

DICKINSON COUNTY HISTORY -- SAGOLA TOWNSHIP -- RANDVILLE NEWS COLUMNS

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NOTE: Beginning in 1904 the Iron Mountain Press began running columns from the various settlements in and around Dickinson County, Michigan. There is a great amount of detailed information contained in these columns on smaller settlements which is of great interest to historians and genealogists.

1904

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RANDVILLE REPORTS.

Mrs. Edwin Freeman and children, of **Iron Mountain**, visited **Mrs. A. Wilbur**, [sic] last Sunday.

The **county road**, [sic] **between Randville and Granite Bluff**, [sic] is nearly completed. **Gus Fredeen**, who has the contract, has the right of way cut out, and call of the cordoroy [sic – corduroy] laid, and will finish the grading by October 15th. There will then be a good team road from **Iron Mountain to Sawyer Lake**, four miles north of **Channing**.

Calvin McGaughey has been fixing up his cottage lately and has bought some new furniture. It is hinted that he is coon to take unto himself a wife. Calvin is very mysterious about the affair and claims he is still in the market. Mr. McGaughey has a fine home, a lucrative position with the **St. Paul railroad**, and is in position to make a happy home for the lucky fair one, whoever she may be.

B.A. Wilbur, a former resident of **Iron Mountain**, is now located on a **farm** one

mile south of the depot and has twenty-five acres cleared and under cultivation. He has four milch cows and six head of young cattle. This year he raised 400 bushels of potatoes, 100 bushels of rutabagas, 2,000 heads of cabbage and 10 tons of hay. He has rutabagas that weight from ten to fifteen pounds each. Mr. Wilbur says that if there is a fair in **Dickinson county** next year he will have some exhibits that will stand a good chance of taking the first prize.

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RANDVILLE REPORTS.

Alex LaLonde and **Alex Scott**, of **Iron Mountain**, hunted **partridges** in this vicinity last Sunday. When they started for home they had four birds.

Reverend Fathers Kraker and **Jodocy**, of **Iron Mountain**, were in town last Monday. They started out to hunt **rabbits**, but owing to the fact that they lost their dog early in the forenoon and spent the balance of the day looking for him, they went home at night without any rabbits and also without the dog.

The **railroad company** has a crew of men at work on the **new concrete bridge across the Sturgeon river**. **Louis Braunschweg**, of **Watertown, Wis.**, is in charge of the work. The bridge is to be fifty feet wide with wings on each side reaching within two feet of the edge of the right of way. The abutments and wings will be built of concrete and will require 1,000 cubic yards of crushed rock and 700 barrels of cement. The arch will have a thirty-foot span and will be built of Puttington paving brick, requiring 1,000,000 bricks to build it.

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The construction of the bridge will take at least four months.

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

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

RANDVILLE REPORTS.

C.G. Wallace, station agent here, spent Monday at **Iron Mountain**.

Josiah Beard was up hunting rabbits on Sunday and had good luck.

Alex Lalonde [*sic* – *La Londe*] and **Alex Scott** were **Randville** visitors over Sunday. They were in search of **partridge**, but had poor luck.

The **bridge crew** is still at work on the bridge north of here and more men are employed than before. They keep adding to the number daily.

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

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 25 [Thursday, November 10, 1904], page 5, columns 3-4

RANDVILLE REPORTS.

Miss **Susie Wilbur** was in **Sagola** last Friday.

C.B. Wallace, station agent here, was in **Sagola** last Saturday to register.

Omar Turner and **Levica Craege**, of **Vulcan**, drove up here Sunday to see **Mrs. Albert Corn**, who is cooking at **Frank Fregetto's camp**.

The **concrete crew working on the bridge over the Sturgeon river**, [*sic*] has received orders to quit work for this winter, as they have been unsuccessful in finding solid bottom enough to build on. Almost the entire crew will go, first, to **Pembin** and thence to **Iron Ridge**, near **Milwaukee**. **Edwin L. Scott**, of **Iron Mountain**, who has been employed with the concrete crew will go with them.

Will Hunting, **Will Rezin**, **Charles Parent, Jr.**, and **Wilbur W. Thompson** were up **partridge hunting** on Sunday, but were not very successful in their hunt, some of them not getting any birds. Will Hunting got two, but ask him where he saw the birds when he shot.

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

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Only **twelve deer** have been **shipped from Randville** so far this season.

Arthur Knaack, the **night operator**, has been laid off and will leave to-morrow for his home at **Shawano, Wis.**

A crew of men is at work driving piles and putting in a sixty-foot girder to support the track across the **Sturgeon river** while the **new bridge** is being constructed.

G.B. Wallace, **station agent**, left yesterday for his home at **Tomah, Wis.** He will be gone three weeks. During his absence he will be relieved by **Henry Knaff**, **formerly operator at Iron Mountain.**

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

RANDVILLE REPORTS.

Only **twelve deer** were shipped from **Randville** this season.

Miss **Susie Wilbur** is visiting friends in **Iron Mountain** this week.

Miss **Gertrude Cuyler**, of **Iron Mountain**, was a guest at the residence of **Mr. and Mrs. Byron A. Wilbur** last week.

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

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

The superstructure for the **new railroad bridge across the Sturgeon river** was completed last Saturday, and the pile-driving crew went to **Escanaba** to do some work on the ore docks.

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RANDVILLE REPORTS.

Miss **Cassie Wilbur** has gone to **Sagola** for the winter.

Miss **Susie Wilbur** returned last Friday from a week's visit with friends at **Iron Mountain.**

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

H. Knaff, who has been **acting agent** for **Mr. Wallace** during his absence, will go to **Amberg** next week to relieve the agent at that station for a short time.

C.G. Wallace is expected to return next Tuesday from an extended visit with his parents at **Tomah, Wis.**, and will then resume his duties as **station agent.**

Calvin McGaughey expects to branch out in the **chicken industry** next spring. He now has over 200 hens and will increase the number to 1,000 next year.

The **pile-driver crew** arrived last Tuesday morning to drive the piles for the support of the abutments for the **new railroad bridge across the Sturgeon river.**

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

RANDVILLE ITEMS.

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

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Jas. Garland and Pearce Kneebone were up from Iron Mountain last Sunday hunting rabbits. They got twenty.

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

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The pile-driver crew is still working on foundations for the new railroad bridge across the Sturgeon river. It is expected that the work of driving the piles will take at least six weeks.

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RANDVILLE NOTES.

Ed. Ryan's auto broke down at Carey's Spur last Saturday night. He was driving at a high rate of speed, coming from Sagola. When near LaCourt's farm, a horse came suddenly into the road. To avoid killing the horse, Mr. R. applied the brakes and broke the driving shaft. Chas. Rauer came up from Iron Mountain on Sunday morning to repair the machine, but when he found that

a new driving shaft was needed, he and Jos. Bonen, the chauffeur, went partridge hunting. They afterwards met an auto going to Iron Mountain and left Ryan's horse tied to a post at Carey's Spur and went home. Mr. Ryan went after the horse and had fifteen men in the woods looking for Rauer and the chauffeur.

1911

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 35 [Thursday, January 19, 1911], page 1, column 6

New Post-Office.

The postal authorities have decided to establish a post-office [*sic - post office*] at Groveland for the accommodation of the men employed at the mine. The office will be named Youngs in honor of George W. Youngs, of Iron River, general manager of the Groveland Mining company. An examination for postmaster will be held by the civil service commission at Randville on Saturday, February 4th.

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Confiscated Wet Goods.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 22, Number 38 [Thursday, February 7, 1918], page 8, columns 4-6

RANDVILLE NEWS.

Leo Smith was a visitor in town yesterday.

Mrs. Charles Hemple was in town last Tuesday.

Mrs. Jack Erdman and son **Raymond** were in town last Tuesday.

Mike Bush and **Carl Farr** have gone to Ontonagon to work in a logging camp.

Charles Dillenbeck, of Roscoe, Ill., who has been the guest of **Mr. and Mrs. William Kie**, left for his home last night.

James Mitchell, who is employed at Sidnaw, visited his family during the week.

Charles Boucher, a lumberman working at **Gerstner's camp**, had his hands badly frozen last Monday.

A party was given last Saturday evening at the home of **Mr. and Mrs. William Kie**. There was a very large attendance and all had a good time.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 23, Number 1 [Thursday, May 23, 1918], page 2, column 5

Edward Gatherer, who has been in charge of the **St. Paul station at Randville** for several years, has been removed to **Amasa**.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 23, Number 1 [Thursday, May 23, 1918], page 8, column 3

Sheriff Lundgren and **Deputy Larkin** visited the premises of **Thomas Carney**, at **Randville**, yesterday. In the hotel building they found no contraband goods, but in a building at the rear of the premises located a miscellaneous lot of **whiskey, rum, wine, brandy, etc., in bottles, kegs and barrels**. Mr. Carney admitted that he had the goods in this building, but told the officers that he understood he had a right to keep the same there as it was not in a building used before as a saloon. The goods were brought here and locked up at the court-house with the balance of the contraband wet goods.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 23, Number 9 [Thursday, July 18, 1918], page 3, column 1

THREE ARE BADLY HURT

Gasoline Car Collides With Engine on the St. Paul Road.

A gasoline hand-car containing **Gilbert Lier, Nestor Nelson, Richard Kenney** and two other men was run down last Tuesday afternoon by a work train on the spur track leading into the old Groveland mine.

Gilbert Lier, the foreman of the section crew, sustained a fracture of the left arm and thigh and is hurt internally.

Nestor Nelson had both arms fractured, several ribs broken and is hurt about the head.

The injuries of **Richard Kenny [sic – Kenney]** caused a hemorrhage of the brain. The trephine [sic – trepanning or trephining] operation was performed, and he is still unconscious at this writing.

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The other two men jumped from the car and escaped serious injuries.

All the men are residents of Green Bay.

The injured men were brought to the **St. George Hospital**, where they are receiving treatment. All are in a very critical condition and one or more may not survive.

The work train engine was running west to **Randville**, pushing a caboose, and was making the trip after a supply of drinking water. The engineer states that he was not running to exceed ten miles an hour.

The gasoline car containing the five men, going east, is admitted to have been running fully twenty miles an hour.

The collision happened on a sharp curve at a point where the track is fully concealed by a dense growth of underbrush. **The car and engine hit with tremendous force and the men were thrown for a considerable distance.**

The men and work train were engaged in **tearing up the track which leads to the abandoned Groveland mine**. During the past ten or twenty years this spur track has been employed mainly in logging operations.