venison to outside markets. They bring their rations with them, and are even so close fisted that they will not accommodate members of their own party without a cash consideration. These men of course come here to kill deer. They run dogs, use head lights, or adopt any other expedient that will net them the largest amount of game.

A **party of these Indiana hayseeds** happened to be passengers on the M. & N. sleeper when **J.J. Cole** returned from a trip to Chicago. It was evidently their first experience on a sleeper and the party of five had bought a whole sections, (!) evidently thinking it entitled them to the whole car, and were somewhat chagrined to find the car pretty well filled with other passengers beside themselves. They were furthermore profoundly perplexed [*sic – perplexed*] to make out how a man was going to lie down and sleep on those seats. The question, however, had its solution when they told the porter "if he would show them to their room they guessed they'd go to bed." The question then arose, how could they undress before the several ladies who happened to be in the car, and whose attention, with that of all the other passengers, had already been attracted to the mystified travelers. It was finally agreed that the biggest man in the [group] should stand outside and hold the crowd curtains together, and allow no one to peek while they were engaged in disrobing. After the four fellows inside had disposed of

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themselves and the fifth began to look about for a place big enough to lie down on a new difficulty arose. The two small men of the party had gone to bed "up stairs," and the big fellow couldn't possibly squeeze into the lower berth. It was finally settled that one of the small men must come down and the big fellow must go "up stairs." This was rather a serious undertaking for the fellow "up stairs." There was no body outside now to hold the curtains together, and the first thing he did was to stick about two feet and a half of bare leg out between the curtains for the inspection of his fellow passengers. Of course the ladies were shocked and the men roared. The Indiana man managed to get his leg under cover again somehow, and the party finally settled down for the night. When last seen by Mr. Cole in the morning they were having a little argument with the porter, who wanted pay for blacking their boots.

*The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIV, Number 19 [Thursday, July 28, 1892], page 1, column 3*

## Shot a Bear.

While J. Park [*sic – Parke*] Channing and Geo. O'Neil were seated outside their camp at Fort [*sic – Ford*] Siding (a small station between Republic and Iron Mountain where they are exploring) Sunday evening a black bear passed along in front of them. Both men quickly picked up their rifles and shot at the animal, lodging two charges each in the body of the bear. Mr. O'Neil brought the carcass to town, had it dressed, and distributed bear steak among his friends. The bear weighed about 125 pounds when dressed. —Iron

Ore. [NOTE: Ford Siding became Channing, named for J. Parke Channing.]

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

## HUNTING FOR DEER.

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### Several Large Parties Will Leave Here Next Saturday – Ohio Hunters.

Next Saturday morning there promises to be a **regular exodus from Iron Mountain for the woods in pursuit of the nimble deer**. On that morning a party consisting of **E.F. Brown, R.C. Browning, John Russell, Hugh McLaughlin, A.E. Robbins, Geo. F. Seibert, Robert Meyers, Herbert Armstrong, David A. Graham and Edward G. Kingsford** will leave for **Floodwood**, where they will be in camp for several weeks. There are a number of crack shots in the party and the crowd will have to buy but little fresh meat.

Another party[,] consisting of **Cashier Blesch, of the First National Bank of Menominee, F.J. Trudell, F.E. Crocker, T.B. Catlin and R.L. Hammond**, will leave here for **Sagola**, where they will camp for a week.

A party of **seven nimrods from Ohio** arrived here yesterday morning and secured non-resident hunting licenses from **County Clerk Browning**. This party will camp near **Sagola** and will remain the entire season.

*Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 27 [Thursday, November 25, 1897], page 8, column 1*

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A snow white deer was shot in the northern part of the county recently.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 17 [Thursday, September 20, 1900], page 8, column 4

## BRIEF CITY NEWSITES.

**David Laing and Wm. Shay, of Sagola, killed a bear this week that weighed 426 pounds.** The animal was riddled with 28 bullets before it succumbed. **Laing and Shay** are rapidly gaining reputations as mighty hunters in the saw mill [*sic – sawmill*] town.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 27 [Thursday, November 29, 1900], page 4, column 6

## BRIEF CITY NEWSITES.

It is stated that nearly three hundred deer have been shipped from Floodwood this season.

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**B.E. Gregory**, a hunter from Indiana, was arrested last Friday evening while endeavoring to smuggle venison out of the state in violation of the game laws. The arrest was made by **Game Warden Hodgson** and the man gave bonds for his appearance at the next session of the circuit court.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 13 [Thursday, August 18, 1904], page 5, columns 1-2

## CHIPS FROM CHANNING.

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

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 19 [Thursday, October 6, 1904], page 5, column 2

## NORWAY NOTATIONS.

There was a great deal of excitement in the city last Tuesday morning over the report that a **wild man had been seen in the woods about six miles north of the city on the Metropolitan road**. **Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Sequin** were out on that road Monday afternoon **hunting partridges**, and while **Mr. Sequin** was away from the rig for a short distance, **Mrs. Sequin** saw a man running through the woods. She thought he was naked and that his body was covered with hair. Becoming frightened, she called to her husband, who hurried to her side and just caught a glimpse of the man as he disappeared through the woods. They returned to the city and reported what they had seen. The story spread rapidly and the next morning a large posse of men was organized, headed by **Postmaster Sampson**, and armed with rifles, shot-guns [*sic – shotguns*] and 200 feet of half-inch rope, started for the woods to hunt for the wild man. They had not proceeded far before **Pat Langin**, who is employed as pocket man at the **Aragon mine**, overtook them and confessed to being the one thought to be the wild man. **Mr. Langin** was out **hunting partridges** and was clothed in a dark colored wool shirt and

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pants and the shirt was open at the neck and exposed his chest. This, with the fact that he wore long hair and beard, made him appear to **Mrs. Sequin** like a wild man as he was running after a wounded bird through the underbrush. The posse returned to the city. As the sequel to wild man was made known to the public their fears were allayed and they at once began to realize the ridiculous side of the affair.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 19 [Thursday, October 6, 1904], page 5, column 1

## CHIPS FROM CHANNING.

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

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 19 [Thursday, October 6, 1904], page 5, column 3

## NEWS GOSSIP FROM SAGOLA.

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**Alfred Bandin**, proprietor of the **Sagola House**, and **Malcom McQueen**, of **Oconto Falls**, were out **hunting partridge** last Monday and succeeded in bagging seven.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 21 [sic] [Thursday, October 13, 1904], page 5, columns 1-2

## FACTS FROM FLOODWOOD.

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**Partridges are plentiful in the vicinity of Floodwood** this year, but the covies

were broken up before the open season by hunters who have no regard for the game laws, and now the birds are scattered through the woods in pairs and are wild and hard to get a shot at.

**The deer are numerous and very tame.** It is not an uncommon occurrence to see a stately buck feeding within a few rods of a dwelling, apparently fearless of danger. **They're becoming a nuisance to the farmers**, within the past week they have entirely destroyed one and one-half acres of turnips and 150 heads of cabbage for **Chas. Doane** and he says he is obliged to hang a lighted lantern in his garden at night to keep them from destroying his apple trees.

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## RANDVILLE REPORTS.

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**Alex LaLonde and Alex Scott**, of **Iron Mountain**, hunted **partridges** in this vicinity last Sunday. When they started for home they had four birds.

**Reverend Fathers Kraker and Jodocy**, of **Iron Mountain**, were in town last Monday. They started out to hunt **rabbits**, but owing to the fact that they lost their dog early in the forenoon and spent the balance of the day looking for him, they went home at night without any **rabbits** and also without the dog.

...  
**Josiah Beard and John Garland**, of **Iron Mountain**, were unfortunate in their **partridge hunt** last Sunday. They drove their horse into the **Sturgeon river** to water him and he became unmanageable and swam across the stream, upsetting the rig, and the two men barely escaped drowning. They left the horse in the woods over night

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and went to **Iron Mountain** on the train. Monday morning **Garland** returned and engaged the services of **Byron Wilbur**, who built a raft and ferried the horse across the river for him and **Mr. Garland** drove home, thankful that his life and that of his friend, **Beard**, had been spared, and that they had recovered their horse and rig.

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## RANDVILLE REPORTS.

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**Josiah Beard** and **John Garland**, of **Iron Mountain**, were unfortunate in their **partridge** hunt last Sunday. They drove their horse into the Sturgeon river to water him and he became unmanageable and swam across the stream, upsetting the rig, and the two men barely escaped drowning. They left the horse in the woods over night [*sic – overnight*] and went to **Iron Mountain** on the train. Monday morning **Garland** returned and engaged the services of **Byron Wilbur**, who built a raft and ferried the horse across the river for him and **Mr. Garland** drove home, thankful that his life and that of his friend, **Beard**, had been spared, and that they had recovered their horse and rig.

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## NEWS GOSSIP FROM SAGOLA.

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**Paul deChamplain** [*sic – de Champlain*] shot a mink last Monday.

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

## RANDVILLE REPORTS.

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**Josiah Beard** was up hunting rabbits on Sunday and had good luck.

**Alex LaLonde** and **Alex Scott** were **Randville** visitors over Sunday. They were in search of **partridge**, but had poor luck.

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## RANDVILLE REPORTS.

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**Will Hunting**, **Will Rezin**, **Charles Parent**, Jr., and **Wilbur W. Thompson** were up **partridge hunting** on Sunday, but were not very successful in their hunt, some of them not getting any birds. **Will Hunting** got two, but ask him where he saw the birds when he shot.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 25 [Thursday, November 10, 1904], page 5, column 5

## NORWAY NEWS NOTATIONS.

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**Jos. Milks** and **R.C. Henderson** left last Tuesday for **Tollen's Spur**, near **Channing**, where they will hunt deer for the next ten days.

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## BRIEF CITY NEWS SITES.

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Eleven deer were shipped to Menominee yesterday morning.

... While hunting near Randville, some crazy hunter shot Frank Kingsford's horse, shattering the jaw.

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## NEWS GOSSIP FROM SAGOLA.

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Over 100 deer have been shipped from Sagola so far this season.

... It was reported about town last Friday that **Jos[J.] Schleis**, a well-known jobber, was lost in the woods, and a number of prominent citizens, headed by **John O'Callaghan**, started out to hunt for him. They had not gone far, however, before it was learned that **Mr. Scheis**, in company with **Louis Byers**, had spent the night in the vicinity of **Randville hunting deer**, and some of his friends thought it would be a good joke to report that he was lost. The joke was appreciated by all except those who joined in the search.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 26 [Thursday, November 17, 1904], page 8, column 5

## NORWAY NEWS NOTATIONS.

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**Postmaster Sampson** was out at Brown's Lake hunting last week and **shot three deer**.

**John G. Kass, Frank Ahlich and Wm. Ramsdell** went to Lyons' Lake last Wednesday to **deer hunt**.

**Rev. P.M. Flannigan**, of **Chicago**, is at Brown's Lake with his brother, **R.C. Flannigan**, hunting deer.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 27 [Thursday, November 24, 1904], page 1, column 4

## Don't Believe It.

A report is in circulation to the effect that **Postmaster Cruse**, while **deer hunting at Porcupine Castle** this week, followed a hog's track over six miles, finally "catching up" at the **Hamilton & Merryman farm**. The Press declines to believe the story. It is undoubtedly a base libel put in circulation by some one [*sic – someone*] envious of our postmaster's success as a nimrod. Mr. Cruse has a reputation as a mighty hunter that extends from the cattle ranches of **Keweenaw Point** to **Tom King's** chickenyard at **Randville**, and the attempt to tarnish it will – and should – fail miserably.

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## QUINNESEC ITEMS.

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**Jos. J. Cundy and M. Sullivan** are out **hunting deer**. They are expected home to-night [*sic – tonight*]. There is no question but what they will bring in several, as both parties are considered good hunters.

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## WAUCEDAH WHISPERS.

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**Amil Hupp shot a bear last Saturday which weighed 300 pounds.**

**Mrs. Mabel Carney**, of **Carney**, who was out hunting with her husband, **shot a deer** last Saturday.

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**Will Rodda shot a deer last Sunday which weighed 175 pounds.** He shipped it to **Iron Mountain** on Monday morning.

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## NORWAY NEWS NOTES.

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**August Eye, the Norway baker who accidentally shot himself while shooting deer a week ago Sunday, is rapidly recovering.**

*Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 27 [Thursday, November 24, 1904], page 5, column 4*

## RANDVILLE REPORTS.

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**Only twelve deer have been shipped from Randville so far this season.**

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

## BRIEF CITY NEWSITES.

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A white deer weighing 180 pounds was shipped from **Crandon, Wis.**, to **Florence** last Monday. It was killed by **C.W. Stamper**, of **Lena, Wis.**, and was consigned to **Knutson, the taxidermist**, to be mounted. The deer had a fine pair of Antlers [*sic – antlers*], pink eyes and white hoofs.

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## NEWS GOSSIP FROM SAGOLA.

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During the last four days of hunting season the deer shipments from this station averaged twenty-five per day.

Now that the hunting season is over, look out for the **game wardens**. During the open season many hunters were running deer with dogs, but not a game warden was to be seen in this vicinity.

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## CHIPS FROM CHANNING.

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

The train crew on the Copper Range railroad played a good joke on the agent at Rockland and Conductor Allen and his crew on the St. Paul last week Thursday. When the Copper Range train

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

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## HOLMES' LANDING ITEMS.

Frank Richards killed a buck deer weighing three hundred pounds last Friday.

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## QUINNESEC ITEMS.

**A.M. Bryngelson, J.H. Carey, P. Dondanau and Arthur Brooks are hunting deer in the Pine Creek district.**

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## NEWSY NOTES FROM NIAGARA.

**Leo LeRoy and Ellis Champagne**, two young men who work in the finishing room at the paper mill, were driving along the **Sand Portage road** Thanksgiving day and **shot a deer from the rig**. They jumped out and cut its throat and in doing so got some blood on their hands. Being desirous of washing their hands, they drove one and a half miles to **Timm's Lake** for that purpose and in their excitement did not notice that they crossed **Pembina Creek**, less than 200 feet from where they killed the deer. The boys are setting up the cigars to square the joke.

**P.B. Goodyear is accused of having shot a deer last Sunday, but there are many conflicting stories in regard to the shooting.** Pat claims that the deer, which, by the way, was a **large buck, weighing over 300 pounds**, was about to run over him and he was forced to shoot it in self-defense. There is another story, however, told by a young man by the name of **Johnson**, who was hunting in the vicinity where **Goodyear** claims to have killed the

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deer. **Johnson** says he killed a large buck and then went to camp to get a license tag to put on it and when he returned the deer had disappeared. **Goodyear** says he has nine points of the law in his favor, as he has the deer and has eaten part of it.

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## RANDVILLE REPORTS.

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**Only twelve deer were shipped from Randville this season.**

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## NEWS GOSSIP FROM SAGOLA.

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**The total weight of venison shipped from this station by freight and express during the hunting season was 17,500 pounds.**

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## RANDVILLE REPORTS.

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**Revs. Fathers Therien, of Niagara, and Chylinski, of Pound, Wis., were hunting rabbits in the vicinity of Randville Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. They met with abundant success, having bagged around a dozen apiece.**

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## RANDVILLE ITEMS.

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**Jas. Garland and Pearce Kneebone** were up from **Iron Mountain** last Sunday **hunting rabbits**. They got twenty.

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## CHANGES IN GAME LAWS.

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**State Warden Chapman Has a Few Ideas to Exploit.**

**Charles H. Chapman**, of the **Soo, state game and fish warden**, will make an effort to induce the state legislature to pass several **new fish laws** at the coming session.

**Captain Chapman**, while not seeking to tell the legislature what they should do, will, in a quiet way, agitate for a number of amendments in the existing game laws, notably **reducing the number of deer to be killed by any single hunter to two and restricting the number of partridges which may be killed by a single hunter in a season**. The game warden would also **close quail shooting altogether** for a time. The specie of game birds is rapidly disappearing and several closed seasons, in the opinion of the game warden, would serve to make them as plentiful as ever.

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## NORWAY NEWS NOTES.

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**Jas. Fawcett**, a jobber, who has a logging camp across the **Menominee river**, shot **two black bears** last Thursday and brought them to town for the purpose of selling them. **They were attached by a merchant to whom he was indebted and sold at auction for twenty-nine dollars.**

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Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 12,  
Number 24 [Thursday, October 31,  
1907], page 1, columns 1-2

## AWFUL ACCIDENT

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### JOHN C. KRUSE MISTAKEN FOR A BEAR AND SHOT BY FRIEND.

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#### His Death Was Instantaneous, the Neck Being Broken – Accident Occurred at Witch Lake.

About one mile east of **Witch Lake**, in sight of the **Michigamme river**, at about 10:15 o'clock last Monday morning, **John C. Kruse**, a well-known citizen of **Iron Mountain**, was mistaken for a bear and shot dead by **George W. Gibbons**, a highly-respected farmer residing in that vicinity.

The shooting was entirely accidental and Mr. Gibbons is held blameless by the friends of the dead man.

Mr. Kruse and **Edward G. Kingsford** left Iron Mountain last Sunday morning for Witch Lake, their errand being to hunt bear, reported to be numerous in the immediate

vicinity. They made their headquarters at the summer home of **A.F. Wright**.

Monday morning, Mr. Kingsford and Mr. Kruse called at the home of Mr. Gibbons, a few rods distant from the Wright cottage, and induced him to accompany them on their hunting trip.

Mr. Kruse wore a black, fuzzy jacket. Mr. Kingsford tried to induce him to change it for one of another color, and warned him of the danger of hunting black bear in such a garment. Enroute [*sic – En route*] Mr. Kingsford once more endeavored to induce him to remove the coat, but Mr. Kruse treated the warning lightly, and went to his death.

The party crossed the lake to the Michigamme plains, about a mile distant from the cottage. These plains are overgrown with hazel bushes of the tall variety. The party had not entered this growth for any considerable distance before they sighted three bears engaged in feeding on the hazel nuts.

The hunt was on. The three men, all skilled hunters, all cool and collected, separated, the plan being to drive the animals into a corner at a belt of hardwood and kill them all.

Mr. Kingsford was at a point in advance of the bears, Mr. Gibbons was on a small hill overlooking a ravine to the right and Mr. Kruse held a rear position. The men were in plain hearing distances of each other all the time.

While the men were occupying these positions, Mr. Kruse was heard to call, "Here she comes[,] I am right on her heels! Get ready!"

Mr. Gibbons no sooner heard the call when, looking down into the ravine, [*he*] saw a dark object in couching position, running through the bushes. He called, "Look out, I am going to shoot!["] The call was repeated, and was distinctly heard by Mr. Kingsford. Seeing the dark object for a second time, and believing it impossible for

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Mr. Krause to have reached the point in view and getting no response from Mr. Krause, Mr. Gibbons fired.

Hearing the crash of the falling body in the bushes, and fully believing that a bear had been killed, Mr. Gibbons and Mr. Kingsford both ran to the point. Mr. Gibbons was the first to reach the place and to his intense horror found he had shot his friend. He was soon joined by Mr. Kingsford. Poor Gibbons was in almost a demented condition and Mr. Kingsford was completely unnerved. It was a time to test to the utmost the nerve of a brave man. Mr. Kingsford, however, was equal to the occasion. Assuring Mr. Gibbons of his sympathy, and that he would assuredly be held blameless for the awful accident[,] Mr. Kingsford succeeded in quieting the man.

An examination proved that Mr. Kruse must have been killed instantaneously. The ball from the rifle had cut the vertebral column, breaking the neck, and coming out at the right cheek. There was no outcry – no struggle – no pain.

Assistance was secured and the body was removed to the Wright cottage.

Mr. Kingsford then hastened to **Witbeck** and telephoned the sad news to **George F. Seibert**, who informed the relatives and friends.

On the St. Paul afternoon passenger the following friends left for Witch Lake: **Mr. and Mrs. George F. Seibert**, **Mrs. Kingsford**, **A.F. Wright**, **H.M. Pelham**, **Dr. S.E. Cruse**, **George J. Eisele**, **G.F. Gensch**, **G.V. Carpenter**, **Undertaker Burbank**, **A.E. Robbins**, and the writer.

The home of Mr. Gibbons presented a scene of sorrow that we cannot picture. The father was heartbroken and the mother, at the point of collapse, was courageously confronting the condition and attending to the wants of her little ones. Kind friends assured them of a larger measure of friendship, of complete

sympathy, and offers of every assistance, to lighten their load of sorrow.

The remains of Mr. Kruse were brought to Iron Mountain on the evening passenger train and taken to the morgue, where they were prepared for burial, later being removed to the family home on **West F street**.

Mr. Kruse came to Iron Mountain from the **Gogebic range**, where he had been employed at the **Tilden mine**[,] to accept a position with the **Oliver Iron Mining company**. He was placed in charge of the **Forest mine**, and resided at the mine until the property was abandoned, when he removed to the city and has since resided at the **corner of West F street and Prospect avenue**. A year ago last August death entered the family and removed the mother. Mrs. Kruse was taken to her former home in Pennsylvania for burial.

Mr. Kruse is survived by a little **daughter, Forest**, aged five years, a father, five sisters and one brother. Two of the sisters and the father resided with him. He also had many relatives on the Marquette range, where he resided for many years prior to going to Bessemer.

Mr. Kruse was to have been married shortly to a well-known and highly esteemed Iron Mountain young lady, which adds to the sadness of the terrible accident. The young lady is prostrate with grief, and will have the complete sympathy of a wide circle of friends.

Mr. Kruse was a man of generous instincts and had a wide circle of friends in his adopted home. The mourning relatives are assured of the complete sympathy of the community. He was a faithful member of **St. Mary's church** and active in its government. He was a member of the several Catholic orders and held a leading office in the local lodge of **Elks**.

Mr. Kruse was born at the **Saginaw location**, near Ishpeming, but at an early age moved with his parents to **Negaunee**,

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where he reached manhood. His father was a mine carpenter and the son followed in the footsteps of the father. He was a master carpenter at the **Volunteer [Mine]** and later held the same position under **Thomas F. Cole** at the **Regent group of mines**. His faithfulness and efficiency won the friendship and high esteem of Mr. Cole. Later Mr. Kruse held clerical positions under Mr. Cole on the **Gogebic range** and when afflicted with an eye trouble he was sent to this range and placed in charge of exploratory work. He was about thirty-nine years of age.

Funeral services of a brief nature were held at St. Mary's church yesterday and the remains were taken to Negaunee for burial this morning. The remains and relatives were escorted from the late home to the train by the **Order of Elks**, and a delegation of the members made the trip to Negaunee. At Negaunee funeral services will be held at **St. Paul's Catholic church**.

*Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain,  
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Number 48 [Thursday, April 21, 1910],  
page 1, column 4*

## RETURN WITHOUT TRACE OF HUNTER.

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### Searching Party Reports Robert Beilby Hopelessly Lost.

Surrounded by the deepest mystery that ever attended a death in the woods of the upper peninsula, the circumstances surrounding the strange disappearance of Robert Beilby, a hunter from Cass county, Mich., who came north last fall with a party of Berrien county sportsmen to hunt deer north of Channing, are to forever remain a secret of the north woods.

Last Thursday evening, a party of searchers, who came north a fortnight ago for the purpose of finding the remains of Beilby, or at least some trace of him, passed through the city enroute [*sic – en route*] *[to]* their homes in Berrien county.

Two weeks of systematic hunting, of dragging of creeks and small streams, of search through swamps and forests, failed to disclose a single clue which would indicate his fate.

Beilby, father of two children and the husband of a woman who is grieving herself to death over his tragic disappearance, lived just across the Berrien line in Cass county. He was an expert woodsman and a hunter. Sixty-five years of age, he had come [*sic – come*] north on deer hunting expeditions a number of times. Last fall, kin company with his son, he started north for his annual outing in the woods. With him were neighbors and veteran deer hunters. Camp was established on the St. Paul road about midway between Channing and Sidnaw.

One day, Beilby and another member of the camp started out. They had tracked a deer for some distance when the "run" separated. The hunters parted company, Beilby disappearing over a ridge. That was the last seen of him. Heartsick and disappointed, the son and others of the party returned home, to break the news to the widow. To satisfy a mother's whim the son headed an expedition to hunt for the body this spring. This week the party returned, empty handed, and with the word that the woods refuse to give up the secret of the deer hunter's end.

There are many theories concerning Beilby's strange disappearance. A startling one, but one which the lost hunter's companions say is probable, is that Beilby was mistaken for a deer, shot by a stranger and his body buried to hide the mistake. Others believe that Beilby, exhausted and bewildered, wandered away into a trackless

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swamp, and was a victim of cold and hunger.

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## Seek Lost Deer Hunter.

A second party arrived at Channing last Friday to hunt for Robert Beilby, the deer hunter who became lost in the woods last fall and who has never been seen since. Six weeks ago the woods were invaded by a party of searchers, headed by the lost man's son, but after a two weeks' hunt the party returned empty-handed. This time the searchers will stay a month.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 1 [Thursday, May 26, 1910], page 1, column 4

## Active Warden.

Game Warden Hogan spent several days in the city and vicinity during the week. He tells The Press that he expects to devote considerable time to Dickinson county. Warden Hogan is making a fine record. He has been successful in securing the arrest and conviction of a number of persistent violators and his activity has kept [*sic – kept*] other violators within the legal limits.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 17 [Thursday, September 15, 1910], page 1, column 4

## Peninsula Gunfest.

The annual tournament of the Upper Peninsula Sportsmen's association will be held at Channing next Wednesday and Thursday. Teams from Houghton, Ishpeming, Marquette, Escanaba, [*the*] Soo[,] Manistique and Munising are expected to compete. There will be two fifteen-birds and one twenty-bird event daily. The jackrabbit system of money division will prevail. It is expected many of the leading gun and ammunition houses will be represented at the tournament by crack marksmen. Among the latter will be Graham, who made 428 straight at Chicago recently.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 18 [Thursday, September 22, 1910], page 1, column 6

## Annual Tournament.

The annual tournament of the Upper Peninsula sportsmen's association opened at Channing yesterday with clubs present from the Soo, Manistique, Munising, Marquette, Escanaba, Ishpeming and a number of other towns. The committee of arrangements has invited Senator Moriarty to be present and make an address upon "Some Legislative Phases of Game Protection," a very interesting subject for members of the association. During the meet the subject of a Preservation club will be discussed which is the latest thing the Upper Peninsula Sportsmen's association has started.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 19 [Thursday, September 29, 1910], page 8, column 4

**A cub bear committed suicide at the Pewabic location last Saturday by jumping down an open pit, a distance of**

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sixty feet, landing on his head. His bearship had been seen in the vicinity on several occasions.

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The killers of song birds are again in evidence to the north of town. Small lakes and streams in the vicinity are being blasted for fish. Deer are being killed by the dozens and partridge are shot by the gross on the public highways. Deer and partridge are forwarded almost daily to the Chicago and Milwaukee dealers. The game wardens? Just at present they are working overtime hunting the farmer and others who are protecting their property and selves [*sic – selves*] from the raid of bears.

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## And It Didn't Rain.

The Rainy day club, composed of Postmaster Cruse, Capt. Martin Goldsworthy, A.J. Rundle, Sam Cudlip, Charles Regassi, H. McLaughlin, R.C. Browning, A.E. Robbins, W. McLaughlin and Peter Calvi, arrived home last Sunday evening from their annual hunting trip, having spent the time in the vicinity of Sawyer Lake. The total "bag" was four partridge and a pair of rabbits. A base endeavor is being made to refute this statement by means of a series of pictures, but if the work of the camera is scrutinized closely it will be discovered that all the "birds" are chickens of the Plymouth rock variety. Cruse and Goldsworthy also won fame by knocking the whey out of pieces [*of*] a number of decoy ducks. The only accident recorded was the "foundering" of Cudlip and Rundle, who devoured two chickens each, together with the fixins?

"An enjoyable time was had." And it didn't rain.

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## Indiana Hunters.

Last Sunday, Game Wardens Rowett and Andrews rounded up a bunch of five hunters from Indiana, who were in camp on the Nett river. The men were engaged in hunting and fishing without a license. All testified, however, that they had not secured any partridge and no evidence of guilt was found. They were forced to procure hunting licenses by the wardens, however. Near their camp, in a small creek, the men had constructed a fish pond in which a large number of pickerel were found. It is evident from the preparations made, that the men expect to remain in the district for several months. They may not kill deer before the season opens, but the crowd will bear watching.

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## DEER SEASON NEARER.

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### Pot-Hunters Already in Evidence and Hundreds Arranging to Come.

County Clerk Quarnstrom has received from Lansing a supply of licenses for deer hunters. There are about seven hundred in the bunch. None have been called for to date, but he expects to close out the entire line before the opening of the season. It is probable

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that this district will be invaded by an unusually [sic – unusual; unusually large] number of **non-resident hunters** and the **usual hundreds from the lower peninsula**. Many non-resident hunters will continue to hunt on resident licenses secured by accommodating friends in the lower peninsula. Under the present law there is no way of preventing the game. Game wardens in the north woods are helpless. **The game will continue until the law is amended compelling hunters to secure their licenses in the county in which they propose to hunt.** Then, the law should provide against the issuance of licenses before the first week in November. This provision would head off the **pat [partridge] hunter**, who[,] armed with a license, enters the woods several weeks before the season opens in the plea of “preparing camp,” but in reality to kill all the **deer** possible. This specie of the game hog is now arriving. Hunting for “man and beast” promises to be unusually good this season. We are told that **deer** are plentiful and the fool hunter is always in evidence. On with the war!

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## Small Business.

**The Press noted several weeks ago that a cub bear had fallen down an open pit at the Pewabic mine and was killed. Gorden Burgess, at the risk of breaking his neck, climbed down into the pit, which has a depth of about eighty feet, and brought the carcass to the surface. Game Warden Hogan, hearing of the accident, called upon Gorden and in the name of the great state of Michigan demanded the hide. Gorden, expressing a desire to keep the skin, was finally**

permitted to do so upon the payment of the sum of one dollar into the treasury of the commonwealth via the Hogan route. As a result of the daring of the young man, the state is thus enriched. The chances are about a million to half a one that the remains of his cubship would have remained at the bottom of the pit forever and a day before the game warden would have plucked up sufficient courage to enter the pit and bring the body to the surface. The act of the game warden has only brought ridicule upon the law he is suppose [sic – supposed] to enforce. [See preceding entry for September 29, 1910.]

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## Andrews Is Active.

As was predicted by The Press, **Deputy Game Warden Andrews** is “making good.” Andrews is not afraid of long hikes through the woods, over lonesome trails, and in consequence he is securing results. Last Saturday, in the **Floodwood country**, he rounded up **three more non-resident hunters** and compelled them to come to the city and secure licenses. As usual, the men declared they had been **hunting partridge** and pleaded ignorance of the law regarding the necessity of securing licenses. The hunters were well equipped with high-power guns and it is not probable they were hunting birds with explosive bullets. Like the crowd on the **Nett**, this bunch will bear watching.

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## Now Chief Deputy.

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**William Harrington**, the game warden, has been making his headquarters in this city and vicinity for several days in company with **Warden Andrews**. The Press learns that **Harrington** has been accorded additional honors by **Chief Warden Pierce**, having been promoted to the position of **chief deputy for the upper peninsula**. The other peninsula deputies – state and county – will be under his direction. **Warden Pierce, it is declared, is planning to make life a burden for the market hunter during the season.**

*Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 22 [Thursday, October 20, 1910], page 1, column 5*

## Another Shooting Fatality.

**Fred Oman**, a young man nineteen years of age, was **accidentally shot near Ironwood** last Friday. He was out at "Little Girl's Point" and in company with Miss **Annette Clement**, a teacher in the district school at that place, and all engaged in target shooting. **Oman was putting up a tin car for a target when a gun in the hands of Miss Clement was accidentally discharged, the bullet striking Oman back of the left ear.** As soon as a rural telephone could be reached, medical aid was summoned and Oman was taken to Ironwood, where he died Saturday afternoon.

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## WITCH LAKE.

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**Game Warden Andrews**, of Iron Mountain, spent last Sunday in the district. The wardens are keeping close tab on the "foreign hunters" this season. And it is well.

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**Dr. and Mrs. Westcott** arrived from **Chicago** last Friday morning and remained until Sunday evening. They expect to return next Sunday and will spend several weeks. Dr. W. says he is coming up after his deer.

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Deer hunters are already arriving here from "foreign parts" and it is expected that the district will be invaded by several hundred within the next ten days. **Mr. Doan [sic – Doane]** will locate twenty or more parties and as many more parties will be located by others or seek locations themselves. **This district, from Floodwood north to Witbeck, is a favorite hunting grounds for nimrods from Southern Michigan, Ohio, Illinois and Indiana**, and nearly all the visitors are true sportsmen.

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## CHIPS FROM CHANNING.

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**With the opening of the deer season, the woods are filling with hunters in this vicinity.** Parties have been arriving here for the past week from all over the state and from various other states.

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## SAGOLA NEWS GOSSIP.

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**Russell Pringle** came down from **Bergland** last Saturday to go deer hunting with his former associates.

**Frank Knisely** was doing a little target practice last Tuesday getting ready for the hunting season. He set up a tin-can [*sic – tin can*] and shot at it – and killed his dog.

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**Warren Higgins**, **Frank Fruik** and **Frank Seis** were out bear hunting last Sunday. Late in the afternoon, **Higgins** ran across a bear's track and followed it about four miles from camp. When he gave up the chase and started for camp, it was nearly dark, and he was unable to find his way through the woods. So he gave up the attempt and built a fire, remaining in the woods all night. When **Fruik** and **Seis** came to town and found that **Higgins** was still out, the mill whistle was blown and a searching party, consisting of **Fruik**, **Seis**, **Dunbar**, **Angel** and **Crawley**, started for the woods to look for him. They followed his trail with lanterns, but before they reached him it was daylight and **Higgins** had started for home, finding his way without any difficulty.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 27 [Thursday, November 24, 1910], page 1, column 6

## Bunch of Game Hogs.

**Game Wardens Andrews, Hogan and Leggett** rounded up a delectable bunch of game hogs in a sleeper at the St. Paul depot last Monday night. The bunch included **Adam Klein**, a Detroit brewer, **J. Crossman**, of the same city, **Joseph Meyers**, **George Whitmeyer** and **Harold Rohn**, of Ypsilanti, and **C.E. Leaver**, of Williamston. They had been hunting north

of the city and had expressed two deers [*sic – deer*] each to their homes. Not content with this allowance of venison, they were attempting to smuggle home in a suit case [*sic – suitcase*] a number of choice roasts, evidence that they had killed more deer than the law provides. The suit case [*sic – suitcase*] was found by the wardens in the vestibule of the sleeper. When the conductor, at the request of the wardens, called for the name of the owner, **Crossman** claimed the property. He was at once arrested, [*sic*] Finding himself under arrest, **Crossman** denied ownership and a number of his friends butted into the game. **Crossman**, however, was taken from the train and in justice court last Tuesday morning he was fined \$20.00 and costs. And the end is not yet: Warrents [*sic – Warrants*] will now be issued for the other five game hogs who will be charged with implication in the violation.

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## NORWAY NEWS NUGGETS.

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A carrier pigeon [*sic – pigeon*] came in from Bridges' farm last Sunday carrying a note saying that Dr. E.W. Miller had shot a 200-pound buck.

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**John G. Kass**, **Charles Cristanelli** and **Andrew Cristanelli** were hunting in the vicinity of Berg last Saturday. Andrew Cristanelli shot a 225-pound buck.

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**Charles Oliver** was unfortunate in his deer hunting trip. He was up near **Witch Lake**, where he shot a nice buck and a doe. Some one [*sic – Someone*] stole the buck before he could get it out of the woods.

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Judge and Mrs. R.C. Flannigan and their guests, Rev. Father Joisten, of Norway, Rev. Fathers Rice and Kearney, of Chicago, and J.M. Bennane, of Minneapolis, returned last Saturday from Brown's Lake with six deer.

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## SAGOLA NEWS GOSSIP.

Several of the Lower Michigan deer hunters have filled their licenses and have returned home for Thanksgiving. No more fun for them in the woods after they secured their allowance of deer meat.

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Paul Laabs, section foreman for the St. Paul road, holds the championship of Sagola as a deer hunter. He went out last Sunday morning and killed two deer with one shot. About two miles from town he found two bucks engaged in a desperate fight. One of them, a spike-horn [*sic – spike horn*], had driven his horns into the other from the breast to the backbone. A well directed [*sic – well-directed*] shot from Laabs' rifle killed the spike-horn [*sic – spike horn*] and the other was so weak from the loss of blood that it was unable to escape when released from the horns of the other deer. Laabs thinks that he has met with the one chance of a life-time in finding two bucks locked together in a desperate combat.

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## RANDVILLE NOTES.

Bernard Nowatzky returned home last Friday night, taking with him an extra large buck.

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John Long was hunting last week and wounded a large buck. The buck turned on John and he made for a windfall. He tried to shot [*sic – shoot*], but the gun blocked. The next day John was seen in the woods carrying a hickory canthook [*sic – cant hook*] stock.

Claud [*sic – Claude*] Freckleton and Bert Kiney [*sic – Kinney*] were up from Iron Mountain, hunting last Sunday and had the good luck to kill a fine big buck having seventeen prongs. The boys tried to get him out, but their strength was not great enough to succeed.

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## Venison Smugglers.

A large trunk packed full of choice cuts of venison was removed from a St. Paul road baggage car at this station by the game wardens last Thursday evening. The trunk was without a check, having been placed in the car at Floodwood. In the trunk was found a modern, high-power rifle and other articles of value; also the card of one J. Brown, a resident of Lebanon [*sic – Lebanon*], Indiana. Brown secured a non-resident license here and is known to have been hunting in the Floodwood district. When confronted by the wardens, however, Brown denied ownership of the trunk. The venison was donated to a deserving family and the trunk and other property is still in the possession of the wardens.

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## Game Law Violator.

Last night, **Game Wardens Andrews and Leggett siezed [sic – seized]** at the St. Paul depot a deer, **[sic]** which was in transit from Baraga to Chicago and arrested the owner, **Axel Husby**. It transpired that **Husby**, who resides in **Chicago**, purchased a non-resident license at **Houghton** yesterday morning and came down to **Baraga**. At **Baraga** he purchased for \$12.00 a deer which he shipped at 4:45 p.m. with the license tag and an application for a permit attached. He was arraigned this morning before **Justice Woodward** on a charge of **violating the state game laws in buying the deer**. **Husby** was fined \$15.00 and costs, a total of \$25.00.

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## Hunter Pays Fine.

**H.C. Bird, of Dequesne, Pa., was arrested at Sidnaw, by Game Warden Willison[,] charged with violation of the game laws in shipping deer a year ago under false license issued to another man.** The warrant was issued a year ago and held as **Bird** was expected to come back this year for the hunting season. He paid a fine of \$50 before a **Sidnaw** justice.

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## Bell-Hunter Here.

The bell-hunter has arrived. He is the invention of the Lower Michigan deer hunting tribe. When employed in driving deer he is more successful than a half dozen dogs. The method pursued is for one or more of a band of hunters to attach large bells to their necks and travel through the swamps while the other hunters station themselves on the run-ways **[sic – runways]**. The constant clanging **[of]** the bells will start in motion all the deer in the territory and it is then an easy matter for the hunter on the run-way **[sic – runway]** to pot them. The bell-hunter should be suppressed.

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## Eye Knocked Out.

**Joseph Piette, Sr., an old resident of Norway, was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital of Menominee last Saturday to receive treatment for his eyes. While hunting nine miles north of north of [sic] Norway recently, Piette came in contact with the limb of a tree with such force as to knock an eye out.** The injury resulted in partial blindness and he remained in his camp for several days, until a son arrived, being fearful that he would go astray if he attempted to return home alone. **Piette** is about sixty-five years of age.

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## Deer Slaughter.

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During the hunting season 1,150 deer were shipped to various points, by express and freight, from this district, over the St. Paul road. This is in accordance with the count of the deputy game wardens. It is highly probable that over 500 deer were handled by the North-Western road from stations between Watersmeet and Powers. Local hunters undoubtedly killed an additional 500 deer, making the total for the territory of which Iron Mountain is the hub considerably over 2,000.

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## Venison Seizure Illegal?

According to advices received by **Deputy Game Bedell**, of **Menominee**, from **State Game Pierce**, of **Lansing**, **Deputy Wardens Andrews and Leggett had no legal right to arrest Albert Lowenstein or Alfred Lustfield**. It will be remembered, that **Lowenstein**, a resident of **Menominee**, was arrested on a St. Paul train for having venison in his possession. **Lustfield** was arrested for shipping venison to a friend in **Menominee**. Both men were fined. Now comes **Bedell**, who says he has received a letter from **Pierce** to the effect that it is not a violation of the game law to give venison away. This is a new interpretation of the law, if **Pierce** is quoted correctly, as a number of arrests have been made under this heading. **Loweststein** is quoted by the Marinette Eagle-Star as stating that he will at once commence a suit for damages against **Wardens Andrews and Leggett for false arrest and Lustfield will undoubtedly endeavor to recover his money**. **Andrews and Leggett** have no information from **Pierce** regarding this new construction of the law

and are inclined to believe that the Marinette paper has been misinformed in the premises.

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## SAGOLA NEWS GOSSIP

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**C.B. Fenton**, of **Iron Mountain**, and **Russell Pringle** were out rabbit hunting last Saturday and took **the hundred-dollar pointer** along. The dog deserted them about one mile from town and came home. **Fenton** and **Pringle** only got two rabbits and some one [*sic – someone*] stole them.

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## Game Wardens.

**Iron Mountain** was headquarters during the week for a half dozen or more game wardens, including **Chief State Deputy Smith**, of **Petoskey**, **Harrington**, of **Ishpeming**, and **Larson**[,] of **Ironwood**. The Press learns that the wardens were seeking information relative to an **illegal shipment of forty or more carcasses of deer alleged to have been made by two or three Lower Michigan hunters**. It is the allegation that the aforesaid game hogs made the shipment from **Houghton county** and employed tags furnished by friends in the lower peninsula.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 17, Number 6 [Thursday, June 27, 1912], page 1, column 1

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## VICTIM OF BULLET

### ALBERT DEMMER DIED AT HOSPITAL LATE LAST NIGHT.

#### He Was the Victim of a Mysterious Shooting Affray in a Swamp In Merriman District.

A dense swamp in the vicinity of the farm of the **Peninsula Box company**, in the **Merriam [sic – Merriman] district**, [sic] was the scene of a mysterious shooting affair last Tuesday, shortly after the noon hour, which resulted in the death of **Albert Demmer at St. George's Hospital** at eleven o'clock last last [sic] night.

**The bullet entered Demmer's back at the right side and passed directly through him, shattering a kidney in its passage and tearing a large hole on the left side.** The shot must have been fired at close range from a hunting rifle as a portion of the steel jacket of the bullet was found in **Demmer's underclothing**.

According to the best information at hand, **Demmer** was shot about one o'clock last Tuesday afternoon.

This fact is admitted by **Antoine Bianchetti**, who, it would appear, was with **Demmer** at the time of the shooting.

**Bianchetti**, however, affirms that he did not fire the shot and could give no information regarding the shooting. He declares that several shots were fired at the time and one of the bullets came near hitting him.

A circumstance that lead [sic – led] to the arrest of **Bianchetti** was that, having full knowledge of the shooting of **Demmer**, and that the man was in the swamp badly wounded, he took no steps to summon

medical assistance, or the authorities, until about half past four o'clock. At that hour, a telephone message was received from **Twin Falls**.

**City Marshal Lundgren** and **Officer Mitchell** immediately left for the **Bianchetti farm**, and were later joined by others from the city.

With **Bianchetti** as a guide, a search of the swamp was commenced. **Mitchell**, after a hard tramp, heard **Demmer** moaning and soon located the man. **Demmer** had crawled on his hands and knees nearly a mile from the point where he had been shot, leaving a trail of blood in the swamp.

The wounded man was placed in a blanket and carried to the **Bianchetti home** and at about six o'clock was brought to **St. George's Hospital**, where he died last night.

**Bianchetti** was placed under arrest. He affirms and declares that he did [sic – not] shoot **Demmer**, but does not explain satisfactorily his negligence in notifying the authorities of the accident or crime.

**Demmer** was also disposed to be secretative [sic – secretive] about the affair. If he had knowledge of the person who shot him he declined to confide [sic – confide] in the authorities.

**The impression is becoming general that the man was the victim of a hunter's gun – that he was mistaken for a deer or bear and shot.**

**Demmer** had been employed at the **Brauns farm**. He is about thirty years of age and had a wife and two children. **Bianchetti** owns a small farm in the vicinity. He is married and the father of a number of children.

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## A Greusome [*sic – Gruesome*] Discovery.

The body of a man in an advanced stage of decomposition was found on the shore of Dead Man's Lake a few miles north of Channing, on the county road, last Thursday. The greusome [*sic – gruesome*] discovery was made by a couple of hunters who notified Coroner Cudlip. The coroner, accompanied by Undertaker Erickson, went to the scene of discovery on Friday. The clothing had rotted away and there was no means of identification. The coroner decided to bury the remains at a point near where the body was found.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 22, Number 41 [Thursday, February 28, 1918], page 1, column 4

## A Youth Shot.

Last Tuesday morning, about 10:30 o'clock, Chester Anderson, while hunting in the woods at Channing, with Edward Derpinghaus, had his right arm badly shattered by the premature explosion of a shot gun in the hands of the latter. It seems that Anderson and Derpinghaus had gone to the woods at the edge of Channing to hunt, and while walking along, carrying the guns, the one in the hands of Derpinghaus exploded without apparent cause. The charge struck young Anderson between the elbow and shoulder of the right arm, breaking the bone and badly lacerating the flesh. The lad was immediately rushed to Sagola, where Dr. H.F. Ohswaldt gave first aid. In the meantime Train Dispatcher Harrington ordered a special engine and way car on the St. Paul road, and the wounded boy was brought to St. George Hospital at Iron Mountain for treatment, arriving here at 3:30 o'clock. His condition is serious, but

it is hoped and expected that the arm will be saved. Mr. Anderson, the father, has been a valued employe [*sic – employee*] of the St. Paul road for seventeen years past, and is very grateful for their courtesy in rushing the boy here. Young Anderson is fifteen years of age.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 23, Number 1 [Thursday, May 23, 1918], page 2, column 3

## WARDENS ARE BUSY

### Round Up Notorious Violator Near Ralph and Kill His Dogs.

Roy Marvin, a member of the colony of Kentukians in West Branch township, a most flagrant violator of all the game laws, was arrested by Wardens Andrews, Leisner and Rough[.] Marvin was allowed to continue at work in order to earn the money to pay the fine which will be inflicted when arraigned in court here in the course of a few weeks.

The wardens were well pleased with their trip, although in order to get Marvin it was necessary for them to keep in the woods under cover for three days and nights. Marvin[,] since coming from Kentucky, with a band of wood-choppers from that state, has been one of the worst deer-slayers ever arrested in the state. For two years he has evaded the game wardens and it was very seldom that he ever showed himself in any settlement excepting those made up exclusively of Kentuckians. Most of his trips to the settlements were made at night when he delivered venison to his friends, who bought it from him. The settlement he frequented most was Papertown, where a large number of wood-choppers for the I. Stephenson company reside.

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**Marvin** was so sly that it was seldom that any of the other men in the **I. Stephenson camps** ever saw him excepting when he would go to the camp supply houses to buy provisions.

"After a game of watchful waiting which necessitated our staying in the woods for three days and nights we finally landed **Marvin**," said one of the wardens. "No one could give us any information as to the whereabouts of his shack as he never confided to anyone where he lived. We received a report that **deer hounds** were killing deer in that district, but who owned them and where they came from no one seemed to know. Being determined to find out who owned the dogs and where they were being kept we made up our minds that we would stay on the trail if it took us all summer.

"We kept out of sight of every one [*sic – everyone*], because as soon as a Kentuckian learned we were in the vicinity he immediately dispatched messengers to inform friends to be on the lookout for the wardens.

"After spending two nights in the woods, without hearing anything of the dogs, on the third morning just at daybreak we heard the braying of the honds [*sic – hounds*] several miles west of us. In our search for the dogs we accidentally stumbled on **Marvin's shack**, which was located in a thick swamp. In it we found three hounds tied up, but the owner was nowhere in sight. In our search we found a large quantity of smoked venison and numerous chunks of fresh venison, which were hidden in barrels, which were sunk in the swamp to keep the meat cool and fresh.

"At dark in the evening **Marvin** returned to camp with two more hounds and he surely was a surprised man to find us at his shack. We placed him under arrest and proceeded to kill his dogs, which have been a menace to the deer life in that section. **We shot the five dogs, all of which were**

**fine looking hounds and everyone [*sic – every one*] trained to ruu [*sic – run*] deer.**

"He spoke to each dog with tears in his eyes before we shot them. He told each one of them he was sorry to lose them, but it could not be helped and that their good times would soon be over with.

"We were unable to take out much of the venison, as we had to pack it twelve miles, just taking enough to be used for evidence. **Marvin** is rated as a bad actor and I have heard that he has made the boast that the game wardens would never dare arrest him or even come around his shack."

According to **Deputy Rough, Marvin** was a very resourceful man and has some excellent smoke houses rigged up in the swamp. He used to hang his venison up with wires in an air-tight barrel over the fire places, which were made in the ground. For storing the meat he had dug holes to the water level in the swamp and he put air and water tight boxes into the holes into which he put the venison in order to keep it. The boxes were covered over with brush.

*Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 25, Number 1 [Thursday, May 27, 1920], page 1, column 4*

## DEER SEASON HEARING.

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### Petitions of Supervisors to be Argued at Marquette on June 16th.

The public hearing on petitions asking for a closed season on deer in Dickinson county and the several other counties of the upper peninsula will be held at Marquette on June 16th, according to the official notice of the hearing appearing elsewhere in this issue.

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**Commissioner John Baird** will preside at the hearing.

Sportsmen from all counties, those favoring a closed season on deer and those opposing such a measure, will attend the meeting, when the arguments will be heard.

The sentiment appears to be divided on the subject. There are some hunters who favor the closed season as a conservative measure, claiming that if some curtailment is not made of the deer killed each year, the animals will soon become extinct. Many hunters disapprove of a closed season. Hunters of **Chippewa and Houghton counties** oppose a closed season in their counties.

A majority of the members of the Dickinson board of supervisors have approved of a closed season on deer in this county and have petitioned the commission to close this county for one year. A majority of the hunters of the county have agreed to the action of the board and some will undoubtedly go to Marquette to argue in favor of the petition.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 25, Number 4 [Thursday, June 10, 1920], page 1, column 2

## Hold Deer Hearing.

When **State Game Commissioner John Baird** comes to Marquette next Wednesday, to hold a **public hearing on the question of closing the deer hunting season**, he hopes to find a gathering of citizens that will be truly representative of the upper peninsula. The state game department contemplates taking steps to conserve the deer. Public sentiment north of the straits is divided as to the need of further conservation, or the advisability of declaring a closed season. The game commissioner has called the hearing in Marquette to find out the real facts about

the sentiment and to hear arguments on all angles of the question.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 25, Number 8 [Thursday, July 8, 1920], page 1, column 4

## Recommends Ten Days.

Sportsmen will be interested to learn that **John Baird, state game commissioner**, upon his return to Lansing after attending the public hearing in Marquette June 10th, recommended that the **deer season be shortened to ten days, that each hunter be allowed to kill one deer, and that all counties in the state be opened to deer hunting**. He recommends that the season be open from November 16th to 25th.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 25, Number 11 [Thursday, July 29, 1920], page 1, column 2

## TEN-DAY DEER SEASON.

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## Warden Baird Recommends Nov. 20-30; Wisconsin Season Similar.

**John Baird, state game commissioner**, has submitted an order to the public domain commission which if approved, will open the **deer season in Michigan from Novembee [sic - November] 20th to 30th, inclusive**.

**Mr. Baird** has recommended this action following an exchange of communications with **W.E. Barber, commissioner of the state conservation commission in Wisconsin**. Messrs. Baird and Barber believe the deer season in Wisconsin and Michigan should be open during the

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same period to facilitate warden service along border lines. The season in Wisconsin will adopt a one buck law, making it unlawful to kill bucks with horns less than six inches long.

In a letter to The Mining Journal Mr. Barid says: "As you know, I am in favor of a buck law with a ten-day open season, but the attorney-general advises me that Act 9 of the public acts of 1917 does not give the public domain commission authority to designate between sexes of certain species. In view of this ruling I have submitted to the public domain commission for its approval an order making an open season on deer from November 20th to 30th, inclusive.["]

The Wisconsin state commissioner wrote **Mr. Baird** as follows relative to the advisability of **Michigan and Wisconsin** adopting uniform laws regulating deer hunting:

"We would like to suggest the advisability of **Wisconsin and Michigan** getting together on some sort of uniform law or regulation for opening the deer season in the two states. It seems to us advisable that the season open and close in the two states on the same date as it would facilitate efficiency of warden service in that section along the border of the states. I do not know whether your commission has authority to issue orders regulating the opening and closing of seasons as is given the **Wisconsin conservation commission** under Wisconsin laws."

*Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 25, Number 14 [Thursday, August 19, 1920], page 1, column 3*

## One Buck Law.

An order establishing a one buck limit for hunters and a closed season this winter for mink and muskrat will be

issued in a few days by the Wisconsin conservation commission following the final hearing in the state which was held for Dane county yesterday. Sportsmen in practically every county are in favor of the ruling. **The slaughter of deer last fall, when the limit was one deer, either male or female, if continued another season would seriously menace the herds in Wisconsin. It is estimated that 25,000 deer were killed last winter. Sixteen states now have a one buck law.**

*Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 25, Number 14 [Thursday, August 19, 1920], page 1, column 3*

## Bird Season.

**The open season for partridge this fall, the first since 1917, will be confined to the month of October, instead of extending over two months as formerly, according to a ruling issued by the public domain commission. Partridge hunting has been prohibited for the past two years to give the birrs [sic – birds] a chance to recover from the bad weather of 1917 which almost wiped out the birds.** The deer season will probably be November 20th to 30th, although the matter is still undecided.

*Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 25, Number 22 [Thursday, October 14, 1920], page 1, column 6*

## Deer Very Scarce.

**Game Warden Andrews**, who recently returned from the **Fence river country**, where he spent several days, tell [sic – tells] The Press that he saw but few signs of deer. **The Fence is the greatest deer hunting district in the west, several**

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hundred being killed each season. Mr. Andrews says that this is also true of the Ralph district, another great deer resort. The game warden declares that another open

*[Copy remainder of article from original newspaper at the Menominee Range Historical Foundation Museum.]*

*Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 25, Number 23 [Thursday, October 21, 1920], page 1, column 5*

## Game Law Violators.

During the past few days **Game Warden Andrews** has haled [*sic – hailed*] into court no less than a **dozen violators of the state game laws**. Violations including, [*sic*] **hunting birds without a license, killing muskrats and beaver out of season, having more birds in possession than the law permits**. Among the violators were two hunters from **Wisconsin** without licenses and one from the lower peninsula. Several aliens are also among the victims of the active warden.

*Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 25, Number 23 [Thursday, October 21, 1920], page 1, column 5*

## Soaked the Hunters.

**Michigan hunters who invade Wisconsin woods without licenses are assessed the limit when caught by the wardens.** Seven residents of Pentoga were arrested for **shooting birds without the necessary permit**. When arraigned in **Judge Waring's court at Florence**, [*sic*] last Saturday, each hunter was fined \$50.00 and costs – the limit. **Michigan** justices are disposed to be more lenient.

They should take a lesson or two from **Judge Waring**.

*Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 25, Number 24 [Thursday, October 28, 1920], page 1, column 6*

## Small Boy Shot.

**Donald**, the ten-year-old son of **James Mitchell, engineer at the Water Works station**, is receiving treatment for a bullet wound at the **Scandinavian Hospital**. The lad was **hunting rabbits** with his father last Saturday and was armed with a small caliber rifle. He had climbed to the top of a pine stump when the gun slipped from his hands. The trigger caught on the bark and exploded the cartridge. The bullet passed up the leg of the boy's trousers, entered the pit of the stomach and perforated three intestines. The wound is a serious one, but the boy's recovery is considered certain.

*Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 25, Number 24 [Thursday, October 28, 1920], page 1, column 4*

## Boy Still Missing.

**Albert Chiesa**, the **Loretto** young man who disappeared several weeks ago, is still missing. Not a clue has been found of his whereabouts. The country through which the boy was supposed to have hunted has been carefully searched, but no clue has been found. A blood-hound [*sic – bloodhound*] was secured from Gladstone, but the dog was unable to find any trace of the young man. In another column the father offers a reward of \$300 for information leading to the finding of the boy alive or dead. The notice contains a good description of **Albert**.

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## MANY WOLVES IN WOODS – PARMELEE

Veteran Hunter Also  
Tells of Man's Nar-  
row Escape

Timber wolves are very plentiful in the woods this year, according to Claude Parmelee, champion professional shot of Michigan and veteran hunter. This condition, he declared today, is no doubt partly due to the Minnesota forest fires which drove the wolves in large number to new territories. Mr. Parmelee also told of a narrow escape by a hunter who succeeded in slaying one of the largest wolves ever seen in this district.

"Hunters up around the **Floodwood** country," he said, "seem to be getting just about as many timber wolves as they are deer; not coyotes or little brush wolves, but big gray 'killers' that often run over six feet and the very kind that are on the increase and that are going to kill a lot of our deer this winter. I met one hunter who has just shot a timber wolf on the big plains that measured over seven and one-half feet – the biggest wolf I have ever seen. The hunter had quite an experience shooting the big fellow through the front paw the first shot and killing him the third just in front of the gun. The would when wounded turned and made straight for

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**Menominee Range Historical Foundation  
Museum.]**

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28, 1921], page 2, column 1

## NO DUCK SHOOTING AT CRYSTAL LAKE

Chief of Police Corey warns the public against shooting ducks near Crystal Lake after dusk. Reports have been received that several shots have been heard at the lake the past few nights, believed to have been caused by someone duck hunting there.

Crystal Lake being in the city limits, duck hunting is prohibited and any one [sic – anyone] caught shooting will be prosecuted according to law.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain,  
Dickinson County, Michigan, \_\_\_\_\_  
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November 29, 1921], page 2, column 1

## ONE BUCK LAW IS ASSAILED, DEFENDED

Kill This Year Shows De-  
crease; Few Dead  
Does Found

Iron Mountain deer hunters are returning from the woods, some with positive opinions that the one buck law is all wrong[,] others equally positive that it is the most constructive protective measure ever

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initiated for the conservation of game and human life.

**Only 3,410 resident hunters crossed the Straits of Mackinac this fall, as compared with 6,240 last fall.** The majority this fall have returned empty-handed. To date 1,026 carcasses of male deer have been shipped from hunting camps, and it is estimated that fewer than 1,400 have been killed in the upper peninsula this season.

Fewer than 100 dead female deer and fawns have been reported found in the woods, killed by mistake it is claimed.

State officials estimate that at least 30,000 deer hunters have been in the woods this season. Full reports on the number of licenses issued will not be available for several weeks, but are expected to show a slight decrease from the 1920 figures due to the passage of the one-buck law by the last legislature.

**John Baird**, director of conservation[,] believes the one-buck law will be kept in force. He thinks, however, that the action of the legislature in raising non-resident hunters' fees was a mistake, because it acts to keep hunters from coming in [*into*] Michigan.

Discussing the one-buck law, **Mr. Baird** said:

"As a sporting proposition, the one-buck law takes very much of the fun, but it means everything in conservation. The law requiring that the deer slain be a male with antler growth of three inches or more, [sic] will not tend to reduce the casualties in the woods. There are just as many hunters being killed this year as ever."

*Iron Mountain News*, Iron Mountain,  
Dickinson County, Michigan, Year  
\_\_\_\_\_, Number \_\_\_\_ [Sunday,  
October 4, 1925], page 2, columns 2-3  
[probably Monday, October 5, 1925]

## COUNTY DENIED

## CLOSED SEASON

### Sportsmen Apprehensive Over Fate of Bird Supply

Dickinson county sportsmen are somewhat apprehensive over the fate of the supply of partridge, following failure to have the season closed as was done in four other counties, including Marquette.

The Iron Mountain Sportsmen's association had planned to vigorously urge John Baird, state conservation commissioner, to order a closed season in the county, but abandoned the effort when Baird informed other counties seeking the same action that they had applied too late.

Baird declared that insufficient time remained to close the season and still comply with the state law requiring that such notice be given so many days in advance.

With the season closed in Marquette county it is likely that hunters from there will come into Dickinson county for their partridge. This will result in unusual depletion of the supply of birds and may bring them close to extinction.

### Others In Same Boat

Other counties in the peninsula are also in the same predicament. Through failure to solicit action in time they have been denied requests to have the season closed. But hunters from counties in which partridge may not be hunted will undoubtedly invade open territory.

As a matter of fact, sportsmen declare, the season should be closed throughout the entire peninsula. The number of partridge is dwindling from season to season and adverse seasons and ailments have also made inroads. The peninsula, it is

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claimed, is approaching the time when the partridge, one of its greatest lures, will have become extinct.

"The situation is one that merits the attention of sportsmen's associations throughout northern Michigan," declared one hunter. "It is better to do without hunting altogether for a year or two than keep on reducing the supply faster than it can be replaced. If the bird becomes extinct, they'll have to do without their hunting then, anyway."

*The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 4, Number 292 [Wednesday, March 25, 1925], page 1, column 7*

## GAME LAW CHANGE PASSED BY HOUSE

### Shorter Deer Season Principal Feature Of Bill

LANSING, March 25 – (By A.P.) – The house tonight passed the **Truettner bill which would shorten open season on deer five days and make the dates of the season November 20 to December 5.** The present season is from November 10 to November 30. The measure now goes back to the senate for concurrence, as the bill originally proposed shortening the season to from November 20 to November 30.

The lower branch also approved the **Harris bill to provide for the payment of the state of taxes on state game preserves and game farms, but balked at the measure by the same member to increase the hunting license fee from \$1 to \$1.25.** A reconsideration of the

unfavorable vote on the latter bill will be considered at a future session.

*Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 89 [Saturday, July 25, 1925], page 2, column 2*

## DEER SEASON TO BE FIVE DAYS SHORTER

### Truettner Bill Is Approved By Governor; Nov. 15 to Nov. 30 Are Dates

Officials of all Upper Peninsula sportsmen's organizations have been advised that the Truettner bill, embodying **new regulations for deer hunting**, has received the governor's approval and will be in effect in November.

The law differs little from the act it supersedes. **The open season is set for November 15 to November 30, thus shortening the season five days.** Other than the change in date, the only amendment is that providing for search and seizure.

The substance of this provision follows:

"All deer or guns or hunting appliance or apparatus or automobiles of any kind had in possession in violation of the laws relating to deer hunting, *[sic]* shall be turned over to the director of conservation to be held by him subject to the order of the court before whom the case is pending.

"After complaint has been made and warrant served the violator will be given an opportunity to convince the court that such material should not be confiscated by the state. If he fails, the material is awarded to the director of conservation to be sold or disposed of as he sees fit."

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Last deer season wardens seized automobiles all carrying does or parts of carcasses illegally. The department experienced some difficulty and the statement was made at that time that an attempt would be made at the next session of the legislature to provide for confiscation.

## TRAPPING AND BOUNTY ANIMALS

*The Current*, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume II, Number 6 [Saturday, March 13, 1886], page 1, column 6

### VULCAN MITES.

Wm. Turner has at his place a large grey wolf which was caught in a trap, but only slightly injured. It is a wicked looking brute and Mr. Turner is negotiating with some **Chicago** parties for its sale. It is claimed by the boys that "Billy" expects to train the wolf to perform tricks, drink beer, etc., and then he will go on the road with it.

*The Current*, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume II, Number 10 [Saturday, April 3, 1886], page 1, column 5

### VULCAN MITES.

Wm. Turner has returned from **Chicago**, and our informant [*sic – informant*] has it, that "Billy" will start out on the road in the near future to exhibit the mammoth specimen of the genus wolf which he owns.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 6, Number 51 [Thursday, May 15, 1902], page 1, column 3

### Wolf Bounties.

A party of **Badwater Indians**, four in number, brought in **twenty wolf hides**, Thursday morning, and received the handsome sum of \$120 in bounty money from **County Clerk Pontbriand**. The hides were all of young wolves and it is a fact and has been a matter of comment on previous occasions that all hides brought in for this purpose, [*sic*] have been young ones, showing that the lever Lo [*Indian*] has either a wolf farm somewhere in the forests or else keeps tab on the wolf dens and plucks the same when the right moment arrives. Either plan reflects credit on the cunning of these dusky financiers, and show conclusively that they are not degenerating in this particular characteristic. – Florence News.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 29 [Thursday, December 8, 1904], page 1, column 3

### BEST WOLF STORY.

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#### Pack of Three Hundred Said to Have Been Seen Near Foster City.

The wolves are said to be very thick this winter in the northern peninsula and hunters are out after the **bounties** offered by the state for their extermination.

According to the Menominee Herald-Leader, there is an especially large number of them up **near the Holmes farm near Foster City**, one pack having been seen with fully 300 in it.

Two large ones were killed there recently, one of which measured fully eight feet from the end of its nose to the top of its tail.

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During the fall the farmers had a very hard time of it keeping the wolves away from their sheep and a large number of valuable sheep have been killed and eaten by them.

At present they are running the deer in the woods near **Foster City** and it is said that the yelp of the animals is heard at all times during the day and night.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 38 [Thursday, February 9, 1905], page 3, column 1

## RANDVILLE REPORTS.

**Geo. C. Weyoker** trapped a large wildcat near **B.A. Wilbur's** farm last Wednesday. The animal was three and one-half feet long and is the largest of its kind ever seen in this vicinity.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 12, Number 2 [Thursday, May 30, 1907], page 1, column 2

## Wolf Whelps.

**John Pego**, a resident of **Floodwood**, filed a claim last Friday with **County Clerk Quarnstrom** for the bounty on the **scalps of eight wolf whelps**, which he captured near that place. The bounty is \$10.00 each. **Peter Jim**, also of **Floodwood**, filed a claim the same day for one bounty, also a **whelp**. The men say that wolves are numerous in that district and they will endeavor to capture others.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 12, Number 5 [Thursday, June 20, 1907], page 1, column 2

## Many Bounties.

Claims for bounties were audited by **County Clerk Quarnstrom** as follows during the past ten days: **William J. Grill**, of **Ralph**, three wolves and three wildcats; **Fred Tewellegar** [*sic* – *Terwilliger*], of **Floodwood**, four wolves; **John Walker**, of **Foster City**, three wolves; **James Parent**, of **Foster City**, four wolves; **George Sterling**, of **Foster City**, five wildcats.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 13, Number 24 [Thursday, November 5, 1908], page 2, column 3

## Wolf Slayer.

**Rolland Ames**, of **Floodwood**, brought to **Marquette** last Monday **two wolf pelts and one of a wildcat** and received for them from the county treasurer, bounty to the amount of \$57. Mr. Ames has an acquaintance with the beasts of the forests, [*sic*] only second to that of **Ernest Seton Thompson Seton** [*sic*], and since June 1st this year has accounted for **eleven wolves, three bears, and six wildcats**.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 14 [Thursday, August 25, 1910], page 6, column 1

## BIG FRAUD UNEARTHED IN WOLF BOUNTIES

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### Upper Peninsula Counties have been Swindled by Westerner.

The **Iron county** has unearthed what it considers to be a **big swindle in wolf bounty claims** and at the meeting before the last, claims aggregating nearly \$600

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were disallowed and the officers set at work in an effort to ferret out the offenders. The parties implicated in the deal got frightened and the person who is suspected of having planned the deal skipped out.

Wolf county claims had been increasing in number for several meetings until in June some twenty odd claims were registered with the clerk for payment. The increase of these claims and the fact that all hides were of the **coyote specie**, aroused the suspicion of **County Clerk Wall** and he communicated his suspicion to **Sheriff Holmes**. They acquainted **Prosecuting Attorney Watson** with their suspicions and together they got busy.

The claims were registered by residents of the county who were known not to have hunted wolves. These parties gave as an excuse that they had purchased the hides from trappers. A fellow named **Hicks** was the one suspected and the officers started to look him up. In the meantime the board met and at the request of the county officers the claims[,] aggregating about \$600, were laid on the table for verification. **Hicks** got suspicious and skipped out. About this time trace of his past life was found. He comes from the **state of Washington** and had, it is alleged, purchased the hides in the west, where coyotes are as thick as flees [*sic – fleas*], and brought them to Michigan, where there is a bounty of \$25 on each hide in some of the counties. **Iron county** is one of these places, **Marquette and Houghton counties** are others, and it is quite likely that, if the truth were known, the boards of all of these counties have been swindled by this fellow.

**Hicks** went from here to **Houghton county** and from there he wrote a postal card to a local party who had claims before the board to "look out, there was something doing." The local party didn't have his spectacles and gave the card to a friend to read.

Since that time the fellow has not been heard from. The claims have not been paid and no pressure has been brought to bear by the parties having the claims, which leads those in charge of the matter to believe that there was considerable crooked work about the claims. – **Crystal Falls Drill**.

*Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 18 [Thursday, September 22, 1910], page 1, column 3*

## BEAVERS ARE BUSY

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### THE COLONY AT WITCH LAKE CONTINES [*sic*] TO GROW RAPIDLY

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#### Females Are the Architects and the Superintendents and the Males the Common Laborers.

The colony of beavers near Witch Lake continues to increase in population and extent. During the summer many people visited the colony and several were fortunate enough to obtain [*a*] glimpse of the industrious workers.

The busy beaver is both a good carpenter and an excellent engineer. It builds a house just suited to its needs, and also constructs as a protection for its river side home a dam of logs and mud and stones which will keep the stream from entering its dwelling. And the work is done so well that man could not do it better.

It is interesting that the female beavers are the architects and builders, and the male beavers carriers and laborers. Mrs. Beaver builds her house or lodge of branches, mud, and moss, and makes it big

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enough to hold five or six beavers. It is circular in form, is about seven feet in diameter inside, and about three feet high. Its walls are extremely thick. The roof is covered with a thin layer of mud smoothly applied and renewed yearly. Within the dwelling each beaver has a separate bed, arranged by the wall. The center of the chamber is left open.

About the lodges the beavers make a ditch so deep that it will never be entirely frozen over, and into this ditch all the lodges of the beaver settlement open. By means of this ditch the animals can pass easily from house to house. It is easier for them to swim than to walk. Near the lodge is kept, fastened carefully under the water, a store of small logs for winter food. When a beaver becomes hungry he dives to this store heap, drags out a log, takes it to a dry, quiet place, nibbles the bark away, and adds the log to his carefully constructed dam.

The dam is perhaps the most wonderful of all the beaver's work. It is usually ten or twelve feet thick at the bottom, and about two feet at the top; it varies in length, reaching sometimes the dimensions of 200 or 300 feet. Against a gentle stream the beaver builds the dam straight from bank to bank, but against a fiercely rushing one he curves the dam against the stream. The logs, which are about three feet long, and of varying thickness are placed horizontally and held down by heavy stones. But, first, the provident beaver has stripped each log of its bark, which is stored away for food in winter time. In cutting down the trees of the forest he uses great skill and calculation, so that they will fall straight to the ground, but now and then one lodges against a nearby tree and his work is lost.

*Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 26 [Thursday, November 17, 1910], page 1, column 5*

## Accused of Trapping Beaver.

**Duff Grundine**, a trapper who is charged with having killed beaver in the vicinity of Foster City, is in the county jail, where he is awaiting his hearing in justice court. It is said that **Deputy Game Wardens Phil Hogan and James Reynolds** discovered [*sic – discovered*] the carcasses of eight beaver within close range of the trapper's cabin door. **Grundine** stoutly maintains [*sic – maintains*] innocence and claims to know nothing about the matter.

*Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 27 [Thursday, November 24, 1910], page 1, column 5*

## Jury Disagreed.

In the case of **Duff Grundine**, a resident of **Breen township**, on trial in **Justice Woodward**'s court last Tuesday, the jury disagreed, the vote being three and three. The prosecution has demanded another hearing. **Grundine** is charged with having killed a number of beaver and evidence of the crime was found near his place of residence.

*Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 28 [Thursday, December 1, 1910], page 1, column 2*

## Grundine Convicted.

The second trial of **Duff Grundine**, the resident of **Breen township** charged with trapping beaver, was held in **Justice Woodward**'s court last Friday and resulted in a **conviction**. It was the contention of **Grundine** that he was only watching the traps for another man and did not expect to

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derive any financial benefit. He was assessed about \$50.00 or six days imprisonment in the county jail. In inflicting the light jail sentence the justice took into consideration the fact that Grundine had already spent more than twenty days in jail awaiting trial.

[See November 17 and November 24 entries above.]

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 31 [Thursday, December 22, 1910], page 1, column 4

## Beaver Trapper Fined.

**Harry Underwood**, claiming to be a resident of Detroit, was arrested on a St. Paul train last Sunday evening for having in his possession four beaver hides and a hunk of venison. He was taken before Justice Hurley and paid a fine of \$10.00 and costs. The wardens here received their information from **Jack Rowett**, a former game warden. **Underwood** had been hunting near Trout Lake, on the South Shore road. The trapper should have forwarded the hides by express to his "mother" at Detroit. He [*sic – Had*] he done so and then established the fact that he was not "a bad fellow," the chief game warden would no doubt have apologized for the rudeness of his assistants and promptly remitted the fine.

*Iron Mountain News*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 65 [Friday, June 26, 1925], page 6, columns 3-4

## SPENCER FINES GAME VIOLATORS

### Trio Arrested By Game Warden Arraigned Before Justice

Charged with violation of the game laws, **Emil Schroeder**, **Armias Rousse** and **Arthur Wicklund** were each fined \$25 and costs when arraigned late yesterday afternoon before **Justice Spencer**. The trio pleaded guilty to the charge, which was preferred by **John Andrews, Jr., deputy state game warden**.

The men were caught trapping and having beavers in their possession, it was stated. One of the skins was offered as evidence by Andrews. It is understood that one of the men was about to mail the skin to a tannery when he was apprehended by the game warden.

**George Stengel** and **Forest Strickler** were each fined \$7.50 and costs on charges of assault on a warrant sworn out by **Leonard Gamble**, who claimed that he was attacked by the men last night on East D street. It was stated that the argument resulted from a conversation over an automobile.

**Herman Nordeen** and **Joe Hern** were assessed \$5 and costs for speeding, the charges being entered by **County Motorcycle Officer Wood**. **Abe Redbaum**, 18, of **Stephenson**, was fined \$1 and costs for shooting firecrackers. **Redbaum** was taken into custody after **Sergeant Carlevato** warned the lad to stop throwing the firecrackers near pedestrians.

**William Hiller** and **William Carlson** were both taken to the county jail to spend five days after they could not pay a fine of \$5 and costs for being drunk. **Carlson** was later released when he paid his fine and costs, amounting in all to \$15.