

# DICKINSON COUNTY HISTORY – SAGOLA TOWNSHIP

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## SAGOLA TOWNSHIP

### General History of Sagola Township

**SAGOLA TOWNSHIP:** Organized March 9, 1892, embracing T44N of R29W and T42N – T43N 0 T44N of R30W; set off from Felch Township; named for Village of Sagola located therein.

*The Iron Range*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIV, Number 13 [Thursday, June 16, 1892], page 1, column 5

**JAMES Crowe, marshal of Sagola township**, got on a tear last Sunday and started in to run the town to suit himself. He flourished a revolver, threatened and terrified citizens and behaved himself in a very unseemly manner for a man whose duty it is to see that other men conduct themselves properly. He is endeavoring to explain his conduct in **Justice Bergeron's** court today.

### Channing

**CHANNING:** Began as a railroad station called Ford Siding in Sagola Township; platted June 26, 1893, by the Milwaukee Land Company on the W ½ of NW ¼ of Section 8, T43N of R30W; named for John Parke Channing, a mining engineer surveying the area; post office established December 7, 1892, with Horace W. Bent, postmaster.

*The Iron Range*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIV, Number 19 [Thursday, July 28, 1892], page 1, column 3

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*The Range-Tribune*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIV, Number 35 [Thursday, November 17, 1892], page 8, column 5

### NEARING COMPLETION.

The connecting link between the Milwaukee & Northern and the Ontonagon branch will be completed about December 1. **Channing is the name that has been given to the junction point near Iron Mountain, formerly known as Ford Siding, and something of a town will doubtless spring up there.** By January 1 through trains will probably be run from **Milwaukee** to **Ontonagon** over this extension, instead of going around by way of the **Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic**, over which the **Ontonagon** trains now run between **Chompion [sic - Champion]** and **Sidnaw**.

*The Range-Tribune*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XV, Number 11 [Thursday, June 15, 1893], page 8, column 4

**A new post-office has been established at Channing, this county.**

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**Thomas E. Timlin has been designated as postmaster.**

*The Ranger-Tribune*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XV, Number 16 [Thursday, July 20, 1893], page 8, column 4

**Channing is a thriving town.** Better buy a lot there.

*The Range-Tribune*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XV, Number 17 [Thursday, July 27, 1893], page 8, column 4

While at **Channing** the other day we saw a **plat of the new town laid out there by the C.M. & St. P. railroad company.** A **new and neat depot** has just been completed by the company and work will soon be begun on a new building to be used as an **eating house.** It being the intention of the railroad company to so arrange their time table as to bring Ontonagon trains there in time for breakfast and supper, instead of Iron Mountain. Lots are selling lively. –Ontonagon Herald.

*The Range-Tribune*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XV, Number 19 [Thursday, August 10, 1893], page 1, column 3

## AT CHANNING.

**Agent Tamlin, of the St. Paul road, and a gentleman from Ontonagon have arranged to erect hotels at the above place. The round-house, which was destroyed by fire recently, is to be rebuilt at once.**

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 11 [Thursday, August 4, 1904], page 5, column 4

## CHIPS FROM CHANNING.

A company of prominent business men [*sic* – *businessmen*] of **Channing**, among whom are **John Harvey, O.L. Keyes, John Dunn, W.J. Ball [*sic* – *Boll*], Fred Gage, Wm. Kerr** and **James Hart**, have purchased a piece of land adjoining Sawyer Lake and will **build a summer resort.** They have already cleared up a portion of ground, which they intend for a park, and have built a boat-house, and the lumber for the club house is expected to be on the ground this week. The place will be equipped with every convenience necessary for the comfort and pleasure of parties who wish to spend a few days at this beautiful lake.

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

## Store in Channing.

**Khoury Bros.** have leased the **Blesch building** at Channing and will engage in the general merchandise business therein about the 15th of this month. **Paul Khoury**, who will have charge of the store, will go to Chicago in a few days to purchase the stock. Khoury Bros. have two stores in Iron Mountain and their success in business induces them to extend their trade to Channing, where their acquaintance [*sic* – *acquaintance*] with the railroad employees will bring them a large share of the business.

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

## CASE OF HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 14, Number 44 [Thursday, March 24, 1910], page 6, column 5*

## CHIPS FROM CHANNING

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Khoury's new store will be open Saturday. Every customer will receive a box of candy with the first purchase.

*Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 20, Number 14 [Thursday, August 19, 1915], page 5, column 4*

## Railroad Town Grows.

Channing is showing evidences of prosperity these days contrary to the general rule. Increased population has necessitated increased school facilities. A large addition is now being made to the schoolhouse at a cost of about \$5,000. Another evidence of advancement is the erection of an opera hall by Mr. Cuculi and an apartment house by Mr. Couillard. Ten or a dozen neat homes have been erected during the year and more are being planned. At present Channing is without a church, but the Catholic ladies have an organization and hope to have the money in hand at an early date to commence the erection of a mission church. Services are not held at stated intervals. The Methodists also have an organization. District Superintendent Marvin, of Houghton, was a visitor here recently. There is some little talk of forming a village organization. With such a government more public improvements in the town would be possible. Channing is populated almost entirely by railroad men and it is proverbial that railroad men are progressive citizens.

*Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 20, Number 15 [Thursday, August 26, 1915], page 1, column 2*

## A Channing Crime.

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John Karkus, charged with assault with intent to commit murder, will have his examination before Justice Woodward next Tuesday. John is now in the county jail, having been unable to secure bondsmen. The crime was committed at Channing. Karl Margenberg was the victim. For a time it was thought that Karl would die. He was cut about the throat and head. One knife stroke missed the wind-pipe [*sic – windpipe*] and main neck arteries by a fraction and required a goodly number of stitches. Karl has been receiving treatment at the county hospital and his recuperation has been so rapid that it is expected that he will be able to appear in court next Tuesday as the main witness for the people against John.

*Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 20, Number 22 [Thursday, October 14, 1915], page 5, column 3*

## CHIPS FROM CHANNING

Frank T. Wruk has sold his interest in the St. Paul Hotel to Stephen Devoe, of Menominee. Mr. Devoe took possession the early part of last week.

The Troubadours will give a concert and dance at the Cuculi Opera House next Tuesday night. Admission to concert 25c each and to concert and dance \$1.00 per couple.

As the end of the iron ore season is approaching, the shipments are gradually being reduced. Six weeks ago the shipments passing through Channing reached as high as 500 cars per day. Now many of the stock-piles [*sic – stockpiles*] have been shipped and only about 160 cars per day are handled.

Among the substantial improvements at Channing are three new dwelling houses now in course of construction. One, an eight-room cottage, to cost about \$1,800[.]

is being erected for Stanley Johnson; a second, a ten-room house, estimated cost \$2,000, for Albert Baenen, and the third, a seven-room cottage, costing \$1,000, for John Britenbach. In addition to those improvements is a new barn, costing \$500, for Walter Pritchard.

The St. Paul road has been troubled with a shortage of water at the Channing tank for the past two years. To remedy this condition, the company has sunk a well near a spring just south of town and will erect two tanks, with a combined capacity of 22,000 gallons, to try out the water supply at that point. Should the water supply prove sufficient, a pipe line will be laid and the water pumped to the large tank near the round-house [*sic – roundhouse*]. It is expected that several side-tracks [*sic – sidetracks*] will be built in addition to those now in use in the Channing yard, to facilitate the handling of the increasing shipments of iron ore. The tracks are to be laid before the opening of the shipping season next spring.

*Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 21, Number 29 [Thursday, November 30, 1916], page 1 column 1*

## A Greusome [*sic – Gruesome*] Discovery.

**The body of a man in an advanced stage of decomposition was found on the shore of Dead Man's Lake a few miles north of Channing, on the county road, last Thursday.** The greusome [*sic – gruesome*] discovery was made by a couple of hunters who notified **Coroner Cudlip**. The coroner, accompanied by **Undertaker Erickson**, went to the scene of discovery on Friday. The clothing had rotted away and there was no means of identification. The coroner decided to bury the remains at a point near where the body was found.

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## Floodwood

**FLOODWOOD:** Established as a lumber settlement in Humboldt Township, Marquette County, in mid-1880's; post office established November 21, 1887, with Thom E. Timlin, postmaster; discontinued March 31, 1905.

*The Range-Tribune*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIV, Number 43 [Thursday, January 26, 1893], page 8, column 3

The **Marinette Lumber company has purchased the Evans shingle mill at Floodwood**, and will move it to the mouth of the river.

*The Range-Tribune*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIV, Number 44 [Thursday, February 2, 1893], page 1, column 2

## BOUGHT A TOWN.

**John Harrington, the enterprising saloon man, familiarly known as Jack Harrington, has purchased the whole of Floodwood, up the road, and will conduct the saloon business there as well as the Franklin House in this city.** The town, which is a new one, is built on a forty acres, which belonged to one man who recently died. John purchased the whole plat for \$1,900, and now has the monopoly of the sale of all goods in his line. The business is said to be worth a profit of \$5,000 a year. –Marquette Times.

## Ford Siding

**FORD SIDING:** See **CHANNING**.

*The Iron Range*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIV, Number 19 [Thursday, July 28, 1892], page 1, column 3

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## Golden

**GOLDEN:** Station on the Escanaba & Lake Superior Railroad east of Channing in Sagola Township, probably named for M. Golden, a Menominee logger.

## Holmes Siding

**HOLMES SIDING:** See **SAGOLA**.

## Randville

**RANDVILLE:** Station on the Milwaukee & Northern Railroad established ca. 1890 near the Groveland Mine; probably named for William H. Rand, president of the Groveland Mining Company; post office established March 28, 1891, with Horace W. Bent, postmaster; discontinued March 31, 1932.

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## Sagola

**SAGOLA:** Began as a railroad station called Holmes Siding in Felch Township, Marquette County; mill town settlement established on the E ½ of SW ¼ of Section 29, T43N of R30W by the Laing Lumber Company, later the Sagola Lumber Company; named by Patrick Flanagan, probably after Sagole, Wisconsin, where he taught school. "Sagole" was derived from an Indian word used in greeting one another; post office established October 9, 1889, with William S. Laing, postmaster.

*The Current*, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume V, Number 34 [Saturday, September 21, 1889], page 1, column 6

### A Model Mill.

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. Rd.** The Mill is located on the E1/2 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 30 x 40 ft. in size containing a battery of three boilers and a powerful engine. The sawmill building proper, is 35 x 140 ft. in size and is claimed to be as well and strongly framed as any in the u, [sic – 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. [sic] 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 ft. 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 ft. long. On the east side of the main line and almost opposite the mill is a small creek with a number of swamps and small ponds to feed it and this creek has been converted [sic – converted] into a canal which passes under the rail road 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 waters of the creek. [sic] has now a capacity of about 300,000 ft. 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 Co. has already secured about thirty millions of feet, will be brought as far as the canal above mentioned on a tramroad [sic – 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

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launders to the horse stables. At the time of our visit, **O. Burlingame**, the **county surveyor of Menominee county**. [sic] was engaged in laying out a townsite on the south forty. Ten acres had been cleaned up on a beautiful hardwood ridge and it was the intention of the Company to build a store, a residence for the president of the Co., residences 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**, Pres.; **P. Flanagan**, vice-Pres.; **W.S. Laing**, Sec'y.; **J.R. Wood**[,] president of the **1st Nat. bank, of Iron Mountain**. The Company formerly did business at Big. [sic] Wausaukee, Wis., and moved its base of operations to what will probably be known in [the] 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 [Patrick Flanagan]** – will probably take no active part in the business except to consult with **Mr. Wood** as to the declaration of dividends. We can not [sic – 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.

*The Current*, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume V, Number 38 [Saturday, October 19, 1889], page 1, column 3

–The location formerly known as **Holmes Siding**, about 20 miles above **Iron Mountain** on the line of the **M. & N. Ry.**, has been named "**Zagola [sic – Sagola]**," and a postoffice [sic – post office] has been

established. This is the property of the **Laing Lumber Co.**, and a thriving village will probably be built up by the Co's operations.

*The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 31 [Thursday, October 24, 1889], page 5, column 4

THE village that is being formed by the **Laing Lumber Company**, at the point on the **M. & N.** heretofore known as **Holmes' Siding**, has been named **Sagola**, and will be provided with a post office as soon as Uncle Sam can get round [sic] to it.

*The Current*, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume V, Number 42 [Saturday, November 16, 1889], page 1, column 1

–We learn that the **Laing Lumber Co. of Sagola** will erect a large dry kiln as soon as arrangements can be made with an eastern firm to do the work.

*The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 39 [Thursday, December 19, 1889], page 1, column 4

## Sagola.

Last Friday we visited that flourishing little city founded by **Hon. W.S. Laing** and his associates, **John O'Callaghan** and **P. Flanagan**, known as **Sagola**. The train was late, and when we stepped off at the station it was past the dinner hour, and with sharpened appetite we made our way as quickly as possible to the boarding house, where we found the cook and his assistants busy cleaning up the remains of a dinner which had been served to about 100 persons. About the first man we met was our old friend **Charlie Butler**, yard

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foreman at the mill, and he bespoke the good graces of the cook in our behalf, and we were soon surrounding what is known as a good square meal. Without any desire to flatter we can truthfully say that it was the best meal we ever sat down to in a mill boarding house, and was way ahead of a good many meals we have sat down to in so-called first-class hotels. With the accompaniment of silver ware [*sic – silverware*], napkins and wooden tooth picks [*sic – toothpicks*], it would have done credit to the finest hotel in the land. Having eaten enough to satisfy four ordinary men, we started out to hunt up **Mr. Laing** himself, and we found he was a good deal like the Irishman's flea – when we had our hand on him he wasn't there. We corralled him at last in the **new store building just being completed near the depot** – a large, well built, two-story structure, which is to be filled with merchandise of every description that is needed to supply the various wants of Sagola people. We spent the afternoon walking through the extensive yards and mill of the **Laing Lumber Company**. The lumber produced by this industry is of the finest grade, and as far as our observation went their poorest grade will double discount the majority of the material that has gone into **Iron Mountain** buildings in years past. This mill appears to be crowded to its utmost capacity with orders for its product, as it certainly deserves to be from the quality of lumber produced, if for no other reason. The mill is now sawing from 30,000 to 35,000 feet of lumber per day and 100,000 shingles, but when everything is got down to working order, will have a capacity of nearly twice that much. One of the accessories to this end is a new four-foot smoke stack, 100 feet high, which is now being set up, the present one – a three-foot stack – having been found to afford insufficient draft to make the required amount of steam. The mill is complete in every respect, with both band and circular

saws, with steam feed, shingle machines, lath mills, edgers, etc., and it is a sight worth seeing to stand in one end of the mill and see the great logs come up the incline as fast as the carrier can be hauled in, unloaded and returned for another load, and to watch the log go through the mill almost as fast as a man can walk, and in its course be transformed into boards, plank and timber of various dimensions, loaded upon lumber carts and pushed down the long dock to be piled in the yard. There are now about 100 men working in and about the mill, and they have to hustle to keep out of the way. The foundation for a **planing mill** was being laid while we were there, and this mill will probably be in operation next week. **Sagola**, with its present industries, will become a prosperous village of 1000 to 1500 inhabitants, and there is [*sic – are*] excellent prospects of other industries being added in the near future. **Dry kilns will be put in by the Laing Lumber Company** probably next summer, and the large amount of hard wood in that neighborhood naturally suggests a chair factory or some such industry to utilize this source of wealth. **The extension of the M. & N. railroad from Sagola to its Ontonagon and Brule River branch will make Crystal Falls and Iron River assessable [*sic – accessible*] as markets for lumber, and as Sagola is surrounded by an excellent farming country, it is not unreasonable to think that in a few years it will become the trade center of a prosperous farming population.** A splendid opening is also presented for a **good hotel**, and we shall be surprised if some enterprising hotel man does not fill this want before next summer closes. We were informed by one of the firm that a news paper [*sic – newspaper*] had been talked of, to be edited by our honorable ex-senator and **Mr. Flanagan**, but so far they have been unable to agree upon the

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political status of the publication, so for the present that matter is held in abeyance.

*The Current*, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume VI, Number 2 [Saturday, February 15, 1890], page 1, column

–It is generally understood that the **M. & N. Ry. will build a connecting link between Sagola (formerly Holmes Siding) twenty miles north of Iron Mountain, and Sidnaw.** This will give a direct route to **Ontonagon.**

*The Current*, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume \_\_, Number \_\_ [Saturday, December 20, 1890], page 1, column 6

## Ramblings.

The **Messrs. Perkins, Wood and Laing**, of the **Laing Lumber Co.**, of **Sagola**, Mich., have sold there [*sic – their*] interests to outside capitalists and it is said that much new capital will be put into the business.

*The Range-Tribune*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIV, Number 49 [Thursday, March 9, 1893], page 8, column 6

## A PROSPEROUS TOWN.

One of the most prosperous little towns in this upper peninsula is **Sagola**, which **owes its existence to the large mill owned by the Sagola Lumber company.** The business of this enterprising company is managed by **John O'Callaghan, Patrick Flanagan** and **D. Wittenberg**, and each gentlemen [*sic – gentleman*] giving his entire attention to a particular line of duties, nothing escapes them that will contribute toward the flattering success that rewards

their efforts. **Sagola** within the past three years has grown to be a village of considerable size, and some of the residences of its citizens would be a credit to towns of greater pretensions, while about the cottage of the humblest dweller is an air of comfort that bespeaks steady employment and good pay. The **Sagola Lumber company's mill** is situated in the center of a large tract of excellent pine timber, and some of the lumber produced has attracted the wonder and admiration of judges of lumber in the markets to which it is sent. Four inch planks, sixteen feet long and 36 inches wide, without a knot, mar or blemish of any kind are not uncommon. **Some fine specimens of lumber from this mill will be exhibited at the World's Fair in Chicago**, and it will take something phenomenal [*sic – phenomenal*] to beat it. The ordinary output of the mill is as much above the average it [*sic – in*] the markets as these specimens are above the possibilities of ordinary mills. **The Sagola Lumber company's mill** has all the improvements of the latest inventions, runs a band saw, is operated day and night, summer and winter, and while speed is, of course, a factor always kept in mind, good lumber well sawed is the main consideration. **The mill at present produces 70,000 feet of lumber, 50,000 shingles and 20,000 to 30,000 lath in 24 hours.** In summer it does better, as the logs while frozen are more difficult to handle. They are hauling from the choppings about 120,000 feet of logs per day, and have 5,000,000 feet banked at the end of their railroad, ready to be hauled in by cars as soon as sleighing breaks up. **Electricity furnishes light in and about the mill by night.** Most of their output is sold to a few large consumers, and we observed that the greater part os [*sic – of*] the lumber piled in their extensive yards was marked sold. Travelers who have occasion to stop in **Sagola** are welcomed

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and graciously treated by the genial gentlemen about the company's office, and after working up an appetite seeing the sights about the mill, about the most satisfactory place to visit is **McCormick's boarding house**, where you get a square meal that is as clear of mars and blemishes as the handsomest stick of timber the company ever produced. **McCormick** was a former resident of this city and has lathed many an **Iron Mountain** house. He is a good lather, but he is a better cook.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 6 [Thursday, June 28, 1900], page 1, column 4

## Moving a Mill.

**A.F. McGillis**, of **Menominee**, has secured the contract to tear down the big planing mill, which the **Sagola Lumber company** recently purchased from the **Trout Creek Lumber company** and remove the same to Sagola, where it will be rebuilt. The work is well under way [*sic – underway*].

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 14 [Thursday, August 30, 1900], page 1, column 2

## Nearing Completion.

The **new planing mill of the Sagola Lumber company** is nearing completion. The building, aside from the boiler-room[,], is 50x110 feet on the foundation, and when completed will give ample room for the machinery necessary for finishing the stock of lumber ready for the market. The equipment of the planing mill will consist of a two-inch double surfacer, the flooring machines, one molding machine, one band saw, one gang edger and one trimmer. The

boiler room will be 40x60 feet and enclosed with iron. There will be a brick fire-wall [*sic – firewall*] between the planing mill and the boiler-room. The power consists of two boilers 60 inches by 16 feet and an engine 18x26 cylinder, equal to 150 horse power. When all completed this plant will be equal in every particular to any in this lumber district.

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## BRIEF CITY NEWSITES.

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**The new planing mill of the Sagola Lumber company is in operation.**

Work has commenced on a **new town hall at Sagola**. It will be a two-story structure.

*Iron Mountain Press*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 17 [Thursday, September 20, 1900], page 8, column 4

## BRIEF CITY NEWSITES.

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**David Laing** and **Wm. Shay**, of **Sagola**, killed a bear this week that weighed 426 pounds. The animal was riddled with 28 bullets before it succumbed. Laing and Shay are rapidly gaining reputations as mighty hunters in the saw mill [*sic – sawmill*] town.

## Youngs

**YOUNGS:** Settlement established at Groveland Mine named for George W. Youngs, of Iron River, general manager of the Groveland Mining Company; post office

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## **New Post-Office.**

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

## **Sagola Township Cemeteries**