

# DICKINSON COUNTY HISTORY – CITY OF IRON MOUNTAIN – GOVERNMENT AND SERVICES

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## CITY CHARTER

### CITY HALL

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

## HOTEL WOOD PROPERTY.

### **Deal on to Sell the building to the City for Municipal Purposes.**

The proposition of ex-Judge Patrick Flanagan, *[sic]* to sell the Hotel Wood property to the city for the sum of \$9,200, *[sic]* is one that the common council should hasten to accept. The proposition already has the hearty endorsement of the Board of Public Works and would certainly meet with approval of the taxpayers in general. The price which Judge Flanagan places upon the building is certainly a most reasonable one. The building cost double that sum to erect and is in excellent repairs *[sic – repair]*. We doubt very much if the building could be duplicated for \$20,000 to-day *[sic – today]*.

That the city is very much in need of a building for municipal purposes has been understood for a number of years, and the question of the erection of a city hall was before the city council no later than last year. The Hotel Wood building is admirably adapted for the purposes proposed without disturbing the present tenants. There is abundance of room for a fine council chamber, offices for the several city officials, the police department and the fire department. The stone building in the rear, formerly used as a sample room and laundry, would make a splendid jail with a

few slight, inexpensive alterations, with apartments on the second floor for female prisoners. The rentals now received, if placed in a sinking fund, would more than pay for the building in ten years, to say nothing of the saving in rents. By all means, the city authorities should purchase the building and should lose no time in doing so.

*Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 21 [Thursday, October 18, 1900], page 1, column 3*

## IRON MOUNTAIN CLUB.

### **Has Leased a Hanesome *[sic – Handsome]* Suite of Rooms in the New City Building, FourthFloor *[sic – Fourth Floor]*.**

The Iron Mountain Club, which has been occupying the Anderson block on East Ludington street, has secured a lease of a suite of five double rooms in the new city building, facing East Ludington street, and will take possession of the same at an early date. The rooms are to be connected by arches, and will be handsomely decorated and furnished. The new quarters are exceedingly well adopted for club purposes. One room will be used as a library and reading room, another for billiard and pool tables, and the others for cards and game rooms. The membership of the club is being materially reduced.

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## BRIEF CITY NEWSITES.

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

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 14, Number 51 [Thursday, May 12, 1910], page 1, column 5

## LEASE IS SECURED

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### POST-OFFICE TO OCCUPY TWO OF CITY BUILDING STORES.

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#### Lease Executed for a Term of Ten Years – A Strictly Up-to-Date Outfit of New Fixtures.

Due to the persistent efforts of Postmaster Cruse, the postal authorities down at Washington have decided to provide Iron Mountain with a post-office [*sic – post office*] worthy of the city.

During the week a lease for a period of ten years has been executed by the City of Iron Mountain, party of the first part, to the United States of America, in this case party of the second part, for the store room now occupied by the post-office [*sic – post office*] and the one adjoining on the west, now occupied by the C.T. Hampton

Commission company, in the city hall building.

The lease is for a period of ten years and your Uncle Samuel has agreed to pay into the strong box of the City of Iron Mountain the sum of \$950 per annum, a total sum of \$9,500 for the period covered by the lease. As the city building originally cost the city only \$8,000, your Uncle Samuel will more than pay for the structure during the life of the lease. And in noting this pleasant fact we should not lose sight of the other rentals, past, present and future, and the additional large one, that the city government has ample room in the building for all its needs.

In executing the contract the City of Iron Mountain has agreed to make many improvements, including much new furniture and additional fixtures. The wall between the two store-rooms [*sic – store rooms*] will be removed. This will provide a lobby more than twice as large as the present one, the exact dimensions named being thirty-five [*feet*] east and west and twenty-seven feet north and south. The private office of Postmaster Cruse will be in the front west side with an entrance from the lobby.

The financial department will extend in a semi-circle along the west side. The money order department first, then two stamp windows, registray, a letter case, general delivery projecting a few feet into the room, paper boxes, followed by 212 automatic keyless private boxes and drawers. The carrier windows extend along the north end of the present quarters with a private entrance from the lobby, with work-room [*sic – workroom*] in the rear. The carriers are also provided with a rest-room [*sic – restroom*].

The arrangement is one that will enable the clerks to handle the large Sunday and holiday crowds in comfort and expeditiously [*sic – expeditiously*], and will

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give our city a post-office [sic – post office] second to none in the peninsula.

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## **Will Not Move.**

The offices of the C.T. Hampton Commission company will not be removed to the apartments in the Freeman block, as was announced in *The Press* several weeks ago. At a meeting of the common council held last Monday evening it was voted to lease to the company the store-room [sic – store room] in the city building now occupied as a lobby by the fire department. A number of alterations, including the erection of a private office in the southwest corner, will be made at once.

*Iron Mountain News*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 22 [Wednesday, May 6, 1925], page 3, columns 3-4

## **Ford Office Building Offered For \$25,000**

### **No Opposition to City's Proposal to Purchase at That Price**

The Ford Motor company has offered to sell its abandoned office building on East Brown street to the city for \$25,000, according to a statement to members of the city council.

The city desires to purchase the property because of claims that the present

city hall is cramped for office space and additional quarters are needed.

The council committee appointed to investigate the proposition reported that although no plan of payment was proposed, the price had been set. The committee inspected the building and stated that it was in excellent condition and well suited for city offices.

### **Too Small For Company**

The building was erected at the time the Ford Motor company came to Iron Mountain. It housed the company offices until about a year ago when it became too small and quarters were fixed up in the maintenance building at the plant.

The proposition has been referred to the council finance committee for further investigation and it is probable that some definite plan of action will be recommended at the next regular meeting of the council. No opposition has been expressed to the committee's recommendation that the city purchase the building.

### **Enlargement of Cemetery**

Two propositions have been presented by the von Platen-Fox company for the purchase by the city of the land owned by the company adjacent to the city cemetery. One strip of land with a 50-foot roadway separating it from the cemetery has been offered for \$30,000, while the other section, consisting of five acres and located north of the Wisconsin Michigan railroad, has been offered for \$40,000. A council committee recommended that the five-acre site be purchased inasmuch as it is believed more suitable for use as a cemetery and is practically cleared.

## **ADDITIONS TO CITY**

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

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XI, Number 5 [Thursday, April 25, 1889], page 1, column 1

LOTS in the Hamilton addition are going off with a rush. Get one off H.M. Pelham before it is everlastingly too late.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 25, Number 23 [Thursday, October 21, 1920], page 1, column 2

## Victoria Park.

The Iron Mountain Land & Mineral company has been organized to handle the above-named addition to the city. The officers of the company are: President, M.E. Richards; vice-president, William J. Cudlip; secretary and treasurer, John M. Garvey. The addition is splendidly located for residence purposes and contains many beautiful native trees. The company is now engaged in extending G and H streets through the property. Lots are selling freely.

*Iron Mountain News*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 9 [Tuesday, April 21, 1925], page 3, column 1

## CITY APPROVES HANNA ADDITION

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### Plat of Lake Antoine Property Accepted By Council

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The city council last night approved the plat of Hanna's first addition pending the

posting of a bond of \$500 which was being arranged today.

The plat is a section of the former John T. Jones property, at one time one of the city's show places, and is located on the shores of Lake Antoine. It is heavily wooded and has a frontage of several hundred feet on Grand Boulevard.

Lights, sewers and water are already available on the property and streets are now being cut through. A house building program is planned in connection with the sale of the property and work on the first structure is to start within two weeks. The property is adjacent to the route of the new county highway.

*Iron Mountain News*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 9 [Tuesday, April 21, 1925], page 6, column 1

## NEW PLAT GETS COUNCIL OKEH

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### Concerted Movement Is Started in North Side Real Estate

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Further evidence of the concerted movement of North side real estate this summer was the acceptance by the city council last night of the Bellagamba plat, located between Vulcan street and Milwaukee avenue at the north city limits.

The property consists of 40 acres of level land through which it was originally planned to route the new highway.

In addition to the Bellagamba property, the Morett and Bertoldi plats on the North side were recently opened to sale and it is understood that the W.J. Anderson property

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is now being platted and is to be placed on the market.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS** **Residential Areas – East Side**

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 12, Number 24 [Thursday, October 31, 1907], page 1, column 6

## **LITTLE BOY FOUND DEAD**

### **Little Son of Gustav Rahm Has His Neck Broken Mysteriously.**

Master Seth, the five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Rahm, was found dead in the roadway near the family home on East A street at about half past three o'clock last Friday afternoon. The boy was discovered by playmates, who gave the alarm, and the remains were taken to the home.

An examination proved that the little fellow's neck had been broken. Blood was oozing from the nose and there was a bruise on the left side. It is not known how the accident happened. It is surmised, however, that the little fellow had fallen from a wagon. Several loads of hay had passed the house a short time before the body was discovered and it is thought that, in attempting to climb to the top of the load by the binding chair, he had fallen to the rock roadway, striking on his head and breaking his neck.

The funeral was held from the family home last Sunday and was largely attended by the sympathizing friends of the family.

## **Residential Areas – North Side**

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 14, Number 9 [Thursday, July 22, 1909], page 1, column 2

### **Puff for Location.**

The Chapin locatoin [*sic – location*] presents a very tidy appearance. The streets are kept clean and the homes are very neat. The trees planted a year ago by the company are in a healthy condition and the homes are surrounded in nerly every instance with pretty lawns and fine vegetable gardens. The company is engaged in demolishing all the old sheds which marred the landscape and will replace them with well constructed [*sic – well-constructed*] buildings neatly painted. Another year an extensive system of cement walks will be built.

## **Residential Areas – West Side**

### **CEMETERY PARK**

*The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 18 [Thursday, July 25, 1889], page 1, column 4

### **City Should Buy It.**

We understand that the two forties west of the city limits, on one of which the new base ball [*sic – baseball*] park is located, can be purchased at a very reasonable figure and on very easy terms. If the city should acquire this property a portion of it would furnish an excellent site for a cemetery, which is one of the urgent needs of the present time. A splendid half mile trotting course could also be laid out, picnic grounds cleared up, and a park established for the various uses that such places may

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be put to. Take a walk about this city and it is surprising to see how rapidly it is stretching [*sic – stretching*] out and the vacant lots being filled up. No person who stops to consider for a moment can think that this growth is going to cease for a generation to come. Iron Mountain has the elements of growth in it, and ten years hence will have double the population it has to-day [*sic – today*]. As the population increases the necessity for a public park and a cemetery becomes more urgent. As matters are at present our people must forego horse trotting altogether; a mass meeting cannot be held for any purpose because there is no place in the city where a large number can assemble; no suitable picnic grounds are anywhere about the city, where children and older people can enjoy a day of recreation; and as to a cemetery, the need of it is too apparent to require any argument. The urgent necessity for these things will be felt more and more as our population increases, and the opportunity to provide for these needs will soon pass away.

*The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 27 [Thursday, September 26, 1889], page 1, column 5*

## **Shall we Have a Cemetery?**

Our readers will remember that we mentioned three weeks ago that a project was on foot to form a stock company to purchase the 80 acres lying just west of the city limits, a portion of which would be suitable for cemetery purposes. The city council, at its last meeting, voted to appropriate \$2000 with the view of laying out a cemetery on the grounds proposed. The following week we noted the fact that Mr. C.W. Montgomery, who claims to have

been unaware of the project to form the stock company, had also made negotiations with the owners of the property, and that through some misunderstanding they were led to believe that he was acting for the party who had already entered into negotiations with their agent, Mr. Herb Armstrong, for the purchase. It now appears that the owners, when they discovered that there were two parties after the property, instead of one, suddenly came to look upon it as being more valuable and the price was advanced from \$3,500 to \$5,000. Whatever may be the result of this dicker, the city of Iron Mountain should no longer be without a suitable burying ground. If this project fails there are other suitable sites obtainable, and we hope to see the money appropriated. The owners of this property must not be allowed to think that we are compelled to buy their land or do without a cemetery. The tract referred to is convenient and suitable in every respect for a cemetery, but if it cannot be obtained at a reasonable figure, let the cemetery be located at some other of the several sites that may be selected from.

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

## **Cemetery Assured.**

At a meeting of the city council held last Monday evening it was voted to appropriate the sum of \$400 for the purpose of purchasing forty acres of land from the Hamilton & Merryman Co. forcemetery [*sic – for cemetery*] purposes. The tract selected is just outside of the city limits and is reached by River and Carpenter avenues. It is described as the northwest quarter of section six, town thirty-nine north,

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## **MAYORS**

Andrew S. Anderson – May 24, 1888  
Edmond Kent – March 2, 1891  
Fabian J. Trudell – February 23, 1892  
W.S. Laing – June 6, 1893  
Dr. Joseph A. Crowell – February 19, 1895  
Fabian J. Trudell – April 15, 1895  
J.M. Clifford – May 4, 1896  
Alfred Cruse – February 14, 1898  
Ransom L. Hammond – September 4, 1901  
Edward Harvey – October 6, 1902  
Edward A. Neubauer – May 11, 1903  
Dr. S. Edwin Cruse – September 21, 1904  
Louis Stockley – November 5, 1906  
Thomas H. Barron – April 16, 1907  
Rudolph Theodore Miller – April 19, 1909  
Ransom L. Hammond – April 9, 1912  
Henry G. Neuens – April 10, 1913  
Dr. S. Edwin Cruse – April 9, 1914  
Edward A. Neubauer – April 13, 1917  
John Andrews, Jr. – April 4, 1918  
Joseph E. Eslick – May 3, 1920

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Walter A. Henze – April 17, 1922  
Alfred E. Sutherland – April 8, 1926  
Gereon Fredrickson – April 1, 1929  
R.F. Dundon – April 9, 1931  
Gereon Fredrickson – March 9, 1933  
Carl G. Miller – April 16, 1935  
Joseph Giacobina – April 13, 1939  
Ivar Anderson – April 21, 1941  
Ermenio Raffin – April 8, 1947  
Reuben P. Anderson – April 16, 1951  
Jack L. Gingrass – April 20, 1959  
Francis Croci – April 4, 1967  
Phillip Rahoi – April 10, 1969  
John C. O'Donnell – December 31, 1971

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A PUBLIC meeting is hereby called for Friday evening, June 7, at the council rooms, for the purpose of considering the possibility of doing something to aid in the relief of the sufferers from the appalling calamity at Johnstown, Pa. Please come and at least by your presence show that you are in sympathy with the object.

A.E. ANDERSON,  
Mayor of the city of Iron Mountain.

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MAYOR ANDERSON, as will be seen elsewhere, has called a citizens' meeting for to-morrow [sic – tomorrow] evening, to see what can be done for the relief of those who suffered by the terrible calamity at Johnstown, Pa. Many we understand in this city have friends and relatives who lived in the track of the destroying flood, and no

one can read the accounts of the destruction and suffering among those people without a shudder and feeling of pity at their deplorable condition. Thousands of men, women and children were drowned or burned to death in that shocking calamity, and millions of dollars [sic – dollars'] worth of property have been washed away, and the survivors find themselves robbed not only of their earthly possessions, but bereft of near and dear ones who were carried to destruction by the angry waters. Certainly if there ever was a an [sic – an] occasion to excite the sympathy and call for the generous aid of the American people it is this. Let there be a big turn out to-morrow [sic – tomorrow] evening, and may Iron Mountain nobly respond to the call for aid from our distressed fellow creatures in the Connemaugh valley.

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## Johnstown Relief.

The following acknowledgement was received by Mayor Anderson last Monday morning.

Johnstown Relief Committee,  
Chamber of Commence [sic -  
Commerce] Building  
Pittsburgh, Pa., June 22, 1889.  
City of Iron Mountain, Mich.,

By A.E. Anderson, Mayor:

DEAR SIR: – The Johnstown Relief Committee acknowledge the receipt of your subscription of \$313.25, and beg leave to express their thanks for your generous response to the call for help.

Very respectfully yours,  
Johnstown Relief Committee,  
WM. R. THOMPSON, Treas.

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## CITY OFFICIALS

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MAYOR</u>	<u>CLERK</u>
1888	A.S. Anderson	Frank Crocker
1890	A.S. Anderson	R. Silverwood
1891	Edmond Kent	John Saving
1892	Fabian J. Trudell	John Saving
1892	Fabian J. Trudell	E.A. Croll
1893	W.S. Laing	Rudolph Miller
1893	Joseph Crowell	Rudolph Miller
1895	Fabian J. Trudell	Rudolph Miller
1896	J.M. Clifford	James Cudlip
1898	Alfred Cruse	James Cudlip
1901	R.L. Hammond	James Cudlip
1902	Edward Harvey	James Cudlip
1903	E.W. Neubauer	James Cudlip
1904	S. Edwin Cruse	James Cudlip
1905	Louis Stockley	John Calvi
1907	Thomas Barron	John Calvi
1909	Rudolph Miller	John Calvi
1911	Rudolph Miller	S. Beauparlant
1911	J. Sandercock	S. Beauparlant
1911	Rudolph Miller	S. Beauparlant
1912	R.L. Hammond	S. Beauparlant
1914	S. Edwin Cruse	S. Beauparlant
1915	S. Edwin Cruse	Charles Hallman
1917	E.W. Neubauer	Charles Hallman
1918	John Andrews, Jr.	Charles Hallman
1920	Joseph E. Eslick	Charles Hallman
1922	Walter Henze	Charles Hallman
1923	Walter Henze	Harold Lindholm
1926	Alfred Sutherlund	Harold Lindholm
1926	Alfred Sutherlund	Edor Rahm
1927	Alfred Sutherlund	Harold Lindholm
1929	Gene Fredrickson	Harold Lindholm
1931	R.H. Dundon	Harold Lindholm
1933	Gene Fredrickson	Harold Lindholm
1935	Carl Miller	Harold Lindholm
1939	Joseph Giacobina	Harold Lindholm
1941	Ivan Anderson	Harold Lindholm
1947	Ermenio Raffin	Harold Lindholm
1951	R.P. Anderson	Harold Lindholm
1959	Jack L. Gingrass	Fred Gianunzio
1962	Edward C. Graefe	Fred Gianunzio

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1967	Francis Croci	Fred Gianunzio
1968	Francis Croci	Edna Rossi
1969	Phillip Rahoi	Edna Rossi
1972	John O'Donnell	Edna Rossi
1976	John O'Donnell	Suellen Aronson
1976	John O'Donnell	Joseph Giachino

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## **Anxious Candidates Still in the Field.**

Although the election is over the struggle for city offices is not by any means ended. There are positions on the police force to fill, and a street commissioner, fire marshal, fire warden, clerk and health officer are to be appointed by the city council, and the candidates for these various positions are besieging the mayor and aldermen and urging their respective claims. It is in fact a more interesting and intense struggle for those concerned than the one at the polls, because it is narrowed down to a smaller compass. As to the position of city marshal the retiring council have shown their dissatisfaction with Wm. O'Hara by accepting the first opportunity presented since they were given the power under the recent special act of the legislature to remove him and put W.H. Martin in his place, and Giles King on as night watch in place of Martin, promoted. Mr. O'Hara has one firm friend in the council who holds over, and we think at least one more who was elected to a seat in the council at the last election, besides a large number of friends in the fourth ward, who doubtless will all use their influence

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toward securing his re-appointment in May. Mr. Martin is of course a candidate, and T.B. Catlin is also looking for the appointment, besides every constable in the city except Eric Hager, who is satisfied to be on the night watch, every candidate for constable in the recent election and others. For highway commissioner James Kinnifick was announced as a candidate last week, but he is by no means alone in the race. John Minnis wants it. Ed. Harvey wants it. Tom Hayes wants it, and Arthur Stevens could at least be prevailed upon to take it, and probably there are others in the same frame of mind. If there are any persons hoping to be appointed city clerk in place of Frank Crocker, they are conducting their campaign on the still hunt plan. The office of fire marshal appears to be going begging, and begging H. McLaughlin to take it, a man who would fill the position admirably if he can be prevailed upon to take it. The position of health officer and fire warden do not appear to be looked upon as great prizes, and will probably furnish instances of the office seeking the man. While there is no lack of men who are willing to serve the city as night watchman, the position of city marshal appears to be so much more desirable as to overshadow the night watch for the present. THE RANGE has no recommendations to make, having every confidence that the council will make the best possible selections under the circumstances.

Since writing the above we learn that John Saving, James Cudlip and Sam Spear, are candidates for the appointment of city clerk.

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## The Appointments.

The city council, at its meeting last Monday evening, appointed T.B. Catlin[,], city marshal; Eric Hager and Alex. Millman, patrolmen; F.E. Crocker, city clerk; Arthur Stevens, street commissioner, and H.M. Pelham, city attorney. These are all excellent appointments, and cannot fail to give satisfaction in their several stations. In fact all have proven their eminent fitness for the positions assigned them in former official capacity, except Mr. Millman, and that he will make an excellent police officer is not doubted by any one *sic – anyone* who knows him. Mr. Catlin as deputy sheriff displayed those qualities that are necessary to make a fearless and faithful city marshal, and Mr. Hager has already served the city a year as police officer, and his reappointment is but a just recompense for the faithfulness that has characterized his past years' service. Mr. Crocker has also served the city a year as city clerk, and has performed the responsible duties of that office so well that his reappointment was conceded by all. Mr. Stevens has served as highway commissioner under the township government, and has shown that he knows how to do a good job at making and repairing streets, and our excellent city attorney has discharged his duties with such ability the past year that the city council very properly retained his services for the year to come.

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## The Salaries.

The city council, last Monday evening, fixed the salaries of the various city officers

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at the following figures: City marshal, \$65 per month; city clerk, \$250 a year, with \$150 additional if he spreads the tax roll; city treasurer and collector, \$500; engineer of fire department, \$75 per month; street commissioner, \$2.50 per day when employed; labor on streets, \$1.60 per day; team, \$4.50 per day; fire warden, \$50 a year; health officer, \$300 a year; night watchmen, \$65 a month.

## CITY COUNCIL

*The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 4 [Thursday, April 18, 1889], page 1, column 4

### **Lucky Presence of Mind.**

The city council had adjourned on Monday night, after performing more work in two hours than the old city council could have done [sic – done] in five separate sessions, when a bright little man came jumping up the stairs, three at a time. Meeting Mayor Anderson coming down the stairway, he exclaimed, “What, you fellows are not going away already! I thought you wouldn’t be through yet for an hour. Here is my liquor bond paper, all ready, signed, sealed, and delivered, and I want you to sign it.” The mayor said pleasantly that all the liquor bonds presented to the council had been approved and signed and that business had been finished for that sederunt [sic]. “Sir,” said Mr. Chellew, “I’ll treat to cigars all round if you’ll come back and just sign my papers. They’re all right.” The mayor and the council grasped the situation, the meeting was again called to order, Mr. Chellew’s papers were approved and signed, and the meeting again dissolved itself in solemn form. After making an affidavit that no bribery was

intended in the offer of the cigars, Mr. Chellew did all the honors the situation required, and departed happy to the Commercial hotel.

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WE would like to see our city council pass an ordinance taxing all such fakes as the tape worm doctor \$10 a day, and if that isn’t high enough to keep them out, make it \$100. They come here for a few days, take in several hundred dollars in exchange for a lot of worthless dope and then skip with their ill gotten [sic – ill-gotten] wealth. There will be none too much money in this city if we keep all we can of it at home.

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A LONG haired individual calling himself Texas Tom, has been reaping a rich harvest out of the gullible people of our city in front of the German Boarding House the past week. He opens a shop with a few songs by a male quartet, and then proceeds to peddle out dope at a dollar a bottle that is supposed (?) to have wonderful qualities for expelling from the human system that “terrible monster” commonly known as the tape worm [sic – worm], besides bringing death and destruction upon every other form of parasitic life. The fact that this fellow on his own statement, always makes a jump of 500 or a 1000 [sic – 1,000] miles when he leaves a place, [sic] ought to convince a thoughtful person that he is like all the other quacks – a humbug.

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## THE ALDERMEN ACT

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**BUT THE CONCLUSIONS  
REACHED WERE NOT  
HARMONIOUS .**  
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**John Andrews, Sr., City Marshal  
and Chas. Lundgren is Fire Chief;  
Dr. Cruse Health Officer.**

Judging from later developments the "committee in the hole" [*sic* – *committee of the whole* – ?] session of the common council held last Monday evening was a particularly animated affair. The division of opinion was due to differences regarding the annual appointments. It is understood that the vote in nearly every instance was six to four and the line up was about as follows: Majority – Giovannini, Bodine, Sandercock, Richards, Rule and Andrews; minority – Fugere, Monroe, Larson and Will. It is also understood that the split revolved around the transfer of Chief Lundgren from the police force to fire department and the naming of his successor, election of a member of the board of public works, health officer and city attorney. The leakage from the committee room indicates that a slate had been arranged, but the conclusions show that a number of trades were made and the slate was badly smashed.

After a session, which lasted several hours, the eldermen returned to open session and recommended to Mayor Miller

the following appointments. His honor, believing the majority should rule, accepted the recommendations and the list was confirmed by an unanimous vote:

Health Officer – Dr. S.E. Cruse.

City Attorney – John O'Hara.

Chief of Fire Department – Charles A. Lundgren.

City Marshal – John Andrews, Sr.

Sewer Inspector – E.A. Croll.

Policemen – Seth Larson, John Chapman, Alphonse Gibeault, Santo Noti, Vincent Franco.

City Engineer – John M. Goldsworthy.

Building Inspectors – E.W. Hunt, Henry Trepanier, William Bennetts.

Fire Warden – Chas. Lundgren.

Street Commissioner – John Andrews.

Inspector of Weights and Measures – Edwin Smythe.

Members [*sic*] of Board of Public Works – Edward G. Kingsford.

Member Cemetery Board, full term – Hugh McLaughlin; member to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of Capt. J.H. Cundy – Zenon P. Rousselle.

Poundmaster – Edmund Brockington.

Joseph H. Sandercock, the veteran second ward alderman, was elected president pro term [*sic* – *tem*], despite his declination in favor of Alderman Will.

Mayor Miller announced the following standing committees for the ensuing year:

Finance, Taxation and Auditing – Sandercock, Monroe, Will.

Water Works – Richard, Monroe, Fugere.

Street Parks and Play Grounds – Will, Richards, Bodine.

Sewers, Drains and Water Courses – Giovannini, Andrews, Rule.

Fire Departments – Munroe [*sic* – *Monroe*], Sandercock, Fugere.

Street Lights – Bodine, Will, Andrews.

Police and Public Order – Larson, Sandercock, Giovannini.

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Printing, Ordinances and Rules – Rule, Larson, Giovaninni [sic – Giovannini].

Public Health – Fugere, Bodine, Rule.

Public Buildings and Property – Andrews, Giovannini, Richards.

The aldermen also voted to increase the salary of the health officer to \$850 per year.

An additional saloon bond was approved, making the number to date forty-seven.

## CITY EMPLOYEES

*Iron Mountain News*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 9 [Tuesday, April 21, 1925], page 6, column 1

## DALZELL RESIGNS AS CITY ENGINEER

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**Will Become Assistant at Pontiac; No Successor Chosen**  
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W.W. Dalzell, for the last two years city engineer, presented his resignation to the council last evening, having accepted a position as principal assistant to the city engineer at Pontiac, Mich. The resignation was accepted.

Mr. Dalzell in his resignation thanked the mayor and the council for the co-operation during his term of office and promised to aid the council with any information desired from the engineer's office.

Immediate action on the resignation was asked by Mr. Dalzell, his new work claiming his services after May 1. Although no successor was appointed last evening, R.F. Romitti, of Norway, assistant to the

engineer at present, will take care of the duties formerly performed by Mr. Dalzell.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

*The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 4 [Thursday, April 18, 1889], page 1, column 4

### **The Electric Service.**

Clarence Auld and Bob. [sic] Myers have progressed remarkably in the matter of encompassing Iron Mountain with electric fire alarm bells. These significant items of scientific instruction have been put up at the office, of McLaughlin & De Vere, William H. Hancock, Sam Shields, Joe Bitterley, Tom Burns, Thomas Hancock. R.P. Tuten, Thos. Rundle, Mayor Anderson, E.P. Foster, Health Officer Mead and Lou Arnould's burthcer shop. Circuits have now been completed, with the result that if Iron Mountain is burned down nobody will be to blame but the man or woman who has not sense enough to ring the alarm bell.

*The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 5 [Thursday, April 25, 1889], page 1, column 3

### **The Fire Alarm Boxes.**

Below we give the location of the several fire alarm boxes that have been put up in the city:

23 – Tullgren's drug store.

32 – Opposite Brown street bakery.

33 – Corner of Brown street and Prospect avenue.

34 – Corner Ludington street and Carpenter ave.

24 – Fire Engine house, No. 1.

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- 25 – Between Rundle's and Seibert's stores.
- 26 – Corner of Iron Mountain ave. and Hughitt st.
- 27 – Corner Iron Mountain avenue and B street.
- 43 – Commercial House.
- 42 – Corner Carpenter avenue and C street.
- 36 – Opposite Catholic Church.
- 35 – Louis Arnould's butcher shop.
- 12 – Chapin Company's shops.
- 13 – Chapin Company's barn.
- 14 – Kloeckner & Co's store.
- 15 – Corner 5th street and Stephenson avenue.
- 16 – Corner 5th street and Norway street.
- 17 – No. 2 Engine house.

The key to the boxes will be found in the houses nearest them. Immediately upon discovering a fire in your neighborhood go to the nearest box, unlock it, and pull the cord as far as it will go one time, and no more. If for any reason you should be unable to get the key without considerable delay, break the glass in the front of the box. To locate a fire count the blows on the bell as they are struck, thus: For 13, 1 – 3 (. ...) for 27, 2 – 7 (.. .....) etc.

*The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 5 [Thursday, April 25, 1889], page 1, column 5

GEO. REUTER thinks that the engineer of the fire department should be provided with suitable living rooms in or adjoining the engine house, and he gives some very good reasons for his belief. He is practically on duty 24 hours a day, and although he owns a house only two blocks away, he has found it impracticable to live there, because should an alarm be sounded while he is at home it would occasion delay in getting the fire apparatus

out. It is unsafe for him to be absent even a few minutes for another reason. Instances have occurred in other cities and are liable at any time to occur here, of fires being set for the sake of plunder, and as the engine house is never locked, such evil disposed persons could enter, unless the engineer is always there, and in a few minutes disable the engine so that it could not be used for hours. Of course Reuter does manage to put up with the poor quarters that are now to be had in the engine house, but it is almost presumption to ask a man to live as he has to, and in case of sickness in his family he would be compelled to seek other quarters. Why not put up a building along side of the engine house that would serve as city jail and also provide suitable living apartments for the engineer? Wouldn't that be a good scheme, gentlemen of the city council?

*The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 6 [Thursday, May 2, 1889], page 1, column 3

THE new system of fire alarm bells will be ready for us after to-day [*sic – today*]. Residents should lose no time in ascertaining where the nearest alarm box is located, and in case of fire in their vicinity run to that box, get they [*sic – the*] key, which will be found in the house nearest the box, or if that would occasion delay, break the glass in front of the box, and pull the cord as far as it will go once, and no more. Having done this you can rest assured that the fire companies will be promptly on hand, and you can occupy yourself in the meantime seeing what you can do toward extinguishing the fire or saving property.

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## THE CENTENNIAL

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

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The centennial of the inauguration of President Washington following so closely upon Good Friday, which was made a general holiday in this city, was not so generally observed as it otherwise would have been. The national colors were flying from nearly all the flag staffs in the city all day long, and the store fronts of our prominent merchants were appropriately draped and ornamented with bunting and national emblems. The city hall was draped with bunting on the north and east side. The day was unfavorable for a general parade, as a cold, disagreeable wind prevailed all day, but the fire department turned out at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon, and headed by the Iron Mountain city band, proceeded down Stephenson avenue to B street, thence west to Carpenter avenue, then north to Hughitt street and east to Carpenter avenue, whence they turned north again, and apparently headed for the Chapin location. Reaching Brown street, however, Fire Marshal Sweet ordered the column to halt, the engineers to get up steam and the companies to prepare to put out a brush fire that was rapidly spreading at the west end of Brown street and threatening some of the residences in that vicinity. Engine No. 2 was placed at the top of the hill and No. 1 at the creek near Hastings & Hancock's butcher shop. The latter engine pumped water into the former,

and No. 2 sent it rushing through its long line of hose to do its work in drowning out the fire. In this way water was pumped for a distance of over half a mile, two thirds of the distance up a steep hill, and even at this long distance from its source a stream of water was poured upon the burning debris that plowed up the ground, knocked over stumps, and scattered the brush in all directions. The fire had started near the fence along the west boundary of G. Kloeckner's property. The fence had been torn down to save it from burning. There was another large pile of brush a little further away, that it was thought advisable to burn while the fire companies were there to keep it within bounds, so it was fired, and in a few minutes was reduced to ashes.

*The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 7 [Thursday, May 9, 1889], page 1, column 3*

### **Don't Monkey With the Wires.**

Either some person is laying himself liable to the penalty made and provided by the ordinance relative to tampering with the fire alarm system, recently passed [by] the council, or there is still some defect in the system. The bell placed in our residence has several times started to ring a meaningless clatter, and last Saturday forenoon kept it up until we disconnected one of the wires, as we had been instructed to do, [sic] in such an emergency. We don't like to do that, however, as an alarm may be turned in at any time and while the circuit is broken the system cannot be used. If we are able to have the benefit designed when these alarm bells were put in[,] the wires must not be tampered with, and we shall not hesitate to report any person we know to be guilty of such [a] misdemeanor.

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Let everybody do likewise. The ordinance fixes a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$100, or imprisonment in the county jail [for] not less than ten days nor more than ninety days.

Investigation finally showed that a kite wire lying across the alarm wires was the cause of the trouble.

*The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 7 [Thursday, May 9, 1889], page 1, column 6

## Mortgage Sale.

The undersigned will sell at auction in front of the engine house, Iron Mountain, Saturday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, a pair of heavy brown horses, harness and wagon. Here is an opportunity to buy a good team for a little money.

**WM. O'HARA.**  
Deputy Sheriff.

*The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 8 [Thursday, May 16, 1889], page 5, column 2

## Personal and Social.

James Kinnifick bought the heavy work team, harnesses and wagon, sold in front of No. 1 engine house at sheriff's sale last Saturday, for \$385.

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

## THE CITY.

WHAT funny ideas some people have. The other day a lady was talking to the mayor about the fire department, the steam fire engine, how much water it would throw, etc., when she said, "I shouldn't think it would be necessary to boil the water before it is thrown on the fire, why wouldn't cold water do just as well?" The mayor had a good laugh and then explained to her the use of the boiler.

*The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 13 [Thursday, June 20, 1889], page 1, column 3

## Another False Alarm.

Last Saturday about noon Fire Chief Sweet sent a man over to the Hamilton mine office to change the lock on the alarm box, which could not be unlocked, for a perfect one. In getting off the old lock the workman tapped the box lightly with his hammer, when the jar started the clock work inside, with the result that in a very few minutes the fire department and several hundred citizens were running up to the Hamilton mine, expecting to see some of the company's buildings a mass of flames. The fire department think [sic – thinks] they are getting a good deal of unnecessary exercise, but mistakes will happen in the best regulated fire departments.

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

## THE CITY.

WE understand that a meeting of members of fire company No. 1 is to be held to-night [sic – tonight] to consider the

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criticisms which were made on Monday night on the present condition of the company under the captaincy of Tom Rundle, whose removal the mayor demanded at the last meeting of the city council. There will be considerable fun and spice distributed at the meeting.

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## Card of Thanks.

The members of Fire Company No. 2 desire to express their thanks to those people of this city who contributed so liberally toward the purchase of uniforms for the company. The pride manifested by the people of the first and second wards in the appearance of their fire company is appreciated by the members thereof, who will strive to make themselves worthy of compliment bestowed.

*The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 18 [Thursday, July 25, 1889], page 1, column 2

A SUBSCRIPTION paper is being circulated to raise money for buying uniforms for Fire Company No. 1, and by the time the Negaunee firemen make this city a visit they will be clothed in all the splendor of brand new shirt, hat and trousers.

*The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 18 [Thursday, July 25, 1889], page 1, column 3

## Resent Interference.

Fire Company No. 1 did not take kindly to Mayor Anderson's request that Capt. Tom Rundle be removed for inefficiency and neglect of duty, and at their special meeting, held last Thursday evening, passed the following somewhat disrespectful preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, one A.E. Anderson, mayor of Iron Mountain, has seen fit to interfere with a certain organization known as the Iron Mountain Volunteer Fire Co[.], No. 1; and attempted, without any legal right or statutory authority, to depose one of the highest officers of said company, viz: Thomas Rundle, captain, for inefficiency and neglect of duty, and

WHEREAS, Said company hold said Rundle in the highest esteem, recognizing his efficiency and attention to duty; and

WHEREAS, The authority to depose any and all officers of said company is vested in no person outside of said organization, be he mayor of said city or a private citizen; therefore, be it

RESOLVED. That we, the members of Fire Co. No. 1, [*sic*] consider the action of said A.E. Anderson reprehensible in the extreme; that interference with the affairs of said company by a person having no authority or right is liable to lead to discord and disorganization; that we consider said action either the outgrowth of a distorted imagination in regard to his duties as mayor, or a deliberate attempt to injure the reputation as a fireman of the the [*sic*] chosen leader of said company.

*The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 20 [Thursday, August 8, 1889], page 1, column 4

## Contributions to the Fire Company.

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We the undersigned citizens of Iron Mountain, Mich., agree to pay the sum set opposite our names for the purpose of purchasing uniforms for Fire Co. No. 1: W.H. Hancock, \$10; R. White, \$10; D.A. Graham, \$5; J.P. Mitchell, \$1; S. Mortensen, \$2; Blackney & Son, \$3; J.M. Clifford, \$2; W.H. Jenkins, \$2; Felix LaBrook, \$1; Joseph Wenzel, \$1; Peter Calvi, \$5; M. Levy & Co., \$2; Joseph Pascoe, \$2; L.M. Hansen, \$2; Ed. St. Arnauld, \$2; Wright Bros., \$5; A.E. Robbins, \$2; C.W. Montgomery, \$2; A.M. Oppenheim, \$1; First National Bank, \$5; Carriere & Barrett, \$2; C. Schuldes, \$3; R. Silverwood, \$1; C.E. Berry, \$2; A.H. Stevens, \$1; J.G. Carver, \$3; Fred Gage, \$2; Sol Noble, \$2; John J. Cole, \$3; Ed. Harvey, \$2; J.T. Jones, \$5; W.E. McClintock, \$2; K.S. Buck, \$2; Dr. J.D. Jones, \$1; Jas. Moriarity, \$1; Chas. E. Parent, \$1; Rusky Bros., \$1; William Parent, \$2; J.W. Hoose, \$2; William Hocking, \$2; A.L. Sneider, \$1; I.C. Lee, \$2; J.R. Johnston, \$2; E.J. Ingram, \$5; A.L. Despina, \$1; Dave Bergeron, \$1; T.B. Catlin, \$1; Parry & Huntington, \$2; G.T. Corning, \$1; A.E. Anderson, \$10; Neuens & Roell, \$1; H. McLaughlin, \$2; A.D. Stiles, \$1; Arthur Flatt, \$1; Wm. Moyle, \$1; S.P. Swanson, \$1; F.W. Grenfell, \$1; Dominick Contarino, \$1.50; Louis Arnold, \$2; Rev. J.S. Keul, \$5; Peter Caretto, \$1; H.M. Pelham, \$1; Herb Armstrong, \$1; A Friend financially embarrassed [*sic – embarrassed*], 50c.

*The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 21 [Thursday, August 15, 1889], page 1, column 1

THE new uniforms for the fire department are dandies. That's proper.

The men who wear them are dandy firemen, especially at a fire.

*The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 21 [Thursday, August 15, 1889], page 1, columns 4-6

## The Visiting Firemen.

Last Saturday was a beautiful day for the firemen's tournament, as it has been called, in this city. The Negaunee Fire Company, accompanied by the Negaunee City Band, were met at the M. & N. depot on the arrival of the 6:45 train, by companies No. 1 and 2, of this city, led by the Iron Mountain City Band. Parade was formed as soon as the visitors alighted, and the procession, conducted by Chief Hancock, marched up Stephenson avenue to fire engine house No. 1, where the visiting firemen were greeted by the firemen of this city and citizens with a round of hearty cheers. During the evening the visitors were shown the sights of the city by their entertainers, who spared no pains to make them feel thoroughly at home and welcome. Saturday a large number of our business men [*sic – businessmen*] joined with the firemen to make the occasion a grand holiday. Late in the forenoon our home companies turned out with their machines handsomely decorated with flags and flowers, and accompanied by the Negaunee firemen, paraded the principal streets of our city. The line was halted in front of Hansen & Mortensen's photograph gallery, where two excellent photographs were taken[,] which were afterwards presented by John J. Saving, with the mayor's compliments, to the Negaunee Fire Company and the Negaunee City Band. After the photographs had been taken the line of march was resumed, taking in a part

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of the Chapin location and then returning to engine house No. 1, where the procession disbanded.

The ball game, which was the feature of the afternoon, drew quite a crowd to the base ball *[sic – baseball]* park, and the game was called about 3 o'clock. Mr. Fisher, of Republic, was chosen umpire, and performed those arduous duties to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. The Iron Mountain boys won the toss and went to bat first, scoring one run, the Negaunee's scoring 3 runs. Foster was pitcher and Williams was catcher in the first inning and it needed only one inning to demonstrate that Williams can't catch ball. The second inning Weber pitched and Hill caught, resulting in a score of 8 for Iron Mountain and 0 for Negaunee. With this battery it was evident that the visiting firemen stood no show whatever, so in the third inning another change was made in the battery, Foster going back into the pitcher's box with Hill to catch. Foster pitched easy balls, *[sic]* that were knocked out into the field, where our boys did some excellent fielding in capturing them. In several instances the Iron Mountain players purposely fanned wind, and in other ways gave the visitors every possible advantage, while keeping up an appearance of playing ball. The trouble was that as the Negaunee company had asked for a game of ball the Iron Mountain companies supposed they would come down here with a strong team, so they got ready for them, and as the result shows they got too good a *[sic – and]* ready. Then[,] probably[,] the visiting firemen[,] seeing themselves so much overmatched[,] got somewhat rattled, and did not do as well as they should have done. Besides[,] the members of the regular nine in this city are all firemen. Still, if the Negaunee men had had a good catcher, they would doubtless have made it very interesting for

the Iron Mountaineers. The following is the score by innings.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R.	O.
Iron Mt.	1	8	6	2	1	3	1	22	21
Negaunee	3	0	2	0	2	3	0	10	21

In the evening a firemen's ball was given in Rundle's hall at which about 50 couples were present. The Negaunee band played excellent music while in this city and is one of the finest bands on the upper peninsula. The Negaunee firemen showed themselves individually and collectively, to be a nice lot of men, and we hope to see them here again in the near future.

*The Daily Tribune*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole No. 573 [Monday, May 16, 1898], page 3, column 4

## Chief will Make Some Recommendations.

Chief Renz, of the Fire Department, will make some recommendations to the Council this evening for the improvement of the department. He will ask for authority to purchase material to build a hook and ladder truck. He has nearly enough material on hand now to build the truck and with a small expenditure for additional material the members of the department can build it and it can be kept in reserve at the engine house. The chief will also recommend that an engineer be hired for the engine, so that in case it is necessary to use it, it will not be necessary to get some one *[sic – someone]* outside of the department to run it.

*The Daily Tribune*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole No. 573 [Monday, May 16, 1898], page 3, column 4

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## **Fire Alarm Box No. 72.**

The Tribune office has been fitted up with a Gamewell fire alarm box in order to promptly communicate with the fire department in case of fire. It is box number 72 and was purchased by this office to be used as a private box. It will be used for any fire that may break out in the vicinity of this office. Chief Renz has our thanks for connecting the box with the city fire alarm system.

*The Daily Tribune*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole No. 586 [Wednesday, June 1, 1898], page 3, column 2

## **The Horse Didn't Like It.**

Lee Lalonde, of the fire department, thought he would exercise the fire horses this morning by riding one of them and leading the other, instead of hitching them to the wagon as customary. The horse he got on, or tried to get on, did not happen to be broken to the saddle. As soon as he landed on his back the animal began to rear and buck just like a broncho [sic – bronco] pony, and the consequence was that Lee went up in the air first and then turning a summersault landed on his back on the soft ground. The performance caused a great deal of amusement to the boys at the engine house, especially after it was learned that he wasn't injured in the least.

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

## **CITY NEWS ITEMS.**

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The engine house is receiving a coat of chocolate colored paint and looks just too sweet for anything.

*The Daily Tribune*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole No. 610 [Wednesday, June 29, 1898], page 3, columns 2-3

## **CITY NEWS ITEMS.**

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The new ladder truck for the engine house is now in service and will be kept alongside of the house with long ladders on it. In case of a large fire a team will be sent for it.

The boys of the engine house scraped up sufficient paint to give the front of the building a good coat. The fire committee ought to provide enough more paint for the entire building, as it would improve its looks wonderfully. Even as it is it is much improved in appearance.

*The Daily Tribune*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Third Year, Whole No. 624 [Friday, July 15, 1898], page 3, column 2

## **CITY NEWS ITEMS.**

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Chief Renz has a flag flying from the top of the engine house.

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

## **THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

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**It Is Well Equipped to Handle a Good**

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## Sized Fire.

The new hook and ladder truck is being painted a beautiful red color, and as soon as it is dry the truck will be ready for service. The new piece of apparatus was built entirely by the firemen and is a very creditable piece of work. It carries 220 feet of ladders, the sizes running from 18 to 44 feet in length. It will be kept at the engine house and a team sent back after it in case it is needed.

The department is now in good condition and is quite well equipped. It has 5000 feet of good hose and is in shape to handle almost any kind of a fire. The men are all good firemen and quick to adopt new ideas. Chief Renz will do some drilling with the life line shortly, in order to give the boys confidence. The tower on the engine house will be used.

It is thought that it will soon be necessary to establish a hose company in the Chapin Location, as the ground is continually sinking over the mine and that section of the city may be cut off suddenly at a time when the apparatus is badly needed. A single horse hose wagon and two men would be all that would be required. There is a house already there now being used for storing fire department material.

*Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 11, Number 11 [Thursday, August 2, 1906], page 1, column 3*

## Handsome Team.

Max Kurz, to whom was delegated authority to purchase a team of horses for the fire department, has "made good," as usual. The horses selected weigh about

1,500 pounds each, are well-mated and well trained, young and sound in limb and wind. Probably their equals cannot be found in the peninsula. It pays to buy horses from a horseman.

*Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 21, Number 31 [Thursday, December 14, 1916], page 1, column 5*

## New Fire Truck.

The new White fire truck, purchased by the city several months ago, arrived here last Saturday from Kenosha, Wis., where it has been assembled. The truck was driven here by Peter Cornelius, a representative of the company, who will remain here for several weeks for the purpose of demonstrating the machine and teaching the local driver, Chief LaLonde and Arthur Johnson, a representative of the firm of Johnson & Sandercock, local agents for the White company, also made the trip. The truck is one of the best obtainable. It is twenty-one feet in length and is propelled by a sixty horse power motor. It has a carrying capacity of three tons and is equipped with a chemical tank, three ladders and other modern fire fighting *[sic - firefighting]* apparatus. It has room for 1,400 feet of fire hose and eight firemen. Chief LaLonde is confident that the machine will be able to navigate our hills without difficulty and at a high rate of speed.

*Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 25, Number 14 [Thursday, August 19, 1920], page 1, column 2*

## Fire Chief Resigns.

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Due to undeserved and insulting criticism from one or more of the aldermen, Lee LaLonde, chief of the fire department, last Tuesday tendered his resignation to Mayor Eslick, the same to take immediate effect. Mr. LaLonde has accepted a position with the Ford Motor company. Concededly the best fire chief Iron Mountain ever had, tax-payers [*sic* – *taxpayers*] in general will regret Mr. LaLonde's resignation. The criticism of the chief was entirely unmerited.

*The Iron Mountain News*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 4, Number 300 [Friday, April 3, 1925], page 8, column 1

## FRESH EPIDEMIC OF FALSE ALARMS

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### Four Received at Fire Station This Week; Warning Issued

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Iron Mountain is again having an epidemic of false fire alarms, four of them having been turned in to the departments this week.

Last night No. 1 department responded to a false alarm sent in from a box in the Ludington location. The epidemic, coming at a time when the department is being kept busy with grass and chimney fires, led Chief Axberg to issue a warning today that anyone found sending in a false alarm will be prosecuted.

In most instances it is believed boys are responsible and parents are urged by the chief to instruct their children against the practice.

The No. 1 truck narrowly avoided striking a car last night in making the turn from Ludington street to Stephenson avenue, the car having failed to come to a stop or pull out of the way of the department in accordance with a city ordinance.

*The Iron Mountain News*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 4, Number 304 [Wednesday, April 8, 1925], page 2, column 2

## 49 ARRESTED IN MARCH, REPORT

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### Twenty-four for Intoxication; 47 Fire Runs Made

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The monthly report of Chief of Police Frank Smole submitted to the city council last night showed a total of 49 arrests during March.

Twenty-four of the arrests were for intoxication, six for assault and battery, four for gambling, four for violating city ordinances, one for violating the school laws, two for disorderly conduct, one for vagrancy and one for larceny.

Joel Axberg, chief of the fire department, reported 47 runs during the month. No. 1 department made 11 chimney fire runs, 12 for grass fires, five for roof fires, three for fires caused by overheated stoves, one for a furnace explosion, one for a garage fire, one for a rubbish blaze and it also answered two false alarms.

No. 2 engine company answered two false alarms, fought three grass fires, two rubbish fires and two roof fires.

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*Iron Mountain News*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 18 [Friday, May 1, 1925], page 8, column 2

## **Forty-one Fire Calls In April**

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Extinguishing a grass fire on West E street last evening, the fire department ran the total number of calls for the month up to 41, averaging better than one a day for April. They already have a start for the month of May, making the first call for the month this morning at the Alex Carlson home, 1005 River avenue. A five gallon tank of chemicals was necessary to extinguish the chimney fire which had gained considerable headway.

*Iron Mountain News*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 21 [Tuesday, May 5, 1925], page 3, column 2

## **FORTY-FIVE FIRE ALARMS IN APRIL**

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### **Included 13 Grass Fires, Monthly Report Shows**

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Forty-five calls were answered by the two fire departments during the month of April, the No. 1 station responding to 35 calls while the No. 2 station made 10 runs, according to the monthly report of Chief Axberg.

Three of the 35 calls answered by the No. 1 station were false alarms. There

were 13 grass fires, eight chimney fires, three rubbish fires, three woodshed fires, one garage and woodshed fire and four roof fires.

*Iron Mountain News*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 44 [Tuesday, June 2, 1925], page 2, columns 5-6

## **Thirty-two Runs Made By Firemen**

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A total of 32 runs were made by the two fire departments during the past month, the No. 1 department making 21 calls while the No. 2 department made 11. The calls of department No. 1 were classified into six chimney fires, eight grass fires, 2 false alarms, one rubbish, roof, furnace, attic and car fire.

Seven chimney fires were extinguished by Department No. 2, one false alarm was answered and there was one grass, one house and one rubbish fire.

## **FIRE BELL HISTORY AND DEDICATION**

On Friday, September 3, 2010 at 11 a.m. the Iron Mountain High School Class of 1960 dedicated the "Bell" and its enclosure to the Iron Mountain Community and the City of Iron Mountain. The "Bell" is now in its permanent resting place in front of the Iron Mountain Fire Department for many generations to come.

Research on the history of the "Bell," as contained in the Iron Mountain City records and news archives, disclosed the following information. The "Bell," which weighs 464 pounds, was originally purchased in 1885 by the Chapin Mining Company from the McShane Bell Company of Baltimore,

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Maryland, one of our nation's oldest bell manufacturers. It was installed on the North Side of Iron Mountain at the Chapin Mining Company's Main Office at 100 Second Street and the Fire Engine House at 102 Second Street. Because the telephone system was not yet fully developed, the "Bell" was used to notify the surrounding community of fires and other emergencies near the Chapin mining operations.

In the summer of 1900 the City of Iron Mountain purchased the Wood's Sandstone Block on Ludington Street at 206-216 East Ludington Street to be used as the city hall, which began the process of establishing a fire station at that location. In January 1901 the fire chief was given authorization to hire someone to tend the building boiler until the firemen moved into their new quarters. During March of 1901 the brass pole the firemen used to slide down from the sleeping quarters on the second floor of the Woods Sandstone Block to the first floor was purchased. The pole (currently in storage – 2010) and many other restored artifacts were moved to the new fire station in 1993. Also, in March 1901, the city paid \$3.75 for work on the bell tower so a bell could be permanently installed.

The Chapin Mining Company sold the "Bell" to the City of Iron Mountain for \$17 in May of 1901. The "Bell" was then placed in the bell tower of the Wood's Sandstone Block fire station where it remained for over 90 years. Again, it was used to call firemen and notify the community of fires and other emergencies. In addition, it was also rung to commemorate other significant events, i.e., the ending of World War I and World War II, and to notify the community of curfews that were in place during the 1940's and 1950's. With the advent of advanced communication systems, this gradually lessened the importance and use of the "Bell."

In 1993 the East Ludington Street facility was abandoned by the police and fire departments because the newly-constructed, modern facility at 101 East Fleshiem Street. The "Bell" was taken down and placed in storage at the new location on East Fleshiem Street. Here the "Bell" remained, left in a corner to collect dust and grime, almost completely forgotten.

In 2009, members of the Iron Mountain High School Class of 1960, while in the process of planning their 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion, brain-stormed projects to consider which would benefit the community and show their appreciation for the education and upbringing they received in Iron Mountain, Michigan. "Retired Fire Lieutenant" Bill Gammey, a member of the Class of 1960, brought up the "Bell" as a project. Gammey had previously discussed the "Bell" with Iron Mountain Fire Chief Dan Johnson, who had expressed interest and support for such a venture. Sharon (Khoury) Swanson, another member of the Class of 1960, was very enthusiastic about the idea, and along with Gammey, they became co-chairpersons for the "Bell" project.

While Swanson concentrated on raising funds and communicating with class members, Gammey focused on getting labor and material and obtaining the necessary approvals (with the assistance of Fire Chief Johnson) to get the job done. Starting out with a few rough pencil drawings on a napkin, the "Bell Project" came to fruition. Although the driving force for the project was the Iron Mountain High School Class of 1960, the task could not have been completed without the significant donations of material from local companies and professional labor tradesmen obtained by Gammey. A few members of the Class of 1960 also put in several hundred hours working on the project. In fact, one class member, Jim Webb, who lived in Houston,

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Texas, came back to Iron Mountain for three weeks to co-manage the construction with Gammey.

When looking at the “Bell” and its new home, note the original cement lintel facing the street with the inscription “No. 1 Fire Department.” This large cement block came from the Wood’s Sandstone Block fire station. Also note the stone used on the low walls inside the new structure in which the “Bell” sits is red sandstone, reminiscent of the Wood’s Sandstone Block, constructed from the red sandstone quarried on the North Side of Iron Mountain.

[NOTE: The above information was taken from the handout distributed by the Class of 1960 co-chairpersons of the project at the dedication of the “Bell” on Friday, September 3, 2010.]

## HEALTH OFFICER

*The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 9 [Thursday, May 23, 1889], page 1, column 2

THE Norway Current says they have diphtheria, measles, typhoid fever, and various other contagious diseases in that city, and wonders how much of it is attributable to the peddlers that travel about their streets. Whatever may be the facts in that regard, it behooves our health officer to be on the alert to see that some one or more of these forms of contagion are not brought to this city.

*Iron Mountain News*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, \_\_\_\_\_ Year, Number \_\_\_\_\_ [Tuesday, June 21, 1921], page 6, column 1

## DULAN FAMILY NOT NEEDY, SAYS CRUSE

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### All Expenses Taken Care Of, Health Officer Claims

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“I want to tell you the truth about the Dulan family,” said Dr. S.E. Cruse, health officer, to the board of health last evening. “Mrs. Dulan gets \$110 a month, food, and the services of a physician. I sent the Oliver visiting nurse to look after her requirements as to bedding, and they were supplied. We engaged a woman as nurse; she was not a trained nurse, but the best we could secure, and get a woman of Mrs. Dulan’s own selection as cook and companion. Ever since her children have been sick, Mrs. Dulan has not had one cent of expense; not even that of the burial of her children. **[finish copying this article]**”

## HEALTH AND SANITATION

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

YES; there is no denying it. While the main thoroughfares of Iron Mountain are bad enough, the majority of the back alleyways are most atrociously dirty. Somebody ought to be around stirring things up, and we presume it is the health officer, who, however, has no sinecure in making people believe that cleanliness is next to godliness, and that it is about the best preventive against insidious and fatal disease that has yet been discovered.

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

DR. J.K. NIVEN, the health officer of Ironwood, has issued a circular to the citizens, calling attention to the fact that “the disappearance of snow, bringing to light the large accumulation of garbage thrown out during the winter months, reminds us forcibly that now is the time to inaugurate measures for preventing sickness and death from the ordinary diseases of this State.” He then gives the citizens some plain commonsense [*sic – common sense*] rules to follow, and calls upon them to co-operate heartily with the health officer. The same state of affairs exists in Iron Mountain, where the citizens ought again and again to be called to co-operate with the health authorities.

*The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 4 [Thursday, April 18, 1889], page 1, column 2

WHY doesn't somebody clean those hogs off the street? Put them in a pen or a pound, or somewhere. Thank heavens, when the dog tax goes into effect there will be a sensible diminution in the number of ours in Iron Mountain.

*The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 6 [Thursday, May 2, 1889], page 1, column 1

IS'NT [*sic – ISN'T*] it about time the various ash heaps and other piles of rubbish that disfigure our streets were removed to the dumping grounds?

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

LAST Friday Dr. Mead, our health officer, devoted his spare time cremating the bodies of dead horses and other offal at the dumping ground, that had become dangerously offensive.

*The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 8 [Thursday, May 16, 1889], page 5, columns 2-3

## **A Look at the Alleys.**

Last Monday the [*sic*] Marshal Catlin, Street Commissioner Stevens, Aldermen O'Connell and Graham, and the writer hereof, took a walk through the alley back of Stephenson avenue. We saw old broken stoves, cord wood, old wagons and sleighs, tin cans by the million and manure heaps scattered along the alley from one end to the other, and to make it still more uninviting, sloughs of mire had been formed every few feet by the slops that had been thrown out from the houses. In fact the alley is used for the deposit of every conceivable thing that should be carted to the dumping ground, besides being made the storage place for wagons, carts, sleds, and everything else that the owners have no immediate use for. If a horse should run away through that alley, he would be fortunate if he got through alive, it is hardly possible that he would pull a carriage along the alley without leaving it a wreck on some pile of rubbish. In case of a fire where it would be necessary to run through there with a hose cart, its progress would be delayed by the obstructions in the way, or it would be mired in some slough hole. As

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might be expected a look at the back yards along that alley is not a pleasant spectacle. We shall not attempt to describe their appearance, but the street commissioner and health officer, with the aid and support of the city council, will see that there is a different state of affairs there very soon. It cannot be cleaned up too soon nor too thoroughly.

*The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 9 [Thursday, May 23, 1889], page 1, column 2

THE Norway Current says they have diphtheria, measles, typhoid fever, and various other contagious diseases in that city, and wonders how much of it is attributable to the peddlers that travel about their streets. Whatever may be the facts in that regard, it behooves our health officer to be on the alert to see that some one or more of these forms of contagion are not brought to this city.

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

WE would like to see our city council pass an ordinance taxing all such fakes as the tape worm doctor \$10 a day, and if that isn't high enough to keep them out, make it \$100. They come here for a few days, take in several hundred dollars in exchange for a lot of worthless dope and then skip with their ill gotten *[sic – ill-gotten]* wealth. There will be none too much money in this city if we keep all we can of it at home.

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

A LONG haired individual calling himself Texas Tom, has been reaping a rich harvest out of the gullible people of our city in front of the German Boarding House the past week. He opens a shop with a few songs by a male quartet, and then proceeds to peddle out dope at a dollar a bottle that is supposed (?) to have wonderful qualities for expelling from the human system that "terrible monster" commonly known as the tape worn *[sic – worm]*, besides bringing death and destruction upon every other form of parasitic life. The fact that this fellow on his own statement, always makes a jump of 500 or a 1000 *[sic – 1,000]* miles when he leaves a place, *[sic]* ought to convince a thoughtful person that he is like all the other quacks – a humbug.

*The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 22 [Thursday, August 22, 1889], page 1, column 4

## **A Nuisance to be Abated.**

The city council at its last meeting passed a resolution requiring the owners of the lots covered by water back of the Odd Fellows' hall, *[sic]* be required to fill the same up to a level one foot above the present level of the water, within fourteen days of the passage of the resolution. This is a most justifiable act of the council in the interest of public health. That this immense cesspool is a menace to public health is sufficiently evidenced by the fact that at the present time there are four cases of typhoid fever located on the edges of that swamp, and the owners of the lots mentioned should not hesitate to act upon the request of the council, not only for humanity's sake but for their own personal interests. These

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lots can never be built on until they are filled up, and as soon as they are filled up will become desirable, and command a ready sale.

*The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 23 [Thursday, August 29, 1889], page 1, column 2

THERE are quite a number of cases of typhoid fever, in this city just at present and the water used for drinking purposes cannot be looked after too carefully.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 30 [Thursday, December 20, 1900], page 8, column 4

## BRIEF CITY NEWSITES.

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The public are [*sic – is*] being given another opportunity to avail themselves of vaccination at the city's expense this week, the council room being open for that purpose every day. Comparatively few people took advantage of the generosity of the city last week, and it was thought best to leave the offer open a while [*sic – awhile*] longer.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 16 [Thursday, September 13, 1900], page 5, column 4

## BRIEF CITY NEWSITES.

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Rev. N.H. Nosbisch enjoyed (?) an exciting five minutes while walking near Crystal Lake the other day. Some criminally reckless fellow was engaged in

exercising a long-distance rifle on the opposite bank and the bullets punctured the air all around the reverend gentleman's head, several coming uncomfortably near. The good father endeavored to locate the shootist, for the purpose of teaching him a lesson, but was unsuccessful, we are sorry to record. This is not the first instance where people have had narrow escapes from flying bullets in that vicinity, and it is about time the authorities were putting a stop to the practice. If we haven't a law prohibiting the use of fire-arms [*sic – firearms*] in the city, it is about time such a measure was enacted.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 14, Number 1 [Thursday, May 27, 1909], page 1, column 4

## Abolish Dumps.

The aldermen have finally decided – after many scoldings – to abolish municipal dumping grounds – long a cause of much complaint and many loud smells – at the corners of A and Brown streets. Large garbage cans are to be provided and the street cleaners will deposit the sweeping therein. The cans will be removed to the dumping grounds at least once each day. Thank you, gentlemen, for this improvement.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 12 [Thursday, August 11, 1910], page 1, column 3

## A Rat Story.

The Iron Mountain Water Works company has been unloading a consignment of 1,500 tons of coal this

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week. Supt. Croll says that more than a thousand large wharf rats were received in the consignment. Ben Nowatski, who bosses the job of loading, declares that some of the rats were as large as cats. In a consignment of coal received at the pumping station direct from the Pennsylvania mines, several hundred snakes were received. The snakes were all sizes and breeds.

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

## **Trash Boxes.**

An organization of ladies has donated to the city four much needed trash boxes. One of the boxes will be placed near the Gaudio store and the other three on Stephenson avenue. If the public shows a disposition to utilize the boxes, the ladies will donate others. In the future you will please deposit your waste papers and fruit remnants in the boxes. If the practice becomes general, Iron Mountain will soon win fame for her clean streets.

*Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 20, Number 14 [Thursday, August 19, 1915], page 1, column 3*

## **Money for Rats.**

Got any rats about your home, store or office? Don't let the cat get 'em if you have, because after next Monday rats will be a valuable asset. Under the new law which goes into effect on that date, rats are valued at five cents a head. In order to realize on the pesky animals it will be necessary to present the heads, neatly

lopped off, in batches of not less than five to the city clerk. When the clerk has satisfied himself regarding the correctness of the rat hunter's claim as to when the animals were captured, he will issue a certificate for presentation to the county clerk who shall draw a warrant on the county treasurer, the latter being instructed by law to pay from funds in the county treasury, five cents in good American coin for each head.

*Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 25, Number 6 [Thursday, June 24, 1920], page 8, column 2*

## **Rest Room For Women.**

Due to the earnest and persistent endeavors of the Woman's club, ably seconded by Mayor Eslick, Iron Mountain is to have a rest-room for women. The office of the city engineer on the street floor of the city building has been assigned for the purpose and the aldermen have generously appropriated the money needed to provide the necessary toilet facilities. The Woman's club will provide the furnishings. The restroom will fill "a long felt want" in Iron Mountain.

*Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 25, Number 16 [Thursday, September 2, 1920], page 1, column 4*

## **Woman's Club.**

The rest room in the city hall building, east of the post-office [*sic* – *post office*], will be opened to the public early in October. The city fathers have expended over \$400 in providing the same with conveniences, for all of which the ladies are very grateful.

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The club will furnish the rooms and provide an attendant. At an early date the club will inaugurate a movement for the assistance of the Boys club which Ned Fox has been instrumental in financing with but little help to date. The club is doing a splendid work and is deserving of a strong helping hand.

*Iron Mountain News*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, \_\_\_\_\_ Year, Number \_\_\_\_\_ [Tuesday, June 21, 1921], page 1, column 8

## **CANCELS GARBAGE AGREEMENT; CLAIM DAIRIES UNCLEAN**

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### **Fever Germs Carried in Milk, Officials Tell Aldermen**

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After a picture revolting in its details had been drawn by Dr. S.E. Cruse, health officer, regarding the collection and disposal of garbage in this city, the council last night declared the contract with Joseph Tamborini forfeited, and empowered the health committee to hire teams and men to do the work under the city's management. Directly after the council adjourned, the health committee met and engaged the teams by telephone, and the new system went into effect at 7 o'clock this morning.

After the conclusion of regular business, the council adjourned and met as a board of health, to listen to the reports of Dr. Cruse and John T. Rowe, state food and drug inspector.

"Iron Mountain was the first city in the upper peninsula to adopt a garbage system," said Dr. Cruse. "It was the first city to install an incinerator for the disposal

of garbage. Representatives of every city and many villages in the upper peninsula visited the city to inspect the plant, and I believe I can produce a letter complimenting us from the state board of health. Unfortunately, this system was disrupted by the war.

"Garbage collection and disposal in the city today is a farce. Not a day passes but I receive from five to fifteen, or even twenty complaints; the mayor and the chief of police receive a like number.

### **Garbage Collection "Farce".**

"Last Saturday afternoon, a city butcher cleaned up his shop, and put the refuse outside in boxes, so it would not remain in the shop over Sunday, with the understanding that Tamborini would collect it that afternoon [*sic* – *afternoon*]. Gentlemen, Tamborini dumped the refuse on the platform and took the boxes. He took the boxes to the incinerator to make a little smoke and and [*sic*] keep up the camouflage he has been carrying on for weeks.

"Tamborini has been dumping garbage into the Chapin pit; the rest of it he has taken home, to feed his hogs. When we visited his place he had a dead horse in the yard, and any amount of other refuse so foul was the condition that his own wife was disquasted [*sic* – *disgusted*] with him.

"He has not been burning the garbage for the reason that the incinerator is so plugged up with unburned refuse that it will require men with picks and crowbars to get it out."

### **Violated State Law**

Inspector Rowe interrupted to say that Tamborini's course was not only a violation of his contract, and of a city ordinance, but a double violation of state law, which provides that all dead animals must be buried within twenty-four hours and prohibits the feeding [*sic* – *feeding*] of any carrion to hogs or poultry.

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“H’es [*sic* – *He has*] been dumping garbage into Lake Antoine, that’s what’s the matter with the water,” declared Alderman Pipp.

“I now it,” Dr. Cruse assented. Later, the health officer said that while some garbage might have found its way into the lake, the quantity was small.

“I advised the council against letting the contract to Tamborini,” he continued. “I was surprised when he received it. There is no use, gentlemen, in letting a contract at a sum which is positively less than the work can be done for. Until the contract with Tamborini is cancelled, I cannot see any way of remedying the situation.”

The body adjourned as a board of health, and met again as a council. The contract with Tamborini was declared forfeited, and the \$200 deposit for performance of duties reverted to the city. The clerk was first instructed to advertise for bids, but it was later decided that, for the time, at least, the city should do the work  
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*Iron Mountain News*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, \_\_\_\_\_ Year, Number \_\_\_\_\_ [Wednesday, May 3, 1922], page 1, column 8

## OFFICIALS HOPE TO KEEP CITY CLEAN

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### People Must Not Dump Rubbish on Streets Or In Alleys

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Now that the annual spring cleanup campaign has been completed, an attempt will be made to keep the city clean, according to Dr. G. Fredrickson, health officer. Since all rubbish was removed from

alleys and streets, he said, there have been complaints that certain persons have resumed the practice of dumping waste matter on public property. He added that city authorities intend to enforce health regulations and will not permit the practice to continue.

In this connection he referred to ordinance No. 39 which provides that no person may deposit on streets, in alleys or any public place any “animal or vegetable substance, dead animals, fish, shells, shavings, dirt, rubbish, excrement, filth, slops and unclean or nauseous matter or liquor, nay, straw, ashes, cinders, soot, offal, garbage, swill or any other article or substance whatever which may cause any offensive or unwholesome smell.”

Ashes and cinders are to be placed in bins constructed in accordance with fire regulations and garbage must be kept in a covered container until it is collected.

The ordinance also provides a fine of not less than \$5 nor more than \$100 or imprisonment not to exceed 90 days or both, for violation.

The health officer declared that no person without a permit from the board of health will be allowed to dump any garbage of any kind at places used by the city for that purpose. Unless garbage is removed to outside the city limits, he said, it must be burned in the incinerator.

“Fly time is here,” he continued, “and exposed garbage provides an excellent breeding and feeding place for the disease carriers. Because of the danger to the public, we intend to see that health regulations are obeyed.”

*Iron Mountain News*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 27 [Tuesday, May 12, 1925], page 2, columns 1-2

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## ***Comfort Station, Lights and Sidewalk Contracts Awarded***

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### **Council Defers Action On Purchase of New Gasoline Roller.**

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Bids were received and contracts let for the comfort station, ornamental street lighting and approximately 20,000 square feet of cement sidewalk at a special meeting of the city council last evening. Purchase of a gasoline road roller was deferred until May 18, a special committee being appointed to investigate the five proposals given to the council last night.

There were five bids received on the comfort station, the contract being awarded to the Phelps-Drake company of this city for \$8,000. The bid of Arthur W. Wilson, of Niagara, was low at \$7,940 but was disqualified because of a rider on the indemnity clause which provided that the amount collectable by the city on non-completion of the contract was to be limited to \$200.

#### **Tussle On Light Bid.**

A real fight developed on the awarding of the contract for installation of the ornamental lighting system. The bid of the Kelly Construction company, Green Bay, was low at \$5220. This bid was on transformers for 600 candlepower lights. However, upon motion by Alderman Sonaglia, which was lost, resubmitted and then passed after Alderman Harvey was asked to cast his vote to decide a tie, the contract was awarded to the Rundle Hardware company of this city for \$5,495. The bid included transformers for 1,000 candlepower lights. The bid of the Phelps-

Drake company was for \$8,000 and the Brown Electric company for \$7,000. The Brown Electric company also presented another proposal offering to supervise the installation for 10 per cent of the cost. Lights to be put in are 18 standards on the east side of Stephenson avenue from Flesheim to C street, 12 standards on both sides of Ludington street from Stephenson to Carpenter avenue[,] 10 standards on both sides of Carpenter avenue from Ludington to A street.

#### **Eight Sidewalk Bidders.**

There were eight bidders on the sidewalks, the bids averaging about \$4,400 for the 3,722 lineal feet to be constructed. Contracts were awarded to the Iron Range Construction company, a new firm in the city which has been organized by Gene De Bee. His bid was \$3,676.40, or an average of 20 cents a square foot. Sidewalks to be built in this contract include the east side of South Stephenson avenue from the office of von Platen-Fox company to the Hydraulic falls road; west side of south Stephenson avenue from Park avenue to Hydraulic falls road and east on East A street for 450 feet.

Aldermen Lloyd, Sonaglia and Harvey were appointed a special committee to give further consideration to the five proposals for a gasoline road roller. The bids all included allowance for the old steam roller and scarifier, three of the proposals being for two cylinder rollers, two for four cylinder rollers and one for a single cylinder roller. The Austin Western road machinery company presented two proposals, one for a single cylinder roller at \$5,450 and a two cylinder roller at \$5,650. An allowance of \$725 was made for old equipment and the new roller was to be shipped f.o.b. factory.

The Buffalo Springfield company was low bidder, the price on the two cylinder roller being \$5,875 with an allowance of \$1,000 for the old equipment and shipment made f.o.b. Iron Mountain. A bid of \$6,100

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was made by the J.I. Case company with a discount of \$400 for cash and an allowance of \$600 for old equipment. The Standard Salt and Cement company bid was for \$7,625 on the two cylinder motor and the city was allowed only \$150 for the roller now in use. G.S. Webb of Marquette bid on the Acme four cylinder roller at \$6,500, allowing \$700 for old equipment.

All of the salesmen, representing the above companies, were given an opportunity to address the council on the merits of their machines and the body remained in session until 11:15 before all of the work was completed.

Contracts authorized by the council last evening will be signed within the next few days and work is to start immediately.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT AND JAIL**

*The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 4 [Thursday, April 18, 1889], page 1, columns 5-6*

### **“Pigs in a Pen” – The Jail.**

This is a game at which the new city council should play at as early as opportunity as it can conveniently do so. We do not refer to the puzzle which is now making idiots of men who were sane before, and those who were idiots before more idiotic that *[sic – than]* ever, but to the pig-stye which is now dignified by the title of Iron Mountain jail. This miserable and contemptible little shanty, situated down in the noxious bed of the swamp, and surrounded by stables, out-houses *[sic – outhouses]*, and the picturesque meanderings and foul overflows of the Chapin drain, is a disgrace to the city. At its best, its accommodations are unfit for any person born in a civilized or Christian

country, but when it happens to be literally packed by human beings, as it was last week by Italian bravos, cannibals, and drunkards, its sanitary condition must have been appalling even to contemplate, and must have stunk to high heaven for revenge.

*The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 4 [Thursday, April 18, 1889], page 1, column 6*

### **Our Police.**

There is at least one change in the personnel of the local police force which will give general satisfaction, and that is the appointment of Giles King as night watchman *[sic – watchman]*. No man deserves the position more than he does, as he is a sensible and painstaking man, *[sic]* who possesses the additional advantage of looking as handsome with a star glittering on his breast as any man in Iron Mountain could. Officer Martin is filling the position of city marshal first-rate; Officer Hager continues to keep a pretty sharp eye on a gang of boys who prefer darkness rather than light; and Deputy Sheriff O’Hara continues to have his hands full in hunting up hard or doubtful cases in this city and the towns in the vicinity that lie within his beat. Justice Bergeron, too, is enjoying about as much work as he can do in fining or imprisoning folks who contrive to deserve these punishments. Justice Wicks has also a fair share of civil and criminal cases. We man mention that Deputy Sheriff O’Hara has had again to go to Hurley to hunt up evidence in the notorious Charley Ross and Jessie Nomalini affair, and it is probable that both these prisoners will know their fate in Menominee before this week is out. Mr. O’Hara also went up to Ironwood on

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Sunday in order to get the first wife of Williams (alias, of course, "Charley Ross"), who was known to be employed in a saloon kept by Peter Baptiste. He got the woman, after a hunt, and took her down to Menominee.

*The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 9 [Thursday, May 23, 1889], page 5, column 2

## **Personal and Social.**

Wm. Sims was appointed special police for one year without salary, at his request, by the council at its last meeting. Mr. Sims recently become [*sic – became*] a member of a detective force, and he desired the appointment that he might have the power to make arrests when necessary.

*The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 17 [Thursday, July 18, 1889], page 1, column 4

## **Reckless Shooting.**

The night officers complain that some foolish young fellows are in the habit of shooting off their revolvers after dark, much to the alarm of quiet and decent citizens, who naturally suppose that murder is being committed. On Monday night three young fellows who were feeling very mellow staggered against the fruit stand which Dominick Contarini has erected alongside of his saloon on Hughitt street, and the alarmed Italian, in his night dress, threw up his window and fired three shots in all directions, and were non est [*return of a writ or summons when the person to be arrested or served with it cannot be found*] when officer Milliman arrived upon the

scene. Contarini was very indignant, and wandered about the streets half the night looking for the disturbers of his midnight rest. The young fellows were scared enough to make them stop midnight frolics for a considerable time to come.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 11, Number 44 [Thursday, March 21, 1907], page 1, column 3

## **Will Engage in Business.**

John B. Michela, who has been a member of the police force for several years, serving under four administrations, tendered his resignation at a meeting of the city council last Monday evening and will retire the first of the month. It is the intention of Mr. Michela to engaged [*sic – engage*] in the mercantile business. He has formed a co-partnership with his brother, Joseph Michela, Jr., and the young men will succeed to the business of their father, ex-Alderman Michela, at 526 Main street. The elder Michela will retire to private life. The business is well established, has a large patronage and excellent credit. The young men are popular and progressive and will no doubt be successful in maintaining the reputation of the house and at the same time win new patrons. John B. has performed the duties of police officer with credit, and in retiring he will have the best wishes of many friends.

*The Iron Mountain News*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 4, Number 304 [Wednesday, April 8, 1925], page 2, column 2

## **49 ARRESTED IN MARCH, REPORT**

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## Twenty-four for Intoxication; 47 Fire Runs Made

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The monthly report of Chief of Police Frank Smole submitted to the city council last night showed a total of 49 arrests during March.

Twenty-four of the arrests were for intoxication, six for assault and battery, four for gambling, four for violating city ordinances, one for violating the school laws, two for disorderly conduct, one for vagrancy and one for larceny.

Joel Axberg, chief of the fire department, reported 47 runs during the month. No. 1 department made 11 chimney fire runs, 12 for grass fires, five for roof fires, three for fires caused by overheated stoves, one for a furnace explosion, one for a garage fire, one for a rubbish blaze and it also answered two false alarms.

No. 2 engine company answered two false alarms, fought three grass fires, two rubbish fires and two roof fires.

*Iron Mountain News*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 34 [Wednesday, May 20, 1925], page 1, column 5

## LOST CHILD AT POLICE STATION

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### Danny Says He Lives On "Next" Street But Where Is That?

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A world explorer not yet into his teens and giving his name as Danny Grip was found on Stephenson avenue this afternoon by Police Officer Cavaiani and taken to the police station.

Danny didn't become afraid because he was lost. He took it bravely and was most agreeable when the police officer offered to take him to the officer's home.

Danny knew that he lived in Iron Mountain on the "next" street and that his father and mother were home. He also told police he was going to school when he gets bigger. He answered questions between bites, the police having purchased him a large bag of chocolate candy to keep him occupied until his parents miss him and make inquiry at the station.

*Iron Mountain News*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 42 [Friday, May 29, 1925], page 2, column 4

## BIG HEARTED AND NOTHING ELSE BUT

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### Merchants Giving Back More in Change Than They Receive

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Big hearted. That is what the police department is going to dub Iron Mountain merchants if many more calls are received at the station to help catch customers who have been given back more change than they deserve.

The Western Union started it Wednesday afternoon, giving a customer \$15 on a \$10 draft. A description of the man was given the police department but a brief search of the city failed to locate him.

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Yesterday afternoon another call was received. But this time it was from the Anegon Confectionery and the amount was not for \$5 but for \$20. The clerk became confused and gave the customer, a man, too much change.

And it doesn't work both ways. If, by chance, a customer is accidentally short changed he doesn't need the police department to help locate the merchant and can always bind him 10 times out of 10.

*Iron Mountain News*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 44 [Tuesday, June 2, 1925], page 7, column 1

## ARREST 72 HERE IN MAY, REPORT

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### Twenty-one Were Intoxicated and Fourteen Were Vagrants

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Seventy-two arrests were made by the police department during the month of may [*sic – May*], according to Chief Smole's report to the city council last evening.

Of that number 21 were for drunkenness, 18 for gambling, 14 for vagrancy, 10 for violating city ordinances, three for disorderly conduct, two for reckless driving, two for driving cars while intoxicated, one for robbery and one for larceny.

With the renewal of traffic regulation on Stephenson avenue, three traffic policemen [*sic – policemen*] have been placed in service at the intersection of Ludington, Hughitt and "B" street. The officers are on duty at noon, during the later hours of the

afternoon and in the evening when traffic is heaviest.

*Iron Mountain News*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 22 [Wednesday, May 6, 1925], page 3, columns 3-4

## Ford Office Building Offered For \$25,000

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### No Opposition to City's Proposal to Purchase at That Price

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The Ford Motor company has offered to sell its abandoned office building on East Brown street to the city for \$25,000, according to a statement to members of the city council.

The city desires to purchase the property because of claims that the present city hall is cramped for office space and additional quarters are needed.

The council committee appointed to investigate the proposition reported that although no plan of payment was proposed, the price had been set. The committee inspected the building and stated that it was in excellent condition and well suited for city offices.

### Too Small For Company

The building was erected at the time the Ford Motor company came to Iron Mountain. It housed the company offices until about a year ago when it became too small and quarters were fixed up in the maintenance building at the plant.

The proposition has been referred to the council finance committee for further investigation and it is probable that some definite plan of action will be recommended

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at the next regular meeting of the council. No opposition has been expressed to the committee's recommendation that the city purchase the building.

## **Enlargement of Cemetery**

Two propositions have been presented by the von Platen-Fox company for the purchase by the city of the land owned by the company adjacent to the city cemetery. One strip of land with a 50-foot roadway separating it from the cemetery has been offered for \$30,000, while the other section, consisting of five acres and located north of the Wisconsin Michigan railroad, has been offered for \$40,000. A council committee recommended that the five-acre site be purchased inasmuch as it is believed more suitable for use as a cemetery and is practically cleared.

*Iron Mountain News*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 44 [Tuesday, June 2, 1925], page 1, column 8

## **ERECT NEW JAIL, COUNCIL URGED**

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### **Committee Also Recommends Purchase Of Ford Building**

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Recommendations that the city purchase the Ford office building on East Brown street for \$25,000 and that, in addition, it build a new city jail for \$5,000, [sic] were included in a report submitted to the council last evening by a committee [sic – committee] of Aldermen Frankini, Franklin and Sonaglia.

The present jail, the report stated, was not conveniently located and was neither

sanitary nor suitable for the housing of prisoners. The cell block is located in a room in the rear of the justice court in the city hall building.

The Ford proposal has been under consideration for several weeks. The back of the building faces the rear of the city hall. The purchase is considered necessary because, it is claimed, more room is needed for city offices.

The committee proposed that the purchase of the Ford building and the erection of a new jail be financed by a bond issue of \$30,000, maturing over a period of 10 years and bearing interest at the rate of five per cent. The report was accepted by the council and placed on the records.

## **MICHIGAN STATE POLICE IRON MOUNTAIN POST**

*Iron Mountain News*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 32 [Monday, May 18, 1925], page 2, column 2

## **STATE COPS TO PATROL ROADS**

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### **Novel System To Be Used In Controlling Traffic**

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Michigan state police patrols are to keep watchful eyes on virtually all heavily traveled highways this summer, it is announced by Captain Archie Downing, commander of the upper peninsula detachment.

A novel system will be employed in an effort to enforce sane driving. The patrols

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will not, except in a few instances, have designated routes day after day. Instead they will appear on one highway one day, another the next and so on. The main arteries will be policed regularly.

The surprise patrols, appearing unexpectedly on trunk lines outside the main arteries[,] will have a restraining effect on the speeders and reckless drivers, it is believed. The plan was tried last year and worked well. Patrols working the same route day after day apparently are little bother to seasoned and experienced violators. They also know which roads are not patrolled. But with the present system, it is claimed, they never know when they will run into a state motorcycle officer.

## **Men Specially Trained.**

The state department now has a body of specially trained motorcycle men for traffic work. A school was conducted in Lansing and the troopers were put through grilling courses. Courtesy was one of the subjects stressed. In the state police curriculum there is nothing worse than the unnecessarily gruff or insulting officers.

ON the other hand the troopers were trained to deal promptly and forcefully with drivers threatening the life or property of others, particularly drunken drivers, veteran violators and “maniacs” who drive at top speed, regardless of the condition of the road or traffic.

*Iron Mountain News*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 42 [Friday, May 29, 1925], page 6, columns 3-4

## **TROOPERS AFTER DRUNKEN DRIVERS**

**Will Aid City and County**

## **Authorities in Their Campaign**

The Michigan state police have joined hands with city and county officers in a war on drunken automobile drivers. It is now a new war, but the old one continued with new determination to keep the highways free from motorists who imperil the lives of others by mixing moonshine with their gasoline.

Throughout Michigan this spring local police began to deal severely with persons caught “staggering” along the road in their cars. Arrests were followed by heavy fines and, in many cases, jail sentences. Judges now have an added weapon to use on the drunken driver. Under the amended motor vehicle law, they may revoke his operator’s license. That penalty already has been imposed in a few cases.

## **Probe All Accidents.**

Captain Archie Downing, commanding the upper peninsula detachment of state police, with headquarters in Negaunee, is complying to the letter with instructions from Lansing to put special effort into the drunken driver campaign. The state police are under orders to make a thorough investigation of every automobile accident which comes to their attention. The object of their probes will be to ascertain the real cause of every accident on the theory that a large percentage of them are traceable to booze.

When it is learned that an intoxicated drive is responsible for an accident, the state police will cause the arrest and prosecution of that driver, no matter what the results of the accident might be, Captain Downing said. Sometimes, he pointed out, the drunken driver’s car is wrecked and the driver is laid up with injuries. He is apt to think that he has had

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misfortune enough, but he will not escape arrest, the officer declared.

*Iron Mountain News*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, \_\_\_\_\_ Year, Number \_\_\_\_\_ [Saturday, June 13, 1925], page 7, column 1

## MAY HAVE STATE POLICE POST HERE

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### Captain of Upper Peninsula Detachment Favors Location

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Establishment of a post of the Michigan state constabulary in Iron Mountain will be recommended by Capt. Archie Downing, in charge of the upper peninsula detachment, as the result of tentative plans being made by the state department of public safety to open another branch headquarters in northern Michigan.

Captain Downing arrived here yesterday and also spent today in the city conferring with various officials and making a survey to determine the advisability of having a detachment of state police permanently stationed here.

#### City Centrally Located.

He stated before his departure that he believed Iron Mountain well located for a post inasmuch as it would provide a central point for policing Dickinson, Delta, Menominee and Iron counties. The question at issue now, however, is obtaining a suitable building. IN a conference with Ford officials he discussed a proposal to take over the building on Carpenter avenue that the company is planning to abandon.

If a post is established here the staff will probably include six troopers, one of whom would be constantly stationed at the barracks. From this point they would be able to quickly reach Escanaba, Menominee or Crystal Falls if the emergency presented itself.

#### Fair Enforcement of Law.

“We would not come here with the idea of trying to be hard on Dickinson county residents,” said Captain Downing. “Our purpose would be reasonable and just enforcement of the law with particular attention being paid to drunken automobile drivers to whom we show little mercy.”

Last night Capt. Downing appeared before the village commission of Kingsford as the result of an inquiry the commission directed to the state department asking advice on how to adequately and at the same time economically police the village. The captain recommended that the village hire a motorcycle officer to work in conjunction with the plain clothes man now on duty. Because of the great territory covered by the village he stated that in his opinion this was the best plan to follow at the present time.

*The Iron Mountain News*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 176 [Tuesday, November 5, 1935] , page 2, column 1

## BARRACKS SITE IS APPROVED BY HEAD OF POLICE

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Property Is Inspected Today by Commissioner Olander

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Approval of the site offered some time ago by the city for the construction of a permanent state police barracks, located within the area known as the north side park west of highway US-2 at the north city limits, was given here today by Oscar G. Olander, commissioner of public safety for Michigan.

The commissioner arrived here in company with Captain O.E. Demaray, of Marquette, commander of the upper peninsula state police detachment, and inspected both the proposed site and the Iron Mountain unit, now housed in a residence on US-2 in the southeast part of the city.

The barracks project, Olander said, has already been approved by the WPA and the allotment made, estimated at \$15,000. It would provide a two-story brick building, 30 by 72, a five-car garage and a landscaping plan.

## **May Not Start This Winter**

Although Olander's approval is accepted by officials here as a virtual assurance of the permanent barracks, it is doubtful that construction can begin this winter, the commissioner said. Weather conditions, he said, may not be favorable, although he did not say definitely the project would be held off until spring.

Only one minor objection to the site was forthcoming from the commissioner. "If anything," he said, "it is a little far out of town for what we had in mind, but I don't think that's a serious disadvantage in this case. It is close to the highway and offers excellent facilities for the construction and the development of the premises."

When news of the probable construction was received here by Mayor Carl G. Miller some time ago, the council took immediate action in offering the north side park site on a 50-year-lease basis. Communications were also dispatched to the commissioner

offering the site and asking that he make an inspection trip. This is Olander's first visit to Iron Mountain since these letters were sent.

While here he also conferred with Mayor Miller, Harold Senseman, city engineer, and others relative to the project.

*The Iron Mountain News*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 182 [Monday, November 11, 1935], page 3, column 1

## **STATE TROOPER BARRACKS PLANS GIVEN APPROVAL**

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### **Construction Program In Michigan Expected To Start Soon**

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Definite approval of the WPA project for the construction of new state police barracks of sub-stations in the city of Iron Mountain and elsewhere in the state is announced in an article appearing in the November issue of "The State Trooper," the official publication of the state department of public safety.

Other communities in which sub-stations will be constructed include St. Clair, West Branch, Blissfield, Jonesville, White Pigeon, Mt. Pleasant, Alpena, Manistee, Cheboygan, St. Ignace, Brighton, Utica, Erie, New Buffalo, Reed City, Gaylord, L'Anse, Wakefield and Newberry.

In addition three new district headquarters buildings will be provided and funds have already been appropriated. They will be at Paw Paw, district No. 5, \$19,957; Bay City, district No. 3, \$21,686, and Rockford, district No. 6, \$22,842.

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## **First Appropriation Made**

“Approval of a \$300,000 allotment of WPA funds for new buildings and equipment, designed to make the Michigan state police the finest in the nation, has been followed by appropriation of the first \$60,000 for the three district headquarters (listed above),” the article states. “Work on these projects...will undoubtedly be under way soon.

“The entire project, as drawn by commissioner Oscar G. Olander after several weeks’ consultation with WPA and state authorities, includes four new district headquarters, 10 new posts, new and additional radio equipment and improvements of buildings and equipment at the headquarters post at East Lansing.

“As this was written, plans for the first buildings had been fully approved and requisitions for necessary material bills were going forward. The President’s board had appropriated the first funds.

“Harry L. Pierson, state administrator, recommended the commissioner’s entire program and it apparently was meeting with equal favor in Washington. The President’s orders have been to make projects receiving WPA funds useful. Combined with this is the administration’s interest in stamping out major crime and strengthening law enforcement agencies.

## **Liked By Administration**

“The projects seem to be particularly to the liking of administration officials in that nearly all of them involve works projects in communities in which the field of projects is necessarily limited because of size...

“The sub-station posts would be identical except for minor changes dictated by size of detachment and local conditions. Costs would run about \$12,000 each. They would consist of modern small buildings, with two officers in front, a garage in the rear and living quarters for the members of the detachment above both the offices and

garage. They would be, in general, buildings suitable for the duty and living comfort of about four men...

“Temporary quarters have been taken for four new posts, opened recently. They are at L’Anse, four men; Wakefield, four men; Romeo, five men, and new Buffalo,” four men...”

*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.

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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, 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**

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### **Supervisors Have Been Assigned to WPA Projects**

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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

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accommodate, depending largely on how many are still available through the national reemployment service. Maximum crews 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.

## **POUNDMASTER**

*The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 16 [Thursday, July 11, 1889], page 1, column 2

NOTICES have been posted about the streets of this city the past few days that it will pay the owners of pigs to heed. They read as follows:

All owners of pigs are hereby notified that if the same are found running at large in the streets and alleys [*sic – alleys*] of the city of Iron Mountain after the 15th of July, 1889, they will be put in the pound and retained until all charges are paid.

By the order of the city council,  
WM. JOHN DAW,  
Poundmaster.

*The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 21 [Thursday, August 15, 1889], page 1, column 4

## **Don't Abuse the Poundmaster.**

If the owner of a pig continues to outrage public decency by letting his pig run at large until some fine morning he discovers that said pig is in the pound, that is no reason why he should abuse the poundmaster or the poundmaster's wife. Mr. Daw is only doing his duty when he impounds a stray hog – doing only what some one [*sic – someone*] else would do if he didn't, and a man is a good deal of a hog who makes a kick about it. The proper thing for every hog owner to do is to build his own pen and not wait for his hog to get into the poundmaster's pen. The ordinance ordering the keeping up of swine is one of the most praiseworthy acts of the city council, and no one but a brute will heap abuse on Mr. Daw, who has been appointed by the council to enforce the ordinance, for doing his duty, or upon his excellent wife. When a man comes around and swears at Mr. Daw or Mrs. Daw, he ought to be put into the pound with the rest of the hogs. Pay your little 75 cents like a man, take your property and see that it don't [*sic – doesn't*] fall into the poundmaster's hands again. That's the proper thing to do.

## **WATER DEPARTMENT**

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

## **Municipal Rink.**

Iron Mountain is progressing nicely, thank you. At a meeting of the city council last Monday the aldermen voted unanimously in favor of maintaining a skating rink for the boys and girls during the winter months. The site selected is four lots

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on Prospect avenue near St. Joseph's church.

## NORTH SIDE SANDSTONE WATER RESERVOIR

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### **The North Side Reservoir By Alphonse Fuse**

The North Side reservoir is commonly known as the water tank on Tamborini's Hill. The tank is located at the end of the main street extension, a private road built by Joe Tamborini, leading to the Tamborini home and farm, settled in the late 1890's.

The construction of the water tank was begun in 1889 and the large wooden dome was completed in 1891. The tank was completed in two years, a remarkable feat for those days, considering the location. The tank and water system was built, owned, and operated by a private concern. The City of Iron Mountain purchased the entire system in 1924.

One must remember that 1889 was a time before the mechanized age. Horses provided the power. The water tank was built on an area of under one acre. A route to the tank had to be established, one that teams of horses and wagons could reach the top of the hill.

The route taken, left the stone quarry, came down 4th Street to Stephenson Avenue, then up the mining company road, now known as Kent Street, to the Ludington Mine area. A road was then built north to the site of the new tank.

The capacity of the new tank was 500,000 gallons. This would give an idea of a large structure. All the steel plates, with the rivet holes in place, had to be hauled to the site. The stone from the "stone quarry"

on the east side of the North Side had to be quarried, and cut to size by the stone masons, and then hauled to the site. The lumber for the domed roof was of clear pine lumber.

The inner steel tank that held the water was made of formed steel plate sections and riveted together with large-sized rivets at the site. This was before the advent of welding. The top of the steel tank was uncovered.

The outer shell of the tank was built by Italian stone masons, of the local native sandstone. The walls of this structure are still in good shape after over 100 years. A wooden shed was built on the east side of the tank that housed the valves controlling the water if a shutdown was necessary. An old type crank telephone was also here, in case it was necessary to communicate with the well site on the north side of Lake Antoine.

1891 saw the completion of the tank.

The large dome was constructed of white pine lumber. The roofing was of cedar shingles stained red. A cupola with a tall spire topped off the wooden dome. The spire was struck by lightning in the late 1890's, but never replaced.

In 1931 the wooden dome was torn down as a W.P.A. project. The steel tank was scraped and wire brushed, then painted. The outside stone was tuck pointed. A new structure with a flat roof was built and completed in 1932 as one can now see it.

The tank had a capacity of 500,000 gallons. The water intake was in the bottom of the tank and an overflow line at the top of the tank was installed in case of the tank being overfilled. Water was then spilled to the flat area, north of the tank.

On January 31, 1961, the intake water pipe rusted out and the entire 500,000 gallons of water spilled out. It was very fortunate that the lay of the land prevented

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the home and barns of Anton Fuse from being flooded. The water eventually found its way down to Stephenson Avenue into the East Chapin Pit.

The intake was repaired and the tank put back in service until the city got its water supply from the new wells.

## **STREETS AND SIDEWALKS**

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

AT the meeting of the business men's [*sic – businessmen's*] association last evening, the question came up as to who should be employed to sprinkle the streets. There were two applicants – John Rule and Langdon & Eslick. It was decided to give the job to John Rule by an almost unanimous vote. Rule has agreed to do the work one month on trial, and guarantees satisfaction, or he will be willing to stand aside for some one [*sic – someone*] who can.

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

### **Grand Sprinkling Contest.**

For the past week Stephenson avenue has been sprinkled until the dust has been transformed into mud, and the citizens begin to think they're getting a little too much of a good thing. The business men [*sic – businessmen*] at their last meeting voted that the street sprinkling should be done by John Rule. Langdon & Eslick, however, who did the sprinkling last year, have friends enough among the

business men [*sic – businessmen*], they think, to justify their insisting on doing it this year. Consequently both parties have been industriously wetting down Stephenson avenue and side streets from early morning till sun down. If the squabble does not result in both quitting after awhile [*sic – a while,*] the merchants think they can stand this unlooked for abundance of water.

*The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 8 [Thursday, May 16, 1889], page 1, columns 5-6*

### **We Grow Too Fast.**

The council met last evening to consider the question of appropriations for highway purposes, but as the finance committee was not prepared to state what amount was necessary for salaries, fire department, etc., no definite action was taken. The fact is, [*sic*] the city council is a good deal perplexed to know what to do first. Stephenson avenue ought to be macadamized or paved from Cady's corner to C street, and if this were done there would be nothing left for street extensions that are as badly needed. Fleshier, Brown and Ludington streets should be extended to accommodate the people who are building on the Armstrong addition; Carpenter avenue should be extended to accommodate people building on the Hamilton addition; a street should be opened to the Pewabic location; Prospect avenue should be opened from Brown to A street; in fact nearly every street in the city should be lengthened to accommodate new residences that are going up, and to add to this a large amount of repairs should be made to the streets already opened. Iron Mountain is growing so rapidly that it is impossible to keep up with this growth in

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the matter of street extensions – in fact, this vigorous young city out grows its clothes before they are finished. The council will have to decide what is most urgently needed, and do the best it can with that this year, and leave the balance for next year.

*The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 9 [Thursday, May 23, 1889], page 1, column 1

WE often see children fall on the Carpenter avenue crossing opposite our office. The crossing planks, where they join the sidewalk, stick up just enough to trip them.

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THE council voted at its last meeting to spend \$2000 in improving the condition of Stephenson avenue, and Street Commissioner Stevens is now busy seeing how much good he can do with that amount of money. He will get as much out of it as possible. Gravel from the excavations for cellars to the new brick buildings being built by Sundstrom and Freeman, on Fleshiem street, is being put on the street at 10 cents a load and rock from the Hamilton waste pile, and also from the old Iron Mountain mine waste pile, can be had for the handling.

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

## THE CITY.

PROBABLY some of our property owners haven't got it through their hair yet, that they are now required, under the city charter[,] to make and keep in repair sidewalks in front of their own property. We notice some rotten and broken planks in different parts of the city that should be repaired. It will be cheaper than to stand a suit for damages should some one [sic – someone] get hurt on account of them.

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

THAT sidewalk ordered to be built on C street and Carpenter avenue does not appear to be materializing very rapidly.

*The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 18 [Thursday, July 25, 1889], page 1, column 2

A VERY much needed improvement is being made on Ludington street at the culvert crossing the creek. The roadbed, which has been much narrower than the culvert, is being widened to its proper width. It has heretofore been a dangerous place. A horse would need to shy but very little to upset a carriage and throw the occupants against the stone culvert.

*The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 19 [Thursday, August 1, 1889], page 1, column 2

MRS. P. SMITH has built a sidewalk in front of her premises on A street and hopes to see her neighbors do the same. The property owners between her place and Stephenson avenue are much more able to incur the expense than she is, and should

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be public spirited enough to build their share of the walk at once.

*The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 19 [Thursday, August 1, 1889], page 1, column 2

THOS. RUNDLE has had a new sidewalk laid in front of his opera house, which is about four feet above the level of the street. The street, it is claimed, has been cut down below grade, but isn't Tommy's sidewalk a little above grade?

*The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 21 [Thursday, August 15, 1889], page 1, column 2

A VERY much needed improvement has been made at the Carpenter avenue and Brown street crossing, being a culvert across Brown street to carry the water down the hill in a gutter, instead of having it take the middle of the street. The cost of the culvert is most assuredly money well spent.

*The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 21 [Thursday, August 15, 1889], page 8, column 2

## Personal and Social.

O. Burlingame was in this city last Monday, surveying Peter Baptiste's lot and establishing the grade of the sidewalk from his corner to Brown street.costs.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 14, Number 9 [Thursday, July 22, 1909], page 1, column 5

## Damage by Rain.

This section was visited by another cloud burst late last Tuesday afternoon and much damage was done in the business district. Nearly all the Stephenson avenue basements were flooded. The Sundstrom hardware basement, occupied by John Blixt as a barber shop, contained nearly four feet fo water and the one under the Fisher block over three feet. Many merchants had goods damaged. On Stephenson avenue the water overflowed the sidewalks. The hill streets were washed out in many places and the damage in this direction will reach several hundred dollars. The St. Paul track near the hospital was washed out for a distance of twenty feet and trains were delayed several hours. One of the North-Western tracks across the pit was badly damaged. Gardens on the hills also suffered. The sewers were much too small to handle the downpour and the need of a storm sewer system was made manifest. According to the government water gauge at the Oliver Iron Mining company's office the rain fell equally three and one-third inches.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 14, Number 10 [Thursday, July 29, 1909], page 1, column 1

## ASK FOR DAMAGES

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**MERCHANTS WANT CITY TO PAY FOR DAMAGE TO GOODS.**

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## Caused by Inflow of Water from the Sewers; Much Sentiment in Favor of a New Trunk Line.

The Press learns that the Stephenson avenue business men [*sic – businessmen*] and others who had their basements flooded by an inflow of water from the sewers intend presenting bills for damages to the city council. The total will reach several hundred dollars.

The liability of the city in the premises remains to be established.

The presenting of the claims, however, will forcibly remind the aldermen of the great need of a storm sewer in the business district. The present sewer system was evidently constructed for sanitary purposes only and is unable to handle the surface water during a heavy downfall of rain.

Hardly a year passes but what basements in the business districts are flooded and much damage done to goods. In addition to this it is always necessary, after each heavy rain – several times a season – to employ a large force of men to dig out the earth washed from the hills into the sewers and repair the damage to the hill streets.

The extension of the trunk sewer through the business streets would cost, we are informed, about \$30,000.

The Press has interviewed many business men [*sic – businessmen*] and we find the sentiment almost unanimous in favor of bonding the city for the improvement.

Many business men [*sic – businessmen*] favor a bond issue of \$100,000 for sewer and street improvements.

Perhaps no city in the United States with 10,000 inhabitants has so insignificant a bonded indebtedness as Iron Mountain. It is less than \$3,000 – city hall bonds – and

the rentals will wipe this out in a very short time.

The school indebtedness is equally insignificant.

It is certain that the city of Iron Mountain could sell \$100,000 worth of five per cent. bonds at a nice premium.

The need of a trunk sewer is manifest. Stephenson avenue must be repaired in another year. Other streets should be improved. It would be unfair and unreasonable to attempt to do all this work by increasing the rate of taxation. The yearly tax rate is plenty high enough now. By bonding – issuing long-time bonds – the expense could be met at easy stages. And it is only fair, as one business man [*sic – businessman*] expressed it, that future generations – the man who may acquire property in the years to come – should pay for some of the benefits he is enjoying.

The question is one that should be considered by every tax-payer [*sic – taxpayer*], and The Press opens its columns for a free discussion.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 24, Number 52 [Thursday, May 20, 1920], page 1, column 4

## Street Work.

Stephenson avenue is being patched once more. The board of public works has no funds to do otherwise, so do not “kick.” It is anticipated that, another year, Stephenson avenue will be “adopted” as a link in the state trunk road system. This means that the centre [*sic – center*] twenty feet of the roadway will be paved at the expense of the county and state. The board of public work [*sic – works*] has in hand about \$15,000 and there is more than 450,000 worth of work that should be done

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this season. The board has been “commanded” by the council to macadamize Ludington street west from Carpenter avenue. It has been estimated that this job alone will cost over \$10,000, and it is not likely that the board will expend all the available funds in complying with the order. It is absolutely necessary to oil several of the down-town [*sic – downtown*] streets in order to preserve the pavement. It is expected that the usual \$2.99 will be expended on the north side streets.

*Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 24, Number 52 [Thursday, May 20, 1920], page 1, column 5*

## **Employ Millie Rock.**

Rock from the Millie mine, which has the approval of the state highway department, will be employed in macadamizing Milwaukee avenue. The three county trucks will be employed in moving the work and the work [*sic – rock – ?*] should progress very rapidly. The work of grading the road, under the supervision of Engineer Israelson, is moving forward most expeditiously and the public is being inconvenienced as little as possible. While this work is in progress Iron Mountain city authorities should make an effort to have the railroad companies build a concrete crossing at the west end of Main street. No doubt the companies, if rightly approached[,] would so construct the crossing. A new crossing is needed, anyway.

*Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 25, Number 11 [Thursday, July 29, 1920], page 1, column 6*

## **COMISSION MADE MONEY.**

### **Milwaukee Avenue Contract to Net County Handsome Profit.**

The county road commission has made a nice profit of over \$6,000 in the work of building the Milwaukee avenue link in the state trunk line highway. The estimated cost of the work, as figured by the state engineers, was \$18,799. When bids were advertised for the lowest tender received was about \$24,000. The bids were rejected and upon re-advertising no tenders were received by the state highway commissioner. The county road commission then entered into an agreement with State Commissioner Rogers to build the road at the original estimate -- \$18,799. The work has just been completed and, while all the bills have not as yet been received, Engineer Israelson tells The Press that the total cost of the construction is about \$12,000. This means that the county commission has made a snug profit of over \$6,000. The road is of macadam construction with a coating of tarvia and is nearly one mile in length. And there is not a better piece of roadway in the upper peninsula than the Milwaukee avenue link.

That section of the state trunk line extending from the office of the von Platen Lumber company to Keel Ridge is to receive a coating of tarvia at once. This roadway was constructed last season. Wahlstrom Bros. & Bacco have about completed their construction job on the South Carpenter avenue road and the approaches to the inter-state bridge. IN view of the fact that the Ford factories are to be constructed in that district, and much heavy freighting will be done over the road, the county commission may decide to

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extend the work to H street on the north. The The *[sic]* Hoose & Person Constructon company is making excellent progress on the new county road north of Randville.

*Iron Mountain News*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 33 [Tuesday, May 19, 1925], page 3, columns 3-6

## CITY GIVES NOTE TO PAY FOR WORK

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### Phelps-Drake Co. Get \$12,000 I.O.U. Bearing Six Per Cent

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Among other matters taken care of at the meeting of the city council was the paying of a claim of \$193.44 to Alvord, Burdick and Howson, consulting engineers, for testimony in the Bacco chancery sewer suit. A note was also given to the Phelps-Drake company of this city for \$12,770.85 with interest at the rate of six per cent for contract work done by the company. The note will be taken up as soon as the city has ample funds to pay the claim.

#### Treasurer Given Assistant.

City Treasurer Horace James was granted \$60 a month to hire an assistant due to the large amount of extra work in the treasurer's office because of the double collection of taxes. Assessments totalling *[sic – totaling]* \$80,000 were reported as outstanding as yet and a special effort is to be made to collect them.

No action was taken on the proposal of John W. Schaeffer & Co., consulting engineers of Minneapolis, who offered to take charge of the large paving program proposed by the city on a basis of 6 per

cent of the total cost. The matter was referred to the street committee.

#### Has Traffic System.

Alderman Harvey's map on proposed traffic regulation on the busy thoroughfares of the city was referred to the police committee. The map carries a proposal for arterial highways on the main thoroughfares of the city.

The police alarm and telephone system was also discussed, the clerk being ordered to secure prices for the installation of this system.

A suggestion of the Levy-Unger company to park cars only on the west side of Stephenson avenue to permit shoppers to drive up to stores on the east side was also referred to the street committee for further consideration.

#### Deny Erection of Tanks.

Permission was denied the Iron Mountain Gas company for the construction of two additional tanks on the company's property abutting G street, action being taken upon the presentation of a resolution signed by 75 residents requesting the city council to refuse the building permit. The vote was seven ayes, with three aldermen not voting.

The company petitioned the council at the last meeting for permission to construct two tanks to be used temporarily to relieve the shortage of gas in the city due to the sudden growth. Upon survey of the property, the street committee said it was found that the tanks would be a public nuisance and would have to be constructed to the very edge of G street.

#### Ask Opening of Street.

Another petition with 76 signers was received by the council asking the opening of G street between Stephenson and Carpenter avenue. The petition signed by eight residents of the Hamilton and Merryman third addition requested permanent pavement on Sixth avenue from

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Vulcan street east to Aragon street and this was also referred to the street committee. Petition for a street light, at the corner of Pine and Wells street was turned over to the street lighting committee.

City Engineer Fred W. Hartman was authorized to purchase 900 lineal [*sic* – *lineal*] feet of culvert pipe to convey water from sewer [*sic* – *Sewer*] creek to a point east of the Kimberly street culvert.

Members of the finance committee recommended the purchase of 40 acres of land belonging to Henry Foucault to be used as a park on the North side of the city. The price of \$6,500 was agreed upon and the committee urged the payment of \$2,500 in cash, the balance of the terms to be agreed upon later. The report was approved.

*Iron Mountain News*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 33 [Tuesday, May 19, 1925], page 6, columns 1-3

## **Council Adopts Resolutions For Street Paving Program**

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### **Sewer Plans Also Completed; Public Hearing To Be Held June 4**

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The city street improvement program went a step forward last night when the council adopted four resolutions for the construction of permanent pavements. A fifth resolution for the installation of sanitary sewers on a number of streets to comply with petitions which have been sent the council was also passed.

A special hearing is to be held in the council chambers on Thursday, June 4, on

the paving program at which residents on the streets affected may enter complaints. The full cost of the paving is to be assessed against owners of the abutting property while the city will be responsible for one third of the cost of installing the sanitary sewers. Streets to be taken care of under resolutions passed last evening are:

#### **Five Districts Listed**

Street District No. 1: Main street from Chapin to Vulcan street; Fifth street from Stephenson avenue to Vulcan street from Fifth street to Grand boulevard; Norway street from Fourth to Grant street; Grand boulevard, Grant street, Stanton street, Blaine street and Smith street from Vulcan to Aragon street; Sixth street and Fourth street from Stephenson avenue to Vulcan street; Fifth avenue and Sixth avenue from Vulcan street for [*sic*] Aragon street; Main street, Margaret street, Smith street, Grant street and Grand boulevard from Milwaukee avenue to Iron Mountain street and Leham avenue from Kewaskim to Addison street.

Street District No. 2 – Carpenter avenue from Ludington street to south line of district; Ludington and Brown streets from Merritt to Carpenter avenue; Hughitt and A streets from Merritt avenue to city limits; Kimberly avenue from Brown street to south line of district; Forest avenue from Flesheim street to south line of district; Fairbanks street, Houghteling street, Wells street and Flesheim street from Pine to Foster street and Ludington street from Carpenter avenue to Tamarack street.

Street District No. 3: Carpenter avenue from North line of district to H street; B street from Merritt to Kimberly avenue; B street from Kimberly avenue to city limits; C street from Stockbridge to Lake street and from Hemlock to Beech street; D street from Merritt avenue to Foster street; E street from carpenter avenue to Foster street; F street, G street and H street from Merritt to Kimberly avenue; cook street and

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Pelham street from Kimberly avenue to Crystal Lake boulevard; Crystal Lake boulevard from H street to Detroit street; Detroit street from Kimberly avenue to end; Kimberly avenue from North line of district to city limits; Stockbridge and Prospect avenue from B to H street and Milwaukee street from F street to J street.

Street District No. 4: Flesheim street, Brown street, Hughitt street, Ludington street and B street from Merritt avenue to Stephenson avenue; River avenue from Stephenson avenue to H street; A street and Hughitt street from Stephenson avenue to Iron Mountain street; Cedar avenue from Stephenson avenue to cemetery entrance; Flesheim street and Brown street from Stephenson avenue to the end; Ludington street, Hughitt street and A street from Iron Mountain to Madison street; A street from Madison to Park avenue; B street, C street and D street from Stephenson avenue to Park avenue; E street and F street from Washington to Jackson street; G street from Stephenson avenue to Jackson street; H street from Jackson street to Park avenue and I street from Stephenson avenue *[sic – avenue]* to van Buren street.

## **Proposed Sewer Program**

The council will also hold a hearing at the same time on the sanitary sewer program, which includes East H and East I streets from Jackson street to Park avenue; East C and East D street from intersection of Jackson street, 600 feet east; East Ludington from Intersection of Iron Mountain and Ludington streets for distance eastward from end of old sewer to Madison street; West B street from Tamarack to Park street; West A and West Hughitt street from end of present sewer to Park street; Cedar avenue from Stephenson avenue to H street; West H street from Kimberly avenue east to the St. Paul railway tracks; West side of Milwaukee avenue from West Grand boulevard to junction point

connecting to main sewer on West *[sic – west]* side of Stephenson avenue and north of the intersection of Fourth street and Stephenson avenue; East *[sic – east]* side of Carpenter avenue from H street south to J street and Thistle avenue from Aragon street to Broadway.

*Iron Mountain News*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 36 [Friday, May 22, 1925], page 2, columns 3-4

## **THREE PROTESTS AT COUNCIL MEET**

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### **Special Hearing Is Held On Construction Program**

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Only three complaints were received on the proposed construction of sidewalks, curbs and gutters and water mains at a special meeting of the city council, held last evening for that purpose. No complaints were entered on the proposed sidewalk program and only one was made on the building of curbs and gutters and this was due to a misunderstanding. Residents on East Brown street were under the impression that the street would be narrowed by the placing of a curb and gutter, adding to the congestion of traffic due to the Kingsford Motor company being located on this street.

The curb and gutter will be built adjoining the present sidewalk and as the arrangement met with the approval of the residents, the petition of objection was removed.

Residents of Prospects *[sic – Prospect]* avenue, residing between "G" and "H"

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streets, registered a protest to the laying of water mains on that street. Three years ago residents laid their own pipe and objection was made to another assesment [*sic – assessment*] being made against the property when it was thought that the present pipes would serve the residents on this street. One other complaint on the laying of water mains was made by a resident of Margaret street, who protested against the installation of mains between Pewabic and Aragon streets. Two pipes were laid by residents on this street and as no paving will be done this year it was held unnecessary to put in another.

City Engineer Fred W. Hartman and E.A. Croll, superintendent of the water works, were ordered to investigate the complaints and report back to the council.

The assessment roll will be reported at the next regular meeting of the council and arrangements made to call for bids.

*Iron Mountain News*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 44 [Tuesday, June 2, 1925], page 1, column 7

## GREATER PAVING WIDTH IS ASKED

### Carpenter Avenue Project Considered By City Council

First steps by the city to co-operate with the state in the paving of Carpenter avenue from H to Ludington street, [*sic*] were taken by the council last evening when it sent a request to the board of county road commissioners asking that a 40-foot paving width instead of a 20-foot be planned.

A copy of the request was also sent to the state highway commissioner at Lansing.

### Provides Heavy Penalty.

Another street ordinance was adopted last evening, making it necessary for all persons digging or excavating on paved or improved streets to first obtain the permission of the city. Proper safeguards must be put at all places where the work is being done and cost of repairing must also be paid. Failure to comply will result in a fine ranging from \$50 to \$200 or a jail sentence of from one to five days, or both.

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## HIRE ENGINEERS FOR STREET WORK

### Filtration Plant Supervisors Again Retained By City

Acceptance of the offer of the firm of Hoad, Decker, Shoecraft and Drury, of Ann Arbor, to act in an advisory capacity in carrying out the large permanent paving program which has been adopted for Iron Mountain this year was made last evening by the city council.

The services of E.C. Shoecraft are to be placed at the disposal of the city at a flat rate of \$55 per day in addition to the expenses for all work done in the city, \$40 per day for office work and from \$8 to \$12 a day for additional men which may be needed in completing the work.

### Has Had Experience.

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Mr. Shoecraft is considered an authority on paving projects and has had a number of years experience, acting as municipal engineer in the city of Flint when it grew from a town of 8,000 to a city of nearly 100,000 population within a decade. This boom was due to General Motors locating several large plants in Flint.

The same engineering firm is in charge of the installation of the new filtration plant.

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## **Gasoline Roller Bought By City**

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Letting of the contract for the new two cylinder gasoline road roller to the Austin Western Road Machinery company has completed by the council last evening and the new road roller will be in the city early next week.

The machine with scarifier attached was purchased for \$5,650.

Street work has been held up for several weeks and with arrival of the roller, Martin King, street commissioner, expects to resume repairs.

*Iron Mountain News*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 44 [Tuesday, June 2, 1925], page 3, columns 1-2

## **Township Asks City To Abandon Gold Mine Road**

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### **New Highway Suggested; Numerous Other Matters**

## **Considered by City Fathers.**

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Abandonment of Iron Mountain's \$85,000 road, built some 20 years ago by the city and known as the "Gold Mine" road, was suggested by officers of Breitung township in a communication received by the city council last evening.

The road has been deemed inadequate and dangerous and the township board proposes the construction of a new highway about 150 feet west of the St. Paul railway tracks west of the St. Paul railway tracks, giving residents of the township better access to the city and eliminating the dangers of the old route. The work is to be done by the township under the supervision of the city engineer, according to the communication. Reading of the communication brought back memories of the "gold days" to several of the old timers who were present at the council session. It was this road that was built to the gold mine, located near the Race Horse [*sic* – *Horse Race*] in the Menominee river, and it finally proved a costly one. Approximately \$85,000 was spent to build it and then the mine proved a flivver.

### **Additional Petitions.**

Other communications received by the council last evening included a petition for extending water mains on East H street from Park avenue east and from Michigan avenue, east, a petition for sewer and water mains and permanent pavement on West F street between Kimberly and Foster streets, water main and sewer on West Brown street from Tamarack to Hemlock street, a street light for the corner of West Margaret and Main street alley, and a water main for Carpenter avenue from H to J street. A request was also received asking the council to prevent Martin Harvey from

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moving his barn from the present location to South Milwaukee avenue. Lowering the grade in the alley of Block 7, St. Claire's second addition, was asked in another communication. All of the petitions and requests were turned over to committees.

A.J. Bonen's application for permission **[need to copy remainder of this column]** that the street department lower below freezing level the 16 inch water main located on Aragon street between Main and Margaret streets, which is now only one foot below the surface of the ground and the 12-inch water main in the 900 block on West Brown street. The pipes were brought near the surface because of street grading.

## **Reply from Railroad.**

A reply was received from the Chicago & NorthWestern railroad regarding the order to fix all crossings in the city and also on the opening *[of]* Vine street and Cedar avenue. Prompt action has been promised by the company in fulfilling these requests. Abe Khoury was given a 15-year lease on two and one half feet of city property adjoining his property at the corner of B street and Stephenson avenue. The lease was given at the rate of \$10 a year.

First payment was made to the Phelps-Drake company of this city for the erection of the comfort station, \$1,120 being allowed. The sum of \$447.67 was also paid to the Iron Range Construction company on the contract for cement sidewalks.

## **BOND ISSUES**

*The Iron Mountain News*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 30 [Friday, May 15, 1925], page 1, columns 6-7

## **Three Bond Issues Will Be**

**Submitted to Voters June 15**

**Total of \$215,000 Wanted For Waterworks, Parks and Cemetery.**

Three proposed bond issues totalling *[sic – totaling]* \$215,000 were approved at a special meeting of the city council held in the council chambers last evening. The first is for \$150,000 for the constructing of water mains, installation of a new intake and completion of the filtration plant at a total estimated cost of \$153,273.05. This work was deemed necessary because of the rapid growth of the community and the need for fire protection as well as insuring the residents pure water. The second is for \$40,000 and \$30,000 is to be raised through the bond issue. The balance of \$10,000 is to be used for improving the property. The third issue is for \$25,000 to carry out the park improvement program and the purchase of a park site on the Noth *[sic – North]* side.

## **Action Is Unanimous**

Action on all three of the issues last evening was unanimous and the proposals will be submitted to the public at a special election *[which]* is to be held on June 15.

All of the bonds are to bear five per cent interest, payable semi-annually.

On the \$150,000 bond issue for the construction of the water mains, installation of a new intake and completion of the filtration plant, \$10,000 worth of the bonds are to be retired July 1, 1927 and \$7,000 worth will be retired annually until the amount of the bond issue has been paid. The new intake will be a profitable investment for the city, according to figures

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presented by City Engineer F.W. Harman, showing that the cost of running the present plant is in excess of the cost of erecting the new intake. The construction of water mains, it was stated[, ] will also afforded [*sic – afford*] the city ample protection against fire and insure pure water for public consumption. Work on the filtration plant, which was started a year ago, will also be completed with a part of the bond money.

## **Begin Maturing in 1828 [*sic – 1928*]**

First bonds of the \$40,000 issue for the purchase and improvement of an addition to the cemetery will be retired July 1, 1928, \$4,000 being due at that time. The bonds will be retired at the rate of \$4,000 annually until the issue is paid.

The purchase of a new park site on the North side at an estimated cost of \$6,500, with \$2,000 for improvements; \$5,000 for a bath house to be erected at Crystal Lake; \$7,500 for improving the City park at the end of West A street and \$2,000 for improving the Walpole park are all included in the \$25,000 bond issue. Bonds to the amount of \$5,000 are to be retired on July 1, 1927, and \$3,000 worth will be payable annually from that time until the issue has been paid.

## **Fight Over Rahm**

Another fight occurred in the council last evening over the appointment of Paul Rahm as acting city attorney, three votes being necessary before the attorney was fairly given power to go ahead with the preparation of the bond issue to submit it to a vote of the public. On the first roll call there were three ayes, four alderman [*sic – aldermen*] did not vote and one voted no. When the motion was resubmitted there were four ayes and three noes and Alderman Desmarais did not vote. The city clerk was then instructed to order Alderman Desmarais to cast his ballot and he voted aye. As a result, Rahm was given authority

to make the necessary arrangements for the election on June 15.

Rahm did not sit at the place usually occupied by the city attorney, electing to take a seat with the audience. There were rumors today that he had offered his resignation as acting city attorney but these could be neither confirmed nor denied.

Some doubt has been expressed as to the authority of Mayor Henze in declaring the office of city attorney vacant when Dan J. O'Hara was let out because of political differences. Rahm was appointed acting city attorney, the council failing to agree on the appointment after several conferences with the mayor.

*Iron Mountain News*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, \_\_\_\_\_ Year, Number \_\_\_\_\_ [Friday, June 26, 1925], page 11, columns 1-2

## **Five Bond Issues Will Be Voted On By City July 21**

### **Involve More Than Half Million Dollars; Two-Thirds Vote Needed.**

Five bond issues await confirmation by the people of Iron Mountain in the special election of July 21.

The amount of money involved totals more than a half million dollars.

The projects include paving, sewers, lighting, cemetery and jail.

Each of these is of great moment at the present time, and failure of the voters to confirm the need of these improvements with a two-thirds majority of the total vote cast would appreciably retard progress and development, city administrators say.

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## **\$200,000 for Sewers**

The greatest single division of the total money required to carry on these needed improvements, *[sic]* is \$200,000 to cover the construction of sewers.

Of this amount \$150,000 would go into construction of storm sewers to relieve the burden of heavy rainfall now entering the sanitary sewer system which it is claimed is inadequate to take care of it. In consequence, the streets are frequently deluged, and basements, especially in low lying territory, receive an unpleasant backwash from the overtaxed mains every time there is a heavy rainfall.

Storm sewers which lie closer to the surface and cost less to construct than sanitary mains, circling the city in positions best adapted to carrying off surface water from the hills, would, it is explained, relieve a heavy burden from the sewer system now in use and rid the downtown streets of floods.

The remainder of the \$200,000 would cover the cost of extensions to the present sanitary sewer system which takes care of the regular city drainage.

## **Seek \$130,000 for Plant**

The next largest amount required is for the purchase of a light and power plant for which \$130,000 is asked.

Third in amount of cost is the requirement of \$50,000 for paving of *[need to finish copying this column]* number of votes, and which is to be resubmitted. The cemetery situation is such, they say, that unless the \$40,000 needed for a new burying ground, of which \$30,000 is to be used for purchase and \$10,000 for repairs, Iron Mountain residents will have to postpone dying for awhile until a burial place is provided.

Purchase of the Ford building on West Brown street at \$25,000, for use as office buildings, with \$5,000 additional to cover

construction of a new city jail is the fifth project.

*Iron Mountain News*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 22 [Wednesday, May 6, 1925], page 3, columns 3-4

## **Ford Office Building Offered For \$25,000**

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## **No Opposition to City's Proposal to Purchase at That Price**

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The Ford Motor company has offered to sell its abandoned office building on East Brown street to the city for \$25,000, according to a statement to members of the city council.

The city desires to purchase the property because of claims that the present city hall is cramped for office space and additional quarters are needed.

The council committee appointed to investigate the proposition reported that although no plan of payment was proposed, the price had been set. The committee inspected the building and stated that it was in excellent condition and well suited for city offices.

## **Too Small For Company**

The building was erected at the time the Ford Motor company came to Iron Mountain. It housed the company offices until about a year ago when it became too small and quarters were fixed up in the maintenance building at the plant.

The proposition has been referred to the council finance committee for further investigation and it is probable that some

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definite plan of action will be recommended at the next regular meeting of the council. No opposition has been expressed to the committee's recommendation that the city purchase the building.

## **Enlargement of Cemetery**

Two propositions have been presented by the von Platen-Fox company for the purchase by the city of the land owned by the company adjacent to the city cemetery. One strip of land with a 50-foot roadway separating it from the cemetery has been offered for \$30,000, while the other section, consisting of five acres and located north of the Wisconsin Michigan railroad, has been offered for \$40,000. A council committee recommended that the five-acre site be purchased inasmuch as it is believed more suitable for use as a cemetery and is practically cleared.

## **LAWS AND ORDINANCES**

*The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 5 [Thursday, April 25, 1889], page 1, column 2

## **The Judge is Coming.**

THE RANGE has been given to understand that Judge Grant has determined to come to Iron Mountain to have a plain and friendly talk with the saloonkeepers. He is not exactly satisfied with the loose way that certain things are done in this city, and he means that it shall have a better reputation if a few frank words from him can possibly direct the change. Anyway Judge Grant will be sure of a hearty welcome from every good citizen in Iron Mountain.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 25,

Number 30 [Thursday, December 9, 1920], page 1, column 2

## **1921 Dog Licenses**

Owners of dogs will be called upon soon to pay the state license for 1921. The sale of licenses will start on December 10 and must be purchased by January 10. The cost of a license for a male is three dollars, female, six dollars and for an unsexed dog, two dollars. Licenses in cities may be obtained at the office of the city clerk or the county clerk and in townships from the township treasurer.

*Iron Mountain News*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, \_\_\_\_\_ Year, Number \_\_\_\_\_ [Saturday, December 17, 1921], page 1, column 1

## **MAYOR TO RECOMMEND COASTING ORDINANCE**

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**Eslick to Urge City Council To Act At Next**  
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*The Iron Mountain News*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 21 [Tuesday, May 5, 1925], page 2, column 3

## **Gasoline Pumps To Be Licensed**

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Licensing of gasoline pumps was one of the steps taken by the city council last evening, a resolution being proposed to tax

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each pump in the city \$50 annually. The resolution met with some objection after it was presented and upon motion of Alderman Stafanelli the amount was reduced to \$25. The claim advanced was that the original tax fee was too high for the smaller operators in the city.

Failure to comply with the new ordinance will result in a fine of from \$50 to \$100 or a period of from one to five days in the county jail or both. The resolution was passed unanimously and is to take immediate effect.

*Iron Mountain News*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 46 [Thursday, June 4, 1925], page 1, column 1

## FORCED TO ISSUE BUILDING PERMIT

### Knight Wins Mandamus Proceedings In Circuit Court

The city board of building inspectors today was ordered by the Dickinson county circuit court to issue a building permit that it had previously withheld for the construction of a garage at 402 West Hughitt street.

The order was issued by Judge R.C. Flannigan at a special hearing held here this morning and came as the result of mandamus proceedings instituted by J.C. Knight, attorney for Antonnio calo and his sons, Nick, Luke and Joseph, who intend to erect the garage.

#### Wanted Building Set Back.

The permit had been previously sought by the Calos but the building bord refused to issue it unless the garage, a large brick

building to be used for commercial purposes, was set back form the front lot line a distance of 15 feet. The Calos refused to do this and a plea to the city council to override the action of the inspectors was without avail.

At that time the council was notified that court action would probably be sought to obtain the permit, the refusal of which, it is understood, was based on the ground that if built on the front lot line the building would cut off the light in the window of a house next door.

A few days later the mandamus proceedings was [*sic – were*] started atainst Louis Sacchetti, Adolph Wallin and Oscar Leaf, members of the building board.

#### Represented By O'Hara.

The city was represented at the hearing this morning by Dan J. O'Hara, who contested the proceedings on the basis that the board was acting in good faith and derived its authority to deny the permit under the police power act.

Mr. Knight contended that as the Calo building would comply with the city's fire regulations the board had no other authority or right to deny the permit.

The court then issued an order compelling the building inspectors to reconvene and issue the permit, holding that the city had no ordinance governing the situation.

It was understood that the board would meet this afternoon to issue the permit.

*The Iron Mountain News*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 11, Number 33 [Tuesday, May 19, 1931], page 3, column 2

## CITY PENALTIES ON DELINQUENT TAXES LIFTED

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## Council Acts In Accordance With Recent State Law

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Mayor R.P. Dundon and the Iron Mountain city council last night adopted by resolution the provisions of the recent enactment known as the Miller-McBride bill, passed at the current session of the state legislature.

The bill relieves taxpayers from the payment of penalties and fees on delinquent state taxes for the year 1929 and 1930, if paid before July 1. The council has now extended this relief to include city taxes.

### Text of Resolution.

The resolution, making the measure immediately effective in the city, follows:

“Whereas, the common council deems it necessary and advantageous to the city of Iron Mountain that the citizens be relieved from the burden of paying penalties and fees for the collection of unpaid taxes for the years 1929 and 1930,

“Now there be it reached that any 1929 or 1930 taxes, general and special, which are unpaid at the time this act goes into effect may be paid between May 19, 1931, and July 1, 1931, without penalties, fees and interest charges.

“All persons collecting said taxes are hereby empowered to receive said taxes paid during said period without penalties, fees and interest charges and to give receipt in full therefor [*sic – therefore*] and all penalties, fees and interest charges on said taxes so paid are hereby waived and cancelled.”

## LAWSUITS

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 21 [Thursday, October 13, 1910], page 1, column 5

## SUIT FOR DAMAGES [*sic*]

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### PAPERS SERVED IN CASE OF GRIMORD AGAINST THE CITY.

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#### Alleged in the Bill That the Plaintiff Was Permanently Disabled in a Defective Sidewalk.

The papers were served yesterday in the case of Matt Grimord against the City of Iron Mountain.

Mr. Grimord, who is a locomotive engineer in the employ of the Chicago & North-Western road, residing on Carpenter avenue, will ask the court to award him damages in the sum of \$20,000.

It is alleged in his bill of particulars that, on the 28th day of August, while enroute [*sic – en route*] to his home, his right foot was caught in a defective sidewalk at the Harding House corner – West Hughitt street and Carpenter avenue – and the leg was twisted in such a manner as to permanently disable him. He has been unable to work since the day of the accident and has been confined to his home nearly all the time.

Last Friday, Mr. Grimord returned home from Milwaukee, where he was examined by Dr. Lemon, surgeon for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road. Dr. Lemon is alleged to have declared that the injury had raised the knee-cap [*sic – kneecap*] and was of the opinion that some of the nerves had been destroyed, and that, should such prove to be the case, which time alone

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could determine, the injury would undoubtedly prove a permanent one.

Mr. Grimord has engaged P.H. Martin, of Green Bay, and John F. Tracy, of Menominee, to handle his case and the cause will come to trial at the January term of court.

*The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 10 [Thursday, May 30, 1889], page 1, column 4

## Must Consider His Time Valuable.

One Barker, who was arrested here some weeks ago for peddling rugs without a license and was sent to Menominee for 14 days for the offense, now sues Mayor Anderson and the city of Iron Mountain for \$10,000 damages for false imprisonment. He ought to make it \$14,000, an industrious peddler ought to be able to make \$1000 a day at the price he sold his rugs. Barker is one of the many agents of John Gately & Co., of Chicago, who are scattered over the upper peninsula, and it is the firm, of course, who are [*sic – is*] really suing Mayor Anderson and the city for damages. There can be no doubt whatever that the city has the right to regulate the business of peddling within its limits, and there is no question that Gately & Co's agents are nothing more nor less than peddlers. Gately & Co. know this, and their bluster and suit for big damages is nothing but bluff, designed to frighten the officials of this and other cities. So far as Iron Mountain is concerned it won't work, and we doubt if it will elsewhere. The goods they offer to

their customers can be purchased from our local merchants for half the money they demand, and if they want to do a peddling business let them come to the front and pay their license fees like men.

*The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 11 [Thursday, June 6, 1889], page 1, column 2

## Will Sue Escanaba.

Wm. E. Barker, the fellow who was arrested here some weeks ago for peddling rugs without a license, and imprisoned in Menominee for 14 days, and who has since instituted a suit against the city for \$10,000 damages for false imprisonment, has been arrested in Escanaba for the same offense, and sentenced to 35 days in jail. He gave the Escanaba officials the same bluff that he did here, and threatens to sue the city for damages as soon as he is released. We hope Barker will be sentenced in every city that he attempts to peddle in without taking out a peddler's license. Liberal doses of that sort of medicine will possibly bring him to his senses.

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

## THE CITY.

WE would like to see our city government pass an ordinance taxing all such fakes as the tape work doctor \$10 a day, and if that isn't high enough to keep them out, make it \$100. They come here for a few days, take in several hundred dollars in exchange for a lot of worthless dope and then skip with their ill gotten

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wealth. There will be none too much money in this city if we keep all we can of it at home.

*The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 18 [Thursday, July 25, 1889], page 1, column 4*

## **City Should Buy It.**

We understand that the two forties west of the city limits, on one of which the new base ball [*sic – baseball*] park is located, can be purchased at a very reasonable figure and on very easy terms. If the city should acquire this property a portion of it would furnish an excellent site for a cemetery, which is one of the urgent needs of the present time. A splendid half mile trotting course could also be laid out, picnic grounds cleared up, and a park established for the various uses that such places may be put to. Take a walk about this city and it is surprising to see how rapidly it is stretching [*sic – stretching*] out and the vacant lots being filled up. No person who stops to consider for a moment can think that this growth is going to cease for a generation to come. Iron Mountain has the elements of growth in it, and ten years hence will have double the population it has to-day [*sic – today*]. As the population increases the necessity for a public park and a cemetery becomes more urgent. As matters are at present our people must forego horse trotting altogether; a mass meeting cannot be held for any purpose because there is no place in the city where a large number can assemble; no suitable picnic grounds are anywhere about the city, where children and older people can enjoy a day of recreation; and as to a cemetery, the need of it is too apparent to require any argument. The urgent necessity for these

things will be felt more and more as our population increases, and the opportunity to provide for these needs will soon pass away.

## **VOTING WARDS, POLLING PLACES, ELECTIONS**