

DICKINSON COUNTY HISTORY – WAUCEDAH TOWNSHIP

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WAUCEDAH TOWNSHIP

General History of Waucedah Township

WAUCEDAH TOWNSHIP: Organized March 9, 1892, embracing T39N – T40N of R28W and S ½ of T41N of R29W, set off from Breen Township; named for Village of Waucedah located therein.

Hamlin

HAMLIN: Station on the Wisconsin & Michigan Railroad in southern Waucedah Township before Vista.

Loretto

LORETTO: Platted December 28, 1892, by William H. and Eleanor E. O'Brien on the westerly part of the NW ¼ of Section 18, T30N of R28W; O'Brien was president of the Appleton Mining Company; post office established November 18, 1895, with Mathew E. Gleason, postmaster; discontinued March 31, 1964.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIV, Number 46 [Thursday, February 16, 1893], page 8, column 4

A NEW CITY.

W.H. O'Brien Intends Building One on the Banks of the Sturgeon.

Last Saturday, the plat of the new town of Loretto, which W.H. O'Brien, of Chicago, president of the Appleton Mining company, intends building up on the banks of the Sturgeon river, was

placed on file in the office of the register of deeds.

Loretto is located in the westerly part of northwest fractional quarter of section eighteen, town thirty-nine, range twenty-eight west. The plat is the work of Henry G. Rothwell, civil engineer, of L'Anse, and the townsite consists of twelve blocks containing 256 lots.

It is the intention, we understand, of Mr. O'Brien, to dispose of these lots for a small consideration to employes [sic – employees] of the mining company and also to erect a number of dwellings for rental.

The townsite is a very pretty one, and should the recent discovery of high-grade ore in that vicinity pan out as well as expected, we have no doubt that a town of several thousand inhabitants will spring up there in the next few years.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVII, Number 28 [Saturday, November 2, 1895], page 1, column 5

The Chicago & North-Western have [sic – has] established a station at Loretto.

Sturgeon City

STURGEON CITY: Platted May 17, 1894, by James H. and Margaret Bush on the SE ¼ of SE ¼ of Section 12, T39N of R29W; never populated.

Vista

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WAUCEDAH: Platted April 16, 1877, by the Breen Mining Company (Eleazer S. Ingalls, president; Solom P. Saxton, secretary; Bartley Breen, surveyor) on the NE ¼ of NW ¼ and the NW ¼ of NE ¼ of Section 22, T39N of R28W; name from Winnebago Indian word meaning “at the pines” or “place of pines”; post office established June 26, 1877, with David R. Gifford, postmaster; discontinued April 15, 1942.

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 consider ably 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 ore on the first train that arrives there. 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.

WOLVERINE.

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

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happy. They tell me they will be able to clear all the streams of lumber, which is a godsend to the mill men at the mouth of the **Menominee river**.

The location of a **postoffice 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 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. **Captain Armstrong** has made extensive additions to his ore dock at the **Breitung** so

that its capacity for holding ore, including the pockets, is several thousand tons. The ore continues just as fine as at first. The captain is going to increase the facilities for working by putting in two or three more stopes. Also, after a while, he will run in another tunnel to strike the bed of ore farther east, giving him a very extensive face to work upon. There is just north of the mine a beautiful ledge of Potsdam sandstone, which comes out in large blocks, and some time may richly pay for quarrying. It makes a fine, rich building stone.

Dr. N.P. Hulst, of **Milwaukee**, has been here for some time, making preparations to strip the **Quinnesec mine**. He is home now, but will be back soon and commence the work of stripping. I understand it's a very extensive piece of work, requiring a great deal of energy and perseverance, of all [sic – all of] which the doctor possesses a great abundance. No exciting news from this quarter this week.

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**

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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.

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WOLVERINE.

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 [*sic* – *read*] 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.

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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 [*sic* - *today*]; he is on his way to the **Commonwealth mine**.

Scarcely a day passes 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 [*sic* – *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.

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

ON THE MENOMINEE RANGE.

The **new town of Powers** is lively as usual, and everybody seems to be busy. We noticed quite a number of signs of those necessary adjuncts of civilization – saloons, – scattered all through the place, since our last visit, and are told that about pay day, they sometimes produce scenes that are altogether too lively. The churches and schoolhouses that are to be, [*sic*] have not yet appeared. The **store of D.L. Wells & Co.**, [*sic*] is doing an active business, and the clerks are kept busy all day, and seemingly part of the night. Mr. **S.H. Selden**, chief engineer, and his corps, are

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actively engaged on the railroad work, and judging from appearances, have not much idle time on their hands.

The main boarding house for the men, – camp one, – is kept by Mr. Essington. He has now about 80 men, although the number is sometimes increased to more than 100. The bill of fare is excellent, and from the way in which the viands disappear at each meal, is unquestionably relished by the men. Viewed as a first-class watering place, the accommodations would not be considered tiptop, but for a hungry man just out of the woods, the cuisine, superintended by Mr. E., and his estimable lady, are just the thing. We had some little opportunity of examining some of the farming land in the vicinity, and were very much pleased with the quality of the soil, and growth of the timber. Of course, from the newness of the country, it is impossible that the soil could have been thoroughly tested, but wherever farms have been made along the line of the supply roads to the various lumber camps, the result has been attended with gratifying results. – Three and a half miles from here, Mr. Barney Bromsted has a young farm that he purchased three years ago from one of the lumbering firms. At that time, some 15 acres had been cleared. This year he will raise from 60 acres now in cultivation, a surplus above his own requirements, of about \$1200. His crops consist principally of oats, potatoes, buckwheat, hay, and turnips. He is well satisfied, and says that any year he cannot clear \$1000 from his place, he will sell it. The work is done principally by himself, besides a good deal of labor thrown in on the road. There is an immense quantity of land just as good as Mr. Bromsted's around here, waiting for the settler to come and make himself independent in a few years.

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 inclined. Mr. Selden's family are enjoying here a pleasant season of camping out.

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The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume IX, Number 43 [Saturday, September 28, 1878], page 3, column 4

WAUCEDAH.

In this stirring little town, signs of improvement are 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. The new school house is almost completed. Several small dwellings

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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, 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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The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume IX, Number 46' [Saturday, October 19, 1878], page 3, column 6

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 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 [sic – is] now stripping off the edge of the swamp and are 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 this 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.

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The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume X, Number 10 [Saturday, February 8, 1879], page 3, column 5

WAUCEDAH. – From our correspondent.

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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.**

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The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume X, Number 26 [Saturday, May 31, 1879], page 2, column 2

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 were *[sic – was]* besprinkled with flowers. The **Quinnesec accomodation** *[sic – 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 sawlogs 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[s]. We passed by the fine lumbering establishment of **C.J.L. 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 systematically, 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 our selves *[sic – ourselves]* first with a dinner at the excellent table of **Mr. GIFFORD** – who *[,]* by the way *[,]* has largely improved his house lately – and then took a survey of the town and surroundings, including the far famed **Emmett iron mine**, with its hidden treasure of gold and silver, we *[sic]* 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** *[first]* store and lived through the times when business was small he should reap the benefits when times are prosperous. Another old

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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 [*div – customers*] 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, [*sic*] we shall however examine it before long. We are informed the show is good and the ore somewhat similar to that of the **Emmett**. If this should prove to be the case it will stimulate other mining explorations in the vicinity. The trip was very 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 Rives [*sic - River*]** **mineral range**.

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

ON Saturday evening 31st ult. [*last*], 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 **Rocheon [*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, but 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 – doesn't*] fancy the reward of merit he got last time.

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

RANGE ITEMS.

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

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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 was raisin' bloody murther [sic – murder] down there beyant [sic – beyond], and I goes to him and says, exhibiting my star, 'You're me prisoner.' 'And what can you do?' said he to me, 'ye've 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 [sic – then], 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 30 [Saturday, June 26, 1880], page 8, columns 1-2

RANGE ITEMS.

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–A subscriber at **Waucedah** complains that the PORT does not reach there until Monday, and asks us where the delay occurs. We cannot inform him further than this: The paper is always in the postoffice [sic – post office] here on Friday evening, and should reach **Waucedah** on Saturday. That it does not is probably the fault of the postoffice [sic – post office] department in not putting a regular messenger on the **M.R. railroad**. The postal arrangements for the service of the people of the range are, and have always been, shamefully inadequate – a fact we have had occasion to mention on previous occasions and shall again allude to until the fault is remedied. At the same time it is possible that the

messengers on the **C. & N.W. road** are partly at fault, or the postmaster or mail agent at **Powers**, in which case we beg of them to do the best they can to serve the public and not make a bad thing worse by inattention. Our contemporaries out [sic – on] the range might help us howl. We never get the **Range** until Friday or the **Chronicle** till Monday.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 35 [Saturday, July 31, 1880], page 8, columns 2-3

RANGE ITEMS.

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–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.

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

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 16 [Saturday, April 16, 1881], page 3, column 5

THE train was delayed at **Waucedah** the other day for ten minutes, by a novel obstruction, namely a **free fight, beside**

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the cars. The combatants struggled promiscuously and rolled over among the car wheels, so that if the train had moved, it would probably have sent some of them to a celestial Donnybrook Fair. **Denny O'Brien** was a prominent figure in the melee, and emerged with a bad cut on the forehead. Not satisfied with that, he came here and later in the day ran across a snag, that closed his left peeper, and made his features resemble a map of the Yellowstone Park.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 44 [Saturday, October 29, 1881], page 3, column 3

ON Tuesday last, **between Vulcan and Norway, the freight train and an ore train**, which was being handled by the switch engine, **collided**. The trains met on a curve and could not see each other until just as they met. The several engines were reversed, but too late to avert a collision. Both locomotives were badly demoralized – the freight engine getting all jammed up and disfigured, and the switch engine came out of the muss minus the smoke stack [*sic* – *smokestack*] and some other trimmings. **Twenty-three ore cars were thrown off the track.** Nobody was hurt and nobody was to blame, except the railroad track, which seemed to be extensively crooked in just about that locality. **The same day ten ore cars left the track at Waucedah.** This accident was the fault of the track again. The rails spread.

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.

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Sturgeon River, Section 7

Mr. **Thomas Evans**, of sporting notoriety, is having a splendid sport on the **Sturgeon**. **Mrs. Barkle** and family visited the camp on Tuesday and enjoyed a sumptuous repast, the principal dish of which was, [*sic*] “**roast duck[,]**” the proceeds of Tommie’s game bag.

The gale on Monday afternoon visited this section, and not a few of the noble pines succumbed to its severity. **The road to Waucedah was completely blocked, and overseer Kraemer is busy with a crew clearing it out.**

Waucedah Township Cemeteries