

DICKINSON COUNTY HISTORY – BREITUNG TOWNSHIP – QUINNESEC – EARLY NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS

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History of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan Containing a Full Account of Its Early Settlement; Its Growth, Development and Resources; An Extended Description of Its Iron and Copper Mines: Also Accurate Sketches of the Counties, Cities, Towns and Villages, Their Improvements, Industries, Manufactories; Biographical Sketches, Portraits of Prominent Men and Early Settlers; Views of County Seats, Etc., Chicago, Illinois: The Western Historical Company, A.T. Andreas, Proprietor, 1883, page 497

QUINNESEC.

Quinnesec is the oldest town on the Menominee Range and was laid out by John L. [Lane] Buell in 1877. Mr. Buel [sic – Buell] was a strong believer in the future prosperity of the range, and while it was still a wilderness, came here and cleared a portion of the town site and erected the first buildings, among others the Quinnesec House. For some time after the village was inaugurated, Mr. Buell was unable to find any one [sic – anyone] bold enough to cast their fortunes in it, and for a time it looked as if the new town must die alone. But after the valuable qualities of the iron deposits had been established and the advent of the railroad had been promised, the town grew up at once, and was for a long time one of the most successful business points during its lift as the terminus of the line. After the mines of the rang began to develop and the line was extended, Quinnesec began to lose some of its resources, and a relax in business life was the natural result. To-day [sic – Today] it presents the appearance of a good, solid little business town with limited resources. Though unable to manifest the vigor and life of its pioneer days, it seems to pursue the even tenor of

its way, and carry on a thriving trade. In the event of new iron discoveries, which is almost a foregone conclusion, the village will receive new resources and increase in wealth and population. The town is well laid out; has a good public hall, three church buildings – Swedish Lutheran, Swedish Methodist and Catholic.

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The Iron Fields of Menominee Co.

Col. B.F. H. Lynn, editor of the **Marquette Mining Journal**[,] has lately made a minute examination of the new and old iron discoveries in the **Menominee Range**, and has pronounced at least a portion to be of great value, and equal both as regards quantity and quality, to the mines in the Lake Superior country. It was our intention to copy the Colonel's article in reference to the matter; but our exchange containing it having been made way with by certain hangers-on, to be found about all printing offices, we are unable, now that we want to, to make use of the article, so we content ourselves with the following extracts from the correspondence of the **Milwaukee Sentinel**:

The **Lake Superior iron region** has been pretty thoroughly explored as the ridge which divides the waters which flow into Superior from those that flows [sic] into Green Bay and Lake Michigan; and the country lying north of this ridge includes nearly all of that popularly classed as the **iron fields of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan**. In the minds of a few, however, there has long been an impression that south of this ridge, in the space of country extending to the **Menominee river**, the

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boundary line between Michigan and Wisconsin and, indeed, in Wisconsin there are immense beds of iron ore equal in extent and richness to those of the Superior side of the water-shed. Reasonable ground for this belief was formed in the discovery of what is known as little **Sturgeon Falls mine**, in **1867**, at a point about 28 miles from the mouth of **Deer Creek**, a small stream falling into Green Bay. The ores taken from this mine, near the surface of the ground, and submitted to analysis, gave 60 per cent of metallic *[sic – metallic]* iron. This test was repeated some time in the summer of 1870 with a similar result, and about the same time a deposit of marble or granite was found in the vicinity. The existence *[sic – existence]* of the marble had been known for some years, but its extent was only a matter of conjecture. It is now known that almost inexhaustible *[sic – inexhaustible]* quantities of it are there, and so situated as to be easily quarried so soon as means of conveying it to market are supplied. Whether *[sic – Whether]* it will be useful for the obvious purposes to which told, but a high authority has already asserted no other building stone in America equals it.

The **Breen mine**, about which much has been said, lies about two miles east of **Little Sturgeon Falls mine**. It presents on one side of a high ridge a solid wall of iron ore from 30 to 50 feet in perpendicular height. The ridge is a quarter of a mile wide at its base, and from 50 to 100 feet at its crown. On the crown where trees have been unrooted *[sic – uprooted]* by the wind the roots have lifted the thin layer of earth covering the ore and shown that the ridge is almost solid iron. If anything may be judged safely from the history of mines, it is that the depth of this deposit is much greater than its height.

The **Breitung mine** is about seven miles west of the **Breen mine**, is under

control of the **Milwaukee Iron company**. It gives a good promise. A vein of soft blue hematite ore has been exposed a distance of 450 feet to a point where its width reaches 90 feet. Specular ore is the article required, however, and of that an immense deposit has been found which works 40 per cent of iron, but is not yet as rich as it will probably prove when pushed a little farther.

The **Quinnisec** *[sic – Quinnesec]* mine, still five miles further west, is attracting attention just now. It is in the hands of citizens of Menominee, who are developing its extent and quality as fast as possible. The exposure is on a southern and eastern slope, and trenches have been cut across the veins at right angles, exposing first, a vein of brown hematite, which I am assured by **Col. Lyon**, of the *Marquette Mining Journal*, is not excelled by any in the country. A fair quality of red specular ore has also been found, and work is now progressing for the further development of it.

In a space of eighteen miles north by fifteen west from the the *[sic]* **Breen mine** -- which is the nearest to the bay shore -- there are fourteen mines having distinct outcroppings *[sic – outcroppings]*, and on which special examinations have been made quite to the satisfaction and often to the surprise of iron men. This includes no reference to numerous fainter appearances where no work has been done. In fact little has yet been accomplished in comparison with the extent of the field to be explored. From Green Bay to the mines in *[sic - is]* all a dense forest, and few roads are yet provided for the accommodation of the work. Until recently it was necessary for all explorers to carry, *[sic]* in their stores on their backs; but the impetns *[sic – impetus]* received from this summer's operations will soon clear away these hindrances. One may readily foresee the iron horse packing in supplies and packing out boundless

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wealth of iron, for such deposits as exist here cannot fail to create of industries fully equal to that which has grown up since 1856 on the north shore of the peninsula. Immense forests of timber extends [*sic - extend*] on each side of the Menominee and on all its branches through to Lake Michigammi [*sic – Michigamme*] and furnish inexhaustible [*sic – inexhaustible*] supplies for shipments and for charcoal. Indeed, this whole district is composed within the comparatively unexplored portion of the peninsula, and only enough is known of to give assurance that it holds a wealth beyond the most daring guess made concerning it.

The iron fields of which this forms a part reaches through to Lake Superior; or in other words, the **Menominee iron mines** are only a southern outcrop of the **Superior mines**. They have already been followed north to Lake Michigammi [*sic – Michigamme*], and are found without digging to be sufficiently distinct to warrant that belief.

Escanaba Tribune, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume VII, Number 6 [Saturday, January 15, 1876], page 3, column 5

Menominee Journal.

The second number of the *Menominee Journal*, under the editorial charge and proprietorship of **Hon. John L. Buell**[,] has been received at this office, and promises fair to become one of the leading papers of this section of country. It will be Republican in politics and the editor states in his introductory his intention to deal right and justly with all men and corporations, favors the ten hour system of labor, is opposed to the division of the school fund or the application of any portion of it for the

support of sectarian schools, and the exemption from taxation of any property except cemeteries, and favors constitutional amendments directing such taxation, and is in favor of tariff on iron and lumber.

Escanaba Tribune, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume VII, Number 13 [Saturday, March 4, 1876], page 2, column 3

Menominee Range Railroad.

Editor **Buell**, of the **Menominee Journal**, in the last issue of that paper, gives the reasons, (as he understands them) why the road named above has not been commenced. His article is well worthy of perusal and we give it entire.

“This railroad project supported by a grant of land worth \$4500000 [\$4,500,000], which expires May 3rd of this year, is not going to be carried out. Why? The capital stock of the **Menominee Range Railroad company**, \$500,000, to secure the construction of this branch, was paid in, except \$50,000 last fall. The condition of the subscriptions was such that no subscriptions was [*sic - were*] to have effect until the full amount of the stock was subscribed.

H.H. Porter of Chicago, was the delinquent. How and in what respect? Under the panic of '73, and the repeated and disastrous failures in the east last year, and by reason of the want of confidence in western railroad securities brought about by the “Granger invasion,” Mr. Porter found it necessary to attempt the negotiation of his pine interest on the Menominee in order to perfect the construction of this branch. He therefore made a proposition to sell to the six lumber corporations on the Menominee, 50,000 of pine stumpage owned by him, or the corporation which he represented, at

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one dollar per thousand feet on the stump. We don't think this was an unreasonable figure. We are disposed to believe, that considering the great advantages which would accrue to the lumber corporations, it was in effect a gift, for the property was worth to a dollar and cent the price at which it was offered at. A portion of our corporations went in and expressed their disposition to perfect the arrangement. The corporations who held back, and defeated the opening up of the **Menominee Iron Range** were "The **Ludington, Wells & Van Schiak Co.**, The **N. Ludington Co.**, and the **H. Witbeck Co.**" The representatives of these corporations on the Menominee will be telling the people between this time and the spring election that they are studying and nursing the interests of Menominee county and the towns at the mouth of the river. The **M.R.L. Co.** saw that they could draw ore from the Menominee Iron Range, and manufacture pig iron from the refuse of its mills at a favorable profit, and its president, acting upon this theory[,] was prominent in his efforts to bring about this timber negotiation. If the representatives of the corporations who defeated the construction of this road have anything to say the columns of this paper are open for their apologies. The history is not yet complete."

LATER.

Since the above was in type we have learned that arrangements are being perfected to commence operations on the road as soon as the snow goes off, and if possible build the first ten miles of the road before the 4th of May, that being the time of the expiration of the land grant. Whether this can be accomplished however is rather doubtful [*sic – doubtful*], but in case it should not be done, a petition or memorial, directed to the President and Directors of the **Menominee Iron Range railway**, urging them to go on with the work, and in

case they finished the road to the **Quinnesaik** [*sic – Quinnesec*] **mine** (a distance of 25 miles) before the close of navigation, that they would use every effort in their power to have the **State Legislature** extend the time of their land grant. The paper has been generally signed by the people of **Marquette** and our own town. It is barely possible that the officers of the road may be able to complete the first 10 miles of the road before the 4th of May, and then they would have fulfilled the terms of their contract, which would make any interference on the part of the Legislature unnecessary.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 445 [Saturday, January 27, 1877], page 4, column 1

Work on the **Menominee Range Railroad** is being pushed rapidly forward. The road commences at a point on the Chicago & Northwestern railway, twenty-three miles from Escanaba, and forty-two from Menominee, at which buildings to be used as offices, stores, boarding houses and dwellings have been erected. Three hundred men are at present employed, which force will be increased as soon as arrangements can be made for their accommodation. It is intended to have the road built to the **Breen** mine on section 22, township 39 north of range 28 west, at the opening of navigation, when active work will commence at that mine.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 449 [Saturday, February 24, 1877], page 4, column 1

Work on the **Menomenee** [*sic – Menominee*] **Range Railway** is being pushed with great vigor, there being a force

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of not less than 600 men employed[.] **Clark, Lipe & Co.** have a sub contract for that part of the line west of the **Breen mine**, and there is no reason to doubt but that the track will be completed to the **Quinesaik** [sic – *Quinnesec*] early next fall – possibly in time for the shipment of some ore before the close of navigation. The building of this line is attracting a great deal of attention to the new iron field, and negotiations are now in progress looking to the extension of the railway from the Quinesaik [sic – *Quinnesec*] across the river to the newly discovered deposits in Wisconsin.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 452 [Saturday, March 17, 1877], page 4, column 1

FROM the Menominee *Herald* we learn that a new company has been organized under the name of the **Menominee Mining company**, to which has been transferred the leases of the **Breen, Breitung** and **Quinesaik** [sic – *Quinnesec*] properties, originally and lately held by the **Milwaukee Iron company**. **Mr. Whitehead**, the superintendent for the new company, is on the ground and expected to have a force of miners at work on the Breen deposit this week.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 453 [Saturday, March 24, 1877], page 4, column 1

By a letter just received from a member of the engineering corps on the line of the **Menominee Range railway**, we learn that work is progressing favorably to the completion of the road to the **Quinesaik** [sic – *Quinnesec*] mine by the first of August next. The frost is a hindrance rendering it necessary to use blasting

powder in loosening the ground in grading. Arrangements were being made to commence work in the **Breen and Quinesaik** [sic – *Quinnesec*] mines during this week, to put them in shape to produce ore. There is a prospect of considerable work being done the coming summer along the line of this road in the way of prospecting for mineral [sic].

Escanaba Tribune, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume VIII, Number 23 [Saturday, May 12, 1877], page 2, column 2

Correspondence from Sec. “42.”

It was all a mistake that little tale about our getting run over by a cod fish, for as you may perceive by this letter, the child is yet alive. We have planted ourself [sic – *ourselves*] in this place with the intention of studying Rail roadology. **Chipe** [sic – *Lipe*] & **Co.**[.] who have the grading from the **Breen mine** to the **Quinnesec**, have about 275 men including sub-contractors. **D.L. Wells & Co.**[.] who are building the south end, have upwards of 200 men in grade, about one-half of which are on [the] construction train. The company have [sic – *has*] also about 100 men on timber bridging and ties. We understand that the track laying on this end will soon be resumed. There is at present about four and one-half miles of track down and we believe the remainder will be put down at the rate of about one-half mile per day. Among familiar faces we notice **E.R. Parks** of **Escanaba**, who is at present with the Engineer corps, and wears the boss pair of stoga boots. **Racketty** is at present in the **hotel business** and does all the coarse hand writing. **C. Lipe & Co.** have [sic – *has*] raised wages from \$1.25 to \$1.40 per day and board from \$3.50 to \$4.00 per

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week. Our Mariar says we must not write any more (soft stuff) and as we believe in a hereafter we will close by subscribing ourself as in days of yore.

RACKETTY.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 460 [Saturday, May 12, 1877], page 4, column 2

THE MENOMINEE RANGE RAILROAD. – We are informed, by parties interested in the matter, that there is a **probability that this road will be continued this season to the Menominee river.** This will be done if the parties owning mineral lands on the line of the proposed extension manifest enough interest in the matter to give the company suitable encouragement as to the development of the properties which are known to be rich in mineral [*sic*]. It would be a matter of considerable economy to the company to build the road now on the completion of the present contract, while the men and materials are on the spot, and while wages are low. We trust that the interested parties will arouse themselves on this subject.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 463 [Saturday, June 2, 1877], page 4, column 1

SOME 300 men are now employed on the western end of the **Menominee range railway**, and the contractors expect to increase this force to 500 shortly. It is expected to have the grade completed to the **Quinnesec** mine before August 1st, and the proprietors of that mine visited the location last Monday and selected the route for the sidings to tap the openings. Everything is being made in readiness for

the shipment of ore as soon as the track is laid.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 464 [Saturday, June 9, 1877], page 1, column 5

[To the Editor]

LETTER FROM THE MENOMINEE RANGE MINES: – The railway is completed to within three miles of the **Breen mine**; the contractor expects to have it in and considerably west of that point by the fourth of July. The grading on the western end is approaching completion rapidly, and will be ready for the iron as soon as the contractor is ready to lay it. The working force has been heavily increased.

At the **Breen mine** the mining company is ready to ship on the first train that arrives here. Their docks and pockets are all completed and partially filled with ore. The docks will hold one thousand tons, and the captain tells me he has things so arranged that he could load and send off three train loads of ore a day. They have stripped and left exposed ore enough to employ a large gang of miners all summer to take out, and are still stripping. There has been a new town site laid out and it is called "**Waucedah.**" About half a mile from the mine the company are [*sic – is*] building a number of quite neat cottages at the Breen location. The railway bridge across the Sturgeon river is nearly completed – its whole length being nearly 500 feet.

At the **Breitung mine** things are indeed active, both mining and railroad building; I also ought to say fishing, for finer trout I never saw taken in any part of the country, weighing from one-half up to three pounds. Other fish are equally abundant. But this is digressing. The head-quarters of the three

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mines – the **Breen**, **Breitung** and **Quinnesec** – are located at the **Breitung mine**, and it really is a lovely spot, overlooking a beautiful lake. Also at the **Breitung** they are ready to take out ore; they have a large tract stripped, the ore laying only about from twelve to eighteen inches below the surface; it is of first quality. There is being put into the bed a tunnel one hundred feet long; they also have a stope finished from which they will take ore, and would be ready for shipping, but their docks and pockets are not completed yet. But there is a large force of men at work on them, and everything will be ready as soon as the railroad is ready.

The gentlemen who constitute the company made their first visit the fore part of this week, and expressed themselves as highly pleased and perfectly satisfied with the manner in which everything was conducted, and highly complimented the superintendent for the successful manner in which he had carried out their plans.

The **Quinnesec** has not been opened, but will be as soon as the railroad is advanced far enough.

The weather is dry and excessively warm, and vegetation is suffering severely. The woods are all on fire, being the second time this season. Mr. **Joseph Benton's** log shanty burned yesterday, leaving them all out doors; damages are light compared to the extent of the fire. The fire is abating slightly at this writing.

WOLVERINE.

Breitung mine, June 1.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 465 [Saturday, June 16, 1877], page 4, columns 2-3

THE MENOMINEE RANGE.

[To the Editor.]

Taking an early start from Menominee, we expected to reach section 34, town 40, range 18, the next night, but in this we were doomed to be disappointed, for on trying to cross the Menominee river, about one mile below **Bad Water village**, our horses came very near being drowned, which detained us until the following morning, when we had to finish the remainder of our journey, of some twelve miles on foot. Throughout the Menominee district, in almost every direction, the woods were on fire, and the blackened cinders and ashes could be seen scattered here and there even when the fire was miles away. It must be very discouraging to the lumbermen whose mills are running on short time or are idle for want of the very logs that were then burning in the "roll-ways." Arriving at our destination the first care was to get something to eat, for hunger was too tame a word to express the condition of our empty larders. After having done ample justice to the bounteous repast served by our genial host, **Monsieur Tobin**, and created in his mind grave doubts of an immediate famine, we began to look around. The location consists of two long buildings and a couple of tents sufficient to accommodate a dozen or more men. The mine owned by the **Commonwealth Iron Co.**, is located on the summit of a broad ridge in the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 34, town 40, range 18, and is about 150 feet above the general level of the country in this vicinity. The vein of ore is uncovered from 75 to 100 feet in the direction of its "strike" and measures across the strike 36 feet. The ore is a first class, fine, steely, specular variety and is very uniform in quality. The elevation of the mine will afford it a natural drainage for a long time after active mining begins. The stripping -- a

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sandy-loam and sand -- will average at present about nine feet. The cost of opening this mine will be comparatively very small.

At the **Quinnesec mine**, the present terminus of the Menominee Range railroad, but very little has been done this season. The location consists of one good log house, besides two or three other larger buildings in the course of construction, intended for hotels. It is the purpose, however, of those interested to soon commence mining operations here.

Following the line of the half finished [*sic* – *half-finished*] railroad we come to the **Breitung**, and are welcomed by our old friend **Capt. Jack Armstrong**, who takes no little pardonable pride in showing strangers his mine. They are making active preparations here to be ready to ship ore as soon as the railroad is completed thus far. Their deposit of ore is located on the face of a high ridge, and the drainage is good. The ore, a blue hematite, is about identical with the **Quinnesec**. The formation has nearly an east and west trend and dips to the south. The ore contains just enough magnetic to attract the needle and afford a purplish red powder when pulverized. The bed of ore is quite well defined, and in places measures 50 feet in thickness. They have quite a large amount of ore in sight, and with a little more work can ship fifty or more tons per day. The hanging wall of the vein is a jasper and lean hard ore. It appears probable, that as they mine downwards, they will find more or less of hard specular ore. At present they are driving a tunnel which will intersect the ore in about seventy feet at a point about fifty feet below the surface. This will give a fine strip of ore, almost at the very start.

Reluctantly bidding our friend a last good-bye, we resumed our tramp along the line to the **Breen mine**. The grading of the road-bed was much more advanced than

west of the Breitung mine. Across the Sturgeon river, the Railroad Co. have nearly completed a very fine wooden bridge, with long high approaches on the east side. The grades are very light, not exceeding 34 feet to the mile, and the curves are not sharper than four degrees. At the Breen we found **Captain Schwartz** in charge, and even as busy as at the Breitung mine. The showing of ore here is good, and promises well. It is very similar to the Breitung ore, and the formation there dips to the south. It is more than probable that all these mines are on the same range. Mr. **Louis Whitehead** has charge of the **Breen, Breitung and Quinnesec mines**, and no doubt will gladly welcome the **first train of cars at the Quinnesec**, so that his now tedious tramps will be no longer necessary. Some seven to eight miles of track is laid, and the prospect is that the cars will be running to the Breen by the first of August, which will save the "old times" pull through the swamp on the winter supply road. The Breen mine is only 20 feet higher than the track at **Spaulding**, and the present line of railroad does not vary from an air line at any point more than one thousand feet.

C.E.W.

MARQUETTE, June 15th.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 466 [Saturday, June 23, 1877], page 1, column 5

MENOMINEE RANGE ITEMS. – The **Quinnesec mine** is being surveyed with a view to ascertain the best point for opening it.

SPAULDING, June 16, 1877.
WOLVERINE.

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The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 467 [Saturday, June 30, 1877], page 1, columns 4-5

MENOMINEE RANGE ITEMS. – The **Railroad store**, belonging to parties from Chicago, has been sold to other parties from Chicago, and is going to be moved toward the western terminus of the road.

WOLVERINE.

SPALDING, June 25.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 471 [Saturday, July 28, 1877], page 8, column 1

MENOMINEE RANGE ITEMS. – **Dr. N.P. Hulst**, of Milwaukee, has been here for some time, making preparations to strip the **Quinnesec mine**. He is home now, but will be back soon and commence the work of stripping. I understand it's a very extensive piece of work, requiring a great deal of energy and perseverance, of all [*sic* – *all of*] which the doctor possesses a great abundance. No exciting news from this quarter this week.

WOLVERINE.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 472 [Saturday, August 4, 1877], page 8, column 1

MENOMINEE RANGE ITEMS. – They are going to commence work at the **Quinnesec** at once. **Dr. N.P. Hulst**, of Milwaukee, who is also a stockholder, will be in charge of operations.

WOLVERINE.

Escanaba Tribune, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume VIII, Number 37 [Saturday, August 18, 1877], page 3, column 3

The probability now is, [*sic*] that the **Menominee Range Railroad** will be extended twenty miles further west. The deposits of iron seem to be full as good on the other side of the **Menominee river**, as on this, and in the case of the **Commonwealth mine**, it is supposed to be better.

It is proposed to call the **new paper** to be started at **Quinnesec**, "**The Iron Center**." That name will be very appropriate, as the town will be about in the center of the iron ranges, on both sides of the river. Should everything prove as favorable as is anticipated on the range, Quinnesec must from its proximity to the magnificent water powers close by, make in the future a manufacturing town of importance. The diversified natural resources in the vicinity will induce the establishment of manufactories other than iron.

Escanaba Tribune, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume VIII, Number 39 [Saturday, September 1, 1877], page 2, columns 2-3

On The Menominee Range.

The **railroad track** is completed to **Sturgeon River**, about two miles this side of the **Breitung mine**, and the grading and bridges are almost finished as far as **Quinnesec**.

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42 [Saturday, September 22, 1877],
page 3, column 5

Mining and Furnace News.

MENOMINEE RANGE. – The work of stripping at the **Quinnesec** has commenced under charge of **Dr. Hulst**. It is not the intention to get out much ore this fall, but everything will be placed in shape for a vigorous development of this fine body of ore early in the spring. The **railroad** will probably reach there this week.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 479 [Saturday, September 22, 1877], page 4, column 1

We learn that work has been commenced at the **Quinnesalk** [*sic* – *Quinnesec*] **mine**, a contract having been let to a Milwaukee party. It is the intention to ship a cargo of the ore before the close of the season. The grading of the west end of the railroad has been completed, and the track will be laid into the mine before many days.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 481 [Saturday, October 6, 1877], page 4, column 1

MENOMINEE RANGE. – Our correspondent writes us that the iron is laid to within two miles of the **Quinnesec mine**. A report received from the furnace owners who took the first cargoes of **Breen** ore is very satisfactory, the more especially as it was accompanied by an order for all the ore of the same kind that can be mined and shipped the present season. As a consequence the mine force has been

increased, and from twenty-five to thirty cars are being shipped daily.

The name of the **Breitung mine** has been changed to **Vulcan**, which will also be the name of the new post-office, which has been applied for. The spur at the Vulcan is being pushed vigorously, the company being desirous of shipping all the ore possible before the close of navigation.

A big show is being made at the **Quinnesec**, and mining will soon begin, in order to have a cargo ready by the time the road is finished to the mine.

Escanaba Tribune, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume VIII, Number 45 [Saturday, October 13, 1877], page 2, columns 3-4

THE above profile will show something of the direction of the railroad, through what is called the **Menominee Iron Range**, from **Escanaba**, the port of of [*sic*] outlet, westwardly across the **Menominee river**, to the **Commonwealth mine**, in the State of Wisconsin. The *stars* indicate the mines that are at present opened along the line. There are other deposits the future value of which time will develop. At present the railroad is only finished as far as the **Quinnesec mine**, but the probability is that it will be completed as far as the Commonwealth next season. It will be observed that the line runs nearly due west almost to the river, and from there diverges in a northwesterly direction, to the farthest mine. As mineral deposits do not terminate there, this road may be extended indefinitely still further west, at no very distant day. At the Junction at **Powers** this mineral range has a communication by the C. & N.W. R'y. with the towns at the mouth of the Menominee River and with the cities farther south. As the iron trade revives and the demand for ore increases, the output from this range by way of Escanaba must

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be enormous, emphatically entitling it to the name of the Iron Port. [Included with this article is a crude map showing the route of the railroad from Escanaba to Commonwealth.]

Escanaba Tribune, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume VIII, Number 46 [Saturday, October 20, 1877], page 3, column 5

ONE HUNDRED MEN WANTED.

To work on the Construction trains on the
MENOMINEE RIVER RAILROAD
Steady Employment. Apply to
D.L. WELLS & CO.,
Section 42 -- near
Spaulding, Michigan.

Escanaba Tribune, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume VIII, Number 47 [Saturday, October 27, 1877], page 2, column 3

THE contractors of the **Menominee River Railroad**, Messrs. **D.L. WELLS & CO.**, are, according to the terms of their contract, to have it completed by the 1st of November next. They are using every exertion to finish their contract by the specified time and have lately made large additions to their working force in order to do so. Ground for the side track and depot, has been laid out at the town of **Waucedah**, where the **Breen mine** is located. The side track will also soon be laid at **Vulcan**, near the **Vulcan mine**. Ground has already been selected at **Quinnesec** for the round-house, and, as soon as contractors turn the road over to the company, its erection will be commenced. Rumor has it that the extension to the **Commonwealth** will be commenced this fall, but so far nothing has been definitely determined in regard to the

matter; although we should not be surprised if such was the case.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 484 [Saturday, October 27, 1877], page 4, column 1

WE learn from the *Menominee Herald* that the iron was laid on the bridge across the river, near the **Quinnesec mine**, last Monday, and that trains are now running through to the end of the track.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 485 [Saturday, November 3, 1877], page 4, column 1

MENOMINEE RANGE ITEMS. – The iron has finally been laid as far as the **Quinnesec**, and trains running through on time. Shipments from the mine will soon be commenced.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 485 [Saturday, November 3, 1877], page 8, column 1

[To the Editor.]

A TRIP TO THE MENOMINEE RANGE.
– Having just returned from a trip to the Menominee iron range, I herewith enclose you a brief outline of my experience in that important, but yet undeveloped region. Arriving at **Forty-Two**, or "**Powers**," as it is now called, I found everything in a flourishing condition. The place is laid out for a town, but the only buildings there as yet are a post-office and several boarding houses. The boarding houses are all full to overflowing. Leaving there next morning, I arrived at the **Quinnesec** during a heavy rain. At this place four buildings are going

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up, and are so much needed that they are being filled with merchandise while yet in an unfinished state. While here I called on **John McKenna**, of course, who is running a drug store at this place. John seems to be doing well, and is glad to see a Lake Superior man at any time. I then went over to **Dickey Brothers'** place, which is a mile and a half distant. **The Dickey Brothers have kept an Indian trading post at this place for the last six years, and while there I examined some most magnificent furs procured from Indians and trappers.**

The next place I arrived at was on a section of the Menominee river called **Bad Water**, 10 miles from the **Quinnesec mine**. Here, in company with **Mr. Keyser**, of Menasha, Wis., I stopped over night at the house of a man named **Miller**, and in justice to Mr. Miller, must say that he keeps one of the best and neatest houses in the state of Michigan. I crossed the river at 7 o'clock next morning, (Sunday), on my way to the **Commonwealth mine**. I arrived there at 11 o'clock a.m. and found my way to the house of **John Tobin**. I found Tobin at home, and took dinner with him, after which we sat down together and had a smoke. After taking a short rest we started for the mine, which is half a mile distant from Tobin's house. There I found a stripping or opening of a vein of blue steel ore 162 feet wide, and 25 feet deep as far as developed. The Commonwealth company has a range of four miles from east to west on the line of this vein, with several test pits a mile and a half distant, showing in places a good sample of magnetic ore. From my limited experience I should judge by the looks of this mine that it is an immensely rich find, and will some time turn out to be a sort of bonanza to the owners. While at this mine I was the recipient of many kind favors from Mr. Tobin, to whose courtesy and kindness every visitor in this region will testify. The Quinnesec mine is doing a large amount of

work, and are preparing for extensive mining operations next spring. At the Breen mine they are taking out from 10 to 15 car loads of ore per day. The captain says that as soon as they get their shaft in good working order, he calculates to ship 120 cars of ore per day. P.D.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 492 [Saturday, December 22, 1877], page 4, columns 1-2

The following well considered article from the Menominee *Herald* commends itself to the attention of those who are interested in the development of the new iron fields of the Menominee range. While there can be no objection to the extension of the line to the **Commonwealth**, or any other new mine, it cannot be expected that any part of the grant of swamp lands shall be applied to the building of a line which shall not have for its main object the development of mineral interests within our own state. Let the line be run to the Menominee river, as the *Herald* suggests, through the iron belt west of the **Quinnesec**, and the object of the grant will have been at least partially attained. Any attempt to divert it from such a course should meet with the united and persistent opposition of the people of the upper peninsula and of the state authorities. The *Herald's* article is as follows:

The route to be adopted in the proposed extension of the **Menominee River railroad**, is a matter of so much importance not only to the people of this and Delta counties, but the state at large, that we cannot forbear calling public attention, for the second time, to the subject. We have no reason to suppose that either the railroad authorities or the **Commonwealth mine** interest are prejudiced against the extension from the present terminus by a

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line which shall skirt the south side, the iron formations in 40 30 and 40 31, west of the **Quinnesec**. On the contrary it is the impression that this route is favorably regarded by both of these interests. But as there are rumors to the effect that there is a possibility of the extension commencing at a point on the present completed line, two miles east of **Quinnesec**, and running thence regardless of all intervening interests, northwesterly to the **Commonwealth**, we are going to invite the attention of our readers to some of the important reasons why such a step would be inexpedient and unsatisfactory.

The state swamp lands of the counties of Delta and Menominee, which apply on the grant to the Menominee River railroad company, were, in the year '73, excepted from the Marquette and Mackinaw grant, for the specific purpose of applying them, at a future day, to the aid of a railroad through the Menominee range. The act approved, April 3, 1875, conforming to this purpose, donated seven sections per mile of these lands to this road, and specially required that the road should run "as far west and south as section 34 40 30, and from thence to the **Michigamme river**. It is not fair to suppose the petition embodying the above limitation, which was so generally signed in this and Delta counties, had for its sole purpose the mine of **Quinnesec**. It would have been made to reach a point four miles further west, had not its originators believed that the formation of the country. If not the good sense of the railroad projectors, would continue the line a sufficient distance westerly to embrace the **Iron Mountain, Walpole and Edward's** interests on section 31 and 32 of the same town.

This is leaving out the important interests on the same latitude in the adjoining town of 31. However this may be, a proper construction of the language of the

act locates the main line of the road as far south and west as section 34-40-30, and in no sense does it provide for a "direct" route to any iron location in the state of Wisconsin. Michigan has not pledged her swamp lands to the attainment of any such purpose. There is not, and cannot be any question, in a business point of view, as to the expediency of this road running to the **Commonwealth mine**, or rather to so establish its main line, destined for the **Michigamme river**, as to provide a connection with that important location. But there are grave reasons, founded upon the subsidy extended it, and connected with the revenues of this county and the state, why the iron locations on this side of the river should not be "left out in the cold," in the attainment of that point.

Many persons in this community have the impression that iron properties are not subject to taxation for town and county purposes. This is not the case. The specific tax of one cent per each ton of ore is in lieu only of state taxes. The mining property at its true cash value is as subject to town and county listing as any other property, and it is not far in the future when the iron locations of the **Lower Menominee Range** will contribute as much to our local revenues as any other class of property, provided always, that they are not "left out in the cold." It becomes the duty, then, of every taxpayer to interest himself in this extension, and direct his influence to the selection of a route which shall develop in the highest degree the resources of Menominee county and the revenues of the state. There are men of information and influence in all parts of the state interested in our range. They should not fail to observe closely the progress of this enterprise.

If it was an effective argument in '75 in obtaining the grant for the road, that the specifix [*sic - specific*] tax accruing to the

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state from the ore raised would ultimately counterbalance the value of the lands donated, it is no less effective to-day; and the great promise which the range now presents for an inexhaustible supply of ore gives good color to the proposition. The state officers who hold these lands in trust for the accomplishment of this enterprise, will undoubtedly see that the object of the grant is not sacrificed to develop interests in the state of Wisconsin. We are particular to state that at this writing we have only the rumors floating about that it is the purpose to **diverge from the Lower Range at a point east of Quinnesec, and cross the river at Twin Falls**. We trust the railroad authorities do not contemplate such a step. It would surely invite serious opposition from more than one source.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume IX, Number 43 [Saturday, September 28, 1878], page 2, column 1

MINING.

The main tunnel on the lower level of the **Quinnesec mine** is now about 300 feet. The last 30 feet runs through ore of quite uniform grade.

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QUINNESEC.

Is putting in its best licks for the honor [of] being the first city in the Menominee Iron Range. Although the reporter of this institution has made numerous pilgrimages into that locality of late, yet he has without the aid of a field glass observed numerous improvements every time. The **residence**

of the Hon. John L. Buell, on the eminence just as you enter the town is approaching completion. **Wendel**, of the **Quinnesec Hotel** is not behind in fresh attractions. He has secured at a great expense a brand new **barber**, and has him safely penned up in one corner of the **billiard room**. A small admission fee is charged to view the acquisition. His **bar is also adorned with a newly coined tender**, who was imported directly from Sweden. Still further improvements are in contemplation. **John McKenna**, in the plate glass fronted structure, across the way has lately put in **one of the finest pool tables in the country**. It is supported by four lions who have been trained so that they are perfectly peaceable to strangers. He has also got hold of a **barber**, but has not got him caged up yet and lets him run around loose. The **mining company's store** is fast approaching completion and will soon be filled with molasses, dry goods, codfish, perfumery, pork, flour and other fancy articles: **Wright Bros. & Co.** are doing a smashing business in the line of **general merchandise**, and are still trying to serve the Lord and the **post-office department** to the best of their knowledge and belief, so help them Bob. **Newberry & Jenkins** are still slashing up the sirloin roasts and venison steaks at a great rate. If business keeps on in this way with them they will soon have to put up an appendix with a cupola on top. **Tim Macnamara's [sic – MacNamara's] hotel** – the **Central** – is doing finely, and internal improvements are going on in the neighborhood of its insides. Tim's **barber** has'nt [sic - hasn't] arrived yet, but when he comes he will be a nice one. **A. Surprise**, nearly opposite, is doing a surprising good business with a **billiard table** and all the necessary trimmings to go with it. **Maurice McKenna** has been improving his store very much of late and in addition to pills and plasters, has

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fitted up one side for **groceries** and other good things to eat. Maurice is bound to do well, and if he keeps on improving in good looks, will soon be able to get married and retire on a competency. **Hugh McLaughlin's** headquarters we believe are at the **Quinnesec Hotel**. – To his fatiguing [sic – fatiguing] duties as **township clerk** he has added that of **insurance agent**, and is prepared to insure anything from a store or dwelling to a lightning rod peddler. His policies will cover all the mishaps and accidents of life – fire, brimstone, cholera, mad-dogs and book agents. The **Hon. John L. B. [John Lane Buell]** is full of business as usual, and if Quinnesec is not a first-class suburban, hay fever retreat, it will not be his fault. Everybody else is well and happy.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume IX, Number 45 [Saturday, October 12, 1878], page 3, column 1

THE work of improving the **upper Quinnesec Falls** so that logs can be safely got over is at length completed. It spoils the wild beauty of the river but will put thousands of dollars into the pockets of the lumbermen. As this was one of the worst places on the stream and it became necessary to build a pier 150 feet long by 12 feet wide, which acts as a breakwater and makes a safe channel 20 feet wide on the Wisconsin side. The rocks had previously been blasted out of the channel, so that logs can now come through with perfect safety.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume IX, Number 46 [Saturday, October 19, 1878], page 3, column 6

WAUCEDAH, Oct. 15

Mr. Buell is improving the **wagon road** between **Vulcan** and **Quinnesec** very much.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume X, Number 8 [Saturday, January 25, 1879], page 3, column 4

QUINNESEC.

Business is moving along in the even tenor of its way, and prospects are remarkably good for the future. New discoveries of iron ore are being made in every direction, the most notable one is that of **JOHN McKENNA & CO.**, two miles west of town. The ore is apparently a rich hematite and the deposit is very extensive. From present indications there is not the least doubt but that the discovery is of great value. An extension of the railroad track to it will probably cost about \$20,000 but the showing is such that it will undoubtedly warrant the building of it another season.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume X, Number 14 [Saturday, March 8, 1879], page 2, column 1

MENOMINEE IRON RANGE.

—————
**The New Bonanza. A \$120,000
Stockpile**
—————

Visit to the Iron Mines.

For the IRON PORT.

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QUINNESEC.

This promising mine at the present terminus of the **Menominee River railroad** is being worked very favorably and since the tunnel has been completed the chances for working it to advantage are much better than they were. The further end of the tunnel penetrates into a large body of very fine ore and the facilities for handling the same are now unsurpassed. The management is now engaging in connecting the different shafts with the second level which is about 115 feet below the surface. When everything is complete we shall expect to record a very large output. The stock pile at present contains about 5,000 tons.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume X, Number 15 [Saturday, March 15, 1879], page 2, column 3

ALONG THE MENOMINEE.

The future of the **Menominee Iron Range** points unerringly to the march of a large immigration into this section in a comparatively short space of time. The new developments but enhance the ultimate result. Pine and mineral enough exist to employ \$100,000,000 of capital and an untold army of men at work. These elements of wealth cannot be overlooked and must very soon attract the attention of the miner, speculator, capitalist, scientist and philosopher. This range is rich beyond question, throughout its entire length, which is comparatively undeveloped. Amid the grandeur of its hills and in the preadimate [sic] store houses of its treasure caves, lies untold wealth awaiting the hand of intelligence and capital to unlock its doors.

To those in search of pleasure, health and recreation, away from the din and excitement of the busy cities, who wish to

find sport and amusement in wild, picturesque and grand scenery of this region, will find all they expect and more too. In the streams and lakes are to be found myriads of fish, from the muscalonge [sic – muskellunge], weighing sometimes thirty pounds, to the gorgeous speckled trout, who really think it is a pleasure to be caught. In the forests surrounding are to be found deer, rabbits, partridges, woodcock, and pigeons in their seasons. Those in search of more exciting game will find the black bear and huge timber wolf. On the rivers and creeks wild duck, snipe and other aquatic fowls abound. All this game is to be found within a few miles of the stations along the line of the railroad. As a general thing good hotels can be found anywhere in this region, and should a trusty guide be wanted, he can be readily obtained. Towns and villages have sprung up within a few months on the streams, the borders of the lakes and amid the primeval forests, and the day cannot be far distant when the population of the Menominee range will be composed of a sturdy, energetic and intelligent people. Every State in the Union has contributed to its growth and as the resources are inexhaustible and so many elements conspire to happiness and prosperity, it will in time, become densely settled. At the present terminus of the road – **Quinnesec**, – will be found a perfect store-house of the grand and picturesque in nature. On one side of the town are high hills from whose summit the eye can wander over river and valley, forest and plain, to a distance of 18 to 20 miles. About 600 yards from the depot are the beautiful little **Fumee Falls**, which with its rocky surroundings, will in time, be a very attractive piece of scenery. Two and a half miles below the village are the magnificent **lower Quinnesec Falls**, on the Menominee river, which pour through a gorge at an acute angle and is probably not less than

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90 feet in perpendicular altitude. At nearly the same distance above the town is the **upper Quinnesec Falls**, which is not quite so high. Boating and fishing is good on the river and the adjoining streams abound in speckled trout. **Quinnesec** is 47 miles due west from **Escanaba**.

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OUR friend **WM. CRUM**, lately from **Quinnesec**, who is recognized as the **champion billiard player** of the U.P., has bought out the billard and sample rooms of **WM. CALHOUN** at **Negaunee**, and opened the establishment in grand style on Saturday night last. Our reporter acknowledges an invitation to attend, but owing to unavoidable circumstances and the fact of his education in the scientific game of billiards being very much neglected in his youth, he was forced to decline.

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MENOMINEE R.R. LAND GRANT.

On the 6th of March the State Senate passed by a vote of 22 to 4 – the nays being Messrs. **Hodge**, **Lewis**, **Pendleton** and **Weir** – a bill to grant seven sections of swamp land in Menominee or Delta Counties, except in range 18 west, to aid in the extension of the **Menominee River Railroad**, through the **Menominee iron range** from its present terminus, near **Quinnesec**, to the **Michigamme River**. The provisions of the bill require five miles of the road to be built before January, 1881,

and ten miles a year thereafter. If the company construct in any one year more than the number of miles specified the excess is to be credited upon the amount of the next year.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume X, Number 16 [Saturday, March 22, 1879], page 3, column 2

HON. JOHN L. BUELL, of **Quinnesec**, visited our village on Friday of last week, in the interest of his **new paper** the "**Menominee Range**."

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HON. JOHN L. BUELL, of **Quinnesec** is starting a **newspaper** in his thriving young town, under the management of Mr. **PENBERTHY**, formerly of the **Menominee Herald**. The name of the new paper will be the **Menominee Range**. It will be independent in politics and luke warm in religious matter. The IRON PORT wishes it all the success imaginable [*sic - imaginable*] and hopes that it may amass stacks of wealth, as big as the hills, which surround the charming village.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume X, Number 17 [Saturday, March 29, 1879], page 3, column 2

WE are in receipt of the initial number of the **Menominee Range**, – the **new paper** published at **Quinnesec**. It is a five column, four page sheet and is neatly printed. It starts out with a very liberal share of patronage, in the way of advertising. The IRON PORT sincerely

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wishes it all the success that is commensurate with its merits.

THE **Menominee Ranger**, is the caption of a page, that will be devoted in the **Marquette Mining Journal**, exclusively to the interests of the **Menominee mineral range**. It will be owned and edited by **PETER J. BENNETT**, formerly the editorial staff of the Journal. Mr. B. is a ready writer and has the faculty of making his articles interesting. His headquarters for the present will be in **Escanaba**.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 558 [Saturday, March 29, 1879], page 4, columns 2-3

THE “**Menominee Range**” is a very neat little paper which has just made its appearance at **Quinnesec**, the metropolis of the Menominee range. It is brimfull of editorial spice and ability, and we sincerely hope it may not, as we feared, prove a child of premature birth. It is a credit to its editor and publisher, and the people down there should give it all the fostering care and material encouragement within their power. Its success or failure will depend upon the measure of support accorded by those who certainly have an interest in making it one of the permanent, as it certainly will be, if properly conducted, one of the most valuable institutions on the Range. If you make her live, **Penberthy**, my boy, here’s our first; if you can’t we’ll be one of the sincerest of mourners.

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QUINNESEC.

A Corliss hoisting engine, twelve inch bore and thirty-six inch stroke, built by **E.P. Allis, Milwaukee**, and two of Merritt’s interior gear hoisting drums were laid down at the **Quinnesec mine** Wednesday.

A large crowd attended the **temperance lecture by Rev. Mr. Davis**, at the school house, Sunday, and it is thought he made some converts. But there’s no telling how such a thing will take in a town like **Quinnesec**. For the last two years water has only been used for rinsing out glasses here.

J.H. Malloy, our trusty **station agent**, will give a postal card for information that will lead to the discovery of the **burglar who broke a pane of glass out of the depot window, raised the sash, entered and endeavored to unscrew the hinges to the door of the safe and get the treasure**. M. thinks that fellow could hardly steal away if he tried, let alone stealing anything else.

Buell has got a **new buckboard for his fast horse O’Leary** – the mineral right of both of which is reserved. A newspaper and a fast horse and buckboard – what more does a man want.

Ben. Marcha [sic – Marchand], **saloon and boarding house keeper**, formerly of **Ishpeming**, boasts of the largest custom [*patronage*] in town. In fact he and his wife are kept so busy attending to their customers that neither can take the baby when it cries.

The **first jewelry store** in town was started by **Charles E. Stellar, Jr.**, in **McKenzie’s drug store**, last week. Mr. Stellar [*sic*] is from the leading jewelry house at **Calumet**, and what he dont [*sic - don’t/doesn’t*] know about jewelry can’t be learned on earth. Repairing is one of his specialties.

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Hugh McLaughlin, deputy sheriff of the county, has headquarters here, and a better or more trusty officer never wore the star. He is also about as strong as you find them anywhere, too.

Dr. T.A. McLeod, the able physician of the Menominee mining company's mines, is one of the favorite doctors of the range, and particularly at **Quinnesec**. Doc. secures a pile of births here and very few deaths.

The new **Catholic church** is going up as lively as a worldly building, and will be quite an imposing structure when completed. It is proposed by our good **Father Fox** to have the church completed for Easter Sunday services.

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CHAT WITH OUR NEIGHBORS.

QUINNESEC. – From the *Menominee Range*.

Capt. Barrington, of Lake Superior, returned last evening from a week's tour in town 42, looking over iron locations in that range. The weather has been most unfavorable for the work.

C.L. Wendel [*sic* - **Wendell**] and **Capt. Williams** have the option of a lease on Sec. 20, 40, 39, N.E. 1/4. They will commence work before April 1st, and prosecute it closely until the examination is completed. We think one will be found on the property.

A.B. Cornell, Youngstown, O., is at the **Quinnesec House**. He is engaged in an examination of an iron location on Sec. 20, 40, 30 in which he has an interest. **Jno. R. Wood** is conducting the exploration.

Mr. **J. Frederick**, in charge of Mr. **Nelson's exploration** on S.E. 1/4, 11, 39, 39, reports a very fair prospect of ore. The short time he has had for his work, prevents a definite statement [of] ore on the premises.

Jack Armstrong is still digging away on 6, 39, 29. Is down 45 feet -- says the ore in which he has been sinking is running off to the hanging wall. John has been to quite an expense in his exploration, and we hope that nothing may happen to prevent the realization of his most flattering expectations.

O'Callaghan's mill is puffing away at the usual rate, not being able as yet to work up to the orders coming in. He has a large stock of boards on hand, and it is the intention to put in a planer and siding mill next week to run at night. This will be a great convenience to many persons on the range who have homes to side up before another winter comes. The railroad tariff on lumber in small quantities from outside is so heavy that but few people can afford to avail themselves of it.

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AN **express line** was established last Wednesday, along the **Menominee River railway**, by **WILL DALIBA**, general agent for the **American Express company**.

MR. **HOMER HUFF** has now the **Quinnesec Hotel** under his management and this popular house is kept full and running over. **Mr. WENDELL**, the proprietor is turning his attention to outside operations.

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QUINNESEC.

J.M. Longyear, Esq., agent for the Portage Lake Canal company[,] was in town Tuesday attending to the business of the company and seeing the lumbermen fight.

All the camps of the **Kirby Carpenter company** have broke [*sic – broken*] up, and the men gone to Menominee to work in the mills. About fifty or sixty million feet of logs have been cut. The **Ludington, Wells & Van Schaick company** will do the driving of the Kirby Carpenter company on the Brule and Paint rivers this spring.

The latest discovery of gold and silver bearing iron ore and quartz is on the Brule river. The discoverer, who is a reputable party, has had assays made of the rock by **Thomas, of Chicago**, which gives \$14.50 in gold and silver to the ton. He is laying low at present to secure the property.

Proprietors of saloons about town now close them up two hours on Sundays, leaving the back and side doors open, of course, for the convenience of the family.

About all the men who took the temperance pledge from Rev. Mr. Davis last Sabbath have broken out drinking again. It will be awful here in dry weather.

Mr. W.H. Wicks, shipping and billing clerk at the mine, and head man of the company's store, is rated the best singer in town, at least when all the other singers have a bad cold. He confines himself to hymns.

Capt. Smythe[,] justice of the peace and carpenter, says he has numerous orders for buildings to be put up the coming

summer, **mostly saloons,** and that the **Norway mill, John O'Callaghan proprietor,** will furnish all the lumber that comes to town. Capt. is a level headed old temperance sufferer.

Ten pounds of hair was cut from the heads of ten lumbermen here the other day, and it wasn't a very close hair cut either that any of them rendered. When washed and strained, lumbermen's hair is good to mix with plaster. It's so long.

J.B. Maas, of Negaunee, was in town this week. He left for home Tuesday, intending to return again when walking was better. He is on the explore as big as a Durham.

In another month it is thought that the town will be full of speculators and prospectors, and the boarding house and saloon keepers expect to make enough out of them to buy their wives and children new clothes all around. How much the speculators and prospectors expect to make out of the saloon and boarding house keepers is not known.

There are more captains in Quinnesec than there are on the great chain of lakes. The term Mr. is not known here.

The average receipts of our two principal saloons was a hundred dollars a day each last week. We'd just as soon discover a saloon as an iron mine here, with all due respect to the iron mine.

Quinnesec looks forward to a Sunday train on the railroad this summer, but we have it from good authority that there will not be a Sunday train put on.

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MR. JOHN BUELL'S new mine west of the Quinnesec town site is looking very

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promising. He has struck some excellent ore and will continue his operations until it is thoroughly explored.

H.A. TUTTLE of **Cleveland**, **JOSEPH FLESHEIM**, **JAMES WALTON** and **ROBT. STEPHENSON** of **Menominee**, and **J.N. HILLER** and **H.J. BEBEAU** of **Escanaba** spread themselves out all over the **Menominee range** on Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 560 [Saturday, April 12, 1879], page 8, columns 1-4 [*The Menominee Ranger*]

QUINNESEC.

OFFICERS elected at the annual township meeting held in the **township of Breitung** on last election day: Supervisor, **Elisha Murcom** [*sic - Morcom*]; town clerk, **Hugh McLaughlin**; Treasurer, **Wm. H. Jenkins**; commissioner of highways, **William Dickie**; overseer of highways, **Lewis Whitehead**; superintendent of schools, **James H. Knight**; school inspector, **Roscoe G. Brown**; justice of the peace, **Jerome B. Schwartz**; constables, **John Cumlin**, **Richard Harris**, **Richard Roach**, **Alphonse Surprise**.

It must be remembered that **Vulcan and Quinnesec are both in the same township**, of which each forms a precinct.

We have had considerable to say about Quinnesec as a drinking place lately, but in this way we were only laying the foundation for an article intended to prove that Quinnesec is a lively go-ahead town. For, wherever there's lots of drinking done there you will find business without end. Yes, Quinnesec is the greatest town on the range, possessing natural advantages

without number which must some day [*sic - someday*] make it an immense metropolis. The article referred to will appear next week. The foundation has been laid.

The lumbermen have nearly all come and gone.

Servant girls are very scarce here. A string of them could secure work.

The new **Catholic church** will be completed in time for Easter Sunday services as prophesied by our good **Father Fox**. It will no doubt be crowded on the first day.

The rivers hereabouts are rising and driving must soon commence.

The snow has gone,

The mud has dried.

And the corner upon

Stands the loafer – warming his hide.

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AN express line was established last Wednesday, along the **Menominee River rail way**, by **WILL DALIBA**, general agent for the **American Express company**.

MR. **HOMER HUFF** has now the **Quinnesec Hotel** under his management and this popular house is kept full and running over. **Mr. WENDELL**[,] the proprietor[,] is turning his attention to outside operations.

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MESSRS. **HARTEAU & BEBEAU** of this place have determined to open a **dry goods store** at **Quinnesec** and for that purpose have already purchased the vacant lot on the main street, next to **WRIGHT**

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BROS. & CO., and will immediately commence the erection of a building. They design to carry a heavy and complete stock of goods.

Quinnesec is the liveliest little town just now, on the **Menominee River mineral range**. Every one [*sic* – *Everyone*] seems to [*sic* – *too*] busy, lively and hopeful for the future, which certainly at this time looks very promising. The **Quinnesec mine** is in splendid condition for turning out a large amount of ore this season and under the excellent management of **Capt. Morcom** gives fine promise for the future.

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LAST Tuesday night a **burglar** broke a window in the **Quinnesec Hotel** at **Quinnesec** and stole a valise from the office belonging to **ED. GIRZIKOWSKI** of **Ishpeming** containing watches, jewelry, silverware &c. A young man of the name of **KELLER** was subsequently arrested at **Green Bay** as the supposed thief.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 562 [Saturday, April 26, 1879], page 8, columns 1-4 [*The Menominee Ranger*]

QUINNESEC.

On Thursday of last week **Ed. Girzikowsky**, **jeweler** from **Ishpeming**, gave a satchel containing some some [*sic*] sixty dollars' worth of jewelry to the bartender at the **Quinnesec hotel**, telling him to put it behind the bar. The bartender did as directed, not knowing what the satchel contained, of course, and no more was

thought about it until next morning, when it was discovered that burglars had broken into the hotel, rifled the money drawer of its contents and stolen the satchel. Officers were immediately notified of the burglary and engaged to work up the case, their efforts resulting in the arrest of the thief at Ford Howard Wednesday last. He was taken to Quinnesec the same day to be identified.

Mr. Wendell, proprietor of the **Quinnesec hotel**, has given the place into the entire charge of **Omer Huff, Esq.**, an experienced hotel man. The house is first-class in every respect.

The construction of a number of new business houses is soon to be commenced.

Capt. Morcom, of the mine, paid Marinette a visit Saturday, returning home Monday morning. He brought with him a pan used in washing gold, which same was for a man named **Gould**, who thinks he has found some of the precious metal and wants to wash it.

It is reported that **Carney**, of **Marinette**, who owns the forty acres on the north side of the railroad track, will set the property off into a **town site**. It will make a beautiful one.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 563 [Saturday, May 3, 1879], page 8, columns 1-4 [*The Menominee Ranger*]

QUINNESEC.

The **dry goods firm** of **Harteau & Bebeau**, of **Escanaba**, is **building a large store on the lot adjoining Wright Bros**. The building will be completed in a few weeks and stocked with a full line of dry goods, clothing, etc.

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Harry Kellar, the **Quinnesec** hotel burglar, who was captured at **Marinette** and brought to **Quinnesec**, waived examination before **Judge Smythe**, and was placed under bonds of \$800 for his appearance at the next term of the Menominee circuit court. Not being able to procure the bail, he was taken to the country jail at Menominee Thursday by **deputy sheriff McLaughlin**. Great credit is due **C.L. Wendel**, the proprietor of the hotel, for the great pains and expense which he incurred in ferreting out and securing the arrest of the thief, as he was not a loser by the robbery personally, the loss being that of **Ed. Girzikowsky**, the **Ishpeming** jeweler.

It is whispered that the **McKenna Bros.** will commence the **erection of a commodious hotel** soon.

W.W. Felch, Esq., has begun the **erection of a building 22x36, which will be occupied as a barber shop, restaurant and residence.**

See here **Bill Dickie**, you who was recently elected **highway commissioner** by a large majority, we don't know you personally, but would warn you against **John L. Buell**, the bull-dozer. He's trying to lead you by the nose into the construction of that pet new road of his by his soft-toned flattery. You are an honest man, we know, but bull-dozing is bull-dozing, and John L. Buell is John L. Buell.

Terry Hanley, of **Marquette**, has taken up his residence in **Quinnesec**, and though he was lonesome the first two or three evenings of his sojourn here, he is now happy and contented. With "Ted.," **Quinnesec** can boast of the first-class **bartender** and best fellow in the county.

Quinnesec is being built up rapidly. New buildings are springing up all over the town site as if by magic. Not a vacant house in town, but many crowded almost to suffocation. The streets are crowded with

visitors, capitalists, prospectors and others, daily. **Quinnesec is the Chicago of the Menominee range, and must eventually be a large and prosperous city.**

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SEVERE ACCIDENT.

T.S. FORT, a well known [*sic – well-known*] citizen of this place, who removed to **Quinnesec** a few weeks ago, met with the misfortune of breaking his leg. It appears that he was building a scaffolding, last Friday, on the outside of **Maurice McKenna's drug store** and while in the act of raising a heavy green board to the staging above him, the one on which he was standing gave way and he was precipitated to the ground, a distance of about 15 feet. The board fell at the same time and the end struck him in the leg, below the knee, fracturing both bones in such a shape that they protruded through the flesh. The surgeon of the **Menominee River Mining Co.**, **Dr. McLEOD**, reduced the fracture and he appears to be getting along as well as could be expected. We understand that he is in straightened circumstances, and it is a case where the assistance of the charitable would not be misplaced.

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QUINNESEC ITEMS.

MR. FELCH is building a dwelling house on Pine Street.

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MR. BUELL has been absent during the week in Chicago.

MR. OLESON has got a new two story dwelling house almost finished.

JOHN McKENNA seems to have his hands full, with his new mine, and his other business. *[The McKenna Mine became the Keel Ridge Mine.]*

MR. A.R. HARLOW of Marquette and **ROBERT NELSON** of Ishpeming visited the Menominee River Range on Tuesday last.

Flurries *[sic – Flurries]* of the “beautiful” *[snow]* were distinctly seen along the **Menominee River range**, last Monday, and flowers were in bloom at the same time.

NEWBERRY & JENKINS are doing a fine business in the meat line and have all they can attend to and are now giving the citizens beef from fresh slaughtered cattle.

The **Quinnesec Hotel** is as usual crowded with guests and Mr. **C.L. WENDEL**, the host, sometimes has his ingenuity taxed to the utmost, to supply accommodations for all.

WRIGHT BROS. & CO. are prospering in worldly goods, which is evidenced by the large improvements on their store, and their increased stock, which made the enlargement necessary.

Our old friend **TIMOTHY McNAMARA**, proprietor of the **Central Hotel**, has got the building in first-class shape and it presents a fine appearance and judging from his good natured looks, business must be well with him.

The town is lively with the hum of business and the sound of the hammer and the saw is heard from early morn to dewy eve and at the rate that new buildings are going up and people coming in, Quinnesec will have a population of a thousand in a short time.

PATRICK McKENNA is commencing to build a store on the main street, second lot south from his brother’s drug store. The building will be 34x50 feet on the ground

and two stories high. The lower part is intended for a **hardware store** and the upper portion for a dwelling.

JOSEPH PECARD of Menominee, the owner of the **Quinnesec Hotel**, was in town during the week. Joe looks as young as ever and seemed as though the world went well with him. We understand he offers the Quinnesec Hotel building for sale, which is a very desirable property.

WRIGHT BROS. & CO. are *[sic – is]* building a new addition to their store, two stories high. It is 22x35 feet on the ground. As soon as they can shift their goods a little into the new part they will raise the present store another story, which when completed will give them a commodious store 75 feet in length, with a wareroom in the back.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 564 [Saturday, May 10, 1879], page 8, columns 1-4 *[The Menominee Ranger]*

QUINNESEC.

The town is chuck full of strangers, and the hotel and boarding houses are filled to overflowing.

Supt. Lindsley, of the **C. & N.W. R’y**, was in town the fore part of the week. He came by special car, and paid a visit to the explorations of **Robert Stephenson** and others on section 25, before returning.

Patrick McKenna, formerly of **Negaunee**, has begun the **erection of a neat residence adjoining his brother’s drug store.**

Deputy sheriff Hugh McLaughlin, the “tall sycamore of the range,” has commenced the **erection of quite a pretentious frame building, which will be used for a residence.**

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The Quinnesec school has now over a hundred pupils in attendance.

“When will the log jam occur at Quinnesec Falls?” is the question residents are bored with now by strangers. We say bored, because residents are tired of telling them that there ain’t going to be any log jam at Quinnesec Falls this spring, to the best of their knowledge and belief.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

MR. THOMAS HAY and family have moved to Norway Mine near Quinnesec.

DR. J.S. NORTH, of this place removed to Quinnesec on Wednesday last. He will practice medicine in company with DR. J.A. McLEOD[,] of Vulcan. The citizens of the Range have reason to congratulate themselves that they have two such good physicians and surgeons as doctors McLeod and North. Dr. North will be located at the chief town of the range and both will attend to any and all calls promptly and satisfactorily. The Iron Port wishes the two gentlemen success.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 565 [Saturday, May 17, 1879], page 12, columns 1-4 [*The Menominee Ranger*]

QUINNESEC.

A public meeting was held at Merchant’s hall, Thursday evening, May 89th, for the purpose of making arrangements to protect the village against accident by fire. It was decided to purchase an engine and hose cart.

Dr. C.A. Fortier, of the Emmett mining company, has opened up an office in town for the practice of his profession. The doctor is a good physician but doesn’t know how to advertise worth a cent.

Patrick McKenna, Esq., left town Wednesday bound for Negaunee, whither he goes to bring his wife and family back with him. Mr. McKenna is “awfully gone” on Quinnesec.

Deputy sheriff McLaughlin’s new residence is nearly completed, and is about as good looking as any in town.

Bob Barclay, the livery stable man, is raising a colt, born and bred in Quinnesec, which he thinks will be able to make pretty good time on the township road that Buell built, one of these days.

At the rate people are settling in and around Quinnesec we prophesy that it will have a population of two thousand by fall.

Tourists not having enough money to visit the holy land do the next best thing – come to Quinnesec. Quinnesec is a holy land. There are holes everywhere around here where they’ve been exploring.

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HARTEAU & BEBEAU of the one price establishment are receiving the reward of merit this spring in the large quantity of goods that they are selling. Their business has increased so, that they are forced to open a branch at Quinnesec.

ROSE the artist [photographer], has got a brother and that brother has come here and the firm name is now Rose Bros., and furthermore they have got a tent and one of them proposes to travel around the country and take the likeness of everything animate and inanimate at moderate prices

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and in the very first style of the art. The objective place now is **Quinnesec** and the IRON PORT would advise the Quinnesecers to interview him. Headquarters will be here.

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QUINNESEC. – From the *Menominee Range*:

The new bell for the **school house** has arrived and will be put in place shortly.

John Murphy, at work in the **Norway mine**, had both bones of his left leg broken the other day by a portion of the foot wall falling.

A **tornado** passed through the woods north of this place a few days since, hewing a highway, as it were, through the forest and destroying an immense amount of timber.

Frank Wright, in the employ of **Watson Bros.** as bookkeeper and solicitor, jumped from the second story window of the Co.'s store Monday, while laboring under mental derangement, caused by taking too much of the ardent [*liquor*], and broke a leg.

The water of the river has fallen considerable [*sic – considerably*] the last few days. The **Lamontagne drive** is at the **Big Quinnesec Falls** today. The **Treat Lumber Co.**'s logs and the **Sargent & Jennings** logs are in this drive. The logs left by the main river drive will also be sucked in and brought along. The amount of logs in this drive will probably be in the neighborhood of 18,000,000 --8,000,000 for Lamontagne, between 5 and 6 million for **Treat & Swart**, 2,500,000 for Sargent & Jennings, and the remainder scattering.

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[Saturday, June 14, 1879], page 3, column 4

QUINNESEC.

Towards the shank of last week our reporter made a run to the future metropolis of the Menominee river mineral range – Quinnesec. Everything in and around the town showed a fair business activity. Building still continues to be lively.

Patrick McKenna's building is almost as far advanced as it was before the unfortunate blow-down. **Edward Smythe**, the contractor, keeps it securely braced as the work progresses, all ready for any more little frisky zephyrs which may take a notion to happen along that way.

Harteau & Bebeau's new store was almost completed, and their large general stock was fast arriving to fill it. **Samuel and John** looked as happy as two clams in one shell and were as busy as a horse's tail in fly time. They have got a handsome store, and no mistake.

Wright Bros. & Co. were [*sic – was*] just putting the finishing touch on their mammoth building, and were gradually filling it up, from cellar to garret, with everything, from eatables to dry goods. It is well arranged and everything is as neat as a new red wagon. The **postoffice** in the store has also improved itself, and with its lock boxes looks quite metropolitan. As was before remarked, they keep everything that is generally called for, from saw mills to steamboats.

Jenkins, of the firm of **Newberry & Jenkins**, was slashing away the beef and pork stock at the rate of a shilling a pound, and **Newberry** was trying to be sick, but he was going to be around in a day or two, as he could not afford to be sick very long when beef cattle are worth \$4.00 on foot.

Penberthy was off to Menominee buying a saw mill, seeing his girl, or

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attending to some other important business of the kind.

Buell was off in the woods for his health and was roaming around the romantic borders of **Lake Antoine** and occasionally catching a sucker by way of pastime [*sic – pasttime*].

John McKenna was in town on business, and reports the prospects of that mine tip top. **Maurice**, his brother, is constantly adding new goods to his already large stock. He says business is first-rate.

A sectional view was had of **Mr. T. Macnamara**, landlord of the **Central [Hotel]**. We might be afraid to bet against **Tim** being one of the first aldermen of the new city.

Drs. McLeod, North and Fortier were all in town, and still the health of the place was reported to be very fair. No deaths occurred while we were there.

Captain Tobin had just returned from the virgin forest, weighted down with rocks for ballast, which he unloaded on **Wendell's** center table. Among them were some fine looking specimens of hematite ore, found either three feet under the surface or above it. It looked rich anyway.

Wendell had his good clothes on and was going to Menominee. He says the hotel and iron mining business is running nicely.

Rose Bros., the artists [*photographers*], were enjoying themselves under a canvass tent, and taking first-class pictures at the same time. They will take the falls, the **Quinnesec mine**, and all the other valuable property around. A set of first-class views of scenery in the Menominee region will sell like fire crackers on the 4th of July.

George Barclay and **Hugh McLaughlin** looked as though their **boarding house** agreed with them.

Mr. Felch is hurrying up his new building on **Quinnesec street** as fast as the Lord and the carpenters will let him.

Surprise's billiard hall is as neat as a pin, and he complains of doing a very satisfactory business.

Omer Huff, the accomodating [*sic – accommodating*] manager of the **Quinnesec Hotel**, declares that business is first rate and prospects for the season good.

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WE learn that **John L. Buell** has sold his eighth interest in the **Quinnesec mine** to **J.J. Hagerman** for something over \$10,000. Cheap enough.

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We understand that **C.L. Wendel** has sold out his furniture stock and fixtures in the **Quinnesec Hotel** to a man from Marinette.

MR. ED. MCKENNA of **Quinnesec**, met with a very severe accident at that place on Tuesday morning. He had been sleeping in his room, in the second story of his brothers [*sic – brother's*] house, and it is supposed that he got up in his sleep, about 4 o'clock in the morning, and stepped out of the open window. His cries soon brought the family to his assistance, when it was found that he was severely injured. A physician was summoned, who ascertained that besides being hurt internally, that some of his ribs

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were fractured. He finally **sank under his injuries and died** last evening.

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LAST Sunday while **William Leahey** was jumping out of a wagon at **Dickie's camp**, four miles from **Quinnesec**, he had the misfortune to break a bone of his leg and dislocate the ankle joint. **Dr. North** was summoned and soon he had him in good shape again.

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MR. **ED. McKENNA**, the victim of the very distressing accident at **Quinnesec**, was buried at Negaunee, on Sunday last. Edward was a boy of generous impulses and was well and favorably known, by quite a large number of friends on the upper peninsula, who sincerely regret his untimely demise. His brothers and Mr. **John K. Stack**, of this place, attended the funeral.

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C.L. WENDELL[.] Esq.[.] has purchased a tract of land near the **Norway** and **Cyclops** mines, which he designs laying out into a **town site**. [NOTE: **Wendell laid out Norway.**]

C.A. ROSE, the **photographer**, left for Chicago on Thursday, where he will purchase a large camera and goods for the fitting up of his gallery in first class style.

IT would seem to an outsider, [sic] that the **C. & N.W.R.R. Co.** might afford to foster its passenger trade over the **Menominee River R.R.** to the extent of one coach. **The Caboose [sic] on the Quinnesec accommodation is utterly inadequate to accommodate the travel on the route.**

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[Menominee Herald.]

–**Mr. Buell** has decided to erect a handsome brick building at **Quinnesec** a few doors north of the post office, the lower story of which will be used for a bank. It will be in charge of a gentleman experienced in the business. The upper story will be used for an **Odd Fellows Hall**.

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[Menominee Range.]

–We neglected to mention last week that **Capt. Whitehead**, of the **Vulcan House**, Vulcan, was running a **'bus line between Vulcan and Quinnesec**.

–**Mr. J.L. Buell** has sold the option of a lease of what is known as the **Walpole property** to the **Menominee Mining Co.** for the consideration of \$11,000. The property is said to be one of the most valuable on the range. [NOTE: **The Walpole Mine was located on Pewabic Hill in Iron Mountain.**]

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–**ROSE**, the **photographer**, has started a **branch establishment at Quinnesec**.

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Fatal Railway Accident.

On Saturday, the 2d inst. [of this month], the **Quinnesec accommodation train** of the M.R. railway, **Conductor VanDyke**, had some switching to do at **Hermansville**. In the discharge of his duties it became necessary for one of the brakemen to board the moving train, which he did by catching the side ladder of the end car as it passed him and climbing to the roof of the car. Just as he reached the roof and straightened up to step upon it, his feet being still upon the side ladder and his hand-grip loosed, the “slack of the train” was taken up with a slight jerk, and the unfortunate man was thrown upon the road in front of the still moving car and instantly killed, the wheels passing over his head and of course crushing it; one leg was also crushed. The name of the man was **Frederick Roberts**. He had been in the employ of the railway company since the opening of navigation [sic – navigation], and had proved himself a sober, careful, railroad man, while his associates and acquaintances speak of him as an estimable person in other relations of life. The remains were forwarded to the residence of his parents at **Sheboygan, Wis.**

While the loss of life is to be mourned, it is but proper to say that the accident was

one for which no one, not even the deceased himself, was in fault; was one of those occurrences, inseparable from the railway service, to which the careful man, the man of experience, is as liable as a green hand.

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[Menominee Range.]

–A **bank in Quinnesec!** Only two years old and about to have a bank established. Just think of it.

–It is with pleasure and gratification that we are prepared to announce to our readers, and the public generally, that the **Menominee Range** will be enlarged within the next sixty days.

–**Jos. Reilly**, a **conductor** on one of the **ore trains**, has a **pet owl**, which rides on his caboose a good share of the time. On Thursday last, as the train was passing a wood pile, the owl attempted to drop from the top of the caboose to the guard rail around the platform, but missed his guess, and landed on the side of the railroad. The next morning when the train arrived at that particular spot, the owl, who had been roosting on the wood pile all night, recognized it, and soon occupied his old quarters on the caboose again.

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[Menominee Range.]

–Mr. **Buell** has purchased the **Quinnesec Hotel** property, and proposes

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making extensive improvements in the building and grounds. The plan at present is to put another story on the hotel.

–Saturday was a **gala day at Quinnesec**, and almost everyone appeared in their Sunday clothes, on the street. The various mining locations were well represented, and boiled shirts and white dresses abounded in endless profusion, so to speak. It was the occasion of the visit of the **St. Partick's Benevolent Society of Negaunee** to Quinnesec.

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THE old **Quinnesec** does not show as large in the shipments of this season as some of its younger rivals, but **Capt. Morcom** is getting things in shape for a big output in 1880. The vein gets better and wider as they go down in it.

SWAN OLESON was drunk and **John Morrison** was drunk. Swan Oleson was quiet and sleepy, John Morrison was unquiet and savage. Swan Oleson is short an ear and fragments of cheek and nose which John Morrison bit off and ate. Aall [*sic – All*] at **Quinnesec** on Sunday.

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“Range” Items.

QUINNESEC, Sept. 24.

[A volunteer correspondent sends us the following items from the Menominee range. Come again, Jeems:]

–The woods are full of **explorers**, and you run across **test pits** in almost every

direction. Considerable mining property is changing hands, and some very fine strikes have been made.

–**Norway** has already twelve buildings, seven of them business houses. **Robinson**, of Marinette, is building one **hotel** and **Thomas Hay** another. A large **livery stable** is going up. A **depot** will be built there, as it is bound to be a large business point. **C.L. Wendell**, the proprietor, has built him a neat residence, and is busy improving the town by grading streets, etc. A number of other buildings are in contemplation. Twenty lots were sold last week to parties intending to build.

–**Quinnesec** is improving rapidly. **Hon. J.L. Buell** is going to build a large two-story building on a prominent corner of the main street. It will be 50x90 on the ground, divided into two rooms below, one of which will be a **store** and the other a **bank**, with a hall overhead. Mr. Buell has offered to give four lots and \$500 to the **Catholic church** to build an **educational institution**. The **Sisters of Charity** are soliciting additional subscriptions, and are very successful. The first building will be brick, to cost \$4,000 or \$5,000. The **railroad** from here west will be commenced this week. The contract of grading five miles was let to Mr. **Conro**, of the **Menominee Mining Co.** It will open up four or five new mines, and business here will be red-hot while it is building.

[Menominee Herald.]

–Six families arrived here a day or two ago from **Dakota**, and have decided to locate on hard-wood lands near **Quinnesec**, and open farms. They were eaten out of house and home by the **grasshoppers** of the Dakota prairies.

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column 4

[Menominee Range.]

–Work on the **extension of the railroad** west of this place commenced Monday. Men have been arriving for the past few days, and are strung along the line for a distance of two or three miles.

–The **Menominee River Lumber Co.** are [*sic – is*] locating their camps somewhat earlier this year than usual, on account of the long hauls. They are putting in four camps on the **Sturgeon river**, one at **Hay creek**, one at **Hamilton creek**, one at **Quinnesec**, one at **Week's landing**, and three at Chalk hill.

[Menominee Herald.]

–It is estimated that the **Menominee and its tributaries** have at least 12,000,000,000 feet of **pine**, and at the rate it is being cut thirty years will elapse before it will begin to be scarce.

–Every once in a while we hear the question asked: “How is it that the **Menominee Mining Company** get all the good things in the **Menominee Range**?” The answer is very easy. The Menominee Mining Co. went into the Range when no other mining men had confidence in it, spent a great deal of money exploring, developed the country, were the means of having the railroad built and are reaping the reward of their labors as they ought to do. They deserve all the good things they have got and more too.

–A **house of ill fame was burned at Quinnesec** on Friday night last. The fire was incendiary, and the party who started it was arrested and fined \$5 for assault and battery.

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[Saturday, October 11, 1879], page 2,
column 4

“Range” Items.

–The woods are full of **prospectors**, and so many **test pits** are being sunk that it is absolutely dangerous to venture out after dark.

–Business is lively around the two business centers, **Quinnesec** and **Norway**, and of an evening they seem like a small section of **Chicago**.

–**Quinnesec** is growing lively and business prospects are decidedly good. Numerous **dwelling**s are going up, and the foundations of the **opera house** are laid. A \$1,500 **school house** will soon be erected; bonds are being issued for that purpose. The cutting out of the **railroad extension** will probably be completed next week, and grading will be commenced immediately.

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Michigan, Volume X, Number 47
[Saturday, October 25, 1879], page 3,
column 4

WE made a short visit to “the range” this week, but found little to remark that is not already known to our readers. **Quinnesec** grows, and must grow, as long as Menominee ores are in demand at present prices. The **hotel enlargement** is so far completed as to be in use, the **opera house** building begins to show above ground, **Barclay** is in his **new stable**, and a dozen **new houses** are up and occupied. Every man, boy and animal is busy, and others are constantly arriving. The woods are full of explorers, and all are hopeful and happy. **Norway** makes rapid progress. There are now three concerns with stocks

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of general merchandise: **Johnson Bros. & Co.**, **Crane & McElroy**, and **Harteau, Bebeau & Co.** (**Jas. F. Atkinson** in charge); **Kimball**, drugs; **Robinson**, hotel; **Anderson & Co.**, hardware and stoves; **Hay**, restaurant; **Krouse**, boots and shoes; **Miss Vaughn**, milliner; **Roberts**, livery stable; and four or five saloons. There is plenty of pluck and energy displayed in the little burg, and if it does not overtake Quinnesec, in point of population and trade, it will not be for want of trying. **Vulcan** holds its own; but we noticed one thing only of which to make an item, viz: that the present prices of ore had set the company to hauling the stock pile from the No. 1 pit, in carts, to the branch, for shipment. It is stated, we know not upon what authority, that the shipments of the **Menominee Mining Company** for the season, to date, aggregate over 200,000 tons, which would make the total shipments from the district 250,000 tons, or more.

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JAS. F. ATKINSON, late of the IRON PORT, was in town on Sunday and Monday. He will open a stock of goods (in company with **Harteau & Bebeau**, of **Quinnesec**,) at **Norway**, at once, if indeed he has not done so before now.

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THE work on the **extension of the railroad** beyond **Quinnesec** progresses rapidly, and it is expected that it will not be limited to the five miles now under contract,

but be pushed across the river to the **Commonwealth location**.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume X, Number 50 [Saturday, November 15, 1879], page 2, column 3

[Menominee Range.]

–The **Quinnesec Hotel** has changed hands again. Mr. **A. Clement**, formerly of the **Central House, Stevens Point**, and an experienced hotel man, has purchased the furniture, etc., of Mr. **Anderson**, and takes possession to-day [*sic – today*].

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[Menominee Herald.]

–The **new town, Iron Mountain**, is laid out on the northwest quarter of 31, 40, 30, five miles west of **Quinnesec**. **Stephenson & Fleshiem** are the proprietors. It is in the immediate vicinity of very promising mines, and has a fair prospect of growth.

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[Menominee Range.]

–The **Quinnesec mine** is to be lighted by the **Brush electric light**, soon.

–The **new town** west of this place, near the **Chapin mine**, is to be called **Iron Mountain City**.

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–At the **Chapin mine**, **Michael Schendler** and **Martin Clump** quarrelled [*sic – quarreled*], and Martin used his knife, but not with fatal effect.

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[Menominee Range.]

–We expect to be occupying our **new quarters** in the **opera house** on or before the first of January, and will come out with an enlarged edition of the **Range**.

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THE **winter schedule of the C. & N.W.** goes into effect to-morrow [*sic – tomorrow*], Sunday. Except that the **ore trains** are withdrawn, the changes affecting **Escanaba** are slight. The **up passenger** is due at 11:29 a.m., the **down passenger** at 3:30 p.m., the **Quinnesec accommodation** leaves at 7:40 a.m. and arrives at 7:45 p.m. A passenger train is put upon the **M.R.R.R.**, which leaves **Quinnesec** at 9:12 a.m. to connect with the up passenger at the junction, and returns, arriving at Quinnesec at 11:54 a.m.; leaves again at 3:12 p.m., connects with the down passenger and arrives at Quinnesec at 6:02 p.m. The range is well served on the new table.

THE **C. & N.W. Railway Company** has determined upon pushing westward its **Menominee river branch**, so as to open the **iron district in Wisconsin**, of which the **Commonwealth location** is the best known, if not the central, point. The contractor now engaged in preparing the

road bed for the five mile extension beyond **Quinnesec**, Mr. **Conro**, has undertaken an additional eleven miles, whiic [*sic - which*] will take the road to the Commonwealth. With that district opened up, and the **Felch mountain** lands developed, the product of the **Menominee range** will not fall far short, if it does not finally exceed, that of the **Marquette range**.

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MR. **JOHN L. BUELL**, in a letter published in last week's **Menominee Range**, criticizes [*sic – criticizes*], very severely, the management of the **C. & N.W. Railway Company**, and adduces [*sic*] in support of his animadversions [*sic*] several instances of the discrimination, common everywhere, in favor of large shipments and long distances. With all this, however, we have nothing to do. The railway company can, and must, so far as we are concerned, fight its own battles, but when Mr. Buell slurs the whole **country press**, as he does in the following paragraph, we have a word to say:

By "press" it is not meant to include the thousands of country newspapers established at cross roads and fence corners all over the land -- the conductors of which, with their uncles, their aunts and their cousins, are the most trying and impertinent dead-beats with which a company has to contend. But the fact that a railroad company, even where there is no opposition, finds it necessary to bribe the editors of little papers, is a presumption of deviltry on the part of the corporation, the exposure of which is dreaded -- and the pass is given and accepted as so much hush money.

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This, if it is anything beyond mere verbiage, is a charge that those conductors of newspapers who hold a railway company's pass are thereby bribed; that the pass is hush money. Now we hold the yearly "editor's pass" of the C. & N.W. Railway Company, and by so doing come within the scope of Mr. Buell's sweeping charge. We are not willing to rest under that charge. We do not receive the pass as a gratuity, or upon any consideration affecting the course of the PORT, but in lieu of a cash payment for advertising, as a fair *quid pro quo*, and we are charitable enough to suppose that our contemporaries at such "crossroads" as Negaunee, or Menominee, receive theirs upon the same or similar terms. Pass or no pass, the PORT will always speak for the interests of the locality from which it receives its support, and criticise [*sic – criticize*] the management of any enterprise or business by which the public is affected or in which the public is interested from the standpoint of independent journalism. We do not believe that vituperation is argument or assertion proof; that railway (any more than lumber or mining) companies are composed of thieves and robbers, or that the public good is promoted by fostering a spirit of hate and mistrust; and the PORT will not adopt any course tending in that direction. Railways are, or should be, managed in the interest of the stockholders, the prime object of the management being to earn dividends, and if this object be intelligently pursued the public will be well served. If the indulgence is wanting, and Mr. Buell can supply it, he ought to do so; but to call names is not to instruct, and to assume to be more righteous than one's neighbors is not the most effective method of convincing them of their errors or of inducing them to adopt one's views.

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[Menominee Range.]

–**Constant Cherbonneau**, aged 71 years, died on Monday, after an illness of only 3 hours.

–The **Range** will be in its new quarters in the **opera house**, and be enlarged, within a couple of weeks, D.V.

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THE **railway company** has been compelled to put in another **long siding at the junction**, to accommodate the increasing traffic of the **Menominee River railroad**. It was completed on the 11th.

JAS. F. ATKINSON has associated with himself Mr. **Lewis Day**, of **Green Bay**, and the new firm has bought out **Harteau & Bebeau**, taking both concerns, the one at **Quinnesec** as well as that at **Norway**.

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THE **new opera house** at **Quinnesec** will be opened by a **ball** on the 30th. Mr. **Buell** is doing this himself, which is guarantee sufficient that it will be thoroughly done. Invitations will be issued, and the attendance confined strictly to invited persons. Guests from abroad will be guests in all that the word implies. The occasion is sure to be a grand one.

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ON Friday evening of last week, as the last **train** of the day approached **Quinnesec**, the engineer saw a man upon the bridge, and slowed down to allow him time to get off. The man, however, adopted another course, and, instead of endeavoring to reach solid ground, lay down outside the track for the train to pass him, which it necessarily did, but not without hitting him. The train was moving slowly, and the blow received by the man was not sufficient to throw him from the bridge, but was sufficient to **break in his skull and produce his death**, which ensued at about 9 p.m. His name was **Frank Lepere**, and he was a teamster and laborer.

THE imperative call of duty (not to mention the chronic impecuniosity of a country printer) forbade our attendance upon the **opening festivity at the opera house at Quinnesec** on Tuesday evening. We learn, however, that notwithstanding our enforced absence, the affair was a success from every point of view. Over one hundred couples are said to have been present, and nothing to have been wanting that could contribute to the enjoyment of the occasion. We congratulate our Quinnesec friends on their luck, their pluck and their prospects. May the sun of their fortune never suffer an eclipse.

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A CAR load of **laborers** passed out the **M.R. railroad**, on Thursday, to work on the **extension beyond Quinnesec**.

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BRO. ATKINSON has gone out of trade, having sold his **Norway** option and stock to **Harteau & Bebeau**. Now hurry up that **workingman's paper**.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 9 [Saturday, January 31, 1880], page 2, columns 3-4

[Menominee Range.]

—A **stage line** will be established soon between **Quinnesec** and **Florence**; will leave Florence every morning and return in the afternoon on arrival of the mail from the south.

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JOHN McKENNA and **John L. Buell** returned from a trip to Chicago, on Sunday. It is said that Mr. Buell, while in Chicago, purchased a **Prouty press** for the **Range**.

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JOHN DOLAN, one of "the old stand-bys" of the **peninsula division of the C. & N.W. railway**, long in charge of a construction and working train, and so efficient in the position that it was supposed he was anchored there, has received promotion, and will hereafter be in charge,

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as **road-master**, of the **Menominee river road, from Powers to its west end**. The advancement has been fairly earned by years of faithful and intelligent service, and we congratulate our neighbor Dolan on the increase of remuneration it brings, and the company on having put the right man in the right place.

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IT has been a question what the **railway company** would do about **station facilities** beyond the **Menominee river**. We are assured that stations will be established at both **Commonwealth** and **Florence**.

JOHN L. BUELL got that **gold-headed cane**. He has about as much use for a cane as **Gaynor** has for a prayer book, but the votes he no doubt appreciates.

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Range Items.

–One case of **scarlet fever** at **Quinnesec** – a daughter of **Jos. Schaller**.

–**The Range** has received its **new presses**, and will enlarge next week.

–**Side tracks** are under way, to reach the **Chapin** and **Lake Antoine (Cornell) mines**.

–**The Chapin mine** has received an engine and hoisting machinery, and will soon be ready to ship.

–**Jas. Loftus**, for a year past employed on **the Range**, has gone back to **the Mining Journal** office.

–One hundred and eighty-three strangers registered at the **Quinnesec hotel** during the week ending Feb. 28.

–**The Menominee mining company** will employ 1,500 or more men during the season of navigation, and expects to ship over 400,000 tons of ore.

–**Geo. W. O'Brien**, of **Quinnesec**, was called to **Appleton**, one day last week, by the death of his infant son. The child was **scalded to death** by the overturning of a vessel containing hot water.

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Range Items.

THE Chapin mine is prepared to mine and ship 50,000 tons of ore this season, if transportation is furnished.

THE Range failed of the promised enlargement this week, owing to the non-arrival of some necessary materials. It will expand next week.

NORWAY, not to lack anything that **Quinnesec** has, is to have an **opera house** 50 by 80 feet. The lower floor is to be divided into two business rooms.

A **MINER'S [sic – MINERS'] hospital** is to be established somewhere on the range, probably at **Quinnesec**. **Drs. McLeod** and **North** will be in charge thereof, which is guaranty [sic – guarantee] sufficient for efficiency and good management.

COMMUNICATION by **mail** with the **towns of the Menominee range** is very slow and uncertain. A passenger may leave **Quinnesec** in the morning and spend five hours in **Escanaba**, and be at home again to supper, but it takes two days to get a letter from that place to this, at the best, and longer yet if anything is out of order.

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The range deserves better treatment at the hands of the **postoffice** [*sic* – *post office*] **department**.

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Range Items.

THE **steel rails** for the **M.R. extension** have begun to arrive, and will go into position as soon as the weather permits. There will be no avoidable delay in getting the extension ready to handle ore.

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Range Items.

PENBERTHY'S new press does not run smooth yet. Thursday p.m., and no **Range**.

THEY have commenced laying the steel on the **extension west of Quinnesec**, but can't do much until the snow and ice goes.

MR. **SWINEFORD** was at **Quinnesec** on Monday last, and the **Journal** [*The Mining Journal*, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan] will continue the series of articles commenced a month or so ago.

THE **Range** comes to us enlarged, by the addition of two columns to each of its pages, and otherwise improved, and enters upon its second volume with good prospects. *Sic semper*.

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Range Items.

TRACK laying on the **extension beyond Quinnesec** commenced this week.

DENIS [*sic* – **DENNIS**] **MULLINS** wanted a **revolver**, and **Anderson's clerk**, in showing him one[,] managed to shoot him with it. **Dennis** bought the pop, and now wants a chance to get even.

THE **Quinnesec, Vulcan, Norway, Cyclops,** and **Stephenson** mines commenced shipping on Monday. There are 60,000 tons in the **Norway** stockpile.

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Range Items.

QUINNESEC has a **cemetery**.

THE **Iron Mountain** folks want a **postoffice** [*sic* – *post office*].

JOS. SCHALLER, druggist, succeeds **Brown** as **postmaster** at **Quinnesec**.

R.C. BROWN, formerly **postmaster** at **Quinnesec**, and the "Co." of **Wright Bros.**, has opened his **trading post** on the **Brule**.

A **CABIN** occupied by the family of **Thos. Young**, was **demolished by the fall upon it of a big pine tree**. Fortunately no one was injured.

HENRY MOLSON was **instantly killed** on the 15th by the explosion of a blast which he and **George Hunt** were drilling out after it had failed. Hunt was seriously but not fatally injured.

THE **mail facilities for the towns on the range** are **simply shameful**. There are 10,000 people to be served by that route, and they are not now as well served as the people of **Fayette**.

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THE **railway company** will have to put on a night force, especially **night telegraphers**, between **Quinnesec** and **Escanaba**, at once. The next thing will be a double track. Engines and ore dumps are too thick for comfort or safety on a single track.

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Range Items.

–The **stage between Quinnesec and Florence** leaves Quinnesec on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and Florence on the alternate days.

–It is reported that a **mail car and messenger** will be put upon the **M.R. railroad** on the 1st of July. Three months too late, but better late than never.

–They are “a little short” of drinking places at **Norway** and **Quinnesec**, but a **new saloon** is in progress in each place, and they’ll be all right, soon.

–The **roads on the range** are bottomless and daily growing deeper. If there’s anything wrong about the statement, charge it to **Hugh McLaughlin** – he’s our authority.

–The **railway company** has laid a **mile of track west of Quinnesec**. The track is expected to reach the river by the first of June and give transportation facilities to the **McKenna, Keel Ridge, Ludington and Chapin mines**, each of which will have its side track ready by the time the main track reaches them.

–A flying trip to **Norway** and **Quinnesec**, early in the week, was not productive or profitable by reason of a raw northwester that prevailed at the time and rendered any visiting of mines

impracticable. We saw, however, evidences of enterprise and prosperity on the right and the left. The hotels were full of strangers, the trading places thronged with customers, and the streets with outfits for the woods, explorers and miners. At **Norway** the **railway company** is making progress (while we stood in a pelting rain waiting for transportation we wished it were better) upon the **depot building**, for the foundation of which piles have to be driven eighteen feet into the swamp. **McKenna (Tom, we believe,)** [sic] has commenced a building for a **livery stable**, and several new residences and business houses are going up. Quite a large **village, known as Sweden**, has grown up on the south side of the track, and the whole vicinity thrives. Messrs. **Gaynor** and **Hay**, at the **Wendel and Glen houses**, are hard pressed to accommodate the traveling public, and each proposes to enlarge his house as soon as practicable. At **Quinnesec** we did not see quite so many new shingles, but the town is thriving and must thrive while the men of the place sustain the force and energy so far displayed, and adjacent hills yield their ferruginous wealth. During the summer we propose to visit the range again, and see how it looks when the sun shines.

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Range Items.

–The **Keel Ridge mine** will probably commence shipping by the 15th.

–The **Range** has got the hang of its **press** by the aid of its inventor, Mr. **Prouty**, and looks well.

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–**Dick Dodge**, the Escanaba walkist [sic], was in **Quinnesec** a few days ago. Dick says he is too short in the in-seam to make good time on mud roads.

–**Captain Williams**, formerly of the **Norway mine**, and more lately of the **Ludington**, is now mining superintendent of the **Lumbermen's mining company**.

–Mr. **Swineford** visited the **mines west of Quinnesec**, going as far as **Florence**, during the early part of the week. **The Journal** of Saturday will contain his concluding article of the series describing the mines of this range.

–**Dr. McLeod** has been compelled to take a rest, and to do so had to leave the range. This puts more work upon **Dr. North**, but he can stand more work than a mule.

–Both the **Breen and the Quinnesec mines**, which have been looked upon as worked out properties, are improving in appearance. There are no worked out mines on the range yet.

–**Penberthy**, with an eye to the Americanizing of the **Skandinavians** [sic – *Scandinavians*] of the region and “the main chance,” will, hereafter, print a portion of his paper in **Norsk**. **Prof. Falk** will be the **editor**.

–The mines west of **Quinnesec** and between there and the river – the **Keel Ridge, McKenna, Chapin, Ludington and Lake Antoine** – have their **sidings** well advanced, and will be in shape to ship ore as soon as the **main line of railroad** is completed.

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Range Items.

–**Felch** must (and will) enlarge the **Commercial**.

–**Henry Bebeau** says it's a very poor day when he sells only \$500 worth of goods. The range takes a lot of truck.

–**Sneak thieves** went through the **Quinnesec hotel**, one night last week, and carried off money and property to the value of about \$600.

–**Forbes**, the **play actor** man, tells us that **Penberthy** is going back to **Menominee**, and Forbes knows all that is safe for one man to know.

–The **Quinnesec opera house** will seat 800 people, and the folks thereabouts are fond of amusement, knowing which, we asked **Forbes** why he did not go there with his show. He replied that he had not learned how to seat an audience on **beer kegs**. **Clifford** has tumbled for it – small kegs, eighths, 50 cents; quarters, reserved, 75 cents; half barrels, proscenium boxes as it were, \$1 – but he was accustomed to chairs and feared he wouldn't succeed with the Quinnesec seats.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 26 [Saturday, May 29, 1880], page 8, columns 1-2

Range Items.

–A **postoffice** has been established at **Iron Mountain City**, and **R.O. Philbrook** appointed **postmaster**.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 27 [Saturday, June 5, 1880], page 8, column 2

Range Items.

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–The grading of the railroad has been completed to Iron City [Iron Mountain].

–If half that is told of discoveries north and northwest of **Quinnesec** is true, a line of rails will soon be demanded reaching thence to the **Republic location**. Rumor says that a large body of ore, similar to that of the **Republic mine**, has been discovered about midway between the two places.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 28 [Saturday, June 12, 1880], page 8, column 2

Range Items.

–**Keel Ridge mine** commenced to ship ore on Friday of last week.

–**The railway company is pushing the track west from Quinnesec at the rate of a quarter of a mile a day.**

–The **Chapin and East Vulcan mines** have commenced shipping ore, and the **Ludington and Lake Antoine [Cornell]** will soon follow.

–**H.J. Bebeau** is president and **A.J. Cronkhite** cashier of the **Bank of Quinnesec**. **Bank offices in the Buell opera house.**

–The fall of iron does not seem to render any less eager the search for ore. **The whole country west of us is full of explorers, and new parties are fitted out daily.**

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Range Items.

–Water, too much of it, delays explorations. **The woods are full of**

explorers, but the earth is full of water and a pit three feet deep requires a pump to keep it clear.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 30 [Saturday, June 26, 1880], page 8, columns 1-2

Range Items.

–**The Norway depot is open and running. Mr. Sampson is agent and telegraph operator.**

–The highway between the junction and **Quinnesec** is getting a good deal of work just now. Correct. Put your roads in good order, buy horses, and laugh at the rail way company.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 31 [Saturday, July 3, 1880], page 8, column 2

Range Items.

–The **Ludington mine** commenced shipping on Thursday, and the **Cornell (Lake Antoine)** will probably commence to-day.

–It is expected that the **Florence** will have 20,000 tons of ore stocked by the time the railroad is completed so that shipments can begin.

–**The grading is done to the river, and the track will probably reach there next week.**

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 32 [Saturday, July 10, 1880], page 8, column 2

Range Items.

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–**The track is laid to the river.**

–The roads in the timber are just bottomless.

–**Florence has 500 and Commonwealth 300 inhabitants, by count, not estimate.**

–The range was to have had a better mail service on the 1st inst. We do not hear that it is yet established, but that it soon will be, with **George Estover as route agent.**

–Mr. **E.P. Royce** "set up" the cigars, on Saturday last, upon the occasion of the **first shipment of ore from his (Lake Antoine) iron mine.** We smoked and congratulate.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 33 [Saturday, July 17, 1880], page 8, columns 1-2

Range Items.

–**Jos. Lemay** has opened a **livery stable at Quinnesec.**

–**Wright Brothers**, of Quinnesec, are to enlarge their quarters at once.

–And now the talk is that the **postal car will not be put upon the M.R. rail road until it is completed to Florence.**

–The **Quinnesec bank will open**, if it has not already opened, a **branch at Norway**, with **Cronkhite, junior**, in charge.

–A **mail car for the M.R. railroad** is in the yard at Escanaba, and we hope to be able, next Saturday, to announce the fact that it has been put upon the road. The range has been neglected by the p.o.d. [post office department] long enough.

–**Cyrus Mason**, a brakeman employed on **Jos. Riley's ore train**, was **severely pinched about the hips** while attempting to couple a high car and a low one, at **Quinnesec**, on Friday of last week. He was brought to Escanaba to be cared for.

–The next howl that will greet the ears of the **Chicago & Northwestern railway company**, from this section, will be for a **railroad from Escanaba to the Felch iron mountain.** –Chronicle. You won't need [to] howl. **The C. & N.W. company will put a track to the Felch mountain as soon as anybody has anything to ship therefrom.**

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 34 [Saturday, July 24, 1880], page 8, column 2

Range Items.

–**Iron Mountain station, four miles west of Quinnesec, is open for business. John Merriman is in temporary charge.**

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 35 [Saturday, July 31, 1880], page 8, columns 2-3

Range Items.

–The **livery men at Quinnesec have opened a road to the lower fall**, which can hardly fail to become a place of popular resort.

–The car is ready, and the man. **Why, then, does the old order of things continue, and a letter take two days to travel from Hermansville to Spalding, a distance of seven miles?**

–**The bridge over the Menominee is completed. Mr. Conro**, contractor for the grading, is doing what he can, but is short of men, and the **opening of the road to Florence** may be delayed beyond the date contemplated, for that reason.

–**Highway robbery** is becoming a recognized industry. Near the **Chapin mine**, a few days ago, a little fellow was set

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upon and horribly beaten, but the enterprise was a failure, as he had given his money to a comrade who escaped and saved it.

–The towns on the range understand the necessity of roads and highways better than our people seem to. **Norway will cut out and work a road to Felch mountain, distance twelve miles, and one to the Quinnesec fall [sic – Falls]. Quinnesec has already roads to both these points, and others are projected.**

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 36 [Saturday, August 7, 1880], page 8, column 2

Range Items.

–**Highwaymen, near Iron Mountain City**, on Thursday night last, **attacked George Donaldson** and beat and kicked him in an unsuccessful attempt to rob him. They then attacked **Matt. Murray**, breaking his arm and stealing his watch and pocketbook containing \$50. The robbers are still at large. –Chronicle, 31st.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XT, Number 37 [Saturday, August 14, 1880], page 8, column 2

Range Items.

–No man in the mail car yet.

–**Penberthy** has taken to the woods and "**Racketty**" **Clark** wields the "pencil, pastepot and shears" in the Range office.

[NOTE: "**Racketty**" **Clark** is now identified, and working on **The Menominee Range** in Quinnesec, following his correspondence to **The Iron Port** from Powers, or "42."]

–It is now generally believed that the **Felch mountain railway** will be built at once. An association of explorers and miners, of which **Mr. Maitland**, of **Negaunee**, is president, has a mine there, without doubt, and other parties have good indications. We are assured that the road will be built as soon as there is any ore to come out.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 38 [Saturday, August 21, 1880], page 8, columns 1-2

Range Items.

–**The track is laid to Spread Eagle lake.**

–The same old, slow – coach, inefficient arrangement for mail transmission. Kick!

–A **Frenchman**, name not given, was **killed on the Stephenson mine side-track**, on Saturday last. **A loaded car, drawn by a horse, ran over him.**

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 39 [Saturday, August 28, 1880], page 8, columns 1-2

Range Items.

–**Engines and construction train now run to Spread Eagle lake.**

–There are **only 25 or 30 places between the junction and the river where the wayfarer can allay his thirst (unless he is thirsty enough to imbibe water, like a locomotive)**, in view of which fact, careful travelers, Chicago and Milwaukee missionaries and "sich," carry a tickler.

–In making an embankment near **Spread Eagle lake**, for the railway

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extension, a sink-hole, or peat-bed, was discovered, into which the embankment sunk as fast as it was made. The distance across it was short, however, and firm ground was reached during the fore part of this week.

–**Breitung** is the **most populous township of Menominee county** “by a large majority,” having **4,554 inhabitants**. **Menominee township** is next, with 3,947. **Breen, Spalding** and **Stephenson** follow, in the order named, with over 1,000 each. **Cedarville, Ingallston** and **Holmes** bring up the rear with 222, 195 and 158, respectively.

–**The man who was killed at the Stephenson mine was a Frenchman named Rubaur.**

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 40 [Saturday, September 4, 1880], page 8, columns 1-2

Range Items.

–Building goes on all along the range. We noticed quite a number of **new houses at Frederickton**, as we passed there, on Tuesday, and others at **Norway, Quinnesec** and **Iron Mountain**.

–**The reception and entertainment of the members of the Institute of Mining Engineers, at Quinnesec**, was a neat thing – as neat as anything we have seen in many a day. The **opera house** had been decorated in their honor, and tables set with what was modestly called a lunch, but which was really a banquet. After a time for attention to the toilet, the guests were escorted thither and seated, and were welcomed in a short address (he knew they were hungry) by **John L. Buell** (we might call him “Hon.” or “Esq.,” but prefer the plainer phrase), to which, after full justice to

the viands, the president of the institute, Mr. **Win. P. Shinn**, of **St. Louis**, replied in a happy vein, and called upon Mr. **Charles Ridgely**, of **Springfield, Ill.**, whose fluent and witty speech was just the thing for the occasion. The ladies of the party, or such of them as desired, were then taken to the **lower Quinnesec fall**, while the gentlemen visited the group of mines embracing the **Keel Ridge, Ludington** and **Cornell**. At the **Cornell mine** one of the engineer party said, “I have seen some iron mining, but never before iron ore mined with pick and shovel only.”

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 42 [Saturday, September 18, 1880], page 8, columns 1-2

Range Items.

–**The track is laid to Commonwealth and will reach Florence in about another week.**

–**A passenger train has been put on west of Quinnesec.** It leaves there on the arrival of **No. 4**, runs as far as **Lake Antoine junction** and returns in time for **No. 5**.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 43 [Saturday, September 25, 1880], page 8, column 2

Range Items.

–**The railroad track will have reached Florence** by the time this is read, but will not be in a condition for anything except construction work before the 1st proximo [*of next month*], at which date it is probable that shipments of ore will commence from both **Commonwealth** and **Florence**.

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[Saturday, October 2, 1880], page 8,
columns 1-2

Range Items.

–**A wagon road is under construction from Florence to Keyes lake.**

–The **Commonwealth** will probably commence shipping early in the coming week.

–**No mail agent on the M.R. railroad yet.** Uncle Sam is awfully slow about it.

–**The track of the railway was completed to Florence last Saturday, but is not yet open for business.**

–In an **affray at a camp of railway laborers near Commonwealth**, a man by the name of **Burke** wounded another, whose name we have not heard, very severely, with an ax.

–Freights are pressing, and the road to Florence will be got into working order and business undertaken at the earliest possible day. The work yet to be done is the widening of the clay cut beyond **Spread Eagle lake** and the surfacing of the new track.

–We hear that the **Menominee mining company** is considering the question whether it is economy to pay the Northwestern money enough every year to pay for a railroad. Some members of the company think it is not, and that true economy dictates the building of a road and docks by the company for the transportation and shipment of its own ores.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County,
Michigan, Volume XI, Number 45
[Saturday, October 9, 1880], page 8,
columns 1-2

Range Items.

–**The company will put on a passenger train between Quinnesec and Florence next Monday.**

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County,
Michigan, Volume XI, Number 46
[Saturday, October 16, 1880], page 8,
columns 1-2

Range Items.

–In all the **smashes on the M.R. railroad** last week, no one was killed – not even a bone broken.

–**The Chronicle** details the truth of the report that the **Menominee mining company** is considering the **possibility of railroad building** and says that the project under consideration is of vessel owning instead of railroad. Maybe the Chronicle knows – we're sure we don't, but gave the rumor as we heard it.

–We heard, just before going to press last week, that the **banks of Quinnesec, Norway and Florence had closed and the banker, A.J. Cronkhite, levanted**, but so vaguely and upon such slender authority that we did not use the information. It was true, though, and now everybody says: "Of course. Didn't he play the same game at **Neenah?**"

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County,
Michigan, Volume XI, Number 49
[Saturday, November 6, 1880], page 8,
columns 1-2

Range Items.

–**The road from Florence to Keyes lake is completed and in use.**

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The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County,
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[Saturday, November 13, 1880], page 8,
columns 1-2

Range Items.

–At **Florence**, on Tuesday last **Frank Martin attempted to board a moving train**, but missed his hold, was **thrown under the wheels and killed**.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County,
Michigan, Volume XI, Number 51
[Saturday, November 20, 1880], page 8,
columns 1-2

Range Items.

–**John L. Buell**, the live man of Quinnesec, will celebrate the new year, the republican [*sic*] triumph, the continued prosperity of **Quinnesec**, and everything else you please, by a **grand ball at his Opera house on New Year's eve**. He will give the ball -- the guests being at no expense, except such as they choose to incur for refreshments, etc. John L. does things well when he undertakes.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County,
Michigan, Volume XI, Number 52
[Saturday, November 27, 1880], page 8,
columns 1-2

Range Items.

–**Frank Bureau** had his **leg crushed by an ore car**, at the **Norway mine**, and refuses to submit to amputation, thereby imperiling his life. –Norway Chronicle.

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[Saturday, December 11, 1880], page 1,
column 3

THE C. & N.W. company are now running another line to reach the Felch Mountain region. The survey leaves the branch at Hermansville.

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[Saturday, December 11, 1880], page 1,
column 5

THE winter schedule of the **C. & N.W.** went into effect last Sunday. The **passenger train** north now arrives at 11:25 a.m. and the south passenger at 3:32 p.m. The **Quinnesec freight** leaves at 7:55 a.m. and arrives at 6:50 p.m. The **south freights** leave at 5 a.m., 2 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., and the **north freights** at 12:45 and 6:45 a.m. **Passenger trains** arrive at **Florence** at 12:35 and 6:40 p.m. and leave at 8:23 a.m. and 2:25 p.m.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County,
Michigan, Volume XII, Number 4
[Saturday, December 25, 1880], page 8,
columns 1-2

Range Items.

–**Chapin ore goes to Chicago by rail.**

–The engineer who has lately run an **experimental line from Hermansville to the Felch mountain** speaks favorably of the line.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County,
Michigan, Volume XII, Number 5
[Saturday, January 1, 1881], page 8,
column 1

Range Items.

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Engineering parties are still **working up the Hermansville and Felch Mountain routes**. It is safe to say that is the one that will be chosen. –Men. Herald. On the contrary, it is as safe as any prediction can be that it is not the route "that will be chosen" by the **C. & N.W. Railway company**.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XII, Number 7 [Saturday, January 15, 1881], page 8, columns 1-2

Range Items.

–Mr. **Buell**, so says the Range, has procured drop-curtain, scenery and seats for the **opera house**, which is now the finest room for exhibitions in the region.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XII, Number 8 [Saturday January 22, 1881], page 8, columns 1-2

Range Items.

–The **railway depot at Commonwealth** is nearly ready for occupancy – will be completed by the first of February.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XII, Number 10 [Saturday, February 5, 1881], page 8, columns 1-2

Range Items.

–**Schaller & Co., druggists**, of **Quinnesec**, have opened a branch store at **Iron Mountain** with **Doc. Beaudette** as physic compounder.

–**Rev. Mr. Adams**, of **St. Stephen's church**[,] will hold services at **Quinnesec** on Tuesday next, at the school house; at **Norway**, at the **Methodist church**, on Wednesday; and at the school house at **Vulcan**, on Thursday.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 6 [Saturday, February 5, 1881], page 3, columns 3

HON. JOHN L. BUELL, is fitting up his **Opera House**, at Quinnesec, in the most approved style. The stage, including the green room, will be 18x45 feet. The entire stage scenery is being made in Chicago and the drop curtain will represent a magnificent view of the Lower Quinnesec Falls. This painting, as we are informed, will be well worth the price of an ordinary admission ticket.

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Range Items.

–**Johnny Friedrich**, of the firm of **Schaller & Co., Quinnesec**, has opened out with **drugs** "and sich" at **Iron Mountain**.

–They have to dig 70 feet for **water**, at **Quinnesec**, and they don't dig. They have water from **Fumee creek** [*sic*], and don't get very good water at that, though they pay twenty cents a barrel for it, and the Range suggests a system of pipes and a dam, which would give a constant supply of good water, with a head sufficient to render a fire engine unnecessary, the cost of all which would be no more than that of a year's supply of water for cooking and washing under present arrangements. If

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they had more and better water they would have fewer cases of typhoid, besides the safety in case of fire.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XII, Number 12 [Saturday, February 19, 1881], page 8, columns 1-2

Range Items.

–We hear that the **masquerade** at **Buell's opera house**, for the benefit of the **hospital**, was a financial success, netting some \$250.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XII, Number 14 [Saturday, March 5, 1881], page 8, column 1

Range Items.

–We have it from quite a reliable source that the **C. & N.W. railway company** is making preparations to **extend their line to the Iron river country, and a branch from there to Ontonagon, and from that place to Houghton**, while the main line will be run to connect with the Northern Pacific. The course has already been mapped out. –Men. Range.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XII, Number 15 [Saturday, March 12, 1881], page 8, column 1

Range Items.

–**O'Callaghan** has the lake of Killarney on the drop curtain at his **opera house**. **Buell's** at Quinnesec, has St. Goar, A Rhine scene. Both houses are now in order for the summer.

–**Cronkhite Jr.**, the absconding and defaulting **Quinnesec banker**, has been caught, at Chicago, and will be squeezed. Its [*sic - It's*] no use, though. The cub may suffer but can't disgorge. It's the old fox that is wanted, and he has not been trapped.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 11 [Saturday, March 12, 1881], page 3, columns 4-6

DURING a few hours stay at Quinnesec, during the early part of the week, we were much impressed with the substantial steady growth of the town. It gives every evidence of prosperity, and its citizens anticipate an active summer. We note the following: The **Quinnesec Hotel**, under the management of **Clement & Blythe**, is doing a fine business and sustains its former well merited reputation. **Noe Belanger** is still at his post of duty, in the beverage department, and looks as happy as if he had married a widow with eleven children. **Hugh McLaughlin**, the Real Estate and Insurance man, solemnly declares that business was never better and we believe him. He is a hard worker and deserves success. **John Fredrich**, Esq., the Teutonic justice and druggist, is doing first-rate dispensing law and medicines. We didn't get a chance to see him as he was out riding with his girl. **Sheriff Dave Barclay's** livery stable, under the management of his brother, **Bob**, is doing tip-top. Bob is always ready day or night to furnish a rig or joke, just as the market demands. **Joe Schaller**, Uncle Sam's post officer[,] has fitted the office up, in A No. 1 shape. In order to keep up with first-class offices, he contemplates getting a beautifully engraved silver salver to pass out the mail to his patrons, on. It will have his monogram in the center. His drug store

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is doing a strengthening business. **Gates** and his bear report the livery business flourishing. By the way, bruin looks a good deal thinner than when he commenced his nap. We missed seeing **Dr. D.M. Bond & Son**. They were both out attending to professional duties, which are getting so extensive as to keep them on the war path most of the time. We stepped into their neat, well filled drug store, and from the number of customers in, should judge that they have no cause to complain about quiet times. **C.E. Steller** and **A.G. Wood**, are both doing finely in the watch and jewelry line, and they report business active in their respective establishments, which are far above the average in new towns. **Wright Bros.**, are trying to serve the Lord and their customers, the best they know how, and we are pleased to state that in the latter line they are eminently successful. They are the pioneer merchants in this region, and from a log store and limited trade they have built up a big business, a good reputation, and have as large and commodious [a] store as can be found in this region. They are associated also in the same general line of business at Marinette. "**Ans**," the big brother, attends to the business here. The **McKenna** brothers – **John**, **Patrick**, **Thomas** and **Maurice** – have been identified with the interests of the region, almost since its first development. John has been largely interested in mining operations, and we are pleased to note has been quite successful. His residence – recently built – is one of the finest and most complete in Menominee county. Patrick and Thomas are both engaged in business here and are doing well. **Tim. McNamara** looks as young as ever and twice as handsome, and informed us that his hotel – **the Central** – is doing a bang-up business. The first thing that Tim. Knows if he isn't careful, is, that he will die a rich man. **Hon. Jno. L. Buell**, the founder and proprietor of

the town, was as full of business as ever. He moved around so fast while we were there, that like the man taking the reckoning of the pigs – we could hardly count him. To his tireless energy, the Quinnesecers are indebted, mainly, for the present prosperity of the town and surroundings. **Telin & Johnson** – the fashionable merchant tailors – are doing a rushing business; they are artists in their line and deserve all the good luck they have. **Benjamin Marchand** – "jolly Ben" – was as happy as a clam in high water, and reported business both here and at Iron Mountain as being first-rate. **Dinneen & Connell** were "popping" away as hard as ever. Mr. C., attends to the business here and has built up an extensive and important trade, in the line of soda water, seltzer water, ginger ale, gingerette and other similar refreshing and harmless beverages. **Phil. Bender** continues to practice the tonsorial art in all its ramifications. Phil. Is a genius in that line and after an hour or so of manipulation, can transform an old man of sixty, into a young man of twenty-five. **John McDonald** has made a successful combination of groceries, steamboat tickets and foreign exchange. He is doing a good business in all these lines. **Rod Burris** got into hot water a short time ago but has got out again and is now O.K. Says he is doing a smashing business. **W.J. Penberthy**, the manager-in-chief of the **Menominee Range**, was at home, behind a big dictionary on stilts. The new proprietorship, makes very little change in his duties and he is continuing to make his paper one of the best in the U.P. He complains that job work is numerous, which is all just as it should be. **John St. Denis** said "by gar, I sell you one of de best sewing machine, dat you ever saw;" as John is a man of undoubted truth and veracity, we saw no reason to disbelieve him. **Al. A. Hammond** expounds the law to justice **Fredrich**, free

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gratis and accepts a modest little fee from his numerous patrons for his dispensation of the same to them. He is building up a fine practice. **Louis Young** – the boiler maker – was hammering away so that we could not hear a word he said, but could see that he was doing a good business. **Casad & Co.**, – the proprietors of the **Quinnesec Foundry and Machine Works** – are doing a rushing business and have more orders than they can attend to.

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Range Items.

–**Felch**, of the **Commercial** at **Quinnesec**, is going to build a **hotel** at **Felch mountain** [sic].

–**Buell's opera house** makes us ashamed of the place we, at Escanaba, have to occupy to see a play or listen to a concert. Light, airy, easy of access, having a seating capacity of six hundred, a sixteen-foot stage and nine beautiful scenes, it is a credit to the place and a monument to the public spirit of the proprietor.

–The **Methodists** will have a \$1,500 **church** at the **Chapin location** as soon as it can be built. The mining company gives half the cost. –Condensed from the Range.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 16 [Saturday, April 16, 1881], page 3, column 5

THE **train was delayed at Waucedah** the other day for ten minutes, by a novel obstruction, namely a **free fight, beside the cars**. The combatants struggled promiscuously and rolled over among the

car wheels, so that if the train had moved, it would probably have sent some of them to a celestial Donnybrook Fair. **Denny O'Brien** was a prominent figure in the melee, and emerged with a bad cut on the forehead. Not satisfied with that, he came here and later in the day ran across a snag, [sic] that closed his left peeper, and made his features resemble a map of the Yellowstone Park.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XII, Number 22 [Saturday, April 30, 1881], page 1, column 4

MR. POWERS, with an engineer party, left here on Wednesday to run the lines for the mine sidings at the **Metropolitan and Northwestern locations**, and we are informed that work on the **Felch Mountain branch** will be commenced at once and pushed as rapidly as possible. It is intended to complete the branch in time to allow of [sic – for] the shipment of some 50,000 tons from the two mines mentioned during the present season.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 18 [Saturday, April 30, 1881], page 3, column 4

THE Canal Co., are preparing to lay out a town site on the **Felch Mountain Range**. It will be located on the south half of the south west quarter of section 29, 40 28. The town will adjoin the **Metropolitan and Northwestern mines location**, and lies on a level piece of hard wood land, high and dry, and there is an abundance of excellent water. We understand that a good many persons are preparing to purchase building lots.

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Range Items.

–Mr. **Buell** has bought some land and will use it for a **race track** with a **ball ground** in the centre [*sic* – center].

–The **canal company** is laying out a town at **Felch Mountain**. Mr. **Buell** has bought the **Commercial hotel** and Mr. **Polderman** will succeed **Felch** in charge thereof. –Range, 28th.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XII, Number 24 [Saturday, May 14, 1881], page 8, column 1

Range Items.

–**Felch** [ran the **Commercial Hotel in Quinnesec** and **proposed building a hotel at Felch Mountain** in mid-April, 1881] will run a **tri-weekly stage from Norway to Felch mountain**, leaving on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 9:45 a.m. –Iron Chronicle, 7th.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XII, Number 25 [Saturday, May 21, 1881], page 8, columns 1-2

Range Items.

–**Dickie** runs a line of **stages to Felch mountain** [*sic*]. –Chronicle, 14th.

–The **extensions of the Northwestern railway to the Felch mountain, Paint river and Iron river districts** are progressing with all possible speed. It is not probable that that company can hold its

monopoly of the ore-carrying on the range, but the company that comes in to compete with it will find the **Northwestern** every where [*sic* – everywhere] there is a mine and pretty well fixed to stand competition.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XII, Number 26 [Saturday, June 4, 1881], page 8, columns 1-2

Range Items.

–The **miners at the Quinnesec** organized a small **strike** the 23d [*sic* – 23rd], which lasted about twenty-four hours. The removal (or rather the resignation) of the **mine physician, Dr. Hutchinson**, was the cause of the trouble.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XII, Number 28 [Saturday, June 11, 1881], page 8, columns 1-2

Range Items.

–**Work upon the railway extensions, towards Felch mountain and Crystal falls**, is pushed with all possible vigor, but it is almost impossible to keep men in the woods at laborers [*sic* – laborers'] wages, on account of the flies and musquitos [*sic* – mosquitos].

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 24 [Saturday, June 11, 1881], page 3, column 4

THAT dread disease – **small pox** – has made its appearance at **Quinnesec**. Two cases have occurred which are said to be of a very aggravated virulent form. The authorities have been dealing with the

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matter promptly and had the two patients removed to a place of safety where they can receive prompt medical attendance. It is sincerely to be hoped that no more cases will occur, and that the loathsome disease will be confined to these two cases. The persons afflicted are a **brother and sister who have lately come to this country from England.**

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XII, Number 29 [Saturday, June 18, 1881], page 1, column 3

FRANK ROACH, a brakeman employed on ore train No. 52, was severely hurt at the Ludington mine on Monday. He was standing on the back end of the tender as some cars were being pushed, when the draw-head of the car next [to] the engine broke and the broken end caught and crushed his ankle. He was brought to **his home at Norway** and placed in **Dr. McLeod's** care, who **amputated the leg** on Wednesday.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XII, Number 30 [Saturday, June 25, 1881], page 8, columns 1-2

Range Items.

–“A real, live mail-agent” now accompanies the branch train. The Metropolitan is laying out a town near its mine and will have a newspaper. – Chronicle, 18th.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 27 [Saturday, July 2, 1881], page 3, column 4

THE morning passenger train, going west on the **Menominee River railroad**, on Tuesday last, came near sustaining what might have been, a serious accident. At the **Menominee River Junction**, the train had just passed the Y and was waiting for one of the trainmen to adjust the switch – which seemed to have something the matter with it – when an ore train came thundering along at a rapid rate of speed. As soon as the situation of things was observed, the **passengers in the rear car, rushed to the door and jumped out**, and the train got under motion as soon as possible. The ore train had also clapped on brakes and the switch still not being adjustable ran off the track. No further damage was done, and the accident was soon remedied.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XII, Number 32 [Saturday, July 9, 1881], page 8, columns 1-2

Range Items.

–Three town sites have been laid out in the Felch mountain neighborhood and named, respectively, **Felch Mountain, Metropolitan and Theodore.** **Felch Mountain** is near the **Warner location**, occupying the **s1/2 se1/4 29, 42, 28**; **Metropolitan** adjoins the **Metropolitan mine property**, on **32, 42, 28**, and is the property of that company; and **Theodore** is the property of the canal company and adjoins the **Northwestern mine** on **29, 42, 28**. Two of them, we cannot say which, will doubtless be fizzles.

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"THEODORE" is the name of the Canal Co's new town at Felch Mountain. Theodore M. Davis, the president of the company, is named after it.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XII, Number 33 [Saturday, July 16, 1881], page 8, columns 1-2

Range Items.

--The **C. & N.W. company will at once extend a branch to the Indiana mine** and the mine commence shipping.

--Four hundred men are employed on the **railroad to Crystal Falls** and it is expected that ore can be shipped over it early in October.

--The prospect is now that the **railroad will not be completed to Felch mountain [sic – Mountain] before the close of the season** for shipments. --Range, 7th.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 32 [Saturday, August 6, 1881], page 3, column 4

On Wednesday, **Hugh McMillan** was married by **Father Vacine**, to **Josephine Hayes**, at Quinnesec. The happy pair returned to Florence, and celebrated the occasion by a pleasant dance at **Juneau's Opera House**. Thus it is that the young Florentines step off to sail the sea of matrimony. Our best wishes go with the young couple, and may no clouds arise to obscure the bright sunshine of their happiness.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 35 [Saturday, August 27, 1881], page 3, column 3

DOWN at Quinnesec, a young man who saw his friend in a crowd of some two hundred, sang out to him: "Come over, captain, and take a drink," whereupon every man rose to his feet and started across the street.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 37 [Saturday, September 10, 1881], page 3, column 4

--**J.K. Turner**, attorney from Quinnesec, was in town on legal business on Monday last. He thinks this is the nicest town he has seen on this range outside of the "City of the Falls."

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 38 [Saturday, September 17, 1881], page 3, column 2

WE learn that a miner in the company of **Capt. J.M. Gray** was buried up in a forty foot shaft near Quinnesec, the first of the week.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 38 [Saturday, September 17, 1881], page 3, column 3

THERE is a **veritable boom at Quinnesec**. Additions to the town are being laid out, and lots are going off "like hot cakes," and at good prices. There seems to be quite a concentration of interest all along the range at Quinnesec. The place is central and most delightfully located, and, in view of the immediate and surrounding attractions, may at no very distant day become the leading inland watering-place and pleasure resort of the Upper Peninsula. -- *Marinette Eagle*.

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CAPT. J.M. GRAY, explorer, is sinking a shaft on sec. 27, town 40, range 30, for H.D. Smith (of Appleton) & Co. The shaft is down over 40 feet, but some trouble is experienced from quicksand. The show is good for a fine blue ore.

Capt. Gray also has a pump and boiler on sec. 25, town 40, range 30, with P.L. Kimberly, with a good show of ore.

Capt. Gray, with swift [*sic* – *Swift*] and others, of Ishpeming, were to recommence work last week on sec. 2, town, [*sic* – *town*] 39, range 30.

Mr. **John McDonald**, of Quinnesec, showed us a sample of red oxyde [*sic* – *oxide*] of iron suitable for paint, which came from the chips made by a horse-powered drill, on **A.B. Meeker's** property, near Quinnesec. – *Advocate*.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XII, Number 45 [Saturday, October 8, 1881], page 8, columns 1-2

Range Items.

–A postoffice [*sic* – *post office*] has been established at **Felch mountain**. Name "**Metropolitan**" and **L.A. Friedrichs** is postmaster.

–The rains have made the roads to and through the **Felch mountain district** almost impassable, nevertheless [*sic*], **O'Callaghan** has succeeded in transporting a **saw-mill** thither and will soon have it at work. A court has been established **L.D. Fleming**, magistrate, and **John Madden**, constable, and a **school district is to be organized**. All which we learn from the Range.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I,

Number 44 [Saturday, October 29, 1881], page 3, column 3

ON Tuesday last, **between Vulcan and Norway, the freight train and an ore train**, which was being handled by the switch engine, **collided**. The trains met on a curve and could not see each other until just as they met. The several engines were reversed, but too late to avert a collision. Both locomotives were badly demoralized – the freight engine getting all jammed up and disfigured, and the switch engine came out of the muss minus the smoke stack [*sic* – *smokestack*] and some other trimmings. **Twenty-three ore cars were thrown off the track**. Nobody was hurt and nobody was to blame, except the railroad track, which seemed to be extensively crooked in just about that locality. **The same day ten ore cars left the track at Waucedah**. This accident was the fault of the track again. The rails spread.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XIII, Number 4 [Saturday, December 31, 1881], page 8, column 1

Range Items.

–The outfit of the **Oconto Republican** has been brought to **Quinnesec**, to replace that of the **Range**, taken by the proprietor to **Norway**.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XIII, Number 5 [Saturday, January 7, 1882], page 8, column 2

Range Items.

–**H.S. Swift**, formerly for some time engaged on the **Range**, is to conduct the

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new paper which is to succeed the Range, at **Quinnesec** and to be called the **Recorder [sic – Reporter]**.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume II, Number 2 [Saturday, January 7, 1882], page 3, column 2

THE **Quinnesec Reporter**. Is said to be the name of the coming paper at Quinnesec. THE MINING NEWS wishes it success.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume II, Number 3 [Saturday, January 14, 1882], page 3, column 3

AT 3:30 P.M. on Wednesday, the 4th instant [*sic – this month*], Mr. **Sam W. Harteau**, of Quinnesec, and Miss **Emilie Le Claire**, of Green Bay, and Mr. **Max M. Mayer**, of Oshkosh and Miss **Cecelia Le Claire**, of Green Bay – both the ladies being daughters of **Chas. Le Claire**, Esq., of this city, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by **Rev. Father Fox**, at the French Catholic church, in this city. – Green Bay Advocate.

Just as we suspected. Samuel has at last fallen a victim to the penetrating arrows of that wily archer, Cupid. We thought there was something the matter with Sam, the last time we saw him, but did not expect it was anything more serious than an overdose of castor oil, or something of that kind. Well, THE MINING NEWS hopes that he will rapidly recover, so as to be around again before long and adds its blessing and also wishes the happy pair abundant joy and prosperity.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume II,

Number 4 [Saturday, January 21, 1882], page 3, column 3

WE have received No. 2, of the bright newsy **Quinnesec Reporter**, published by Mr. **H.S. Swift**. It starts out auspiciously, with a liberal share of advertising and is about the size of THE MINING NEWS, which is plenty large enough, for villages of the size of those on the Menominee iron range. THE MINING NEWS wishes it all success.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume II, Number 11 [Saturday, March 11, 1882], page 3, column 2

“THE huge icicle at the **Little Quinnesec** is over 60 feet in height, and is quite handsome in form. It is the biggest icicle this side of Greenland’s icy mountains.” – Menominee Herald.

It is a huge statement anyway.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume II, Number 27 [Saturday, July 1, 1882], page 1, column 5

H.S. SWIFT, the proprietor of the **Quinnesec Reporter**[.] has purchased the office of the **Menominee Range** and will remove it to Iron Mountain. The energetic village is a fine point for a newspaper and the citizens will have as good a paper as the Reporter, if not better.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume III, Number 2 [Saturday, January 6, 1883], page 1, column 5

AT a 25 mile walking match at Quinnesec, Wednesday evening, between **Henry Blackwood** and **Dunham**, of Iron

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Mountain, considerable money changed hands and there was quite an excitement. The walk was for \$25. On the 24th mile Blackwood fell down in a faint, but Dunham continued the walk to the end, and was declared the winner. Blackwood was at first thought to be dead, but restoratives brought him back to consciousness. The citizens of Quinnesec were the winners and those of Iron Mountain the losers in the betting.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume III, Number 18 [Saturday, April 28, 1883], page 1, column 4

A LABORATORY is being fitted up in the **Opera House** block, at Quinnesec, by Mr. **Buell**, who has secured the most improved apparatus for testing iron, gold, silver, and lead ores.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume III, Number 18 [Saturday, April 28, 1883], page 1, column 5

THEY say **Norway** is awful dull, **Quinnesec** duller, and **Waucedah** dullest.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume III, Number 18 [Saturday, April 28, 1883], page 4, column 5

The **Quinnesec** mine is rapidly “pinching out.”

The **Indiana** mine is declared to be developing into a veritable bonanza.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume III, Number 21 [Saturday, May 19, 1883], page 1, column 4

C.B. AND E.W. INGALLS, of Waucedah, have prepared to send milk to tons on the Range, including Florence, Iron River and Crystal Falls.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume III, Number 28 [Saturday, July 7, 1883], page 1, column 6

THE **Dreadnaughts**, of Chicago, played the **Quinnesec ball tossers**, at the latter place, on Thursday. An invitation to be present from Messrs. **Ryan, Schaller and Barclay**, the committee, could not be accepted, for which we are regretful. Score: Dreadnaughts, 18; Quinnesec, 3. The Quinnesec boys white-washed the Garden City fellows several times, and played valiantly.

Menominee Democrat, Menominee, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 1 [Saturday, November 7, 1885], page 1, column 3

The **Quinnesec House** has been leased by **Mr. J. Fort** of Marinette. **Mrs. P. Smith**[.] the former proprietress[.] has removed back to Quinnesec where she will keep a **boarding house**.

Menominee Democrat, Menominee, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 2 [Saturday, November 14, 1885], page 5, column 4

COUNTY AND VICINITY.

Business in Quinnesec is reported as being lively, and the average business man [*sic* – *businessman*] smileth.

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1885], page 5, column 3

COUNTY AND VICINITY.

QUINNESEC.

From the Menominee Range.

Wright Bros. received a car load [*sic* – *carload*] of winter apples this week.

Alex Dumas, the **village shoemaker**, killed a **275 pound buck**, on Sunday afternoon.

Robert Barclay is negotiating for the **Quinnesec hotel**. Robert would make a good landlord. Hope he will succeed in getting “thar.”

John Nixon, of **Crystal Falls**, was in town on Sunday. John is operating a **diamond drill** at the former place for the **Iron Star Mining Company**.

The officers of the **Penn Iron Co.** were in town this week, the president, mining engineer and comptroller. The ore shipping has stopped for the winter. The company is working about sixty men.

Menominee Democrat, Menominee,
Menominee County, Michigan, Volume
1, Number 6 [Saturday, December 12,
1885], page 5, column 3

John McRae & Son[,] of Toronto (Canada)[,] are about to go into the **logging business in Quinnesec** this winter. They will ship to Canadian markets.

Menominee Democrat, Menominee,
Menominee County, Michigan, Volume
1, Number 10 [Saturday, January 9,
1886], page 5, columns 4-5

Editorial Observations Around the County.

QUINNESEC.

Some years ago this was the liveliest little place on the whole range, but now it looks like a deserted village with its hotel and many business places nailed up. But as **A.L. [*sic* – *A.F.*] Wright**[,] the pioneer merchant there[,] puts it: “While the lamp holds out to burn,” etc., which must mean that there is some hope for Quinnesec yet. Mr. W. has a good business, however, and does not complain. Mr. W. was an uncompromising Democrat and one of the representative men of this county. In his store business he is ably assisted by **Albert Mellen**, who will probably soon receive the appointment of **mail agent on the M.R. R’y, from Powers to Iron River**. Armed with credentials furnished by Mr. Wright we visited the **Indiana mine** about 2 ½ miles north of Quinnesec. Here we found **Capt. H.P. Travers, Thos. Flannigan, Charley Kruse, Thos. Mooney** and several others, who extended a cordial welcome, and increased our subscription list. Mining matters are progressing easily at this mine at present, as the ore must be placed in stock pile, but work will be pushed lively in the spring. About 70 men are employed now.

Returning to the village we made the acquaintance of **John L. Buell**, the father of Quinnesec, **Hugh McLaughlin, Thos. McKenna**, and **Major Picands [*sic* – *Pickands*]**, of Chicago and Cleveland, who is making some big mining deals in this country just at present.

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QUINNESEC.

From our own Correspondent.

The **Quinnesec Hotel** was opened to the public Monday last under the management of **Mrs. H.N. Newberry** and **Robt. Barclay**. Their formal opening will not take place until Friday, the 30th inst. [*of this month*], when a **grand opening ball** will be given in **Buell's Opera House**, and supper served at the hotel. It is expected that this will be the grandest affair ever held on the range for several years. **Buell's Opera House** is second to none in the north-west [*sic – northwest*], and which is noted for the many excellent parties given in it, will be especially trimmed for the occasion, and no expense will be spared to make this the event of the season, and all who attend enjoy themselves. Mr. Barclay, who is widely acquainted with the people of the upper peninsula, expects to meet all his old friends that evening, and if they do not have a good time Bob will not be to blame. This will also be an excellent chance for Menominee people who will stay over till the P.M. train, which leaves here at 3:44, to visit the **Upper and Lower Quinnesec Falls**, which are now in their element, owing to the high water, and witness the logs go over the falls through the new cuts that were made last winter. The falls can be reached by teams from here over good roads or by boats which can be had at reasonable rental from the foot of Quinnesec avenue.

A jam of about 15,000,000 feet of logs formed above the Lower Falls this week, and threatened serious damage to the new work done there this winter, was got off Monday by the champion jam breaker, Mr. B. Perkins, and his crew, with only the loss of a few piers.

Supplies and men for the new R'y are crossed over the river at the foot of Quinnesec avenue, on a scow which works on shears attached to a rope stretched across the river and propelled by the current. **Capt James Duland** is in command.

What does the township of Breitung pay a Health Officer \$100 for? is what is agitating the minds of a great many taxpayers in this end of the town. We have not seen him officiating in his official capacity since appointed.

Our old time friend, Mr. **Sam'l Bassett**, who has made a third and last trip across the continent, was shaking hands with friends in town Monday. [*NOTE: Samuel Bassett was a Civil War veteran and also worked as the custodian at the Carnegie Public Library in Iron Mountain as an old man.*]

Wright Bros. have received their mammoth spring stock, and their store is chock full of goods of all kinds, and they are enjoying a fine trade.

Gene Reeves, of **Marinette**, will have charge of the track work on the Loop this summer. Gene looks as black as his brother.

Hans Peterson, who was scalded by steam while blowing off the boilers at the mine last week, is able to be around again.

Pay day [*sic – Payday*] at the **Indiana mine** Wednesday and at the Quinnesec, Friday. Look out for a big business in town Saturday.

Henry Hewitt, Jr., of Menasha, and **C.M. Wheeler**, of Marquette, were registered at the Quinnesec Tuesday.

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Everything from a paper of four to a barrel of pins at **Wright Bros.** [sic – from a paper of pins to a barrel of flour].

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QUINNESEC.

From our own Correspondent.

Quinnesec Lodge, F. & A.M., are making preparations for their annual ball.

“Glycerine” Wheeler[,] of Marquette, is doing some mining exploring in the vicinity of the **Cuff mine**, in company with **John L. Buell**.

John L. Buell informed us while at Quinnesec on Tuesday that THE DEMOCRAT cost him just 500 shares of stock in the **Cuff mine**. Being a stranger, John should not have taken us so preposterously in telling his side of the story, for the Norway crowd came down on us with full legal force for a retraction. Moreover, those “Norway fellows” only wanted a very slight pretext to withhold those shares, and in lieu of something else the newspaper item furnished the excuse. John should commit Davy Crockett’s maxim to heart, before the next time he tries to stuff a guileless newspaper reporter.

Patrick Wildman, of Quinnesec, has a license hanging in his **saloon** signed by **Rudolph H. Wildman**, county treasurer. Must be the treasurer **Wendt** somewhere before he filled out that document. – Menominee Range.

Well, you must take into consideration the fact that Patrick became the happy father of a fine boy just a few days before he came after that license, and, too, he might have looked just a little bit *wild* – with joy of course. This being the case we must excuse the county treasurer this time, but if he ever signs his name “Wildman” again, the case will have to be referred to the proper authorities.

The old **Quinnesec House** was reopened last night, with one of the grandest balls, we suppose, that ever took place on the range. We received a handsome invitation to attend, but had to forego the pleasure. The present proprietor of the **Quinnesec Hotel**, **W.W. Felch**, about seven years ago run [sic – ran] the **Commercial Hotel** in Quinnesec, he has formerly resided in Menominee, but of late years has hailed from **Felch Mountain**. He is well and favorably known in this northern country, and will no doubt do a successful business in his present location. All the furnishings of the hotel are neat and new, and we can cheerfully testify to the clean beds and excellent cuisine provided the weary traveler. **Mrs. Felch** and her pretty and accomplished **daughter Della**, will do everything possible to make it pleasant for guests, and it is expected that during the hot season there will be many tourists from the large cities enjoying the beauties of nature in that vicinity, and making their quarters at the Quinnesec.

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QUINNESEC.

Quinnesec celebrated the glorious “**Fourth**” to [*sic – too*], perhaps as great an extent, considering the amount of her population, as her sister towns. A pleasant picnic, some evergreens, a big flag, heaps of fire crackers [*sic – firecrackers*] during the day and in the evening, fire works [*sic – fireworks*] for the little ones and the G.A.R. Ball at Iron Mountain for the older ones.

King, Burk & Co.’s circus come [*sic – came*] so near the national holiday that it seemed but the continuation of that day, and of course everyone turned out to see the elephant. Even “the fellow who started out to write fish stories and abandoned that occupation for shoveling sand on the R R” – according to the veracious (?) statement of the handsome and gifted correspondent of the Norway Current was there, got back just in time to witness the unlading of the cars containing the “show,” also to behold the wonderful feat achieved by the aforesaid gifted correspondent, when with incredible daring he boldly rushed forward and caught a monkey which had succeeded in escaping from its keeper. His agility and extraordinary presence of mind is worthy of the highest commendation, and to see him tenderly clasping that monkey and gazing down into his expressive face with

evidently anxious solicitude, was a sight once seen never to be forgotten.

Well, the “big show” drew as usual a large crowd, some going away pleased and others grumbling but since that eventful day every little boy in town has been playing circus; yes, and some of the big boys too. Even one of our hitherto dignified young men while trying to balance himself on a beer keg succeeded in getting a very undignified tumble.

Peck’s “New Bad Boy” will hold forth on the fifteenth at **Buell’s Opera House**, of course everyone will attend, as all are curious to know if he is “more badder,” as our Scandinavian brethren would phrase it, than the old “bad boy” who for the last few years has furnished the reading public with so many jolly laughs.

Raspberries are selling at 10 cents a quart, and there is a ready sale for all coming into market.

A visit to the **Indiana mine** on Monday found everything running along smoothly under the good management of **Capt. T. Travers**, who gave us a cordial welcome. **Thos. Flannigan**, the very efficient time keeper [*sic – bookkeeper*], echoed the same sentiments in a hoarse whisper, and took us over to the new find, which is proving a valuable discovery. The deposit keeps increasing in size, and the quality improves as the work progresses. The ore taken out so far is better than No. 2, but not so rich in iron as that obtained from the main shaft. In the mine proper considerable trouble is experienced with the pumps which require to be kept in operation. Since the new find was uncovered the force has been increased to 98 men. The Indiana mine will ship more ore this season than ever before in its history. We had the pleasure of the

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company of **Mr. Ans. Wright** over the delightful drive between Quinnesec and the mine.

An important improvement for Quinnesec is the contemplated race course which certain lovers of fast horses in Iron Mountain and Norway agreed to locate here, providing Quinnesec folks would raise \$250. This amount has been raised, and now the promoters of the project are expected to furnish the remaining \$750 required, and go on with the work. The course will be on the farm of **John L. Buell**, who will have charge of putting the track into condition for racing which is a sufficient guarantee that the work will be well done. **H.G. Fisk**, of Iron Mountain, is one of the prime movers in the enterprise.

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COUNTY AND VICINITY.

QUINNESEC.

Some one [*sic* – *Someone*] should put a bomb under the **Bohemian Concert Hall**, on the front street.

The water in the river has never been so low. **Benj. Merchand** [*sic* – *Marchand*] found no trouble to ford it with a load of hay.

The contract for building the new jail was let to **John McClelland** who will commence the work at once.

A fireman for **Kelpin & Arbuthnot, contractors on the M. & N. R'y**, was struck on the head with a rock from a blast Wednesday morning, and will probably die of his injuries.

The Uncle Tom's Cabin Co. played here Saturday night to a crowded house and gave good satisfaction. They claim we have the best hall north of Milwaukee.

The game between the second nines of Quinnesec and Iron Mountain Sunday morning, resulted in a victory for the Quinnesecs, score 200 to 122. They claim that if the bases had not been so far apart, they could have made a couple hundred more tallies as well as not.

A game of ball was played Sunday p.m. at the B.b. park between the Iron Mountains and the Quinnesecs. The game resulted favorably to the Iron Mountains, score 13 to 11. Another game will be played at Iron Mountain a week from Saturday between the same clubs when the score will probably be reversed.

About \$600 are already subscribed for the race track, and work will be commenced and a company organized after August 1st. We will have the best ½ mile track and ball ground in the upper peninsula. The track will be ready in September, when a grand tournament will be held, and owners of fast nags are requested to attend. Good prizes will be offered, and a grand programme will be issued in due time. Why not have the county fair here? It would be more convenient for the range people.

Capt. T.B. Rundle, formerly captain of the Chapin Mine, who has been working a contract on the M. & N. R'y, died suddenly about 10 o'clock Tuesday a.m. at his camp. He started for his camp for some fuse and when he reached there, complained of pain in the stomach and died in a few minutes – probably from sun stroke. The captain is widely and favorably known in the upper peninsula, especially with the laboring men with whom he was a great favorite. He was buried Thursday afternoon at Quinnesec with Masonic honors.

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QUINNESEC.

H. McLaughlin and **A.F. Wright** were at Menominee this week in attendance at the Deomcratic Co. convention.

Messrs. Nicholson and Mooney, contractors on the **M.B. R'y**, were in town over Sunday.

Sam Ecklstein, the Oshkosh tailor, was in town Monday, and walked around **A.F. Wright** with his tape line.

W.H. Felch, our long eared landlord[,], has just received a **new team to put on his bus**. Lots of speed in their heels.

O'Callaghan Bros. received the contract for furnishing the timber to **fence the race track**.

Felix LaBrook is already speeding his horse "Jumbo," getting ready for the Tournament next month.

An alarm of fire was given about 6 o'clock last Thursday morning, caused by the smoke stack of the Quinnesec steam bakery. Hose Co. No. 1, were [*sic – was*] on the spot inside of two minutes. There being no cause for action, they retired in good order.

Pat Shannon expects to enter his horse "Killarney," in the slow race next month.

John A. Nixon, the **Crystal Falls** heat crusher, was in town Sunday.

Henry Hartman has gone to Milwaukee. It is rumored that Mrs. H. will return with him.

At a meeting of the **stockholders in the race track enterprise**, held at the **Quinnesec Hotel** last week, **H.G. Fisk**, of **Iron Mountain**, was elected president, and **A.F. Wright**[,], sec'y and treas. The board of directors were chosen from the several

towns that have subscribed stock as follows: – **Wm. Turner, Vulcan; Mr. Farrell, Norway; A.F. Wright, Quinnesec; H.G. Fisk** and **John Minnes, Iron Mountain**. The company will be known as the "**Menominee Range Trotting Association.**" **Thos. McKenna** has charge of a crew of men on the grounds, and has the grubbing and cleaning nearly done. The track will be completed in about three weeks.

All the men at the Indiana mine quit work the 1st of the month on account of the paymaster, with their June pay, failing to put in an appearance. No work is being done at the time, excepting keeping the pumping machinery working. We understand several attachments for labor have been put on the plant this week. The mine is looking better and has shipped more ore this season than ever before, and it seems too bad if it has to collapse all on account of the non-payment of two months labor. We hear it rumored that all claims will be soon settled, and the mine started up again under new management.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume II, Number 45 [Saturday, December 4, 1886], page 1, column 5

QUINNESEC.

A short visit on Wednesday revealed the fact that while business is not what it was in the palmy days when Quinnesec was the end of the road, – the jumping off place, still it is by no means a dead town, and should the extensive explorations now being carried on prove successful it would take but a few weeks to fill up all the empty business and dwelling houses.

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Ans. Wright has all the business in the **Gen. Mdse. [General Merchandise]** line which he and his able assistant can handle.

John St. Denis was almost too busy to talk to a fellow, as he said: it was cold weather and his customers must have “good grub” to keep them from freezing.

H. Hartman was found trying to **swap a carload of meat for a carload of butter and eggs**, and it is safe to say that **Henry** did not get the worst of the bargain, if one was made.

Tom McKenna and **Paddy Wildman** both seemed well pleased with the world and themselves, and we believe that if the angel Gabriel should call for either of them, he would meet with the answer, “all right, take sumthin first.”

W.W. Felch, at the **Hotel**, still continues to furnish food and lodgings of the best, and it goes without saying that he and the estimable landlady know just how to keep a hotel, and that the weary wayfarer reaps the benefit of that knowledge. Mr. Felch is expecting soon to get up an “Old Folks” party and will expect all his friends to come and see him. He also says that parties out for a sleighride [*sic* – *sleigh ride*] and who may feel disposed to have a little dance, [*sic*] may have the use of his house at the shortest notice.

B. Gormerly [sic Gormley] was here on Wednesday and measured some of the boys for new **clothes**. Gormley is now located at **Norway**, and will without doubt find all the work his hands can do.

Station Agent McGraw also seemed well pleased with both himself and the world, and is probably the busiest man in town.

T.E. Dillon, of **Waucedah**, has been **taking men and teams across the river** this week, **to commence hauling logs**. He will put in about 2,000,000 feet.

Felix Labrook is doing a good business at his **livery**.

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QUINNESEC.

Joe Gereau is engaged putting pigs in clover.

Miss Martha Neudert, of **Menominee**, is visiting her brother **Antone**.

Hugh Morrison is appointed **night guardian of the township of Breitung**.

Ben. Merchand, Mat. Bryngelson and **Tom. McKenna** will take out **saloon licenses**.

Mrs. Lizzie Carvis arrived here last week from Douglas, Isle of Man, and is visiting **Mrs. P. Wildman**.

Charles Moerbitz sent an application to the county clerk for a marriage certificate and through mistake came near marrying himself to one of the witnesses.

Mrs. Erickson, of **Iron Mountain**, was here last week visiting **Mrs. Bryngelson**. She attempted to drive a cow out of Bryngelson’s yard; the cow attacked her knocking her down, broke her leg and she is also seriously injured about the body.

Ben Merchand, John L. Buell and **Antone Neudert**, went a fishing on Wednesday morning, to **Pine Creek**. Returned at 6 p.m. with three strings of speckled beauties. **It is rumored that Ben Merchand will open the Quinnesec hotel in the near future.**

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QUINNESEC.

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Miss Annie Paterson, of DeLoughery, was here last week visiting her sister, Mrs. A.H. Mellen.

Miss Laura Gereau is appointed librarian.

Miss Lilly Aldrich, of Metropolitan, is visiting her brother, Watson.

Mrs. John Kerkeet, of Iron Mountain, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Henry Brooks.

M.B. McGee, our popular powder agent, is a member of the township board.

Hugh Morrison is getting the waterworks in shape; in case of fire we are as well equipped to fight it as any town [on the] range.

Thomas Holmes is an applicant for the position of principal of our schools.

Buell and Burlingame knocked Tom McKenna's fence down and did not put it up. Tom says if it happens again there will be some rags and bones flying around.

There is talk of organizing a **base ball [sic – baseball] club** at this place, with the following players and their respective positions. 1st base, **Mellen**; 2nd base, **Wildman**; 3rd base, **McCune**; S.S., **Matson**; R.F., **Morrison**; L.F., **Manning**; C.F., **Neudert**; pitcher, **Tom McKenna**; catcher, **Ben Merchand**.

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 9 [Thursday, May 23, 1889], page 5, columns 3-4

QUINNESEC.

Mrs. Lillie Aldrich has removed to Pike, Wis.

Pat Shannon has commenced work on his clothes reel.

Charles Moeritz is chust [sic – just] recovering from a severe attack of gout.

Al. Mellen has fenced in the lot next to his house and commenced farming.

Parnell Gladstone McKenna and Garfield Henry Wildman were seen on our streets last Sunday.

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 13 [Thursday, June 20, 1889], page 1, column 4

Fire in Quinnesec.

Paddy Wildman's house was discovered to be on fire last Thursday afternoon about 3 o'clock. No one was in the house at the time, Mrs. Wildman and the children having gone to spend the afternoon with friends, and Mr. Wildman being at his place of business. The parlor furniture and a part of the house was saved. There was \$400 insurance on the building and \$600 on the furniture, which was written by Mr. Carver, of the Menominee River Insurance Agency. The loss was adjusted last Tuesday, and a sight draft given to Mr. Wildman for the total amount of insurance on the house, and one of \$485 for the loss on the furniture. This is prompt work on the part of the insurance agency, the loss being paid in five days after the fire.

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

AT the instigation, so report has it, of John L. Buell, supervisor of Breitung township, the constable of Quinnesec swore out a warrant for the arrest of Thomas McKenna, owner of a saloon at Quinnesec, for keeping it open at night after 9 o'clock. The case came up before

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Judge Hay, McKenna waiving a preliminary examination and the same will be taken to the circuit court. –**Current**.

The Current, Norway, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume VII, Number 38 [Saturday, October 24, 1891], page 8, columns 3-4

Quinnesec.

The contract for the **sinking of the new shaft**, another 100 feet, has been let to **A.G. Anderson**.

There is to be a **footrace** here, soon, between **Charley Moerbitz** and **Pat Shannon**, for a deer's head.

John McKenna is to go to **Beechwood** soon to start business for himself and we wish him good luck.

Ben Marchand is repairing the barn which he purchased of **Wright Bro's**. and will use it as a **livery barn**.

Joe Gereau[,] our town **blacksmith**[,] has "sworn off" and says: that, since then everything has been "quiet on the Potomac."

Joseph Rowe, of **Wright Bro's. store**[,] has been sick a week, but his friends were pleased to see him on duty again, Tuesday.

Thomas McCune has been in Chicago for three weeks, on business connected with a mining deal, and his friends hope that he will be successful.

Mrs. **Thomas McKenna** has been in Chicago for two weeks visiting her daughter Mrs. **T. Dee**, and 'tis said that Tom has been in bad humor since her departure.

Mr. and Mrs. **M.B. McGee** and children left, last week for their **new home at Crystal Falls**. We are sorry to lose Mac and his estimable family, and Quinnesec has lost one of its most worthy citizens, but hopes to soon witness his return. Good luck! Mac.

[The foregoing items have been sent to us by a citizen of Quinnesec who has something of a nose for news, and he promises a batch every week.]

The Current, Norway, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume VII, Number 39 [Saturday, October 31, 1891], page 1, columns 4-5

Quinnesec.

Geo. McFee was here last Sunday, spending the day with his family.

H. Harder, of **Menominee**, **killed his second bear for this season**, on the other side of the river, this week.

The **Badger Paper Co.** at **Quinnesec Falls** has been shipping one car of pulp per day, for the past three weeks.

John Storican Jr., returned last week with his bride, and will make his home at **Quinnesec Falls**, where he has **charge of the pulp mill**.

A. Surprise is painting and fixing up the **Newberry building**, where he will open a firstclass [*sic – first-class*] **butcher shop** and many of our people rejoice.

John St. Denis is going to take a week's vacation to fish and hunt. He says he would like to have **Tom McKenna** for company, for he never forgets to carry a medicine bottle for use in case of sickness.

It will not be much of a surprise to hear that some one of the boys who persist in jumping on to every passing train, [*sic*] has been killed. The parents have been notified, but seemingly pay no attention to the matter. The station agent has chased the boys away numberless times but it does not seem to do any good. Perhaps a few hours in the lockup might do some of them good.

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QUINNESEC ITEMS.

Fred Stanaway will leave next Saturday for South Africa.

Capt. Jas. Brew has succeeded **Capt. E.R. Hughes** at the **Vivian mine**. Mr. Hughes will remain with the company in the capacity of shift-bosses [*sic – shift bosses*].

The firm of **Beaudette & Dandonau, hardware merchants**, have dissolved partnership, Mr. Beaudette retiring from the business. **Peter Dandoneau** will conduct the business alone in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. A. McNamara returned last Saturday from St. Louis, where they visited the world's fair. They expect to leave next Saturday for South Africa, where Mr. McNamara has held a good position for the past three years.

The **two main spans of the new bridge are completed**, and the bridge men will celebrate the event by giving a **dance at Buell's Opera House** to-morrow [*sic – tomorrow*] night. Two hundred invitations have been issued and a good time is anticipated.

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

QUINNESEC ITEMS.

The **Verona Mining company** received a new crusher last Monday for the **Vivian mine**.

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The **foot ball** [*sic – football*] **game between Quinnesec and Norway teams**, played last Sunday on the local gridiron, resulted in a shut out for Norway. The score was 28 to 0.

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

QUINNESEC ITEMS.

The **new school-house** [*sic – schoolhouse*] at **Pine creek** is completed and Miss **Hanna Kaltz**, of West Branch, Mich., has been engaged as teacher. School will open November 1st.

The board of education has decided to establish a school in District Number Four at Granite Bluff. A building has been secured and school will be opened as soon as a teacher can be engaged.

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The stock-pile [*sic – stockpile*] at the **Vivian mine** is all shipped and a force of 125 men are employed mining and shipping the output, which averages 8,000 tons daily. The full force will be kept during the winter, as it is the intention of the company to stock at least 60,000 tons before shipping season opens in the spring. The new crusher has not yet been installed, but will be as soon as the shipping season closes.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 24 [Thursday, November 3, 1904], page 5, column 2

QUINNESEC ITEMS.

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The **social dance at Buell's opera house** last Thursday night was well attended. Music was furnished by the **Quinnesec orchestra**.

Miss **Hannah Kaltz**, of West Branch, Mich., arrived last Sunday and took charge of the **new Pine Creek school**, which was opened on Tuesday.

Edward McKenna is a member of the **foot ball [sic – football] team at the Michigan Agricultural college** and is playing a star game. Last Saturday, in the contest with Hillsdale college, Ed registered at the goal nine times. The score was 104 to 0, and Ed was responsible for 54 of the total.

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QUINNESEC ITEMS.

The **Michigan Agricultural college team** defeated the all-freshmen team of the university at Lansing last Saturday. The score was 39 to 0. **Edward McKenna** made a touchdown and kicked four goals.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 27 [Thursday, November 24, 1904], page 5, column 1

QUINNESEC ITEMS.

Gus Freeden commenced work on the **approach to the new bridge last Thursday**. He expects to be through with the job in about two weeks.

The **foot ball [sic – football] game last Sunday**, between Iron Mountain and

Quinnesec teams, resulted in a complete victory for the Iron Mountain eleven. The score was 6 to 0.

Jos. J. Cundy and **M. Sullivan** are out hunting deer. They are expected home tonight [sic – tonight]. There is no question but what they will bring in several, as both parties are considered good hunters.

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

QUINNESEC ITEMS.

C.O. Smith, principal of the schools, attended the institute at Ishpeming last Friday and Saturday.

There is a crack two inches in width in the retaining wall of the **Cundy bridge**[.] Repairs must be made at once.

A.M. Bryngelson, **J.H. Carey**, **P. Dondanau** and **Arthur Brooks** are hunting deer in the **Pine Creek district**.

The **social and supper at Buell's opera house** last Thursday evening given by the **I.O.G.T.** was largely attended and a success both socially and financially.

The board of education has engaged **Russell Goodson**, of Valparaiso [sic – Valparaiso], Indiana, to teach the **Granite Bluff school**. The building recently occupied by **Louis Langon** as a residence has been purchased by the school board and remodeled into a school house.

The last ore for this season from the **Vivian mine** was shipped last Friday. The work of installing the new crusher is in progress this week. As soon as the crusher is in place, active mining will be resumed. It is probable that another skip will be put into service before spring.

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Col. John L. Buell received notice last Sunday that he had been **allowed a pension of ten dollars per month on the age basis, account of service as first-lieutenant in the United States regular army during the civil war.** Col. Buell is seventy years old and next year his pension will be increased to twelve dollars per month.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 29 [Thursday, December 8, 1904], page 5, column 2

QUINNESEC ITEMS.

The approach to the Cundy bridge on the Michigan side of the river is completed and the rails for the train cars have been laid across the bridge to the Wisconsin side. Contractor Fredeen has ordered ten new cars and expects them this week. As soon as they arrive he will proceed to fill the approach on that side of the river.

Jos. Marchand, who has been a resident of Quinnesec for the past twenty years, **died** last Saturday morning of cancer of the throat, at the residence of his son-in-law, **Chas. Benson.** The deceased was sixty years of age and had been a sufferer from the disease for the past four years. The funeral was held from the Catholic church last Monday morning.

The work of repairing the break in the retaining wall at the **Cundy bridge** is in progress this week. Holes have been drilled through the wall and eye-bolts inserted which will be anchored to piles driven in the ground on the land side of the wall. This, it is thought, will prevent the wall from giving away under the pressure of the dirt used in filling the approach.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 30 [Thursday, December 15, 1904], page 9, column 4

QUINNESEC ITEMS.

Mrs. Elizabeth Morrison, wife of **Hugh Morrison**, a former police officer of **Quinnesec**, is under arrest at Butte, Montana, **charged with the murder of one Richard Finnegan**, at that city, last June. The last report from there stated that the trial was in progress.

The work of **filling the approach on the Wisconsin side of the Quinnesec-Niagara bridge** was brought to a standstill last Monday, when it was discovered that the piling was giving away and had crowded the pier over toward the river about six inches. A messages [*sic* – *message*] was sent to **J.B. Wood**, of Amberg, chairman of the town board, to come at once and determine what is to be done to prevent further damage to the bridge and to repair the damage already done.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 10 [Thursday, July 28, 1910], page 6, column 2

QUINNESEC ITEMS.

Last Wednesday afternoon the **village was threatened by a huge prairie fire**, which swept down from the west at a terrific pace. By the most heroic efforts of the not very numerous men in town, the flames were conquered and the town saved. The

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men did valiant fighting in their struggle to quench the flames by shoveling sand.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 19 [Thursday, September 29, 1910], page 1, column 4

Another McKenna Out.

Twice during the last eight years, a member of the McKenna family, of Quinnesec, has captained one of Coach Brewer's teams at the Agricultural College [*Michigan Agricultural College – today Michigan State University*], both leaders playing right half. This week **Joe McKenna**, a brother to "Big Mac" of the teams of five years ago, and to "Mac" of the last four of the race" [*sic*] arrived at the college and was tendered a suit by Coach Brewer. Joe Mac has played on the Iron Mountain teams and is said to show the same ability that made great players of his famous brothers. – Lansing Republican.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 16, Number 15 [Thursday, August 31, 1911], page 5, column 3

QUINNESEC ITEMS.

A number of improvements have been made in this village during the month. A **new cement walk** covering about two blocks has been built and an **iron fence erected at the cemetery**. The grounds in the cemetery have been generally improved, and the sexton's house is undergoing repairs.

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Number 15 [Thursday, August 29, 1912], page 8, column 3

PRETTY QUINNESEC.

There is probably no town in the iron range that is more picturesque and better located than is Quinnesec. On the north side of the village are winding roads that lead over the hills to farm lands that would be a credit to any community. The hills, clothed from base to crest with trees all quivering and nodding in the summer breeze, with their quiet valleys and lovely glades are all that is to be desired.

Two miles to the north is the little **deserted mining village of Indiana**, with its numerous springs, its lofty pines of mystic beauty, and Lake Fume [*sic – Fumee*], the shores of which are as wild as they are picturesque.

South of Quinnesec, on level ground, we reach the Menominee river that winds its way on either side to turbulent waters, where lace-like foam hides the dark, powerful, plunging water that is so useful to the commercial world.

Through the dim vistas of trees on the shore can be seen the riverman's trail, and on the opposite side a crew of men are now busy constructing a macadamized road to the enterprising mill-town [*sic – mill town*] of Niagara, Wis., just three miles away.

On the east side of Quinnesec a macadamized road leads to the city of **Norway, Vulcan and Loretto**, and on the west side lies the much travelled road, also macadamized, that brings one to **Iron Mountain, Twin Falls, Spread Eagle**, etc.

A half hour is the longest drive to either Iron Mountain or Norway and both towns receive a large share of Quinnesec patronage.

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Quinnesec is historically remarkable as being the point at which a large number of now prominent men of the range first engaged in business.

It has now many hidden possibilities awaiting development in the iron mining industry.

No better place could be found for the erection of a mill or factory, where property is cheap, and extraordinary transportation facilities are offered in every direction.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 25, Number 12 [Thursday, August 5, 1920], page 1, column 6

Option Buell Home.

The county poor commissioners have instructed **Prosecuting Attorney Knight** to secure an **option upon the residence property of the late John L. Buell at Quinnesec**, and will recommend that **the same be purchased for county hospital purposes**. The board of supervisors will meet on Tuesday, the 24th, when some action will be taken. The state board of corrections has decided that the building at present used for a county hospital is unsuited for the purposes and has ordered the supervisors to provide new quarters forthwith. An agent of the state board will attend the next meeting of the supervisors and he will be consulted relative to the Buell property.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 25, Number 16 [Thursday, September 2, 1920], page 1, column 5

Buell Place Sold.

The Buell place at Quinnesec, which the county anticipated purchasing for a hospital, has been sold to Joseph Mongrain. The place contains seven acres, a large twelve-room residence and fine barn. Mr. Mongrain's deal includes the furniture in the home and all the tools, etc., and the consideration was \$6,500.

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QUINNESEC

LIGHTNING HITS CHURCH STEEPLE

Last Monday, during the electrical storm, the **lightning entered the tower of St. Mary's church**, and there several bird's nests caught fire. The flames shot up about the blinds of the tower and soon the fire became a serious one. **Otto Smith** was the first one to see the steeple afire and gave the alarm. **Fred Smith** was the first to reach the church and, ringing the bell, attracted the attention of everyone. **Herbert Henderson** was the first to arrive with a pail of water, and he was soon followed by a soldier, **Josesph Grodulski**, of **Vulcan**, who brought two pails. The water was effectively applied, and the flames speedily quenched. About all of the men in the village responded, and soon were on the scene with hose cart and water force. Fortunately, the timely arrival of the buckets of water checked the fire, so that the pumps were not necessary. The damage is covered by insurance. The congregation of St. Mary's church is deeply grateful to all the volunteers who responded

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so generously to extinguish what might have been a most disastrous fire.

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Prosecutor Threatens To Put Ban On Sunday Dances

Drinking Orgy at Quin- nesec Last Night Results In Closing of Hall.

A ban may be placed on Sunday night dances throughout Dickinson county as a result of an **orgy of drunkenness at Quinnesec last night, which resulted in the closing of the dance hall by Sheriff Frank Cleveland**, it was stated today by **Prosecutor Ray E. MacAllister**.

The Quinnesec dance was closed after the views of several prominent residents of the town had been solicited by the sheriff and these men and women were found to be in hearty approval of the step.

Two Iron Mountain girls, described as about 20 years of age and attractive, figured in the alleged drinking bout which caused the closing of the dance. Cleveland, said [*sic – Cleveland said,*] [“]These young women who attended the dance with two youths about 15 years of age, were found in a drunken condition in the rear seat of an automobile parked back of the dance hall.[”] Several bottles of liquor had been spilled in the car, Cleveland said.

The sheriff stated than [*sic – that*] an investigation showed that a large number of

dancers also were under the influence of liquor in varying degrees.

“We are going to try to put an end to affairs of this kind,” declared Prosecutor MacAllister today. “We are going to go ahead and put the damper on all Sunday night public dances all through the county.”

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No Dance Last Night At Quinnesec Hall

Members of the sheriff’s staff visited the Quinnesec dance hall last night to learn whether a dance was being staged. The hall was found dark and deserted, **Sheriff Cleveland** said. The dance was stopped a week ago last night following the discovery of two Iron Mountain young women in a drunken condition. The residents of Quinnesec informed the sheriff the dances were not approved of by them and the sponsors were ordered to discontinue them.

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Wayside Inn At Quinnesec Camp

Excavation work for a wayside inn, to be erected at the **Quinnesec camp site** by **McKenna brothers**, of Quinnesec, has been started and construction on the building may begin early next week, according to **Ed. McKenna**.

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The dining room will be 24x32 feet and will be designed so that it may be used as a dance hall. It is the purpose of the owners to furnish meals to tourists, who stop at the camp site in large numbers.

Plans have also been drawn up for the construction of an oil filling station there, Mr. McKenna said.