

# DICKINSON COUNTY HISTORY – LOGGING

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## Lumbering in the Iron Mountain Area

By Putnam W. Robbins

[Born From Iron: Iron Mountain, Michigan 1879-1979, pages 69-76]

Iron Mountain was not established early enough to get in on the days when 'PINE WAS KING!' The reason was that the sawmills needed to be located at the mouth of rivers which emptied into the Great Lakes, because rivers were the only method of transportation of logs to the Great Lakes and markets. White and Norway pines, cedar and peeled hemlock were the only trees harvested, as the hardwoods would not float long distances to the mills on the Great Lakes.

An early record of timber cruising near Iron Mountain, 25 years before the city was established, is reported in the diary of Alanson Forman Lyon, published by the Michigan Historical Commission, Vol. 47, No. 4, December, 1963. Mr. Lyon, great-grandfather of Putnam and Sumner Robbins[,] was born at Saw Pits (now Port Chester), New York[,] on July 5, 1798. He was a lumberman from the Tioga River country of New York, and came to Menominee in June, 1853, with Mrs. Lyon, four daughters, three sons and for sawyers, to manage the water-powered sawmill of Elsworth, Shepard and Douglas.

On Monday, September 4, 1854, with his son Gaius, he started up the Menominee River in a special boat he had built for the trip to look for and cruise timber lands opened for sale by the Federal Government. During the next 27 days they met many Indians, but only one party of white men consisting of William Burt, government surveyor[,] and his crew, who were on their way back to Menominee. The Lyons spent eight days looking for timber in the present Iron Mountain and Quinnesec

area working out of their base camp near the Big Quinnesec Falls before returning to Menominee on September 30, 1854.

In 1866-67 following his return from serving in the Civil War, James Lyon, son of Alanson Lyon, was employed in a timber cruising party who [sic – which] hauled their boat and equipment from Marquette to Lake Michigamme and spent the summer cruising timber lands adjacent to the Michigamme and upper Menominee Rivers. This crew met only Indians until they reached the area near the present Iron Mountain.

Logging operations progressed rapidly up the Menominee after 1867 and George F. Seibert reported in his *Journal of George Frederick Seibert*, 1879, that the cut-over timber lands were badly burned over all the 24 miles north of Menominee when he walked the area on May 4, 1879. Even at this early date when Iron Mountain was being born Mr. Stephenson had a logging camp on the Brule River, and told Mr. Seibert during their visit at the "Relay House" that his men could not drive logs because of the low water.

The pine in the Iron Mountain area was well cut-over by 1879 by the Stephensons, Fowlers, Hosmers, Wells, Kirby-Carpenter Co., Van Schank [sic – Schiak] Co., White-Friant Co., John Finan, Thomas Farrell, J.F. Underwood and by jobbers logging for sawmills at Menominee. Thus most of the best pine timber had been harvested before the mining boom in Iron Mountain started in the 1880's.

The first sawmills in Iron Mountain were the small mills operated by the Chapin and the Pewabic Mines to produce the timbers, pillars, cribbing and construction lumber needed by the mines. The Simmons Sawmill[,] located just west of the Menominee River bridge in the present Aurora area, was the largest mill near Iron Mountain. In 1902 Henry Mellis had a lumber yard on Cedar Avenue and

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operated a small mill below the hill of the present Aurora Free School.

The “White Pine Barons” in their logging left all the sugar maple, yellow birch and basswood, as these hardwoods could not be floated the long distances to the mills at Menominee. The Wright Brothers, with stores in Marinette, Amberg and Iron Mountain, supplied food, clothing, hay and grain, etc. to the large and small logging operations. They also carried on their own logging and were the only company who tried driving hardwood logs. They logged fifty thousand board feet of number one yellow birch logs, stripped off the bark and left the logs decked on the river bank to dry for one season. The following spring the log decks were broken out and started down the Menominee. According to Billie Perry, a “whitewater” man on the drive, they had plenty of logs the first 20 miles, but before they reached Menominee had not enough to bother counting. Many of these birch logs may still be on the bottom of the river.

When the Northwestern and Milwaukee Railroads established their lines through and north of Iron Mountain, logging the hardwoods became feasible, and from then on, train loads of maple, birch, basswood and other hardwoods, as well as cedar telephone poles, ties, mine lagging, posts and pulpwood[,] were a common sight traveling through Iron Mountain, [sic] before the Von Platen Mill was established. At this time the logs were loaded and bound to steel bunks on the flat cars, fastened with corner chains and binders in the same manner as logs were fastened to sleighs. Shortly before World War I, the chain cars were outlawed and hardwood stakes required for all flat cars hauling logs. This was a big mistake as the loggers consumed the young five and six-inch maple trees for car stakes, which[,] if they had been left[,] would be supplying saw logs today.

Log marks were not used as extensively in the Upper Peninsula as in the southern Michigan pineries, [sic] because most U.P. rivers were one county streams or dominated by one big company.

In 1875 log marks were necessary in sorting the 111,056,280 feet of logs handled by the Menominee Boom Company. During its life time, the boom passed over 10 billion eight hundred million board feet of timber, a good portion of this from Wisconsin and Michigan passed Iron Mountain as it was driven down the Menominee River.

The period from 1880 to 1911 had many loggers operating with their headquarters in Iron Mountain, an incomplete list includes: the Wright Brothers; Ader and Gray, who logged in the Randville and Sturgeon River area where they built a narrow gauge railroad to haul out the logs; Andrew Bjorkman, of East “A” Street[,] who operated camps and had many jobbers working for him. Bjorkman in 1920-21 made the last log drive on the Michigamme and Menominee Rivers. A boom holding his logs on the Michigamme, to be loaded out on the Milwaukee Railroad where it crossed the river, broke and the logs had to be driven down to the Twin Falls Dam, where they were loaded out on a railroad spur line serving the dam.

J.O. Blixt and Engbloom in 1908-09 logged the remaining virgin pine north of the Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes. Blixt continued logging in Dickinson and Iron Counties, [sic] after Mr. Engbloom joined Von Platen as their log scaler. Albert Robbins, in 1892-93 logged 300 acres of hardwoods in the present Aurora area and had the logs sawed at the Simmons mill. From 1915 to 1922 he logged at Robbins’ Spur on the Milwaukee Railroad between Crystal Falls and Iron River. John Flanagan and Newkirk with offices in Iron Mountain logged in areas served by the Milwaukee Road. Warren Flanagan, of

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East “D” Street, logged in the Merriman Creek area, and had pine logging camps on Pine Creek in 1910-1912. The Butler Brothers, of South Stephenson Avenue, logged in the Merriman and other Dickinson and Iron County areas. Hoose and Person logged during the early part of this period, but concentrated on excavation and road work in later years. Edward Parmelee owned a coal and wood business on West “A” Street and in later years logged in the Floodwood area. Mitchell Dykes did contract log driving on the Fence and Michagamme [*sic – Michigamme*] Rivers, as well as logging on the Fence River. Calvi and Gage[,], with offices at Calvi’s saloon on Stephenson Avenue, did logging in Wisconsin. There were many more small-logging jobbers in the Iron Mountain area who utilized their one or two teams of horses to get logs out during the winter.

The only “steam hauler” in the area, (a small Shay engine equipped with caterpillar track drive and sleigh runners in front) which pulled 10 or more sleigh loads of logs on ice roads, was owned and used by the Morgan Lumber Company sawmill at Foster City.

Patrick Flanagan operated a good-sized sawmill at Sagola and the O’Callaghan Brothers of Norway had a mill at the mouth of the Sturgeon River. Jenkins and Sons (Sam, Clifton and Fred) had a small mill at 800 Margaret Street, Iron Mountain.

Log decks and rollways with pine logs piled high as houses occupied the entire area of the Menominee River bank on the Wisconsin side from the bridge west to the base of the big hill in present Aurora until about 1908. Most of the pine logs at this site came in on the “Dunbar Narrow Gauge” railroad. The grade of this railroad may still be seen where it passes up the ravine back of the Florence County Co’op [*sic – Co-Op*] Store in Aurora.

*The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 1 [Thursday, March 28, 1889], page 1, column 4

IN order to reduce, if possible, the evil of forest fires, the Menominee River log owners and directors of the Boom Company, have passed resolutions condemning the carelessness of crews driving logs on the Menominee and its tributaries, and calling upon all foremen to see personally that all cook or other fires are extinguished before the crews move from one place to another. Parties through whose carelessness forest fires arise are to be held responsible for the resultant damages. This is right and proper.

*The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 4 [Thursday, April 18, 1889], page 1, column 3

BROTHER FIFIELD, of the Menominee Herald, says that water is so low in the minor tributaries of the Menominee that he has actually heard of several lumbermen refusing to drink water because all the water available is now needed for the drive. Most of the lumbermen will appreciate this as mighty bitter sarcasm. But Brother Fifield will have his little joke, even if somebody’s feelings have to wilt for it.

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

Mr. Abe Early, lumber contractor of Florence and Hurley, has arrived in town. He also expressed himself as excellently satisfied with last season’s logging; it was a great deal better than he had any reason at one time to expect, he said. He is afraid, however, that driving will be bad this spring,

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as the water in the Menominee is lower along the range than he ever remembers to have seen it before. His first experience in Iron Mountain was very painful. He had a big tooth pulled by Doc. Spencer.

*The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 7 [Thursday, May 9, 1889], page 1, column 2

THE fears entertained when the log driving season opened, that because of low water many logs would be hung up and the cost of driving be very great, appear to have been unfounded. It is reported now by those who are well posted in such matters, [sic] that the entire drive will be down earlier than usual, and at a less cost.

*The Current*, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume VI, Number 42 [Saturday, November 22, 1890], page 1, columns 1-3

## CURRENT NOTES.

–There will be six or seven logging camps on the Pine creek and the Sturgeon this winter, the supplies for which will go in from Norway and Vulcan.

–The crossing of the new railroad at the Pine creek bridge is a botch. The company ought to have been required to either raise the old bridge or build a new one. The old bridge has been fixed up as well as possible but we predict that under the new order of things it will go out with the logs, in the spring. The approach to the railroad crossing and bridge is a dangerous one or will be whenever trains begin to run, and never should be allowed to remain in its present condition.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9,

Number 19 [Thursday, October 6, 1904], page 1, column 3

## After Dead Heads.

The Boom company has started the work of removing dead head logs from the Menominee river, now that the driving has been finished, and the crew of men under Louis Pelkey is at the headwaters and are [sic – is] working down the river just as the drive did. They are pulling the logs from the river and piling them on the bank. They will be left there until next spring, when they will be partially dried and will then be rolled into the river and driven down.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 22 [Thursday, October 20, 1904], page 5, column 2

## CHIPS FROM CHANNING.

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Jay Cowling cut his foot with an axe while working in a cedar camp near Metropolitan last week. The full bit of the axe entered his foot, splitting the bone. He was brought to Channing and Dr. Dockery, of Sagola, dressed the wound, but ahd to remove a piece of the split bone three inches long. He will probably be laid up for six weeks.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 27 [Thursday, November 24, 1904], page 5, column 3

## NEWS GOSSIP FROM SAGOLA.

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The cordwood and log jobbers are taking advantage of the fine weather, too,

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and are cutting and skidding timber ready for hauling as snow falls so as to make good roads.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 28 [Thursday, December 1, 1904], page 5, column 1

## NEWS GOSSIP FROM SAGOLA.

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Albert Trigloff, section foreman, has a crew of twenty men building the new side track this week.

The railroad company is building a spur 750 feet long opposite the depot to facilitate the loading of logs, poles and cordwood.

There is fairly good sleighing in this vicinity and the jobbers have commenced to haul cordwood to the track for shipment.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 28 [Thursday, December 1, 1904], page 5, columns 1-2

## CHIPS FROM CHANNING.

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The log shipments are increasing now that cold weather has come. About forty cars of logs per day are being received from the Ontonagon branch, thirty for Oconto and ten for Sagola.

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

## CHIPS FROM CHANNING.

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There are four log trains on the Ontonagon branch and they are bringing down about seventy cars of logs per day.

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A snow plow was sent over the Ontonagon branch last Monday to clear the track of snow. About sixteen inches of snow was reported on the branch.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 31 [Thursday, December 22, 1904], page 11, column 3

## NEWS GOSSIP FROM SAGOLA.

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There is good sleighing in this vicinity and the jobbers have commenced hauling logs and cordwood.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 32 [Thursday, December 29, 1904], page 5, column 3

## RANDVILLE ITEMS.

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The Railroad company is extending Carey's Spur 400 feet to enable them to take care of the cordwood and log traffic.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 12, Number 40 [Thursday, February 27, 1908], page 1, column 3

## LARGEST IN COUNTY

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### RELATIVE TO THE OPERATIONS OF THE SAGOLA LUMBER CO.

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## Among the Largest Operators in the Upper Peninsula – Logging in Randville District.

In summing up the annual production of lumber of the Sagola Lumber company's mill for the year 1907, we find it amounts to the following in round numbers: Ten million feet of lumber, including pine, hemlock, basswood[,] elm, maple and birch, 4,500,000 laths, 3,500,000 shingles, 8,000 ties, 10,000 cedar posts, 2,000 telegraph poles.

The estimate given for the year of 1908 is: Five million feet white pine, 1,500,000 feet Norway pine, 800,000 feet hemlock, 1,000,000 feet basswood, 500,000 feet elm, 1,500,000 feet maple and birch, 4,500,000 lath, 5,000,000 shingles, 2,500 ties, 30,000 posts, 1,500 telegraph poles.

In comparing the estimate for 1908 with the production for 1907, there is a decrease in the production of white pine lumber and an increase in the production of basswood, maple and birch. There is also a decided increase in the production of singles and cedar posts.

During the past year, the company has installed the necessary machinery for the manufacture of hardwood flooring and it is estimated that during the present year 500,000 feet of maple flooring will be manufactured and placed on the market.

In the woods and at the mill 165 men and twenty-eight teams are employed by the company, besides those employed by small jobbers and others, who sell their logs to the company.

The logging railway leading to the mill has been extended three miles during the past year and the facilities for handling logs is perfect.

The past few weeks has shown a decided increase in the orders for lumber. In fact the market has a better outlook that it has shown for the past four months.

ABOUT RANDVILLE.

Randville is a busy station as far as shipments of logs are concerned. The billing for Carey's Spur, the Groveland Branch Spur, 221, 220, 219, 218, 217, and Granite Bluff is all done here. The shipments of logs and cordwood from the above spurs amount to about fifty cars per day and are distributed as follows: Ader & Gray Spurs, twelve cars; Sol Frazer Spur, 219, four cars; Hamilton & Merryman Spur, ten cars; John Wedine, Granite Bluff, two cars; A. Bjorkman, Granite Bluff, two cars; Robert Gerstun, five cars; Joseph Perron, two cars; Fred Gothe, one car from Carey's Spur, X. Prenevost, two cars from Spur 221, and from the Groveland branch Hamilton & Merryman are shipping two cars per day, Matt Johnson two cars, A. Bjorkman three cars, and Andrew Rian, two cars. During the month of January Hamilton & Merryman shipped two-hundred and sixty-one cars from Spur 217 and forty-one cars from the Groveland branch.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 14, Number 44 [Thursday, March 24, 1910], page 1, column 1

## LOGGERS FINISH

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**THE OUTPUT IN THE COUNTY  
HAS BEEN A VERY LARGE ONE.**

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**Andrew Bjorkman Leads With  
9,500,000 Feet of Logs; Warren  
Flanagan is Second.**

Nearly all the large operators in the woods in this county and vicinity have finished their operations for the season and discharged their crews. The Press in this

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edition is enabled to print the figures of some of the leading loggers.

Andrew Bjorkman is undoubtedly the largest local operator – perhaps the largest individual logger in the upper peninsula. During the winter he employed more than 250 men in his several camps. He says the winter was an ideal one for all kinds of work in the woods. He tells *The Press* that he has banked 5,000,000 feet of logs on the several rivers and in addition has 4,500,000 feet skidded on the railroad, making a total log cut of 9,500,000 feet. In addition to the logs, Mr. Bjorkman has cut 25,000 cedar posts, 4,000 cedar telegraph poles and 10,000 cords of pulpwood. The last named product has been sold to the Paper [*sic – paper*] company at Menominee.

Warren Flanagan, who operated on his own lands in the Granite Bluff district, is another logger who reports ideal logging conditions, but declares that poor railway service cost him heavily. During the winter he cut at his several camps 1,700,000 feet of logs, 3,000 poles, 50,000 cedar posts, 7,000 railway ties, 400 cords of boxwood and 700 cords of pulpwood. Mr. F. has sold 1,000,000 feet of his logs to the Sagola Lumber company, 700,000 feet to the Kimberly-Clark company, the ties to the St. Paul road, posts to the Roper Cedar & Lumber company, pulpwood to the Paper [*sic – paper*] company at Niagara, poles to the Valentine Clark company, and the boxwood to a Green Bay concern, thus making a clean sweep of his winter's operations.

The Morgan Lumber & Cedar Co., of Foster City, has finished its logging operations for the season and made a very successful showing. The company has one of the steam log haulers, which was operated on a ten-mile road, hauling from sixteen to twenty sleighs to a train. The largest train load hauled was twenty sleighs, containing 100,000 feet of logs, mostly hardwood, and the average train

was 75,000 feet. The entire cut for the season, which was landed at the mill, is 3,500,000 feet of logs, 500 cords of pulpwood, 30,000 cedar posts and 2,000 cedar poles. Two camps were operated with an average of sixty men to the camps. The cost per day of operating the log hauler, including the wages of five men, fuel and oil, was \$20, much less than it would cost to feed the teams to haul the same amount of logs.

In the Floodwood district the largest operators were Charles Peterson and Chas. Doane with 1,000,000 feet each and Dykes & Bennett with an input of 700,000 feet. Small jobbers will bring the total up to about 4,000,000 feet to come down the Fence and Michigamme rivers.

In the Randville district the input will total about 5,000,000 feet, the greater portion representing the cut at the camp of Frank D. Ader.

The Sawyer-Goodman company operated heavily about four miles north of the city, building a railroad and large camps, but the figures are not obtainable at this time. At Merriman the Peninsula Box company cut several million feet of small timber, and in the township of Felch the cut by small operators is estimated at over 5,000,000 feet.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 14, Number 44 [Thursday, March 24, 1910], page 1, column 2

## **Big Crop of Oats.**

R.W. Pierce, Jr., superintendent for the Morgan Lumber & Cedar company at Foster City, in speaking of the company's farming operations at that place, stated that last season a yield of 3,240 bushels of oats was harvested from 52 acres, making an average of nearly 63 bushels to the acre. This is the largest average that has been

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reported from any portion of Dickinson county and is undoubtedly a record for the peninsula.

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## **Will Raise Cattle.**

It is the intention of the Morgan Lumber & Cedar company to engage in the cattle business on quite an extensive scale in Breen township. Supt. Pierce is inclined to favor Holsteins. The company already has a fine herd of pure stock and will add to the number gradually. In the near future the company will build a creamery at Foster City.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 14, Number 47 [Thursday, April 14, 1910], page 1, column 2

## **Dam Goes Out.**

The O.C. Lumber company has the contract to drive the Sturgeon river from Cassidy Creek to the Menominee river. The drive was moving along nicely until last Friday night when a wing of the Waucedah dam went out and 1,000,000 feet of logs were carried out with the overflow and jammed at the falls above Loretto. There are about 10,000,000 feet of logs in the river, including those belonging to the O.C. Lumber company. The dam will have to be repaired before the drive can be completed. Had it not been for this unforeseen accident, the company expected to finish the drive by next Saturday night.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15,

Number 5 [Thursday, June 23, 1910], page 1, column 2

## **New Corporation.**

The Iron Mountain Land and Timber company has filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state. The incorporators are Peter Calvi, John Daprato and Charles Rigassi. The capital stock is \$25,000 and the amount paid in is \$13,000. The company has been organized for the purpose of handling timber and mineral lands owned by the incorporators in Washington and Oregon. Mr. Calvi is president of the company, Mr. Daprato the vice-president, and Mr. Rigassi secretary and treasurer.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 10 [Thursday, July 28, 1910], page 1, column 2

## **Investigate Forest Fires.**

John Engblom has been appointed special agent for the state to investigate forest fires and their causes. The causes are easy to arrive at: ninety-eight per cent of the fires are due to the carelessness of the railroad companies and their staff of trackmen; the other two per cent to careless fishermen. The lumbermen furnish much of the fuel and are not deserving of any great amount of sympathy for their losses. If the lumbering concerns were forced to burn their slashings the fires would be less extensive. The loser deserving of full sympathy is the settler and small land owner. We hope Mr. Engblom will ventilate matters in his report.

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

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## Driving the Logs.

A large crew of men resumed log driving operations on the Menominee and Sturgeon rivers last Monday, the heavy rains having raised the water in the river, [sic] to the desired point. The main river drive has been anchored on the bottom near Niagara for several weeks. The drive is estimated to contain about 32,000,000 feet, 8,000,000 feet having reached the mills early in the spring.

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

## Driving the Logs.

A.P. Farrell, of Hardwood, spent yesterday in the city. He is now engaged in driving the logs in the Sturgeon river with a force of twenty men, but the work is badly handicapped by low water. The stream contains about 5,000,000 feet of logs, and the attempt was made to make a “running drive,” but it was not very successful as more than half the timber lodged. The main river drive has reached Grand Rapids. A “running drive” was also made on the Menominee with equally poor success. There were about 70,000,000 feet in this drive when it left a point near Niagara, but not more than 15,000,000 feet will reach the sorting gaps unless the head of water is greatly enlarged, as the logs were lodging badly.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 19 [Thursday, September 29, 1910], page 1, column 5

## Sue Spies for Tolls.

A question involving nearly \$50,000 in tolls for the use of booms and river driving improvements, [sic] will be settled by a suit brought by the Menominee River Boom company against the A. Spies Lumber and Cedar company for \$7,000. The alleged uncollected tolls from other companies amount to more than \$40,000. During the years the Boom company has been operating, several millions of dollars have been collected from lumber interests on the Menominee river for tolls under a charter of the Boom company.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 28 [Thursday, December 1, 1910], page 6, column 1

## Fifteen-Mile Extension.

Work on the fifteen-mile extension of the Escanaba & Lake Superior railroad, which has been in progress since early in the fall, is being pushed as fast as possible, but the indications are that some of the work must be carried into the winter. The track has been laid over ten miles of the route, but the remaining five miles look big to the employes [sic – employees] of the company who have the construction work in hand. The new line is to pierce the virgin forest for fifteen miles, connecting with the main line of the road at Ralph, in this county, and will open up a big timber tract to the I. Stephenson company. The country traversed by the new line has never been cut over and is covered with a magnificent forest which will require the work of several years to clear. A big force of men is employed on the new construction work and Gen. Supt. C.W. Kates is personally in charge of the work during the greater portion of the time.

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

## Woodsman Killed.

A.C. Lund was instantly killed in the lumber woods at Goll last Saturday afternoon when struck by a falling tree. Lund at the same time received two injuries from different causes, either of which would cause death. In running to escape the falling tree, he fell and a double bitted ax he carried in his hand split his head open. The tree fell on him at the same time, crushing him terribly.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 34 [Thursday, January 12, 1911], page 1, column 2

## Woodsman Killed.

Milton Bartsche, a woodsman[,] died at the Delta County hospital from the effects of injuries received while standing near a a [sic] skidway at John Duncan's camp at Woodlawn. He was brought to the hospital in a dying condition and death ensured two hours later. His skull was fractured when a timber on the skidway flew up and struck him on the head.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 47 [Thursday, April 13, 1911], page 1, column 5

## Robbers Sentenced.

William Willis and E. Stephen, charged with highway robbery, were convicted in the circuit court last Friday. The woman implicated in the case was discharged. The men were charged with robbing a

woodsman named Alex Kulas on the St. Paul track several months ago. Judge Flannigan sentenced Willis to not more than fifteen years and a half, recommending the latter, in the Marquette prison. Stephen's sentence was for not more than fifteen years nor less than one year and a half, the latter time being recommended.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 24, Number 44 [Thursday, March 25, 1920], page 1, column 4

## Logging in Felch.

In the Felch district, despite adverse logging conditions, the input of timber has been the largest in many years. At the Calumet mine landing, according to an estimate made for The Press, 1,500,000 feet of mixed logs have been banked by several operators in that vicinity, and at Metropolitan about 2,000,000 [feet of] logs have been stored. This timber has been sold to the Morgan Lumber & Cedar company and will be cut at the Foster City mills. In addition to the logs the following forest products have been landed at the places named: Thirty thousand railroad ties, 125,000 posts, 2,500 cords of pulpwood, 5,000 cedar poles and 1,000 cords of excelsior bolts. The above does not include all the timber cut during the winter in the Felch district.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 25, Number 8 [Thursday, July 8, 1920], page 1, column 6

## A Car Shortage.

A car shortage is now threatening the industrial life of the community. The von Platen Lumber company is unable to secure cars to bring logs from the camps to

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the mills nor to ship lumber to the market. Last Monday, the company had no cars. At the camps two engine crews are idle most of the time. The supply of logs at the mill is an exceedingly limited one and unless conditions are remedied at an early date further curtailment will be absolutely necessary. The mining companies are also complaining deeply and bitterly of traffic conditions. At the Chapin the large stock-piles [*sic – stockpiles*] have hardly a dent put in them. Only one steam shovel is in operation. At other mines no stock ore is being shipped. A continuation of this condition may result disastrous this fall and winter. But let us hope for the best.

## ADER & GRAY

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 21 [*sic*] [Thursday, October 13, 1904], page 1, column 4

### **Timber Sale.**

Ader & Gray, the wholesale cordwood dealers, have purchased the timber on thirteen forties of land near Sagola from the Angus Smith estate of Milwaukee. Camps are now being built convenient to the St. Paul road and the timber, mostly hardwood, will be cut and shipped at once. This firm is now doing a large business and is finding a ready market for its product in the Chicago and Milwaukee markets.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 22 [Thursday, October 20, 1904], page 5, column 3

## **NEWS GOSSIP FROM SAGOLA.**

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Albert Burkhalter, jobber for Ader & Gray, is building a new camp one mile east of Sagola and has a contract to cut 5,000 cords of wood. He will employ about fifty men.

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## **RANDVILLE REPORTS.**

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Ader & Gray are shipping ten cars of wood per week from Granite Bluff and Spur 219. They expect the shipments will increase as soon as there is good sleighing.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 29 [Thursday, December 8, 1910], page 6, column 3

### **Large Camp.**

Ader & Gray are operating one of the largest camps in the peninsula this winter in the Randville district. Regular employment is furnished for one hundred men and a dozen or more teams. While figures are not obtainable at this time, the output will be in the neighborhood of several million feet of logs, mostly cedar. This [*is*] in addition to the poles, posts and ties. The firm recently purchased the timber on another section of land adjoining their present holdings from the Keweenaw association. The property is heavily timbered. No cordwood will be cut this season.

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## GRANITE BLUFF ITEMS.

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### J.E. BERGERON

*The Current*, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume VI, Number 42 [Saturday, November 22, 1890], page 1, columns 1-3

## CURRENT NOTES.

—Wednesday, we visited the **logging camp on Pine creek of J.E. Bergeron**. The crew of about 35 men are using the old **Pendleton camp**, and now have about 700,000 on skids. The **foreman** is Mr. **Joseph St. John** and the **scaler** is (we believe) named **Asken**. The name of the **cook** we know is **Albert Bell**, for we had two meals there, and have every reason to believe that we made a noticable [*sic – noticeable*] diminution of the edibles. Mr. Bergeron will probably put in three millions from this camp this winter, and he has another camp 10 miles from here and will also do some *travoix* [*sic – travois*] work on **Grand island** as soon as it freezes up. He will put in about 8 millions this winter and now has 75 men employed.

*The Current*, Norway, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume VII, Number 41 [Saturday, November 14, 1891], page 8, column 3

## Logging.

Tuesday, the reporter visited the **Hay Creek camp of J.E. Bergeron** and spent a very pleasant hour in looking over the logging work and doing justice to the good things to eat. This camp is on the **State road near the Hay Creek bridge**, and has 23 men in it. The winter's cut will be about one and a half millions. Mr. **Joseph Derois** is foreman, Mr. **William Neverman** is cook and **Patsy McCarty**, cookee. Mr. Bergeron has another camp at Black Creek and one at **Archibault's Lake**, in each of which are forty men. He will work, at the three camps, an average of 100 men this Winter [*sic – winter*], 20 horse teams and 8 ox teams of his own, and will perhaps have some hired teams, and will crowd a cut of eight millions very closely.

### BIRD & WELLS LUMBER COMPANY

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 18 [Thursday, September 22, 1910], page 1, column 2

## Shoulder Smashed.

Joe Rule, a resident of this city, had his left shoulder broken at Bird & Wells Lumber Co.'s camp on the Wisconsin Northwestern railway besides receiving several other painful injuries. Several men were engaged in putting a Raymond log loader on a car and in doing so a heavy timber fell striking Rule across the shoulder and back. The injured man was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital at Menominee, where he had his injuries attended to.

### ANDREW BJORKMAN

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Number 32 [Thursday, December 29, 1904], page 1, column 6

## **Much Pulpwood.**

Andrew Bjorkman informs The Press that he has enlarged his operations in the woods so as to include 14,000 cords of pulpwood. He will put in 7,000 cords for the Kimberly & Clark company and 7,000 cords for the Marinette & Menominee Paper company. These contracts necessitated the increase of his working forces very materially and he now has over three hundred men on his camp rolls.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 26 [Thursday, November 17, 1910], page 1, column 3

## **Land Deal.**

Andrew Bjorkman, the leading lumberman of the Menominee range, has closed a deal for the purchase of eighteen hundred acres of timber lands in Florence county. The lands were purchased from the United States Steel corporation and the Breitung estate of Marquette. The acreage is covered with a heavy stand of pine, hemlock and hardwood timber. Mr. Bjorkman will log the timber and will operate several camps in the tract this winter.

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## **WILL LOG EXTENSIVELY**

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**Andrew Bjorkman Completes Plans for Operations in the Woods.**

Andrew Bjorkman has concluded his plans for his winter's operations in the woods and his output of timber will be the largest in several years.

Contracts to cut timber have been closed with thirteen jobbers and between two and three hundred men will be employed in the several camps. Nearly all jobbers are now busy.

Mr. Bjorkman, in an interview with The Press, states that he expects to bank on the rivers and along the railroads fully 10,000,000 feet of logs – pine, hemlock and hardwoods. In addition to the logs his operations embrace 10,000 cords of pulpwood, 25,000 cedar posts and 5,000 cedar poles.

## **E.L. BLANCHARD Jamestown, New York**

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 25 [Thursday, November 10, 1904], page 5, column 4

## **RANDVILLE REPORTS.**

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E.L. Blanchard, of Jamestown, New York, has been a business visitor at the home of B.A. Wilbur. Mr. B. is in search of bird's-eye maple for a firm in Jamestown.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 28 [Thursday, December 1, 1904], page 5, column 1

## **NEWS GOSSIP FROM SAGOLA.**

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E.L. Blanchard loaded a car of bird's-eye maple logs this week to be shipped to New York for export to England.

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## JOHN O. BLIXT

### Iron Mountain

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

### CHIPS FROM CHANNING.

J.O. Blixt, of Iron Mountain, has started a cordwood camp near Cuculi's farm. He has twelve woodchoppers now and expects to hire more as fast as he can secure good men.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 14, Number 22 [Thursday, October 21, 1909], page 1, column 4

### New Logging Firm.

J.O. Blixt and John Engblom have formed a co-partnership for the purpose of engaging in the logging business. The firm has recently concluded deals for the purchase of the timber on seven forties to the north and east of the city and may increase their holdings. Contracts have been closed with jobbers for three camps and more may be started. The firm expects to bank over 2,000,000 feet of logs, pine and hardwood, and will also cut considerable pulpwood and several thousand ties.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 14, Number 40 [Thursday, February 24, 1910], page 1, column 2

### Increased Output.

Blixt & Engblom, who have been operating several logging camps this season, will secure a larger output than they anticipated. Their output of logs will exceed 2,000,000 feet, about 1,000,000 feet being banked at their large camp near the Forest mine. In addition to logs, the firm has also cut about 3,000 cedar railroad ties and 590 cords of pulpwood. The pulpwood has been sold to the paper mill at Menominee.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 14, Number 40 [Thursday, February 24, 1910], page 1, column 2

### Will Buy Lands.

John O. Blixt left last Monday evening for Calgary, Alberta, Canada, where he will spend several weeks. Mr. Blixt is land agent for the Canadian Pacific railway and he is taking the trip at this time for the purpose of locating lands for Menominee range people before the contemplated advance in price. Mr. B. is well posted in land values and has been successful in locating his customers in a productive territory.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 18 [Thursday, September 22, 1910], page 1, column 2

### Log Extensively.

The firm of Blixt & Engblom is preparing for an active season in the woods. The firm recently acquired by purchase eight hundred acres of timber lands in the Randville district. Two camps will be operated in this district and two others will be started elsewhere. A contract was recently let to John Henry to cut the cedar and pulpwood on four forties owned by the

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firm east of Floodwood. Henry left for Floodwood last Monday and expects to commence operations at once. While arrangements for the entire input have not yet been concluded, Mr. Blixt estimates the firm's cut at 2,000,000 feet of logs and 2,000 cords of pulpwood in addition to ties, poles and posts.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 32 [Thursday, December 29, 1910], page 5, column 2

## RANDVILLE NOTES.

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B.A. Wilbur has a contract to put in 350,000 feet of logs for J.O. Blixt, of Iron Mountain, and employs twenty men and five teams.

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Frank Norquist, of Green Bay, has taken a contract from J.O. Blixt, of Iron Mountain, to put in 350,000 feet of logs, 10,000 posts, 2,000 ties and 500 pieces of cedar piling. His camp is located about three miles east of Randville, where he employs twenty men and five teams.

## L.L. BON

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 32 [Thursday, December 29, 1904], page 5, column 3

## NEWS GOSSIP FROM SAGOLA.

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L.L. Bon, of Green Bay, was in town last Monday looking after his cordwood business.

## ALBERT BURKHALTER

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 22 [Thursday, October 20, 1904], page 5, column 3

## NEWS GOSSIP FROM SAGOLA.

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Albert Burkhalter, jobber for Ader & Gray, is building a new camp one mile east of Sagola and has a contract to cut 5,000 cords of wood. He will employ about fifty men.

## J.S. BUTLER

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 17, Number 19 [Thursday, September 26, 1912], page 4, column 4

## A NEW LOGGING FIRM.

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### Butler Brothers Perfecting for Active Campaign in Woods.

J.S. Butler, of Quinnesec, and Michael, Edward and William Buttler [*sic* – Butler], of Buckingham, Canada, have entered into partnership, under the firm name of Butler Brothers, for the purpose of conducting extensive logging operations during the coming winter.

The firm has one camp in operation now located about five miles west of Sagola, where thirty men are employed. At this camp they expect to cut and haul to the Michigamme river over 1,000,000 feet of logs.

A second camp will be located two miles west of Channing, near the St. Paul road, to be ready the latter part of this week, where fifteen men will be employed cutting cedar poles, posts, ties and shingle timber of

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which the firm estimates that they will have 500,000 pieces.

A little later in the season, a camp will be built at Red Rock, two miles north of Amasa, where forty men will be employed and a cut of over 2,000,000 feet of logs will be made. The logs will be landed along the St. Paul railroad track.

The firm is well equipped for the work and will undoubtedly make the season's operations a financial success.

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

## Preparing to Log.

J.S. Butler, of the Paint River Logging company, is planning for an active campaign in the woods this winter. He will make his headquarters near Beechwood, Iron county, where the company owns a large tract of land. Camps have been established and the roads cut. Mr. Butler expects to cut not less than 3,000,000 feet of mixed logs. Labor conditions are somewhat better than at this time last season, but the price of logs has a downward tendency.

## SAM BRIDGES

### East Lake, Foster City Area

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 14, Number 38 [Thursday, February 10, 1910], page 1, column 2

## A Successful Farmer.

Sam Bridges, the well-known logger and farmer, was in the city last Tuesday and favored The Press with [a] call. Mr. Bridges has just concluded a deal with the Oliver Iron Mining company for the timber on four

hundred acres of land adjoining his present holdings. He is operating in the timber only on a small scale this winter. At present he is working on a contract calling for the delivery of 35,000 ties to the Chicago & North-Western road. During the winter he has delivered 14,000, banking on a spur about four miles from the mill. The mill is well-stocked with cedar and Mr. Bridges expects to manufacture shingles almost exclusively during this summer. In the meantime he is constantly adding to the limits of his farm, and now has one of the largest and best in the peninsula. Included in his crops this season is an eighteen-acre field of wheat. Mr. Bridges has been very successful in growing wheat, the crop is large and the berry plump, and he has it manufactured into flour for his own use. Last season his grist was over sixty-five barrels.

## CAREY & LaCOURT

### Sagola

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 28 [Thursday, December 1, 1904], page 5, column 3

## RANDVILLE REPORTS.

Carey & LaCourt, of Sagola, who are jobbing for the J.W. Wells Lumber Co., of Menominee, are shipping two cars of logs per day from the Groveland Spur.

## CARLSON & LUNO

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## RANDVILLE ITEMS.

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Carlson & Luno, of Metropolitan, have a cedar camp near the Groveland mine and employ fifteen men.

## CASPER BROTHERS

**Amberg, Wisconsin**

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

## **FACTS FROM FLOODWOOD.**

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Casper Bros., of Amberg, have a contract to put in 1,000,000 feet of pine and cedar for the Sawyer, Goodman company and have their camp located nine miles from the station. They employ about forty men.

## CLEMENTS' CAMP

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

## **RANDVILLE REPORTS.**

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L.J. Petit, president of the Milwaukee National Bank, came to Randville Thursday morning and engaged the service of B.A. Wilbur to drive him out to Mr. Clements' camp at Six Mile Lake. He returned home Saturday night.

## J.J. COLLINS

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9,

Number 31 [Thursday, December 22, 1904], page 11, column 2

## **GRANITE BLUFF ITEMS.**

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

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

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

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

Frank Tunney is one of the successful farmers in this part of the county. He has eight acres of land of his own and also leases two small farms from C.D. Therien. This year he raised 500 bushels of potatoes, 200 bushels of oats and 100 tons of hay. Mr. Tunney has one span of horses, six milch [milk] cows, six head of young cattle and twelve hogs. The above represents his summer's work and now he has taken a contract to cut and haul 300,000 feet of logs for Frank Fregetto this winter.

## JOSEPH COTA

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## **HOLMES' LANDING ITEMS.**

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Joseph Coto commenced logging operations last week, but on account of the swamps not being frozen he could not do very much. He expects to put in about 1,000,000 feet this winter.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 30 [Thursday, December 15, 1904], page 9, column 2

## NEWS FROM COTA.

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The place known as Holmes' Landing is no more, having been renamed Cota, in honor of Joseph Cota, the well-known cedar jobber and lumberman. And it is an honor well deserved.

### JOHN F. COUILLARD

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 26 [Thursday, November 17, 1904], page 2, column 4

## NEWS GOSSIP FROM SAGOLA.

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John Couillard received a fine team of draught horses last Monday, which he will use hauling logs this winter.

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## NEWS GOSSIP FROM SAGOLA.

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Fay Simonson met with a bad accident last Monday while decking logs at J.F.

Couillard's camp. He was on top of a skidway when it collapsed and he was caught between two logs, breaking one leg and badly bruising the other. The broken leg was set by Dr. Dockery and Simonson was taken to the hospital at Marinette last Monday night.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 14, Number 41 [Thursday, March 3, 1910], page 1, column 5

## CASE OF HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

### **William Oleson Perpetrates Bold Crime on the Street at Channing.**

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William Oleson, a tough character, who has served three terms in the Green Bay reformatory, was arrested last Sunday night at Channing, on a charge of highway robbery, by Deputy Sheriff Gage.

Posing as a woodsman, he met one James Utley, of Grand Rapids, who had been employed at John E. Couillard's camp and had been paid off. The two were drinking, and Oleson tried to persuade Utley to go back to the camp with him. Failing in this, he watched his chance and met Utley on the street and robbed him of his watch and seven dollars in money.

Oleson then tried to escape to the woods. Utley reported the case to Deputy Sheriff Gage, who at once gave chase and located Oleson in a swamp near the railroad track. Oleson showed fight and Engineer Hart, hearing Gage call for help, went to his assistance and the man was taken into custody.

Sheriff Robbins was notified and he went to Channing last Monday morning and brought the prisoner and complaining witness to the county jail.

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They were taken to Channing this morning, where a preliminary examination is being held.

In view of the fact that Oleson has confessed to the robbery, there is no doubt of his being held for trial at the next term of the circuit court.

## ABE EARLY

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

Mr. Abe Early, lumber contractor of Florence and Hurley, has arrived in town. He also expressed himself as excellently satisfied with last season's logging; it was a great deal better than he had any reason at one time to expect, he said. He is afraid, however, that driving will be bad this spring, as the water in the Menominee is lower along the range than he ever remembers to have seen it before. His first experience in Iron Mountain was very painful. He had a big tooth pulled by Doc. Spencer.

## RAY AND HOWARD EMERY

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 29 [Thursday, December 8, 1904], page 5, column 5

## **RANDVILLE REPORTS.**

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Ray Emery returned last Saturday from Green Bay, where he has been since last spring. He and his brother Howard will cut cordwood this winter.

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## **GRANITE BLUFF ITEMS.**

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

## GUST FREDEEN

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 14, Number 38 [Thursday, February 10, 1910], page 1, column 3

## **Fredeen Awarded Contract.**

Gus Fredeen, the well-known contractor, has been awarded a contract for grading a six-mile extension for the Ishpeming, Lake Superior & Southeastern road. The extension is from Ishpeming to North Lake, where the Cleveland-Cliffs Iron company has opened several new mines. Mr. Fredeen is now engaged in operating a large logging camp at Cann Spur for the Oliver Iron Mining company, but he expects to finish the contract in about ten days when he will ship his construction outfit to Ishpeming. He has done much work for the Cleveland-Cliffs company in the past few years.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 25, Number 1 [Thursday, June 3, 1920], page 1, column 4

## **Fire Lost \$35,000.**

Last Saturday and Sunday, forest fires were doing great damage in the timber of the Cleveland-Cliffs Iron company in the vicinity of New Dalton, Marquette county,

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where Gus Fredeen, of Norway, is operating camps. Camp No. 2 was wiped out of existence, together with the contents, and 1,250,000 [feet of] logs and considerable timber was destroyed. The loss of the logs is placed at \$35,000. Considerable territory was covered by the fires and at one time more than 250 men were engaged in fighting the flames. On Tuesday the fires were reported under control.

## FRANK FREGETTO

*Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 23 [Thursday, October 27, 1904], page 5, column 3*

## WAUCEDAH WHISPERS.

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Cordwood shipments are brisk at this station. R. Hosking is shipping to Iron Mountain, John Trudell to Escanaba and Frank Fregetto to Chicago.

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## ROBERT H. GERSTNER

Carey's Spur

*Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 22 [Thursday, October 20, 1910], page 1, column 2*

## Operate Two Camps.

Robert Gerstner expects to employ nearly one hundred and fifty men in his logging operations along the St. Paul road this winter. Mr. Gerstner tells The Press that he has taken a contract to cut and bank at Carey's Spur 3,000,000 feet of logs for the Sawyer-Goodman company. He also expects to remove 500,000 feet of mixed timber from his own lands in that vicinity. On the Nett River, on the Ontonagon branch of the St. Paul road, he will cut and bank fully 2,000,000 feet of mixed timber. He will employ a crew of fifty men in this work and will operate on his own lands.

*Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 29 [Thursday, December 8, 1910], page 6, column 3*

## Operating Two Camps.

Robert Gerstner was a business visitor in the city last Tuesday. He is operating two logging camps this season [ – ] one at

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Carey's Spur, where he has made his headquarters for several years, and the second at Nett River, west of Channing. At the Carey's Spur camp he is employing eighty men. He expects to bank about 3,000,000 feet of logs at this point. Of this total he will cut and load 2,500,000 feet for the Sawyer-Goodman company, of Marinette, and the remaining 500,000 feet on his own account. At the Nett river [*sic – River*] camp there are fifty men at work. Mr. Gerstner says the output at this camp will embrace 1,500,000 of logs, 500 cords of pulpwood, 15,000 posts, 5,000 railroad ties and about 1,000 poles.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 50 [Thursday, May 4, 1911], page 1, column 1

## Successful Logger.

Robert Gerstner is closing out his logging operations at Carey's Spur for the season. He has logged and shipped for the Sawyer-Goodman Co. 2,500,000 feet of logs, 2,500 poles and 25,000 feet of cedar posts. Mr. Gerstner also has a set of camps at a point on the Nett river, where he has cut from his own lands 1,500,000 feet of logs, 10,000 cedar posts, 5,000 ties and 600 cords of pulp-wood [*sic – pulpwood*]. At the Carey's Spur camps an average of seventy-five men have been employed and at Nett river camps about fifty men.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 25, Number 25 [Thursday, November 4, 1920], page 1, column 6

## Preparing to Log.

Robert H. Gerstner is preparing to resume logging operations near Randville, where he has operated camps the past

several years. In the city yesterday, he told the reporter that he has [*sic – is*] planning to cut 1,000,000 feet of mixed logs in addition to several hundred cords of pulpwood and other fores [*sic – forest*] products. He will employ between thirty and forty men.

## HAMILTON & MERRYMAN COMPANY

*The Daily Tribune*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole No. 567 [Monday, May 9, 1898], page 2, column 3

## Fire in a Lumber Camp.

A lively time was experienced yesterday at the Hamilton & Merryman Co., camp 6, Pine Creek. A woods fire communicated to the camp and threatened its destruction. Three or four hours of hard work was necessary by the men to subdue the flames. The fire started in several places and being fanned by the wind caused consternation.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 25 [Thursday, November 10, 1904], page 1, column 6

## Eleven Camps.

The Hamilton & Merryman company now has eleven camps in operation, all run by their own foremen. This is the only company on the river that logs its own timber, without recourse to jobbers. This winter they have more camps than they have had in years, and they expect to break their record for the getting out of timber. They will bring down more timber next spring than any other company on the river.

## HARMON LUMBER COMPANY

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## Foster City

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 36 [Thursday, January 26, 1911], page 1, column 5

### Operating Two Camps.

The Harmon Lumber company, owner of a large manufacturing plant at Foster City, are [sic – is] employing about one hundred and fifty men in their logging operations in the northern part of the county this winter. Only two camps are operated. The input of timber this winter is not as large as usual, due to the fact that the company had 2,000,000 feet of logs in stock at [the] close of the logging season. However, it is expected to bank 6,000,000 feet of logs, 100,000 cedar posts and 5,000 ties. In addition to the foregoing the company will also cut 50,000 ties for the Chicago & North-Western road. The Harmon company employes [sic – employs] a steam log hauler with great success in its operations. This hauler has sufficient power to haul from fifteen to twenty sleigh loads of logs scaling from 30,000 to 40,000 feet at each trip. Two round trips are made daily from the camps to the mill and the hauler is doing the work of more than a hundred horses.

### GEORGE HARTER

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

### FAITHORN JUNCTION FACTS.

Geo. Harter, the father of the town, has one of the finest farms in this vicinity. He

has 2,000 acres of timber and farming lands with 280 acres under cultivation. He has twenty-six horses, ten milch cows, fifteen head of young cattle and forty hogs. This year he raised 225 tons of hay, 2,400 bushels of oats, 1,200 bushels of potatoes, 1,000 bushels of rutabagas, 200 bushels of carrots, 1,000 bushels of mangels, and 2,000 heads of cabbage. He also had an extensive garden, which supplied him with all the vegetables of the season. He has an orchard of 200 fruit trees and a large variety of small fruits, and, although the orchard is young, he picked over 100 bushels of choice apples this year. In addition to his farming interests, Mr. Harter owns the hotel, a store, and a saw-mill [sic – sawmill] and does quite an extensive logging business. Last season the mill turned out 800,000 feet of lumber and 4,000,000 shingles. He expects to increase the lumber cut this year to 1,500,000 feet and make the same number of shingles as last year. Mr. Harter also has a cedar [sic – cedar] yard one mile west of Faithorn on the Soo line, from which he sold \$3,000. [sic] worth of ties last year. He expects to handle about the same amount this season. His entire business last year was over \$65,000.

### MARTIN HARVEY

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

### Operate Small Camp.

Martin Harvey is operating a small logging camp in the Granite Bluff district. He is cutting timber on his own lands and expects to bank about 500,000 feet of mixed timber. Mr. Harvey owns considerable hardwood land in the district named and it has more than doubled in value during the past few years.

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*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 25, Number 25 [Thursday, November 4, 1920], page 1, column 6

## **Camp at Penola.**

Martin Harvey will employ a crew of about forty men in his logging camp near Penola, Iron county. Mr. Harvey is cutting timber on his own lands and makes a specialty of supply [*sic – supplying*] mines, having a number of important contracts. He is making plans to cut this fall and winter 500,000 feet of timber and 1,000,000 of lagging in addition to other products.

## **HERBERT HENDERSON**

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

## **GRANITE BLUFF ITEMS.**

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

## **R. HOSKING**

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 23 [Thursday, October 27, 1904], page 5, column 3

## **WAUCEDAH WHISPERS.**

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Cordwood shipments are brisk at this station. R. Hosking is shipping to Iron Mountain, John Trudell to Escanaba and Frank Fregetto to Chicago.

## **EUGENE HOUTE**

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 29 [Thursday, December 8, 1904], page 1, column 2

## **Has Several Contracts.**

Eugene Houte, the well-known timber logger, has a big winter's work before him again this season. He will log five million feet of timber for the N. Ludington company. The timber lies on the Menominee river very close to the old Holmes & Sons landing and he has built a new set of large camps on the bank of the river. Henry Cloutier, of Manistee, lower Michigan, will run the camp. He will also put in three million feet for the Marinette Lumber company within a few miles of the above camp, also on the Wisconsin side, and will log about a million more at Nathan for different companies, picking up on cut over lands. He expects to get altogether close to ten million feet of logs, and has a fine outlook.

## **JAUQUET BROTHERS**

### **Sagola**

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 27 [Thursday, November 24, 1910], page 7, column 4

## **SAGOLA NEWS GOSSIP.**

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Hubert Jauquet, senior partner of Jauquet Bros., arrived last Saturday from Green Bay to assist in the management of the firm's logging business.

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*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 47 [Thursday, April 13, 1911], page 5, column 4

Number 19 [Thursday, September 26, 1912], page 1, column 4

## **New Timber Firm.**

### **SAGOLA NEWS GOSSIP**

Jauquet Bros. have finished logging in the vicinity of Sagola, having cut all their timber holdings. During the past winter they have cut and hauled to the Sagola mill 1,000,000 feet of logs and 200 cords of shingle timber. Besides this, they have cut and hauled to the railroad track 3,700 poles, 37,000 posts, 150 pieces of piling, 10,000 ties and 500 cords of pulp-wood [*sic* – *pulpwood*]. The firm employed an average of forty-five men and eight teams and had a four mile haul. They own five forties of cutover lands, which they intend to sell for farming purposes. Two forties are located along the town road two miles east of Sagola, where their camps are located and where they have thirty acres under cultivation.

Edward G. Kingsford and H.A. Harte have formed a partnership under the name of Kingsford & Harte and will engage in the timber business. The firm is now building camps four miles east of Granite Bluff. The buildings will be sufficiently large to accommodate between sixty and seventy men. It is planned to bank about 300,000 feet of logs in addition to railroad ties, poles[,] posts and pulpwood. Mr. Harte, until recently, held a position with the von [*sic*] Platen Lumber company.

### **W.S. LAING**

#### **Holmes Siding/Sagola**

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

### **JACOB JOHNSON**

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 29 [Thursday, December 8, 1904], page 5, column 1

### **THE CITY.**

### **NEWS GOSSIP FROM SAGOLA.**

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Jacob Johnson has taken a contract to haul 600 cords of wood for L.L. Bon and load it on cars.

DR. CAMERON worked his passage on the hand car [*sic* – *handcar*] to the Laing lumber camp last Sunday, when called to attend W.S. Laing. He and his companions covered the distance of 20 miles in one hour and a half.

*The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 10 [Thursday, May 30, 1889], page 4, column 2

### **KINGSFORD & HARTE**

#### **Granite Bluff**

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 17,

### **Personal and Social.**

W.S. Laing was taken seriously ill with cholera morbus at his camp at the new lumber mill, last Sunday, and Dr. Cameron, of this city was summonsd [*sic* – *summoned*]

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to attend him. We are glad to report that he has since recovered.

## WILLIAM H. LEHMANN

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 21 [Thursday, October 13, 1910], page 1, column 3

### **A Progressive Farmer.**

During what he termed his “dull season,” William H. Lehmann, the progressive Felch township farmer, has freed from stumps seventy-five acres of land. The land is now in condition for high-grade farming and Mr. Lehmann can operate it with modern, labor-saving machinery. Mr. Lehmann has one of the largest and best farms in the county. He tells The Press that, during his stumping campaign, he employed over five hundred pounds of dynamite. Mr. Lehmann also tells The Press that he is now preparing for his logging operations. He will operate one or more camps and expects to bank about 1,000,000 feet of mixed timber.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 29 [Thursday, December 8, 1910], page 6, column 2

### **Enlarged His Holdings.**

William Lehman, the Felch farmer and lumberman, has concluded a deal for the purchase of four hundred acres of timber and farming lands on the east branch of the Sturgeon river. The lands were purchased from D.M. Hyde, of Appleton, son of the late Welcome Hyde, and the deal includes the mineral fee. The lands adjoin Mr. Lehman’s original holdings and he is now the happy possessor of more than two sections. Much of the Hyde land is timbered and Mr.

Lehman estimates the amount at 2,000,000 feet of band-saw logs in addition to the cedar, pulp and cordwood.

## LeJOY BROTHERS

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 23 [Thursday, October 27, 1904], page 5, column 3

### **NEWS GOSSIP FROM SAGOLA.**

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LeJoy Bros. arrived this week and are starting their camp about eight miles west of here, where they have been logging the past two winters.

## PETER LONGRIE Oconto, Wisconsin

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 22 [Thursday, October 20, 1904], page 5, column 3

### **NEWS GOSSIP FROM SAGOLA.**

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Peter Longrie, of Oconto, has a contract with the Sawyer & Goodman company to put in 1,500,000 feet of logs and has built a set of camps one and a half miles from town. He will employ about forty men.

## H. MAGLEY

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 29 [Thursday, December 8, 1904], page 5, column 1

### **NEWS GOSSIP FROM SAGOLA.**

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H. Magley has started a logging camp three and one-half miles west of Sagola and will cut 500,000 feet of logs, which he has sold to the Sagola Lumber company.

## J.M. MARTIN

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 38 [Thursday, February 9, 1911], page 1, column 4

### PERSONAL MENTION.

J.M. Martin, who conducted extensive logging operations in this vicinity some ten years ago, is in the city visiting old friends. He is now located at Tacoma.

## DANIEL McALLISTER Marinette, Wisconsin

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 28 [Thursday, December 1, 1904], page 5, column 2

### HOLMES' LANDING ITEMS.

Daniel McAllister, of Marinette, was here last Friday looking after his logging crews. He had a number of sidings staked out and expects to ship the most of his logs by rail over the Wisconsin & Michigan.

## MENOMINEE RIVER LUMBER COMPANY

*The Current*, Norway, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume VII, Number 38 [Saturday, October 24, 1891], page 1, columns 4-5

### The Sturgeon Farm.

Friday, we spent an hour or two with **Mgr. Jouno**, at the **Sturgeon farm of the M.R. L. Co. [Menominee River Lumber Company]**, and while looking over the recent improvements we gathered from him the following facts. The farm has produced this year beside what has been needed for the use of the farm hands, and stock, 4,000 bu. oats, 80 tons hay, 200 bu. barley, 65 bu. buckwheat, 1,400 cabbage, 300 bu. carrots, 400 bu. beets, 200 bu. onions, 4,000 bu. potatoes and 250 bu. turnips. About 100 horses and mules were pastured during the summer, and the present stock consists of 25 cows, 75 sheep, 70 hogs, 18 calves and 8 steers. A large number of sheep and hogs have been killed for use and the wool clip has been very satisfactory. Beside the items mentioned there has been a large quantity of smaller vegetables and fruits and the poultry yard is a valuable one. Pasturage has also been furnished to those who had stock which they wished summered. During the summer 20 acres have been stumped and more than 2 miles of good wire fence built. A new root house 24x50 ft. in size with a 30-inch stone wall basement and a wooden superstructure of 1 ft. walls containing two dead air spaces, well papered, making it almost absolutely frost proof, has also been built. A new residence will be built for the use of Mr. and Mrs. Jouno, and a larger building for the accommodation of the twenty or more farm hands, will be built, early next Spring. This is without doubt the best equipped and most profitable farm on the upper Menominee, and manager Jouno has reason to feel proud of his fourteen years work, and the Company congratulate themselves on retaining the services of a man who has made their interests his.

## MOORE LUMBER COMPANY

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

## THE CITY.

THE employes [sic – employees] of the Moore Lumber Company and their friends are picnicking today up the line of the M. & N.

## FRANK NORQUIST Green Bay

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 32 [Thursday, December 29, 1910], page 5, column 2

## RANDVILLE NOTES.

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Frank Norquist, of Green Bay, has taken a contract from J.O. Blixt, of Iron Mountain, to put in 350,000 feet of logs, 10,000 posts, 2,000 ties and 500 pieces of cedar piling. His camp is located about three miles east of Randville, where he employs twenty men and five teams.

## ROBERT NOWACK

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 29 [Thursday, December 8, 1904], page 5, column 1

## CHIPS FROM CHANNING.

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Robert Nowack has started a logging camp at Sawyer Lake and will cut basswood bolts and cordwood this winter. He also has a contract to build a 96-foot

bridge across the outlet to the lake on the Township road.

## O.C. LUMBER COMPANY O'CALLAGHAN LUMBER COMPANY

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 24 [Thursday, November 3, 1904], page 5, column 3

## STURGEON MILL MENTION.

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The O.C. Lumber company started a new camp last Monday on the Sturgeon river near Sammel [sic – Samuel] Bridges' farm. Thirty men will be employed.

The O.C. Lumber company is shipping three cars of lumber per day. They have just finished loading 10,000 ties for the Wisconsin & Michigan railroad.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 30 [Thursday, December 15, 1904], page 9, column 2

## STURGEON MILLS.

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The O.C. Lumber company has two logging camps on the Sturgeon river, one located about six miles from the mill and the other about twelve miles. They expect to cut about 2,500,000 feet of logs, 10,000 poles and 40,000 posts. Nelson Valley, who is jobbing for the company, has a camp four miles south of the mill on the Wisconsin & Michigan railroad, and will cut 1,000,000 feet of logs and ship to the mill this winter.

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Number 47 [Thursday, April 14, 1910],  
page 1, column 2

## Dam Goes Out.

The O.C. Lumber company has the contract to drive the Sturgeon river from Cassidy Creek to the Menominee river. The drive was moving along nicely until last Friday night when a wing of the Waucedah dam went out and 1,000,000 feet of logs were carried out with the overflow and jammed at the falls above Loretto. There are about 10,000,000 feet of logs in the river, including those belonging to the O.C. Lumber company. The dam will have to be repaired before the drive can be completed. Had it not been for this unforeseen accident, the company expected to finish the drive by next Saturday night.

## WILLIAM PERONTO

Foster City

*Iron Mountain News*, Iron Mountain,  
Dickinson County, Michigan, \_\_\_\_\_  
Year, Number \_\_\_\_\_ [Tuesday, August  
14, 1945], page 2, column 3

## Horse Brings Aid To Man Hurt In Woods

**William Peronto, Foster City logger**, credits the faithful intelligence of a horse to the fact that he is safe at home, although suffering from a badly-dislocated knee, as the result of a freak-accident occurring while he was at work in the woods near his residence, in **Breen township**.

Peronto was skidding logs, and driving his horse along a narrow trail, when the logging-gear brushed against a sapling, bending it far over as the horse moved along. **Snapping back, the sapling**

**caught Peronto full in the leg, dislocating his knee.**

Alone; several miles from home; unable to walk and in great pain, Peronto loosened the skid-chains and **ordered the horse off home**. The animal hesitated a moment; then moved off in the direction of the Peronto farm. Once on the way, he went straight to his destination. Halted at the farm-yard by a stout gate, the horse bushed against it; shattered the latch and went on in.

**Louis Siegler, Jr.**, a neighbor, saw the horse trotting along the road, dragging the chains behind him. Failing to find Peronto at home, he inquired at the nearby farm of **Robert Charlebois**. Believing that something had happened to Peronto, Siegler and Charlebois set out at once for the site of the latter's job.

## Found Injured Man

There they found the injured man, suffering intense pain and unable to move. Peronto was taken out of the woods, on a stretcher, to a nearby road where **Joseph Petrovich**, also of **Foster City**, was waiting with his truck to bring the man to *[the]* **General hospital**. He was later removed to his home.

Because the treatment of the injury was delayed while he lay in the woods, waiting for his horse to bring the message to his neighbors, Peronto will be confined to his home for some time.

Meanwhile, the faithful animal who made the trip, alone, back to his home-stable, is getting extra rations of the best oats that Peronto can obtain. He was also enjoying a holiday today, in the combined observance of the end of war, and the gratitude of his master for bringing help.

## SWAN J. PETERSON

Foster City

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain,  
Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9,

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Number 21 [sic] [Thursday, October 13, 1904], page 5, column 1

## FACTS FROM FLOODWOOD.

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Swan J. Peterson has a cedar camp about four miles from town and employs twenty-five men. Mr. Peterson has at least two years' work ahead of him.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 30 [Thursday, December 15, 1904], page 9, column 3

## NEWS GOSSIP FROM SAGOLA.

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Last Sunday night, as the passenger train arrived from the north, a runaway team crossed the track in front of the train and barely escaped being killed. The team was caught by two men employed in the lumber yard and taken care of. It was afterwards learned that the team belonged to Swan Peterson, of Foster City, and was being taken to his camp at Floodwood with several other teams, and became unmanageable and ran away.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 34 [Thursday, January 12, 1911], page 1, column 2

## OPERATING TWO CAMPS.

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### Swan Peterson Will Cut Many Logs and Other Forest Products.

Swan Peterson, an extensive land owner residing near Foster City, who gives attention to farming during the summer season and logging during the winter, is in

town this week attending circuit court as a juror.

In an interview relative to his logging operations the information was obtained that he has two camps this season. At one camp, near the Calumet mine, he employes [sic – employs] twenty men and six teams and expects to cut and haul to the railroad track 1,000,000 feet of hardwood logs, 10,000 cedar and hemlock ties, 5,000 posts, 200 cords of shingle bolts and 100 cords pulpwood.

The other camp is located near his farm, two miles northeast of Foster City, at which twelve men and two teams are employed. The cut from this camp he estimates will be 50,000 feet of logs, 6,000 ties, 20,000 posts, 500 telegraph poles and 400 cords of pulpwood.

In regard to his farm, Mr. Peterson says he has seventy acres under cultivation upon which he has built a good farmhouse, two large barns, ware-house and wagon shed. He has thirteen horses, six milch [milk] cows, ten head of young cattle, twelve hogs and fifty hens. Owing to the dry weather last season, the crops were comparatively a small yield. He harvested twenty tons of hay, ten tons of oats, which he is feeding without threshing, fifty bushels of corn, eight hundred bushels of potatoes and two hundred bushels of rutabagas.

## CHRIST RIGONI

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

Christ Rigoni has issued an option on his property between the North-Western and St. Paul tracks to the Sawyer-Goodman company for \$20,000. The price, in the opinion of many, is a most reasonable one.

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## JOSEPH SCHLEIS

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 26 [Thursday, November 17, 1904], page 2, column 4

### NEWS GOSSIP FROM SAGOLA.

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

## EDWARD SCOTT

**Crystal Falls**

*The Current*, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume \_\_, Number \_\_ [Saturday, November 22, 1890], page 1, columns 1-3

### CURRENT NOTES.

—Ed. Scott, of **Crystal Falls**, will put in about **one and a half millions of pine on the Sturgeon**, for the **Detroit Lumber Co.** this winter. He will occupy the last winter camps of **S.H. Bridges**.

## JOHN SHANNON

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9,

Number 26 [Thursday, November 17, 1904], page 2, column 4

### NEWS GOSSIP FROM SAGOLA.

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John Shannon was at Iron Mountain last Monday and purchased a team of heavy draught horses for use in the woods.

## EMERSON SMITH

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 32 [Thursday, December 29, 1910], page 5, column 3

### SAGOLA NEWS GOSSIP

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Angus Campbell, who is employed at Emerson Smith's camp, went to Iron Mountain last Saturday. Sunday night [he] was struck by a freight train on the St. Paul road and had his collar-bone broken.

## JOHN TRUDELL

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 23 [Thursday, October 27, 1904], page 5, column 3

### WAUCEDAH WHISPERS.

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Cordwood shipments are brisk at this station. R. Hosking is shipping to Iron Mountain, John Trudell to Escanaba and Frank Fregetto to Chicago.

## J.N. VALINTCOURT Utica, New York

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## NEWS GOSSIP FROM SAGOLA.

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J.N. Valintcourt, of Utica, New York, is in town this week looking up some bird's-eye maple logs for export shipments. He has an order for four car-loads [*sic – carloads*] to be shipped to England. Mr. Valintcourt is an expert in that line and has shipped over one hundred carloads of bird's-eye maple logs from this state during the past year.

## NELSON VALLEY

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 30 [Thursday, December 15, 1904], page 9, column 2

## STURGEON MILLS.

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## WAHLSTROM BROTHERS

### Homestead

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 26 [Thursday, November 17, 1904], page 2, column 3

## BRIEF CITY NEWS SITES.

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Last Sunday, Andrew Hill, Russian-Finn, who had been employed at Wahlstrom Bros.' logging camp in Homstead [*sic – Homestead*], attacked Martin Christianson, the cook at the camp, with a knife and inflicted fourteen wounds about his head and shoulders. Hill was intoxicated at the time and became enraged because Christianson ordered him out of the room. Hill was arrested and taken to Florence, where he was lodged in jail to await his trial. Christianson was brought to Iron Mountain. He is not seriously injured.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 29 [Thursday, December 8, 1904], page 1, column 2

## Hill Wants Sentence.

Andrew Hill, who viciously assaulted Martin Christenson in the logging camp of Wahlstrom Bros.' [*sic*] across the river about a month ago, has had his examination at Florence. The charge was assault with intent to commit murder. Hill made no defense. He alleged he was drunk and irresponsible at the time. A plea of not guilty was entered and in default of \$5,000 bonds, Hill was committed to jail. After a few days' [*sic- days*] of prison fare, Hill expressed a desire to plead guilty and he will be taken before Judge Goodland at Appleton to-morrow [*sic – tomorrow*] for sentence. He will no doubt receive a severe sentence.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 14, Number 43 [Thursday, March 17, 1910], page 1, column 5

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## Pine Creek Drive.

Wahlstrom Bros., of this city, are negotiating for the Pine Creek drive. There are several companies interested in the logs on this stream and the deal is not yet closed.

## WEST BRANCH CEDAR COMPANY

Ralph

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 17 [Thursday, September 15, 1910], page 1, column 2

## Discontinue Operations.

The West Branch Cedar company, which has been operating on a large scale near Ralph for several years, has decided to discontinue operations and will sell their logging outfit. The company owns 6,000 acres of land in Dickinson and Marquette counties, which will be held for future operations. During the past season the company cut 3,000 cords of pulpwood, 60,000 railroad ties, 750,000 feet of shingle timber, 1,500,000 feet of mixed lumber, 50,000 posts and 5,000 poles.

## MR. WHITE

St. Louis, Missouri

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 28 [Thursday, December 1, 1904], page 5, column 2

## HOLMES' LANDING ITEMS.

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Mr. White, of St. Louis, Mo., is at present engaged in cutting Christmas trees for shipment to that city.

## B.A. WILBUR

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 32 [Thursday, December 29, 1910], page 5, column 2

## RANDVILLE NOTES.

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B.A. Wilbur has a contract to put in 350,000 feet of logs for J.O. Blixt, of Iron Mountain, and employs twenty men and five teams.

## WRIGHT BROTHERS

*The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 22 [Thursday, August 22, 1889], page 1, column 2

WRIGHT BROS. shipped the first ten cars yesterday of the 110 carloads of cedar posts they are to ship to Marinette for paving the main street.