

DICKINSON COUNTY HISTORY – HOTELS, MOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES

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IRON MOUNTAIN

ADAMS HOUSE

Jacques Brothers, Proprietors (1889)
300 Block of South Stephenson Avenue
Iron Mountain

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

Real Estate Transfer.

C.W. Montgomery has purchased the Adams House of Jacques Bros., for \$4400. The property is adjoining his brick building, and we hope Mr. Montgomery will see his way clear soon to remove the wooden structure and extend his handsome brick block. Mr. Langis intends to take a trip west and may settle there.

AMERICAN HOTEL

Anton Loverich, Proprietor (1935)
407 South Merritt Avenue
Iron Mountain

[See German Hotel]

Polk's Iron Mountain City Directory 1935, page 39; *Polk's Iron Mountain Classified Business Directory Including Dickinson County 1935*, page 350

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 25, Number 29 [Thursday, December 2, 1920], page 5, columns 2-3

POLICE AND SHERIFF RAID

Police and Sheriff Make Raid at American Hotel.

The police and sheriff departments worked hand in hand late yesterday afternoon and made a raid at the American Hotel on Merrit [*sic* – *Merritt*] avenue, formerly known as the German Hotel, and confiscated three cases of bitters and six quart bottles of some kind of wine. The seals on the bottles of bitters were broken when found by the authorities[.] this, in itself, constituting a violation of the liquor law. The liquor was placed in a sleigh and taken to the county jail. The raid was made by Sheriff Farrell, Undersheriff Frank Cleveland, Chief of Police Gilbeault and Officers Corey, Constantini and Warne. Besides placing the proprietor, Anton Laviorich, under arrest on a charge of violation of the liquor law, the officers took three men in custody on a charge of gambling, namely, George Meyers, Louis Osborn and Louis Mellis.

Meyers was arrested a few days ago on a charge of gambling at the time the raid was made by the police at Robert Wasevich's place, East Brown street.

All the men arrested in the raid yesterday afternoon were [*sic* – *were*] taken before Justice MacDonald. Laviorich was bound over to circuit court for trial, under a cash bond of \$500, which he furnished, [.] Osborn and Mellis were fined \$10 and costs and Meyers was fined \$25 and costs, owing to it being his second offense. All the men paid their fines.

Laviorich purchased the American Hotel a few days ago from Reinhart Goethe, the consideration, it is said, being \$8,500. He took possession at one o'clock yesterday afternoon, and within three hours afterward was in the toils of the law. The police and sheriff departments knowing of the deal and

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also knowing that he conducts two places of business in Gladstone and one at Escanaba, suspicioned that he would probably have some liquor at the place, so the two departments heartily co-operated and made it their business to find out. The place was filled with men when the officers entered like thieves in the night, some engaged in playing cards, and immediately looks of surprise crept all over their countenances. Those charged with gambling were placed under arrest at once while some of the officers proceeded to look around for liquor. Every nook and corner in the place was carefully searched and all the time that the raid was going on the doors of the place were kept locked and no person was allowed to leave it until the authorities had completed what they came there for.

ANTOINE HOTEL/HOTEL ANTOINE
Nicholas Bacilla, Proprietor (1935)
1115 Vulcan Street
Iron Mountain

[See Lake Antoine Hotel]

Polk's Iron Mountain City Directory 1935, page 89; Polk's Iron Mountain Classified Business Directory Including Dickinson County 1935, page 350

ANTOINE HOTEL AND SALOON
G.A. Michela/Anton Michela, Proprietor
1100 Vulcan Street (1913)
Iron Mountain

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THE BANK BUFFET
Joseph De Concini, Proprietor (1913)

323 South Stephenson Avenue
Iron Mountain

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BLIGHT HOUSE
William Blight, Proprietor (1892)
James Harding, Proprietor (1898)
209 East Hughitt Street
Iron Mountain

[See Hotel Diring]

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Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 3, Number 27 [Thursday, November 23, 1898], page 1, column 4

ADDITIONAL CITY NEWS.

James Harding, the popular baggageman at the North-Western depot, has leased the Blight House on E. Hughitt street, and will take possession the first of the month. Mr. Harding contemplates making a number of important changes, and as he has had experience in catering to the public, The Press has no hesitation in predicting that he will make a success of the venture.

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Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 3, Number 28 [Thursday, November 30, 1898], page 1, column 4



Directory of the Cities of Iron Mountain and Norway and Dickinson County With a List of Residents of Homestead, Wisconsin 1913, page 134; page 140

BRIEF CITY NEWSITES.

James Harding has taken possession of the Hotel Blight. It is safe to say that he will conduct a neat and orderly house and will do well.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 182 [Friday, November 17, 1922], page 1, column 5

CENTRAL HOUSE

**Joseph Cordy, Proprietor (1913)
Hotel and Saloon
106 East B Street
Iron Mountain**

BRAUNS CLOSES BIG LAND DEAL

**Buys Central House And
Several Lots on East
B Street**

Bunn & Simmon's Iron Mountain City Directory, 1892-1894, Comprising an Alphabetical List of Names, Business Department, Churches, Schools,

August E. Brauns has purchased the property on East B street known as the Central house and the vacant lots on the west from Joseph Cordy. The

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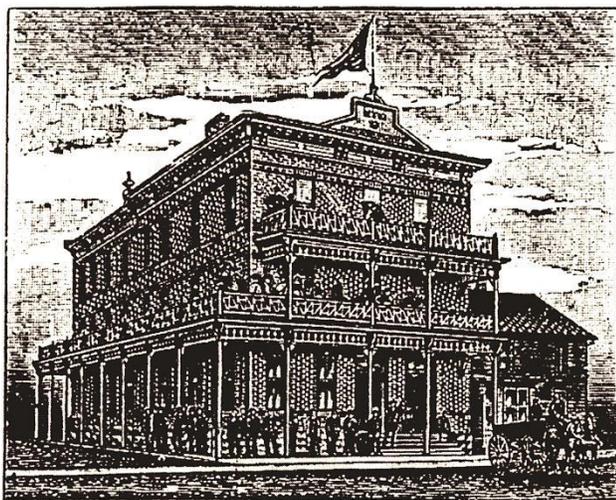
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consideration is private, but the deal is one of the largest real property transactions to be closed in some months. The property has a frontage on East B street of over 92 feet and extends back to the alley more than 125 feet. Included in the deal is the Central house, a large frame structure, now tenanted by Casmir Recla. The Recla lease has more than a year to run. It is understood that Mr. Brauns will improve the vacant property. A year ago, a report was current that Marquette capitalists intended erecting a moving picture theatre on the site.

COMMERCIAL HOTEL

Vivian C. Chellew, Proprietor (1889)
101-103 West B Street
Iron Mountain

[See Milliman Hotel, Dickinson Hotel,
Dickinson Inn]



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.

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 4 [Thursday, April 18, 1889], page 8, column 1

Rouse, the barber, has quit his stand in the Commercial house, and Billy Herdmann, the bartender, has also gone out into the cold world with him. Great changes evidently going on in Mr. Chellew’s hostelry. Fred Treglone, a pretty-well-knowngood fellow, has been appointed by Vivian Chellew to be high cockalorum and supreme spiritual dictator at the bar, vice, as they say, the recent William.

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Important Business Change.

For several days past negotiations have been going on between W.H. Jenkins and V.C. Chellew looking toward the purchase of the Commercial hotel by Mr. Jenkins, and it is a pretty nearly settled fact that Mr. Jenkins will assume control of the business in a few days. The new landlord is so well and favorably known to the people of our city and the traveling public in general that he needs very little commendation at our hands. For years he was the proprietor of the Jenkins house, until he sold that property to Mr. Wood, who removed the building to make room for his handsome brick block. The old Jenkins house was destroyed by fire the 5th of last July, while it was being fitted up for business. As long as Mr. Jenkins was proprietor of the Jenkins house it was one of the most popular hotels in this part of the state, and the cuisine department, under the excellent management of Mrs. Jenkins, never failed to supply the table with all the delicacies of the season prepared in the most delicious manner. Mr. Jenkins is sure to do a good business at the Commercial House.

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

In Error, a Little.

We erred last week in stating that Mr. Jenkins was negotiating with Mr. Chellew with the view to purchasing the Commercial Hotel. It was not Mr. Jenkins' intention to

buy the property but to lease it, and Mr. Jenkins took possession under the least [sic – lease] last Monday. What we said in regard to Mr. Jenkins' popularity as a landlord was perfectly correct, however.

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

THE CITY.

GEO. ALEXANDER, the experienced contractor, is busily engaged in repairing the Commercial House from top to bottom. The entire building will be thoroughly [sic – thoroughly] overhauled and Landlord Jenkins [sic – Jenkins] has placed the contract in the hands of a most competent person.

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

A "PAID" local appeared in the last issue of this paper to the effect that Landlord Jenkins has placed the contract for repairing the Commercial House in the hands of George Alexander. Mr. Chellew, the owner of the building, met us on the street last Monday and said it was he and not Mr. Jenkins who had the work done. It appears to be a matter of some importance to Mr. Chellew that the transaction be correctly stated, and we cheerfully make the correction.

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Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 32 [Thursday, December 29, 1904], page 1, column 3

Well Located.

W.F. McMyler, the former gentlemanly manager of the Commercial Hotel, who, with his wife, is so pleasantly remembered by the people of Iron Mountain, is now located at Elyria, one of the flourishing inland Ohio cities. Mr. McMyler has been installed as manager of Hotel Andwur, one of the largest and finest hotels in the state. Mr. McMyler is a splendid hotelman, but the patrons will not be long in discovering this fact. Mr. McMyler has a host of friends in the upper peninsula who will be pleased to learn that he is prospering.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 32 [Thursday, December 29, 1904], page 1, column 4

Left for Iowa.

Edwin P. Charlette, who has so acceptably performed the duties of chief clerk at the Commercial Hotel during the past year, left on Monday last for Tama City, Iowa, to take charge of the Soleman House. Mr. Charlette and his brother-in-law, Mr. Mason, have leased the hotel for a term of [one] year. Mr. Charlette is a first-class hotelman and a good citizen and he **[need to finish copying this article]**

CRYSTAL HOUSE 207 West B Street Iron Mountain

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EMPIRE HOTEL AND RESTAURANT Seth A. Larson, Proprietor (1913) 509 South Stephenson Avenue Iron Mountain

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FARMERS' HOME HOTEL AND SALOON

Emil Carlson, Proprietor (1913)
207 East Ludington Street
Iron Mountain

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FELCH HOTEL

W.W. Felch, Proprietor (1892)
Stephen H. Austin, Proprietor (1913)
Albert Quade, Proprietor (1935)
219 East A Street
Iron Mountain



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Polk's Iron Mountain City Directory 1935, page 73; *Polk's Iron Mountain Classified Business Directory Including Dickinson County 1935*, page 350

FLINN HOTEL

Sam R. Flinn Proprietor (1959)
Donald R. Cooper, Proprietor (1963)
201 West Hughitt Street or
400 South Carpenter Avenue
Iron Mountain

[See Harding Hotel; Patient Hotel]

1959 Polk's Directory – Flinn Hotel, Sam R. Flinn, proprietor, 400 South Carpenter Avenue

1963 Polk's Directory – Flinn Hotel, Donald R. Cooper, proprietor, 201 West Hughitt Street, Rooms by Day or Week, Restaurant and Coffee Shop

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, 43rd Year, Number 198 [Monday, December 2, 1963], page 2, columns 1-3 [Two photographs with captions in columns 4-6]

Fire Destroys Flinn Hotel; Damage Upwards Of \$50,000

An early morning fire which broke out shortly after 5 this morning, [sic] destroyed the Flinn hotel, southwest corner of Carpenter avenue and Hughitt streets [sic – street], erasing one of the early Iron Mountain landmarks, resulting in damage upwards of \$50,000 to a possible \$80,000.

Iron Mountain Fire Chief Mike Scolatti reported that the fire department was

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summoned at about 5:15 this morning. According to Chief Scolatti, the blaze started in the furnace room of the hotel and swept upwards through the partitions of the 77-year-old three-story frame building.

While the firemen battled the basement blaze in dense smoke, the flames shot upwards between the walls and in a short time the fire was out of control. Firemen fought desperately in near-zero weather to contain the blaze and preventing *[sic – prevent]* it from spreading to numerous nearby buildings. None of the other buildings were damaged.

Donald Cooper, proprietor of the 32-room hotel, said the building was occupied by 22 guests last night, mostly permanent residents. Some of the other guests had left for the weekend.

Cooper said when the alarm was sounded after smoke started to seep through the upper floors, all 22 guests were aroused and safely left the building. All 22 guests were accounted for by mid-morning.

Cooper, who helped arouse the guests, said he was aided by John Shristnovarich *[sic – Christnovarich – ?]*, a guest and musician who plays with the band, *[sic]* “The Muleskinners.” He said the musician joined him in breaking into all of the 22 rooms and sounding the alarm, enabling all guests to evacuate the burning hotel safely.

Cooper said that many of the guests, permanent residents of the hotel, lost all their clothes and personal belongings in the fire.

The hotel proprietor said that he had \$30,000 insurance coverage on the building and contents, which he said would hardly cover half of the loss. Since Cooper took over the hotel two years ago, thousands of dollars in equipment and furnishings have been added to the rooms, kitchen and dining room.

Cooper added that the total fire damage could amount to \$80,000 to \$90,000.

Cooper also said he had no definite plans for the future.

Fire Chief Scolatti reported that the city, *[sic]* firemen started fighting the blaze at 5:15 this morning and it was about 10:30 before everything was under control. At noon today, several water hoses were being played on the smouldering *[sic – smoldering]* remains of the building.

According to the records, the hotel was built in 1886. *[NOTE: The Patient Hotel was built in 1891.]* Iron Mountain was founded in 1879. It was first known as the Patient hotel and shortly after 1900, it became the Harding hotel. Since there have been several owners, the name changing *[sic – changed]* from the Harding to the Flinn. Cooper took over two years ago, remodeled the hotel and retained the name, Flinn.

W. Fred Clarke, manager of the Iron Mountain Michigan Bell Telephone company plant, this morning credited the Iron Mountain firemen with keeping the phone lines open in several sections of the city.

He reported that firemen were able to keep telephone lines near the hotel wet enough to prevent burning. Had they burned, telephone service would have been cut to the entire northwest side of Iron Mountain, including 25 Location, northside *[sic – the North Side]*, part of *[the]* west side, and the west side of Stephenson avenue.

CAPTIONS: FIRE LEVELS IRON MOUNTAIN LANDMARK – The Flinn hotel, corner *[of]* Carpenter avenue and Hughitt street*[,]* was destroyed by fire this morning. The fire erased one of the landmarks of the Iron Mountain pioneer days. Pictured above is a photo of the building taken over 60 years ago, when it was known as the Patience *[sic – Patient]* Hotel *[sic]*. After the turn of the century, it became the Harding hotel. Then it became the Flinn hotel,

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which several years ago was taken over by the present owner, Donald Cooper, of Iron Mountain, still retaining the Flinn hotel name. This hotel was built in 1886 [sic – 1891], seven years after Iron Mountain was founded in 1879. Picture was taken in the years when a camera brought everybody out. They all got into the act[,] including the men perched on the third story roof. (Iron Mountain News photo copy)

FIREMEN BATTLE HOPELESS BLAZE – With the fire out of control, Iron Mountain city firemen are pictured in numbing near-zero weather this morning battling the fire which destroyed the Flinn hotel. There was little to do but play the water on the fire and prevent the blaze from spreading to nearby buildings. Firemen took turns in manning the hoses. (Iron Mountain News photo)

GERMAN HOTEL

John Marsch and Fred Gothe,
Proprietors (1892)
William Gothe, Proprietor (1913)
407 Merritt Avenue
Iron Mountain

[See American Hotel]



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HARDING HOTEL HOTEL HARDING

William J. Harding, Proprietor (1913)
W. James Harding, Proprietor (1935)
Thomas G. Horton, Proprietor (1941)
201-203 West Hughitt Street (1913)
201 West Hughitt Street (1935; 1939;
1941)
Iron Mountain

[See Patient Hotel; Flinn Hotel]



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R.L. Polk & Co.'s 1925 Iron Mountain City Directory, page _____

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Hotel Harding, William J. Harding, proprietor, 201 West Hughitt Street, phone 12

Polk's Iron Mountain (Dickinson County, Mich.) City Directory 1935, page 85; page 89

Harding, W. James (Elna V.; Hotel Harding), home 614 East F Street

Hotel Harding, W. James Harding, proprietor, 201 West Hughitt Street

Polk's Iron Mountain City Directory 1935, page 89; Polk's Iron Mountain Classified Business Directory Including Dickinson County 1935, page 350

1939 City Directory – Harding Hotel/Hotel Harding, T.C. Horton, proprietor, 201 West Hughitt Street

1941 City Directory – Harding Hotel/Hotel Harding, Thomas G. Horton (Elizabeth), proprietor, 201 West Hughitt Street

WILLIAM HOCKING

**William Hocking, Proprietor (1892)
Boarding House and Sample Rooms
201 South Stephenson Avenue
Iron Mountain**

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**HOME HOTEL AND SALOON
Fred Lambert, Proprietor (1913)**

**116-120 West Hughitt Street
Iron Mountain**

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**HOTEL DIRING
James Harding, Proprietor (1900)
Corner of Carpenter Avenue and West
Hughitt Street
Iron Mountain**

[See Patient Hotel, Harding Hotel, Flinn Hotel]

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**HOTEL MIENCH
Anton Miench, Proprietor
218 East Brown Street
Iron Mountain**

[See Sherrin Hotel]

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1902-1903

[Saturday, November 9, 1895], page 1, column 2

HOTEL MOUNTAIN

Abraham Raskin, Proprietor (1935)
East Side of Carpenter Avenue between
West B Street and West C Street
One Block West of St. Paul Depot
Iron Mountain

Polk's Iron Mountain City Directory 1935, page 89; Polk's Iron Mountain Classified Business Directory Including Dickinson County 1935, page 350

HOTEL WOOD

John R. Wood, Proprietor (1895)
Fred Braastad, Proprietor (1899)
S.B. Todd, Manager (1896)
C.B. Barker, Manager (1896)
Frank A. Beveridge (1897)
J.W. Hall, Proprietor (1898)
Fred Braastad, Proprietor (1899)
Wood's Sandstone Block
206-216 Block of East Ludington Street

[See Wood's Sandstone Block; Iron Mountain City Hall]



The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVII, Number 29 (Whole Number 864)

THE question of a first-class hotel, centrally located, is again being agitated in business circles, and there can be no doubt as to its paying good interest on the money invested. The Wood stone block on East Ludington street is admirably situated for such purpose, and with another story added could be made the model hotel of the peninsula. Two years ago Mr. Wood seriously considered the question of converting the building into a hotel and had plans prepared by a leading architect of Oshkosh. These plans show that, with a few comparatively inexpensive alterations, and the addition of a third story, Iron Mountain would have a hotel second to none in the upper peninsula. In conversation with Mr. Wood last Tuesday the fact developed that, while he was not disposed to undertake the task of giving our city a first-class hotel single-handed, he certainly could be depended upon to contribute liberally toward the enterprise. With the revival of business on this range the needs of another hotel, centrally located, is becoming more manifest every day, and the subject is one that should receive the earnest consideration of our business men [*sic – businessmen*].

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVII, Number 37 (Whole Number 872) [Saturday, January 4, 1896], page 1, column 3

The New Hotel.

The work of converting the Wood brownstone block into a hotel has been unexpectedly delayed by the non-arrival of the plans. They are expected daily now,

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however, and Mr. Wood feels that he will have the carpenters at work in less than a week. We hear that several parties are negotiating for the house.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVII, Number 38 (Whole Number 873) [Saturday, January 11, 1896], page 8, column 2

The plans for the new Hotel Wood were received last Sunday and the carpenters are now at work.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVII, Number 40 (Whole Number 875) [Saturday, January 25, 1896], page 1, column 2

Hotel Wood.

The work of converting the Wood brownstone block into a hotel is now moving forward with a rush, and Mr. Wood expects that the house will be receiving guests by the middle of March. The contract for the carpentry work has been let to Parmelee & Son, who are hard at work.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVII, Number 43 (Whole Number 878) [Saturday, February 15, 1896], page 3, column 4

The plasterers are at work on Hotel Wood.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVII, Number 44 (Whole Number 879) [Saturday, February 22, 1896], page 1, column 6

The work of converting the Wood brownstone block into a hotel is progressing rapidly. A general survey of the plans and work already done indicates that the house will be a credit to the city. Mr. Wood is in correspondence with a number of hotelmen [*sic* – *hotelmen*] of established reputation and will have no trouble in securing a desirable tenant.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVII, Number 46 (Whole Number 881) [Saturday, March 7, 1896], page 8, column 1

A Chicago hotel man [*sic* – *hotelman*] – a Mr. Todd – is negotiating for a lease of Hotel Wood, and the lease will probably be closed in a few days.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVII, Number 47 (Whole Number 882) [Saturday, March 14, 1896], page 1, column 1

Hotel Wood Leased.

S.B. Todd, a veteran hotel man [*sic* – *hotelman*] of Chicago, has leased Hotel Wood, and it is expected that the house will be in shape to receive guests by the first of the month.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVII, Number 48 (Whole Number 883) [Saturday, March 21, 1896], page 2, column 2

S.B. Todd, the veteran hotel man [*sic* – *hotelman*] who has leased the Hotel Wood, will be remembered by upper peninsula

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people as the first landlord of the Nelson House at Ishpeming.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVII, Number 49 (Whole Number 884) [Saturday, March 28, 1896], page 2, column 2

S.B. Todd will not be landlord of Hotel Wood.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVIII, Number 5 (Whole Number 892) [Saturday, May 23, 1896], page 2, column 3

Joseph LeRoy, of Marinette, formerly in charge of the Commercial Hotel, was in the city last Thursday looking over the new Hotel Wood.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVIII, Number 5 (Whole Number 892) [Saturday, May 23, 1896], page 8, column 2

John R. Wood is still looking for a suitable tenant for his handsome new hotel.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 1 [Thursday, May 28, 1896], page 1, column 5

There are 109 incandescent lamps in the new Wood hotel.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVIII, Number 7 (Whole Number 894) [Saturday, June 6, 1896], page 2, column 2

The Hotel Wood will open a week from Monday.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVIII, Number 8 (Whole Number 895) [Saturday, June 13, 1896], page 1, column 5

The new Wood hotel will be ready to receive guests Monday.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVIII, Number 8 (Whole Number 895) [Saturday, June 13, 1896], page 2, column 2

Fred Treglawn has accepted a position at the new Wood hotel.

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C.B. Parker [*sic* – *Barker*], the new manager of the Wood hotel, was in the city last Sunday.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 3 [Thursday, June 11, 1896], page 1, column 5

OPENING OF HOTEL WOOD

Guests Will Be Received Next
Monday Morning.

Grand Opening in About Two Weeks.

C.B. Barker, the manager of Hotel Wood, Iron Mountain's handsome new brownstone hotel, arrived from Milwaukee this morning with his corps of assistants, and is now hard at work preparing for an informal opening of the house on Monday

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morning next. The grand opening will not take place until Manager Barker has everything in order – probably in two weeks.

The Press inspected the house and furnishings yesterday in their unsettled condition, and the writer is ready to affirm that no hotel in this northern country is more handsome [*sic – handsomely*] furnished or contains more conveniences. Owner Wood has not spared his pocket-book [*sic – pocketbook*] in making his purchases of furniture, rugs, carpets, etc., and the result is that Iron Mountain will have the model hotel of the mining region of Lake Superior. And it can be stated on the side that, in purchasing the furnishings for the house, Mr. Wood has patronized home business houses very largely, the bill of Messrs. Grossbusch and Heberle alone amounting to nearly \$3000 [*sic – \$3,000*]. The decorating was done by Bond & Gill and is unequalled in the peninsula – proof abundant that in their line this firm is unexcelled. A write-up such as the house deserves, [*sic*] is not possible at this time, but The Press will attempt to do the house justice when Manager Barker announces that he is “at home.”

In securing Mr. Barker for a manager Mr. Wood has been particularly fortunate. The gentleman has had a very extensive experience in the management of hotels, and his recommendations are of the highest order. He is a quiet, unassuming gentleman, and it is safe to predict that Hotel Wood will at once becoming [*sic – become*] a favorite resort for the traveling public under his management.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVIII, Number 9 (Whole Number 896) [Saturday, June 20, 1896], page 2, column 2

Mr. C. Barker, manager of the Hotel Wood, arrived the latter part of last week and has been busy since making preparations for opening the hotel. He is now ready to receive guests. The Hotel Wood is new and handsomely furnished throughout, and will doubtless become one of the most popular in the upper peninsula.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 5 [Thursday, June 25, 1896], page 8, column 2

George Finch, of Escanaba, who has been here for the past ten days engaged in placing a system of electric call bells in the Hotel Wood, returned home last Monday.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVIII, Number 10 (Whole Number 897) [Saturday, June 27, 1896], page 8, column 1

Frank Beveridge has resigned his position with the Cundy Mining company and is now day clerk, [*sic*] at the Hotel Wood. He makes a model hotel clerk.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVIII, Number 11 (Whole Number 898) [Saturday, July 4, 1896], page 8, column 1

The system of electrical call bells at the Hotel Wood were [*sic – was*] put in by Geo. W. Finch, of Escanaba.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 23 [Thursday, October 29, 1896], page 1, column 5

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Forty invitations have been issued for the Phantom party to be given by the young ladies of Iron Mountain at Hotel Wood tomorrow [sic – tomorrow] evening, and it is probable that every last one of them will be accepted. The invitations are limited to the dancing capacity of the hotel, the young ladies being desirous of avoiding a crush. It is expected that the guests will come masked and in costume. The party is strictly a leap year affair.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 49 [Thursday, April 28, 1898], page 1, column 3

A NEW MANAGER.

Frank A. Beveridge to Retire From Hotel Wood the First of Next Month.

Frank A. Beveridge, who has so acceptably performed the duties of manager of Hotel Wood during the past year, will retire the first of next month. Mr. Beveridge is uncertain as to his future line of business, but it is probable that he will go to Idaho and accept a position with John R. Wood.

Mr. Beveridge will be succeeded as manager by J.W. Hall, of Chicago, who is now in the city, the guest of Cashier Ewing, of the First National Bank. Mr. Hall has had thirty years' experience as landlord of hotels of the better class and is certain to maintain the reputation of the hotel. He was engaged in the business in Kentucky, Missouri and Illinois.

Manager Beveridge will retire with the best wishes of many friends and the satisfaction of knowing that he was

instrumental in establishing the business upon a paying basis.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 3, Number 34 [Thursday, January 12, 1899], page 1, column 3

Improvements to Hotel Wood.

[Need to copy this article from the Iron Mountain Press]

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 3, Number 45 [Thursday, March 30, 1899], page 1, column 5

ADDITIONAL CITY NEWS.

Landlord Hall, of Hotel Wood, completed a deal this week which will give him ten additional sleeping apartments. He has leased the additional room in the First National Bank block and the work of converting same into handsome sleeping apartments is now in progress. The furniture for the rooms was purchased from Grossbusch, Son & Co., and the carpets, etc., from M. Levy & Co., Mr. Hall believing in spending all the money possible with the home merchant.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 4, Number 10 [Thursday, July 27, 1899], page 7, column 3

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The Press wishes to reiterate that most emphatically that Col. Hall did not resign

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the management of Hotel Wood, Scrap-book Henry to the contrary notwithstanding. And it was might mean in the Gazette to reprint the fine compliment The Press paid the gentleman and then exclaim that it contained not a particle of truth. However, Col. Hall has decided to remain with us indefinitely and we are glad to hear of it.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 4, Number 18 [Thursday, September 21, 1899], page 1, column 5

HOTEL WOOD GOSSIP.

Building Transferred on Monday to Hon. Fred Braastad, of Ishpeming.

Many rumors have been in circulation this week regarding the future of the Hotel Wood. One report was to the effect that the stockholders of the Commercial Bank had purchased the building and furniture for \$15,000 and intended closing it. Another was to the effect that the Chapin Mining company was the purchaser and intended moving its office and hospital down-town [sic – downtown]. On Monday a deed was filed with Register Crocker transferring the property from the Peninsula National Bank, of Ishpeming, to Hon. Fred Braastad, of the same town, and one of the directors and heaviest stockholders in the institution. The consideration named was \$7,000, much less than half what the building cost. This does not include the furniture which is owned by the First National Bank, of this city. The transfer no sooner became public than a report gained circulation to the effect that it was the intention of Mr. Braastad to enlarge the house by adding a third story to it. The house has never proved a paying investment and it never will until something

of the kind is done. Col. Hall, the present landlord, has no information in the premises, and President Laing, of the First National Bank, is also unable to shed any light upon the meaning of the transfer.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 4, Number 21 [Thursday, October 12, 1899], page 1, column 5

JUDGE PATRICK FLANAGAN.

Has About Closed a Deal for the Hotel Wood Property.

Hotel Wood is about to change hands again. The deal will be concluded this week, a price satisfactory to all concerned having been agreed upon. The new proprietor will be no other person than ex-Judge of Probate Patrick Flanagan, of Sagola, who buys the property from Hon. Fred Braastad, of Ishpeming, to whom it was recently transferred by the Peninsula National Bank of that place. Judge Flanagan is also negotiating with the First National Bank of this city, for the furniture. The Press learns that it is the intention of the new proprietor to add a third story to the building, but this will probably not be done until next spring.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 4, Number 22 [Thursday, October 19, 1899], page 3, column 54

BRIEF CITY NEWSITES.

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John O'Callaghan is an equal owner with ex-Judge Flanagan in the Hotel Wood property. The house was closed to the public on Tuesday morning last and the work of adding an additional story will commence as soon as the plans can be prepared. Tiling, terra cotta and stone will be the material used. The new floor will contain twenty-four new sleeping apartments. It is also expected to make some alterations on the second floor in the way of re-arranging the rooms, and a new steam heating plant will be installed at once. It is expected to re-open [sic – reopen] the house about the first of January.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 4, Number 28 [Thursday, November 30, 1899], page 1, column 5

IT IS A GO

A Company Being Organized to Control the Hotel Wood Property.

A meeting of a number of gentlemen who are interested in the organization of a stock company for the purpose of acquiring the Hotel Wood property and making needed additions thereto was held last Saturday evening.

At this meeting all the preliminary arrangement [sic – arrangements] were made and it is probable that the articles of incorporation will soon be ready for filing. The company will have a capital stock of about \$25,000. Among those in attendance at the meeting and have subscribed for stock were E.F. Brown, W.S. Laing, John O'Callaghan, P. Flanagan, J.W. Hoose and R. Th. Miller.

The question of a third story or a rear addition has not yet been decided. A committee consisting of W.S. Laing, John O'Callaghan and R. Th. Miller was appointed to take the matter under advisement and report at another meeting. This committee was in consultation with Architect Clancy on Tuesday. It is quite probable that the decision of the committee will be in favor of a twenty room addition and that Architect Clancy will be instructed accordingly.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 4, Number 29 [Thursday, December 7, 1899], page 1, column 3

Hotel Wood.

Messers. [sic – Messrs.] Laing, Miller and O'Callaghan, the committee appointed to formulate plans for the enlargement and improvement of Hotel Wood, have engaged Architect Charlton, of Marquette, to prepare the plans and estimates. Mr. Charlton was in the city last Saturday and made a complete survey of the present building and premises.

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Christmas Bazaar at Hotel Wood next Wednesday under auspices of the ladies of the Presbyterian church.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 4, Number 33 [Thursday, January 4, 1900], page 1, column 5

Not to Be Remodeled.

It has been decided definitely not to remodel and enlarge Hotel Wood. This decision was reached when Architect Charlton's report was received to the effect

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that the contemplated improvements could not be made for less than \$16,000. This was considerably more than the proposed stock company cared to invest in the hotel business. The building will again be utilized for store purposes with offices on the second floor. Several parties who contemplate starting a department store here are negotiating for the ground floor, and it is probable that Messrs. Flanagan and O'Callaghan will soon close the deal with one of them.

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, to sell the Hotel Wood property to the city for the sum of \$9,200, is one that the common council should hasten to accept. The proposition already has the hearty 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 today [*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 an 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 25 [Thursday, November 8, 1900], page 8, column 4

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

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The following resolution was offered by Ald. Martin:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Public Works be and they are hereby authorized to contract for remodeling the buildings situated on Lots 13, 14, and west ½ of lot 15, of block 8, of plat of Iron Mountain city, in accordance with the plans now on file with the clerk, at an expense not to exceed \$2,000, and also to contract for the purchase of a boiler and piping for heating said building at an expense not to exceed \$900.

Moved by Ald[.] LaVictoire, seconded by Ald. Michela, that the resolution offered by Ald. Martin, [*sic*] be accepted and adopted.

Yeas – Ald. Bodine, Cook, Daprato, Forell, Harvey, LaVictoire, Martin, Michela, Richards and Sandercock – 10.

Nay – 0.

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The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 45 [Saturday, November 5, 1881], page 3, column 3

BRIEF CITY NEWSITES.

The new quarters for the city offices in the Woods [*sic* – Wood] 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 HOUSE

Hotel and Saloon

Domenic Serena, Proprietor (1913)

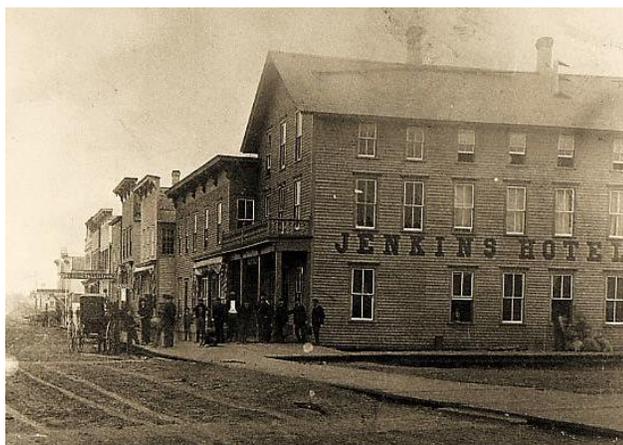
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JENKINS HOUSE

William H. Jenkins, Proprietor (1881)

Northeast Corner of South Stephenson Avenue and East Ludington Street
Iron Mountain



W.H. JENKINS will, about the first of next week, open his fine new three-story hotel at Iron Mountain. It is a fine building, well finished and furnished, and reflects great credit on the enterprise of its worthy proprietor. Mr. Jenkins has had experience in the hotel business, and the traveling public may rest assured that they will find there one of the best kept houses in the country. THE MINING NEWS congratulates the Iron Mountaineers that they now have one of the best public houses on the range.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume II, Number 6 [Saturday, February 4, 1882], page 3, column 3

JENKIN'S [*sic*] HOTEL at Iron Mountain, has got a well earned reputation all over the country. It is well arranged, neat, and excellently furnished. No wonder it is becoming such a favorite with traveling men. Mr. Jenkins and his estimable wife, withal, just know how to "keep a hotel," too.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume VIII, Number 28 [Saturday, July 7, 1888], page 8, column 1

The Old Jenkins House Burned.

Considerable excitement was occasioned in Florence Thursday morning over a rumor that two or three blocks in the business portion of Iron Mountain had been destroyed by fire. Happily, the report proved to have been unfounded. A fire,

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however, was discovered in the Metropolitan Hotel, formerly the Jenkins House, at 3 o'clock Thursday morning, but the flames had gained such headway that it was impossible to save the building. The structure had recently been moved in sections to its late site, and two of the sections had not been joined, leaving a space of about six inches at the top. It is thought a rocket fell in there and started the fire. John R. Wood had sold the property to P. Ouderkirk, to be transferred as soon as the building was in shape for occupancy. Mr. Wood's loss is \$7,000, and Mr. Ouderkirk's \$2,000, the latter being on furniture. No insurance.

KIRBY HOUSE

Louis White, Proprietor (1892)
509 South Stephenson Avenue
Iron Mountain

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LAKE ANTOINE HOTEL
Daniel Stock, Proprietor (1892)
1115 Vulcan Street
Corner of Grant Street
Iron Mountain

[See Antoine Hotel]

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and Numbers, Giving the Resident, Editorial Review, Etc., Menominee, Michigan: Soult & O'Donnell, Printers, August, 1892

LaTAVERNA HOTEL
Louis Quilici, Proprietor (1935)
101-103 West Hughitt Street

Polk's Iron Mountain City Directory 1935, page 103; Polk's Iron Mountain Classified Business Directory Including Dickinson County 1935, page 350

MARINETTE HOUSE
Bell Brothers, Proprietors
John Bell and Richard Bell (1892)
217 East A Street
Iron Mountain

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MIENCH HOTEL
Peter Engberg, Proprietor (1913)
218 East Brown Street
Iron Mountain

[See Hotel Miench; Sheerin Hotel]

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MILLIMAN HOTEL
Milliman Bros., Proprietors (1913)
Claude H. Milliman & Frank M. Milliman

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101-103 West B Street (1913)
Frank M. Milliman, Manager (1935)
Southwest Corner of West B Street and
Merritt Avenue
Iron Mountain



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Polk's Iron Mountain City Directory 1935, page 115; Polk's Iron Mountain Classified Business Directory Including Dickinson County 1935, page 350

The Daily Tribune-Gazette, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Forty-Ninth Year, No. 110 [Friday, May 21, 1920], page 1, column 6

MILLIMAN HOTEL DAMAGED BY FIRE

The Milliman hotel, the leading one in this city, was damaged by fire at about 1:30 o'clock this morning, the estimated loss being placed at five thousand dollars, which is fully covered by insurance.

The origin of the fire is unknown. It started in the room formerly used as a bar

room, between the bar and the ice box. The fire gained considerable headway before it was discovered this being partly due to the fact that the door leading to the lobby of the hotel was closed. The fire was discovered by Clarence Griggs, who is night clerk. He was sitting in the lobby talking with another person and happened to notice smoke issue between the crevices of the door. He immediately sounded the alarm and the guests were awakened. They made a hurried exit as the rooms rapidly filled with smoke.

The fire department was soon on the scene and altho [*sic* – *although*] the blaze was a stubborn one to contend with because of having worked between the walls and because of the clouds of dense smoke that completely filled the rooms Chief LaLonde and his men quickly became master of the situation and succeeded in confining the fire to the room where it originated. Most of the fire was back of the bar and in the wall separating the kitchen. The room was scorched and the large ice box was badly damaged. Considerable damage was occasioned by water and the smoke which penetrated the rooms on the floors upstairs. The heat in the room where the flames originated was intense and this coupled with the stifling smoke made it exceedingly hard for the firemen to work. However, they kept at their duties like Trojans and it was due to their excellent work and the prompt manner in which Chief LaLonde located the right place to combat the blaze that the fire was held in check and prevented from spreading thruout [*sic* – *throughout*] the upper stories of the hotel.

This is the second time that the Milliman has been damaged by the fire demon within the last 18 months, the other having occurred a year ago last November.

Everything at the hotel is going along today about the same as usual[,] meals

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having been served, etc. The hotel is again ready to receive guests.

The fire department came in for much praise from the Milliman brothers, who are the proprietors, and from traveling men and local agents for the various insurance companies. The efficiency of the local department has placed this city in the front rank in the way of fire protection and the insurance companies rate Iron Mountain very highly because of this. They give its fire department credit of handling fires most efficiently and much better than most cities of its size and even larger.

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

Fire at The Milliman.

A fire of unknown origin destroyed about \$4,000 worth of property at The Milliman Hotel at an early hour last Friday. The fire originated in the former bar-room [*sic* – *barroom*], between the large ice-box and the bar, and was not discovered until the crash of the large mirror was heard by the night clerk. A fire alarm was turned in at once and both companies responded. Efficient work on the part of Chief LaLonde and assistants confined the fire to the section of the hotel in which it was discovered. The loss, which is fully covered by insurance, has not been adjusted as yet, but it will likely reach the sum named. The fixtures in the room were all of a costly character. The back-bar mirror, which was smashed by the flames, was worth in the neighborhood of a [*sic*] \$1,000. The billiard and pool tables were badly damaged and the other fixtures were charred. In addition, the smoke invaded other sections of the house and did more or less damage.

The Iron Mountain Daily News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number _____ [Monday, April 11, 1921], page 8, column 1

GROUND BROKEN FOR MILLIMAN ADDITION

**Expect to Have 50 Rooms,
All With Bath, Ready
By July 1.**

Ground has been broken for the addition to the Milliman hotel which will, when completed, add fifty new guest rooms, each with bath, to that hostelry.

By building the new addition in an L-shape, outside exposure is given each room. One wing will be about 42 feet square, and the other 40 by 57 feet. Brick will be the material used. The addition will extend south from the present building, and will be three stories in height. It is expected to be ready for occupancy by July 1. F.E. Parmelee & Son, architects and builders, are in charge of construction.

Following the completion of the addition, alterations will be started in the present lobby. The south wall will be moved back several feet, bringing the desk about to the location of the present wall. A new coat room and a writing room will occupy the remaining space. The lavatory also, [*sic*] will be enlarged and improved.

Over half the material is already on the ground, according to Mr. Milliman, and the work of construction is expected to proceed rapidly. Completion of the addition will give the hotel a total of over 100 guest rooms.

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MILLIMAN ADDITION NEARLY COMPLETED

Will Mean Increasing Capacity of Hostelry by 24 Rooms

The new addition being built on to the rear of the Milliman Hotel will be completed in about three days[,] according to Frank Milliman, of the firm. Construction was started in May and progressed steadily throughout the summer with an average force of about 15 men. F.E. Parmelee & Son drafted the plans for the building and supervised the work.

The addition is 42 feet wide by 50 feet long, and is the entire height of the old building. The [sic – There] are 24 rooms in the addition, 12 of which are fitted up with baths and twin beds. All the rooms in the building are heated by steam, and of the entire number 60 rooms have baths.

The ground floor of the addition holds four bed rooms [sic – bedrooms], lobby, office, coat room and a committee room which can be used as a banquet room or for any other private business. The office and lobby have been enlarged one third of the former area.

According to Mr. Milliman, the hotel can house 125 people. All the bed rooms [sic – bedrooms] of the building are carpeted throughout and the best furniture available has been placed in each room. A writing desk, dresser, taboret, bed and grip stand are placed in every room, all of which are in mahogany finish.

The bath rooms [sic – bathrooms] have tile floors, and tile half the distance up the

walls. The building is a modern and comfortable hotel in every detail and when completed will be the most up-to-date hotel in the upper peninsula. Mr. Milliman announced this morning that the building will be stuccoed on the outside in the spring and a new entrance built.

Johnson & Hammel[,] plumbers, installed the plumbing and heating of the building and have also installed a Keewenaw hot water heating system. The entire hotel has been renovated and redecorated.

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HOTEL BUSINESS FALLS OFF HERE

The hotel business is a losing proposition at this season of year not only in Iron Mountain but throughout the country. The traveling men are all under the home roof and only those having urgent business are on the road. The arrivals at The Milliman have dwindled from fifty or more daily to a scant half a dozen. "And the expense of operating the _____ is the same," says Mr. Milliman.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, _____ Year, Number _____ [Friday, March 14, 1924], page 1, columns 2-3

Norway

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Milliman Planning Improvements to Cost \$250,000

New Addition and Lobby Change Features of Bog Program Announced Today

Work Will Start in spring With
Expectation That It Will Be
Completed By Fall; To Include
New Restaurant

Construction of a new addition to the Milliman hotel and remodeling the present structure at a total cost of approximately \$250,000 was announced today by Frank Milliman, who, with his brother, Claude, are owners of the property located on B street across from the St. Paul depot. The work, according to Mr. Milliman, will probably be started in May and completed by next fall. It embraces a plan for changing materially the present lay-out and almost doubling the room capacity.

The new addition will replace the present frame structure at the west side of the hotel. It will be four or five stories in height and include from 66 to 88 rooms. The construction will be of brick and practically fireproof with all interior work of the most modern type.

On the first floor will be a dining room 80 feet deep and 42 feet wide. In the rear of this will be located the kitchen. An elevator

will also be included in the addition, which will be 42 by 120 feet.

To Change Lobby.

The location of the lobby will also be changed. The present large Milliman dining room is to be converted into a lobby with the entrance in the center and facing B street. On the south side of the dining room is a small private dining room that will be used for the hotel's private office and the desk. The main dining room is 55x43 feet and the plans call for a lobby design that will rank it with the best. In each corner there will be an arrangement of chairs, settees, tables and writing desks for the convenience of the guests. Wide aisles will also be provided while at the east side will be the stairway and at the west side the elevator. A large space beneath the stairway at the southeast corner of the room will be utilized for writing desks.

Space will also be set aside for the storage of baggage. The lighting fixtures are to be changed and the color design and appointments of the lobby matched with the present dark solid oak woodwork. The room already has a tiled floor.

The Milliman lobby at the east side of the hotel is to be converted into a restaurant or grill which will be in addition to the dining room in the new building. It is probable that the restaurant will be conducted by the hotel company. It is to be equipped with modern fixtures and will serve short order meals and lunches. The private dining room now located in the rear of what will be the restaurant is to be retained and enlarged.

The improvement program also includes doubling the size of the washroom with an entrance from the new lobby. Various other minor changes, such as rebuilding the stairway, are also to be made and a canopy entrance constructed to the lobby.

Largest In Peninsula.

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The new addition will increase the size of the Milliman to between 160 and 170 rooms, all of which will have running water and more than 50 per cent with private bath. This will make the hotel the largest in the upper peninsula of Michigan. One feature will be the installation of telephones in every room, making the hotel first class in practically every respect.

It is estimated that the cost of constructing the new addition and making other changes will be \$200,000 and \$50,000 more will be expended in equipment and furnishings. The program has been under contemplation for some time but a suitable set of plans was not arrived at until yesterday. Originally it had been proposed to increase the height of the entire building by one or two stories but because of the fact that this method [sic – method] would have put the third story out of use for a considerable length of time it was abandoned. The plan adopted will allow the hotel to operate at almost normal capacity while the work is going forward.

Considerable repair work is now being carried on at the hotel and when the construction program is finished that part of the building not made over will have been renovated. The exterior will also be improved and the entire structure painted.

Finances Arranged For.

Arrangements for financing the quarter of a million dollar undertaking have already been completed, Mr. Milliman declared this morning. All possible speed will be used in awarding the contract and getting the work under way so that the new Milliman will be in complete readiness by next fall.

“while present conditions do not necessitate a hotel as large as this in Iron Mountain we expect to see a considerable growth in business during the next year,” Mr. Milliman said. “As a matter of fact, the commercial trade has increased but 10 per cent since the Ford entry, although there

has been a substantial increase in other classes of travelers, especially those who are coming here to look over the city.

“The only time when we are taxed beyond capacity at present is during July and [sic – and] August when the tourist season is on. We expect, however, that within a year business will justify the increase we are making in the size of the hotel.

“We look forward to giving Iron Mountain a hotel adequate in size, above reproach in appointment and furnishings and efficient in service.”

The Milliman is now conducted on a straight American plan but it is probable that this policy will be changed to both American and European.

MONTREAL HOUSE

George B. Mitchell, Proprietor (1892)
104 East Hughitt Street
Iron Mountain

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NORTH SIDE HOTEL

James Fontecchio, Proprietor (1925)
320 Grand Boulevard

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NEW BUILDING IS

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BEING FINISHED

North Side Hotel to Be Ready for Occupancy In Two Weeks

Construction work at the new North Side hotel, being erected at 320 Grand boulevard by James Fontecchio, has reached the stage where it is expected that the main building, which contains 16 guest rooms, will be ready for occupancy in two weeks.

The grocery quarters on the first floor have already been finished and the store will be opened tomorrow morning.

The building, the largest on the North side, represents an investment of approximately \$35,000. It is of brick construction and the main structure is 36x60 feet in size. A wing which contains several rooms and a two-car garage, [sic] is 22x18 feet in size.

Living quarters for the owner are provided on the first floor. In addition, there is a large grocery store and a parlor for guests. The garage section is three stories in height and the upper two floors will contain rooms which with those on the second floor of the main building will give a total of 24 guest rooms.

A large restaurant, fully equipped, and a barber shop will be included in the basement. There will also be [a] shower bath room for the convenience of the guests.

The building will have hot water heat with a radiator in every room.

The structure is one of the best and most modern in the city. It has been under construction for several months. The contract for the entire job was held by Charles Ulseth.

PATIENT HOTEL

Peter Patient, Proprietor (____; 1898)
A.G. Ferrier, Proprietor (1892)
201 West Hughitt Street
Iron Mountain

[See Harding Hotel, Diring Hotel, Hotel Flinn]



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Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 3, Number 28 [Thursday, November 30, 1898], page 1, column 4

BRIEF CITY NEWSITES.

Peter Patient has traded his hotel for a farm near Green Bay and will become a granger.

PHINN HOTEL

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**101 West B Street
Iron Mountain**

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Wisconsin 1913, page 134*

[Later a part of the Commercial House.]

PROSSER HOUSE

**Peter Bhirdo, Proprietor (1892)
525 South Stephenson Avenue
Iron Mountain**

*Polk's Iron Mountain City Directory 1935,
page 133; Polk's Iron Mountain
Classified Business Directory Including
Dickinson County 1935, page 350*

SHEERIN HOUSE

**Frank Sheerin, Proprietor (1892)
218 East Brown Street
Iron Mountain**

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[See Hotel Miench; Miench Hotel]

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RAILROAD HOUSE

**Louis White, Proprietor (1902-1903)
George T. Meeham, Proprietor (1913)
104 East Hughitt Street
Iron Mountain**

*Directory of the Cities of Iron Mountain and
Norway and Villages of Quinnesec and
Vulcan with a List of the Residents of
Niagara, Wis. 1902-1903, page 110*

ST. LOUIS HOUSE

**John Watsic, Proprietor (1892; 1913)
224 East Hughitt Street
Iron Mountain**

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RAYMOND HOTEL

**Clifford Raymond, Proprietor (1913)
Fred J. Johnson, Proprietor (1935)
217 East A Street
Iron Mountain**

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Wisconsin 1913, page 134*

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WABASH HOTEL

Mrs. D. Jarvis, Proprietor (1902-1903)
319 South Stephenson Avenue
(Upstairs)
Iron Mountain

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WOOD BLOCK HOTEL

Jay W. Hoose and Edward Eaton,
Proprietors (1900)
200 Block of South Stephenson Avenue
Iron Mountain



Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 10 [Thursday, July 26, 1900], page 8, column 4

Proposed New Hotel.

Messrs. Jay W. Hoose and Edward Eaton, owners of the Wood block, have about decided to add a third story to the building and convert the same into an hotel, utilizing the second and third floors for that purpose. Architect Clancy is now figuring on the cost of the proposed addition and alterations, and Edw. Eaton is in Wisconsin

securing prices for materials. The store now occupied by Asp & Olson will be arranged for an office. It is estimated that the building would contain not less than sixty sleeping apartments. It is expected that a decision will be reached in the course of ten days or two weeks.

KINGSFORD

HOTEL MARVEL

Thomas Hicks
Wilson Avenue
Kingsford Heights
Kingsford

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, _____ Year, Number _____ [Saturday, August 15, 1925], page 3, column 2

Special Menu For Marvel Opening

The Hotel Marvel on Wilson avenue in the Village of Kingsford will celebrate its first Sunday in business with an elaborate chicken dinner.

The hotel, opened this week under the management of Thomas Hicks, has modern up to date accommodations. There are about forty rooms of which about half will be given over to regular roomers while the remainder will be open for transient trade.

A formal opening is being planned by the management to take place in about a week or ten days.

Permanent and transient reservations have been coming in rapidly all week, Manager Hicks said today.

NIAGARA, WISCONSIN

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KIMLARK INN Niagara, Wisconsin



Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, _____ Year, Number _____ [Wednesday, June 25, 1924], page 1, columns 6-7

Niagara Proud of Kimlark Inn, Built by Mill Company

Three-story Modern Hotel Erected For Employees of Kimberly-Clark

(Special to The News)

NIAGARA, Wis. – This little village is proudly displaying its newest possession – a 34-room hotel erected by the Kimberly-Clark paper mill company. And it's an unusual hotel in the respect that only two rooms will be reserved for transient trade; the rest are for men employed at the mill, they came first and are served first.

The Kimberly company has joined the ranks of other advanced industries which believe that production and efficiency are increased when employes [sic –

employees] are happy and contented. That's why it rents 240 dwellings at an average of \$11 a month each; that's why it built a club house with billiard rooms, bowling alleys, refreshment booths and an auditorium, and that's why it supplied the materials for a large concrete swimming pool, has stressed safety in its mill to the point where it offers a cash premium to the men, is behind every good civic project, takes pride in the schools and has made Niagara a veritable garden spot.

Already Had Hotel

The company conducted a hotel for its employes [sic – employees] before the present structure was erected. It was a large frame building, well appearing and located upon a crest commanding a broad sweep of territory. But the company wasn't satisfied with this. It wanted a better place and so the Kimlark Inn was decided upon.

Kimlark Inn is located on Niagara's main street. It is an imposing three-story brick building with large ceranda where themen may cool off and rest in the summer. The structure has been set well back from the sidewalk so that the gorund in front may be sodded and beautified.

And Kimlark Inn will be well patronized. Why shouldn't it be? Many of the 700 men employed at the mill are single and they can secure the finest kind of board and room at the inn for \$8 a week. That should cause a sigh in Iron Mountain.

Kimlark Inn can accomodate [sic – accommodate] 92 men. On the first floor there is a large well-equipped lobby with tile floor. To the left is a big, airy [need to finish copying material in column 6] ordinary size. The gas and coal range have been discarded for a big electric stove. All baking is done at the hotel, a room next to the kitchen being reserved for this purpose. The baking equipment includes an electric oven and a dough mixing machine.

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The main floor of the inn also includes a pleasant three-room apartment for the manager. The second and third floors are exactly alike and are devoted entirely to the guests. Rooms are clean, and bright and contain two beds, with the exception of two dormitories accommodating about 12 men each. Each floor has its own shower bath room and lavatory.

The big basement in the building is occupied by a storage room, laundry, furnace room and a large room as yet not set aside for any specific use.

The structure is 64x96 feet in size and was erected by A. Wilson, a Niagara contractor. Construction started last October and has just been completed. Plumbing equipment was installed by William Hall, of Norway, while Robert Gunz, of Oshkosh, had the heating contract. The electrical installation was done by men employed at the Kimberly-Clark mill.

Building Cost \$75,000

Kimlark Inn received its name through a contest conducted by the company. It represents an investment, exclusive of equipment, of more than \$75,000 and is possibly the finest hotel erected for company employes [*sic – employees*] in the country.

But having erected an inn, the company is not yet through. A large tract of land in the rear of the building is to be made over into a children's playground. This work will also be done this summer.

Among its community assets, the company lists a hospital which, it boasts, is a losing proposition because there are very few patients. The building which is thoroughly equipped, can care for 10 patients if necessary but most of the time it is practically empty. The safety campaign at the mill has made accidents an exceptional occurrence. And for this reason the company pays the annual deficit

on the hospital with a smile. It prefers to see the building empty although there is no income to help defray the upkeep.

Residents of Niagara – 2,400 in **[need to finish copying material in column 7]**