

DICKINSON COUNTY HISTORY – WAUCEDAH TOWNSHIP – WAUCEDAH – EARLY NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS

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History of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan Containing a Full Account of Its Early Settlement; Its Growth, Development and Resources; An Extended Description of Its Iron and Copper Mines: Also Accurate Sketches of the Counties, Cities, Towns and Villages, Their Improvements, Industries, Manufactories; Biographical Sketches, Portraits of Prominent Men and Early Settlers; Views of County Seats, Etc., Chicago, Illinois: The Western Historical Company, A.T. Andreas, Proprietor, 1883, page 499

Waucedah, a station on the Chicago & North-Western Railway Branch from Powers, a short distance from the village of Quinnesec, has a population of about two hundred, well represented in business; also has quite a number of charcoal kilns.

Escanaba Tribune, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume IV, Number 37 [Saturday, August 16, 1873], supplement, page 1, columns 1-3

The Iron Fields of Menominee Co.

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

extracts from the correspondence of the **Milwaukee Sentinel**:

The **Lake Superior iron region** has been pretty thoroughly explored as the ridge which divides the waters which flow into Superior from those that flows [*sic*] into Green Bay and Lake Michigan; and the country lying north of this ridge includes nearly all of that popularly classed as the **iron fields of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan**. In the minds of a few, however, there has long been an impression that south of this ridge, in the space of country extending to the **Menominee river**, the boundary line between Michigan and Wisconsin and, indeed, in Wisconsin there are immense beds of iron ore equal in extent and richness to those of the Superior side of the water-shed. Reasonable ground for this belief was formed in the discovery of what is known as little **Sturgeon Falls mine**, in **1867**, at a point about 28 miles from the mouth of **Deer Creek**, a small stream falling into Green Bay. The ores taken from this mine, near the surface of the ground, and submitted to analysis, gave 60 per cent of metallic [*sic – metallic*] iron. This test was repeated some time [*sic – sometime*] in the summer of 1870 with a similar result, and about the same time a deposit of marble or granite was found in the vicinity. The existance [*sic – existence*] of the marble had been known for some years, but its extent was only a matter of conjecture. It is now known that almost inexhaustible [*sic – inexhaustible*] quantities of it are there, and so situated as to be easily quarried so soon as means of conveying it to market are supplied. Whether [*sic – Whether*] it will be useful for the obvious purposes to which told, but a high authority has already asserted no other building stone in America equals it.

The **Breen mine**, about which much has been said, lies about two miles east of **Little Sturgeon Falls mine**. It presents on

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

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

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

In a space of eighteen miles north by fifteen west from the the [sic] **Breen mine** -- which is the nearest to the bay shore -- there are fourteen mines having distinct outcroppings [sic – *outcroppings*], and on which special examinations have been made quite to the satisfaction and often to the surprise of iron men. This includes no

reference to numerous fainter appearances where no work has been done. In fact little has yet been accomplished in comparison with the extent of the field to be explored. From Green Bay to the mines in [sic - *is*] all a dense forest, and few roads are yet provided for the accommodation of the work. Until recently it was necessary for all explorers to carry, [sic] in their stores on their backs; but the impetns [sic – *impetus*] received from this summer's operations will soon clear away these hindrances. One may readily foresee the iron horse packing in supplies and packing out boundless wealth of iron, for such deposits as exist here cannot fail to create of industries fully equal to that which has grown up since 1856 on the north shore of the peninsula. Immense forests of timber extends [sic - *extend*] on each side of the Menominee and on all its branches through to Lake Michigammi [sic – *Michigamme*] and furnish inexhaustable [sic – *inexhaustible*] supplies for shipments and for charcoal. Indeed, this whole district is composed within the comparatively unexplored portion of the peninsula, and only enough is known of to give assurance that it holds a wealth beyond the most daring guess made concerning it.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

By a letter just received from a member of the engineering corps on the line of the **Menominee Range railway**, we learn that work is progressing favorably to the completion of the road to the **Quinesaik** [sic – *Quinnesec*] mine by the first of August next. The frost is a hindrance rendering it necessary to use blasting powder in loosening the ground in grading. Arrangements were being made to commence work in the **Breen and Quinesaik** [sic – *Quinnesec*] mines during this week, to put them in shape to produce ore. There is a prospect of considerable work being done the coming summer along the line of this road in the way of prospecting for mineral [sic].

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 455 [Saturday, April 14, 1877], page 4, column 1

WORK at the **Breen mine**, Menominee county, is being pushed vigorously under the efficient management of **Supt. Brown** who is ably assisted by **Capt. Louis Whitehead**, formerly of this county. About

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twenty-five miners are operating on the property, and the company will be able to commence shipments as soon as the railway is completed and the necessary rolling stock arrives. At the **Breitung** mine there is a force of ten or fifteen men engaged in getting things in shape for the early shipment of ore.

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

Correspondence from Sec. "42."

It was all a mistake that little tale about our getting run over by a cod fish, for as you may perceive by this letter, the child is yet alive. We have planted ourself [*sic* – *ourselves*] in this place with the intention of studying Rail roadology. **Chipe** [*sic* – **Lipe**] & **Co.**[.] who have the grading from the **Breen mine** to the **Quinnesec**, have about 275 men including sub-contractors. **D.L. Wells & Co.**[.] who are building the south end, have upwards of 200 men in grade, about one-half of which are on [*the*] construction train. The company have [*sic* – *has*] also about 100 men on timber bridging and ties. We understand that the track laying on this end will soon be resumed. There is at present about four and one-half miles of track down and we believe the remainder will be put down at the rate of about one-half mile per day. Among familiar faces we notice **E.R. Parks** of **Escanaba**, who is at present with the Engineer corps, and wears the boss pair of stoga boots. **Racketty** is at present in the **hotel business** and does all the coarse hand writing. **C. Lipe & Co.** have [*sic* – *has*] raised wages from \$1.25 to \$1.40 per day and board from \$3.50 to \$4.00 per week. Our Mariar says we must not write

any more (soft stuff) and as we believe in a hereafter we will close by subscribing ourself as in days of yore.

RACKETTY.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 460 [Saturday, May 12, 1877], page 4, column 1

FROM a letter received by us we learn that the work at the **Breen mine**, on the Menominee range, is progressing favorably. The quantity and quality of the ore which is being developed surpasses the most hopeful expectations of the company, and mining operations will be prosecuted as rapidly as the means of transportation will warrant. It is the intention of the company to mine and ship 25,000 or 30,000 tons this season, if no untoward circumstances arise to interfere with their calculations.

Escanaba Tribune, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume VIII, Number 24 [Saturday, May 19, 1877], page 3, column 3

Work at the **Breen mine** is progressing rapidly. **Captain Schwarts** [*sic* – *Schwartz*] with a force of 25 men, [*sic*] has stripped along the main vein, to a distance of 130 feet, which at that point presents a 28 feet [*sic* – *foot*] face. From this face, across the vein they have uncovered nearly 100 feet, which allowing for the curvature on the surface, would make it about 90 feet in a horizontal line. The width of the vein is not yet ascertained. Docks and side tracks are being built, and buildings for the miners. As soon as the road is completed, a cargo of ore will be shipped to Cleveland.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 460

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[Saturday, May 12, 1877], page 4,
column 2

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

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

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

AT the **Breen** mine, on the Menominee range, work is progressing satisfactorily. Some 300 tons of fair ore are now in stock. Stripping is still in progress, and since our last letter from that section about 225 feet more of the vein has been uncovered. The company are [*sic – is*] building some

substantial houses on the location for the accommodation of their men, and for offices and a store.

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

[To the Editor]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WOLVERINE.

Breitung mine, June 1.

The grading of the railroad is being carried on night and day, showing the intention of the contractors to complete it in the quickest possible time. Large gangs of men are at work.

The captain of the **Breen mine** and party visited the **Breitung** last Sunday,

going on horseback. They are still stripping there; also stocking it. Their first blast occurred there last week, having struck rock they could not remove without the aid of explosives, as heretofore.

At the **Breitung** the work on the dock and pockets is being pushed to its utmost capacity, and at the end of every day you can see that big work has been done. This past week there has been found a bed of hard ore beneath the stripping, surpassing anything on Lake Superior in quality, and the Capt. thinks his mine is going to be the "biggest thing" in the whole country. It far surpasses their most sanguine expectations.

The dock and pockets will be ready to receive ore week after next, when work will be lively. We are anticipating big times for our little place as soon as the railroad is finished.

Weather has been a little chilly the few days past, but warmer now. Gardens are all planted; health of the location good; no rain as yet; we need it very badly.

WOLVERINE

BREITUNG, June 6, 1877.

Escanaba Tribune, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume VIII, Number 28 [Saturday, June 16, 1877], page 2, column 2

Mining and Furnace News.

The **Breen Iron mine**, 34 miles west of Escanaba, has been pushing operations for the last few weeks, and have [*sic – has*] now got everything ready to ship several train loads of ore each day, if required, as soon as the railroad is completed to that point. Their pocket dock is finished and filled, and an immense face of ore is uncovered along the main vein, sufficient to

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meet all demands upon them for the present.

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

THE MENOMINEE RANGE.

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[To the Editor.]

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

quarter of the southwest quarter of section 34, town 40, range 18, and is about 150 feet above the general level of the country in this vicinity. The vein of ore is uncovered from 75 to 100 feet in the direction of its "strike" and measures across the strike 36 feet. The ore is a first class, fine, steely, specular variety and is very uniform in quality. The elevation of the mine will afford it a natural drainage for a long time after active mining begins. The stripping -- a sandy-loam and sand -- will average at present about nine feet. The cost of opening this mine will be comparatively very small.

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

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

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appears probable, that as they mine downwards, they will find more or less of hard specular ore. At present they are driving a tunnel which will intersect the ore in about seventy feet at a point about fifty feet below the surface. This will give a fine strip of ore, almost at the very start.

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

C.E.W.

MARQUETTE, June 15th.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 466

[Saturday, June 23, 1877], page 1, column 5

MENOMINEE RANGE ITEMS. – The track laying has begun again, after having been delayed some time with a rock cut, and will be laid into the **Breen mine** at once.

A man by the name of **Anthony Dougherty** was killed in the R.R. cut above the **Breen mine**, one day this week. He was **smothered to death by the caving in of a bank of sand**, burying him about ten feet beneath it. Also an **Indian** (name not known), had his arm badly cut with an ax in the hands of a companion; it was accidental.

The **Breen mine** has stripping 150 feet in length, and from 30 feet to 75 feet in breadth. They are constantly uncovering more ore.

Capt. Schwartz has just returned to the Breen, bringing his family with him.

Capt. Armstrong, of the **Breitung mine**, has lately moved his family into the district; it is a big undertaking for a lady; the mode of conveying into the mine is quite of the backwoods order. The stripping is still going on and the ore is abundant. **Superintendent Whitehead** is making every effort to have docks and pockets ready to receive ore by the time the cars are ready to run to the mine, and judging from the way the work is being pushed, they will be completed in due time.

The weather so far this month has been quite moist. Last night, June 15, there was a heavy shower of rain and hail, accompanied with severe lightning and thunder, and also a fierce wind. This continuous rain retards work on the R.R. and in the mines, but the lumber men are happy. They tell me they will be able to clear all the streams of lumber, which is a god send [*sic – godsend*] to the mill men at the mouth of the Menominee river.

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The location of a postoffice [sic – post office] at **Waucedah** has been delayed until after the R.R. is completed. It would be a difficult matter to furnish mail there with the present facilities.

They are crowding the ore onto the docks at the **Breen**, as the road is being pushed rapidly to that point. The rock cut that has delayed them so long is finally finished.

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

SPAULDING, June 16, 1877.
WOLVERINE.

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

MENOMINEE RANGE ITEMS. – The weather was quite cold the latter part of last week, but this week opens very warm and pleasant, and there are indications of rain.

Last Tuesday, the 19th of June, was pay day at the **Breen** and **Breitung mines**, and the railroad men got their pay a day or two before. There was quite a loud old time, and had there been a saloon here things would have been pretty generally stirred up.

The tunnel at the **Breitung** was finished on the 22d, striking a fine bed of ore. The tunnel is 75 feet long.

A Frenchman by the name of **Felix Suprise** [sic – *Surprise*], who was working on the railroad about five miles east of the **Breitung mine**, while peeling cedar bark on the morning of the 20th to cover a shanty, cut a fearful gash in his arm just above the elbow. He was carrying his ax on his shoulder through thick underbrush, his toe caught and he fell, and the ax slipped down on his arm, and it being very sharp nothing but the bone of the arm stopped it. **Dr.**

Belknap, the mining surgeon, sewed the wound together and otherwise dressed it, and sent him home to Wisconsin.

A man working at the **Breitung mine** cut his hand quite severely with an ax, which will lay him up for a few days. His name is **Lego** [sic – *Legault*].

We recently received a visit from **Mr. Conrad**, of **Saginaw mine** fame. He is looking after some iron land interests about twenty miles west of this location.

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

The docks and pockets at the **Breitung** are finished, and they will begin to shove ore into them at once with the full force.

It is rumored that the track will be completed to the **Breen** this week.

WOLVERINE.

SPALDING, June 25.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 468 [Saturday, July 7, 1877], page 5, column 4

MENOMINEE RANGE ITEMS. – A great many of the workmen in the mines and on the railroad are going away to spend the fourth of July; there will a few stay and work. The cars run very close to the **Breen mine** now, within a mile and a half, and they will be detained there about two weeks on account of a cut through a hill not being finished; their men left them, so they had to stop work, or it would have been all ready for the iron. The boarding camps all along the western division will be moved up in a few days, the bed of the road being so nearly finished up to the western terminus. Ore is being rushed on to the docks and into the pockets at both the

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Breitung and Breen mines at a rapid rate. The ore that comes out of the tunnel at the Breitung mine is very fine, entirely unmixed with rock of any description. The ore at the Breen is about the same quality, but is not as convenient for mining as it is on the lower ground. The company will probably put in a large stock of general merchandise at the Breitung to supply all their miners as soon as the railroad men move out of their store.

The boys bring in beautiful strings of trout every day; the opportunities for catching them are as fine as I ever saw, and not far off, either. There is a little lake a few rods from the location at the Breitung, which is filled with all kinds of fish that usually inhabit such lakes. The shooting this fall is going to be first-class.

No births, deaths or marriages.
WOLVERINE.

Escanaba Tribune, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume VIII, Number 32 [Saturday, July 14, 1877], page 2, column 3

Our Correspondence from the Menominee Range Railway.

SEC. 42, July 12, 1877.

Two gentlemen from **Negaunee**, [sic] were in this village last week, who stated their intention of building a **drug store** at the **Breen mine**.

The **Breen mine** can now be reached by rail from this place.

Yours, & c.
RACKETTY.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 469 [Saturday, July 14, 1877], page 1, column 5

MENOMINEE RANGE ITEMS. – The fourth of July passed off very quietly. On the east end of the road the men all laid off and had a general spree, also the men at the **Breen mine** did not work, but every thing [sic – everything] was quiet; they indulged in a picnic which was a very pleasant affair.

We can say now that the rail-road is at the **Breen**, a thing which has been looked for with a great deal of anxiety, and the grading is nearly completed between there and the Sturgeon river, so they can push the iron laying right ahead if they choose to; but instead of that I think they will make that headquarters for a time and ballast up what they have laid, as the bridge across the Sturgeon river will delay them some time.

The fourth at the **Breitung mine** was spent by the men working as usual, also on the railroad the same; but in the evening there was a large bonfire and a small show of fireworks, and the stars and stripes were flung to the breeze for the first time in this part of the country, creating a great deal of excitement in consequence, and the firing of guns and singing of national airs.

One of the bosses on the railroad, **Mr. Chapman** was his name, I believe had his shoulder dislocated while on duty. It was soon adjusted by **Dr. Belknap**, the mining surgeon, and he is doing well at present.

They have got to increase their pocket capacity for ore at the mines, especially at the **Breitung**, where they are taking out now one hundred tons Per [sic - per] day, and as soon as they increase their force, which they are going to do soon, the amount of ore taken out will be increased proportionately.

Buildings are beginning to go up pretty fast now, but they can't complete them for the want of lumber for which they have to wait from below, by railroad. Not having lumber has put us back here in building

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very much, but the cars being at the Breen they can haul it on wagons.

Supt. Whitehead is expecting a number of the gentlemen who constitute the company here to-day, and he is going to the **Breen** with horses and saddles to show them the way in, that being our only means of getting over unless we foot it.

WOLVERINE.

SPALDING, July 10, 1877.

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

MENOMINEE RANGE ITEMS. – They are making extensive improvements at the **Breen** now, since the cars have brought them lumber; their houses are rapidly approaching completion, and it looks really like a town. The docks are being largely added to, and **Supt. Whitehead** has just given them a plan of pockets to build, which everyone thinks surpasses in strength any they ever saw. Railroad iron has given out, and has caused a cessation in track laying, which is probably just as well, as the bridge over the Sturgeon river is yet unfinished, and there is about a week's grading before they can get to the river; but all on the west side of the stream is ready for the iron up to three miles west of the **Breitung**, and the workmen have all moved to the western end, and will have that part all ready for the iron long before they are ready to lay it.

WOLVERINE.

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

MENOMINEE RANGE ITEMS. – The spur at the **Breen mine** is finally laid, so now as soon as the balance of the road is

in condition they will begin to ship ore. All supplies come up as far as the Breen, and passengers can ride up if they are at the depot when the train leaves every morning; but there are no regular trains on the road as yet, and probably will not be until the work is accepted by the engineers. The eastern end is in very fine condition, even better than the old road. The new houses at the Breen are now about completed; one or two of them are receiving their occupants, and a more tasty [*sic - tasteful*], convenient and well-constructed house I never saw put up by any company. They are first-class in every particular, with nice front yards and large roomy garden spots in the rear; **Supt. Whitehead** has not left a thing undone that should be done to make them perfect in comfort and convenience.

The weather still continues excessively warm with now and then a shower, but that don't [*sic - doesn't*] seem to cool the atmosphere altogether.

A child belonging to Mr. **Thos. Rice**, of the **New York farm**, was severely burned last Saturday about the neck and shoulders. I believe the doctor thinks the child will recover.

No news of startling character; all quiet on the Menominee.

WOLVERINE.

Escanaba Tribune, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume VIII, Number 36 [Saturday, August 11, 1877], page 2, columns 2-3

Our Correspondence from the Menominee Range Railway.

POWERS, MICH.

Aug. 7, 1877.

We have of late been taking a short holiday in the **iron district**, and although we do not feel exactly competent to give a

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fair description of what we beheld on our tramps, still we will endeavor to do justice to the country surrounding us. Your correspondent started on the 6 A.M. construction train and arrived at the **Breen mines** [*sic*] [,] a distance of about 13 miles, at 7 o'clock and thence on foot to headquarters of **C. Lipe & Co.**, about 6 miles further up the grade.

The work of the railroad is still on the move, and without doubt but little time will be taken to complete the same. The bridge over the **Sturgeon river**, is seemingly a grand affair, and we opine that it will eclipse anything of the kind, on the **C. & N.W. R'y**, between Marquette and Chicago.

On Saturday of last week a man named **Larson** was run over by one of the **construction trains**, and had his knees badly crushed. The accident was caused by the man's carelessness in jumping from the train while under motion. We report weather in this part, very fine.

RACKETTY.

Escanaba Tribune, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume VIII, Number 37 [Saturday, August 18, 1877], page 2, column 3

We take the following from the *Menominee Herald*:

The **Menominee Mining Company** has taken a lease of the forty acres adjoining the **Breen mine** on the east, and has decided to commence explorations upon it immediately. The property belongs to **Judge Ingalls** and the **Breen Brothers**, and undoubtedly contains the same formation and mineral deposits which are found on the Breen Mine.

The **Menominee Mining Co.**, [*sic*] is very anxious to get an ore train out from the **Breen Mine**, and preparations are being made to effect this as soon as possible, certainly before the close of next week.

Escanaba Tribune, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume VIII, Number 38 [Saturday, August 25, 1877], page 2, column 2

Breen Mine Ore.

The **first train of iron ore** from the **Breen mine** on the **Menominee Range**, [*sic*] arrived here Aug. 17th, since then one train a day has been sent in. The **Schr. Our Son**, [*The Schooner "Our Son"*] took the first vessel load, consigned to **Andrew Hitchcock & Co.**, Cleveland. This ore is to be thoroughly tested there and we think the yield of iron will be equal to expectations. Other iron mines will follow as the road is extended and the prospect is, [*sic*] that the small stream which has commenced to pour in from that range, [*sic*] will be increased indefinitely. As Escanaba is the only outlet by water, for the ore of this mineral district, it is very likely that this port will soon regain her former prestige and a few years of business is bound to produce a marked change in our surroundings.

Our Correspondence from the Menominee Range Railway.

POWERS, MICH.,
Aug. 22, 1877.

Notwithstanding the drawbacks of the outside world and the pullbacks of its feminine citizens, our little hamlet is lively beyond imagination, and the daily arrival of ore shipments from the **Breen mine** serve to heighten our enthusiasm.

One of the engines (No. 83) working on the construction was considerably used up by being thrown off the track above the **Breen mine**, on Saturday last; she was towed into Escanaba, and another engine

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(No. 135) brought to replace the damaged one.

The **saw mill** at **Spalding** [*sic – Spaulding*] has suspended operations owing to the low water and scarcity of logs.

The directors of the **C. & M.W. R’y** took a trip up the new road on Tuesday last.

Our surroundings were visited by a copious fall of rain Tuesday night.

RACKETTY.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 475 [Saturday, August 25, 1877], page 4, column 2

MENOMINEE RANGE ITEMS. – At the **Breen mine** it is beginning to look more like heavy work, as they have just finished putting up an immense derrick with which they can lower and raise a loaded car and place it on the track for transportation. New houses are being finished and occupied by new families. Everything is already for shipping ore as soon as the railroad company will receive it. The side track and loops are all finished.

There were several car loads of iron pushed upon the **Breen mine** side track the other day, preparatory to laying track again. There are about fifteen miles of road bed finished for the iron now, and all will be done in a month, probably.

A man by the name of **Barney Collum** was killed in one of the cuts the other night by a stump rolling upon him.

Everything looks very prosperous at the **Breitung**. To-day is pay day at both mines. The men receive their pay and go at once to work, showing that they appreciate the idea of laying up their wages these hard times.

The weather continues very warm with an occasional shower of rain. There is a general good state of health.

A great many deer are making their appearance in this locality, which will make fine sport for sportsmen.

WOLVERINE.

LATER – The shipping of ore began at the **Breen** on the 16th, when **Capt. Schwartz** had seventeen cars loaded, 50 cars on the 18th, and 50 cars on the 20th.

Mr. **John R. Wood**, of Ishpeming, paid us a visit to-day; he is on his way to the **Commonwealth mine**.

Scarcely a day pass without a great number of men passing up the line; most of them are after work, but some are looking for a place to locate in business. Such are the men we want. They are still laying iron, and it will be but a short time before the track will reach the **Breitung**. **Supt. Whitehead** is pushing the work at the Breitung mine very energetically, as well as at the Breen, and both mines look very promising. Improvements at both localities are constantly being made, and each place begins to look quite town like.

A great many hunters are coming in now, mostly from Chicago, and game is plenty [*plentiful*].

Mr. **A.C. Brown** brought a party of ladies with him the other day over the wagon road. They were nieces of his and his daughter. They expressed themselves highly delighted with the trip. We were glad to see them – wish some more would come.

WOLVERINE.

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

On The Menominee Range.

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At the newly-fledged town of **Waucedah**, we found everything lively, and the citizens jubilant and enthusiastic over their prospects. Several new buildings are going up, in addition to those already built. The **Breen mine** is now shipping ore regularly, and enlarged and extended their operations lately. They have erected a large derrick, and now handle the ore with more ease. Explorations for ore are to be commenced immediately east of the present mine location. The indications are good, and it is quite likely that the same formation extends in that direction. The chain of the **Hamilton Lakes** in the vicinity are beautiful little sheets of water, and as they with the connecting streams of water are generally filled with the finny tribe, they are becoming favorite resorts for those piscatorily [*sic*] inclined. Mr. **Selden's family** are enjoying here a pleasant season of camping out.

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

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 476 [Saturday, September 1, 1877], page 4, columns 4-5

THE MENOMINEE RANGE. – The railroad will be completed to the **Breitung mine** in about two weeks, if no serious delays occur. The bridge over the Sturgeon river is nearly finished, and the grading is progressing steadily.

The shipments from the **Breen mine** to this date comprise 200 cars, or about 1,200 tons – not quite half the ore which had previously been mined. Outsiders visiting us, particularly those acquainted with iron ores, are quite agreeably surprised to find the Menominee range ores so rich and

pure. Experts pronounce them equal to any of the same class of ores found in the Marquette district.

A laughable occurrence took place here the other morning. Our gentlemanly clerk "went out a hunting" for deer, and was not long in coming upon a large herd. Singling out one of them, he banged away, and put eighteen buckshot into its neck, which was broken. Fearing it was not dead, and that it might start up and get away, he drew his revolver and put six pistol balls into his head, when, notwithstanding it did not stir, he ran up and, clubbing his gun, beat it over the head until he was fully satisfied it was quite dead – though he did not come to that conclusion until he had broken his gun. He then came home and reported, and sent out some men to bring his trophy into camp. We all agreed that he couldn't have killed that deer any deader if he'd had a whole pack of artillery along with him.

Deer are more than plenty.

WOLVERINE.

Escanaba Tribune, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume VIII, Number 40 [Saturday, September 8, 1877], page 2, column 3

Our Correspondence from the Menominee Range Railway.

POWERS, MICH.,
Sept. 6, 1877.

The **rail** on the new road is laid to the **Breitung mine**, and just now those who admire scenery sublime, [*sic*] are to be accommodated without the difficulties attending the weary pedestrian.

RACKETTY.

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Mining and Furnace News.

MENOMINEE RANGE. – The work of getting out ore still continues at the **Breen mine**. A new shaft is being sunk to test the quality of ore below the water level. Should much water be encountered, pumping apparatus of sufficient capacity to keep it clear, [sic] will be inserted. It is not very likely, [sic] that much more ore will be shipped this season.

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

THE *Menominee Herald* says that the prospect for the extension of the railroad to the **Commonwealth mine** in Wisconsin, is every day growing brighter. If the deposit of ore is nearly as extensive as reported, and we see no reason to doubt its being so, the building of a railroad to it will be a question of short time only.

The same paper records the fact that an order has been received for 4,000 tons more of the **Breen** ore, from the same parties to whom the first shipment were made. This is the best evidence that could be had of the good quality of the ore, unless it turns out that it is being sold at figures below the market rates – which is very often done by parties trying to introduce a new ore, however unexceptionable its quality.

MENOMINEE RANGE. – Our correspondent writes us that the iron is laid to within two miles of the **Quinnesec mine**. A report received from the furnace owners who took the first cargoes of **Breen** ore is

very satisfactory, the more especially as it was accompanied by an order for all the ore of the same kind that can be mined and shipped the present season. As a consequence the mine force has been increased, and from twenty-five to thirty cars are being shipped daily.

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

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

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

ONE HUNDRED MEN WANTED.

To work on the Construction trains on the
MENOMINEE RIVER RAILROAD

Steady Employment. Apply to
D.L. WELLS & CO.,
Section 42 – near
Spaulding, Michigan.

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

THE contractors of the **Menominee River Railroad**, Messrs. **D.L. WELLS & CO.**, are, according to the terms of their contract, to have it completed by the 1st of November next. They are using every exertion to finish their contract by the specified time and have lately made large additions to their working force in order to

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do so. Ground for the side track and depot, has been laid out at the town of **Waucedah**, where the **Breen mine** is located. The side track will also soon be laid at **Vulcan**, near the **Vulcan mine**. Ground has already been selected at **Quinnesec** for the round-house, and, as soon as contractors turn the road over to the company, its erection will be commenced. Rumor has it that the extension to the **Commonwealth** will be commenced this fall, but so far nothing has been definitely determined in regard to the matter; although we should not be surprised if such was the case.

Escanaba Tribune, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume VIII, Number 48 [Saturday, November 3, 1877], page 2, column 3

Powers. – “**RACKETTY**” wrote us on the 30th, as follows:

The **completion of the new R.R. line**, commencing at this place is near at hand and the contractors have put on an extra force, which will no doubt end operations by Nov. 5th.

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

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

Shipments from the **Breen mine** average fifteen to twenty-five cars per day.

Shipments from the **Vulcan mine** will be commenced about Monday next, and will consist of nearly a hundred cars per day. The ore on the docks – about 5,000 tons – has all been sold, and a market for as much more secured.

The spur was finished Friday last. The dwellings and other buildings are nearly all completed, and everything arranged for the winter's campaign.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 487 [Saturday, November 17, 1877], page 4, columns 1-2

IT will be seen by our tables that up to the 14th inst. [of this month] there had been shipped from the **Breen** and **Vulcan mines**, in the Menominee range, about 7,000 tons of ore, which is a good showing, considering the short time these mines have been supplied with transportation facilities. All our advices from that region are of the most encouraging character, and it now looks as if the mines being opened will be able to supply all the soft ores there is likely to be any demand for next year. The Menominee hematites are exceedingly rich in metallic iron, and all that is now needed to give that region great prominence is the discovery of hard ore of merchantable quality and in proportionate quantity.

ESCANABA. – The following table shows the ore shipments from Escanaba up to and including Wednesday, November 14th:

Vulcan.....	1,868
Breen.....	4,992

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MINING.

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The **Breen Mining Co.** have opened a new pit, No. 3, to the westward of No. 2 with very promising prospects. The present width of the vein is about 30 feet. In the center of it they have sunk a shaft and drilled to a distance of about 24 feet. -- Good ore was found the entire distance. Considerable soil and rock has to be moved which may be entirely obviated as the work progresses. A test pit sunk 60 feet to the north reveals the same ore. It has also been struck in a pit 150 feet to the north, but rock intervenes, although the veins may be continuous as they progress lower down. No. 2 pit is not looking quite as promising as the company would wish although this may change for the better. The geological formation at this mine is rather singular and in some places the rock seem [*sic - seems*] to have no regular dip, but is all mixed up as though it had been subject to a great convulsion at some time or other. This mine is working a force of about 40 men. The pockets at the siding opposite pit No. 1 have been removed to opposite pit No. 3

The **Emmett mine** is looking remarkably well and is still turning out its usual amount of ore; 60 men are employed here and the average output is about 120 tons a day. The width of the deposit has not yet been ascertained. All the ore is contracted for that can be possibly mined this season. As a general thing it is a very easy mine to work. The only thing to impede the working is water, and with the pump that the company now have [*sic - has*], they find no difficulty in keeping it clear.

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WAUCEDAH

In this stirring little town, signs of improvement are every where [*sic - everywhere*] visible. New buildings are going up on both sides of the stream and everything looks promising. **W.E. Ferguson**, who is engaged in general merchandising business, finds his former building too small to accommodate his increasing trade and has consequently been forced to build another story on top. **John K. Stack** was just opening a very large assorted stock, in his new building, which is almost completed. The **Waucedah hotel**, of which **Gifford** is the host, is increasing its size to more than double its former dimensions. **Dr. Fortier**, of Menominee, is building a **drug store** and office, which he will occupy as soon as completed. Several small dwellings are going up and another hotel, or something of that kind is contemplated. The prospects of Waucedah look quite bright and, as it is surrounded by a splendid farming country, which is at present rich in timbered wealth, it can only be a question of comparatively limited time, when the whole region will be under the plow. Settlers are coming in and taking up this land quite fast and a very few years must convert this present wilderness of timber and and [*sic*] wild growth into smiling farms. The location of an iron furnace here would materially assist the development of the place and the surrounding country. From the vicinity of favorable ores and a comparatively unlimited supply of hard wood [*sic*], together with the railroad facilities it would seem as though the point should arrest the attention of capitalists, to its advantages, for a plant of that kind. The present prosperity of the town is owing in a great measure to the energy and enterprise of Messrs. **Breen, Saxton** and **Judge E.S. Ingalls**, the mine proprietors. Under the proper mining head we speak of the Breen and Emmett mines.

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For the IRON PORT.
WAUCEDAH, Oct. 9th, 1878.

Business is very lively here for a small place and the town is growing – morally, physically and numerically. **Dr. Fortier**, of Menominee, has his office completed, and has already moved in. He will be a valuable accession to the place.

J.K. Stack has got his **new store** in full blast, under the charge of **Joseph Brown**, and is determined to share the profits with **W.E. Ferguson** – the pioneer. Competition is beginning to be felt and already there is a fall in prices. Opposition is the life of trade.

In a village with only one saloon not as much spirited amusement can be expected as if there were three or four, but we can occasionally get up a lively rumpus, especially when a "bit of a shtick," came into play. But leaving all jokes aside whisky is no benefit to a place and **Hays** or **Kearney** may tramp the land till doomsday talking about what will help the working man, to no effect, as long as he will not let this liquid hell-fire and distilled damnation alone.

Judge E.S. Ingalls and **Bartley Breen** made us a pleasant visit lately while looking over the mines that they are interested in.

The **Emmett mine** still continues to look very favorably. The management are now stripping off the edge of the swamp and uncovering a large body of blue ore, which mining experts pronounce to be of the best quality. There are acres of BROWN hematite in sight. It is very easily mined and placed on the dock at a very small expense. Altogether the mine looks as well as the most sanguine could desire. In pit

No. 2 of the **Breen mine** they have found what appears to be a large deposit of ore beneath a slight overlay of sandstone, which is now being blasted out. If this ore bed meets expectations it will be the first underground mining on the location. A **horse derrick** is running at pit No. 3 and the ore is being taken out at a lively rate. **Capt. Harrington** attends to both mines.

PINE TREE.

For the IRON PORT.
WAUCEDAH, Oct. 15

The **new store** at **Vulcan** is nearly ready to be occupied.

Mr. Hultz [sic – Hulst] is having a new house built which he will occupy as soon as finished.

The shipment of ore from the **Vulcan** has been unusually large for the past few weeks.

The shipments of ore from the **Norway** for the past few days will press hard upon 200 tons per day, and their output is increasing. They will soon be ready to ship from pit No. 2 at the Norway; the ore of which is very similar to the **Quinnesec**.

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

The weather in this locality has been quite stormy of late; severe winds and rain storms, with heavy thunder, blowing down great quantities of fine timber. M.

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WAUCEDAH.

Mr. **J.K. STACK** returned last week from a visit to the flourishing village of

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Waucedah, and reports everything as looking very promising. The mining prospects never were better, and the company will work a large force of men this winter, as they can readily sell at remunerative figures, every ton of ore that they can mine. With the present flattering indications of the market, for the sale of the Menominee ores, he thinks that this location will present a very lively appearance next season.

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WAUCEDAH. – From our correspondent.

ED. IRON PORT: –The weather here now is simply delightful. For mining purposes it could not be better, but for logging it is not so good; no snow to speak of and what there was, left us a few days ago.

This burgh grew fast last summer and fall. There are more people than appears at first sight. Fourteen families living north of the mine, and six or eight a few rods up the railroad and there are other buildings to be erected the coming summer, which will add still more to the attractions of the place.

The company has succeeded in clearing the mine of water and **Capt. Harrington** is doing good work with the small force of men available. Forty or fifty more men could find work here. The mine looks well; a shaft 12x12, 25 or 30 feet is down in pure ore of an excellent quality for Bessemer steel. **Mr. Tuttle**, of Cleveland, has secured the handling of the ore and henceforth the orders of the company will be as good as Tuttle himself. There is not doubt but that with proper machinery, good management and ample means, "There's Millions in it."

Now sir, I have written these few words without either fear or wit, – just as thoughts came uppermost. If you conclude to "prent" them, well and good; if not it's all the same to

JERRY McPHEEN.

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MENOMINEE IRON RANGE.

The New Bonanza. A \$120,000 Stockpile

Visit to the Iron Mines.

The first mine on the range and which is just now the center of attraction, is the **Emmet** [*sic – Emmett*]. The discovery of gold and silver in this mine, as stated in our last, has occasioned no little excitement and the proprietors are still quietly persuing their investigations. Various options are advanced, in regard to the value of the discovery. Some claiming that the cost of extracting the precious metals, which seem to be incorporated throughout the entire mass, of this valuable iron ore, will absorb the entire amount contained, in the expense attendant upon its extraction. Others, who are more sanguine, think that the seperation [*sic – separation*] can be made at a comparatively small cost. The owners themselves, are confident that they have a good thing and feel quite exultant over the discovery. Meanwhile the public and all those intimately interested in the welfare of

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this region are anxiously awaiting further developments. As an iron mine the Emmet [sic – Emmett] never looked more promising, and whether this new find turns out satisfactory or not, the fortunate owners, have an immense quantity of the richest kind of hematite ore in sight and are working the mine the same as usual. They have now on hand a stock pile of the blue ore, of about 4000 gross tons. This it will be remembered, is the ore from which the greatest yield of gold and silver was obtained, aggregating \$20.28 to the net ton. According to such assay, this pile ought to contain about \$120,000 worth of these metals, besides about 64 per cent of metallic iron. A rich enough showing certainly.

POWERS.

There is at present considerable excitement existing here, in regard to the discovery of gold and silver at the **Emmet** [sic – Emmett] mine, twelve miles west of this place, should the bonanza pan out well we will inform you of the fact and also send your dealers an order for cheap “peter funk” jewelry and forty rod whisky as we intend opening a trading post on the frontier among the “Inguns.” This section of Menominee Co., is fast developing its **farming** capacity and we have at present about thirty enterprising grangers in our immediate vicinity and ample room for many more. The farming lands around **Powers**, **Spalding** and **Kloman** are conceded to be second to none, as regards fertility, and the idea often times advanced, viz; –That it takes a lifetime to improve eighty acres of farming land here, is a very foolish one. We have several farmers three or four miles southwest of the junction who have been but one year on their farms and have already got some fifteen or twenty acres each cleared and in fine shape to

receive next spring’s crop. Elbow grease and a strong determination will eventually redeem many hundreds of acres of farming land from the forests of Menominee and Delta counties, but this alone will not suffice. Our grangers want some enterprising chap to step in among them and build a good **grist mill**. Let some moderate capitalist who means business come down this way and see for himself.

WM. J.B. REIN formerly station agent at this place has, as we understand, been removed to **Spalding**. **WM. KING** of **Escanaba**, fills the vacancy at **Powers**.

CRUISER.

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ADVICES from the **Emmett Mine** seem to be a little conflicting yet. The latest news received is to the effect that a later assay of the ore give [sic – gives] \$2000 to the ton. To offset *this[,] the Milwaukee Sunday Telegraph* says:

“The stories published a couple of weeks ago, about the discovery of **gold** near Menominee, in the iron mines north of the Bay, were all false and bogus. The specimens showed are suspicious, and no more can be found.”

That fellow probably wants a quarter interest in the mine, so that he can publish his paper on week days.

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BREEN MINE.

The exploration at the **Breen mine** by the new company Messrs. **WELLS**,

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LUDINGTON, STEPHENSON and **FLESHIEM**, are very flattering. The shaft sunk at the east end of the property, close to the West line of the **Emmett** is now down about 25 feet and is in an excellent quality of ore. From the bottom of this shaft a drift is being run northward into the hill in which direction the main body of ore is supposed to lie.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 558 [Saturday, March 29, 1879], page 8, columns 1-4 [*The Menominee Ranger*]

WAUCEDAH.

Dr. C.A. Fortier, formerly of **Ishpeming**, physician for the **Emmett** and **Breen** mines, reports the health of **Waucedah** good, and the doctor knows good health when he sees it, every time, as he stands in the front rank of his profession. He says gold and silver fever is about the only ailment in the place, at present.

Business isn't very lively at **Waucedah**. When we were there last, **J.C. Brown**, one of its principal merchants, was preparing to lock up shop and go fishing and shooting for a few days. But he'll have a big rush when he returns, no doubt.

We were just going to give old **Mr. Ingalls**, the **meat market** man, a puff, and say he had a mammoth shop and all that, but we won't. It would be lying. You know **Ingalls**, **Swineford**? Well, he has the queerest old shop you ever saw. It was originally built for a machine shop, but was found to be too common. We can say, however, that **Mr. Ingalls** has a good stock of meats, butter and lard, and that when he moves into the new store he's building next to **Brown's**, he will be all right and have some style about him. The way it is now

one would never think he was a brother of the Judge.

O'Connell Bros., **saloonists**, have heard about the total prohibition law about to pass, and are selling all they can before the sad day. There's **Pat** and **Mike** of 'em – both Irish.

H. McGraw, the very popular and gentlemanly **station agent of the C. & N.W. R'y** at this place, informs us that the lumbermen are coming out in great numbers these days, and taking their departure for **Menominee** and **Marinette**. They all have a shake of the hand for **McGraw**, too, we know they have. If we're ever liked so well in a town as he is they'll have hard work getting us to exchange earth for heaven.

Early Reminiscences. –Its [*sic - It's*] interesting to hear **Mr. D.R. Gifford**, **hotel keeper and postmaster** here, and his very amiable lady tell about their early experiences in **Waucedah**. **Mr. Gifford** was one of the first white men, and his wife the first white woman, to locate on the spot now known as the proud town of **Waucedah**, which boasts of a **railroad depot, two general stores, a doctor shop and half a dozen saloons**. The good man and his wife say that when the railroad was being built through the town there were more drunken men lying around loose than there were railroad ties; they'd all want to board at his house, too, although he and his lady were known to abhor drunkards. They'd come around in swarms every night and offer to be good to the children if **Mr. and Mrs. Gifford** would only let them board in the house. "This state of affairs continued," said the lady, "until at last I persuaded my husband to build a high fence around the house so that they couldn't get over it and come and bother us. It was laughable," she continued, "to see those drunken men trying to get over the fence. Some would travel several times

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around it looking for a gate, threatening us with dire vengeance when they got in, while others would try to climb over it, get the task about half accomplished and fall down with a broken oath – but oftener a broken bottle.” The fence remains around the house yet, but there’s a gate now, and Mrs. Gifford says it is about five rails lower than it was in those days.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume X, Number 18 [Saturday, April 5, 1879], page 3, column 3

CAPT. D.H. BACON and Mr. **HAMILTON** of the firm of **Hamilton, Merryman & Co.**, of Marinette. Went out to the **Menominee River mineral range**, on Tuesday last.

THE proprietors of the **Emmett mine** on the Menominee River mineral range, are talking of putting up a small stamp mill to crush their gold and silver ores.

IN last week’s issue, the **IRON PORT** recorded a discovery of **wernerite** in the vicinity of the **Twin Falls** on the Menominee river. On Monday of this week the Evening Wisconsin of Milwaukee makes the same discovery and describes it in precisely the same language. Strange coincident! Probably the same reporter made the discovery, who interviewed **J.J. HAGERMAN** Esq, of the **Menominee Mining company** and who **DISCOVERED** that this gentleman predicted a speedy flattening out of the **gold and silver find** at the **Emmett mine**. We have a lingering suspicion that it must have been the same omniscient genius.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 559 [Saturday, April 5, 1879], page 8, columns 1-6 [*The Menominee Ranger*]

WAUCEDAH.

The lumberman cometh, drinketh, fighteth, and goeth away.

“**Rick**” **McKenna**, a former Marquette county boy and printer, is at present enjoying his robust manhood in these diggings. Whether there’s a girl at the bottom of it or not we do not know.

A rabbit and a partridge met with a fatal accident while **Brown**, of the store, was out shooting the other day.

The extremities to which editors are obliged to resort here in order to get subscribers are many and great. **Atkinson**, of the Escanaba Iron Port, had to rock a man’s baby a whole hour before the man would subscribe for the paper a year; **Crozer**, of the Menominee Herald[,] was obliged to play himself for a single man and spark a mother’s only eighth daughter for a six months subscription, and we -- well we had to board a subscription of one annum out in advance before getting our man to come to terms at all, and even then he grumbled. The greatest extremity of all, though, was when **Buell**, of the Range, said at last to his man, “**Carney**, I’ll tell you what I’ll do, now, just to show you how bad I want to have the honor of having your name on our list: I’ll let you take my watch chain if you’ll let me take yours, for awhile.” Both chains were gold, but Buell’s chain was the heaviest, and Carney speedily took the paper. The other day the editor being in town, asked Carney if he thought it wasn’t about time to again exchange, and learned to his chagrin that Carney had understood the transaction to have been a fair and legitimate trade and, worse than all, had traded the chain to a third party. So now the editor is trying to get his watch chain, in the face of the awful fact too, that Carney

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swears if he does get it, he'll be hanged if he won't stop the paper.

"How de do, and how are you fixed?" is the very latest at Waucesdah.

Old Mr. **Ingalls'** new butchershop is going up like sixty or a hundred. The old man is beginning to view it with pride.

Aged Mr. **Crowley**, from Marquette, is down here working in the mine, and showing visitors the "gould," as he calls it. He says it aint [*sic*] "iron pirates [*sic*]" be jabbers.

McGraw, the blonde [*sic*] moustached station agent[,] wants to know why a silver mine aint [*sic*] as valuable as a gold mine, since the gold and silver are at par. Won't some one tell him why?

Will Selden, the young civil engineer, comes to town rather often now. He says that he comes to survey. Probably to survey his girl.

Dr. Fortier says they drink each other's health too often to be healthy here in Waucesdah.

As the passenger train pulled out from Waucesdah Tuesday, bound south, two of a crowd of drunken lumbermen on board started to fight, and the way sober passengers vacated their seats in that coach and ran into the baggage car was more discreet than valiant. After pummeling each other among and seats and burning themselves on the stove, they were finally separated, shook hands, took a drink and washed the blood off their faces.

The discovery of gold and silver at the **Emmett mine** has as yet brought but few visitors here, although it must eventually have the effect to bring them. Some come, get a few specimens, and return the same day, leaving a reputation behind them of being specimen fiends, only.

Judge Ingalls says he believes that diamonds will yet be found at Waucesdah, as the lay of the country is just right for them. There are lots of diamonds there

now, Judge. They are often discovered with spades, for that matter.

Thos. Breen and **Judge Ingalls** arrived at Waucesdah Monday. Thomas remained there, but the judge returned to Menominee the same day. We make mention of the fact merely because they own a gold and silver mine.

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THE new pump at the **Emmett Mine** commenced working about 4 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon and the mine was pumped dry by next day. No trouble can be anticipated from water hereafter.

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

WAUCEDAH.

Ingalls, the butcher, has moved into his new store, but he can't take a joke yet.

John McCachran, a man who broke his right leg in two places near the knee and hip, while at work in a lumber camp about two months ago, left for Marinette on foot the other day. It was **Dr. C.A. Fortier** who set the fractures, and that it was done well may be judged from the above facts.

Election passed off quietly, and was held in the old butcher shop. About 125 votes were polled, and the following ticket elected:

Salmon P. Saxton, supervisor; **David R. Gifford**, town clerk; **William E. Ferguson**, town treasurer; **Edward Curran**, commissioner of highways;

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William E. Ferguson, school inspector; **Augustus H. Stanley**, to fill vacancy, justice of the peace; **Salmon P. Saxton**, justice of the peace for four years; **Maurice Canavan**, **Frederick Lampson**, **John B. Rochon**, **Michael O'Connell**, constables; **Michael O'Connell**, overseer of highways.

There were three tickets in the field, but party lines were not drawn.

The saloons were closed fore and aft on election day, and only those who took the precaution to get a bottle filled the evening before were happy.

On Saturday night last a **miner** working alone in the drift in No. 1 opening of the **Breen mine**, where there is considerable water, became so intoxicated with the contents of a bottle he had in his possession, that he laid down on the flat of his back in the water to sleep. When discovered he was unconscious and nearly drowned, a rope having to be fastened about his body so he could be drawn up. It was a narrow escape.

At **Meyer's mill**, about eight miles from here, they have got out about eight million of logs, which number will be apt to keep the mill running to its full capacity for the next two seasons, at least.

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

WAUCEDAH.

A **new road** is being built from the **Emmett mine** across the swamp to the railroad track, and the floundering of horses in the mire and the profanity of their drivers thereat is the town talk. The dirt for the new road bed is being hauled from the mine. A

blacksmith shop will be built about half way on the road.

The woods are full of girls in search of **spruce gum**. An average daily product of about ten or fifteen mouthfulls [*sic*] is being taken out.

Mike O'Connell tried to auction off his horse for potatoes the other day, but only receiving a bid of fifty bushels for the nag and harness, reserved the right to reject any and all bids, with the remark, "Be jabbers, ye mustn't think that an Irishman will do anything for petaties."

The establishing of an **American express office** here is a great convenience and saving of both time and money to our people, besides enabling fathers and mothers to tell their inquisitive Tom or Mary that their new born brother or sister came by express instead of going to the trouble of making them believe it was found in the woods, as heretofore.

Percy M. Beaser is clerk of the **Emmett mine**, and a nephew of **Capt. Beaser of Ontonagon**, who wouldn't take thirty thousand dollars for his silver stock which afterwards wasn't worth a continental. he is the most popular man in town, and the babies all go to him in preference to their fathers.

Deer in great numbers are seen on the outskirts of Waucedah daily, and the game law abiding man is sorely tried. The RANGER would warn the deer to use more discretion, as we're all liable to err.

As the train arrived at Waucedah Monday it was boarded by officers who arrested one **Eugene Sullivan**, on the authority of a telegram received from **deputy sheriff Hugh McLaughlin**. It appeared that Sullivan had jumped his board bill at **Quinnesec**. He paid the amount required in time to take the gravel train in the evening.

McGraw mourns his sale of the boss corner lot in town to the **O'Connell Bros.**

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Since the gold and silver discovery he holds the opinion that Waucedah will be the boss town.

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

WAUCEDAH.

New quarters for the **postoffice** are being fitted up by postmaster **Gifford** in his old boarding house building, next to his hotel. **John K. Stack** having removed his entire stock of goods out of his store and taken them to Escanaba, left the postoffice alone in the building, and postmaster Gifford becoming lonesome has set to work to fix up new quarters preparatory to removing, after which Stack's store building will be entirely vacant.

Waucedah housewives having a love for the beautiful in nature, may now be seen daily with the sleeves rolled up and sun-bonnets on, making **flower gardens**. When it comes to making flower gardens Waucedah women have hearts in them as big as canal forties.

A charity ball was given in Waucedah last week, for the benefit of a poor family, at which all, down to the stingiest man and woman, were in attendance. The poor family are [*sic – is*] poor no more for awhile [*sic – a while*]. Waucedah people have hearts in them as big as canal forties.

And now the Waucedah maiden meanders forth at sunrise, when the early bird catches the first worm, to pick May flowers for the dinner table or her fellow's button hole. What is prettier than a Waucedah girl picking May flowers! Certainly not a cow eating hay. She stops, stoops, her fairy fingers bend and snap the

tender stem of the blossom until a bunch has been picked. Nature furnishes her a string in the shape of trailing arbutus, and this she winds around the slender stems. Then, with her dainty nose buried in the flower buds, she starts for home, her cheeks flushed with the kiss of the morning breezes, her eyes sparkling with the glory of the rising sun – and her dress bathed in the bright dews of the night. What a picture! Oh, girls, girls, girls.

The **town site** and some of the **principal streets** are full of stumps which ought to be jerked out by the roots or the town officers before the next election day, if they want to serve a second term. The people depend [*on*] it, especially those who have fallen over the stumps in the dark. Don't let us have to make a stump speech again, town officials.

Timothy Mahon, formerly **station agent** at **Centreville**, has superseded Mr. **McGraw** as station agent here. Mr. McGraw goes to the **Ishpeming** office. Timothy is a good man and has the blessing of the RANGER.

Several weeks ago we stated that **D.R. Gifore, Esq.**, was the **first white man who came to Waucedah**. And now arises **John Malloy**, and is just as white as he is. We make the correction so that it will pass into history all right, and our children and our children's children will not be deceived.

"An' wat are ye's doing," asked **Pat O'Connell**, last Saturday, as he stood in front of **John Malloy's** house and watched three or four men working in the cellar underneath. "What are we doing," repeated John: "taking out this stump of course." Patrick joined them and after examining the stump closely offered to bet five dollars that they wouldn't get it out before night, for it was a huge one and had great roots. John took the bet, and the money was put in a third party's hands. It was agreed by Patrick that John could engage all the help

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he wanted, and so the latter got half a dozen of the boys and a lot of blasting powder and set to work, but at night, after shoveling, chopping and blasting all day, and searing all the women and children folks, the stump wasn't out and Patrick won. A keg of beer followed.

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IRON AND MINING NEWS.

The **Emmett** [*sic* – **Emmett**] Mining Co. has commenced hoisting from the first level. Both levels are now dry, it only taking two or three hours to put it in that condition. Will commence hoisting out of lower level as soon as engine is placed in the new building recently built for it. The Co. has 54 men at work and will increase the force immediately with 25 more. It is estimated that at least 80,000 tons will be shipped from this mine this season, and we see no reason why, with the increased facilities for getting out ore, a great deal more cannot be shipped. There is at present about 8,000 tons of ore in the stock pile, we are informed. –Men. Range.

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A **side track** about 1,000 feet in length is being placed alongside of the track on the hill this side of **Waucedah**. This is the heaviest grade, coming this way, on the whole road and it is impossible for an engine to take a full load up it without “stalling.” A switch engine will keep the

siding will [*sic* - *well*] filled with loaded ore cars.

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WAUCEDAH.

The **Emmett** mine pays off on the 15th. inst. [*of this month*]

Explorations at the **Breen** have not been renewed as yet, and possibly never will be.

An ore train going north one day last week ran over a porcupine, scattering porcupine quills along the ties for a distance of nearly a quarter of a mile.

S.P. Saxton has suspended explorations on the forty adjoining the **Emmett**, but not before striking ore. He will renew work as soon as the swamp dries up a little and a pump is put in.

Preparations are being made for **potato planting** by **Saxton**, **Gifford**, **Malloy**, **O'Connell** and others. A large crop of potatoes will be raised in Waucedah this year.

Wolves, **bears** and **deer** swarm in the woods around about Waucedah, and are so tame that you can almost pat them with your hand.

And now the May flower droopeth, hangeth its head, withereth and dieth, although May has just commenced. Who'll petition the legislature to change the name of May flowers to April flowers? It's a hollow mockery and a snare to call flowers that come in April and go in May, May flowers.

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WAUCEDAH.

Mosquitoes and black flies congregate about Waucedians in the evening and try to steal their remains.

Pat. O'Connell has the handsomest specimen on the range. It is a dark colored piece of rock flaked with bright yellow gold, or what appears to be gold. He bought it from an **Indian** for fifty cents, who says there's a mountain of it located several miles up the **Brule river**, which he will show anyone for the small sum of twenty-five dollars or a bottle of whisky. Here's a chance for specimen fiends.

Another **saloon** has been started in Waucedah. It is located in the basement of **John Malloy's residence** in the rear of the **O'Connell Bros. saloon**.

We were mistaken in saying that a marriage hadn't taken place in Waucedah in a year. About a month ago the boys got to teasing a Frenchman about getting married, and he went right off and hunted up a sharer of his joys and sorrows and was married. Aside from this we weren't mistaken.

Fifty-five men are employed at the **Emmett mine**.

The **gold and silver excitement** has abated somewhat, to the great detriment of the sale of corner lots in Waucedah.

Men are scarce in the town. The owners of the **Emmett mine** had to import men from below the other day.

It is rumored that **Stack's store building** is to be turned into a free and easy **saloon**.

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A RUN TO WAUCEDAH.

Breaking loose last Saturday after a hard week's work, we took a trip to Waucedah. The morning was warm and pleasant. The woods were looking glorious in their new green dress and the ground at their feet was besprinkled with flowers. The **Quinnesec accommodation train** left at 8:30 in the morning, **conductor M. HOULIHAN**, carried us out as far as the **Menominee River Junction**. We passed several fine farms, that in a few years will be hard to beat, and on which spring work was actively going on. A large amount of wood, ties and posts were on the banks of the track, but fires in the woods were making this kind of property quite unsafe and during a strong wind, when it was as dry as it was this time, the efforts of watchers are sometimes unable to save it from entire destruction. Such a case happened in the afternoon of the day when the high wind had made the flames uncontrollable and destroyed a lot of posts and telegraph poles between **Ferry and Spaulding. CROZER & McINTYRE'S mill** at the latter place, is turning out a big amount of lumber. The convenience of a planing mill adds largely to their sales. They were also experiencing some little difficulty with the fire, among their sawings on the railroad bank, further up the line. At the Junction we accepted an invitation from **Superintendent W.B. LINSLEY** to take a ride on his lately arrived miniature [*sic - miniature*] engine "Minnie." It is a perfect little beauty and skims over the road like a thing of life. It will run anywhere where there are two rails and will be of immense convenience in facilitating business with the various mines and lumbering location [*sic - locations*]. We passed by the fine

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lumbering establishment of **C.L.J. MYERS** on **Little Cedar River**, which by the way is *[a]* model of its kind. An immense quantity of logs for a small stream are on hand and everything is arranged symmetrically, substantially and neat, giving it an air of permanence which is seldom found, in the country, at mills of this kind. The making of sash, doors and blinds, in connection with the lumber business, will be carried on extensively. Arrived at **Waucedah**, we refreshed ourselves first with a dinner at the excellent table of **MR. GIFFORD**, – who by the way has largely improved his house *[hotel]* lately – and then took a survey of the town and surroundings, including the famed **Emmett iron mine**, with its hidden treasure of gold and silver. we *[sic – We]* found Mr. **W.E. FERGUSON** about as busy as ever, dispensing his fine general assortment of goods to his numerous customers. He carries a large and well selected stock of almost everything that the people want and should be well patronized. As he had the pioneer store and lived through the times when business was small he should reap the benefits when times are prosperous. Another old pioneer*[,]* **PAT. O'CONNELL***[,]* looks as though the world went well with him and he tells us that he has some slight prospects of developing into a new mine owner, some of these days. **P.J. GATES**, the boss boot and shoe maker of the place*[,]* can turn out those articles of foot wear, which for style and comfort cannot be beaten anywhere. He is doing well and has a large run of custom from the surrounding country.

THOMAS BREEN*[,]* one of the genial proprietors of the **Emmett mine**, turned us over to his mining captain, **MICHAEL HARRINGTON**, who accompanied us in an examination of the mine and its workings. This valuable mine never looked better than it does at the present time and an immense body of ore is uncovered. They are working

however principally on the blue hematite, on the south side, which is showing splendidly. With an average of about twenty-five men in the mine, he is taking out from seventy to eighty tons a day, which is being shipped about as fast as it is removed. They have also a stock pile on hand of about 5000 tons. Capital seems to be all that is necessary to make this one of the best mines, in point of yield, on the range, as there is a demand for every pound they can take out. We had intended to have visited the new find by **Hamilton, Merryman Co.**, on **section 21**, about a mile from town, but shortness of time prevented us doing so, we shall however examine it before long. We are informed the show is good and the ore somewhat similar to that of the Emmett. It *[sic – If]* this should prove to be the case it will stimulate other mining explorations in the vicinity.

The trip was very agreeable *[sic – agreeable]* and was a very pleasant break into the monotony of everyday labor. It will pay our citizens well, during this early summer weather, to rest themselves with a trip along the Menominee River mineral range.

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A change may possibly be made in the management of the **Emmette** *[sic – Emmett]* **Mine** before long. At present **Capt. M. Harrington** is taking out from 70 to 80 tons of ore daily, with a small force of men.

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SAMUEL KIMBERLY has leased the **Breen mine** property, and will commence active operations as early as possible. He pays 40 cents a ton royalty.

THOMAS and **BARTLEY BREEN**, of the **Emmett mine**, have sold their interest, which comprises one half, to **Samuel Kimberly**, of Sharon, Pa., for about \$35,000. **Judge E.S. Ingalls** retains his half interest, but has leased it to Mr. K., for fifty cents a ton royalty. He received \$5,000 for the improvements. It is the intention of the present management to work the mine energetically, and their calculations contemplate an output of somewhere in the neighborhood of 40,000 tons of ore this season.

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[Menominee Range.]

–The **Emmett mine** is shipping about 170 tons of ore per day.

–The **Vulcan mine** is now turning out about 400 tons of ore per day.

–The **Emmett Mining Co.** has taken charge of the **Breen mine** and commenced work there.

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[Menominee Herald.]

–The **Emmett** is producing well and is now shipping 30 to 35 cars of ore per diem. The mine is looking well and the general

work is being pushed ahead as rapidly as possible. The shipments will probably be considerably increased next month.

–We have lately seen some specimens of hard specular ore which came from the **Emmett mine**, and which are equal to the best Lake Superior ores of that character. One Marquette gentleman to whom we showed a specimen said that it came from the **Cleveland**, and was a selected specimen at that, intimating at the same time that it was a little thin to palm it off as a Menominee production. The quality found is small, but it shows conclusively that such a class of mineral exists in the district, perhaps on the Emmett location, and it will be found some day.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume X, Number 43 [Saturday, September 27, 1879], page 2, column 3

[Menominee Herald.]

–The **Emmett** has more ore in sight than any other mine on the range.

–The “**Lumbermen’s Mining Company**” was organized here last week Wednesday, with a paid up cash capital of \$100,000. The following are the officers of the company: president, **H. Ludington**; vice-president, **S.M. Stephenson**; secretary, **Jos. Fleshier**; Treasurer, **Isaac Stephenson**. The following gentlemen are the board of directors: **H. Ludington**, **Daniel Wells, Jr.**, **A.A. Carpenter**, **Samuel M. Stephenson**, **Isaac Stephenson** and **Joseph Fleshier**. The operations of the company will be on their lands along the Menominee range.

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column 4

[Menominee Herald.]

–The vein at the **Breen** is widening out,
and the appearance of the mine is rapidly
improving.

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Michigan, Volume X, Number 52
[Saturday, November 29, 1879], page 2,
column 4

[Menominee Range.]

–Some very good **ore** was brought here
from 14, 39, 28, by **Wm. Harrington**, of
Waucedah, who has been exploring that
property for **John McKenna**, of this place.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County,
Michigan, Volume XI, Number 5
[Saturday, January 3, 1880], page 2,
column 3

[Menominee Herald.]

–Bapt. [sic - Capt.] **Arthur Stevens** has
been placed in charge of the **Emmett mine**.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County,
Michigan, Volume XI, Number 6
[Saturday, January 10, 1880], page 2,
column 3

[Menominee Herald.]

–The following are the officers of the
Breen mining company for the current
year: president, **Bartley Breen**; vice-
president, **S.P. Saxton**; secretary, **Oscar
M. Saxton**; treasurer, **Thos. Breen**;
general agent, **T. Cole**.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County,
Michigan, Volume XI, Number 7
[Saturday, January 17, 1880], page 2,
column 3

Mining Items.

–Work on the **Breen mine** is temporarily
suspended, in consequence of the failure of
the pumps.

–**Breen Bros.** have two very promising
openings on land belonging to the **Breen
mining company**.

–The **Emmett** folks are putting in new
machinery and doing dead work,
preparatory to taking out ore rapidly when
navigation opens.

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column 4

BUSY times on the **railways**. Besides
the regular work and the work of gathering
material for the structures going up here, a
train is kept constantly employed by the
Champion furnace, hauling wood for its
coal kilns, from **Ingalls**, where **Geo.
English** gets it out, to **Menominee**. Mr.
Ruprecht employs another in hauling logs
from section 14 to Menominee, and one is
to be put on next week to haul logs from
near **Waucedah** to **Meyers' [sic –
Meyer's] mill**, at **Hermansville**.

A SMALL quantity of **powder exploded**
in **Harris' boarding house** at **Waucedah**,
on Thursday of last week. Several persons
were burned but none killed.

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

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[Menominee Range.]

–**Breen Bros.** are taking a fine quality of hard ore from their shaft just west of the **Emmett**.

–The **Emmett and Curry mines** are both in good order for rapid mining.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 10 [Saturday, February 7, 1880], page 3, column 3

ON Saturday evening, 31st ult., a **row**, ending in **pistol practice**, took place in **Rocheon's [sic – Rochon's] saloon**, at **Waucedah**. As the story reaches us it is to the effect that two men named **O'Donnell**, for some reason, assaulted Rochoen [sic – Rochon], and had him down, when another man, one **Kennedy**, entered and interfered in the interest of peace and public safety, pulled the O'Donnells away, and was rewarded by a pistol shot. Rocheon [sic – Rochon] had withstood the assault of the O'Donnells without recourse to weapons, but, mistaking Kennedy for a reinforcement to the enemy, and thinking three upon one too great an odds, pulled his pop and blazed away. The muzzle of the pistol touched Kennedy's head, and fortunately the axis of the bore was at an acute angle with the wall of his cerebellum, and the result of the shot was a scalp wound only. The next time K. sees a fight he'll take notes for the PORT, perhaps, but he won't be counted in. He don't [sic] fancy the reward of merit he got last time.

THE **Waucedah correspondent** of the **Agitator**, "W.A.H.," speaking of the sale of the **McKenna mine** (now called **Keel Ridge**), carries the idea that the whole of the **McKenna, O'Callaghan & McCartney** interest was comprised in the purchase, which we do not understand to be the case.

As we have been informed, the sale included only the first mine opened on the property, the **McKenna mine**.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 14 [Saturday, March 6, 1880], page 3, column 5

Range Items.

–**B. Breen** has purchased and will proceed to develop **Capt. Tobin's find** on sec. 13, east of **Vulcan**. The price is said to have been \$4,000.

–The **O'Connell brothers**, of **Waucedah**, propose to remove to **Commonwealth**, and **Wallace Manning** has purchased the Waucedah property.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 15 [Saturday, March 13, 1880], page 3, column 5

Range Items.

PARTIES from Kankakee, Ills., are preparing to **prospect for iron**, near **Waucedah**.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 16 [Saturday, March 20, 1880], page 3, column 5

Range Items.

WE understand that the **Kankakee parties** heretofore mentioned will commence mining on **16, 39, 28**, about a mile northwest of the **Emmett**, as soon as the weather will permit.

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The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 17 [Saturday, March 27, 1880], page 3, column 6

THE **Norway Chronicle**, when it gets on its legs again, will have to settle with the **Boston Journal of Commerce**. That paper gives its readers a quantity of information concerning the **Menominee iron range** which is curiously inaccurate, and credits it all to the Chronicle. It states the output of the district for 1879 at over 600,000 tons, an amount more than double the true figure, and, to balance that error, gives the product of the **Norway mine** for the same year at 7,000 tons, one tenth of its actual product for the coming season of 1880 and 100,000 tons, or one half what it will do. It makes one place of **Powers** and **Spalding**, and locates **Quinnesec** on the east bank of the **Menominee river**; gives the length of the **M.R. railroad** at eighteen miles, and announces **gold discoveries** on the range. But, worse than all – from the Chronicle's standpoint, a sin almost unpardonable – it makes **Waucedah** "the central point for prospecting" and the metropolis of the range. The editor says he was on the range in '78, but it's hard to believe it in view of his present ignorance concerning its interests and industries, its mines and places.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 20 [Saturday, April 17, 1880], page 8, column 2

Range Items.

MR. MIX, from **Kankakee**, on **15, 39, 28**, and **Chicago** parties on the same section, have good prospects and are working vigorously.

THE only lively **township election** in our vicinity was held at **Waucedah**, and the **Norway Chronicle** gives an incident thereof, as follows:

"All I want," said **Mike O'Connell**, as he put his vote in the ballot box, "is law and order." Now this was reasonable enough, and would have been passed over by almost any crowd, but **Jake Hoar**, who was running for **clerk** on the opposition, would ask Mike what kind of law and order there was when he, Mike, was **constable** three or four years ago, during the time when the great sleepy city of **Waucedah** was in its infancy and its town site a deer lick. "An' faith, there was the best of ruling," answered Mike. "I well remember the toime [*sic* – *time*] that a big spalpeen [*sic*] was raisin' bloody murther [*sic* – *murder*] down there beyant [*sic* – *beyond*], and I goes to him and says, exhibiting my star, 'You're my prisoner.' 'An what can you do?' said he to me, 'ye've [*sic* – *you have*] got no jail.' 'Come and you'll see what I'll do,' says I, and wid [*sic* – *with*] that I takes him over to a big sthump [*sic* – *stump*], 'binds him hand and foot to it and leaves him there over night. That's the kind of law and order we had thin, me boy.'"

Of course, the ticket that Mike voted was elected. Efficiency like that described is always appreciated.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 21 [Saturday, April 24, 1880], page 8, column 2

Range Items.

THE **Breen mine** has been let to tributors [*sic*].

MR. MIX, on **15, 39, 28**, is preparing for a big summer's work.

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THE **working force** at the **Emmett mine** is, and is to be further, increased.

MICHAEL HARTNEFF fell from the trestle at the **Breen mine** and was so injured that **death** ensued.

THE east end of the range, in the vicinity of **Waucedah**, is attracting a good deal of attention nowadays, and much **exploration** will be done thereon this summer.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 23 [Saturday, May 8, 1880], page 8, columns 1-2

Range Items.

–**Patrick O’Connell**, one of the pioneers of **Waucedah**, **died** at that place on Sunday last.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 24 [Saturday, May 15, 1880], page 8, columns 2-3

Range Items.

–The **Breen brothers** are taking out a very fine ore from the new openings near the north line of their property. It is said to be hard specular and very rich.

–Mr. **James Mix**, of **Kankakee**, is very confident that he has a mine on the sw 1/4 of the sw 1/4 of **15, 39, 28**, north of and adjoining the **Breen property**. He has three pits down upon the ledge, and good indications in each. The Breen opening two hundred feet south of him is further down, and in good ore. Machinery now on the way will soon determine the value of the property.

–Mr. **James Mix** and his associates seem determined to have a mine, or mines, if there are any to be found, having obtained control, by purchase or lease, of over 6,000 acres along the **Menominee range** (mostly within the accepted limits thereof), which is pretty evenly distributed along it, from **Waucedah**, to beyond **Florence**. It includes parcels in **40-27, 39-28, 39-29, 40-29, 39-30, 40-30, 41-31**, and other townships the numbers of which we do not know. There must be iron on some of these lands, and the energy and persistence of Mr. Mix may be relied on to find it.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 35 [Saturday, July 31, 1880], page 8, columns 1-2

Range Items.

–At **Waucedah**, on Monday, one **Scanlan** was arrested and held for an attempt at **highway robbery**. He, with three others, waylaid a couple of **peddlers** and demanded their wealth, but got, instead, fighting and noise. Scanlan, [*sic*] was the only one captured, and his address, after **Judge Goodwin’s** next tour, will be **Jackson**, Jackson county, Mich.

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

Range Items.

–A **town hall**, 24x60 feet, is being built at **Waucedah**, by **Safford Oatman**.

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[Saturday, November 13, 1880], page 8,
columns 1-2

Range Items.

–A man named **Rupert** has started a sawmill near (west of) **Waucedah**.

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

Range Items.

–"Sich is fame." The IRON PORT says: A man by the name of "**Rupert**" is building a mill west of **Waucedah**, and sheriff [*sic* – *Sheriff*] **Ruprecht** was beginning to think he was getting quite noted. –Menominee Herald.

–Serves him right for not having Englished his name long ago. Is it "Ruprecht" or "Ruprekt," or is the "ch" as in church and was feur Deutscher is he, hoyhom.

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

Range Items.

–Dull times at **Waucedah**. The **Emmett** has reduced its force to a minimum and the **Breen** suspended work entirely. Considerable exploration is going on near there, however, with a prospect of one, if not two, mines being developed so as to commence shipping next season.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XII, Number 15

[Saturday, March 12, 1881], page 8,
column 1

Range Items.

–The shutting down of the **Emmett** mine leaves **Waucedah** a "shady place" indeed.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XII, Number 27 [Saturday, June 11, 1881], page 8, columns 1-2

Range Items.

–At **Waucedah**, on Sunday last, **Mike Harrington** seriously cut one **C.D. Phillips** with a knife. The row took place in a **saloon** and fighting whisky was the inciting cause.

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

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

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume III, Number 21 [Saturday, May 19, 1883], page 4, column 3

Milk ! Milk ! Milk !

On and after the 20th of May we will be prepared to furnish milk on the Range in wholesale quantities at greatly reduced prices. We can send milk fresh every morning to any town on the range. Milk delivered fresh in **Florence** two hours after

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milking, at prices greatly below the present scale. Milk promptly sent to **Iron River** and **Crystal Falls**.

C.B. AND F.W. INGALLS,
Waucedah, Mich.

Menominee Democrat, Menominee,
Menominee County, Michigan, Volume
1, Number 3 [Saturday, November 21,
1885], page 5, column 2

COUNTY AND VICINITY.

John Malloy, near **Waucedah**, upper Michigan, has sold, it is reported, to an "Italian count" 1,000 cords of wood, at 10 cents stumpage, the wood being destined for **Iron Mountain**, where it brings \$4.50 a cord. Some ex-peanut dago has been conning the Italian count dodge on the unsuspecting mossback. North-Western Lumberman.

Menominee Democrat, Menominee,
Menominee County, Michigan, Volume
1, Number 3 [Saturday, November 21,
1885], page 5, column 3

COUNTY AND VICINITY.

WAUCEDAH.

From the *Menominee Range*.

Nolan Bros. bought the coal kilns sold at auction last week, and will commence burning charcoal about the first of December.

Dan Fitzgerald is having a hard streak of luck at present. A cow of his was poisoned a short time ago. A couple of days later the cars ran over another, and on Friday night of last week another fell into **S.E. Dillon's cellar** and got badly bruised up.

Mrs. Urena Huff, mother of **Omer Huff**, of **Florence**, is visiting at **Mrs. S.P. Saxton's**. Mrs. Huff is rather a smart lady at the advanced age of 77. She left Auburn, N.Y., last May, spent the summer in Lincoln, Neb., and is now on her return trip. The old lady refused company in her travels, allowing that she had enough to do to take care of herself without having to look after some one [*sic – someone*] else.

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

S.P. Saxton and wife, of **Waucedah**, leave for New Orleans on the first of January. They will be absent the greater part of the winter.

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain,
Menominee County, Michigan, Volume
XI, Number 3 [Thursday, April 11, 1889],
page 1, column 4

THE contest in **Breen township** each year is between the two voting precincts – **Foster City** and **Waucedah** – and it is claimed by the Waucedah people that the Foster City party are [*sic – is*] victorious through ways that are dark and tricks that are vain. What the Foster City party have [*sic – has*] to say about their Waucedah opponents we don't know. Possibly as they are victorious they let the Waucedah people do all the talking. We wonder that the voters of Breen township do not favor some project of division or annexation that would make things more convenient all round. The township, though small in population[,] is certainly large enough in territory to make two, or Waucedah might be annexed to Norway or Spalding. But neither of these propositions are [*sic – is*] likely to meet with favor we think, so Breen township voters

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will have to continue to fight it out on the same lines.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume __, Number __ [Saturday, September 6, 1890], page 1, columns 1-2

CURRENT NOTES.

–We neglected to mention last week, the **destruction by fire of the town hall and the jail at Waucedah**. The jail was not a very large one but the hall was a fair sized one (24x60 ft.) and was only insured for a small portion of its value.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 23 [Thursday, October 27, 1904], page 5, column 3

WAUCEDAH WHISPERS.

S.R. Nicholson is shipping sugar beets to Menominee. He will have about two car-loads [*sic* – carloads].

Cordwood shipments are brisk at this station. **R. Hosking** is shipping to **Iron Mountain**, **John Trudell** to **Escanaba** and **Frank Fregetto** to **Chicago**.

There was a **wreck at Sumac Siding on the Schlessinger branch of the North-Western** last Saturday night. An extra ore train ran into a switch engine, which is used to help trains over the hill. The switch engine was getting into the sidetrack, when the ore train collided with it; both engines were badly damaged and six cars or ore ditched. None of the crew was hurt.

The **Mineral Mining company**, now exploring on the **Breen property**, has two drill holes down about 500 feet each and is now working on the third hole, which is

down 75 feet. What indications of iron ore they have found cannot be learned, but the drillers have found plenty of water. When they pull up the drill the water spouts fourteen feet in the air and continues to flow with a strong pressure.

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WAUCEDAH WHISPERS.

Amil Hupp shot a bear last Saturday which weighed 300 pounds.

Mrs. Mabel Craney [*sic* – Carney – ?], of **Carney**, who was out hunting with her husband, **shot a deer** last Saturday.

Samuel Bridges, **S.R. Nicholson** and **T.E. Dillon** attended the **farmers' institute at Iron Mountain** last Monday.

Will Rodda shot a deer last Sunday which weighed 175 pounds. He shipped it to Iron Mountain on Monday morning.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 28 [Thursday, December 1, 1904], page 1, column 4

FOUL MURDER AT WAUCEDAH.

Albert Nowship Found Dead in His Log Cabin Near Waucedah.

Albert Nowship was found dead in his **log cabin**, a few miles from **Waucedah**, last Sunday noon and it is suspected that he was the **victim of foul play**.

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The body was discovered by **James Wilkins**, of **Loretto**. Wilkins was hunting in the vicinity of the cabin. Nowship was an old friend and he had called to see him.

Then discovered, the body was in a sitting position before the stove and it is thought that Nowship was in the act of building a fire when shot.

The door of the cabin was open when Wilkins arrived and the wound would indicate that the murderer was in the cabin when he fired the fatal shot.

The weapon used was a shot-gun [*sic – shotgun*] and it was loaded with buck-shot [*sic – buckshot*].

The charge of shot entered the body between the right shoulder and neck, took a downward course – indicating that the murderer was standing at close range – and passed through the left lung. Two of the shot passed entirely through the body and were found in the left arm.

Four shot have been removed from the body and three others were located by the use of an X-Ray machine, which was brought into use by **Prosecuting Attorney Cook** at the inquest held by **coroner Trudgeon**.

That the shot fired at close range is clearly indicated by the wound. The hole made by the charge of shot in entering the body is not much more than twice as large as the muzzle of the average shot-gun [*sic – shotgun*].

The position in which the body was found by Mr. Wilkins would indicate that death was instantaneous.

It is thought by the officers that the crime was committed on Saturday.

There is no clue to the murderer. Neither can it be learned that Nowship had any enemies.

Nowship was an inoffense [*sic – inoffensive*] young man and had resided in Waucedah and vicinity for some time. Last spring he purchased the forty acres upon

which he resided at the time of the murder and it was his ambition to become a farmer. His land adjoined the farm of **Thomas E. Dillon**, about one and a half miles from the **Waucedah depot**.

Nowship was a single man and was about twenty-seven years of age. He came to Waucedah from **Appleton, Wis.**, where his parents and a brother now reside. He has another brother residing in **Milwaukee**. Nowship was not a drinking man and was of an industrious nature.

That he was murdered the authorities are confident, but there is no clue to the perpetrator of the crime. The officers are at present grouping [*sic – groping*] in the dark. The murderer, or the reason therefor [*sic – therefore*], may never be discovered. The murderer has been very successful in covering his trail, but “murder will out,” according to the old saying, and the guilty soul may yet be brought to justice.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 28 [Thursday, December 1, 1904], page 4, column 3

BRIEF CITY NEWSITES.

The remains of **Albert Nowship** were shipped to Appleton for burial yesterday.

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

Young Man Disappears.

Donald Tellier, a young man, employed as a **section hand by the Chicago & North-Western road at Waucedah**, has disappeared and it is feared that he is lost

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in the woods thereabouts or is the victim of some hunter's gun. Tellier left home last Sunday morning to hunt deer and has not been seen since, although a systematic search has been made for him. He was recently married and his young wife is almost distracted as a result of his absence. Tellier's parents reside in **Iron Mountain**.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 29 [Thursday, December 8, 1904], page 1, column 4

Still Missing.

Donald Tellier, who so mysteriously disappeared from his home at Waucedah last week, is still missing. It is feared that he has fallen a victim to a stray bullet. This is the only plausible explanation of his absence. His family relations were pleasant and there was no reason why he should run away. It is known, too, that, at the time he left home, his supply of cash was very limited.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 31 [Thursday, December 22, 1904], page 1, column 3

MURDER CHARGED

DONALD TELLIER ACCUSED OF THE KILLING OF ALBERT NOWSHIP SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27.

DISAPPEARS SUDDENLY.

Was Last Seen Morning of Crime at Nowship Cabin – Board of Supervisors Authorize a Reward [of] \$300 for Apprehension.

A reward of \$300 is offered by **Sheriff Cudlip** for the capture of **Donald Tellier**, the young man who so mysteriously disappeared from **Waucedah** on Sunday, November 27th.

The board of supervisors, in session last Tuesday, authorized the sheriff to offer the reward, and circular letters containing a photograph and description of Tellier have been issued and scattered broadcast throughout the country.

The authorities are in possession of evidence that leads to the belief that Tellier is either guilty of the crime of murdering **Albert Nowship**, or his [*sic – has*] guilty knowledge of the crime.

It will be remembered that Nowship was found dead in his cabin a few miles from Waucedah station the day Tellier disappeared from home.

Nowship had been murdered. He had been shot between the neck and right shoulder while engaged in building a fire. The shot was fired at close range. The murderer was evidently standing in the doorway at the time. The weapon employed was a shot-gun [*sic – shotgun*] loaded with buckshot.

Donald Tellier left his home at an early hour on Sunday morning, November 27th, stating that he was going deer hunting. He was armed with a shot-gun [*sic – shotgun*] and he was supplied with buck-shot [*sic – buckshot*] ammunition.

Tellier has been traced from his home to the cabin of Nowship. Since then no one has seen him. Persistent search has failed

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to disclose his actions after leaving the Nowship cabin,

Tellier and Nowship are now known to have had a quarrel. While Tellier may not have killed Nowship, his disappearance is held to be very suspicious, to say the least. If Tellier is not guilty it is believed that he can at least furnish the authorities with evidence that will lead to the conviction of the perpetrator of the crime.

Tellier was employed as a section hand at Waucedah by the Chicago & North-Western road. He is about thirty years of age and was but recently married. His parents reside in this city and are highly respectable people. The young man has heretofore borne a good reputation. It is hard to believe that he would kill a fellow-man [*sic – fellow man*] in such a cold-blooded manner as Nowship met his fate. It is to be hoped that his disappearance may have been for other reasons, and that, should he return, voluntarily, or as a result of capture, he will be able to vindicate himself.

Following is the resolution of the board of supervisors authorizing the reward:

“Resolved, That the sheriff of this county be, and he is, hereby authorized to publicly offer the sum of \$300, to be paid by this county to the person or persons who may hereafter become entitled thereto, as a reward for the arrest, or information that may be furnished to said sheriff that will result in the arrest of Donald Tellier, of Waucedah, in this county, on the charge now pending against him, of having on Nov. 27th last, at said place, murdered one Albert Nowship.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 32 [Thursday, December 29, 1904], page 1, column 2

Still Missing.

Donald Tellier, who is **charged with the murder of Albert Nowship near Waucedah** some weeks ago, is still at large and there is no clue to his whereabouts. Circular letters descriptive of the young man have been scattered broadcast and his arrest is only a question of a few weeks. A photograph accompanies each circular.

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Incendiary Fire.

A **barn** on the premises occupied by **S.R. Nicholson at Waucedah** was burned last Sunday night. Grain and farming implements valued at \$500, belonging to Mr. Nicholson, were destroyed. The fire is supposed to have been of incendiary origin.

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LIGHTNING SETS FIRE TO STORE

**\$5,000 Loss is Caused In
Blaze at Waucedah
Yesterday**

The **Joe Cordel grocery store**, at **Waucedah**, was **destroyed by fire when struck by lightning** during the electrical

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and rain storm which raged in this end of the county late yesterday afternoon.

The **Waucedah postoffice** [*sic* – **post office**] was housed in the building and it was stated today that valuable mail and papers were included in the loss. The damage was estimated at \$5,000, including merchandise, fixtures and the building.

Lightning struck the store at the southwest corner which became a mass of flames within a few minutes. No attempt was made to fight the fire although a careful watch was maintained on nearby buildings, which were threatened.

The building, an old frame structure, was owned by **Tim Donohue**, of **Waucedah**, who stated that part of the loss was covered by insurance.

Although there were several persons in the store when the lightning bolt struck, no one was reported injured. It was stated today that all incoming mail would be distributed at the **Emil Johnson store**.

The storm, it was said, was the most severe that has swept the county for some time. **Telephone communication to Waucedah today was impaired** and an attempt was being made this morning to restore it to normal.