

DICKINSON COUNTY HISTORY – TRANSPORTATION – HORSE-DRAWN TRANSPORTATION

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MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES

The Current, Norway, Menominee County,
Michigan, Saturday, October 1, 1887

The **habit of stealing whips, lap robes and other articles from carriages left standing on the street**, is becoming epidemic, and some one [*sic – someone*] will have to take a bad dose of medicine if it continues.

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

FAST driving for vanity shows or any other purposes should be absolutely prohibited on the streets of Iron Mountain. We don't want to see our children or women ridden down for the sake of the paltry paces of fast horses. Menominee has shown this city the way in regard to a municipality's rights as to reckless driving.

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

For Sale.

The undersigned will sell his **team and outfit comprising wagon, two sets of sleighs, cutter, harnesses, etc.** Everything in good order. Cheap for cash or will trade for real estate. Must sell.

ANDREW A. BROWN.

The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Dickinson
County, Michigan, Volume XIV, Number
17 [Thursday, July 14, 1892], page 1,
column 3

TALK about rapid driving, **J.W. Molloy**, the **livery man at Florence, Wis.**, drove to Iron Mountain, Mich., on Monday, in one hour and fifteen minutes. The distance is thirteen miles by rail and about fifteen miles by wagon road. Jack says he doesn't allow any one [*sic – anyone*] to throw dust in his face.



In 1913, the American Express Company was still located at 106 East Ludington Street. Willard A. Sackett was agent at that time, and also resided there. John Jetty, a mason, and his wife Elma resided at 104 East Ludington Street, where she ran a confectionery store, and perhaps she is standing in the doorway of her shop at the far left. It would appear that the Gately-Wiggins Company, selling clothing and furniture, was located in west store front of the Fisher Block when this photograph was taken, but the company was listed at 121 South Stephenson Avenue by 1913. [*Menominee Range Historical Museum*]

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson
County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole

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No. 479 [Tuesday, January 25, 1898],
page 3, column 3

KICKED THE GOLDEN BUCKET.

Appendicitis Caused the Death of Old Bay Frank Yesterday Afternoon.

“Old Bay Frank” is dead. He kicked the golden bucket shortly after 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and the attending physician signed a death certificate giving appendicitis as the immediate cause of the unexpected demise.

“Old Bay Frank” was the favorite horse of the U.S. Express company and for the past five years has drawn the company's delivery wagon through the streets of Iron Mountain, calling at nearly every residence and business house in the city. He was brought here from Chicago, and is said to have possessed some aristocratic blue blood in his veins. His demise has caused much regret among the employes [*sic* – employees] of the Express company.

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole No. 484 [Monday, January 31, 1898], page 3, column 2

NUGGETS OF CITY NEWS.

Picked Up, Purloined, and Pilfered.
Personal Items. Little Lumps
of Gossip. Bristling Brevi-

ties. Notes and Comments.

Good driving horse for sale. Apply to
W.H. Bennett, 308 4th street.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain,
Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 14,
Number 16 [Thursday, September 9,
1909], page 1, column 4

Taken.

From my buggy in front of [*the*] Milliman Hotel, last Monday night, a **black whalebone whip with my full name on handle plate**. A reward will be given for the return of whip to **W.H. Ryan, Niagara, Wis.**

STAGECOACHES

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, January 31, 1880

QUINNESEC. – A **stage line between this place and Florence** is soon to be started. People will not wait for the railroad to be completed before visiting that wonderful locality, and consequently a stage line is bound to pay well. – *The Menominee Ranger*

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, February 7, 1880

QUINNESEC. – **The stage leaves for Florence location immediately upon the arrival of the train from the east.** – *The Menominee Ranger*

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The Iron Chronicle, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, May 7, 1881

RANGE ITEMS.

– **Felch** will run a **tri-weekly stage from Norway to Felch mountain** [*sic - Mountain*], leaving on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 9:45 a.m. – *The Iron Chronicle*, 7th

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 8, Number 32 [Thursday, December 31, 1903], page 8, column 4

A bold attempt [*was made*] to **hold up the stage between Niagara and Quinnesec**, last Saturday. J. Barry, the driver, saw two men ahead in the road and thought they acted suspiciously. He started the horses up at a lively trot and just as he went by they attacked him. He was struck in the back of the head by some blunt instrument and was rendered unconscious. When he recovered his horses were on a wild gallop and he was entering the town of Quinnesec. All the valuables were still on the stage and the money he carried was intact. The horses had saved the day for him, the robbers being unable to overtake them. The driver had several hundred dollars on his person.

HORSE SALES BARN AND SALES STABLES

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 34 [Thursday, January 13, 1897], page 8, column 2

Mose and Max Kurz have formed a co-partnership and succeed Wirth,

Hammel & Co., of Appleton, in the horse business here and at Escanaba. Mose will have charge of the Escanaba stable and Max will remain here. They are energetic young business men [*sic - businessmen*], understand the business from the ground up, and their success is assured.



This postcard view, dating from about 1913, shows the office of William O. Oliver, a veterinary surgeon, at 225 East A Street at the intersection with Iron Mountain Street. The Felch Hotel was located at 219-221 East A Street. This view was probably taken by Albert Quade. Wirth, Hammel & Co. and Kurz Bros. operated their sales stable at 225 East A Street in 1892 and 1902, respectively. [*William J. Cummings Photo*]

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole No. 526 [Tuesday, March 22, 1898], page 3, column 4

Chance to Buy Horses.

We will have at our sale stables in this city tomorrow thirty-five head of fine carriage horses. Gentleman's Driving Horses, Delivering, Draught and General Purpose Horses. This will be the finest

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string of horses ever seen in Iron Mountain.
Sold for cash or on time.

KURZ BROS.,

Corner Iron Mountain and East A
street.

BLACKSMITHS AND FARRIERS



Martin Harvey & Company ran a blacksmith shop at 124 West B Street by 1902, selling the building to Josiah Beard by 1907. *[Menominee Range Historical Museum]*



The Beard Brothers Blacksmith & Wagonmakers Shop was located at 113

East Fleshiem Street in 1902. Pictured, left to right, are Herb Beard, Si Beard, Tom Strong and Will Clemo. The man at the right is not identified. By 1907 Josiah Beard's shop was at the corner of Carpenter Avenue and West B Street. *[Gene Derwinski/Dick Ferris Photo]*

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 6, Number 32 [Thursday, January 2, 1902], page 8, column 5

The Iron Mountain **horseshoers** have raised prices owing to the advance in cost of stock and labor. Twenty-five cents for setting and 50 for new shoes are the new rates.



Iron Mountain's northeast corner of Carpenter Avenue and West B Street was the site of numerous transportation-related businesses during the early 1900's. In 1902 Martin Harvey's blacksmith and wagon shop was located in this building. By 1907 Josiah Beard had taken over, specializing in blacksmithing, horseshoeing and wagon-making. *[Menominee Range Historical Museum]*

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Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 47 [Thursday, April 13, 1911], page 1, column 2

New Business Firm.

A new business firm – known as **Freeland Corning & Co.** – closed a deal last Saturday for the purchase of the **Beard blacksmith and wagon shops at the corner of West B street and Carpenter avenue.** The business will be enlarged so as to include a first-class garage with automobiles for sale and hire. **Josiah Beard**, who is a first-class worker in iron and wood, will remain in the service of the firm. Mr. Corning is a machinist and has had experience in the best shops hereabouts as well as in the construction of automobiles.



An article in the June 10, 1915 edition of the *Iron Mountain Press* announced the establishment of a new automobile firm at 124 West B Street, Iron Mountain with **Gottfried Johnson and Howard Sandercock** as proprietors, taking over the garage in which they worked for **Charles Rauer.** This was the former location of **Josiah Beard's** blacksmith shop. This 1915 photograph shows men gathered on the **Carpenter Avenue** side of **Gottfried "Guffy" Johnson's** garage.

Pictured from left to right are **Art Johnson, W. Carlson, Bob Dennins, Lawrence Contarini, Gottfried "Guffy" Johnson, R. Evans and Ernest Lindstrom.** [Gene Derwinski/Dick Ferris]

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 20, Number 22 [Thursday, October 14, 1915], page 1, column 3

Another Garage.

Calvi & Tollen, who own the livery barn opposite **The Milliman Hotel**, will remodel the building, putting in a glass front and side windows; also a stone foundation and concrete floor, making the building suitable for a garage. **Anton Miensch** will raise the building preparatory to building the foundation.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 20, Number 25 [Thursday, November 4, 1915], page 1, column 5

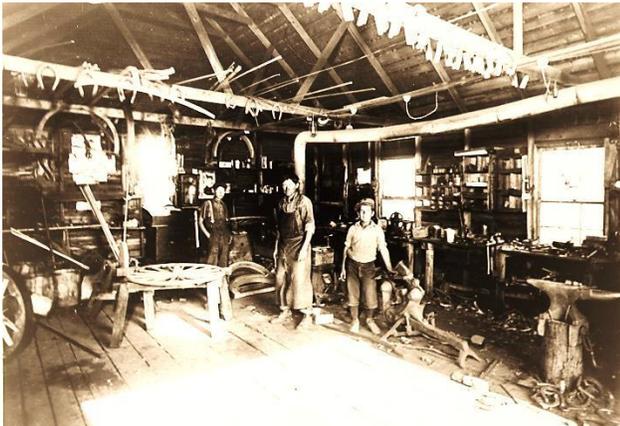
New Garage Firm.

The work of converting the **McKenna livery barn** into a garage is now in progress. A stone foundation has been built and the plank floor taken out preparatory to re-placing [sic – replacing] with concrete. An addition, 24x36 feet in size, will be built on the rear of the building to be used as a repair shop. The garage when completed will be leased to **John Lloyd and Garnet James.** John Lloyd has been employed as foreman of the machine shops at the **Pewabic mine** for several years and **Garnet James** is a blacksmith by trade with considerable experience in auto

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repair work. The new firm expects to take the agency for some leading automobile. They will no doubt make a success in their new business venture.



Louie Byers ran the only private blacksmith shop Sagola ever had. He learned the art of blacksmithing in the lumber camps, shoeing horses, repairing harnesses and making sleighs. His first shop was a converted horse barn at Burchhalter's Camp a mile east of town. In 1918, he opened the shop pictured here, a building 30 feet by 60 feet, located across from the Standard Gas Station. Pictured (left to right) are Ken Byers, Louie Byers, the blacksmith, wearing his leather apron, and Smoky Kramer. Note the large horseshoes suitable for the work horses used in logging operations hanging from the rafters, the forge at the center of the rear wall and the anvil at the far right. The village blacksmith made sleighs, repaired wagon wheels, forged and hammered out tools, horse shoes, chain hooks and many other items. According to Darryl Ertel, author of *Sagola's Early Years: A History of Sagola, Michigan* (1986), in addition to the duties outlined above, "Louie also served as the local dentist to those with an aching tooth and a lot of guts. There was no charge for

this service which usually required a shot of moonshine before the extraction began." [Beatrice Blomquist]

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 29 [Thursday, May 14, 1925], page 2, column 2

New Blacksmith Shop Is Opened

J.J. Akrigg has opened a blacksmith and repair shop at the corner of H street and Prospect avenue. He comes here from Florence, Wis., where he still conducts a shop. The establishment here will be equipped for general blacksmithing, horse-shoeing, gas welding and other work.

HARNESMAKERS

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole No. 475 [Thursday, January 20, 1898], page 3, column 2

NUGGETS OF CITY NEWS.

Picked Up, Purloined, and Pilfered. Personal Items. Little Lumps of Gossip. Bristling Brevities. Notes and Comments.

Z.P. Rousselle has purchased the harness stock of D.A. Graham and is moving the goods today to his stand on East A street. Mr. Graham will continue in his awning business in his present location.

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Mr. Graham's object in disposing of his harness business was to give his entire attention to the manufacture and sale of awnings, tents, etc.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 31 [Thursday, December 27, 1900], page 4, column 6

BRIEF CITY NEWSITES.

Holfeltz & Strebel have opened a **harness shop** on **River avenue** and will carry a complete line of goods.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 33 [Thursday, January 5, 1911], page 1, column 2

A Business Note.

Z.P. Rouselle [*sic* – **Rousselle**] has moved his harness shop from **207 to 215 East A street**, having recently purchased the building at the latter place. The new quarters have been repaired and made adequate to the business. Mr. Rouselle has the only harness shop in **Iron Mountain** and carries the largest stock of harnesses, saddler, robes, etc., to be found anywhere north of Milwaukee. He is prompt in getting out work and gives good satisfaction to his patrons.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 32 [Monday, May 18, 1925], page 3, column 4

New Harness Shop Is Being Built

Construction has been started on a single story tile building which will be erected by **Z.P. Rousselle** in the rear of his former store on **Stephenson avenue**. Mr. Rousselle recently disposed of his stock of men's furnishings to the proprietors of the Men's store and will also rent the building to them. However, he will continue to conduct his business of **harness making**, awning work and auto top renewals in the new building which is expected to be ready about June 1.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, _____ Year, Number _____ [Saturday, June 13, 1925], page 2, column 2

Rousselle Shop To Open Monday

The new harness shop to be conducted by **E.P. [*sic* – **Z.P.**] Rousselle** in a building in the rear of his old store at **513 Stephenson avenue**, will be opened Monday.

The shop occupies a new brick one-story structure and can be reached either from A or B streets. As in the past harnesses and awnings will be dealt in and work done on auto tops.

WAGONMAKERS AND CARRIAGE MAKERS

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

For Sale.

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Sol Noble has single and double wagons, manufactured by himself, and warranted to be strong and well made, that he will sell at reasonable prices. If in need of one don't fail to give him a call. Shop on **Ludington street, opposite Wood's block.**

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVIII, Number 42 [Saturday, February 6, 1897], page 8, column 4

W.H. Needham has disposed of his interest in the firm of **Needham and Evans**, and will shortly leave for northern Minnesota, where he may reside permanently. Mrs. Needham and children will remain here for the present and until such time as Mr. Needham is permanently located.

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole No. 516 [Thursday, March 10, 1898], page 3, column 4

SPRING IS COMING.

And the Carriage Painters are a Busy Lot of Men.

One of the busiest places just now is **Sol Noble's carriage shop**. His large building adjoining his **blacksmith shop**, which is devoted to carriage painting and repairing, is filled with vehicles of all kinds, which are being freshly painted and will soon appear on the streets as bright and fresh as new. Mr. Noble is one of the old residents of this city and has a reputation as a first class wagon and carriage maker

that secures him business from near and far. Just now he probably has fifty vehicles in various stages of repair, which are being turned out as rapidly as possible to meet the demands of his customers.

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole No. 518 [Saturday, March 12, 1898], page 3, column 3

A CARRIAGE REPOSITORY.

Kurz Bros. Branching Out in Business – To Handle Stylish Vehicles.

Kurz Bros., the well known [*sic – well-known*] live stock [*sic – livestock*] dealers of this city and Escanaba, have decided to add to their already flourishing business a **carriage repository**. **Mose Kurz** will leave **Escanaba** tonight for Chicago to purchase two car loads [*sic – carloads*] of vehicles, one each for **Escanaba** and **Iron Mountain**. **Max Kurz**, the resident member of the firm, stated today to a Tribune reporter that the stock will include some stylish rigs, the same as is seen on the boulevards in Chicago, and they will be sold at Chicago prices. A location for the repository has not been decided upon, but one will be secured in ample time to accommodate the vehicles when they arrive. [*Located in the Flanagan Block, northeast corner of South Stephenson Avenue and East A Street; burned in 1904.*]

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page 1, column 6

Rattling Business.

A good evidence of the plentifulness [sic] of money is the fact that **Kurz Brothers** have sold 245 carriages and wagons this spring. The average price was over \$75.00. This week the firm placed an order for two carloads of carriages and a carload of wagons. The firm has done the largest business in its history this spring.

HORSE-DRAWN HEARSE

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 12, Number 4 [Thursday, June 13, 1907], page 1, column 4

NEW BUSINESS FIRM

Burbank & Person Consolidate the Undertaking Business of City.

James Cunningham & Co., the leading hearse and carriage builders, have just sold and will deliver this week to **H. Person**, the liveryman, for the use of **J.W. Burbank**, the oldest undertaker in the city, the finest funeral outfit ever shipped to Michigan, consisting of a full draped, hand-carved funeral car of the very latest design, and truly a work of art, a six-passenger palace coach, an elegant new landau, and one casket wagon of latest design.

Mr. Burbank will continue at the old stand, which will be greatly modernized. The entire stock of undertaking goods, four hearses, ambulance, etc., owned by **L.M. Hansen** and **F.G. Berg**, have been

purchased by Mr. Person, who will retain **three of the five hearses in stock**, the hearse for country, and car for city use.

The undertaking stock has been turned over to **J.W. Burbank**, who will attend night and day calls, assisted by **Mrs.[.] J.W. Burbank** and son, **R.G. Burbank**. 'Phone No. 99, two rings undertaking rooms; three rings residence.

The **six-passenger palace coach** is suitable for wedding parties. It will, however, be utilized principally for pall bearers.

A lowering device will also be added, doing away with the old style strap. The deal consummated last Tuesday morning means a fusion of the Berg and Hansen interests, as both undertaking establishments were owned separately.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 13, Number 45 [Thursday, April 1, 1909], page 1, column 2

Closed the Stable.

The Person livery stable, buildings, harnesses, carriages, hearses, etc., has been sold to Andrew Bjorkman. The consideration was \$9,000. Mr. Bjorkman has sold nine of the horses to Kurz Bros. The others, together with the carriages, harnesses and the buildings, will be sold at auction next Saturday. The **undertaking outfit** has been removed to the **Lomprey stables** pending a deal for this sale. This sale will afford a splendid opportunity to secure first class carriages and horse furnishings at bargain prices.

FIRE ENGINES AND STEAMERS, STREET SPRINKLER

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The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 49 [Saturday, December 3, 1881], page 3, column 3

NORWAY has set an example that should be followed by every town on the range. The citizens of that burg have **purchased a fire engine**. True it is **not a steamer** – the town is too young for that – but it is a **first-class hand engine**, and when manned by the bone and muscle of Norway, will do good service in case of fire. **A meeting of citizens was held at the Opera House last week for the purpose of organizing a fire company.** The following are the officers of the organization: **John Stiles**, chief; **Richard Oliver**, asst. chief; **Chas. Bush**, captain; **Gene Gadbois**, capt. of hose cart; **James Thomas**, 1st pipeman; **Mat. Sherer**, 2nd pipeman. **J.P. Dunseth** was elected secretary, and **W. Lieberthal**, treasurer. The company as organized is a good one, and you bet they'll make the water fly when occasion requires. Trot on a small fire or two.

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 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.



This photograph of Iron Mountain's Hose Company No. 2 Fire Station, a frame structure erected at 709 Vulcan Street in 1893, was taken in about 1910. Lee LaLonde was captain of Hose Company No. 2 in 1913 and may be one of the men posing with the team and ladder wagon here. During the summer of 1914 a brick building was constructed at the southeast corner of Vulcan Street and East Main Street to replace this engine house. In 1926 Hose Company No. 2 was consolidated with Hose

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Company No. 1 at the present fire station located in the city hall building. *[Menominee Range Historical Museum]*

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIX, Number 4 [Saturday, May 22, 1897], page 5, column 4

TRAINING THE HORSES.

Much interest is Centered Around the Fire Department Headquarters.

Chief Harvey and his assistants are now engaged in “breaking in” the new fire team that has been taken for a week on approbation. The horses are remarkably intelligent, and with a half day’s training would take their respective positions under the **suspended harness**. The two steeds are the admiration of all who visit the department headquarters, and experienced horsemen say that both animals are especially adapted for this work.



Iron Mountain’s Hose Company No. 1 posed in front of the city hall in about 1912. Pictured from left to right are John H. “Jack” Vanitvelt, driver, Fire Chief

John E. Scannell (1911-1914), Joseph L. Berry, Thomas A. Strong and Thomas Polkinghorn. *[Gene Derwinski/Dick Ferris]*

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.



During the hot, dry summer months shortly after the turn of the century John Rule drove the sprinkling wagon over the streets of Iron Mountain in an attempt to keep the dust down. Note the canvas “coats” worn by the team of horses to protect them from the sun and dusty conditions. *[Gene Derwinski/Dick Ferris]*

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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.

LIVERY STABLES

The Norway Iron Chronicle, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 26 [Saturday, August 28, 1880], page 1, column 2

W.W. FELCH has a neat and well paying little **livery stable at Iron Mountain City** for sale, for no other reason than he wants to get out of the business.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume III, Number 18 [Saturday, June 5, 1887], page 8, column 1

John Minnis, Iron Mountain's boss livery man, was a welcome caller at this office yesterday.

[Citation Reference Needed Here]

1897

L.M. Hansen received a \$2,000 hack the other day. Mr. Hansen, the livery man on **Stephenson Avenue**, added to his

already completed equipment a beautiful hack. The addition of this beautiful hack to Mr. Hanson [sic - Hansen] places his stable apar [sic – on par] with any North of Chicago. Certainly no stable in the Upper Peninsula contains so many fine horses and handsome carriages.



Louis M. Hansen operated a “Livery and boarding stable” at 413 South Stephenson Avenue in 1892-1894, and lived at 405 South Stephenson Avenue. Hansen advertised his livery and boarding stable to be “First class in every particular.” The north corner of the M. Levy Co. store can be seen at the right. Note the elegant buggy available for hire. [Menominee Range Historical Museum]

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A SWELL NEW LUNDU [sic – LANDAU].

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L.M. Hanson Has Added a Handsome And Stylish Vehicle to His Establishment.

L.M. Hanson, the Stephenson avenue liveryman, recieved [*sic* – *received*] Wednesday a new and costly Landau. The vehicle was made by J.S. Morris, of Waupun, Wis., and is a model of neatness and comfort. The sides and front of the top is of glass, clear and without a flaw, and can be opened and thrown back at will.

The seats and back are upholstered in a rich shade of green cloth while the exterior is painted and striped a beautiful color. Mr. Hanson will add this coach to his already extensive line of livery rigs, and for those who wish to put on city airs nothing could be more appropriate.



Hoose & Gage (Jay W. Hoose and Fred Gage) operated a “Livery, sale and boarding stable” at 100 West B Street in 1892, advertising: “General teaming. First class livery turnouts at reasonable prices.” Louis M. Hansen leased the Gage livery barn in September, 1899. *[Menominee Range Historical Museum]*

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

An Important Case.

L.S. MacEnaney has been appointed special commissioner by Judge Stone to take testimony in the case of J.W. Hoose vs. Fred Gage. It seems that soon after the firm of Hoose & Gage, liverymen, dissolved partnership, Hoose commenced foreclosure proceedings on Gage’s half interest in the West B street property. Gage filed a cross bill asking for an accounting of partnership business since 1890. The amount involved is in the neighborhood of \$10,000, and it is the most important case that has been started in this circuit in some time. It will probably be tried at the next term of court. Cook & Pelham are the attorneys for Hoose and R.L. Hammond for Gage.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 9 [Thursday, October 14, 1897], page 1, column 1

A Handsome Turnout.

Fred Gage, the West B street liveryman, received from the factory last Tuesday a handsome trap of the latest design. This is the swellest [*sic*] rig in the city and will carry four persons.

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Brief City Newsites.

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The **Hoose and Gage livery barn and lot** was bid in the sale last Tuesday by **A.C. Cook** for \$2,000. **Judge Stone** considered the property worth more money and ordered it readvertised.



By 1902 **Matthias Lonprey** operated a livery stable at 210 East Hughitt Street (left), offering “First-Class Turn-Outs, Good Horses, Careful Drivers,” adding “Special Attention to Boarding” and “Prices Reasonable.” Lonprey still operated his livery stable here in 1913 also ran a saloon at 214 East Hughitt (right). The **Holms family** posed for this postcard view, dated August 2, 1911. [William J. Cummings Photo]

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIX, Number 33 [Saturday, December 11, 1897], page 1, column 3

LIVERY STABLE SOLD.

Sale of Felix LaBrook’s Livery Outfit Made at Noon Friday.

Amos Conrad, formerly cook for the **Quinnesec Logging company**, Friday purchased the stock of the **Felix LaBrook livery barn on East Hughitt street**. The price paid was \$1,400.

This property was to have been sold one week ago under a mortgage, but **Frank Parent**, acting for Mr. LaBrook, secured an adjournment and in the meantime hustled up a buyer for the property.

The building in which the livery is conducted is owned by **Joe Lamphry [sic – Lonprey]** and under the new proprietorship, the the [sic] business will be conducted at the old stand.

Mr. Conrad is well-known in Iron Mountain, and he will endeavor to conduct the stable on business principles.

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole No. 474 [Wednesday, January 19, 1898], page 3, column 3

FRED GAGE HAS SOLD OUT.

Paul Clifford Installed as Manager of the Extensive Livery Business.

Fred Gage, the pioneer liveryman, has sold his business to **Mayor J.M. Clifford**, the deal being closed this forenoon.

The property purchased includes the stock, hacks, buggies and all equipments [sic – equipment]. Mr. Gage will retire from the business and after attending to a number of outstanding accounts will look about for a new location. Mr. Gage has made a success of the livery business in this city, and through his enterprise the

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public has enjoyed [sic – enjoyed] many advantages that even larger towns do not.

Paul Clifford has been installed as **manager of the livery business** purchased by his brother. The place hereafter will be known as **The Iron Mountain Livery Stable**. The livery barn has been leased for a term of years.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 35 [Thursday, January 20, 1898], page 1, column 3

Changes Hands.

Yesterday morning **Fred Gage** sold his horses and livery stable outfit to **Mayor Clifford**, who took possession at once. **Paul W. Clifford** was placed in charge as manager. It is understood that some material additions are to be made to the outfit, making the stable second to none on the range.

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole No. 526 [Tuesday, March 22, 1898], page 3, column 3

BOUGHT THE HACK.

Emery Alexander [sic] Purchases the Outfit From Paul Clifford and Will Attend to the Wants of Customers.

Paul Clifford has disposed of his hack to **Emery Alexander**, who will hereafter give his personal attention to the wants of the traveling public. Mr. Alexander has established an office at **513 Stephenson**

avenue where orders can be left at any time, night or day. Telephones will also be placed in the office.

Mr. Alexander has for years been employed by liverymen in this city and is well known [sic – well-known]. He is an energetic young man and will, no doubt, make a success of his venture.



Hoose & Gage (Jay W. Hoose and Fred Gage) operated a “Livery, sale and boarding stable” at 100 West B Street in 1892, advertising: “General teaming. First class livery turnouts at reasonable prices.” Louis M. Hansen leased the Gage livery barn in September, 1899, his sign indicating L.M. Hansen Livery Sale & Boarding Stable. Joseph DeConcini ran a livery stable and feed store here by 1907. In 1913 John H. McKenna operated a livery and sale stable here. The property, located directly across from the Commercial Hotel, seemed to change hands frequently. [Menominee Range Historical Museum Photo]

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L.M. Hansen has leased the **Gage livery barn opposite the Commercial Hotel** and will conduct the same in the future. It will be stocked with splendid driving horses and fine carriages, and will be conducted in the same courteous manner as the Stephenson avenue stable.

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L.M. Hansen has ordered another trap and several fine single buggies from **Morris, the Waupaun [sic – Waupun], Wis., carriage manufacturer.**

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 8, Number 21 [Thursday, October 15, 1903], page 8, column 2

L.M. Hansen has purchased **five handsome phaetons from Morris**, the well-known manufacturer of **Waupaun [sic – Waupun], Wis.** Mr. Hansen's livery stables will always be found up-to-date.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 13, Number 45 [Thursday, April 1, 1909], page 1, column 2

Close the Stable.

The Person livery stable, buildings, harnesses, carriages, hearses, etc., has been sold to Andrew Bjorkman. The consideration was \$9,000. Mr. Bjorkman has sold nine of the horses to **Kurz Bros[.]** The others, together with the carriages, harnesses and the buildings, will be sold at auction next Saturday[.] **The undertaking outfit has been moved to the Lomprey [sic – Lonprey] stables pending a deal for this sale.** This sale will afford a splendid opportunity to secure first class

carriages and horse furnishings at bargain prices.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 13, Number 45 [Thursday, April 1, 1909], page 1, column 2

Business Deal.

L.M. Hansen has purchased from Andrew Bjorkman at private sale the buildings lately occupied by H. Person as a livery stable. Mr. Hansen will remove his livery equipment to the new location next Monday. The property is well located for the livery business. *[Located at the northeast corner of Stephenson Avenue and East C Street.]*

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 14, Number 44 [Thursday, March 24, 1910], page 6, column 5

BRIEF CITY NEWS.

The **old livery barn on Stephenson avenue**, occupied by **L.M. Hansen** for a long term of years, is being demolished preparatory to the erection of a brick block by **Messrs. Cook and Pelham**, owners of the property.

HORSE-RELATED ACCIDENTS

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, April 11, 1885

– **K.S. Buck shot a lynx from his seat in a cutter.** The shot scared his horse and

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in pulling on the lines he discharged his pistol (self-cocking) and killed the horse. – Range.

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

JIM KINNIFICK's piebald horse took possession of the streets on Saturday, but to all appearance [*sic*] the animal might have belonged to anybody but Jim, as he was apparently the coolest man in town while every man and boy in the place was [*sic – place was*] hip, hip, horraying after the runaway.

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

Serious Horse Play.

Charley Rupp is lame. He explains the circumstances in this way: "I kicked the horse on Thursday, and the darned horse kicked me back, and I got the worst of the arrangement." We should think he did. He was badly cut, and had the narrowest possible escape from having his leg broken.

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 5 [Thursday, April 25, 1889], page 4, column 4

"The Course of True Love," &c.

That the course of true love never did run smooth was illustrated on Sunday forenoon, when a nicely-dressed, young man was taking out his very best girl for a buggy ride. The farther he drove along the

avenue the more he became enchanted with the fairness of his companion, until at length, forgetting [*the*] horse and everything else except his great love, he slipped his arm around her waist. Just when the pair arrived opposite **White's market**, near the **C. & N.W. crossing**, the young man was rudely recalled to his senses. The horse had been gradually swerving nearer and nearer to the sidewalk, until at last it smashed the buggy against the tall electric light post. The young man immediately withdrew his arm – in fact, the shock drove it from that position – and the maiden only saved herself from being thrown to the ground by grasping the dashboard with both hands. Of course, she screamed a little, while the much-surprised young man yelled "Wo!" [*sic – "Whoa!"*] to the horse, which had now slewed completely around and was preparing to make a bolt of it. The ludicrous affair was witnessed by a group sitting in front of the hotel, and when the young fellow heard the shouts of laughter he gathered in the reins and let the horse out to do its very best trotting. The springs of the buggy were badly dislocated, but worse might easily have happened to the ardent young lovers.

The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Thursday, July 14, 1892

THE **A street baker's team** [*probably John G. Thorsell, 206 East A Street*] was frightened near the **corner of Stephenson avenue and B street** last Tuesday morning and made a wild break down **B street**, scattering buns, doughnuts and biscuit [*sic – biscuits*] along the way. The horse was captured on **Carpenter avenue**, having done no further damage than to waste some of the baker's pastry.

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Dickinson County, Michigan, Thursday,
July 11, 1896

Child Killed by Reckless Driver.

When **Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ekman** and children, **610 Millie street**, were returning from a church picnic on the Fourth, their little 5 year old daughter, **Gerdi**, was run over by a driver of one of the carettes and instantly killed. The father says the vehicle was being driven recklessly, and he, who was carrying another child, also had a narrow escape. The little girl was knocked down by the horses and the wheels of the heavy vehicle passed over her chest, crushing the life out of her instantly. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon, from the **Swedish Baptist church**.

The coroner's jury impannelled [*sic – impaneled*] to inquire into the death of **Gerda Ekman**, killed by being run over by one of the carettes on the 4th of July, returned a verdict yesterday afternoon, placing the blame both on the driver for fast driving and the father of the child for "attempting to cross the street with his family without satisfying himself beyond doubt that there was danger."

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain,
Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume
XVIII, Number 49 [Thursday, April 3,
1897], page 7, column 1

TWO RIGS CLASH.

A Collision on Stephenson Avenue Saturday Night Causes a Shocking Accident.

MRS. PASCOE'S EAR CUT OFF.

**Fell On a Sharp Pointed Rock. Her Head
Cut Wide Open. Back and Chest is
Black and Blue. Mrs. Edward
Secomb Breaks a Leg. Bones
Protrude Through the
Flesh. Carried into a
Neighboring House.
Their Condition
is Critical.**

[From Monday's Daily Tribune.]

Shortly after seven o'clock Saturday evening, two buggies collided on **Stephenson avenue** which resulted in two of the occupants receiving serious injuries, while the other three were badly frightened from the effects of the shaking up and the screams of the injured. **Tom Touhey** and **Roy Sweet** were driving one of the rigs and were going in the direction of **Quinnesec**. The other rig contained **Mrs. Jane Pascoe**, **Mrs. Edward Secomb** and **Mrs. Pascoe's driver**. The two teams **attempted to pass on the culvert [*sic – culvert*] near the court house** resulting in the wheels clashing together, throwing the five occupants from their seats to the frozen and rocky pavement. The three men escaped with only a few slight bruises but the ladies suffered several severe injuries which may result in a disfigurement for life.

Mrs. Secomb in falling from the buggy alighted in such a manner as to fracture her leg at the ankle. The bones were split and broken and protruded through the flesh. Her side was injured and her head and face were cut to some extent. Mrs. Pascoe's injuries are shocking and for a time her life was **dispaired [*sic – despaired*] of**. Her head struck a sharp pointed rock on the road side [*sic – roadside*] cutting her ear

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completely off leaving only the lobe. A portion of the severed member was found lying on the rock early Sunday morning. A long deep gash was found on the woman's head which required several stitches. Today her back and chest are black and blue and she is suffering intense pain.

The two women were carried into the residence of **J.W. Burbank, 807 Stephenson avenue**, and **Drs. Crowell and Menestrina** were called to attend the suffering patients. After the wounds were dressed the ladies were taken to their homes where they will be compelled to remain confined for several months. No blame is attached to either of the two drivers. The accident was one of the many unforeseen fatalities of the hour.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIX, Number 2 [Saturday, May 8, 1897], page 1, column 6

WHERE'S MY HAT.

After Rolling Down a Seventy-Five foot Embankment, an Italian asks for His Dicer.

HORSE AND WAGON GO TOO.

Driver and Companion were All Right But the Mare was Unsteady. Whole Outfit Rolled Down the Embankment at the Chapin Mine Pit and Landed

in a heap At the Bottom.

Shortly after nine o'clock Tuesday night a horse and wagon, with its two occupants[,] rolled down the seventy five [sic – seventy-five] foot embankment of the **Chapin mine pit**, on **Stephenson avenue**, and landed at the bottom uninjured, save for a few slight bruises to the driver and a demolished milk wagon.

The wagon was occupied by **two Italian milkmen**, both of whom were perfectly sober, which fact deserves mention by reason of the calamity that befell them. The mare, however, was unsteady, for when passing the deep pit on the city's main thoroughfare she turned sharply to the right and plunged headlong over the deep precipice precipitating the whole outfit to the sharp rocked region below.

The horse, wagon, milk-cans and living occupants landed in a heap [sic – heap] and the first sound heard was "Where is my hat?" uttered by the frightened driver. The two men scrambled to their feet and extricated the animal from its perplexities. Pedestrians who witnessed the terrible and exciting scene rushed to the edge of the steep and rocky embankment expecting to find a mass of humanity struggling in approaching death.

Others rushed to the bottom of the pit to assist the unfortunate ones, and in five minutes time a hundred people had gathered about the scene of the accident. The men were found to have escaped serious injuries while the animal was wholly uninjured. The wagon suffered several breaks which were temporarily repaired, and with the assistance of the bystanders the outfit was landed.

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The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIX, Number 2 [Saturday, May 8, 1897], page 5, column 3

NERVY TEAMSTER

After Being Dragged and Kicked for Half a Square Geo. Martin Unhitches his Horse.

About three o'clock last Thursday **Geo. Martin**, a teamster living on **West Flesheim [sic – Fleshiem] street**, narrowly escaped serious injury, and probable death, by being dragged for half a block by a runaway horse. Martin was hauling a load of furniture to the **St. Paul depot**, and when **crossing Ludington street on Carpenter avenue**, one piece of furniture on which he was sitting tipped forward throwing the driver between the thills, where he was held fast.

The horse became frightened and started on a gallop, the driver in his perilous position shouting to the animal to stop, which had a tendency to further alarm the runaway horse. When near the alley, back of **John Marsch's saloon**, the animal turned to the left, and coming in contact with a heavy lumber wagon was brought to a sudden halt.

Several articles of furniture had fallen forward striking the horse's heels. He began to squirm and kick and before the bystanders could assist the unfortunate man to escape the horse's sharp hoofs had left their imprint on several parts of Martin's body. The victim was hauled from the wreck, bleeding and limping but bravely assisted in unhitching the frightened animal

and reloading the furniture that had been dumped from the load.

The wound on Martin's face appeared not to be a serious one, but the blow on the leg may prove annoying. The victim's escape from a serious mishap was truly miraculous.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume IX, Number 1 [Saturday, July 10, 1897], page 1, column 5

RUNAWAYS GALORE.

Frightened Animals, Broken Gigs, Injured People and Crowds of Frantic Spectators Keep up Excitement.

Two spirited and lively runaways Monday morning, in which one man was injured, and harness, a cart and buckboard were slightly demolished, and a collision on the road to Quinnesec Saturday, in which **Mrs. J.E. Gill** and a party were left helpless on the road, go to make up a list of events that furnished excitement for the hungry reporters who are ever in search of items.

HENRY WINK INJURED.

Shortly before noon Monday **Henry Wink**, a driver for the **Leisen and Henes branch agency** in this city, was driving the company's team **across the Northwestern tracks**. The team was hitched to a buckboard and in some manner the pole dropped out of the neckyoke. The horses became frightened and plunged forward, the plucky driver holding fast to the ribbons [*reins*], the horses pulling the weight of the rig and occupant by the bits.

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They turned south on **Stephenson avenue** and were headed down the crowded street. Wink steered them into the sidewalk in front of **Paul Clifford's** place, where the buggy came in contact with the curbing, throwing the driver heavily to the ground[,] his head striking the sharp edge of the walk and cutting a deep gash several inches long. The frightened animals were caught by spectators, and the demolished rig taken to **Sol Noble's** for repairs.

Mr. Wink was picked up and conveyed into a near by *[sic – nearby]* drug store where his injuries were bandaged after which he was taken to his home on West Brown street.

HORSE AND CART FLEW BY.

About 10 o'clock Monday morning pedestrians on **Stephenson avenue** were attracted by a **runaway horse hitched to a dog cart** that came tearing down the avenue from the direction of the **Chapin Location**. Men began shouting hoarsely *[sic – hoarsely]* and pawing the air wildly, while women with baby carriages and small boys with fire crackers *[sic – firecrackers]* sought places of safety in stores and behind telephone poles. The horse and cart went through the streets like a wild-fire, chased by the mob of onlookers.

It turned the corner at **Seibert's drug store** and ran east to **LaBrook's barn**, where it stopped as suddenly as if it had been jerked on its haunches by the driver.

The animal is owned by **Rob Gall of Quinnesec**, and escaped from him while driving in the location.

TOOK OFF A WHEEL.

While **driving home from Quinnesec** Saturday evening, a two seated *[sic – two-seated]* rig driven by **Mrs. J.E. Gill** and occupied by her sister and several small children, was run into by **Dan Scandling**, who was driving a two seated *[sic – two-seated]* buggy occupied by his family. A rear wheel was totaly *[sic – totally]*

demolished and Mrs. Gill and party were left helpless by the roadside. A bus load of people returning from the Quinnesec celebration, *[sic]* happened along and the helpless women and children were loaded in the wagon and brought home in safety.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIX, Number 13 [Saturday, July 24, 1897], page 5, column 4

A WILD RUNAWAY.

Horse Hitched to a Buggy Terrified Pedestrians on Stephenson Avenue.

With the ribbons *[reins]* trailing on the ground, a buggy swaying from side to side while the wheels of the vehicle were striking only the high places, a runaway horse dashed down **Stephenson avenue** about 10 o'clock Saturday, striking terror into the hearts of a hundred men, women and children attracted by the hoarse shouts of pedestrians and the rattle of wheels on the pavement.

The rig was the property of **Ross Robinson**, proprietor of the Kennel *[sic – kennel]* near **Crystal Lake**.

The horse became frightened while being watered at the fountain on Stephenson avenue. The animal dashed down the main thoroughfare narrowly escaping the rigs standing near the curbstone, and the bicycle riders pedaling up and down the avenue. The runaway horse turned **west on B street** barely missing an incoming ore train as he dashed across the **Northwestern tracks**. He continued his mad run in the direction of

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home, and when passing **R.L. Hammond's** residence, on **Carpenter avenue**, the buggy came in contact with a small box, tearing it from its fastenings. This accident impeded the horse's wild gallop only for a moment and he started again as if refreshed with new life and vigor. He ran the distance from there to his home at a terrific rate of speed, turning sharp corners, leaping over crosswalks and attracting everyone from their houses. When the excited and half dead animal reached the rear of the **stable at Crystal Lake** he fell exhausted in the yard, where he was found by his owner a half hour later. No person was injured but the buggy and harness was damaged to some extent.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIX, Number 21 [Saturday, September 18, 1897], page 5, column 5

BROKE HER NOSE.

**Shocking Accident to a Couple
Driving
Home From Quinnesec.**

**COLLIDED WITH A
TELEPHONE POLE.**

**Woman Thrown out of the Buggy
Striking Her Head on the Hard
Pavement. Companion Also
Injured. Both Slightly
Jagged [Drunk].**

A frightful accident occurred shortly before eight o'clock Sunday evening which resulted in a woman receiving a broken nose and her husband a number of severe scalp wounds. The victims were **Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kutz, 825 East B [sic] street.**

The couple were **driving home from Quinnesec** in a single rig belonging to **Felix LaBrook** and, when in the vicinity of the cemetery, turned out of the road to allow an approaching rig to pass. Kutz turned out a trifle more than was necessary and collided with a telephone pole.

The horse was going at a rapid rate of speed and the sudden shock threw the occupants over the dashboard and to the hard pavement beneath the wheels of the buggy. The woman fell striking her head and face and lay sprawled on the ground shrieking from fright and groaning with agony. The husband was too full of booze to realize how seriously his wife was injured and too helpless to assist her to arise. The man gathered himself up and, when assistance arrived, was leaning against the pole that caused the accident, his hands grasping the iron steps used by the line repairers; a picture of utter disconsolation and hopelessly sad.

J.W. Hoose was the first person to arrive on the scene. He was **driving to Quinnesec** and in the darkness almost drove over the struggling form of the woman as she lay writhing in agony. Others came along and finally the two victims were taken to Quinnesec where their wounds were dressed.

The woman was found to be suffering from a broken nose and several scalp wounds. Blood oozed from a large hole in her forehead and her hair was clotted with the dark red fluid. Her back, hips and limbs were black and blue and while the attendants were washing her the poor woman screamed from the pain caused by the touch of gentle hands.

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The pair were brought to this city and taken to their home at **825 East D [sic] street**, where they will put in a few weeks nursing their wounds and thanking their lucky stars that the accident did not result more seriously. The horse and buggy were uninjured and the animal was found standing a short distance from the place were *[sic – where]* the accident occurred.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIX, Number 32 [Saturday, December 4, 1897], page 5, column 1

A MAD GALLOP.

**Sundstrom's Delivery Rig Caused
all Kinds of Excitement.**

**TORE DOWN A STREET
HYDRANT.**

**B Street Flooded with Gallons of
Escaping Water – Frightened
Animal Takes to the Sidewalk
On Stephenson Ave. – The
Damage.**

A highly exciting scene took place in the business district of the city shortly before 11 o'clock Thursday morning. One of the delivery rigs of **Sundstrom & Son**, the hardware merchants, was being driven **east on B street**, and when near the **corner of Carpenter avenue** one of the traces became detached from the wiffletree. The trace struck the heels of the horse,

frightening the animal into a dead gallop and she became unmanageable. She ran **east on B street to the Commercial Hotel** and then suddenly swerved to the right, the rig striking a street hydrant.

It bent the water plug until the top nearly touched the ground, allowing many gallons of water to escape before the stream was turned off. The horse continued its wild race **north along the St. Paul tracks**, and turned **north on A street**. Reaching **Stephenson avenue** the animal made a plunge onto the sidewalk, breaking a glass show case that was being loaded into a dray in front of **Cranney's second hand store**. Again reaching the street the snorting animal whirled about in a circle several times and then dashed **north on Stephenson avenue**. When directly opposite **Levy's store** she again took to the sidewalk, barely escaping a lady pedestrian, who had presence of mind enough to step into a saloon entrance.

When the run-away animal reached **Hanson's livery stable** she was greatly fatigued, and easily submitted to being caught. Mr. Hanson grabbed the mare's bridle and held her until the driver appeared upon the scene.

During the exciting runaway the streets were lined with rigs and shoppers, and the escape of a mix up was remarkably fortunate. The sleigh and harness were considerably damaged.

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole No. 464 [Friday, January 7, 1898], page 3, column 5

NOT ONE SCRATCH.

**Narrow Escape of Two Five-Year-
Old Coasters This Morning.**

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No. 481 [Thursday, January 27, 1898],
page 3, column 4

UNDER HEELS OF A PRANCING HORSE.

Urchins Coasting Down A Street Run Into Dr. Larson's Rig – Frightens the Spirited Animal and Nearly Causes a Runaway.

Shortly before noon today **Dr. Larson**, with his wife, was driving south on **Iron Mountain street** in the direction of their home. When crossing **A street, near the Felch Hotel**, the doctor's horse suddenly stopped and began to rear as if frightened by some impending danger. Dr. Larson jumped out of the cutter and ran to the horse's head to ascertain the trouble and quiet the animal.

After alighting, Dr. Larson quickly discovered the cause of the trouble. Directly beneath the horse's heels, on a sled, sat two five-year-old girls. The little urchins had been coasting down the sidewalk of the long hill and had run into the rig without attracting the attention of the occupants.

The coasters did not see the doctor's rig in time to prevent a collision, and it is doubtful if they could have stopped or turned out in time even had they been aware of the impending danger.

The escape of the two children was a miracle, and the occurrence [*sic* – *occurrence*] should be a lesson to others who follow the practice of coasting down the sidewalk of so public a thoroughfare.

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STOP THE PRACTICE.

Children "Catching on Bobs" Have Become a Nuisance and are in Danger.

The practice of catching on "bobs" followed by the children has become a nuisance all over the city and should be stopped. Policemen should see to it that the little ones keep out of the road. In most every case the youngsters do it against the instructions of their parents and are in continued danger of being injured. For their own sake the practice should be prohibited.

It has also become a great nuisance and people driving have to keep a constant lookout to avoid accidents. Even the girls are doing as much of it as the boys and the little fellows hardly able to go to school alone are looking for a ride. Accidents will surely follow unless they are stopped.

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole No. 496 [Monday, February 14, 1898], page 3, column 5

TEAM RUN AWAY.

William S. Laing Narrowly Escaped Serious If not Fatal Injuries.

HORSES CLEAR A FIVE FOOT FENCE.

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Runaway Occurred in Norway and Excitement Ruled the Hour – One Horse Badly Injured and Left in Charge of a Veterinary.

A serious runaway occurred today, in **Norway** in which **William S. Laing** of this city narrowly escaped injury. As it was one valuable horse was dangerously injured and a handsome cutter seriously damaged. The horse and cutter is the property of **L.M. Hanson**.

Mr. Laing left Iron Mountain shortly after nine o'clock this morning to drive to Norway. The team is one of Hanson's best turnouts and has been driven by Mr. Laing on various occasions. He reached Norway without encountering any mishap and was driving down **Nelson street** at a merry clip. When within half a block of the engine house the cutter struck against a huge rock in the street. The impact was so sudden that the horses took fright and made a lunge forward breaking one of the traces. This only added alarm to the prancing steeds and they started down the hill at a terrific rate of speed.

Mr. Laing held pluckily to the reins and when the runaway horses reached the corner attempted to swerve them to the left into the engine house.

The turn was made so quickly the cutter pole broke close to runners, the horses going south on **Cyclops avenue** and the cutter with its occupant sliding over the snow down Nelson street. The cutter and Mr. Laing landed in a snow bank in the rear of the **Sampson House**.

The two now thoroughly frightened animals galloped on down **Cyclops avenue** for a distance of several blocks. Here they encountered a board fence five feet high.

They cleared the fence in a single bound. The horses alighted in a small inclosure [*sic – enclosure*] and in trying to escape from there one of the animals met with a number of serious injuries. The other animal escaped without a scratch. The injured horse was given in charge of a veterinary.

Mr. Laing's escape was miraculous and had it not been for his grit and pluck he might have been seriously injured.

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RANDVILLE REPORTS.

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

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 11, Number 33 [Thursday, January 3, 1907], page 1, column 6

Horse Shot.

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[Compiled and Transcribed by William J. Cummings]

A horse belonging to **M. Longprey** [*sic* – *Lonprey*] was struck by a stray bullet last Thursday while being driven from **Niagara to Iron Mountain**. The right hind leg was broken, which necessitated the killing of the horse. The accident happened about thirty rods west of the bridge, **across the Menominee river on the Wisconsin side**, and the lady who was driving the horse, and her two little children, had to walk to **Quinnesec**. It is not known from what source the bullet came, but it is supposed that some one [*sic* – *someone*] was hunting rabbits in that vicinity and shot towards the road.

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Runaway Fatality.

Dr. J.A. Crowell was called to **Norway** at an early hour last Thursday morning to attend a laborer named **Frank D'Andra**, who had been injured in a runaway accident. The wheels of a heavy truck had run cross both hips, splintered the bones, and also injuring him internally. An operation was performed, but it proved futile, as the injured man died several hours later. D'Andra was a young man, about twenty-two years old and came to Norway a few weeks ago to work on the sewer contract.

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ARE NEAR TO DEATH.

Rev. and Mrs. A.K. Scott Victims of a Runaway Accident in Canada.

Meagre [*sic* – *Meager*] particulars have been received here of a serious accident to **Rev. and Mrs. A.K. Scott**, of this city, at **Pembroke** [*sic* – *Pembroke*], **Ont.**, where they are visiting relatives.

According to the information at hand, Mr. and Mrs. Scott were out riding with relatives. The team became frightened at a passing train and ran away. A collision with a tree followed and the carriage was wrecked.

Mrs. Scott was thrown to the ground with great violence, striking on her head and shoulders, causing concussion of the brain. She was unconscious for forty-eight hours.

Rev. Mr. Scott also struck on his head and shoulders and was unconscious for several hours and the other members of the party were more or less injured.

For a [*sic*] several days it was feared that Mrs. Scott would not survive her injuries. In addition to concussion of the brain, she was also badly bruised and cut about the head and it was thought she was injured internally. Later advices, however, are to the effect that she will recover.

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SKULL WAS CRUSHED.

Frederick Springer is Killed in Runaway Accident at Alfred.

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Thrown from a heavy wagon during a wild runaway at **Alfred**, in **West Branch township**, **Frederick Springer**, a teamster employed by the **H.A. Bauman company**, met instant death when one of the wheels passed over his head, crushing his skull.

Springer was engaged in hauling shingles from the mill and in crossing a railroad track two of the bunches fell from the load striking the two horses. The team bolted, and[,] although the driver made a desperate effort to control them[,] he was unable to bring them to a standstill. Plunging from the road into a strip of cut-over land the wagon struck a log and Springer was pitched forward. He fell beneath the wheels of the wagon and one of the heavy rims struck him at the back of his head, causing instant death. The decedent was thirty-four years old.

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

Breaks Two Ribs.

William H. Stephenson, superintendent of the **Menominee River Boom company**, sustained the fracture of two ribs in an accident that happened near this city. His condition is not at all serious and he will be able to be about again in a short time. Mr. Stephenson was driving and struck a rut in the road and the buggy tipped over on its side. One wheel struck him in the side and caused the injury. The horse did not run away. He is recovering at his home in Marinette.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 14, Number 19 [Thursday, September 30, 1909], page 1, column 4

Injured in Runaway.

Charles Boucher, who runs a wood-sawing machine, had his right leg broken below the knee in a runaway accident last Friday morning. Mr. Boucher recently purchased a new horse and had it hitched with another horse to the machine. He had driven to a wood-pile [*sic* – *woodpile*] in the alley in the rear of **Kramer's** saloon to saw the wood. Boucher sat on the seat in front of the machine, holding the horses, while his men started to saw wood. The new horse, unused to the noise of the saw, became frightened and ran away. In turning the corner of the alley and **East Hughitt street**, Boucher was thrown to the ground and one of the wheels of the machine ran over his leg. The team ran to the corner of **East Hughitt street and Iron Mountain avenue**, where one of the wheels struck a post and broke the front axle, leaving the machine in the ditch.

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

In Precarious Condition.

Andrew Willis, the teamster who was received at **St. George's Hospital** from **Randville** in an unconscious condition a week ago last Tuesday, is still in a very precarious condition. He is unconscious nearly all the time and is unable to take nourishment. The physicians are of the opinion that, unless there is a decided change for the better soon, he will not recover. Willis is suffering from what might be termed a "jarred brain." There are no fractures in evidence and no internal injuries apparent. As was noted in The

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Press, Willis was thrown head foremost against a stump in a runaway accident near Randville. Nothing can be learned regarding his relatives or place of residence.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 16, Number 9 [Thursday, July 20, 1911], page 1, column 3

Rigs in Collision.

Last Sunday evening, a carriage containing **Mr. and Mrs. L.J. Kellan** was run into and overturned by another rig containing a pair of jagged [*drunk*] foreigners. Mr. and Mrs. K. were thrown under the horse's feet, but the animal moved ahead and the carriage was overturned upon them. Mr. K. succeeded in extricating Mrs. K. from the wreck and in stopping his horse. The carriage containing the joy riders was badly smashed, the occupants being thrown headlong to the road, but escaped serious injuries. Mrs. Kellan was taken to her home in an automobile. Her injuries consisted of bruises. Mr. Kellan was uninjured. The accident was fortune [*sic*] in that no one was killed or badly injured.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Thursday, July 9, 1914

Some Adventure.

Last Monday afternoon, a team owned by **Andrew Palmquist**, a contractor, rolled down the east bank of the **open pit of the Chapin mine**, a short distance north of the machine shops, taking with them the driver, **George Palmquist**, and the wagon. The boy, horses and wagon rolled and fell a

distance of over two hundred feet down the bank. The wagon was smashed, but the driver and horses received minor injuries only. George had backed his team too close to the bank in delivering a load of filling material. It is passed [*sic – past*] understanding how the accident did not result more seriously.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 20, Number 6 [Thursday, June 24, 1915], page 7, column 3

QUINNESEC NOTES.

Leon Fraker was quite seriously injured last Monday while riding a bicycle. He tried to pass a team on the county road too closely and one of the animals became frightened and kicked him in the thigh cutting a bad gash. He was taken to **Dr. Dockery** at **Iron Mountain** and had the wound dressed.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, _____ Year, Number _____ [Thursday, March 30, 1922], page 1, column 2

DRIVER INJURED AS HORSE BOLTS

Animal Breaks Leg and Has to Be Shot After Runaway.

_____ **Izzo**, parcel post deliveryman, _____ injuries to his foot and leg received when the horse drawing the **parcel post**

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delivery wagon ran away **down A street hill** Tuesday evening.

Izzo had nearly finished his deliveries and was working his way back to the postoffice [*sic – post office*]. He had just returned from making a delivery when the horse started off. Knowing the animal to be high spirited, Izzo grasped the reins and tried to avert the runaway, but without success. During the attempt, one wheel of the wagon ran over his foot, the hub striking his leg, and inflicting injuries which, while they may be painful enough to lay him up for a day or two, are not serious.

The horse bolted down the hill, and out upon **Stephenson avenue**. In attempting to turn the corner, the animal fell and broke its leg, ending its wild flight on the Northwestern parkage [*sic*]. Fortunately, traffic on the street was light, and there were no collisions.

Officer Joe Axberg was called and shot the horse, four bullets being required to kill it. Izzo and his brother gathered the remaining parcels and returned them to the post office, after which Izzo had his injuries attended to at **St. George's hospital**.

It was said that the horse, which was owned by **Felix La Brook**, has given trouble on previous occasions.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, _____ Year, Whole No. _____ [Saturday, April 26, 1924], page 2, column 1

ALLEGED SPREE COSTLY TO 'DOC'

**Candy Wagon Over-turns,
Later His Horse Runs
Away**

Alleged to have been heavily inoculated with "spiritus fermentus," "**Doc**" **Lacey, negro vendor of ice cream**, and confectionary, involuntarily provided children living on the north side with sweets last night.

According to available informatoin [*sic – information*], "Doc" had spent the evening hobnobbing with the great god Bacchus. Climbing into his wagon, which had been parked on a side street, awaiting his pleasure, "Doc" turned his trusty steed's head toward home. His general direction was correct but his manner of directing the equipage resulted in the wagon being overturned. The stock in trade rapidly disappeared before the onslaught of a horde of youngsters. Passersby righted Doc's chariot and set him on his way.

While proceeding along **Hughitt street** enroute [*sic – en route*] to his home near the ball park, "Doc's" horse was said to have entered into the spirit of the occasion with more enthusiasm than discretion. A short but snappy runaway followed which ended with "Doc" reclining in a convenient gutter and the wagon reduced to wreckage. "Doc" was said to have escaped with minor injuries.

SLEIGHING PARTIES AND HAY RIDES

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVIII, Number 45 [Saturday, February 27, 1897], page 8, column 2

One of the most enjoyable **sleighb parties** given this season was the one that drove down from Iron Mountain Saturday night. After leaving **Quinnesec** the party proceeded to **camp No. 6**, owned by the **H.**

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& M. Co. [the Hamilton & Merryman Company], where a delightful evening was enjoyed through the hospitality of the camp foreman. A supper, such as only a logging camp cook can prepare, was heartily enjoyed. Among the party were: **Misses Briggs, Ogden, Brown, Wright**, Marinette, **McKenna**, Quinnesec. **Messrs. Robbins, Dr. MacNaughton, Sutton, Cowling**, and **Messrs. McKenna and Finnigan**, Quinnesec.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIX, Number 3 [Saturday, May 15, 1897], page 6, column 3

JOLLY HAY RACK PARTY.

Mr. and Mrs. Early and Al Halt Entertain Forty Young People at Their Camp On The Menominee.

Forty well-known young people of the city Friday enjoyed the novelty of a **hay rack ride** to the **Quinnesec Logging Co.'s camp on the Menominee river**. **Superintendent Early** and wife preceded the party and when the crowd reached their destination the large camp house was ablaze with Japanese lanterns and candles.

Musicians were on hand to furnish music for the twenty numbers that followed, each one of which were heartily encored by the jolly dancers. At midnight the floor was cleared and the guests were served with refreshments.

The trip to and from the scene of the night's festivities was as thoroughly enjoyed as any part of the program, and the rising sun in the morning smiled on the load of

young people as they returned from the scene of the night's festivities.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIX, Number 19 [Saturday, September 4, 1897], page 2, column 2

HAD A JOLLY TIME.

Delightful Hayrack and Dancing Party Given at the Falls last Friday.

Certainly nothing can be more novel or delightful than a hayrack party to some rural spot where dancing can be enjoyed in the open air. There is just one flaw in the present cool, nipping air of the evenings, [;] it is just a little chilly to sit on the verandas or in a hammock even with the object of one's affection nestled closely by one's side. All kinds of outdoor life that involve action are delightful these evenings, and one quickly adjusts himself to the new conditions and is soon prepared to be comfortable.

This is proved by the fact that last Friday the young people enjoyed one of the most delightful outdoor fetes of the season.

The event was a **hayrack ride to Quinnesec Falls** where **Gust Tollen** acted as host to the guests. The large platform built over the flumes was transformed into a grand pavillion [*sic – pavilion*], brilliantly lighted with torches. An orchestra was there and furnished a charming program of dance music. Luncheon was served at midnight after which the dance was continued until two o'clock.

Among those who made up the party were: The Misses **Minnie Little, Kate**

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Kryer, Mabel Luke, Nellie Foucault,
Annie Miller, Lizzie Murphy, Carrie
Carbis, Clara Dolf, Barbara Dolf, Emma
Parent, Lottie Thompson, Mamie Parent.

Messrs. John Monroe, Ike Unger,
Wilbur Thompson, Carlisle Mason, Dr.
Cruse, Will Rezin, Will Hunting, Jno.
[John] Oliver, Max Croll, Gus Tollen,
Norman Gray, Bert Jones, Frank Stein,
Will Sundstrom, Frank Sundstrom, John
Sheerin.