

# DICKINSON COUNTY HISTORY -- BREITUNG TOWNSHIP – GRANITE BLUFF NEWS COLUMNS

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## 1904

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### BOOM FOR GRANITE BLUFF

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#### Mississippi Mill Man Arranging to Erect a Lumber Plant

The **National Hardwood Co.**, who purchased a large tract of timber near **Granite Bluff** and built a cordwood mill last fall, have closed a contract with **Louis Langan**, a practical saw-mill man, recently from Mississippi, to manufacture into lumber all of their logs that are suitable for that purpose. The machinery for a new saw-mill is now on track at Granite Bluff and the mill will be built at once. It is the intention of Mr. Langan to purchase any other marketable timber in the vicinity of the mill as well as to handle the timber for the National Hardwood Co. This mill, in addition to the **cordwood mill**, will create quite a boom for Granite Bluff. Mr. Langan has been on the lookout for a practical woodsman to superintend the making of roads preparatory to next winter's logging operations. He will build a cottage for his family, who will join him as soon as the

building is completed. **J.B. Fischer**, who has charge of the cordwood mill, will remain and look after that department as heretofore.

*Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 6 [Thursday, June 30, 1904], page 1, column 6*

#### Cordwood Mill Burns.

The cordwood mill of the **National Hardwood company** at **Granite Bluff** was totally destroyed by fire last Saturday together with two St. Paul cars and considerable timber. The company had intended moving the mill to Spur 19, and it is now probable that a new one will be built at that point. The loss will amount to several thousand dollars.

*Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 10 [Thursday, July 28, 1904], page 5, column 2*

#### GRANITE BLUFF BREAVITES.

**Louis Langan**, whose saw-mill recently burned, has his **new mill nearly completed** at the spur three quarters of a mile north of here, and he expects to commence sawing lumber the first of next week. The capacity of the mill will be 10,000 feet per day.

**Gus Fredeen**, of **Norway**, who has the contract for constructing the **new county road** between **Granite Bluff** and **Randville**, arrived last Monday with a crew of fifteen men and located his camp one mile north of here. He has commenced the work of cutting and grading the new road. He expects to increase his force to thirty men the first of next week.

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Frank Fregetto, of **Vulcan**, has a crew of fifteen men cutting cordwood near **Albert Mellen's old camp** between here and **Randville**. He expects to cut about 5,000 cords of wood during the next year. The wood will be shipped to **Milwaukee** and **Chicago** for **Ader & Gray**, wood dealers of **Iron Mountain** and **Greencastle, Indiana**.

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

## GRANITE BLUFF GOSSIP.

**C.L. Graff**, of **Blairsville, Penn.**, is visiting **Louis Langon**.

**Louis Langon** will have his **saw-mill** running by the first of next week.

**Chas. Johnson** has torn down his cottage in the village and rebuilt it on his farm, one mile out of town.

**Frank Tunney** has just finished harvesting **one hundred tons of hay**. He has it all secured in good condition.

**Gust Fredeen**, **contractor on the county road**, has nearly one mile of the road completed and corduroy laid on another mile.

**Frank Tunney** had a **valuable bull poisoned** last Sunday. This is the third time in the past year that Mr. Tunney has met with the same misfortune.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 14 [Thursday, August 25, 1904], page 5, column 2

## GRANITE BLUFF GOSSIP.

**Thos. A. Quinlan**, of **Chicago**, is the guest of **Mr. and Mrs. Louis Langon**.

**Alex Swanson** is **building a new residence** on his farm near the village.

**Ader & Gray** recently purchased eighty acres of **hardwood timber** about one mile from the village, and have let the contract for cutting the cordwood to **Frank Fregetto**, who has started a crew of woodchoppers at work and will get the wood on track as soon as possible.

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

## GRANITE BLUFF ITEMS.

J.J. Collins has taken a ceder [*sic* – *cedar*] contract from the National Hardwood company.

Herbert Henderson and Howard Emery have a cordwood camp near here and will cut 1,000 cords of wood this winter.

The school in this district opened the first of this month with twelve scholars enrolled. The teacher, Russell Goodson, is a young man of ability and gives good satisfaction.

Frank Fregetto finished loading 1,200 cords of wood at Granite Bluff yesterday and moved his crew to the upper camp near Spur 219 where he has 3,500 cords already cut and will cut about 2,000 cords more, all of which will be loaded and shipped to Ader & Gray, the well-known cordwood dealers.

Frank Tunney is one of the successful farmers in this part of the county. He has eight acres of land of his own and also leases two small farms from C.D. Therien. This year he raised 500 bushels of potatoes, 200 bushels of oats and 100 tons of hay. Mr. Tunney has one span of horses, six milch [*milk*] cows, six head of young cattle and twelve hogs. The above represents his summer's work and now he has taken a contract to cut and haul

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300,000 feet of logs for Frank Fregetto this winter.

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