

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

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## A Model Mill.

The Current has the following to say concerning the **Laing Lumber Co.**, in whose fortunes our hustling townsmen, **W.S. Laing** and **J.R. Wood**, are interested:

Friday of last week the writer visited the **new mill of the Laing Lumber Co.**, at what has been known as **Holmes' Siding**, 20 miles north of **Iron Mountain** on the line of the M. & N. R.R. The mill is located on the e 1/2 of the s.w. 1/4 of sec. 29, 43, 30, on the west side of the track, and about six miles east of the **Michigamme river**. It is situated on a beautiful knoll on the north forty of the 80-acres, and when completed will be second to none in point of convenience and facilities for economical handling of logs and the converting of them into the various descriptions of lumber. The boiler and engine house is a stone structure 30x40 feet in size containing a battery of three boilers and a powerful engine. The sawmill building proper is 35x140 feet in size and is claimed to be as well and strongly framed as any in the u.p. The machinery now in operation is one of Prescott's band saw mills of a capacity of from 45 to 50 thousand feet per day, and so arranged that a circular saw may be used when desired, an edger and butting saw. A ten-block shingle machine and a planer are also on the ground but not yet in operation, and a dry kiln will soon be added. About 700 feet of trestled tramway has been built and a spur track run on the west side of the tramway, from the north end of the siding to the mill, and the grading for another track on the east will soon be completed; this spur track is about 1,800 feet long. On the

east side of the main line and almost opposite the mills [*sic - mill*] is a small creek with a number of swamps and small ponds to feed it, and this creek has been converted into a canal which passes under the railroad to carry the logs into the pond and thus avoid the necessity for crossing the track with loads of logs. The pond which has been made by building a dam to hold the water of the creek, has now a capacity of about 300,000 feet and is full of logs, but later it will be so cleared out and the dam raised as to hold a half million. The logs[,] of which the company has already secured about thirty millions of feet, will be brought as far as the canal above mentioned on a tram road, of which about a mile and a half will be finished during the present month. **The present working force at the mill and the camp is about 75 men, but fully 100 will be employed during the winter, and it is the intention to run the mill night and day.** The working hours at present are from 6:30 to 11:30 and 12:30 to 5:30. **Ten teams of horses are used.** Nearly all of the north forty will be used for mill purposes, and much of it has already been cleared and cleaned up to prevent fires. The buildings now around the mill are only temporary ones and will be replaced by others on the townsite which we shall speak of later. Two large force pumps are kept in readiness in case of fire, one in the mill and another in a building adjoining, the latter having an independent boiler. A fine well has been sunk near the present eating and sleeping quarters and the water is carried in launders to the horse stables. At the time of our visit, **O. Burlingame**, the **county surveyor of Menominee county**, was engaged in laying out a townsite on the south forty. Ten acres had been cleared up on a beautiful hardwood ridge, and it was the intention of the company to build a store, residence for the president

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of the company, residence for the sawyer, filer and others of the mill men and a mill boarding house before winter sets in, and to sell lots to those who may wish to invest. The company, as nearly as we can learn, is composed as follows: **John O'Callaghan**, president; **P. Flanagan**, vice-president; **W.S. Laing**, secretary; **J.R. Wood**, president of the 1st National Bank, of **Iron Mountain**. The company formerly did business at Big Wausaukee, Wis., and moved its base of operations to what will probably be known in future as "**Segola [sic - Sagola]**," last fall. Mr. O'Callaghan looks after the mill and yard. Senator Laing has undertaken to hustle a few logs out of the woods, build the town, sell the lumber and pay the bills, and the chances are that his best girl will not have much of his company this winter. The Norway contingent - his honor the judge - will probably take no active part in the business except to consult with Mr. Wood as to the declaration of dividends. We cannot close this rambling description without complimenting the cook. If last Friday's dinner was a fair sample of his ability he is a daisy kitchen mechanic.

**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.**

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### NEWS FROM SAGOLA.

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#### The Lumber Company Assured of Large Stock of Logs.

The people of Sagola and vicinity have completed their winter's work in the logging and cordwood industries, and in summing up, they find that they have had a very successful season notwithstanding the extreme cold weather.

The **Sagola Lumber company** has about 2,000,000 feet of logs at the mill and 1,000 cords of hardwood on track as a result of the efforts of the several jobbers, in connection with the company's own camps near the mill. This is in addition to the regular supply received by rail from the camps in **Ontonagon county**. Those camps are closed for the present and will remain so for about sixty days, until the surplus at the mill can be worked off to make room for more rail shipments.

The several farmers who purchased land from the **Sagola Lumber company** last fall, having cut the timber from a considerable portion of it during the winter, are now preparing to clear the land of underbrush and get it ready for planting as soon as the season will permit. With the present bright prospect ahead, Sagola will become an **agricultural center** within a comparatively short time.

**Russell Pringle** has purchased several incubators and intends to devote considerable of his time this year to raising chickens. He expects to have at least 2,000 chickens for market by next fall.

The **Sagola Lumber company** has sold their dry pine slabs to the **Soo Fuel, [sic] company**, of Chicago, who will cut them to 16-inch lengths and ship them to Chicago for kindling-wood. **F.J. Rodgers** is now at

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Sagola in charge of the loading and shipping of slabwood.

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## NEWS GOSSIP FROM SAGOLA.

**Mrs. Oscar Olson** is visiting relatives at **Oconto**.

**Mrs. John Crane** is visiting friends at **Oconto**.

**Mrs. R.E. Crane** is visiting relatives at **L'Anse**.

**Mrs. T.J. Dewish** is visiting relatives at **Green Bay**.

**Mrs. P.D. McCole** is visiting her parents at **Wausaukee**.

**Mrs. Peter Broadland** is visiting friends in **Iron Mountain**.

**Mrs. Sam Exford** is making an extended visit with **Oconto** friends.

Miss **Jeffie Whitehead**, of **Vulcan**, is visiting Miss **Mary Flannigan**.

Miss **Mary Flanagan**, of **Antigo**, is visiting her aunt, **Mrs. Patrick Flanagan**.

**Mrs. Patrick Flanagan** returned last Thursday from a visit with relatives in **Wisconsin**.

Miss **Melinda Baudin** and Miss **Ruby Devereaux**, of **Duluth**, are visiting **Mr. and Mrs. A. Baudin**.

Miss **Mary Flannigan** returned last Thursday from **Ann Arbor**, where she has been attending the university.

The **Sagola Lumber company** has a gang of men **peeling tan-bark** and are shipping about three cars per week.

**Mr. and Mrs. John Caderna**, of **Mansfield**, moved to Sagola last Thursday, and will make this place their future home.

The daily cut at the **mill** is about 50,000 feet of lumber. About the same amount of dry lumber is being shipped out of the yard.

**Mrs. P.D. McCole** returned home last Sunday after spending several weeks visiting with her folks and friends in **Wisconsin**.

The large **crop of timothy** on the **Sagola Lumber company's farm** is looking fine and it is estimated that they will have at least 125 tons of hay.

**Dr. M.F. Dockery** and **William Wifler** were in **Iron Mountain** last Monday to look over plans for a **new school-house** to be erected at **Channing**.

If you want a pointer relative to "where" and "how" to catch trout just consult **D.M. Laing**. He was "out" one day last week and caught a twenty-mile walk—both ways.

**William Shay** has a large force of men at work putting up hay for the **Sagola Lumber company**. The company has over one hundred acres of fine timothy hay to harvest this season.

Nearly all the young married men of Sagola are **grass widowers** this week. Some of them tried keeping bachelor's [*sic bachelor's*] hall and doing their own cooking, but without exception they all gave it up and went to the hotel to board.

The **Sagola Lumber company** has 1,000 cords of **hardwood slabs** and about 2,000 cords of **pine slabs**, which have been sold to **Chicago** parties, and which will be cut into 12-inch lengths, and shipped to Chicago for kindling wood.

The **Sagola Lumber company** has 1,000,000 feet of maple lumber sawed and piled in the yard seasoning. They expect soon to install a set of **maple flooring machines** and will manufacture their entire stock of maple into flooring before placing it on the market.

The **mill** was shut down last week for four days on account of a **shortage of logs**, which was occasioned by the moving

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of the logging camps from **Findlay Junction** to **Trout Creek**. The mill was started up again on Monday and the regular supply of logs is now coming in.

**Russell Pringle**, who went into the **chicken industry** in a moderate way last spring, has now about 300 young chickens, all doing well. He has built a chicken barn seventh feet long and divided into seven different compartments. He expects to make a specialty of raising thoroughbred chickens and next year will be able to place on the market a great many eggs and chickens.

Several forties of land in the vicinity of Sagola have been sold in the past two weeks to good responsible settlers, who will clear the land and put in under cultivation, as fast as the timber can be cut and sold. All of the hardwood logs suitable for lumber can be sold to the **Sagola Lumber company** and the cordwood shipped to **Chicago** and **Milwaukee** markets, where it brings a good round price and will net the farmer from \$3.00 to \$3.50 per cord on cars at Sagola. This furnishes a good inducement for the industrious, hard-working man to clear up a farm and make a home for himself and family, and at the same time be self-supporting, from the selling of the timber as he clears his land. Sagola now has about twenty settlers in the immediate vicinity who have from ten to thirty acres cleared. A large number of them have planted potatoes this season to a considerable extent, and it is expected that the crop of potatoes will be large and will cut quite a figure in suppling [*sic – supplying*] the Dickinson county market. Lands in this vicinity are selling at from \$4.00 to \$10.00 per acre, according to the amount of timber which is left on them. The timber consists mostly of birch, maple and hemlock with some cedar, the pine, basswood and elm having been previously cut by the lumber companies. The quality

of soil is good and, in most instances, clear from any great amount of stone. It is particularly well adapted to the growing of vegetables and timothy, and undoubtedly in the near future Sagola will become quite an **agricultural center**.

The **local base ball team** defeated the Crack [*sic – crack*] team from **Channing** last Sunday on the local diamond by a score of 3 to 2. The feature of the game was the pitching of **Olsen** from the locals and **Simondson** for the visitors. In the first inning, both sides drew blanks. In the second, Channing scored the first run on an error and a poor throw to first. Sagola tied the score in their half. Sagola scored again in the fourth and seventh innings and Channing made their other run in the sixth. Things looked dark, in the ninth inning, when Channing had a man on third with two men out, when **McClauson** hit a low fly out to right field, but a lightning throw to first retired the side and deciding what might have been a long drawn out game. Following is the score by innings, showing the article of ball dealt out to the 400 fans who braved the heat to see the game:

Innings,	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Sagola,	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	– 3
Channing,	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	– 2

Earned runs, Channing, 1; Sagola, 3; bases on balls, off Simondson, 1; off Olsen, none; struck out, by Olsen, 11; by Simondson, 8, umpire, **Lawrence**; time of game, 1:25.

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## NEWS GOSSIP FROM SAGOLA.

**New potatoes** are in abundance at fifty cents per bushel.

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Mr. and Mrs. E.G. Norberry visited friends at **Crystal Falls** last Sunday.

Dr. H.A. Newkirk, of **Iron Mountain**, was a Sagola visitor last Sunday.

A.M. LaCourt has purchased a new **two-seated buggy**. It is a fine, up to date turnout.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Johnson, of **Quinnesec**, visited their daughter, Mrs. Thos. Carey, last Sunday.

Posters are out announcing the arrival of **Skerbeck's circus** to give two complete exhibitions here on August 4th.

Miss Dawson, who has been visiting for the past week with the **O'Callaghan** family, returned to her home at **Crystal Falls** last Monday.

The **depot** was set on fire by a passing engine last Sunday evening, and only for the timely discovery of the fire, the building would have burned down.

Hon. F.D. Ader, of **Greencastle, Indiana**, and D.B. Gray, of **Iron Mountain**, were in town last Monday looking over some timber land with a view of purchasing the **stumpage for cordwood**.

Ferdinand Giese, lumber inspector for **John S. Cannon**, of **Menominee**, was in town last Monday to inspect and ship 1,000,000 feet of pine and hardwood lumber recently purchased from the **Sagola Lumber company**.

C.B. Lawrence went fishing the other day and fared somewhat better than our friend, Mr. Lang [sic - Laing]. Mr. Lawrence had a horse and buggy, so he didn't have to walk, otherwise their catch was the same.

Thos. Carey, commissioner of highways, is constructing a **turnpike road between Randville and Channing** to connect with the county road now in the course of construction south of Randville. The road will be cut four rods wide and graded twenty-four feet wide. As soon as this work is completed the **Sagola-**

**Mansfield road** will be finished as far as the county line, which will require one-half mile in addition to the two miles already constructed. **Mansfield township, Iron county**, has agreed to complete their end of the road before winter sets in. They have about two miles yet to build to the county line to meet the road from Sagola. When completed there will then be a first-class road from Sagola to **Crystal Falls** via Mansfield.

An aggregation of **ball players**, representing **Pembine, Wis.**, but, in fact, gathered up at Pembine, **Channing** and **Escanaba**, played a game of ball here with the local team last Sunday, resulting in a victory for Pembine by a score of seven to eight. The local team was greatly weakened on account of the loss of their first and second basemen, who were out of the game on account of slight injuries they received during the week, and a fielder and a substitute had to be called in to fill their places. Pembine took an early lead and in the first inning scored two runs on a fumble and a wild throw. Sagola succeeded in forcing one man across the plate in their half. Pembine scored one in the second, two in the fourth, one in the fifth, sixth and eighth. Sagola scored one in the fourth and one in the fifth, and then the Pembine pitcher, who was a puzzle to the right-hand batters in the previous innings, had his delivery solved, and in a batting bee in the seventh, Sagola made three runs, tying [sic - tying] the score, in the eighth. The batting was kept up in the ninth until the bases was [sic - were] filled with but one man out, when **Pringle** batted out an easy fly to second, which was thrown to third. The umpire called it a double play, retiring the side and ending the game, although the runner was safe by easily eight feet. The people of Sagola don't like to question the decision of the umpire, but it looked a good

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deal like "I can't see my team mates beat."

Following is the score by innings:

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	total
Sagola	1	0	0	1	0	1	3	1	0	-7
Pembine	2	1	0	2	1	1	0	0	1	-8

Notes of the game -- Earned runs, Pembine, 4; Sagola, 6; struck out, by **Olsen**, 10; by **Kairkio**, 9; base on balls, off Olsen, none; Kairkio, 3; hit by pitched balls, by by [sic] Kairko [sic - Kairkio], 3; umpire, **Marson**; time of game 1.50.

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## NEWS GOSSIP FROM SAGOLA.

Miss [sic] **Lester Urquhart** is visiting friends at **Crystal Falls**.

Miss **Mary Myers** is visiting with friends at **Iron Mountain**.

**Herman Bijraw**, of **Iron Mountain**, is visiting **Napoleon Myers**.

**Mr. and Mrs. Lajoys** are the proud parents of a **new baby girl**.

A great many **blueberries** are being picked in the vicinity of Sagola.

Miss **Elva Rasmussen** [sic - **Rasmussen**] of **Iron Mountain**, is visiting **Mrs. Jacob Johnson**.

**C.T. Winegar**, of **Iron Mountain**, spent last Sunday at the residence of **P. Flanagan**.

**John O'Callaghan** went to **Trout Creek** last Monday to the **Sagola Lumber company's logging camp**.

**Mr. and Mrs. L.L. Bon**, of **Green Bay**, and **Mr. and Mrs. Bon**, of **Ellsworth, Wis.**, were the guests of **Mr. and Mrs. E.G. Newberry** on Monday.

The **saw-mill** was shut down several days this week on account of a shortage of logs caused by a delay in the train service

on the **D., S.S. & A.** between **Trout Creek** and **Sidnaw**.

The **base ball** [sic - **baseball**] **nine** gave a **dance** last Saturday evening which was largely attended. The refreshments were donated by the ladies of Sagola. There was [sic - were] nine freezers of ice cream and an abundance of cake. The proceeds are to be used for the benefit of the base ball [sic - baseball] nine. After paying for the orchestra and other incidental [sic - incidental] expenses, the proceeds were found to be \$3.75. People are wondering what became of the balance.

The **sale of farming land** still continues in this vicinity and not a week passes but what some one [sic - someone] secures a nice piece of land for farming purposes. **F. Bon**, of **Ellsworth, Wisconsin**, who was visiting in Sagola last Monday, drove out and selected eighty acres of fine timber land, which he expects to purchase soon. The farmers who already have a small portion of their land cleared, planted to potatoes and other vegetables, are realizing good results. The crops everywhere are looking well and promise an abundant harvest. Sagola is an ideal town and no doubt in the near future will become quite a **farming center**.

During the early part of the season, **deer** were quite plentiful in the vicinity of Sagola and owing to the fact that they had not been hunted for a long time, they had become quite fearless and tame, but in the past few weeks **wolves** have been seen in many places and the deer are fast disappearing from this vicinity. The wolves are very bold, often coming close to the village. It is to be hoped that they will soon disappear, as it is much more desirable to have the deer in evidence than the wolves. There have been but very few violations of the game laws this year, as far as the residents of Sagola are concerned, as we are law-abiding citizens.

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Last Friday a party consisting of **John Couillard, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Couillard, Melford Harms, Miss Clara Teisen and Arthur Wifler** drove out about six miles and remained there over Sunday and returned home with **225 quarts of blueberries**. Another party consisting of **Wm. Shay, Frank Kneisley, A.M. LaCourt, and J.C. Weaver** drove out to **St. Mary's Lake**, about twelve miles distant for the purpose of picking blueberries, but, when they arrived at the lake, Mr. Shay discovered **fresh bear tracks**, and as he had already killed one bear this season, he could not content himself to pick berries with the prospect of a bear fight in sight, so he started in pursuit. He traveled nearly the whole day, but did not succeed in locating the bear. The balance of the party secured some berries, but did not meet with as good success as they anticipated.

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**Miss Durand of Baraga**, is visiting her sister, **Mrs. Chas. LeJoys**.

**Ed. Hansen**, of **Green Bay, Wis.**, visited Sagola friends last Sunday.

**Mrs. E.G. Norberry** and daughter, **Ruth**, are visiting relatives at **Ishpeming**.

**A.M. LaCourt** has sold one of his forty-acre farms on the Mansfield road to **Chas. Griswold** for \$450.

**Paul Diesch** and **Geo. Cole** have taken a contract to cut forty acres of cedar for the **Sagola Lumber company**.

**Chas. Duesing**, of **Green Bay, Wis.**, was in Sagola last Saturday looking of [*sic - at*] a tract of six forties of timber land which he intends to purchase.

**Jacob Johnson**, lumber inspector for the **Sagola Lumber company**, bought forty acres of timber and farming land one mile west of the village last Monday.

**Wm. Shay**, the foreman for the **Sagola Lumber company**, commenced this week **blasting stumps** on forty acres of new land, which is being cleared for farming purposes.

The **Sagola Lumber company** will build a **new boarding house** this season. The building will be located north of the sawmill and will accomodate [*sic - accommodate*] fifty men. It will be used for their winter logging crews who will cut logs and cedar within a radius of a few miles of Sagola.

**Thos. L. Carey**, highway commissioner, will complete the grading this week of the **township road between Randville and Sagola**, and next week will start work on two miles of **road between Channing and Sawyer Lake**. The township roads are all cut four rods wide, and are as good as any county roads on the **Menominee range**.

**John O'Callaghan** and **Dr. M.F. Dockery** drove to **Mansfield** last Monday to confer with **Superintendent Wall**, supervisor of Mansfield township, relative to **extending the township road east to the Iron county line to connect with the township road from Sagola**. By special invitation a representative of The Press accompanied Messrs. O'Callaghan and Dockery on their drive, and, although he enjoyed the trip immensely, he is under the impression it was a put up job for the purpose of demonstrating the necessity of the new road being built. After leaving Sagola a stretch of a mile and a half of splendid road on a direct line west was traversed, then the party turned off to the right and followed an old supply road around **Holmes' Lake**, a distance of four miles, to a point where Mansfield township has a good turnpiked road, and were then only two miles on a direct line from where

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they left the Sagola township road. This trip around the lake led through a fine belt of hardwood timber land, slightly undulating, but rich with vine covered verdure. The tall maple, birch, basswood and elm trees loomed above their heads and the surrounding scenery was sublime. The pleasure of the trip through this beautiful stretch of timber was, however, considerably marred by the constant jolting of the rig over roots and into holes as Mr. O'Callaghan carefully guided his team along this narrow circuitous route. The result of the trip, however, was satisfactory, as Supervisor Wall assured the party that steps would be taken at once to construct the road to the county line. He had prepared notices calling for bids to construct the road and intended to post them at once. The highway commissioner of Sagola township has also advertised for bids to construct the remaining half mile of the road on that side of the line and it is expected that the entire work of constructing the new road in both townships will be completed by the first of October and then there will be a good team road from Sagola to **Crystal Falls**, via Mansfield, a distance of about twelve miles via the new route. After the completion of the road the **Michigan Telephone company** has promised to construct a telephone line from Mansfield to Sagola and connect them with the outside world.

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**Geo. Johnson**, of **Milwaukee**, spent last Sunday at Sagola.

**Mrs. Ely Gotto**, of **Green Bay**, is a guest of her neice [*sic* – *niece*], **Mrs. Patrick D. McCole**.

**Mrs. Oscar Oleson** returned last Saturday from a four weeks' visit at **Oconto**.

The **Sagola Lumber company** is receiving an average of ten cars of logs per day.

The **saw-mill was shut down** last Tuesday to allow the employes [*sic* – *employees*] to attend the **circus at Iron Mountain**.

Miss **Josie** and Master **Elmer O'Callaghan** visited the residence of **Mr. and Mrs. John Dawson** at **Crystal Falls** last Sunday.

The **Board of Education** has employed Miss **Mary McCole** as teacher at **Sagola** and Miss **Lizzie Reynolds** at **Channing** for the ensuing school year.

**W.W. Thompson**, manager of the **Commercial Bank Insurance agency**, of **Iron Mountain**, was in town last Monday writing some insurance for the **Sagola Lumber company**.

The date for receiving bids for building the **new school-house at Channing** has been extended to August 20th. The plans and specifications are now in the hands of the township clerk at **Sagola**.

**Mr. and Mrs. John Crane**, **James Crane** and **Richard E. Crane** went to **Marinette** last Tuesday to attend the **funeral of Mrs. Daniel McFarley**, a sister of John and James Crane, who was buried there yesterday.

**Dr. M.F. Dockery** has a **fine three-year-old colt**, which **John Shannon** is breaking to drive. The colt is of good stock and gives evidence of developing into a fast driver. It has already made a record of less than three minutes.

It is rumored that **John Shannon** has about decided to become a **candidate for sheriff of Dickinson county**. Mr. Shannon

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is a determined man and a favorite among his associates, and would in all probability receive a liberal support for the nomination at the county convention.

The **Channing correspondent** ought to apply for a job with the associated press and go *[sic – and go]* to **Manchuria** to handle war news, judging from his **report relative to the ball game between Channing and Sagola**. Every ball team is bound to get beat sometimes, but Sagola, or any other baseball aggregation, don't *[sic – doesn't]* like to see a half-column write up explaining their defeat when the facts are they didn't play ball on the day mentioned. To explain how it was: Channing asked for a game for that day, but was informed by the manager at Sagola that, on account of the dance the base ball boys were giving on Saturday night, they would be unable to put up a good game. The next day, about 1:30 p.m., one man from Channing came down and asked for a game, and the manager told him that if he could pick up a team, he could have the grounds. So he got up a team of seven men, some of them of the Sagola team and some others, and filled it out with Channing players. (And with due credit, the two men from Channing played brilliant ball, and tried hard to defeat their team mates.) But it was a demoralized team, no one playing in his position, consequently errors resulted, and defeat followed. Sagola defeated the best team Channing ever put on a ball field here by a score of 3 to 2, and I trust they can duplicate their victory if they ever play again with the local team. In conclusion, *[I]* will say, I think that the write up was not a product of any of the Channing ball boys, as they have always been gentlemen here, and probably was from the pen of some enthusiastic fan who cherished victory no matter from what kind of a team. So please don't claim to be playing Sagola unless you are playing them, and then if victory should

come to your town, you will get due credit from here.

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## NEWS GOSSIP FROM SAGOLA.

**Mrs. F.L. Burr**, of **Vulcan**, is the guest of **Mrs. E.G. Norberry** this week.

**Dr. H.A. Newkirk**, of **Iron Mountain**, was a visitor in our burg last Sunday.

**P.W. Clark**, of **Milwaukee**, is spending the week visiting his son, **J.J. Clark**, of this place.

**Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Urquhart** visited this week at **Marinette** with Mr. Urquhart's parents.

**J.J. Flanagan**, of **Spokane, Wash.**, is home on a visit with his folks, **Judge and Mrs. P. Flanagan**.

Miss **Clara Theisen** has left for an extended visit with relatives at **Plymouth and Fond du Lac, Wis.**

**Irma**, the **eight-month-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hebert**, died last Monday night of **cholera infantum**.

**Walter Sund**, who is **telegraph operator at the Paint River gravel pit**, spent last Sunday with his sister, **Mrs. Frank Knisley**.

**Mrs. T.J. Dewish** returned home last Friday from an extended visit with relatives in the central and eastern parts of **Wisconsin**.

**Mr. and Mrs. John Crane** received the sad news of the **death of Mrs. Alex McFarlane**, of **Marinette**. They attended the funeral last Tuesday.

**Mrs. P.D. McCole** left last Monday for **Chilton, Wis.**, to attend the wedding, *[sic]* of **John McCole** in that city on Tuesday, so

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Mr. P.D. has joined the batchlor [*sic* – *bachelor*] ranks for a few days.

**Henry Holzman**, the local **well driller**, broke his drilling machine this week and was laid up a couple of days on account of having to send the broken parts to **Iron Mountain** for repairs. He is now drilling a well on **W.A. Wifler's farm**.

The town officers are deliberating over the bids that was [*sic* – *were*] made for the construction of the **half mile of new road** between Sections 30 and 31, two miles west of **Sagola**, but as yet they have not let [*the*] contract. However, it is very probable they will do so in a day or two.

The **hardwood timber lands** in the vicinity of Sagola are attracting more than local attention. Several outside parties have been here lately and over a section of land was sold as a result of their visits. Farms will be started on the lands that were sold, next spring. The county around here is rapidly turning into a **farming community** and in a few years will be able to furnish considerable farm product for the city folks.

**William Shey** had a rather thrilling experience one evening this week, which he will not soon forget. He went into the woods in search of his cows and, as is customary with him, he took his rifle with him. Thinking it was still loaded, not remembering that he had taken the cartridges out of the magazine the night previous, when about a mile and a half from town he was **attacked by three wolves**. He tried to open fire on them only to find his gun empty. The wolves pressed him quite hard and he was forced to seek a place of safety on a haystack. He was held prisoner for about an hour when **Dave Laing**, who happened to be hunting in that vicinity, heard Mr. Shay calling for help and approaching [*sic* – *approaching*] the place, discovered the wolves. He at once opened a hot fire on them and at the sound of the

rifle the wolves fled to the woods. As they only had a short distance to go, they made their escape, but it is very probable that some of them were wounded, as Mr. Laing is an expert shot. Mr. Shey will be sure he has ammunition with him in the future.

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Miss **Lou Dillon**, of **Iron Mountain**, is a guest at the **O'Callaghan** residence.

**J.J. Flannagan** [*sic* – *Flanagan*] returned home on Monday, after a short visit in **Milwaukee**.

**E.D. Ryan**, of **Manistique**, was in town on business last Saturday and Sunday.

Miss **Ida Steinkraus**, of **Abrams, Wis.**, is visiting her two sisters at the **Baudin House**.

**Axel Carlson** left last Sunday evening for **Oconto, Wis.**, to attend the Oconto county fair.

**Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Couillard** have departed for a visit with relatives and friends at **Oconto, Wis.**

**Jas. Nester** and sons, **Arthur** and **Lambert**, of **Milwaukee**, are visiting **Judge and Mrs. Patrick Flanagan**.

**P.W. Clark** returned the latter part of the week to his home in **Milwaukee**. He was visiting with his son, **J.J. Clark**, of this place.

**Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mellen** and **Mrs. Thos. Broad** and **Harry Morrison**, of **Mansfield**, were guests of **Mr. and Mrs. E.G. Norberry** last Sunday.

The **Modern Brotherhood** has posters out announcing a **grand dance**, with an **ice cream supper**, in the **B.K.O.T.M.M. Hall** here, Saturday night. Everybody is invited.

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**Sax Exford** had the misfortune of cutting himself very severely last Monday while cradling oats. He was adjusting the scythe when, in some manner, his hand slipped and his wrist struck the blade with great force, nearly severing the hand. He cut the main arteries and cords of the wrist and also the membrane covering the wrist joint bone. **Dr. M.F. Dockery** dressed the wound, and Mr. Exford is doing as well as could be expected, but he will be laid up for a considerable length of time.

The people of Sagola witnesses **two games of ball** last Sunday. The first game was called at ten o'clock and was played between the **Channing Juniors** and the **Sagola Red Sox**, resulting in a victory by the score of 15 to 29 in favor of the Sagola team. The Channing team took the lead in the first part of the game, due to the wildness of the Sagola pitcher, but after the fourth inning he settled down and there was nothing doing in the run getting line. On the other hand, the Sagola team opened an awful bombardment on the Channing twirler and scored easily. It is safe to say nearly as much interest was shown in the boys' game as was shown in the afternoon game.

**W.A. Wifler**, who has been doing some experimental farming this season, has discovered a process of **fattening pumpkins and squashes with sweet milk**, thereby increasing their size more than double that of the ordinary growth, and at the same time improving their richness and flavor. His process is to make a slight incision in several leaf stalks on the vine which feeds the pumpkin or squash and fill them with sweet milk, which furnishes increased nourishment to the vine, and, consequently, to the pumpkin or squash. He claims he can raise a product from this process three feet in diameter and of most excellent quality and flavor. If his process proves a success, it will bring about a great innovation in vine products.

The star teams from **Channing** and **Republic** crossed bats at the local diamond last Sunday and the **game** resulted in a victory for the Republic [*team*] by a score of 12 to 13. The feature of the game on both sides was the wild throws made by both nines, which helped to pile up the score of both teams. To say the least, the game was a disappointment to the 300 fans that witnessed it, as everybody expected a hard, close game, as the Channing team had always put up a fast article of ball on all their previous exhibitions with the local team; but they were nothing of their former selves, as ball players, on Sunday. No one saw Republic play before, so they were in no position to anticipate what kind of ball they were able to put up. There is one thing certain, that both teams had an off day, or some one [*sic - someone*] would have been shut out. The manager of the Sagola team challenged the winning team for a game for next Sunday and the winners will try and arrange a series of three games with the **Crystal Falls** team.

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## NEWS GOSSIP FROM SAGOLA.

**J.M. Attley**, of **Chicago**, is here this week.

**Axel Carlson** returned home last Saturday, after a week's visit with relatives and friends in **Oconto**.

**John Shannon** has commenced the work on the half-mile of **new road between Sections 30 and 31**. He was awarded the contract last week.

The **Sagola Red Caps** defeated the **Channing Juniors** on the local diamond by a score of 9 to 23 last Sunday. The

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Channing team was considerably strengthened and played better than last Sunday. They were entirely outclassed by the locals. They will play the third game of their series here next Sunday.

The **dance** given by the **M.B.A. Lodge, No. 1258**, was a grand success in every way, [sic] but one[,] and that one was in the refreshment line. The lodge had arranged to serve an **ice cream supper** and ordered ten gallons for the occasion, but they were unfortunately disappointed receiving only about one-half, therefore the refreshments were exhausted early in the evening, to the great disappointment of the management and the patronage. Otherwise the crowd and time was the best that has been had here for a long time, and everybody enjoyed themselves.

The **local base ball [sic - baseball] team** went to **Republic** to play a game of ball last Sunday, but it seems that after they arrived there, they were slightly mixed just to know what their mission was and finally concluded it was an **inland boat regatta**, several of the best sailors slipped the cables on the schooners and away they [sic - the way - ?] sailed over the triangular course was a fright. They took all the prizes in sight and finally concluded they would have a ball game. The result of their efforts resulted in a victory for the Republic base ball [sic - baseball] team by a score of 2 to 36. Sailors never were known to be good ball players. The only fact that can be given of their inability is that they are too much at sea, while base ball [sic - baseball] is played on dry land.

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## NEWS GOSSIP FROM SAGOLA.

Whatever fruits in northern climes [sic - climes] are found  
That proudly rise, or humbly court the ground,  
Whatever blooms in torrid tracts, appear  
Whose bright succession decks the varied year,  
These at Sagola bless the planters toil, And  
yield luxuriance from the kindred soil.

To verify the correctness of the above lines a representative of The Press, who visited **Sagola** recently, drove out to the **farm of Edwin L. Graham**, which is located about three-quarters of a mile west of the village on the **Mansfield road**. There, in the heart of a fine tract of hardwood timber, was found a neat little farm under cultivation and planted with an extensive variety of grain, vegetables and small fruits. A hurried inventory disclosed the fact that on this model farm are to be found wheat, rye, buckwheat, oats, barley, speltz, millet, corn, potatoes, turnips, rutagabas, cabbage, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, summer and winter squashes, pumpkins, muskmellons [sic - muskmelons], spinach, kale, lettuce, radishes, carrots, beets, onions, cucumbers and a variety of small fruits, such as currants, raspberries, blackberries, gooseberries. It is the largest variety of agricultural products to be found anywhere in the county. Mr. Graham has placed an order for fruit trees to be delivered next spring, which includes apple, pear, plum, cherry and quince trees, which, when planted and properly cultivated for a few years, will yield for him quite a variety of the larger fruits. In looking over the best of grains, vegetables and fruits to be found on this farm it will be seen that the soil in the vicinity of Sagola is adopted [sic - adapted] to the culture of nearly all the

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necessaries and luxuries required to tempt man's varied appetite. There are several other farms in the vicinity of Sagola that are producing good results, but Mr. Graham's farm is especially noticeable on account of the great variety of products.

Everybody gathered at the **depot** one evening last week to hear the **report of a wreck**, which seemed inevitable under the circumstances. The time freight going north had left **Randville** and is due here at 6:18 p.m. An extra, which was getting in on siding and pushing a string of log cars ahead to get into clear for the fast freight, when seven of the log cars broke away and started down the heavy grade to meet the fast freight. **Brakeman McClauson** tried, with all his might and main, to stop the cars, which have no brakes on them, with blocks of wood, but the cars ran over his obstructions and continued at a rapid rate. Seeing his efforts in this direction were in vain, McClauson caught the last log car as it was passing him, and swung on top of it, ran to the head end of the runaway cars, and started to bring them to a stop by throwing the wrapping chains under the wheels. After going about three miles[,] he succeeded in bringing the cars to a stop. The freight was rapidly approaching the spot around the curve. Mr. McClauson jumped down, ran up the track to meet the approaching train and flag them. When the engine came in sight around the curve the engineer caught his signal and brought his train to a sudden standstill with but seven rail lengths between the engine and the runaway flats. Brakeman McClauson was roundly complimented by the citizens for the daring piece of work he had performed in preventing what seemed to be a sure wreck, which might have resulted in death or injury to the unexpecting [*sic* – *unsuspecting*] crew of the freight. Nothing but words of praise and satisfaction could

be heard on McClauson's work and its satisfactory results.

**Mr. Grizel** has moved his family to his farm, two miles west of here. He purchased the place from **Mr. La Court** a short time ago and intends converting it into a **ginseng farm** as rapidly as possible.

**John Olsen** shipped a consignment of sixty-nine pounds of **ginseng** from the station last week. This is undoubtedly the largest single consignment shipped from here at any one time.

**J.J. Clark** had a log-house built on his farm the past week. He has put several wood-choppers to work, and they are living in the house this winter.

**William Shey** returned home last Friday after spending the week at the **Wisconsin state fair at Milwaukee**.

**L.L. Bon** commenced **shipping his dry cordwood** from here the past week.

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## NEWS GOSSIP FROM SAGOLA.

**Wolves** are quite numerous in the vicinity of Sagola.

**E.D. Ryan**, of **Manistique**, was in the village on business several days last week.

**Frank L. Coventry**, of **Iron Mountain**, was a guest of **John J. Flanagan**.

The **Sagola Lumber company** is building a warehouse 40x60 feet in size for jobbers' supplies.

**John H. Johnson**, of **Quinnesec**, visited his daughter, **Mrs. Thos. Carney**, last Sunday and Monday.

**Geo. Johnson**, of **Milwaukee**, was in Sagola last week looking over the lumber

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and selecting several carloads for shipment.

**John F. Couillard** left last Monday for **Marinette**, where he was called by a telegram announcing that, [sic] his sister, **Mrs. Frank Mineau**, was dying.

**John Shannon**, who has the contract to build the **township road to the town line**, towards **Mansfield**, will have the work completed by October first.

The **Sagola Lumber company** is receiving 40,000 feet of logs daily in excess of the consumption at the mill, which averages 50,000 feet per day. The daily shipments of lumber at present is [sic - are] 100,000 feet.

**E.G. Medley**, of **Baraboo, Wis.**, arrived last Saturday with his family to take charge of **E.L. Graham's farm**, the place being made vacant by the resignation of **Nic Gerstner**, who went to **Green Bay** to manage a farm for his father.

**Henry Magley**, of **Green Bay**, started a **cedar and hardwood camp** three miles east of town last Monday. **Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Pomier**, of **Green Bay**, will have charge of the cooking department. At present they have a crew of fifteen men.

**Cholera infantum** is prevalent in **Sagola**. There has been one death from the disease and at present the most serious case is that of a seven months' old daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. John Long**, who has been suffering with the malady for the past two weeks.

The **Sagola Lumber company** has plans for an addition to their planing mill 25x100 feet on the foundations, which will be built this fall, and three new machines will be installed for the manufacture of hardwood flooring. The company will also build a warehouse 40x80 feet in size for maple flooring.

**A.M. LaCourt**, who has a farm about one and a half miles from the village, has ten acres cleared and raised a good crop of

oats and potatoes this year. He is now sowing half an acre to **ginseng**, using 1,000 roots and about 8,000 seeds. He expects to add to this each year until he has quite an extensive ginseng garden. At the end of the third year he will begin to realize a good profit from his industry and this will increase from year to year. **Chas. M. Griswold**, whose farm adjoins **LaCourt's**, also has a half acre of ginseng and will also increase the acreage from year to year. It is presumed that, as this valuable product grows wild in abundance in the vicinity of **Sagola**, it will yield an immense crop under cultivation.

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**Rev. Isaac Wilcox**, of **Iron Mountain**, was in town last Monday afternoon.

Repairs are now being made on the **wood-mill**, which will be started next week.

**Dr. M.F. Dockery** is at **Cedarburg, Wis.**, this week looking after his farming interests at that place.

**Mrs. R.E. Crane** returned last Friday from a three months' visit with relatives in the **copper country**.

Miss **Mary Flanagan** left last Saturday for **Ann Arbor**, where she will attend the **state university**. **Mrs. Flanagan** accompanied her as far as **Chicago**.

The **infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Long** died last Monday of **Cholera infantum**. The remains were taken to **Iron Mountain** on Tuesday for burial.

The ladies gave a **leap year surprise party** last Saturday evening in honor of **James and Prescott Pringle**. Dancing

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was the order of the evening and an elegant lunch was served. Music was furnished by the **Sagola String band**.

**Paul D. Champlain**, cruiser for the **Sagola Lumber company**, sprained his ankle last Thursday while looking over some timber four miles west of town. Fortunately a farmer passed near where he was and brought word to the company, who sent a team after Mr. Champlain and brought him to town.

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## NEWS GOSSIP FROM SAGOLA.

**E.D. Ryan**, of **Manistique**, was in town on business last Monday.

**Mrs. Gilbert Gould**, of **Middle Inlet, Wis.**, is visiting her sister, **Mrs. John Long**.

**E.L. Graham** is **building a large root-house** on his farm. It will cost about \$400.

**Jos. Sowboda**, of **Green Bay**, arrived here Monday and expects to remain all winter.

**Malcom McQueen**, of **Oconto Falls**, was visiting friends in **Sagola** last Sunday and Monday.

**Mrs. C.B. Lawrence** and Miss **Lillian Whitney** visited friends in **Channing** last Monday.

**Dr. M.F. Dockery** returned from **Cedarbury** [sic - **Cedarburg**] last Friday and brought home a **fine St. Bernard dog**.

**Alfred Bandin**, proprietor of the **Sagola House**, and **Malcom McQueen**, of **Oconto Falls**, were out **hunting partridges** last Monday and succeeded in bagging seven.

**Stanley Gomney**, of **Sagola**, and Miss **Viola Dishaw**, of **Crystal Falls**, were **married** last week at the home of the

bride's parents and will make their home in Sagola.

**Otto Witt**, of **Oconto**, has returned to **Sagola** and will reside here in the future.

**John J. Flanagan** went to **Norway** last Monday on a business trip. He expects to leave for **Moab, Wash.**, next Sunday night.

**Chas. M. Griswold** is building an **addition to his house** on his farm, about two miles west of town, and had an **old-fashioned raising bee** last Sunday to get the frame up. After the work was completed an excellent supper was served.

The event of the week was a **leap year surprise party** last Saturday evening in honor of **Axel Carlson**. Dancing was the order of the evening, music being furnished by the **Sagola orchestra**. An elegant lunch was served during the evening.

**John Shannon** has completed the **township road towards Mansfield** as far as the town line and the **Mansfield township** will have its end of the road completed by October 15th. There will then be a good wagon road from **Sagola** to **Crystal Falls**.

**Thos. Hughes**, of **Chicago**, **secretary of the Sagola Lumber company**, spent several days in town last week. Mr. Hughes thinks there is no place quite as good as **Sagola** and he expects to build a house here soon and make this his place of permanent residence.

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**Mrs. Patrick D. McCole** is visiting her parents at **Wausaukee, Wis.**

**L.L. Bon** has started a crew of ten men cutting **cordwood** on his farm.

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**Mrs. E.G. Norberry** left Sunday morning for an extended visit with friends at **Hancock**.

The **Sagola Lumber company** is building a **barn near the hotel** for the accommodation of transient teams.

Miss **Clara Theisen** returned last Friday from an extended visit with friends in **Wisconsin** and **Minnesota**.

Miss **Della Wiseman**, of **Escanaba**, was the guest of **Mrs. Thos. Carey** last week. Miss Wiseman left Monday morning for **Munising**.

The **social dance** at the **Maccabee Hall** last Saturday night was well attended and every one present appeared to be having a good time.

**John F. Couillard** has taken a contract to put in 1,000,000 feet of pine and cedar for the **Sagola Lumber company**. He started a crew of men at work last Monday.

The **Sagola Lumber company** has finished their logging operations at **Trout Creek** and moved their camps to **Findley Junction**. They will resume logging there about the first of November.

The **township board** adopted a **curfew ordinance** at their meeting last Friday, and every child under fifteen years old is required to be home at 7:30 p.m., under penalty of being arrested and taken before **Justice Clark** with a prospect of being sent to jail.

**E.L. Graham** met with quite a loss last Sunday night on account of the heavy fall of rain. He had recently build a **new stone root-house**, which cost him \$400, and the wall not being entirely dry, a portion of it was washed out, causing a damage of over \$100.

**John J. Flanagan** left last Sunday evening for **St. Louis** to visit the **world's fair**, and from there he will go to **Moab, Washington**, stopping at several western cities enroute [*sic - en route*] to place on the market some of the large stock of

lumber owned by the **Newman Lake Lumber company**, of which Mr. Flanagan is secretary.

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## NEWS GOSSIP FROM SAGOLA.

**Paul deChamplain** [*sic - de Champlain*] shot a mink last Monday.

The **new township road from Sagola to Mansfield** was completed yesterday.

**L.L. Bon**, of **Green Bay, Wis.**, was a guest of **E.G. Norberry** last Sunday.

**Russell Pringle** opened the **boarding-house near the saw-mill** last Monday.

The **average shipments of lumber from the Sagola Lumber company's yard** is ten cars per day.

**Mrs. Patrick D. McCole** returned last Saturday from a visit with her parents at **Wausaukee, Wis.**

The **log spur at the mill-pond** is to be extended 1,000 feet this fall to the cedar and cordwood yard.

**Dennis Burns** recently purchased a **fine game rooster** and says he will pit him against anything on the range.

**A.M. LaCourt** has built a **new root-house** on his farm with a capacity of 1,000 bushels at a cost of \$150.

The **Sagola Lumber company** has commenced shipping cordwood to Chicago. They are loading three cars per day.

**Jas. Carey**, of **Green Bay, Wis.**, was a guest at the residence of **Mr. and Mrs. A.M. LaCourt** last Sunday and Monday.

**Dr. C.O. Seaberg**, of **Iron Mountain**, was in town last Monday doing some **veterinary work** for the **Sagola Lumber company** and for **Jos. Schleis**.

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

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

The **National Protective Legion** will give a **supper and dance** at the **Maccabee [sic] Hall** next Saturday night. Supper will be served from four to nine o'clock. Admission to the dance 50 cents per couple; supper, 25 cents each. Invitations have been sent to neighboring lodges and a large attendance is expected.

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## NEWS GOSSIP FROM SAGOLA.

**Paul deChamplain [sic - de Champlain]** went to **Marquette** last Sunday.

**E.G. Norberry** visited friends in **Calumet** last Sunday.

**John O'Callaghan** returned last Monday morning from a business trip to **Milwaukee, Wis.**

**Mrs. A. Baudin** has returned home from **Marinette**, where she has been visiting for a few days.

It is rumored that the young ladies of **Sagola** will give a **leap year dance** next Saturday night. It is a good thing, ladies; push it along.

The **Northern Brotherhood lodge** has changed the regular monthly meetings from

the last Friday of the month to the 15th of the month.

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

**C.B. Lawrence** lost a valuable **canary bird**, which he had imported from **Brazil** about a year ago. He has sent for another one and expects it to be here in about three weeks.

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

**Superintendent Hastings** stopped off here last Saturday for a few hours and looked over the ground where the **railroad company** is going to build **new sidings**. They will put in about 2,500 feet of new siding to handle the business from this place. The business has grown so much that the present trackage is not capable of accomodating [sic - accommodating] the patrons. Work has already commenced on the log track extension.

There seems to be a slight difference of opinion as to whether **Judge Flanagan** or **E.L. Graham** is the best **root-house architect**. Judge Flanagan thought Mr. Graham was a poor architect, [sic] because his root-house caved in, but the Judge built one at **Channing** and when it was filled with potatoes and rutabagas, it was found to be about three feet below the water level and the frequent rains during the past week filled the root-house with water.

The **dance** given by the **National Protective Legion** was a grand success, [sic] in every particular, especially the supper, which was served from four to nine p.m., of which everybody partook - a

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goodly number eating twice – a fact that speaks for the fine spread the ladies served. Supper was again served from eleven p.m. until 2 a.m. Dancing was in order from nine o'clock and was enjoyed by over twenty-five couples. Everything went off as smoothly as clock work, being only one little incident which looked as though it would mar the festivities. That occurred [*sic – occurred*] about midnight, when one of the musicians was taken suddenly ill and had to go home, but the management secured the services of another good musician and the dance went on as though nothing had happened. The musician taken ill is able to be around and attend to his work again.

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## NEWS GOSSIP FROM SAGOLA.

**Mrs. D.M. Laing**, of Iron Mountain, is visiting **Sagola** friends this week.

**John O'Callaghan** had business in **Marinette** and **Menominee** last Monday.

**E.D. Ryan**, of **Manistique**, was in town Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

The work of **grading for the extension** to the log track was commenced last Monday.

**Mrs. E.G. Norberry** returned last Thursday from an extended visit with friends at **Hancock**.

**Chas. Lejoie**, who has held the position of **head sawyer at the mill** for the past three years, has resigned his position and will move his family to **Canada**.

The **saw-mill shut down** last Monday for **general repairs**. It will probably be two weeks before the repairs are completed and the mill again in commission.

**J.M. Atley**, treasurer of the **Sagola Lumber company**, arrived from **Chicago** last Tuesday morning to look over the **stock of dry lumber** now ready for market.

The **township board** held a meeting last Tuesday night and decided to **open eighty rods of road** through the **Sagola Lumber company's** field, from the **Mansfield road** to the **railroad track**, for the benefit of the **cordwood jobbers**, who will haul wood to the track. The work of grading the road will be commenced at once.

The **Sagola Lumber company** has decided to **enlarge the village plat** and place some desirable lots on the market. The new addition will be just south of the present site, extending as far as the new township road. This move was suggested by a number of applications from the prominent young men in the village who are **contemplating matrimony** and are only delaying the happy events because they cannot get houses to live in. The opportunity will be offered for the industrious young man to buy a lot and build a house for himself.

**E.D. Ryan**, who has forty acres of farming land a short distance south of the village, has decided to try **hog raising on an extensive scale**. He now has fifty-six thorough-bred Berkshire and Poland-China hogs and will add to this number as fast as he can find clean-bred stock. He expects by another year to have at least 1,000 hogs, which will be fattened for the market. During the past season he has built a nice little cottage on the farm and and [*sic*] two barns, one 24x36 and the other 20x24. Mr. Ryan is also interested to some extent in **raising ginseng**. He has planted 500 roots this year and has 3,000 seeds, which he intends planting in the spring. It takes from three to five years to obtain [*sic – obtain*] results from ginseng, but the price is so

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high that a good round profit is realized on the time and labor expended.

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## NEWS GOSSIP FROM SAGOLA.

Miss **Jeffie Whitehead**, of **Vulcan**, was a guest of **Mrs. Patrick Flanagan** last Saturday.

Miss **Christina Hansen** arrived last Sunday from **Christiana, Norway**, to reside with her father, **Christ C. Hansen**.

The **leap year dance** given by the young ladies of **Sagola** last Saturday evening was well attended and a grand social success.

The **extension of 700 feet to the log track** is completed to the north end of the wood and pole yard and shipments of cordwood will now go forward promptly.

The **Sagola Lumber company** has **let the water out of the pond** and is now engaged in cleaning out the debris and repairing the steam pipes preparatory to maintain an open pond during the winter to facilitate the handling of logs for the mill.

The **township road work** for this season is finished and the officials of the township may well be proud of the work accomplished, which comprises a good **turnpiked road from Randville to Sawyer Lake**, a distance of twelve miles, and from **Sagola west to the township line on the Mansfield road**, two miles.

The **Sagola Lumber company** has **platted an addition to the village** and lots in the new site are now for sale at prices ranging from \$50 upward. To any purchaser of lots who builds a residence a rebate of 20 per cent. [sic] will be given and the company will also make a differential

price on lumber purchased from them for this purpose. **Edward Bemis** is now making plans and estimates for several cottages to be erected this fall on the new village site.

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## NEWS GOSSIP FROM SAGOLA.

**Over 100 deer** have been **shipped from Sagola** so far this season.

**Miss Connelly**, of **Markersburg, Va.**, is visiting her brother, **Wm. Shay**.

It is rumored that there will be at least **two weddings at Sagola** this month.

**Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Flanagan** left last Monday for a two weeks' visit to the **world's fair**.

The local lodge of the **Modern Woodmen** will give a **dance and turkey supper** Thanksgiving eve.

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

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

The **shipments** from the **Sagola Lumber company's yard** for the past week were thirty cars of lumber and fifteen cars of cordwood.

**John Burns** has charge of the logging camp at the mill for the **Sagola Lumber company**, and will put in 2,000,000, [sic] feet of logs this season.

The **Sagola Lumber company** has finished cleaning out the log pond, repaired the dam and will be ready to start the saw-mill again next Monday.

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The **Sagola Lumber company**, [sic] sold three forties of timber and farming land near **Merryman Siding** to **J.J. Collins**, postmaster at **Granite Bluff**, last Monday.

The **board of education** went to **Channing** last Tuesday to make an estimate on the work at the **new school-house**, so as to make a partial payment to **Contractor Anderson**.

The **Sagola Lumber company** has installed air-blast grates in the fire-boxes in their **boiler-room** for the purpose of burning green sawdust and hog grindings from the mill, thereby saving the slab-wood for market.

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

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## NEWS GOSSIP FROM SAGOLA.

A **baby boy** arrived at the home of **Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bellow** last week.

Miss **Josephine O'Callaghan** is spending Thanksgiving week with relatives at **Norway**.

The **saw-mill started up** yesterday after being shut down for repairs since the 15th of October.

**Peter Foss** returned last week from a two weeks' visit with friends at **Milwaukee** and **Chicago**.

**Mrs. W.E. Forestal** and **Mrs. Michael Ansknow**, of **Oconto**, are visiting their father, **Jas. Crane**.

**Mrs. Chas. L. Anderson**, of **Ishpeming**, was the guest of her brother, **E.G. Norberry**, last Sunday.

**Village lots for sale** in the new addition on easy terms. Inquire at the **Sagola Lumber company's** office.

**T.J. Dewish** spent last Friday and Saturday at **Algoma, Wis.**, with his mother, who was quite sick at the time, but is now much better.

The **Sagola Lumber company** started their **camp at Findley Junction** last week and is now receiving about six cars of logs per day from that point.

The **cordwood and log jobbers** are taking advantage of the fine weather, too, and are cutting and skidding timber ready for hauling as snow falls so as to make good roads.

**Wm. Roscholer** had his **collarbone broken** last Monday night while wrestling with a companion in the saloon. Roscholer slipped and fell striking his shoulder on the hardwood floor.

**Fred Larson**, formerly of **Sagola**, died last Monday in **Chicago**, at the home of a brother, **Gabriel Larson**, of **typhoid fever**. The deceased was a young man, twenty years old, and resided in Sagola several years prior to moving to Chicago. He was a member of the **Sagola Lodge, No. 224, Knights of the Modern Maccabees**.

**Fay Simonson** met with a bad accident last Monday while decking logs at **J.F. Couillard's camp**. He was on top of a skidway when it collapsed and he was caught between two logs, **breaking one leg and badly bruising the other**. The broken leg was set by **Dr. Dockery** and

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Simonson was taken to the **hospital at Marinette** last Monday night.

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## NEWS GOSSIP FROM SAGOLA.

**Mrs. Patrick Flanagan** is visiting friends at **Forest Junction, Wis.**

Miss **Lillie St. Louis** has been visiting **Iron Mountain** friends for the past week.

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

**Thos. Hughes**, of **Chicago**, **secretary of the Sagola Lumber company**, was in town last Tuesday and Wednesday.

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

During the last four days of the **hunting season** the **deer shipments** from this station averaged twenty-five per day.

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

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

**Smith's Plantation Pastime company** gave a **minstrel show** at the **K.O.T.M. hall** last Tuesday night, which was largely attended.

Mr. and Mrs. **Edw. Ryan**, who have been visiting Sagola friends for the past week, left last Tuesday night for their home in **Manistique**.

**Mrs. Patrick D. McCole** entertained a number of lady friends last Tuesday afternoon in honor of **Mrs. Edward Ryan**, of **Manistique**.

**Dr. M.F. Dockery** left last Sunday night for **South Milwaukee** to visit his mother, who is very sick. It is feared that she will not recover.

Mr. and Mrs. **E.L. Graham** were in **Chicago** last Monday and Tuesday selecting a stock of holiday goods for the **Sagola Lumber company's store**.

The **Sagola Lumber company** sold **two lots in the new addition to the village** this week. The purchasers will erect dwellings on them in the spring.

Now that the hunting season is over, look out for the **game wardens**. During the open season many hunters were running deer with dogs, but not a game warden was to be seen in this vicinity.

**Fred Urquhart**, of **Baraga**, and **Chas. Fruck**, of **L'Anse**, have been engaged as **head sawyer** and **band saw filer** respectively at the **Sagola Lumber company's mill**. They commenced work last Monday.

There is talk of a **new hotel** being built at Sagola in the near future. The site spoken of is on the corner opposite the store. A larger hotel is much needed, as the present one has insufficient room for the accommodation of the guests.

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## NEWS GOSSIP FROM SAGOLA.

Miss **Mary McCole** visited friends at **Iron Mountain** last Saturday and Sunday.

**Dr. M.F. Dockery** returned last Friday from a visit with his mother at **South Milwaukee**.

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

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**Mr. and Mrs. E.G. Norberry** returned last Tuesday night from a short visit with friends at **Ishpeming**.

The **total weight of venison** shipped from this station by freight and express during the hunting season was 17,500 pounds.

**Mr. and Mrs. Edwin L. Graham** returned last week Wednesday from **Chicago**, where they had been to select holiday goods for the **Sagola Lumber company's store**.

**Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Flanagan** left Tuesday morning for **Forest Junction, Wis.**, where Mrs. Flanagan will remain for several days visiting relatives and friends.

**Edward Eiler**, of **Pittsburg, Pa.**, made his semi-annual visit to **Sagola** last Saturday, and selected a large stock of lumber to be shipped during the next six months.

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

The **Sagola Lumber company's store**, under the management of **Edwin L. Graham**, assisted by his able clerks, **T.J. Dewish** and **P.D. McCole**, presents a model appearance. The stock is carefully selected to suit the demands of the trade and the store is kept neat and orderly. No more complete stock of goods can be found in any country town in the upper peninsula. In addition to the large stock of staple goods, they have a large and choice selection of holiday goods, which is in [sic] display in an artistic manner to attract the attention of their customers looking for something suitable for Christmas presents. This store is patronized not only by the people of Sagola and vicinity, but also by many residents of neighboring towns.

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## NEWS GOSSIP FROM SAGOLA.

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The people of Sagola were treated to an entertainment last Tuesday evening by **Prof. and Mrs. J.N.G. White, magicians and ventriloquists**. Some expert exhibitions of the art were given and the entertainment was very interesting to the lovers of fun.

**Jacob Johnson** leaves to-night [sic – tonight] for his old home at Muskegon. Mr. Johnson is **lumber inspector for the Sagola Lumber company** and is taking his annual vacation. He will be gone about four weeks. It is rumored that there is a prospect of his bringing home a bride.

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There have been several **skating parties on Beaver Pond** during the evenings of the past week. Large bonfires were built at various points around the pond and a jolly good time was had by the skaters. It is said that the skating pond has become a veritable lovers [sic – lovers'] lane and several spring weddings are liable to result from the winter's sport.

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

As an industrial center Sagola is making rapid strides forward. Eight years ago it was a little saw-mill [sic – sawmill] town and all the logs for the mill came from

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Ontonagon county and the logging and milling was conducted on a small scale as compared with the present operations. The **Sagola Lumber company** is still logging to a considerable extent in Ontonagon county, but, as the time is drawing near that their large holdings of timber in that section will be exhausted, they are turning their attention to the large tracts of timber in the vicinity of Sagola, where logging operations re being extensively carried on this season. In addition to the logging, the cordwood industry has recently attained preminence [sic – preeminence] in this vicinity and today [sic – today] Sagola is one of the largest points for cordwood on the St. Paul road. The cedar business is also worthy of considerable note. The cedar-pole [sic – cedar pole] and past [sic – post] manufacture will be carried on to such an extent this winter that the St. Paul company found it necessary to build a new side-track [sic – sidetrack] 750 feet long to accommodate this particular industry and already the new siding is lined with skidways ready to deck the poles as soon as there is snow enough to commence hauling. There are now over twenty jobbers in cedar and cordwood in the vicinity of Sagola who will land their winter's cut along the various side tracks ready for shipment. Another feature may well be considered in the future of Sagola as an industrial center, and that is the farming industry, which, although now in its infancy in this vicinity, is sure to make rapid strides in the near future, as the lands from which the timber is now being cut, as well as the lands from which the timber will be cut for several years to come, show good rich soil and are well adapted to farming purposes. There is no doubt that, in a few years, the farming industry in this vicinity will attract wide attention and Sagola township will cut a prominent figure in the future of Dickinson county.

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The **saw-mill [sic – sawmill]** was shut down two days last week on account of a **breakage on the engine.**

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

Miss **Mary McCole**, the efficient teacher in the public school, will spend the holidays with relatives in Lena, Wis.

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The **Sagola Lumber company** is shipping thirty cars daily of dry slabs, cut to 12 inches, to the Soo Fuel company in Chicago.

The residents of Sagola are prosperous, as is evidenced by the enormous sale of holiday goods at the **Sagola Lumber company's store.**

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**Dr. M.F. Dockery** was called to **Foster City** last Monday to assist **Dr. Moll** in an **operation on a Finlander who was stabbed in the abdomen in a drunken quarrel.**

This is the dull season for lumber shipments and orders are coming in slowly. Lumbermen are taking advantage of the opportunity, making their inventories, and preparing estimates for next year.

An entertainment has been arranged for the school children to be given to-morrow [sic – tomorrow] evening at the **K.O.T.M. hall.** The exercises will consist of recitations and singing, followed by a distribution of presents from a Christmas tree. The teacher, **Miss McCole**, has been

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drilling the scholars in their several exercises for the occasion and it is expected that the entertainment will be an interesting one.

**Modern Brotherhood of America, Lodge No. 1258**, at Sagola, elected the following officers at the last regular meeting:

President – **J.J. Clark**.  
Vice-president – **Alfred Bellew**.  
Secretary – **C.B. Lawrence**.  
Treasurer – **Marx Jeppeson**.  
Chaplain – **Axel Carlson**.  
Conductor – **Charles Keller**.  
Inside sentry – **J.J. Brittnacher**.  
Outside sentry – **Paul Miller**.

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## NEWS GOSSIP FROM SAGOLA.

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The saw-mill [*sic – sawmill*] shut down last Tuesday on account of the severity of the storm.

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

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The Sagola Lumber company presented each of their regular customers with a box of candy for Christmas. Over 1,200 pounds went to gladden the homes of their patrons.

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The entertainment given by the school children last Friday evening was well attended. The program was ably rendered by the children under the direction of the teacher, **Miss Kate McCole**, and elicited

many rounds of applause from the audience.

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## A BIG MILL BURNS

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### SAGOLA LUMBER CO.'S SAW-MILL DESTROYED LAST SUNDAY.

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### Loss Will Exceed \$40,000 With Insurance of \$30,000; Plant to be Rebuilt This Season.

The Sagola Lumber company's saw-mill [*sic – sawmill*] was totally destroyed by fire last Sunday night. The building was struck by lightning about seven o'clock in the evening and caught fire in the cupola.

The fire was first discovered by the fireman, who immediately blew the fire whistle and then got out the hose and started the pump, but the building was so dry that the whole structure was enveloped within a few minutes.

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The entire population of the town turned out to fight the fire, but nothing could be done towards saving any portion of the mill and the men then gave their attention to patrolling [*sic – patrolling*] the yard to prevent the fire from catching in the piles of lumber. Several times a small blaze started in various parts of the yard, but they were extinguished before any headway had been gained and the fire was kept confined to the mill.

The loss is estimated from \$40,000 to \$50,000 with \$30,000 insurance.

It is generally understood that the company will rebuild the mill on an improved plan and equip it with up-to-date machinery.

With their present timber holdings, the company has ten years's [*sic – years'*] work on hand with another ten years in sight.

The company was first organized in 1888 under the name of the Laing Lumber company with John O'Callaghan, Wm. S. Laing and Patrick Flanagan as incorporators, with \$30,000 in capital stock equally distributed among the three stockholders.

John O'Callaghan was elected president, Patrick Flanagan vice-president and Wm. S. Laing secretary-treasurer.

Selecting a name for the corporation was left to the late Wm. S. Laing and a name for the town to Patrick Flanagan, who selected Sagola, after Sagola, Wis., which was Mr. Flanagan's former home and post-office [*sic – post office*].

At the time the Laing Lumber company was organized a purchase of stumpage, estimated at 35,000,000 feet, was closed form the Lake Superior Ship Canal & Iron Co., lying just east of the present town site, and a narrow gauge railroad was built to handle the logs to the mill.

During the latter part of the year of 1888, John R. Wood, of Iron Mountain, and Capt John Perkins, of Norway, purchased

some stock in the company and became members of the board of directors.

The business of the company was conducted by John O'Callaghan and Wm. S. Laing for three years, after which Laing, Wood and Perkins sold their interests, representing one-half of the capital stock, to the Wittenbergs of Cedarburg, Wis., and the name of the company was changed to the Sagola Lumber company and the capital stock increased to \$100,000.

For six years afterwards, John O'Callaghan had charge of the logging end of the business and Richard Wittenberg, the commercial end.

In the fall of 1897, John O'Callaghan and Patrick Flanagan exchanged their interest in a logging railroad in Minnesota for the Wittenberg interest in the Sagola Lumber company and the following year sold a half interest in the company to Thos. Hughes and J.M. Attley, of the firm of Hughes & Attley, Chicago.

In 1905, Mr. Flanagan bought the O'Callaghan interest, and in March, 1907, Mr. Hughes died.

The present officers of the company are Patrick Flanagan, president; John J. Flanagan, vice-president; J.M. Attley, secretary-treasurer.

Since the building of the mill, twenty-two years ago this month, an average of 12,000,000 feet of lumber per year has been turned out and it is anticipated that with a new plant this amount will be increased.

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## FIRE LOSS SETTLED.

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## The Sagola Lumber Co. Will Build a New Saw-Mill at Once.

Jay G. Carver and R.F. Medbury, of Detroit, Clark Munn, of Milwaukee, and W.S. Wright, of Marquette, adjusters representing the sixteen companies carrying insurance on the plant of the Sagola Lumber company, which was recently destroyed by fire, spent last Tuesday and yesterday in the city and at Sagola in consultation with Manager Thompson, of the Commercial Bank insurance agency, with which agency the insurance had been written.

A settlement between the Sagola company and the several insurance companies was soon arrived at. The mill was insured for \$30,000 and was paid in full with the exception of small salvage on contents in the boiler-house [*sic - boiler house*] amounting to about \$1,000. It is believed that a portion of the machinery in the boiler-house [*sic - boiler house*] can be utilized by the Sagola company in the proposed new mill.

Now that the insurance has been satisfactorily adjusted, the Sagola Lumber company will at once have the plans prepared for a new and modern mill. The work of clearing away the debris will commence at once. The new mill will be rushed to completion as rapidly as men can do the work and it is expected to have it under cover in record time.

The company has a large stock of logs in its yards, estimated at fully 3,000,000 feet, and this total will be added to during the early fall.

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## Plans for Mill.

The Prescot Iron company has been engaged to furnish the plans for the new mill of the Sagola Lumber company and their architects are now at work. The building will be of the same dimensions as the one destroyed by fire, but additional machinery will be added to the plant.

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The Sagola Lumber Co. received the plans for the new saw-mill [*sic - sawmill*] yesterday and the work of re-building [*sic - rebuilding*] the mill will be started soon. The new mill will be the same size as the old one, but will contain improved machinery, consisting of a band saw, re-saw and shingle and lath mill and it is expected that the mill will be in operation by February first.

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## SAGOLA NEWS GOSSIP.

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The Sagola Lumber Co. has started excavating for the foundations of the new saw-mill [*sic - sawmill*].

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The Sagola Telephone Co., [sic] has installed a new switch board [sic – switchboard] in the central office.

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The concrete work for the new boiler-house at the mill of the Sagola Lumber company, [sic] was started last Monday and will be completed next week. Work on the main building is being held back pending the result of a deal now on for the purchase of a saw-mill [sic – sawmill] plant near Grand Marais, which, if the deal is closed, will be taken down and shipped to Sagola to replace the old mill. John J. Flanagan and C.F. Knisely went to Grand Marais last Monday to look the plant over.

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## SAGOLA NEWS GOSSIP.

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Mr. and Mrs. John J. Flanagan gave a Hallow'een party at the K.O.T.M.M. Hall last Friday night. Seventy-five invitations were issued to Iron Mountain friends who came up in a special coach, arriving at 6:30 p.m. and returning at 1 a.m., Saturday morning. Upon the arrival of the guests, dinner was served in the annex to the hall. The dining-room [sic – dining room] and hall were

decorated with pumpkin jack o'lanterns, made from yellow tissue paper, cats, bats and evergreens, producing a very pleasing effect. In one end of the hall a tent was arranged for a witch who told fortunes for the guests. After the fortune-telling [sic – fortune telling], the guests, all masked with yellow faces, joined in the grand march, which was followed by dancing. During the evening, a delicious punch was served and before the guests departed a light luncheon was furnished and unique favors given. Altogether a very pleasant time was enjoyed.

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Russell Pringle came down from Bergland last Saturday to go deer hunting with his former associates.

Frank Knisely was doing a little target practice last Tuesday getting ready for the hunting season. He set up a tin-can [sic – tin can] and shot at it – and killed his dog.

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The new dynamo for the electric light plant arrived last Monday and it is expected that the town will again have lights in a week.

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The work on the new saw-mill [sic – sawmill] is progressing rapidly. The concrete work on the boiler-house [sic – boiler house] is completed and the foundation for the mill is well under way.

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Warren Higgins, Frank Fruik and Frank Seis were out bear hunting last Sunday. Late in the afternoon, Higgins ran across a

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bear's track and followed it about four miles from camp. When he gave up the chase and started for camp, it was nearly dark, and he was unable to find his way through the woods. So he gave up the attempt and built a fire, remaining in the woods all night. When Fruik and Seis came to town and found that Higgins was still out, the mill whistle was blown and a searching party, consisting of Fruik, Seis, Dunbar, Angel and Crawley, started for the woods to look for him. They followed his trail with lanterns, but before they reached him it was daylight and Higgins had started for home, finding his way without any difficulty.

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J.M. Attley, of Chicago, secretary-treasurer of the Sagola Lumber Co., was in town last Friday and Saturday looking over the re-construction [*sic - reconstruction*] of the new saw-mill [*sic - sawmill*].

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The work on the new saw-mill [*sic - sawmill*] is well under way. The boiler-house [*sic - boiler house*], built entirely of concrete, is completed and the first story of the mill, fourteen feet high, also of concrete, was finished on Monday. The frame work for the second story of the mill will be erected as soon as the concrete is sufficiently hardened to admit of the timbers being placed upon it.

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Edw. Ryan's automobile burned last Wednesday night near Randville. Mr. Ryan was about ready to start for Sagola and had left the engine running. Fire was first

discovered under the hood of the engine, but with the gasolene [*sic gasoline*] tank feeding the flames, the fire could not be extinguished and in a short time nothing but the frame was left. The loss was partially covered [*by*] an insurance of \$800.

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## SAGOLA NEWS GOSSIP

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The Sagola Lumber Co. has finished sawing the timber for the mill and the crew, consisting of A.M. LaCourt, A. Kramer, Jos. Cambray, Prescott, Pringle and Oscar and Oliver Olson[,] returned from Witbeck last Sunday night. The timber has been received at the mill and the work of erecting the frame is now in progress. The machinery for the mill is being furnished by the Prescott, Co., of Menominee, and the first carload is expected to arrive next week. The company anticipates that the mill will be completed and machinery installed ready for operation by February 15th.

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Wm. Arnold, one of the carpenters employed on the new mill, went to Oconto, Wis., last Saturday to ship up some blocks and tackle to be used in placing the new machinery.

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

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Mrs. Edward Ryan entertained seventy little folks at the K.O.T.M.M. Hall Christmas eve. The hall was beautifully decorated with pictures of Santa Claus, wreaths of holly and Christmas trees. A contest was arranged for both the girls and boys. The girls were to find a wire ring hidden in a wreath of holly. The prize for the finder was a bottle of perfume in a miniature sleigh drawn by Santa Claus and was won by Margaret Kramer. The boys' contest consisted in finding bags of nuts, which were hidden in the branches of the trees, the one finding the largest number to get a prize of a nice story book. This was won by Leslie Carey. Later, Miss Agnes Kramer played the piano while the little ones danced. A delicious lunch consisting of sandwiches, lemonade, ice cream and cake was served by Mrs. Ryan, assisted by Misses Gertrude Kramer and Julia Yuhassey. After lunch Santa Claus appeared and, although he was very tired from his long journey, distributed favors, consisting of many colored tinsel cornucopias to each little guests [sic - guest]. Santa even came back a second time to wish the little ones a Merry Christmas. During the evening Mr. Ryan called at the hall and was given a cordial welcome by the little folk, who loudly insisted upon a speech. Mr. R. said that speech-making was usually his long suit, but as he had recently contracted a severe cold he begged to be excused this time, but wished the little ones a Merry Christmas and many more of them. The little guests have a very warm spot in their hearts for Mrs. Ryan, inspired by the royal manner in which she entertains them each year at

Christmas-tide, and they will bear this kindly feeling toward her after they attain their manhood and womanhood, a memory of the happy days gone by.

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### SAGOLA NEWS GOSSIP

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At a recent meeting of the board of directors of the **Sagola Telephone Co.** it decided to install a selective ringing and lock-out system, which will give each of the party line subscribers individual and exclusive service. A power ringer will also be installed at the central.

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### SAGOLA NEWS GOSSIP

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**Mrs. Charles Frank Knisely** celebrated her birthday last Wednesday afternoon by giving a "**Hat Party**." The invitations were inscribed in gold on miniature hat shaped [sic - hat-shaped] cards. Each of the guests were [sic - was] furnished with a diagram, printed in gold, suitable for drawings of yesteryear hats for the past decade. Prizes were awarded for the best drawings. **Mrs. Clark Weaver** won the first prize, a hat box, and **Mrs. A.M. LaCourt** the second prize, a hat pin. The game of

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"500" at cards was played and in this prizes were also awarded, Mrs. Weaver again winning the first prize, a hat pin holder, and **Mrs. Frank Fruik** the second, a gilded wishbone [*sic - wishbone - ?*]. At the conclusion of the game lunch was served. The table was decorated with a large center peice [*sic - centerpiece*] of cut violets, around which were cards with ribbon ties, one of which each guest drew and, with a hat pin, picked a pattern of the hat worn by the lady at her right. The prize for this feat was won by **Mrs. Irving Nordstrom** and consisted of a hat stand. The luuch [*sic - lunch*] was a [*sic - an*] unique affair. A small loaf of bread from which the inside had been cut, containing sandwiches, pickles and salad, was served to each guest. Boiled eggs and buns, filled with candy, also furnished part of [*the*] menu, supplemented by tea, coffee and cake. The hostess received many beautiful presents as tokens of remembrance from her friends. In the evening, as Wednesday was **also Mr. Knisely's** birthday, his gentlemen friends tendered him a surprise party. Sixteen of them gathered at the home, bringing a large leather upholstered rocker as a birthday present. The evening was spent at cards and lunch was served. After the guests had departed Mr. Knisely sat enjoying his rocker for two hours, thinking how he could thank his friends for anticipating his uppermost wish in getting him a birthday present which he had long desired.

The **Ladies of the Modern Maccabees** will give a dance and supper at the K.O.T.M.M. [*Knights of the Modern Maccabees*] hall to-morrow [*sic - tomorrow*] evening. An elaborate menu, in commemoration of St. Patrick, has been prepared by **Eddie Collette**, the noted chef.

## MENU

Cream of Green Peas Soup,  
Shamrocks, cut from Dill Pickles,

Planted Fish with Tartare [*sic - Tartar*]  
Sauce,  
Mashed Potatoes, Rye Bread,  
Pistachio,  
Ice Cream in Irish Hats,  
Cake with Green Icing,  
Tea, Coffee.

**Mr. and Mrs. John McCole** and **Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Kenny** returned last Saturday from Stockbridge, Wis., where they attended the funeral of the late **Dr. John Hawley**.

**The whistle sounded at the new saw-mill [*sic - sawmill*] last Tuesday night for the first time, just six months and three days since the old mill burned.**

**John A. Couillard** visited his little granddaughter, Miss **Gwenneth Mathews**, at **Amasa** last Saturday and Sunday.

**H.I. Norton**, of Marinette, was in town last Monday and Tuesday inspecting ties for the **St. Paul road**.

**Mrs. P.H. Plumley** arrived last Saturday form Middle Inlet, Wis., to reside with her son, **Porter Plumley**.

**Ed. Cambray** went to Gagen, Wis., last Tuesday night for a few days' visit with friends.

**Patrick Flanagan** returned last Sunday from a business trip to Biwabik, Minn.

**Frank Fruik** was a business visitor at Iron Mountain last Thursday.

**Patrick McCabe** has an attack of the grippe.

Miss **Agnes Kramer** returned last Tuesday from a visit with relatives in Green Bay.

**Frank Fruik** received a **new farm wagon** last Tuesday from Ionia.

**Charles Weber, Jr.**, of Milwaukee, is visiting his uncle, **Charles Weber**.

A June wedding is in sight.

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## SAGOLA NEWS GOSSIP

The rainfall in the vicinity of Sagola last Sunday and Monday was the heaviest known in the last twenty years. All the streams were overflowing. The wagon bridge across the Ford river on the Sagola-Channing road was washed away; also the bridge across Tom King Creek on the Randville-Metropolitan road. The St. Paul track was washed out at the north end of the Sagola yard, where a small creek crosses the right of way, and also at the Ford river bridge. The morning passenger train was held at Sagola for nearly an hour last Tuesday morning while the track was being repaired. It is said that at Channing a ten-inch log was floating along the main street in two feet of water Tuesday morning.

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## SAGOLA NEWS GOSSIP

James Anderson, of Channing, will give a stereopticon and moving picture show at the Idle Hour Theatre next Saturday evening.

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The Idle Hour Theatre, under the management of the Maccabees, is putting on two good movie shows each week, on Tuesday and Saturday nights. The Universal firms are now featured, and beginning April 10th the Vitagraph films will be shown also.

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## Recent Enlistments.

George England, Chester Jones and Horace Mitchell, members of well-known Iron Mountain families, have enlisted in the United States army. The young patriots – none of them have reached the age of twenty-one – left last Tuesday for Jefferson Barracks at St. Louis, Mo., where they will take their examinations and be assigned to duty. Sagola reports a number of enlistments during the week, as follows: George Plumley, Drius Steele, James Hill and Curtis Sunday, Jr. The boys left for Chicago last Sunday night.

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## SAGOLA NEWS GOSSIP

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**Fred Balzer** was at his home in **Marinette** over Sunday.

**Mr. and Mrs. S.J. McCabe** spent last Sunday at **Iron Mountain**.

**Mrs. Fred Olson** was a business caller at **Iron Mountain** last Friday.

Miss **Eulale [sic – Eulalie] Flanagan** spent last Sunday at her home in **Iron River**.

Miss **Mae Daniels** spent four days last week at her home at **Ontonagon**.

Miss **Lila Weaver** spent last week at **Iron Mountain** having dental work done.

Miss **Elizabeth Broadland**, of **Randville**, spent Sunday with her parents here.

**Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Flanagan** and Miss **Hortense** were **Iron Mountain** callers last week.

A crowd went for a **sleigh ride party** last Sunday to the ice road. The coasting was fine, but the ice road was pretty hard, eh folks?

**Mr. Gray, master mechanic for Sawyer Goodman**, was here last Tuesday on business.

The **Red Cross** workers are very busy this week making socks, pajamas and wristlets.

**Mrs. Wm. Shay** and **Mrs. John Brick**, of **Channing**, were business callers here on Monday.

**Mrs. Chas. Dunbar** and daughter, **Mrs. Jas. LaCourt**, spent last Sunday at **Iron Mountain**.

**Mrs. Anna Rosengren** and children were **Iron River** visitors last week, returning home Monday.

**Walter Oscienzonek** visited at the home of his brother **Stephen** at **Tollen's Spur** last Sunday.

There was a **dancing party last Saturday night for the boys who enlisted**. All present report a good time.

**George Plumley, Druis Steele, Jim Hill**, and **Curtis Sunday, Jr.**, left last

Sunday night to enlist in **Uncle Sam's army**.

**Mildred Byers** was pleasantly surprised last Sunday evening by a crowd of her friends, the occasion being her sixteenth birthday. Games were played and lunch was served. Everyone boasts of the good time had by all.

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## Sagola Caucus.

The following nominations were made at a caucus held last Saturday at Sagola:

Supervisor – **John J. Flanagan**.

Clerk – **Patrick B. McCole**.

Treasurer – **Theodore Broadland**.

Commissioner – **Frank Fruik**.

Overseer – **Stanley Gomley**.

Justice – **T.J. Dewish**.

Board of Review – **Albert LaCourt**.

A second ticket has been nominated by the voters at **Channing**. The names of the candidates will be found in the Channing news.

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## PERSONAL

**Dr. M.F. Dockery** was called to **Sagola** last Tuesday to attend **Patrick B. McCole**.

**J.M. Atley**, of Chicago, secretary and treasurer of the **Sagola Lumber company**, was in the city on business yesterday.

Miss **Mary McCole**, principal of the **Central school**, was summoned to **Sagola** last Monday by the information that her

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brother, **Patrick B. McCole**, was critically ill with pneumonia.

**Patrick D. McCole**, store manager for the **Sagola Lumber company**, is very low with a severe attack of pneumonia. He has many friends throughout the county who hope that the genial gentleman will withstand the disease.

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## NEWS IN PARAGRAPHS.

The Press is pleased to note that **Patrick B. McCole**, of **Sagola**, who was very dangerous [*sic - dangerously*] ill with pneumonia, is daily gaining strength and is now considered out of danger.

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**Born**, March 26th, to **Mr. and Mrs. John McDole** [*sic - McCole - ?*], a son.

**Movies** at **Maccabee Hall** every Saturday and Sunday evenings.

**Theo. Broadland** is at the county seat as a juror in the circuit court.

Miss **Elsie Wiborg** was home from her school at **Iron Mountain** for the Easter vacation.

**Dr. H.F. Ohswaldt** left last Tuesday evening on a business visit to Oconto Falls, Wis.

**William Wifler** and **John J. Flanagan** transacted business at the county seat last Tuesday.

**Napoleon Meyers**, aged about sixty years, is very low with paralysis and hemorrhages.

**Stanley Gomney** has returned from Rochester, Minn., where he was successfully operated upon.

**Messrs. Russell and Alex Pringle** and **Gust Carlson** were visitors here from **Iron Mountain** last Monday.

**Hans Roland** went to **Iron Mountain** last Tuesday to get his **second papers** [*citizenship papers*]. **Oliver Olsen** accompanied him as a witness.

Misses **Alma Kramer**, **May Daniels**, **Theresa Theisen**, **Elizabeth Broadland** and **Loretto** [*sic - Loretta*] **Wifler** and **Mrs. J.A. LaCourt** were **Iron Mountain** visitors last Saturday.

**Patrick B. McCole**, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia, is improving very slowly and hopes are now entertained of his ultimate recovery. This is good news to his many friends.

**Walter Luth**, formerly **station agent for the St. Paul road** here, who left here to accept a governmental railroad position at Washington, was later tendered the position of traveling demurrage inspector for the St. Paul system, with headquarters at Sioux City, Iowa, which he accepted, and he and Mrs. Luth are now nicely settled in their new home at Sioux City.

The **dance and entertainment** on Saturday evening at **Maccabee Hall** for the **benefit of the Red Cross** will attract a big crowd from near-by towns, as well as the people of our own village. First-class music has been provided. Between the dances a program will be given, consisting of a speech by **Rev. James Cororan** [*sic - Corcoran*], of **Iron Mountain**, followed by the unveiling of the service flag. The **Cox Brothers**, of **Iron River**, will be present, as well as a quartette from **Iron Mountain**, and render the latest in patriotic and other songs. The supper will be a feature. As

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the proceeds go to the Red Cross the entertainment should receive a liberal patronage.

The **annual election** last Monday was one of the most exciting and closely contested every held in the township. The contests in all cases were between candidates from **Sagola** (No. 1) and **Channing** (No. 2) precincts. The fight for township clerk was the closest, **Patrick D. McCole**, the present incumbent, winning out over **I.A. Friess** by a lone majority of one vote. **J.I. Dewish** beat **Dan McDonald** for justice of the peace by just two votes. The vote in detail:

SUPERVISOR	
<b>John J. Flanagan, C.....</b>	147
<b>Otto Miller, P.....</b>	130
TOWN CLERK	
<b>P.D. McCole, C.....</b>	139
<b>I.A. Friess, P.....</b>	138
TOWN TREASURER	
<b>J.T. Dinwoodie, P.....</b>	143
<b>Theo. Broadland, C.....</b>	133
HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER	
<b>Frank Fruik, C.....</b>	146
<b>John Cuculi, P.....</b>	133
HIGHWAY OVERSEER	
<b>Stanley Gomney, C.....</b>	152
<b>James Cowling, P.....</b>	123
JUSTICE, FULL TERM	
<b>T.J. Dewish, C.....</b>	139
<b>Dan McDonald, P.....</b>	137
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<b>Albert Baenan, P.....</b>	139
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<b>R.E. Dixon, P.....</b>	139
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<b>John Long, C.....</b>	136
<b>Curtis Pringle, C.....</b>	141
<b>William Smith, C.....</b>	140
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The condition of **P.D. McCole** is improved.

**A.M. LaCourt** motored to **Iron Mountain** last Tuesday.

Miss **Eulalia Flannagan [sic – Flanagan]** was a **Channing** visitor last Tuesday.

**Dr. H.F. Oshwaldt** has returned from his Wisconsin business visit.

**Manager John McCole** is booking some fine movie attractions for **Idle Hour Theatre**.

**F.O. Morett**, manager of the **Commercial Bank insurance department of Iron Mountain**, was a business visitor here the last week.

**John J. Flanagan** was a visitor at **Iron Mountain** last Tuesday. Rumor has it that **Mr. and Mrs. Flanagan** will become residents of the county seat.

The road commissioner is doing excellent work in dragging the roads north, south and west of here, making them more passable for auto and other traffic.

Fire destroyed about \$500 worth of shingle bolts belonging to **Albert Kramer** last Friday. No insurance. It was feared that a large number of logs would also be destroyed, but these were saved.

To-day [sic – Today], afternoon and evening, **County Food Administrator O'Hara** and **Miss Helen Simonson**, county demonstrator, will conduct a **patriotic rally and food show** to which all our people are urged to attend.

The **entertainment and dance** last Saturday evening for the **benefit of the**

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**Red Cross** was largely attended and a great success in every way. The talk by **Rev. James Corcoran**, of **Iron Mountain**, was timely and very instructive. The musical numbers were well rendered and the supper was par excellence. A neat sum was realized for the Red Cross.

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## SAGOLA NEWS GOSSIP

**Fred Balzer** spent last Sunday with his wife at **Marinette**.

**Chas. Wiberg** was an **Iron Mountain** visitor last Thursday.

**Mrs. Otto Olson** was an **Iron Mountain** visitor on Thursday.

**P.B. McCole** is improving in health and is now up and around.

Miss **May Daniels** spent last Saturday and Sunday at **Iron Mountain**.

Miss **Margaret Kramer** visited her parents last Sunday and Monday.

The Pathe pictures will be shown at the **Idle Hour Theatre** next Saturday.

**John J. Flanagan** and **W.J. Tobin** autoed to **Iron Mountain** last Saturday.

**Irving Nordstrom**, of **Milwaukee**, arrived last Wednesday and will remain here for a while [*sic - awhile*].

**Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kellgren** and children spent last Sunday with **Mr. and Mrs. A.M. LaCourt**.

**Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gouley**, **Mr. Moreau** and Miss **Tillie Olson** autoed to **Florence** lasts Sunday.

**Mesdames Irving Nordstrom**, **Charles Keller** and **H.F. Ohswaldt** were **Channing** visitors last Saturday.

Messrs. **Fred Hamm** and **Fred Balzer** autoed to **Crystal Falls** last Friday. They say the roads are fine.

**Mrs. Clark Weaver** celebrated her birthday last Saturday. Cards were played and a dainty lunch was served.

The **food demonstration** was largely attended last Thursday afternoon and the women say they learned a number of new things.

A **large crowd of Sagola boys and girls** attended the **Red Cross dance at Channing** last Monday evening and reported a good time.

The **Sagola** boys who are in the army are: **John Wifler**, **Arthur Wifler**, **Emil Wifler**, **George Plumley**, **James Hill**, **Darius Steele**, **Norman McClure**, **Elmer Iverson**, **Amos Dishau** [*sic - Dishaw*], **Felix Meyers**, **Richard Ketaing** [*sic - Katnig*], **Eugene Kirkland**, **Jack Hayward**, **Harry Carlson**, **Alvin Delaney**, **Edward Kramer**, **Burns Wilson**.

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## Well Done, Sagola.

**Mrs. John Flanagan** was in the city from **Sagola** last Tuesday, bringing with her \$122.75 for the **Red Cross**, this amount representing the proceeds of a **dancing party and patriotic entertainment** given recently by the ladies of that village. This is a wonderful showing and reflects much credit upon the ability of the ladies of **Sagola** to do things.

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## SAGOLA NEWS GOSSIP.

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**Fred Hamm** spent last Sunday at **Marinette**.

**Born**, to **Mr. and Mrs. S.J. McCabe**, a daughter, last Friday.

**Mrs. John Brick**, of **Channing**, was a **Sagola** visitor on Tuesday.

**Mrs. Fred Balzer**, of **Marinette**, is visiting her husband here.

**Frank Fruik** and **James Earle** were **Iron Mountain** visitors last Tuesday.

**Mrs. Eugene A. Barber** spent last Sunday with her daughter, **Mrs. S.J. McCabe**.

**Mrs. Chas. Dunbar** and daughter **Bernice** were **Iron Mountain** visitors last Saturday.

The Amateur Orphan will be shown at the **Idle Hour Theatre** next Saturday. Everybody come.

Miss **Tillie Olson** celebrated her birthday last Saturday night. Cards were played and a dainty lunch served.

A large crowd of boys and girls attended the **dance at the new Mansfield school** last Saturday night and report a very good time. Friday another dance and programme will be given for the **Red Cross**. Everybody welcome.

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## Pony Lost.

Lost, a bay Indian pony, weighing about 900 pounds. A reward will be paid for the return of the pony or for information that will lead to the recovery.

**CLEM JANQUETTE**,  
Sagola, Mich.

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## A Mormon Colony.

From a dependable source The Press learns that an organization of **Mormons is now negotiating for 100,000 acres of lands in the Sagola district**. Several representatives of the organization have recently visited **Sagola** for the purpose of investigating the lands and conditions and expressed themselves satisfied. The lands desired are owned by the **Sagola Lumber company**, **Sawyer-Goodman company** and the **Keweenaw association**. Information regarding the plan of the organization could not be learned, but it is supposition that the syndicate contemplates colonizing the tract and also to engage in a general ranching business.

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**The recent rains have extinguished the forest fires in the northern part of the county. They were particularly severe from Sagola north to Witbeck.** The Press hears that the **Sawyer-Good- manhy [sic – Sawyer-Goodman Company]** sustained timber losses of many thousands of dollars.

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## SAGOLA NEWS GOSSIP

**Burnie Trigloff** was a **Sagola** visitor last Sunday.

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Miss **May Daniels** was a **Crystal Falls** visitor last Monday.

**Fred Balzer** spent last Sunday with his wife at **Marinette**.

**Fred Olson** and **George Bice** were **Beaver** visitors over Sunday.

**Wm. Scandlan**, of Milwaukee, was a **Sagola** visitor last Monday.

Miss **Elsie Wiberg** spent last Sunday with her parents, **Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wiberg**.

**Mr. and Mrs. John J. Flanagan** and Miss **Hortense** autoed to **Iron Mountain** last Sunday.

**Fred Hamm** and Miss **Hazel Carey** took in the show at **Crystal Falls** last Sunday evening.

**Attorney M.J. Sherwood** and **B.J. Sherman**, of **Marquette**, were **Sagola** visitors last Monday.

Banker **J.F. Corcoran** and **Senator Moriarity**, of **Crystal Falls**, were visitors in **Sagola** last Monday.

A large crowd of **Sagola boys and girls** attended the dance at **Granite Bluff** last Saturday night. They all report a splendid time.

**Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Dewish** autoed to **Randville** last Sunday.

**Mr. and Mrs. P.B. McCole** are visiting relatives at **Green Bay**.

**Frank O. Morett**, of **Iron Mountain**, was a **Sagola** visitor last Tuesday.

**Patrick McCabe**, of **North Kaukauna**, visited his son, **S.J. McCabe**, last Friday.

**Mr. and Mrs. Fred Olson** and **Mrs. J.A. LaCourt** were **Iron Mountain** visitors last Monday.

**Dr. B.L. Kelley** and family, of **Norway**, visited **Mr. and Mrs. Jno. [John] J. Flanagan** last Sunday.

Oh, girls! There are a lot of **Ford cars** in **Sagola**, but its [*sic - it's*] too bad they carry only five passengers.

Misses **Elna Wiberg** and **Loretta Wifler** went auto riding last Monday evening with **Russell Fruik**.

The picture, "The Recoil," will be shown at the **Idle Hour Theatre** next Sunday night. Everybody come.

**J.M. Attley**, of Chicago, **treasurer of the Sagola Lumber company**, was a business visitor here last Wednesday and Thursday.

**J.A. LaCourt** had his eye badly hurt last Thursday and was taken to **Green Bay** to an eye specialist. He expected to return this week some time.

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## SAGOLA NEWS GOSSIP

**Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reindl**, May 20th, a son.

**Dr. and Mrs. H.F. Ohswaldt** motored to **Iron Mountain** yesterday.

**Uncle Sam's Daughters** gave a dance on May 4th, for [*the*] benefit of [*the*] **Red Cross** and turned over to the County Red Cross \$62.07.

**James LaCourt**, who has been receiving treatment for an eye trouble at **St. Vincent's Hospital** at **Green Bay**, returned home yesterday.

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## SAGOLA NEWS GOSSIP

**Fred Olson** visited the county seat last Tuesday.

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Dr. H.F. Ohswaldt was a recent Norway visitor.

Mrs. J. Flanagan autoed to Crystal Falls last Tuesday.

Fred Balzer spent last Sunday with his wife at Marinette.

Miss Elizabeth Broadland visited at Mass City last Sunday.

Mrs. T.J. Dewish was an Iron Mountain visitor last Tuesday.

A dance will be given at the Randville school next Saturday night.

Miss Elsie Wiberg was up from Iron Mountain last Sunday to visit the home folk.

Messrs. Paul and Louis Kramer were Marinette visitors last Monday and Tuesday.

A large crowd of Sagola boys and girls attended the dance at Granite Bluff last Saturday night.

The picture "Her Life and His," at the Idle Hour Theatre, next Sunday evening, featuring Florence LaBadie, will be worth seeing.

Robert Sheridan returned last Friday from the St. George Hospital at Iron Mountain, where he had been treated for a broken leg.

Word has been received here that Corporal Harry Carlson, at Camp Custer, was married to Miss Bessie Davidson, of Ontonagon, on May 16th.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Flanagan and daughter, Miss Hortense, motored to Marinette and Menominee last Saturday. The return trip on Sunday was made in good time, "following the leader."

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Miss Tillie Theisen was a Crystal Falls visitor last Sunday.

S.J. McCabe was a business visitor at Green Bay last Wednesday.

Mrs. Fred Balzer, of Marinette, is visiting her husband, Mr. Balzer.

Mr. and Mrs. John Flanagan motored to Iron Mountain last Tuesday.

A dance will be given at the K.O.T.M.M. [Knights of the Modern Maccabees] Hall next Saturday evening.

Fred Hamm and Miss Hazel Carey motored to Marinette last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Corcoran, of Crystal Falls, visited Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Flanagan last Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Knisely is visiting her daughter at the Milwaukee-Downer College in Milwaukee.

A large crowd of Sagola people attended the dance at Alpha last Saturday night and reported a good time.

A few young people attended the dance at Channing last Friday. They say they had a scrumptious time.

Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Dewish attended the graduation exercises at St. Joseph Academy at Green Bay. Their daughter, Marie, was a graduate.

The picture "May Blossom," featuring Pearl White, will be shown at the Idle Hour Theatre next Sunday. The Sagola orchestra will furnish the music.

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SAGOLA NEWS GOSSIP

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## CLUB-HOUSE AT SAGOLA.

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### Northern Sawmill Company Is Now Having the Plans Drafted.

While in the city recently, Charles A. Goodman, president of the Northern Sawmill company, instructed Fred E. Parmelee, the architect and superintendent, to forthwith prepare the plans and specifications for the erection of a club-house [sic – clubhouse] at Sagola. The club-house [sic – clubhouse] will be of pleasing design and a story and a half in height. On the foundations it will be thirty-eight feet wide and forty-six feet wide [sic – long]. It will occupy the site now occupied by the old saloon building. On the main floor there will be a restaurant, billiard room and a magnificent ball-room [sic – ballroom]. The keeper of the club-house [sic – clubhouse] will reside on the second floor. The club-house [sic – clubhouse] will “fill a long felt want” at Sagola and will be greatly appreciated by the villagers. Since securing control of the mills at Sagola, the Sawyer-Goodman interests have made many improvements and have others in mind. It is understood that the manufacturing plant is to be further enlarged at an early date. The Northern company is now in full control of the townsite property. Last season two large boarding-houses [sic – boardinghouses] were erected and a number of new residences are included in the building program. The company owns large tracts of timber lands tributary to Sagola and this fact insures the steady operation of the plant for many years.

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## SAGOLA CLUB-HOUSE.

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### Will Be Finest in All Respects in the Upper Peninsula.

Rapid progress is being made in the erection of the club-house [clubhouse] for the employes [sic – employees] of the [the] Northern Saw-mill [sic – Sawmill] company. Edson D. Parmelee is in charge of the erection. The club-house [clubhouse] will be the finest building of the kind in the upper peninsula and the estimate [sic – estimated] cost is \$50,000. The main building, containing the auditorium, will have a frontage of 38 feet and two stories high in front. The wing, which will house the lounging and reading room, game rooms, kitchen, etc., has a frontage of 37.6 feet and a depth of 116 feet. In the rear will be located the power-house [sic – powerhouse]. The house will be lighted with electricity and heated with steam. The main auditorium will contain a large stage and equipment for moving pictures and other entertainments. The floor will be of hardwood and well suited for dancing purposes. The other conveniences include a bath-room [sic – bathroom], modern toilets, checking rooms and lunch room. The keeper of the house will have his apartments on the second floor. Later the company will build a modern bowling alley. The plans for the building were made by F.E. Parmelee and his son Gale, and should prove a model for other structures of this character.

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## ***Barroom Ruckus Has All Frills of Movie Thriller***

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### **Deputies Have Fight On Hands Before Taking Pair Into Custody**

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A barroom ruckus with all the frills of a movie thriller was staged at Sagola last night, in which figured two deputy sheriffs[,] two "mean eatin'" vendors of liquor, a gathering of hangers-on and 24 quarts of moonshine whisky.

The sponge was applied by deputies Mel May and Chester Carey. When it was squeezed this morning 24 quarts of whisky and two men dripped out. The booze and the men are being held by Sheriff Cleveland.

The two prisoners are Joseph John, about 50, and Tony Poloczrinske, about 30. John was proprietor of the resort visited and Poloczrinske, who said he was a lumberjack, was tending bar. They will probably be arraigned today.

May and Carey were attracted to the John establishment by boisterous talking and laughing which, they said, could be heard for nearly a mile. When they entered they found a half dozen or more men

seated about the place, drinking and playing cards. The deputies purchased drinks. One of the gathering left the building, followed by May. When the deputy attempted to arrest him he grappled with the officer. May's shirt was torn wide open in the scuffle.

### **Star Snatched From Vest**

Returning to the resort May discovered when he advised Poloczrinske that he was under arrest that his star had been snatched from his vest. May was not armed. Poloczrinske leaned over the bar, glowering at May and told him to "go to H---." As May seized the bartender one of the several men present snapped out the lights. A free-for-all fight ensued. When the smoke of battle had cleared the habitues of the establishment had taken flight. Only Poloczrinske and John remained. They were arrested and brought to Iron Mountain. Sheriff Cleveland and his deputies then returned to Sagola and searched the establishment. In all 24 quarts of whisky were found.

Cleveland declared this morning that he expected to raid a still sometime this afternoon. He said he had had a "scout out looking things over" and expected a report early this afternoon. The contemplated raid will probably follow, he said.