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BASEBALL

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume VIII, Number 35 [Saturday, August 25, 1888], page 5, column 2

A GOOD GAME.

Florence and Iron Mountain Business Men Play Base Ball.

A very effective game of base ball [*sic – baseball*] was played on the home grounds, last Tuesday afternoon, between teams composed of Florence and Iron Mountain business men [*sic – businessmen*]. The Michigan men won the game, the score being 15 to 9. The contest began about 2:30 o'clock and lasted two hours. **Hammond** and **Catlin** occupied the points for the visitors, and **Campbell** and **Noyes** for the home nine. In the first inning Florence was whitewashed and the visitors secured four runs. Florence made a run in the second inning, and was whitewashed in the third, fourth and fifth innings. Iron Mountain was whitewashed in the second inning, but made two runs in the third inning, three in the fourth inning and four in the fifth inning. The score at the end of the fifth inning, therefore, was 13 to 1 in favor of Iron Mountain, a state of affairs due mostly to errors in the infield on the part of Florence. During the last four innings, however, the Florence players held their opponents down in fine shape, and, although they could not overcome the lead secured by the latter, they succeeded in giving the score more of a two-sided character. They made one run in the sixth inning, three in the seventh, were whitewashed in the eighth and piled

up four runs in the ninth. The visitors secured one run in

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Notice.

This is to certify that **Henry Lilly**, **Joseph Preville** and **Herb C. Smith** have been elected managers of the **Polka Dot Base Ball Club**, and authorized to solicit and collect subscriptions for the purpose of buying materials and securing suitably enclosed grounds for the season's games.

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 5 [Thursday, April 25, 1889], page 5, column 2-3

Personal and Social.

Fitzgibbon, late of the **Negaunee Advocate**, is now handling seeds, and appears to be doing a good deal of business in and around **Iron Mountain**, judging by the hustle of his bustle or the bustle of his hustle.

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YOUNGS, of the **Florence News**, suggests the organization of a **Menominee range base ball [*sic – baseball*] association**. The suggestion is a good one and comes from a man who has made good suggestions before. Let it be done and the sooner the better.

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A GAME of base ball [*sic – baseball*] was played in this city last Sunday, between the Florence club and the Iron Mountains, whereby our boys deliberately knocked the Florence pitcher clear out of the box, although there was some good base work done on both sides. Score 16 to 26 in favor of the Iron Mountains.

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QUINNESEC.

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

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Base Ball News.

Sixty four [*sic – Sixty-four*] Iron Mountaineers went to Republic last Sunday to witness the **game between the Iron Mountain and Republic nines**. The score – 11 to 10 in favor of the Republics – show [*sic – shows*] that the boys played a pretty good game, and there is not much occasion for crowing on the part of the home club. In fact at least one of the Iron Mountain boys declares that the game was given to the Republics by a rank decision of the umpire, that even their own captain said was wrong. The Republics will play a return game here

a week from next Sunday, when the Iron Mountain boys will have a chance to redeem their record.

The Iron River nine will play the Iron Mountains next Sunday in this city.

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THE Iron Mountain and Florence base ball [*sic - baseball*] **nines** played a game in the latter city last Sunday – or rather four innings, when they were stopped by the rain – which resulted in a score of 9 to 4 in favor of the **Polka Dots**.

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BASE-BALL is not only rightly enjoyable, but in moderation contributes to bodily health. Yet there is **danger in the game for those players who overexert themselves**, as many very often do. Almost every school boy after the age of ten years is reached “belongs to a club;” and when school is not in session, he takes part in contests, in which ambition and excitement lead him to go beyond his strength. The **strain is felt most on the heart**, and not infrequently the injury is permanent, for in but comparatively few cases is the trouble recognized and the proper measures applied before it is too late to effect a perfect cure. Parents should remember this fact and put a wholesome restraint upon those children who need it.

Tennis is a game which is well suited for both sexes, and is **comparatively safe from doing harm**. Still players can over exert themselves and bring on excessive action of the heart as in base-ball. **Croquet**

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is a **very gentle game**, and as has been said, is quite innocent of bringing on heart disease, unless in the sentimental sense. – **[Menominee] Herald.**

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THE CITY.

THE managers of the Polka Dot ball club have secured from the Chapin Mining Co., a piece of ground located about one mile south of the city, and will begin the work of enclosing the same as soon as the land is cleared. Arthur Stevens has secured the contract of performing the latter work and will commence operations tomorrow. He promises to have everything in readiness in a week or ten days and if the proper encouragement is now given by our businessmen, there is no doubt but what in a month or six weeks Iron Mountain will be provided with a ball park second to none in the upper peninsula.

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 10 [Thursday, May 30, 1889], page 1, column 4

Menominee Range League.

The above is the name of the organization effected at Florence on Monday by representation from the **base ball [sic – baseball] clubs of Iron River, Florence, Iron Mountain and Hermansville.** The following general officers were elected: President, **Jo. Preville;** secretary, **Herb. C. Smith;** treasurer, **Charles Miller.** It was moved

and carried that the secretary be authorized to request **Crystal Falls** and **Norway** to join the association, and that a series of twelve games be played during the season, -- two with each club. The visiting clubs are to pay their own traveling expenses and the home clubs to furnish the umpires. League rules were adopted by the association and it was agreed to deduct the sum of \$1.00 from the proceeds of each game, the total sum – \$60.00 – to be used in purchasing a pennant for the club winning the greatest number of games.

No fixed schedule was arranged, but it is mutually understood that the first league games will be played as follows: Iron River vs. Florence, at Florence, June 9. Crystal Falls vs. Iron Mountain, at this place, June 16; Hermansville vs. Norway, at Norway, the time to be decided upon in the future.

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FROM the present outlook base ball *[sic – baseball]* enthusiasts will have their fills *[sic – fill]* of the national game next Sunday – two games being advertised to take place on that day. The first game, to be called in the morning, between Crystal Falls and Iron Mountain, will be the opening of *[the]* **Menominee Range League** season and the contest next no doubt will be an interesting one. In the afternoon the much talked of Republics will cross bats with the home team, and will be accompanied here by from 175 to 200 excursionists who expect to arrive about 10 o'clock a.m. Sunday in a special train over the M. & N. Both games will take place on the new ball grounds south of the city limits.

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Probably a Vain Appeal.

A petition bearing the names of probably 300 persons when we saw it, *[sic]* will be presented to the council, requesting them to suppress Sunday base ball *[sic – baseball]* playing within the city limits, to enforce a more rigid observance of the law with regard to the closing of saloons on Sunday, and to close livery stables (if we remember correctly), cigar and candy stores. That is, to pass an ordinance relating to these things. A committee has been appointed to revise the existing city ordinances and strike out all relating to subjects already covered by the state statutes, and the council cannot consistently pass the ordinance asked for, the matters referred to being already covered by state laws. So far as Sunday ball playing is concerned, the new ball grounds selected by the **Polka Dot club** are outside the city limits, and any ordinance the council might pass would not affect them. The closing of cigar and candy stores would throw their Sunday trade into the drug stores. We are on the street more or less every Sunday. We see no drunkenness or disturbance, and to all appearances the saloons are closed; but those who patronize saloons say they can be entered by a side door, and we have to doubt they can be. The law says this must not be, and it is the duty of the officers of the law to see that the law is obeyed; but there is no necessity for an ordinance to reiterate the duties already laid down by the statutes of the state.

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Base Ball News.

The following schedule of games to be played by the clubs composing the **Menominee Range Base Ball *[sic – Baseball]* League** has been submitted to the managers of the different clubs for their approval:

- Saturday, June 8.
Norway vs. Hermansville, at Norway.
Iron Mountain vs. Crystal Falls, at Iron Mount.
- Florence vs. Iron River, at Florence.
- Sunday, June 16.
Hermansville vs. Iron Mountain, at Hermansville.
Iron River vs. Norway, at Iron River.
Crystal Falls vs. Florence, at Crystal Falls.
- Saturday, June 29.
Florence vs. Hermansville, at Florence.
Iron Mountain vs. Iron River, at Iron Mountain.
Crystal Falls vs. Norway, at Crystal Falls.
- Sunday, July 7.
Florence vs. Iron Mountain, at Florence.
Hermansville vs. Norway, at Hermansville.
Iron River vs. Crystal Falls, at Iron River.
- Saturday, July 20.
Iron Mountain vs. Florence, at Iron Mountain.
Norway vs. Iron River, at Norway.
Crystal Falls vs. Hermansville, at Crystal Falls.
- Sunday, July 28
Florence vs. Norway, at Florence.
Hermansville vs. Crystal Falls, at Hermansville.
Iron River vs. Iron Mountain, at Iron River.
- Saturday, August 10.
Norway vs. Iron Mountain, at Norway.
Iron River vs. Hermansville, at Iron River.
Florence vs. Crystal Falls, at Florence.
- Sunday, August 25.
Iron Mountain vs. Norway, at Iron Mountain.

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Hermansville vs. Florence, at Hermansville.
Crystal Falls vs. Iron River, at Crystal Falls.

Saturday, September 7.

Norway vs. Crystal Falls, at Norway.

Iron Mountain vs. Hermansville, at Iron Mountain.

Iron River vs. Florence, at Iron River.

Sunday, September 22.

Florence vs. Norway, at Florence.

Hermansville vs. Iron River, at Hermansville.

Crystal Falls vs. Iron Mountain, at Crystal Falls.

Under the supervision of **Arthur Stevens** the new grounds to be used by the Polka Dot ball club are being rapidly cleared and leveled. The location, on the Chapin Mining Co.'s property, about one mile south of the city, is an exceedingly desirable one in many respects, and the boys expect in a few days to begin the erection of an eight-foot fence 300x400 feet in length. The first game on the new ground will undoubtedly be played with the Republic club.

The Polka Dots have made arrangements to play a game at Escanaba on June 16. The Escanabas are reported to be an exceptionally strong team, and a good game may be looked for. Excursion rates over the C. & N.W. will be obtained for all who wish to enjoy a visit to Escanaba on the occasion of the game.

On or about the 23rd inst. *[of this month]* the Polka Dot ball club will leave for a tour through the copper country, playing games at Hancock, Houghton, Calumet and Lake Linden.

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Personal and Social.

Cornelius Uhl, who has been the back-stop portion of some of the best amateur *[sic - amateur]* base ball *[sic – baseball]* batteries in the country, is at present in the city, the guest of his friend **Walter Webber**. Corn. may possibly be secured by our boys for the season.

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Base Ball Matters.

A meeting was called at the **Polka Dot club hall** last Sunday afternoon, *[sic]* for the purpose of taking the preliminary steps toward organizing a base ball *[sic – baseball]* park association. It is proposed that this association shall go on with the work of grading and enclosing the new ball grounds, and that stock shall be issued to those who have already contributed toward the work that has been done. It is estimated that \$500 will be required to place the grounds in good condition, and a committee was appointed to solicit subscriptions to the stock. After the stock has all been subscribed the stock holders *[sic – stockholders]* will meet and perfect the organization of the company.

Yesterday's game in this city was a battle between the acknowledged leaders of the Menominee range. For weeks the Norway boys and their supporters had figured on scoring an easy victory over our nine, and, to make things doubly sure, a professional Chicago battery – Ludlow and Walsh – and Uhl, an Ashland man, were imported especially for the occasion. But the lambs were brought to the slaughter. And slaughtered they were to the tune of 15

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to 3. The almost errorless play of the home team seemed to daze the visitors as the game progressed, and it is safe to say that nine men never received a more instructive lesson in ball playing in as short a time as did the Norways yesterday. The home team worked together almost like machinery, and every member rendered perfect support. The battery work of Weber and Hill was especially fine, and the former never pitched a stronger game than the one put forth by him yesterday. Hill, as a back-stop, reminded one of a stone fence. A ball could not be thrown past him, and his unerring throws to second were features. Neither the in-field [*sic – infield*] or out-field [*sic – outfield*] support of the home team could be improved, while the visitors were rather weak at these points. They failed to support their battery as they should, but probably felt the disadvantage of playing on strange grounds. Following is the composition of both clubs, and the score:

Iron Mountain – Weber, p.; **Hill**, c.; **Foster**, s.s.; **Unger**, 1b; **Williams** 2b; **Hitchon**, 3b; **Richard**, rf; **Harvey**, cf; **Blackney**, lf.

Norway – Ludwig, p; **Walsh**, c; **McCarn**, s.s; **Kelly**[,] 1b, **Corin**, 2b; **Uhl**, 3b; **Sampson**, rf; **Perkins**, lf, **Browning**, cf;

SCORE BY INNINGS.

Iron Mountain.....	3	4	2	0	3	0	2	1	x-15
Norway.....	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0-3

Another game between the two clubs has been arranged for Saturday, June 22, at Norway, and already a large sum has been wagered on the result.

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Robbed While Intoxicated.

With the **advance guard of the Republic base ball** [*sic – basesball*] **excursion party**, which reached this city Saturday evening, June 8, came a **commercial traveler named C.C. Barden**, who represents the **Atlantic Refining Co.**, of Cleveland, O. Barden **claimed to be an old-time Buffalo ball player, and all-round sport in general**. His volubility, pleasing address and liberality soon gathered around him a host of congenial spirits, the most favored of whom, however, was little “**Dicky Lang**,” the slick individual whose protégé[,] the notorious “**Jim McCormick**[,]” was during his star engagements here some time since. “**Dicky**” and **Barden soon became exceedingly intimate**, the former actually leaving his place of residence to room with his new-found friend at the **Kirby House**. The entire period of last week was, to all appearances, one continual round of pleasure for the two men. “Dicky” hadn’t much money, ‘tis true, but he balanced his gall against Barden’s cash and everything seemed to move along swimmingly with him. With Barden it was different. It was plain to be seen that his drinking education had been sadly neglected during his youth, and, strive as he might against the baleful effects of the conglomerated mixtures of cocktails, “snits,” and brandy smashes, they would down him regularly twice a day. And, just as regularly, he was tucked into his little bed by the accommodating “Dicky,” only to reappear a few hours later to distribute more wealth among his chosen companions. For six days this programme was followed, but on the seventh day the bottom dropped out of the money market, at least so far as Barden was concerned. **When escorted to his room at the Kirby House by “Dicky” on last Saturday, he was the possessor of a \$180 diamond pin, an \$85 gold watch, and about \$80 in cash. He laid in drunken stupor some**

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time longer than usual, but finally awoke to find himself a prisoner in his room, and even worse – the sad victim of misplaced confidence. A casual glance revealed the former, and a closer investigation, the latter state of affairs. His room was locked and his valuables missing. "Dicky" had also disappeared. Even Prof. Bristol's mathematical equine could have figured out such a striking coincidence, and Barden's befuddled brain was also equal to the task. He notified Marshal Catlin; he sent a score of telegrams to neighboring cities, asking the authorities to intercept his whilom [former; erstwhile] friend (?); and he has offered a reward for the return of his valuables. But they return not. Neither does Barden form the acquaintance of any more slick individuals with pugilistic pedigrees and inherent acquisitiveness.

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THE CITY.

THE home club has accepted the challenge of the Norways to play one game at Norway on the Fourth for a purse of \$50. The Republics will also play a return game of ball, [sic] with our boys in this city, [sic] on that day, provided a suitable purse is put up by our citizens.

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A Dirty Deal.

That's what the Iron Mountain ball club claim [sic - claims] to have received

at the hand of the Norway's [sic - Norways] on the Fourth of July. Undoubtedly it would have been humiliating to the Norway club to have had the Iron Mountain boys go down there and win the \$50 prize offered to the winning club on that day, but it ought to be more humiliating to have it said with truth that the Norways won the money unfairly. If we may believe the unanimous verdict of every one from this city who saw the game, our club will be justified in refusing to go to Norway in the future unless they can be sure that a perfectly disinterested man shall umpire the game. We are perfectly satisfied that the Iron Mountain nine can wipe the diamond with the Norways, imported talent included, in Norway as well as in this city, if they have a fair show. Play fair boys at all events. In fact a league umpire – a man who has no interest in the fortunes of any club in the league – is what is needed.

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OVER \$200 has been subscribed for the clearing up and fencing of base ball [sic – baseball] grounds just west of the city limits, near Ludington street. The place chosen is a beautiful level spot with a grove in one corner where the grand stand will be. The new ground will be ready for use in about two weeks.

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THE CITY.

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A BASE ball [*sic – baseball*] club from this city goes to Iron Mountain to-morrow [*sic – tomorrow*] to mop the earth with the Mountaineers. Amsler and Juttner will form the battery, and there is no doubt but they will come home victorious[.] – Menominee Democrat.

The way the Menominee club “mopped the earth with the Mountaineers” was to get left on a score of 9 to 10 in favor of Iron Mountain, and out club played eight innings to their nine. Joe is like the fellow who climbed the pasture fence to sling a bull around by the tail – he had his laugh before hand [*sic – beforehand*].

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Base Ball – Iron Mountain vs. Menominees.

It is unanimously agreed that the base ball [*sic – baseball*] game which the Iron Mountain team played on Sunday with the Menominees was the best ever seen on the range. Of course there was some “kicking” on both sides, kicking now being naturally a part of every ball game, but on the whole the home boys won squarely on their merits. It was soon noticeable that it was not Menominee alone that they were fighting, but a team picked up from among the best players in Menominee, Marinette, Oconto, and Minnekaunee; and therefore their victory is all the more creditable to them under the circumstances. Two umpires officiated – **Rans Hammond** for the Iron Mountains, and a singularly young looking boy, named **Garrow**, for the Menominees. In one question, at least, the latter’s decision was of the very rankest description; that was where he refused to

declare **Lachapelle** out on **McKevitt**’s splendid play at third base towards the end of the game. It was a decision which might either have won it for the Menominees or made the game a tie. However, all’s well that ends well, and the Iron Mountains won all right.

Walt Weber pitched for Iron Mountain; while **Juttner**, of Menominee, and **Miller**, of Marinette, constituted the battery for the Menominees. At first, in order, if possible, to conceal Miller’s identity, his colleagues called him “Farmer,” but this agricultural chestnut wouldn’t work, and long before the game was over they were calling him by his right name. **Hill** caught for Iron Mountain, and **Frank Amsler**, alias “Smoky,” caught for the Menominees. Hill had the misfortune to get his thumb knocked out twice during the game, but he simply had it pulled into position again and went on with the game with a pluck and determination which elicited applause from all sides. Amsler proved himself an excellent catcher, as of yore, as well as a pretty smart “coacher,” but so far as the “coaching” was concern [*sic – concerned*], he had more than a match in Hill, who worried the enemy’s pitcher by yelling to him to face the batsman, and then posting the first baseman as to the exact moment when he should make the dust fly in the direction of second base. That Hill himself is an adept in base-stealing was shown in the singularly daring way he stole to second base when Juttner had actually the ball in his hand and was studying some sublime curve which never came off. But perhaps the best base-stealer on the ground was the dark Menominee known as “Chuck.” He moved out from the bag on springs, and stole bases with the daring of a bull and the celerity of a deer. He also made a magnificent running catch from away back in the out field [*sic – outfield*]. **Unger**, **Harvey**, **Foster**, **Williams**, **Scanland** and

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McKevitt, for the Iron Mountains, did some splendid work at the bat, in the field, and on bases, and although **Hitchon** occasionally looked as if he wanted to take a short cat's-nap [*sic – catnap*] between bases, it may be said that all round the home boys did work good enough to justify anybody in believing that they can wallop any other team on this or adjoining ranges. The game was so admirable on both sides that not until the last innings, when **Amsler** died on third base, could it be called won by the Iron Mountains. In the first innings, when the Menominees made four runs, it looked dollars to peanuts on the visitors, and the way the Iron Mountain boys settled in right down to business and put the big odds behind them speaks volumes for their skill, pluck, and determination.

Game – 10 to 9, in favor of Iron Mountain, with the latter one more half innings [*sic – inning*] to play.

Ed. Ingram, manager of the Iron Mountains, did all he could to make the visitors comfortable, and his efforts were supported by a number of local business men [*sic – businessmen*], who, however much they desired to see the home boys win, at the same time wanted to see a good and square game played all round. A liberal subscription taken up on the grounds was divided between the teams.

Six men and three teams are now hard at work on the new base ball [*sic – baseball*] grounds, which will be opened about a fortnight hence by a game between the Republics and the home team. Until that time no more games will be played here. Next week the Iron Mountains will go to Bessemer, Hurley, Ashland, and elsewhere on the route where dates can be arranged. Of course, they will return covered with laurels and base ball [*sic – baseball*] glory.

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Expensive Recreation.

Mike Carey, Phil. Bender and Clarence Auld were **pitching ball near the post office** last Monday evening, when a wild throw from Auld sent the sphere crashing through one of the show windows of Johnston's tailoring establishment. After interviewing **Montgomery** they found that it would take just an even \$5.00 bill to repair the damage. It is lucky that front is not plate glass.

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A Damp Seat.

The recent heavy rains have formed quite a pool of muddy water in front of McCormick's building on Stephenson avenue. A number of young men happened to be standing on the sidewalk there last Monday evening between six and seven o'clock, when somehow the question arose whether **Bill Webb** could jump across the pool from the sidewalk, the pool being ten feet six inches wide; and he made the attempt, landing within a very few inches of dry ground on the further side. Then **Hill**, the base ball [*sic – baseball*] catcher, thought he could better that, and having secured two cobble stones for jumping weights, vaulted the ditch easily, but much to the amusement of the bystanders, lost his balance and sat down in about six inches of water. That experience not only dampened Mr. Hill astern, but also

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the ardor of the balance of the crowd for trying their agility, and they voted that they had had fun enough for one night.

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City Should Buy It.

We understand that the two forties west of the city limits, on one of which the new base ball [*sic – baseball*] park is located, can be purchased at a very reasonable figure and on very easy terms. If the city should acquire this property a portion of it would furnish an excellent **site for a cemetery**, which is one of the urgent needs of the present time. A splendid **half mile trotting course could also be laid out, picnic grounds** cleared up, and a **park** established for the various uses that such places may be put to. Take a walk about this city and it is surprising to see how rapidly it is stretching [*sic – stretching*] out and the vacant lots being filled up. No person who stops to consider for a moment can think that this growth is going to cease for a generation to come. Iron Mountain has the elements of growth in it, and ten years hence will have double the population it has to-day [*sic – today*]. As the population increases the necessity for a public park and a cemetery becomes more urgent. As matters are at present our people must forego horse trotting altogether; a mass meeting cannot be held for any purpose because there is no place in the city where a large number can assemble; no suitable picnic grounds are anywhere about the city, where children and older people can enjoy a day of recreation; and as to a cemetery, the need of it is too apparent to require any

argument. The urgent necessity for these things will be felt more and more as our population increases, and the opportunity to provide for these needs will soon pass away.

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Base Ball News.

THERE will be a nailing bee at the base ball [*sic – baseball*] park next Saturday. Every public spirited citizen is expected to bring a hammer and nail several boards to the park fence.

A letter was received last Tuesday from the secretary of the Negaunee fire company, saying that that company and probably the Michigamme company would come to this city August 9, accompanied by a band of music, to make the firemen of this city a short visit, and asking that a ball game be arranged between the visiting firemen and the fire laddies of this city. The visiting companies will be heartily received by the fire department of this city and their stay made as pleasant as possible.

Smith & Irwin's capstan, that they use for moving houses, makes a first class stump puller. The base ball [*sic – baseball*] club have [*sic – has*] had it in use clearing the new base ball [*sic – baseball*] park. We watched the operation for a little while yesterday afternoon. Hitching on to a big green pine stump the old mule was started on his weary tramp around the capstan, followed by a boy who jabbed him with a prod every few steps to remind him there is no rest for the unfortunate mule. Presently the ropes began to tighten; the chain to sink into the wood and squeeze the sap out of it like

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water out of a sponge, and then gradually the stump turned over, tearing up the ground for yards around. Three or four little stumps were pulled out at once, and the capstan and mule and the prod with the boy on the end of it, *[sic]* appeared to be a grand success as a stump puller. It is expected that the park will be ready for ball playing within the next week, and that the first game within the enclosure will be played between the Republic nines and Iron Mountain nines. We might say right here that the Escanabas, who we understand have made the assertion that our nine did not dare to meet them on the diamond, will have an opportunity to show what kind of stuff they are made of also. When the Iron Mountain nine had to depend on what could be raised by passing around the hat it was a little discouraging to incur the expense of visiting nines; but with their new grounds enclosed and a fixed admission fee for all who wish to see the game things will be different.

The *[sic – The]* LaEsperanza club of Chicago and the Escanabas met on the green sward Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, in the presence of a comparatively large attendance. The game was under the auspices of the engineers, the receipts being for the benefit of **Engineer McCarthy**. The game started out well, but it was evident that the home team played better ball. The game resulted in a score of 15 to 3 in favor of the home boys, by innings being as follows:

Escanaba.....2 0 0 1 5 0 4 3 – 15
Chicago.....1 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 – 3
– Calumet.

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Base Ball News.

If our base ball *[sic – baseball]* club can't beat the Iron Mountain aggregation tomorrow *[sic – tomorrow]* they never need come back to this city. It is the easiest thing in the world to beat Iron Mountain, that is, if they haven't established new rules again to suit themselves. – Menominee Democrat.

We presume the Menominee aggregation was received with open arms last Monday because by picking out the best players in three good nines – the Menominee, Marinette and Muskegon teams – they succeeded in winning the game played last Sunday. They didn't find it the easiest thing in the world to do, however, notwithstanding the Iron Mountain boys played with the disadvantage of one of their best men being sick and his place filled by a gentleman who does not play regularly with the club, and the other players being shifted into unaccustomed positions. Some wild throwing in the third inning gave the Maroons a strong lead, and sent their stock way up and at the same time, of course, somewhat disheartened the home nine, who played in unusually hard luck. Nearly all their flies were knocked straight into the fielders' hands, and they only had to stand in their tracks and nail them as they dropped. But for the errors made in the third inning it would have been a very even game. There was excellent playing on both sides, however, and a good feeling manifested on both sides. The following is the score by innings:

IRON MOUNTAIN.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	O.	R
Williams, lf.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0
Hill, c.....	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1
Weber, p.....	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	1
Harvey, cf.....	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	1	1
Foster, 3b.....	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	1	1
McKevitt, 1b.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Contillion, 2b.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0

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Crowley, ss.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Unger, rf.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Total.....	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	26	4

MENOMINEE.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	O.	R
Amsler.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	
Porterfield, rf.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	
Balburnie, 2b.....	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	3
Kerl, ss.....	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	
Miller, 3b.....	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	2
Allen, p.....	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	3
Forvilly, 1b.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	1
Hetz, lf.....	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	
Lachapelle, cf.....	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Total.....	0	0	6	2	0	0	0	4	0	27	12

A seven inning game was played yesterday between the Florence and Iron Mountain nines, resulting in a walk away for the home club with a score of 16 to 2. **Browning** and **Ault** umpired the game. **Weber** played in the center field and did most excellent work. He was sure to capture every ball that came anywhere into his field, if he had to turn a somersault to get it. All the home boys played well and were so far an overmatch for the visitors that their fate was clearly sealed from the time the first ball was pitched, which Hill sent over into the left field by the sky route. The game had hardly begun when **McKevitt** had to retire and **Napoleon Richards** was put in as substitute. The following is the score:

IRON MOUNTAIN.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	O.	R
Hill, c.....	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	3
Williams, rf.....	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	3	2
Weber, cf.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
Harvey, 2b.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Scandling, 3b.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	1
Richards, lf.....	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	1
Contillion, p.....	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	3
Crowley, ss.....	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	3
Catlin, 1b.....	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	1
Total.....	2	3	5	0	1	3	2	21	16

FLORENCE.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	O.	R
Normal.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1
Welch.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Moran.....	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
Cotrell.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0

Pike.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Phillips.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Steele.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Burt.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Godshall.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Total.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	2

THE school board of this city has challenged the city council to play a game of ball in the base ball [*sic – baseball*] park, on Saturday, August 17, and the challenge has been accepted. Of course there isn't a man in either nine that can plan ball for shucks, but there will be dead loads of fun all the same. Wait till **Harry Sweet** lights out to make a home run, and if there is any one [*sic – anyone*] who thinks **Alderman O'Connell** cannot distinguish himself on the diamond he will get sadly left. In fact this will be the game of the season that every citizen of Iron Mountain must make a point to see. The city council nine is made up as follows: **Frank Carbis**, **Arthur Stevens**, **D.A. Graham**, **E.J. Ingram**, **P. O'Connell**, **Jos. H. Sandercock**, **Harry Shields**, **W.H. Sweet** and **H.M. Pelham**. THE RANGE ventures the prediction that the above nine, individually and collectively, will be found to possess more bottom than speed when they come to run the bases. The challenging party are, [*sic*] **Dr. A.E. Anderson**, **J.T. Jones**, **Dr. J.D. Cameron**, **Wm. P. Vincent**, **E.E. Brewster**, **W.E. McClintock**, **H. McLaughlin**, **Oliver Evans**, and **R.P. Tuten**. The last two well known [*sic – well-known*] base ball [*sic – baseball*] experts have been induced to join the nine in order to make up the requisite number and they pledge themselves to knock the ball over the fence every time they get a whack at it. As for the other members of this nine they will simply knock the stuffing out of the ball, and fly from base to base. They all carry wings. The management have [*sic – has*] generously decided to permit the public to witness this game at the same low price of admission charged for seeing a common every day

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game between the ordinary professional clubs of this vicinity. Don't miss this opportunity of a life time.

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The Visiting Firemen.

Last Saturday was a beautiful day for the **firemen's tournament**, as it has been called, in this city. The **Negaunee Fire Company**, accompanied by the **Negaunee City Band**, were met at the **M. & N. depot** on the arrival of the 6:45 train, by **companies No. 1 and 2**, of this city, led by the **Iron Mountain City Band**. Parade was formed as soon as the visitors alighted, and the **procession, conducted by Chief Hancock, marched up Stephenson avenue to fire engine house No. 1**, where the visiting firemen were greeted by the firemen of this city and citizens with a round of hearty cheers. During the evening the visitors were shown the sights of the city by their entertainers, who spared no pains to make them feel thoroughly at home and welcome. Saturday a large number of our business men [*sic – businessmen*] joined with the firemen to make the occasion a grand holiday. Late in the forenoon **our home companies turned out with their machines handsomely decorated with flags and flowers**, and accompanied by the Negaunee firemen, paraded the principal streets of our city. The line was halted in front of **Hansen & Mortensen's photograph gallery**, where two excellent photographs were taken[,] which were afterwards presented by **John J. Saving**, with the mayor's compliments, to the Negaunee Fire Company and the Negaunee City Band. After the

photographs had been taken the line of march was resumed, taking in a part of the **Chapin location** and then returning to engine house No. 1, where the procession disbanded.

The ball game, which was the feature of the afternoon, drew quite a crowd to the base ball [*sic – baseball*] park, and the game was called about 3 o'clock. **Mr. Fisher**, of **Republic**, was chosen **umpire**, and performed those arduous duties to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. The Iron Mountain boys won the toss and went to bat first, scoring one run, the Negaunee's scoring 3 runs. **Foster** was pitcher and **Williams** was catcher in the first inning and it needed only one inning to demonstrate that Williams can't catch ball. The second inning **Weber** pitched and **Hill** caught, resulting in a score of 8 for Iron Mountain and 0 for Negaunee. With this battery it was evident that the visiting firemen stood no show whatever, so in the third inning another change was made in the battery, Foster going back into the pitcher's box with Hill to catch. Foster pitched easy balls, [*sic*] that were knocked out into the field, where our boys did some excellent fielding in capturing them. In several instances the Iron Mountain players purposely fanned wind, and in other ways gave the visitors every possible advantage, while keeping up an appearance of playing ball. The trouble was that as the Negaunee company had asked for a game of ball the Iron Mountain companies supposed they would come down here with a strong team, so they got ready for them, and as the result shows they got too good a [*sic – and*] ready. Then[,] probably[,] the visiting firemen[,] seeing themselves so much overmatched[,] got somewhat rattled, and did not do as well as they should have done. Besides[,] the members of the regular nine in this city are all firemen. Still, if the Negaunee men had had a good catcher, they would

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doubtless have made it very interesting for the Iron Mountaineers. The following is the score by innings.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R.	O.
Iron Mt.	1	8	6	2	1	3	1	22	21
Negaunee	3	0	2	0	2	3	0	10	21

In the evening a **firemen's ball was given in Rundle's hall** at which about 50 couples were present. **The Negaunee band played excellent music while in this city and is one of the finest bands on the upper peninsula.** The Negaunee firemen showed themselves individually and collectively, to be a nice lot of men, and we hope to see them here again in the near future.

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 21 [Thursday, August 15, 1889], page 5, column 3

Base Ball.

The Current's account of the **ball game in this city between the Norway and Iron Mountain nines** is a little amusing. After saying that the Norways were defeated by a score of 12 to 4; that **Welsh** made a bad throw to first that was costly; that **Connors** couldn't hit anything; that **Normyle** let a couple of grounders get away from him and was somewhat weak at the bat; that **Browning** has a couple of bad errors charged up to him; that **Sampson** dropped one pretty fly and ran under another; that Roach muffed everything that came into his territory; that **Stewart** couldn't hit a ball; it continues, "but on the whole the boys played good ball and the management was satisfied." Well, we are glad to know that they played good ball. We were awfully afraid that they didn't.

Don't forget the boss game of the season – the one played next Saturday between the school board and city council.

Next Sunday the Escanaba club will play the Iron Mountains in this city. If the Escanabas don't play better ball than they did last Sunday, they will get handsomely whipped in this city.

Since the Norway base ball [*sic – baseball*] team got such a warming in this city it delights the Current to learn that the Iron Mountains met defeat at the hands of the Menominee-Marinette-Muskegon club, as witness the following:

The Menominee base-ball team played the Iron Mountain club, Sunday, and fairly defeated them, the score being 12 to 4. 'Rah for Menom.

The Marquettes and Ishpemings played a 11 inning as [*sic – at*] Ishpeming yesterday, which was won by the first mentioned club by a score of 7 to 6.

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 22 [Thursday, August 22, 1889], page 1, column 3

A Scrap.

Mike Tierney made himself particularly disagreeable to Arthur Stevens on the ball grounds last Sunday afternoon, and as we hear the story, without the slightest provocation for his conduct. He got a black [*eye*] for his insolence. The two men met again Tuesday evening in **Moriarity's saloon**, when they again came to blows, but were separated by the bystanders before any serious damage was done.

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Base Ball [*sic – Baseball*].

SCHOOL BOARD VS. CITY COUNCIL

The much talked of ball game between the school board and city council, of this city, was played in base ball [*sic – baseball*] park last Saturday afternoon. The writer being one of the school board nine, and considerably occupied during the progress of the game, cannot attempt to give a very full account of it. He went to bat in the second inning and fanned wind in a masterly manner, and when he got through the school board nine took a rest and gave the city council a chance to pound the ball. In the third inning, by some unaccountable circumstance, the writer succeeded in giving the ball a little tap and it rolled down to the pitcher who gathered it in and threw it to first base. He muffed it and we reached the bag in time after a violent effort. The coacher said "go for second base now, as soon as the pitcher throws the ball," and we went, under the impression that we had to get there in something less than two seconds. We hardly had our feet planted on second base before **Jones**, who was at the bat, made a hit, and we continued our wild career to third base in the same reckless manner, reaching the goal in a decidedly wind broken, shaky condition. Just then a ball passed the catcher and the merciless coacher urged us on to our dying effort. Within a rod of home plate the ground came up and banged us in the stomach, and we concluded to give up the ghost right there and be buried with such honors as our friends might think proper to bestow. Raising up our fevered brow to take a last look a things earthly we

discovered **Sandercock** still clawing for the ball, and we took a new lease on life and crawled in to home plate on our hands and knees. We conclude from the shout that went up that the audience got 25 cents worth of fun at our expense, so we are satisfied. At all events, if they didn't they can't have any more fun out of us, we have retired from the diamond. **Evans** and **Schuldes**, who were the battery after the first inning, did very good work, and **Dr. Crowell** held down the first base with the skill of a professional. **Ingram** and **Sandercock** were the battery for the city council, and surprised and somewhat alarmed the school board at the outset with the effectiveness of their work. **Carver** at the first base showed that he had played ball before, and to **Pelham** belongs the honor of catching the only fly that was caught during the game. We give the score below.

SCHOOL BOARD.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	0.	R.
McLaughlin, 2b.....	0	1	0	2	1	1		2	5
Jones, 3b.....	0	1	1	2	1	1		1	6
Schuldes, c.....	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	6
Crowell, 1b.....	1	1	1	1	1	0		2	5
Evans, p.....	0	0	1	1	1	0		3	3
McClintock, If.....	0	0	0	1	1	0		3	2
Brewster, rf.....	0	1	0	1	1	0		3	3
Vincent, ss.....	0	1	1	2	1	0		0	5
Tuten, cf.....	0	0	1	1	1	0		3	3
Total.....	2	6	6	12	9	3		18	38

CITY COUNCIL.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	O.	R.
Carver, lb.....	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	5
Carbis, rf.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
Pelham, 2b.....	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	1	5
Ingram, p.....	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	5	
Graham, If.....	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	5
Sandercock, c.....	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	4
O'Connell, ss.....	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	2
Shields, cf.....	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	4
Rundle, 3b.....	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	2	4
Total.....	8	3	3	1	1	2	1	2	30

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NORWAY VS. IRON MOUNTAIN.

The Norways, with their recently acquired imported talent -- the Norway club is now pretty much all imported talent -- are trying their luck with the Iron Mountain nine today. As THE RANGE is being printed while the game is in progress we cannot of course give the result this week. Probably it will be one of the most stubbornly contested games of the season.

IRON MOUNTAIN VS. ESCANABA.

The Escanabans won the first prize in the base ball [*sic – baseball*] tournament at Ishpeming last week, but they came to grief last Sunday in this city. We did not see the game, but the following score tells its own story, and eloquently testifies that the Iron Mountain ball players are no slouches.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Iron Mountain.....	2	3	1	0	4	1	4	0	2
Escanaba.....	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	-6

IF the Marquette boys can not [*sic – cannot*] play they make excuses and they do. They were "roasted" by the crowd and their tender feelings lacerated – they were beaten by the "bully" of an umpire, and so on, ad nauseam. Rats! Old scurvy rats! – Port.

Disinterested parties say the Escanaba people treated the Marquette boys disgracefully, and if the Iron Mountain nine returns next Monday with a similar report as to their treatment we shall be inclined to believe them.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 32 [Thursday, December 29, 1904], page 1, column 3

Job For Miller.

Joe E. Miller, who distinguished himself as a pitcher for the Iron Mountain ball team last season, has been tendered

several positions. The most favorable is with the Oskalooska team in the Missouri Valley league and he will likely go to that place.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 38 [Thursday, February 9, 1911], page 1, column 2

CITY AND VICINITY.

A meeting of those interested in maintaining a base ball [*sic – baseball*] club in Iron Mountain the coming season will be held at the council rooms this evening. It is agreed that Iron Mountain should have a club and the attendance of fans will encourage the promoters [*sic – promoters*].

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 25, Number 8 [Thursday, July 8, 1920], page 1, column 4

Iron Mountain Won.

The Iron Mountain team was victorious in the two ball games with the Marinette aggregation. In the Sunday game the visitors were shut out by Blackhall. The score was 2 to 0. It was a nice game to see. The Monday game was poorly played by both teams. There were many errors and the pitchers were liberal in giving bases. The score was 8 to 12 in favor of Iron Mountain. There was a large attendance at both games.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 25, Number 11 [Thursday, July 29, 1920], page 1, column 3

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Base Ball.

Joe Van Gothem, a member of the Iron Mountain ball team last season, was unable to defeat his former associates while pitching for the Ironwood nine last Sunday. Joe was outpitched by **Eddie Sandercock** and the home boys swatted his curves with great regularity. The score was four to one in favor of Iron Mountain. Next Sunday, the Crystal Falls-Alpha team will be here. This should prove to *[be]* the best game of the season as the teams are very evenly matched *[sic – matched]*, as was evidenced in a recent game. A special effort will be made to suppress the unruly fans.

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

Defeated Marquette.

In what the Mining Journal terms the best base ball *[sic – baseball]* game of the season, **Iron Mountain defeated Marquette** at the fair grounds in that city last Sunday. The score was 5 to 4. The local ball tossers were accompanied to Marquette by thirty-five automobile loads of fans. The Mining Journal says regarding the game: "The Iron Mountain team is the peppiest that has been seen here for some time. Every member of the squad was in the game heart and soul, talking, cheering-up, roasting when needed; and displaying fine sportsmanship throughout. The delegation of fans, ably assisted by an accordion, took first honors for rooting, while the parade, in automobiles, of the streets after the game, attracted no little attention."

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 25, Number 14 [Thursday, August 19, 1920], page 1, column 5

Marquette Coming.

The Marquette team, one of the best ball teams in the peninsula, will be the attraction at Athletic Park next Sunday afternoon. The teams are very evenly matched and the game should prove a fine one. **Blackhall** will pitch for Iron Mountain and **Smack** for Marquette. The following Sunday the Ishpeming team will play here. The latter team has won about all the games played this season.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 6, Number 163 [Thursday, October 21, 1926], page 10, columns 1-2

Babe Ruth to Play at Iron Mountain

Clouting Yank Star Is Signed Yesterday

He'll Be Member Of Dickinson County Team With All-U.P. Players As Opposition

Babe Ruth, slugging Sultan to the Swat of the New York Yankees, was signed yesterday afternoon to play in **Iron Mountain** one week from today, Thursday, October 28, in what, without question, is the greatest baseball attraction ever to be staged in the upper peninsula.

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The **Babe** will play here as a member of one of two upper peninsula all-star teams, the personnel of which is to be announced Tuesday. It is likely that one of the aggregations will be selected from **Dickinson county** players while the other will be named from baseball lights who have shown on teams outside of the county. Thus, the game itself ought to be a real attraction.

Cross Country Dash.

Ruth will come here Thursday after making a cross country dash from **Des Moines, Ia.**, where he is to appear on Wednesday. Investigation of rail schedules were being made today with the likelihood looming that Ruth will be rushed to **Iron Mountain** Thursday morning by auto. The race will be another of the features of the affair.

His exhibition here will be his final showing before he enters upon a vaudeville tour on the following Sunday at **Minneapolis**.

Despite the fact that negotiations with Ruth were completed only last evening, plans for the game are rapidly nearing completion. Sale of tickets is to be commenced immediately. The **Ford band** will be secured to add a bit of color to the program. An effort is to be made to have merchants cooperate in the manner they planned to do when the **American League Stars** were to have played here several weeks ago by closing during the hours of the game. The contest was "rained out."

Ticket Contest.

Sale of tickets will be carried on with the aid of school boys who are anxious to win a real, honest to goodness baseball autographed by the "**Babe**" himself and to have their picture taken with him. No plans for the contest has *[sic – have]* been formulated yet, but last night it was stated that the three boys selling the most tickets for the game would probably be given the

balls and have their picture taken with **Ruth** as their reward.

It is likely that the biggest crowd ever to see a baseball exhibition in the history of the city will be on deck in the **Athletic park** next Thursday. Fans from near-by cities are expected to make the trip to the city in large delegations and there is every indication that the local enthusiasts will turn out en masse.

The promotor of the project will be under heavy expenses in bringing the Yankee star to the city and for this reason are asking for volunteer players for the two line-ups. It is thought that the opportunity to play with the **Babe** or against him and the chance of meeting him personally will be incentive for donation of services. Several local players have expressed their willingness of playing under those *[conditions]* and, if there are not sufficient volunteers from outside the city, it is likely that these offers will be accepted.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 6, Number 168 [Wednesday, October 27, 1926], page 8, columns 1-2

Stage is Set for Babe's Appearance Tomorrow

Bases Supplant Goal Posts at Ball Park

Schools Declare Half Holiday; Clerks May Leave Jobs To See Bambino in Action

Iron Mountain baseball fans tonight are sitting back with a smug, contended *[sic –*

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contented/ feeling in the knowledge that the sport treat of the season is to be staged right in their own front yard tomorrow afternoon. And those fans who are not so favorably located, geographically, are packing up their toothbrush and handkerchief preparatory to a little jaunt down here.

Babe Ruth is to play here tomorrow.

A telephone conversation with the **Bambino** yesterday completed the last minute detail plans so that there is no possibility of a hitch in the afternoon's proceedings. **Ruth** is playing this afternoon in **Des Moines**. Immediately following the game he is to climb aboard a plane to be dashed to **Chicago**. There he is to spend tonight and early tomorrow morning he will begin his journey north.

Shocker Here Also?

"Somewhere" between here and **Milwaukee** he will be met by "**Ted**" **Kingsford** in an auto and be taken the remainder of the way into **Iron Mountain**, arriving here in time for the opening of the game at 2 o'clock. Over the phone yesterday the **Babe** stated that there would be four in his party, including his secretary. **Urban Shocker**, Yankee pitcher, has been with the **Bambino** on a part of his tour and it is possible that he is still a member of the party.

Yesterday it was announced that all employes *[sic – employees]* of business places who desire to see the **Babe** in action will be permitted to leave their jobs during the hours of the game although there will be no general suspension of business. All barber shops, however, will be closed and a majority of the public schools will declare a half holiday for tomorrow afternoon. The others will dismiss their classes at 2:00 so that the students will be able to attend.

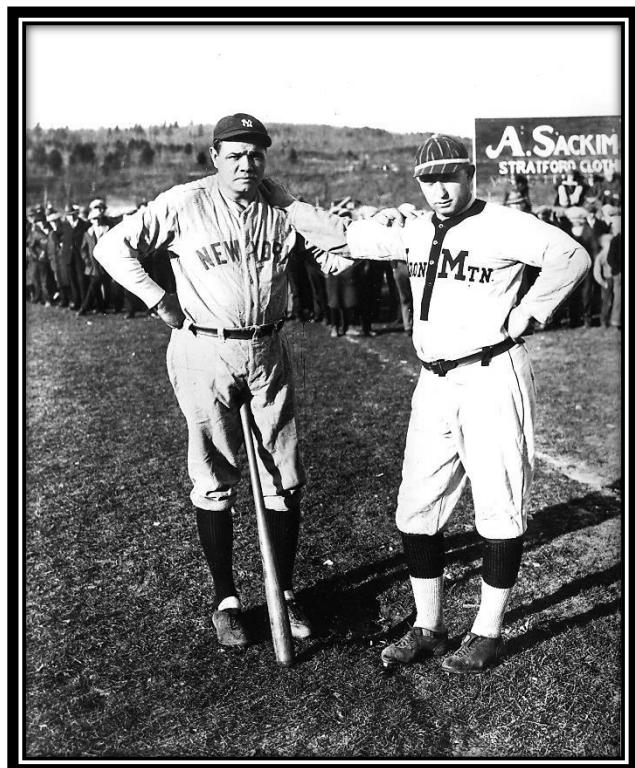
The Players.

Following are the players who will participate with **Ruth** in the game: Pitchers

– **Jack Rahoi**, **Jab Murray** (**Menominee**)*[,]*, **Tom Jones**, **Joe LaForce**, "Fungo" **Tedeschi**, D.E. **Lancey**; Catchers – **Frank Valenti**, **Bert Werley**, **Youngquist** (**Norway**)*[,]* **Charles Crocker**; Outfielders – **Bunzie Rahoi**, **Soderberg** (**Norway**)*[,]* **Hayden**, **George Rahoi**, **Miller**, **Si Saxon**, **Johnson** (**Crystal Falls**)*[,]* Infielders – **Teabault** (**Marquette**)*[,]* **Engblom** (**Marquette**)*[,]* **Belanger** (**Marquette**)*[,]* **Ashenbrenner**, **Bud O'Conner** (**Oconto, Wis.**)*[,]* **Pultz**, **Web Jacobsen** *[sic – Jacobson]*, and **Saxon**.

Sale of tickets will begin at noon at the Athletic park.

Immediately preceding the game **Ruth** will be asked to autograph a number of balls which will be disposed of later by **Mrs. Louise Coriagliotte**, charity worker, and the funds will be used to aid crippled children of the city.



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The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 6, Number 169 [Thursday, October 28, 1926], page 10, column 1

Fans Flock to See Babe Ruth in Action

SUMMER WEATHER GREETES BAMBINO AND U.P. CROWDS

Event Will Go Down As Biggest Sporting Event of City

A record crowd of spectators was expected to be at the **Athletic park** this afternoon to witness the ball-clouting exhibition of **Babe Ruth**, slashing New York Yankee outfielder.

Weather conditions at the time of the start of the affair were almost ideal – a remarkable state of things when upper peninsula fall temperatures are considered.

A dry field and warmth were expected to pep up the play much.

Ruth's appearance here will go down as perhaps the greatest baseball event in recent years in the peninsula. It is doubtful if any other such attraction pulled fans from farther portions of the peninsula than the **Bambino**. **Copper Country** papers have predicted that their sport lovers would be down "in large numbers" and it is known that the **Escanaba** and **Menominee** districts are well represented.

24 Hour Dash

Ruth arrived in **Beloit, Wis.**, last night or early this morning, a telegram from the

swatter's secretary received this morning stated. He was rushed to **Oshkosh** by auto and there he was met by **Ted Kingsford**[,] who completed the final 24 hour dash from **Des Moines, Ia.**, to **Iron Mountain**.

Interest in the game, which has been only luke warm the first few days following the announcement, gained volume as the days went by and today even the most doubting of "Doubting Thomases" had to admit that the big deal was going to be pulled off after all.

Schools were to be dismissed early to permit children to see the game and employes [*sic – employees*] of business houses were told that they would be permitted time off to witness it. Barber shops of the city were closed for the event.

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BAMBINO GUEST OF LIONS CLUB; FIND HE'S ONE

Ruth and Manager Are Entertained Here By Local Group

George Herman "Babe" Ruth, king of swat, bambino of the ball lot, clouter of home runs and just a big overgrown kid, was the guest of the Lions club at a dinner held last evening following his batting expedition at **Athletic park**.

With the **Babe** was **Christy Walsh**, his manager and head of the Christy Walsh newspaper syndicate of New York city. The guests also included **George Zieglerbauer**

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and **Ned Fox**, who brought the Babe to **Iron Mountain**; **Dr. F.O. Logic**, president of the Kiwanis club; **J.A. Payant**, head of the Knights of Columbus, and **Wells Hallenbeck** and **W.J. Cudlip**, representing the Rotary club, and **Joseph Lannen**.

Frank O. Morett, president of the Lions club, presided, and **T.J. Masterson** was toastmaster.

Brief remarks were made by **Dr. Logic**, **Mr. Zeilgelbauer [sic]**, **Mr. Hallenbeck**, **Mr. Walsh** and the **Babe** himself. The Babe entertained with one or two stories and delivered himself of a few chatty remarks.

Both Lions

It was revealed at the meeting that both **Ruth** and **Walsh** are members of the Lions organization, holding life membership cards.

Following the dinner the **Babe** autographed a number of baseballs, a task which he was frequently called upon to perform while he was in the city, and conversed with club members. Late in the evening he motored to **Pembine** to catch a train to **Minneapolis**.

Ruth expressed himself as being very pleased to have been in **Iron Mountain** and said while here he had been offered the purchase of **Pine mountain** at a price of \$100,000 "for the iron that's in it."

The entire meeting was quite informal and the **Babe** established himself a real fellow devoid of any "high hat" characteristics, despite the fact that he is a national character and about as well known as **President Coolidge**.

A basket of flowers sent by the Kiwanis club adorned the dinner table.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 6, Number 170 [Friday, October 29, 1926], page 14, columns 1-2 and columns 7-8

Big U.P. Crowd Sees Babe Hoist Horsehides Out of Lot

'Mob' Wants to See Ruth All the Time so Game Busts Up in 7th Frame

Fungo Gets First Strike Out And Bunzi Rahoi Cops First Fly From Bambino's Bat

Babe Ruth, who has been more or less intimately identified with the New York Yankees and home runs during the past few years, dropped over from **Des Moines, Ia.**, yesterday afternoon to hoist a goodly number of **Mr. Spaulding**'s official cork centers over the fence of the **Athletic park** and incidentally give an assemblage of some 3,000 enthusiastic fans their money's worth and a bit more.

Well over a dozen balls were sent outside the yard by the prodigious **Babe**, including one clout of the home run variety with two on base. But that was while they were still playing something that resembled baseball. In the seventh inning – (or was it the sixth? – who knows, or cares?) the **Bambino** came to the plate and remained there for 15 minutes or so showing [sic – showering] the outfield with horsehide until his brow became damp in spite of a cool breeze and the arm of **LaForest** began to weary. The ball game had been forgotten, but the crowd – the biggest in recent years at the park – wended its way home satisfied.

Who Knows Score?

The score? That, too, is a mystery. Just one more detail lost in the enthusiasm

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which was centered upon **Ruth**. They sent him to the plate in almost every inning and what happened in the meanwhile was a total loss.

The day was ideal. Considerably before 2 o'clock, the time when the affair was to have gotten under way, the crowd began to gather, the ones more confident of the fact that the **Babe** would actually appear going inside the park and selecting their seats and the more dubious remaining outside and keeping possession of their coin until their doubts had been removed by the sight of the **Bambino**. And he did come.

Fights Way Through Crowd

Inside the park the Yankee star had to fight his way through the crowd and out into the open spaces which ceased to be open spaces as soon as he arrived. The throng was good natured, but it absolutely refused to stay back. **"Dutch" Kochendorfer, Norway** hurling ace, opened up things by tossing 'em over while the **Babe** lofted fly after fly deep into right field and over the fence. Somebody finally picked two teams from the players who had volunteered their services and a ball game was started. **Fungo Tedeschi** opened on the mound against **Ruth's** team. The first two men to face him went out and the Babe did likewise, **Miller to Breshenham**. That was not so good – with the crowd.

Ruth went out to first base instead of his regular outfield position and the inning was ended without anything of importance. On his second trip up the **Babe** struck out. The third time, with **Pitcher Jones**, of **Channing**, in the box, he again was retired and the crowd was getting peeved. **Jack Rahoi** then went to the mound and **Umpire Gould** held the Babe to the plate until he had hit safely.

Game Busts Up

At about the seventh inning **Ruth** went to the plate and with the unspoken consent of all players he stayed there for about 15

minutes, clouting the offerings of **LaForest** high[,] wide and far. Which was what the crowd wanted. And when it was done the audience went home satisfied with the fact that it had seen Ruth in action at close range. And for some of those who stood along the sidelines and onto the field, it was real close range.

Bunzie Got First

To **Bunzie Rahoi** went the honor of catching the first ball hit inside the **Athletic park** by **Ruth**. And, while we are speaking of the local players it is worth while [*sic – worthwhile*] to mention that fact that Rahoi, **Sodeberg** [*sic – Soderberg*] and **Web Jacobson**, each come through with catches which were among the best seen on the local field this season. They looked like real big leaguers.

The crowd, while not the largest on record at the local park, was the biggest in recent years. It was easily the most representative gathering of upper peninsula fans ever seen here, however. Cars bearing name plates of cities for miles around were seen at the grounds.

Ruth's trip here from **Des Moines, Ia.**, where he played Wednesday afternoon, was in itself a feature. The **Babe** and his manager, **Christy Walsh**, New York newspaperman, left **Iowa city** at 9:30 Wednesday night and were carried to **Beloit, Wis.**, by train. In the wee, small hours of Thursday morning they started from Beloit to **Oshkosh** by motor and in that city they were met by **Ted Kingsford** and **Joe Lannan** and driven to **Iron Mountain** where they arrived about 2:30 o'clock.

At the park **Ruth** was presented with a basket of flowers by the Knights of Columbus and then he spent a while autographing balls for the fans.

He left the city last night going to **Minneapolis** where he is to open a vaudeville engagement tomorrow.

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The following players took part in the play while there was a ball game going on: **Youngquist, Norway; Bunzie Rahoi; Soderberg, Norway; Jacobson; Bresenham; Miller, Crystal Falls; L. Keekendorfer, Norway; Hayden; Tedesschi; Valenti; Pults Ashenbrenner; Werley, Escanaba; "Dutch" Mechendorfer, Norway; J. Hayden; Jab Murphy, Menominee.**

Home Brew —By Mark—

"Tuck," our star reporter, says he's now ready to die, having lived a useful and glorious career. Now that he's interviewed **Vice President Dawes, Henry Ford** and **Babe Ruth**, he feels that there's nothing more to live for.

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The policing of the crowd at the park yesterday was terrible. None but those crowded within a small area near him could see the **Babe** in action, but still no efforts were made to get them back.

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Ruth had a sweet time getting out of the field after the game. He was literally mobbed by small boys who tackled him about the legs in an effort to hold him with them for a while longer. And, despite the fact that he had been through a trying journey, he kept his good nature.

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The school officials played a nice piece of diplomacy yesterday by letting the students get out early. There would have been little chance of keeping them in their classes. About two-thirds of the crowd were [*sic – was*] "kids." Still the school officials were mighty good sports about it and deserve credit. For many of the

children it was the change of a lifetime to see **Ruth** in action. **Norway's** schools were dismissed as were all of those of **Iron Mountain**.

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Several balls which are to be disposed of for charitable purposes were autographed for **Mrs. Louise Coringliotte [sic]**.

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The **Caseys' Clown band** added much to the day's entertainment.

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Ruth went into the pitching for an inning and everybody had a good time. Hits were many and fielding was clownish, but this was finally retired.

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George Zieglebauer and **Ned Fox** promoted the **Ruth** exhibition and deserve credit for a lot of nerve and faith in upper peninsula fans. The gamble was on the weather and fortunately, they won.

BASKETBALL

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

NORWAY NEWS NOTES.

The **basketball teams** have been busy practicing lately, and the people are anxiously looking forward [*sic – forward*] to a **game between the city girls and high school girls**.

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BOWLING

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

NORWAY NEWS NOTES.

One of the bowling teams, composed of **R.H. Sherman, J.F. Jackson, Peter Prachetti, J.E. Quarnstrom and W.R. Mitchell**, styling themselves "The Apaches," challenge any team on the range to bowl for fun, money or marbles.

...
Bowling at the Valhalla is getting to be quite interesting. Large crowds may be seen there every evening.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 31 [Thursday, December 22, 1904], page 11, column 1

NORWAY NEWS NOTES.

The Vulcanites were defeated by the Invincibles in a bowling match last Friday night

The young ladies defeated the married ladies in a bowling match last Saturday evening.

BOXING

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 1 [Thursday, March 28, 1889], page 1, column 6

A Cornish Pugilist Come [*sic* Comes] to Town.

The air in Iron Mountain still seems to be full of pugilism and other rough species of athletics. Last week a handy-looking young fellow named **Lightfoot**, a **Cornishman**, arrived here from Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where, it is said, he has tackled the best men in that state. He says he is open to meet any heavy weight in the state of Michigan, to fight to a finish or otherwise, or he will wrestle, Cornish style, any man in Michigan. He can be found at the **Chapin**. His Cornish friends express the greatest confidence in his ability and prowess either as a fighter or a wrestler.

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Patsey Darrington and McHugh.

About the last person in the county one would take for a **prize fighter** is **Patsey Darrington**, the clever light weight. He is young, smooth faced, quiet, and well enough dressed to be mistaken for a clerk in a clothing store. He called at THE RANGE on Saturday to state that it was he who was awarded the recent fight at **Crystal Falls** and not **Johnny O'Brien**. In spite of the clamorous opposition raised in **Bannerman's gymnasium**, **Pat McHugh**, (who accompanied Darrington to **Iron Mountain**) decided that O'Brien must be declared defeated for fouling. On Saturday Darrington and McHugh left for **Escanaba** to take part in a tournament, in which McHugh was to put on the gloves with **Jim McCormick** if the authorities did not interfere.

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The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 2 [Thursday, April 4, 1889], page 1, column 6

McHugh in the Toils Again.

J.C. Van Marter, an old resident of **Florence**, has **sworn out a warrant** charging **Pat McHugh, the pugilist, with intent to kill**. The Mining News says that the charge has reference to the alleged deadly assault made by McHugh upon **Sheriff Redmond** and a posse when trying to escape from justice in May, 1884. McHugh claims that he has already been tried for the offense. The complaining witness, however, alleges that McHugh was only tried on the charge of disorderly conduct, but not upon the graver charge of shooting at the officers of justice, and McHugh, who was released on a \$500 bail, will have a hearing before **Judge Colman** to-day [*sic – today*].

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That “Celebrated” Cornish Athlete.

Some of the boys have evidently been putting up a job on **Mr. Lightfoot**, who has been described as a **well-known pugilist and wrestler from Pennsylvania**. He is a quiet, gentlemanly-looking young **Cornishman**, who says he **never fought a prize fight in his life**, and that his great aim, instead of pugilism or prize wrestling, is to get along quietly by minding his own business. He says, however, that if he can catch the fellows who put up that job on him he will warm their jackets for them or they can warm his. He likes a joke as well as

anybody, but that sort of thing is no joke to a quiet young stranger who has just come here to work in the mines. THE RANGE owes an apologize [*sic – apology*] to Mr. Lightfoot for being made unwittingly the vehicle of the hoax upon him.

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 2 [Thursday, April 4, 1889], page 8, columns 1-2

Personal and Social.

Patsy Darrington, the **light-weight pugilist**, says he is going to make **Crystal Falls** his home for the future – at all events, for some time to come.

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 6 [Thursday, May 2, 1889], page 5, column 3

HIS LAST BATTLE FOUGHT.

Tom Hinch Finds His Fate in the Depths of the Menominee River Last Friday.

Tom Hinch, the **pugilist**, who fought a glove fight with **Jim McCormick** in this city recently, was drowned while attempting to cross the Menominee river last Friday. Hinch, and a man named Finn, left this city for **Bennetts ranch** [*house of ill repute*] considerably under the influence of liquor. When they reached the river they found a small boat which they attempted to use, but being intoxicated they fell into the water several times in attempting to get in launched. They were observed from the

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other side by a man who told them to wait until he came across with a large boat. The accident was caused by Hinch and Finn scuffling while in the boat and Hinch fell over-board [*sic – overboard*]. In attempting to rescue Hinch the boat was upset and the other two men had to struggle for their own lives and leave Hinch to his fate. Either Hinch could not swim or was too intoxicated to make an effort to save himself. The other two men had a narrow escape from a like fate. A party of gentlemen from this city went down to the river last Saturday and endeavored to find the body but it is likely that it went over the falls, in which case it is hardly probable it will ever be recovered. Logs are now running in large numbers and it is the history of past events of this kind that it is very unlikely that when a body goes over the falls it is ever seen again. Hinch has a widowed mother living in Milwaukee, who we are informed was dependent upon him for support. He is said to have been very kind to his mother, and for all his rough life to have displayed many evidences of a kindly disposition. He had many friends in this city who regret his untimely end.

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 8 [Thursday, May 16, 1889], page 1, column 3

Van Heest and Mack.

The glove [*boxing*] contest between **Van Heest** and **Mack**, at the **Polka Dot hall**, last Saturday evening, drew a very small audience; receipts at the door \$8.50, we are informed. We hope the printer got his pay. The marshal was there as a dead head, and informed the managers that he should not allow any fighting. The manager announced to the audience

that it was the intention to have a ten round glove fight, but as the marshal would not allow it, there would be a four round sparring match. The contestants were pretty evenly matched, but the impression seemed to be pretty general that in a fight Van Heest would come off the victor.

DOG RACING

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 40 [Thursday, February 23, 1911], page 1, column 3

BRIEF NEWS NOTES.

Dog races Saturday afternoon.

...
The winter carnival will be held at the municipal skating rink next Saturday afternoon. It will include dog races, skating races and various other winter games.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 21, Number 42 [Thursday, March 1, 1917], page 8, column 3

NEWS IN PARAGRAPHS.

The dog races on Stephenson avenue last Saturday afternoon were witnessed by a record crowd, the avenue being lined on either side with an expectant crowd. In the first single race the prizes were won as follows: **Harold Swanson**, first; **James Hicks**, second; **Eddie Berdinner**, third. In the double race **Carlo Capra** and **Tony Belaria** won first, and **John Powell** second. In the second single race **Martin Harvey**

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won first, **Frank Cooper** second and **Floyd Antonol** third. The usual dog fights enlivened the event. **It is planned to make this dog derby an annual event.**

FOOTBALL

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

QUINNESEC ITEMS.

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

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

QUINNESEC ITEMS.

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

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

NORWAY NEWS NOTATIONS.

The foot ball [*sic – football*] game between the **Norway city eleven and Company I eleven of Marinette** last Tuesday afternoon resulted in a victory for the latter. The score was 11 to 0. The scoring was all done in the last half. It was a good game. The Norway team was considerably lighter than the Marinette, but played a more brilliant game. Beef won, however.

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

QUINNESEC ITEMS.

The foot ball [*sic – football*] game last Sunday, between **Iron Mountain and Quinnesec teams**, resulted in a complete victory for the Iron Mountain eleven. The score was 6 to 0.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 21 [Thursday, October 13, 1910], page 5, column 3

NORWAY NEWS NUGGETS.

A foot-ball [*sic – football*] team, on association lines, is being organized among the young Cornishmen, [*sic*] of Norway. They expect to have the organization completed by the end of this week. They will then be open for a game with the **Iron Mountain team**.

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Number 23 [Thursday, October 27, 1910], page 1, column 3

Foot Ball.

At **Athletic Park**, next Saturday afternoon, the **Iron Mountain and Norway high school teams** will play foot-ball [*sic – football*]. This is the second meeting of the two teams, the locals having won the first contest. The Iron Mountain boys expect to meet the Escanaba highs in a championship contest one week from next Saturday. Our boys have an excellent team this season and are deserving of every encouragement not only from the school authorities but from the people as a whole.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 27 [Thursday, November 24, 1910], page 7, column 2

NORWAY NEWS NUGGETS.

There will be a game of foot-ball [*sic – football*] at **Vulcan** this afternoon between **Capt. Billy's mighty warriors and the Vulcan team**. The Norway fans are betting heavily on the "mighty warriors."

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

NORWAY NEWS NOTES.

McDonald, of the city foot-ball [*sic – football*] team, who has undergone an operation at Columbia hospital, is doing nicely. **Turner and Albery** [*sic – Alberti*] will also soon be O.K. The above named

were injured while playing foot-ball [*sic – football*].

...
The **City foot-ball** [*sic – football*] team will soon give a dance at the Val ----- [*Valhalla Hall*], the best hall in the city.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 47 [Thursday, April 13, 1911], page 1, column 6

For Championship.

The **Vulcan association foot ball** [*sic – football*] team is ambitious to play the **Baltic, Houghton county, team** for the championship of the upper peninsula and has issued such a challenge, the game to be played at **Ishpeming**. The teams have played two games, splitting even, and the **Vulcanites** are desirous of proving their superiority on neutral grounds.

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

A FOOT BALL CONTEST

Vulcan Players Romp Away from Baltic Team at Ishpeming.

In a fast and exciting game of association football, played at Union park, Ishpeming, last Saturday afternoon between the **Vulcan and the Baltic teams**, the former won by the score of 3 to 0. The result gave the **Vulcanites** [*sic – Vulcanites*] the championship of the peninsula, as each team had one game to their credit before. In the first contest,

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played at Baltic, the home team won by a score of 2 to 0; and when the teams next met at Vulcan, the tables were turned, the Vulcan team winning 3 to 5. It was decided to play the third and deciding game at Ishpeming.

Although a small crowd turned out to witness the exhibition, the spectators were well entertained, says the Marquette Chronicle. The teams were evenly matched and the contest waxed fast and furious throughout, first one team having a momentary advantage, then the other. The Baltic players came near scoring several times, but the superior work of the Vulcan guards kept them from the coveted goal. **Charles Sutton**, a forward for the Vulcan team, was the star of the day, his blocking, interfering and all around offensive work being particularly good. **Durant** and **Abbott** also played very well for the Menominee range team. Of the Baltic eleven, **Stevens** and **Wellington** starred, although the work of several others, notably Simmons, was very good. Two halves of forty minutes each were played. The three points scored by the Vulcan team were all made in the first half, neither side being able to score in the latter period.

William Penhalligon, of Ishpeming, refereed the game and gave good satisfaction. **About thirty rooters accompanied the Vulcan team to the city, and nearly as many came from the copper country.**

The Vulcan team's line up was as follows: **John Piper**, goal tender; **John Richards** and **R. Burt**, backs; **W. Stevens**, **Ivory Mole** and **Andrew Abbott**, half backs; **Tom Barton**, **Nick Worthington**, **Charles Sutton**, **Jim Worthington** and **Jack Durant**, forwards.

The Baltic team was composed of **Jim Clemen**, goal tender; **Dick Simmond** and **John Langdon**, backs; **Dick Wellington**, **Pryor** and **Turman**, half backs; **Charles**

Gray, **C. Marshall**, **Bernard Stevens**, **Sam Stone** and **Bate**, forward [sic – forwards].

FOOT RACING

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Jewish versus Christian Sprinting.

Although sporting circles are trying to keep the matter quiet it is pretty generally known that an interesting pedestrian event took place here last week between **Jack Eslick**, the **drayman** (brother of **Joe Eslick**, the popular young barber) and **Julius Roberts**, a Jewish jewelry peddler, the passion of whose existence is trading "vatches." It was a go-as-you-please sprint race, with the stakes fixed on the same principle. The Jew got off first with a flying start, with Jack pounding along close at his heels. As both pedestrians literally flew along the sidewalk on **Stephenson avenue**, the small boys yelled, the livery stable men cheered, and the draymen reined in their fiery untamed steeds to watch the thrilling contest at their leisure. Julius was the first to reach the crossing at the **M. & N. depot**, and making a sharp turn to the left he took up the ties. This adroit movement surprised Jack, and gave the Jew the advantage of several yards. Nothing daunted, however, Jack took to the ties also, and made a desperate spurt which brought him within an inch or two of Julius' flying coattails. The race would probably continued into Wisconsin, but the Jew began to get winded, while it was evident to every navvy [unskilled laborer] on the track that Jack had not only struck his gait, but had gotten his second

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wind. About a mile from the depot, he had gained enough to enable him to seize Julius by the collar and bring him to a standstill. This finished the great race, but what took place afterward history doesn't record.

GOLF

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 10, Number 46 [Thursday, April 5, 1906], page 1, column 5

GOLF CLUB ANNUAL

CHARLES T. HAMPTON THE SELECTION FOR PRESIDENT.

Much Sentiment Develops in Favor of the Early Construction of a Handsome Club House.

The annual meeting of the members of the Pine Grove Golf club was held at the Iron Mountain club rooms last Monday evening. There was a large attendance of members and considerable business of importance was transacted. The election of officers resulted as follows:

President – **Charles T. Hampton.**

Vice-President – **Lewis T. Sterling.**

Secretary – **Will H. Rezin.**

Treasurer – **Dr. H.A. Newkirk.**

Directors – **Otto C. Davidson, John T. Jones, Oliver Evans, Dr. J.D. Cameron, Samuel Cudlip and G.V. Carpenter.**

The matter of the **erection of a club house at the grounds this season** was discussed and it was determined that such a step was desirable. A meeting of the stockholders of the **Pine Grove Park association** will be held on Monday evening when it is expected a definite

conclusion will be arrived at. Various plans were discussed, but the general trend was in favor of the erection of a building of a rustic design to cost in the neighborhood of \$2,000. The grounds are owned by the Park association. The association is incorporated under the laws of the state with a capital of \$3,000. At the time of organization the shares – 120 – were all subscribed for, but it was deemed advisable to issue only fifty per cent of the stock. It is now proposed to issue the balance which will bring into the treasury the sum of \$1,500. This sum, together with several substantial donations, will place a sufficient sum in the hands of the treasurer to erect one of the finest club houses in the peninsula.

The park contains some twenty acres, is beautifully situated and embraces a fine grove of pines. It is an ideal place for pleasure grounds and with the improvements contemplated will grow rapidly in popularity.

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HANDSOME CLUB HOUSE

Home of Pine Grove Park Association Now Under Construction.

In another column we print a picture of the handsome **new club-house** [*sic-clubhouse*] now being erected by the **Pine Grove Park association**. The picture is made from a photograph of a pencil drawing and does not do justice to the beautiful structure which **Architect Parmelee** has designed for the association.

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The building is slightly elevated above the surrounding country. The main building is forty-six by fifty-two feet on the foundation and is of a rustic design. The first story is constructed of boulders and the second story is shingled. The main assembly room on the first floor is twenty-four by forty-four feet in size and is finished in yellow pine, oiled, with a hardwood floor. On this floor there is also a locker-room [*sic – locker room*] for men twelve by thirty feet, a toilet room eight by twelve feet, and a kitchen twelve feet square.

The second floor is devoted entirely to the ladies.

Work is being rushed on the building and it is expected to have the structure in readiness for a housewarming the latter part of August.

[NOTE: There is a two-column illustration of the clubhouse in columns 3-4.]

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 11, Number 11 [Thursday, August 2, 1906], page 1, column 5

Golf Club-House.

The stone masons have completed their work at the Pine Grove Park association club-house [*sic – clubhouse*] and the carpenters are rushing their end of the job. **Architect Parmelee**, who is superintending the work, promises to give the club possession of the building inside of six weeks. When finished Iron Mountain will have one of the finest and most substantial club-houses [*sic – clubhouses*] in the country – and, we may add, the prettiest golf grounds. Ishpeming golfers are anxious to visit Iron Mountain and they have been requested to fix a day for their coming.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 11, Number 18 [Thursday, September 20, 1906], page 1, column 2

Park Association.

A meeting of the **Pine Grove Park association stockholders** will be held next Saturday evening at the **parlors of the Iron Mountain club**. The object of the meeting is to vote upon the question of increasing the capital stock of the association from \$3,000 to \$6,000, the erection of the handsome club-house [*sic – clubhouse*] necessitating an increase of capitalization.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 11, Number 19 [Thursday, September 27, 1906], page 1, column 2

Increased Capital.

At a meeting of the **stockholders for the Pine Grove Park association** held last Friday evening it was voted unanimously to increase the capital stock form \$3,000 to \$6,000. This increase was made necessary by the erection of the elegant club-house [*sic – clubhouse*] which is now rapidly nearing completion. The club-house [*sic – clubhouse*] is probably the finest in the entire upper peninsula.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 11, Number 33 [Thursday, January 3, 1907], page 8, column 6

First Party.

The first party at the new club-house [*sic – clubhouse*] of the Pine Grove Park association was held last Monday

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evening and was attended by over one hundred people. It was an informal affair and was held under the management of **Messrs. Davidson, Hampton and Cole;** and while informal, it can be said that it was one of the most thoroughly enjoyable parties ever held in the city. Music for dancing was furnished by the Italian orchestra band and was excellent.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 40 [Thursday, February 23, 1911], page 1, column 3

BRIEF NEWS NOTES.

A **Washington party** was held last evening under the direction of the **ladies of the Pine Grove Golf club.** The club-house [*sic – clubhouse*] was beautifully decorated for the occasion, **H.J. Payne** having general superintendency of this department. The attendance was large and the function a most enjoyable one.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 19, Number 49 [Thursday, April 22, 1915], page 1, column 3

Change Name.

At the **annual meeting of the members of the Pine Grove Golf club** held last Monday evening the action of the directors, in **changing the name to the Pine Grove County club** was approved. A few other minor changes were made in the constitution. The following directors were elected: **O.C. Davidson, Oliver Evans, Richard S. Powell, Dr. J.D. Jones, Dr. H. Sturtz, Sam Cudlip and Edward G. Kingsford.** A meeting of the directors will

be held this evening for the purpose of electing officers. At the same time the stockholders of the Pine Grove Park association was held and directors selected as follows: **F.C. Cole, E.F. Brown, O.C. Davidson, Oliver Evans, R.S. Powell and Edward G. Kingsford.** The officers are the same as last year.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 25, Number 11 [Thursday, July 29, 1920], page 1, column 2

Golf Tournament.

Houghton has been selected as the place where the next annual **Upper Peninsula Golf association tournament** will be held. Officers named at Escanaba at the conclusion of the annual tourney are: President, **Dr. R.B. Harkness**, Houghton; vice-president, **F.W. Nichols**, Houghton; secretary-treasurer, **James Robertson**, Houghton. Escanabians captured the team championship with Iron Mountain in second place. **Con J. Driscoll**, of Escanaba, won the individual championship with **C.H. Milliman** a close second. This match is said to have been the closest ever contested on upper peninsula links and was decided at the last hole in favor of Driscoll by a sudden gust of wind. Accustomed to grass courses, local players found the sandy [*sic – the sandy*] links at Escanaba, [*sic*] unsited [*sic – unsuited*] to their style of driving. The Iron Mountain golfers speak highly of the hospitality of the Escanabians.

HORSE RACING

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 11 [Thursday, June 6, 1889], page 1, column 3

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AT a meeting held in F.J. Trudell's office last evening, for the purpose of considering the possibility of **organizing a stock company and building a race track around the grounds selected for a base ball [sic – baseball] park**, it was unanimously decided to call another meeting at **Wood's Hall** Tuesday evening. Special efforts will be made at that time to have a large attendance of representative business men [sic – businessmen], and a stock company with shares at \$1 each, [sic] will probably be organized.

ICE SKATING

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

VULCAN NOTES.

The **Vulcan lake** affords much pleasure to skaters just at present. Large crowds may be seen there every evening.

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

NEWS GOSSIP FROM SAGOLA.

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.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 27 [Thursday, November 24, 1910], page 1, column 6

Municipal Rink.

Iron Mountain is progressing nicely, thank you. At a meeting of the city council last Monday the aldermen voted unanimously in favor of **maintaining a skating rink for the boys and girls during the winter months. The site selected is four lots on Prospect avenue near St. Joseph's church.**

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 17, Number 32 [Thursday, December 26, 1912], page 8, column 3

BRIEF NEWS NOTES.

The ice skating rink conducted by **Henry Luke** at the **corner of Stephenson avenue and A street** is becoming a popular resort. The ice is maintained in fine condition and good deportment is insisted upon.

[NOTE: This ice skating rink was located on the northeast corner of the intersection of South Stephenson Avenue and East A Street and was called the Palace Ice Rink.]

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 17, Number 33 [Thursday, January 2, 1913], page 4, column 3

PALACE ICE RINK

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HENRY LUKE, MANAGER

Is open from 2:00 to 5:00 and
7:00 to 10:00 every after-
noon and evening.

The [ice] is maintained in good condi-
tion – excellent music in at-
tendance at all sessions.

Admission and Skates, 10 c

A cordial invitation extended to all.

Stephenson Ave. and A St.

Iron Mountain, – Mich.

ROLLER SKATING

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain,
Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 17,
Number 6 [Thursday, June 27, 1912],
page 1, column 1

Rink Opening.

The Bourdeau roller rink at Homestead – the only one in this section – will be opened with a grand ball on Monday evening. The Castel orchestra has been engaged to furnish the music. Dancing will commence at nine o'clock and close at one o'clock. Tickets are selling at fifty cents the couple. Light refreshments may be secured at the rink. On Saturday, July 6th, the rink will be open for skaters. **The rink is 120x50 feet in size with a skating surface 106x47 feet, making it the largest in the north country.** Mr. Bourdeau gives assurance that the rink will be conducted along first-class lines with courteous treatment for all.

TENNIS

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain,
Menominee County, Michigan, Volume
XI, Number 9 [Thursday, May 23, 1889],
page 1, columns 5-6

BASE-BALL is not only rightly enjoyable, but in moderation contributes to bodily health. Yet there is **danger in the game for those players who overexert themselves**, as many very often do. Almost every school boy after the age of ten years is reached "belongs to a club;" and when school is not in session, he takes part in contests, in which ambition and excitement lead him to go beyond his strength. The **strain is felt most on the heart**, and not infrequently the injury is permanent, for in but comparatively few cases is the trouble recognized and the proper measures applied before it is too late to effect a perfect cure. Parents should remember this fact and put a wholesome restraint upon those children who need it.

Tennis is a game which is well suited for both sexes, and is **comparatively safe from doing harm**. Still players can over exert themselves and bring on excessive action of the heart as in base-ball. **Croquet** is a **very gentle game**, and as has been said, is quite innocent of bringing on heart disease, unless in the sentimental sense. – **[Menominee] Herald**.

TROTTING

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain,
Menominee County, Michigan, Volume
XI, Number 8 [Thursday, May 16, 1889],
page 1, column 2

Trotting.

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The first trotting match for the season at the Quinnesec race course, [sic] takes place next Monday between **Joe Pascoe's Mink**, and a horse owned by **McLoid** [sic – **McLeod**], of Florence, for stakes of \$100 a side. Joe thinks it is time something was done to liven up things a bit.

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 20 [Thursday, August 8, 1889], page 1, column 2

JOE. PASCOE, the well known [sic – well-known] **Iron Mountain sporting man**, feels very grateful for the royal treatment accorded him and his lady by those princely fellows, **John Simons**, **Mr. McLeod** and other gentlemen of **Florence and Commonwealth**, during their short visit to Florence last Monday. They will find Joe's latch string out when they come to this city. **Joe will speed his trotter with Mr. McLeod in Florence in a few days.**

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 20 [Thursday, August 8, 1889], page 1, column 3

Drinks Beer Like a Man.

Joe Pascoe made a bet last Saturday with a man in his saloon that he had a horse that would drink beer like a man. To prove his assertion he soon entered the saloon with his two trotters – Mink and a large bay horse – and called for three glasses of beer. Joe and the big brown horse tossed off their glasses as though they had done the same thing lots of times before, but Mink was true to his prohibition principles and refused to drink, so his mate having finished his own glass emptied Mink's also. It is an unsettled

question yet how much beer it would take to get the brown horse full [drunk], but he always asks the bar tender [sic – bartender] to set'em up again. Joe says he has always drank [sic – drunk] beer since he was a colt. If Joe would only teach him to play seven up and call for drinks on every game, he would prove an immense attraction.

SKI JUMPING

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 18, Number 20 [Wednesday, May 4, 1938], page 3, column 5

FIRE TOWER ON PINE MOUNTAIN BEING PROPOSED

Suggestion Is To Be Taken Up With State Department

Replacement of the Fox fire tower on Pewabic hill with a new type of tower to be erected on Pine Mountain has been suggested here and will be taken up with the state conservation department.

All state fire towers are open to visitors and it is believed the Pine mountain tower would be a special attraction, as well as commanding a good view over the territory watched by the towerman.

Pine mountain is being developed as both a winter and summer recreation area and visitors would find the tower an added provision for their entertainment.

Only comparatively few persons climb most of the state towers as the ascent must be made on a ladder. The new towers,

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however, have spiral stairways which can be used in safety.

One advantage of the new location to the state, it is pointed out, is that it would not be necessary to build and maintain a road to the present tower.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 18, Number 33 [Thursday, May 19, 1938], page 3, columns 6-7

CONSTRUCTION OF ROCK TOWER NOW BEING DISCUSSED

County May Erect Ob- servation Post On Roosevelt Mountain

Plans to submit a WPA project providing for construction of a 30-foot rock observation tower on Roosevelt mountain [Pine Mountain] are being considered by the Dickinson county park trustees, who also comprise the county road commission, it was stated today by Henry Wagner, county engineer.

The tower would be located on the highest point available and would be provided with a circular stairway. The cost is estimated at \$15,000, of which the sponsor's share would be about \$3,000. If WPA approval is given, work will go forward during the summer.

The project, Wagner said, is in line with the program to make Roosevelt mountain a recreation area for the general public instead of just the site of the giant ski slide that is now being built. A magnificent view would be available from the top of the tower, he said, and it would prove not only

an interesting attraction to county residents, but to visitors as well.

A proposal that the Fox fire tower on Pewabic hill be dismantled and a new style state tower erected on Roosevelt mountain for observation purposes as well as fire protection will be abandoned if the county project goes through.

Take-off Scaffold

Excavation is going forward for the take-off tower of the ski slide and erection of the steel will be started within a short time, Wagner said. The steel, amounting to 41 tons, was ordered in lengths, but the drilling of holes for fitting was done here.

The scaffold is to be 148 feet high and with the hill itself the total vertical height [*sic – height*] will be 450 feet. Wagner is attempting to obtain information as to how this slide will compare in height [*sic – height*] with those elsewhere throughout the country.

Although only the most daring riders can chance taking off at the top of the scaffold, there will be intermediate starting points for less experienced skiers.

The Daily News, Iron Mountain-Kingsford, Dickinson County, Michigan [Saturday-Sunday, February 12-13, 2011], page-A, columns 3-5; page 3-A, column3-6

WPA, Dickinson County made Pine Mountain dream a reality

**Community support was crucial to
Depression-era project**

**By JIM ANDERSON
News Editor**

IRON MOUNTAIN – From 1935 through 1943, the U.S. government spent more than \$11 billion through the Works Progress

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Administration (WPA), employing millions of workers to carry out public works projects.

One of those projects was the Pine Mountain ski jump, which has been the site of national and international tournaments since 1939.

Through the decades, changes have evolved in ski jumping and the hill itself. The key elements, however, have been constant – dedicated volunteers, daring athletes and spellbinding beauty.

Some 75 years ago, the spectacular view from Pine Mountain confirmed a local politician's hunch that a giant ski slide would serve the community well.

Harold Eskil, a Dickinson County chairman who assisted WPA planning, took time in 1968 to offer his recollections of the Pine Mountain project. When the Roosevelt administration announced that recreation projects could be eligible for WPA funds, Eskil acted on a "dormant dream" to build a big ski slide.

"I knew the spot," he wrote, "– the northwest end of Pine Mountain."

He described a hike off an old logging road to approach the location.

"Alone in zero weather, on snowshoes in snow three or more feet deep, I climbed the northwest face of Pine Mountain. It was a difficult, lengthy climb to the top, but from the top I knew I had the right place for the ski slide. At the top of Pine Mountain, I was amazed at the scenery – the miles of it visible in every direction. With a good road to the top, what a scenic sight-seeing area this could become – with the slide and the ski jump adjacent to it."

The Depression-era project was no sure sell. The proposed \$26,000 budget for the scaffold along would equate to about \$400,000 today.

Eskil, a Breitung Township supervisor and a 1913 graduate of Iron Mountain High School, shared Pine Mountain's panoramic view with dozens of officials, including Ford

Motor Co. plant superintendent Fred Johnson and charcoal briquette inventor E.G. Kingsford.

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...WPA had called for smaller scaffold

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"Everyone was astonished and felt that a major beauty spot had been found," he wrote. "There was much interest created to develop this area as a tourist attraction and recreational center."

Eskil went to bat for the project under the sponsorship of Breitung Township. Later, the Keweenaw Land Association deeded the property to Dickinson County, in exchange for retaining mineral rights and being freed from taxes.

Site preparation and scaffold planning began – the slide will be the highest artificial one in the world – but the project was nixed in late 1936 by the Lansing office of the WPA.

The community rallied.

"There was such an avalanche of letters, telegrams, and telephone calls to Lansing – as well as complaints and criticisms from the public – that the Lansing office of the WPA reconsidered," Eskil wrote.

Still, the WPA wanted a smaller project. "I was...told that plans for the 165-foot scaffold would have to be cut to 80 feet," recalled Eskil. "But, I did not want just another ski slide – I wanted the highest."

The WPA finally agreed to provide labor if Dickinson County would furnish the material, at a cost of about \$11,000 (\$170,000 today).

The county board approved, much to Eskil's delight.

"Dickinson County had won!" he exclaimed. "They had not only succeeded

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in obtaining approval from Lansing WPA – it had united the majority of people of Dickinson County whole-heartedly behind the project. The first defeat had resulted in new enthusiasm to put that giant ski slide on Pine Mountain."

As has often been the case in the history of Giant Pine, local talent was instrumental in seeing the dream through.

Among others, Eskil cites the following: scaffold engineering by George Wallner of Ford Motor; construction supervision by Leon Mongrain of Ford; surveying by road commission engineer Henry Wagner; concrete and oversight by Wagner and WPA engineer Lawrence Hansen; fabrication by the Dickinson County Road Commission shop; road construction by Wilfred Lagerfeldt, Breitung Township road commissioner.

According to Eskil, WPA wages at the time of the slide's construction totaled \$44 a month for a six-day work week (about \$680 a month today).

On February 18, 1939, the eve of the inaugural tournament, the Iron Mountain News reported that slightly more than \$70,000 (\$1.08 million today) had been spent on WPA projects in the Pine Mountain area, nearly \$61,000 of which was for labor. That work included the road, scaffold, landing hill, parking lot and a few amenities. A crowd of 10,000 to 15,000 was anticipated, the largest ever for a sports event in the Upper Peninsula.

"The dual aim of the WPA was to develop projects which would prove to be a lasting benefit to the community and give employment to those in need," Eskil noted.

This weekend – 72 years since Walter Brottlund soared towards "Sagola!" in the hill's first competitive ride – the benefits endure.

Notes: The Works Progress Administration was renamed as the Works Projects Administration in 1939. ...A copy

of Harold and Melba Eskil's "The History of the Pine Mountain Ski Slide," (Feb. 21, 1968) was furnished by Evelyn Thunell, daughter of Wilfred Lagerfeldt.

WRESTLING

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 5 [Thursday, April 25, 1889], page 5, column 2-3

Personal and Social.

John Bigelow, ex-champion wrestler (Cornish style) of the state of Michigan, was in Iron Mountain an [sic - on] Friday, visiting friends he had not seen for a long time. His home is now in **Florence**.

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 8 [Thursday, May 16, 1889], page 5, column 2

Personal and Social.

Joe Pascoe is arranging for a wrestling match to take place at his saloon and boarding house soon.