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The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 7, Number 46 [Thursday, April 9, 1903], page 1, column 6

Iron County Souvenir.

C.O. Stiles and two assistants have been in the city the past week taking orders for an Iron county souvenir, which is being prepared by that gentleman. This souvenir will have 125 views of the most interesting points in Iron county. All the public buildings, factories and mines will also be shown. This is somewhat different from other book souvenirs as it will contain no advertising of any kind and no individual write-ups. The price of the book is \$1.00 and orders for 1000 must be had before it will be published. This is something that nearly every citizen can afford to buy and it is without doubt the finest souvenir of Iron county ever offered for sale here. The book will not be ready for distribution before June 1st. – The People's Mail.

CRYSTAL FALLS

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 1 [Saturday, January 1, 1881], page 2, column 2

MINING ITEMS.

George Runkle [*sic* – *Runkel*], Esq., who has been exploring for himself, **Col. Jas. H. Howe** and others, has abandoned his explorations on **lot 3, sec. 20, 43-32**, near **Crystal Falls**, on the **Paint river**. He is still continuing his work on **sections 29, 30 and 31**, in the same township. This

property adjoins the **Shelden** and **Shaffer** find. On sec. 29 the showing is very fine and promises to devolope [*sic* – *develop*] into a large deposit. The ore was found close to sec. 30, and one shaft is sunk into it a distance of fifty feet, from which he has drifted north about 30 feet, all the way in ore. The vein runs almost east and west. It is supposed that a jasper foot-wall has been struck on the south side, but time must determine that point.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 6 [Saturday, February 5, 1881], page 3, column 3

GEORGE RUNKLE [*sic* – *RUNKEL*], who is interested in a property on the **S.E. ¼, Sec. 29, 43-32**, and has been engaged in sinking a shaft to see what could be found, has struck it big. Just such a thing we love to chronicle. The shaft is 60 feet down, and they are working in a hard, blue ore, the vein of which is 110 feet wide, but of unknown depth. Samples have been sent to Chicago for analysis, and will be made known in due time as to the richness in metallic iron, of the find.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 7 [Saturday, February 12, 1881], page 2, column 1

–**George Runkle** [*sic* – *Runkel*] informs us that the “find” at **s.e. ¼, sec. 29, 43-32**, is fast developing into a mine. It has been ascertained by **all** explorations, that the vein, where the testing is being conducted, is 110 feet in width. The length, as we stated before, is conjectural, but supposed to be extensive.

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PERSONAL.

—**George Runkle [sic – Runkel]**, Esq., arrived on monday [sic – Monday] from a business trip to Iowa. He left on Tuesday to attend to his mining operations on the **Paint river**.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 8 [Saturday, February 19, 1881], page 2, column 3

The explorations which are being conducted by Mr. **George Runkle [sic – Runkel]** and **Col. J.H. Howe**, (under the superintendancy [sic – superintendency] of the former gentleman,) in the neighborhood of the **Paint river in 43-32**, are looking most promising. The main shaft on the ore bed, on **sec. 29**, is now about 50 feet in the ore, which is, we are informed, denominated a red specular. An upright steam hoisting engine and plant has arrived, and will soon be placed in position. Beside the convenience of hoisting, with rapidity, it will enable the management to keep the shaft free from water, which seems to come in quite fast. As we stated before, the distance between the hanging and foot wall was 110 feet and the length as far as traced was enough to warrant calling the deposit a mine. The ore taken out of this deposit is hard enough to scratch glass. It runs high in metallic iron and low in phosphorus. On the **s.e. ¼ of sec. 30**, which is about one mile east of the former explorations, a well defined vein of hematite ore, of a slaty formation has been found, 32 feet in width and which has been traced for a distance of 1500 feet in length. The depth of stripping is from four to thirty feet

and the deepest shaft in ore is ten feet. The ore for this depth seems to be rather lean, and by the latest analysis yields only 47 per cent of metallic iron, and contains but .52 of phosphorus. In the event that this deposit should increase in its percentage of iron and that it still continues to run low in phosphorus, it is quite evident that it will be a very valuable mine. On the **s.w. ¼ of sec. 31**, eight test pits and shafts have been sunk along the formation, revealing ore for a distance of 600 feet, which according to a recent analysis contains 65 per cent of metallic iron and .336 of phosphorus. The width of this find has not been determined, but will be in a very short time. The stripping is from six to twelve feet. Three of the shafts are in the ore – which is a soft hematite – for a distance of 25 feet. In all these explorations, considerable water is encountered, but it is the intention of the owners to procure a steam pump as early as possible.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 10 [Saturday, March 5, 1881], page 3, column 3

—OUR old friend, **Capt. Wm. H. Morrison**, formerly in the employ of the **Menominee Mining Company**, has taken charge of **Messrs. Runkle [sic – Runkel] & Howe's mining camp, at Crystal Falls**. Billy, all hands join us, and throw an old shoe after you.

We have credible information, that the survey for the **extension of the railroad from Florence, further west**, will be commenced in a very short time. The survey will probably follow a westerly course to **section 24, 40-17**, and then deflect northward.

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The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 10 [Saturday, March 5, 1881], page 3, column 4

George Runkle [sic – Runkel], Esq., **General Superintendent of the Chicago, Bellevue, and Western Railroad**, returned on Saturday last from Chicago, to superintend the mining operations, with which he is interested, in the vicinity of **Crystal Falls**, on the **Paint River**. As soon as he can procure a house he will remove his family to **Florence** and reside here, until he gets the **new town of Crystal Falls** started. As the probability is that within a radius of two miles, six or seven good mines will be opened by fall, and as the river will admit of several good water powers, within a short distance, which will in a measure be utilized very soon, it would seem that the location and surroundings, will require a town of no small size. A blast furnace will be erected, as soon as a railroad strikes there. There are thousands of acres of fine hardwood timber in that region.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 15 [Saturday, April 9, 1881], page 3, column 4

THE **C. & N.W. Ry.**, have concluded to begin a preliminary survey from this place immediately. It was contemplated to commence surveying after the snow has disappeared, but orders have been received this week to begin right off. It will probably take all summer to establish the **most feasible route to Crystal Falls and also to Iron River**. Operations may be commenced on the road bed as early as next spring. The country is a rough one to run through, and a great deal of care will

have to be exercised in the selection of the most economical route.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 16 [Saturday, April 16, 1881], page 2, column 2

C.H. Sloan has sold out his mining interest at **Crystal Falls** to **George Runkel**, **James H. Howe** and others for \$2,000. It is a valuable property, and everybody thinks that Sloan sold out remarkably cheap.

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A preliminary railroad survey was commenced by the C. & N.W. Ry company, on Monday, from Florence, northwesterly across the Brule river.

AT **Runkel et. Al.'s explorations**, near the ever beautiful **Crystal Falls of the Paint River**, six men under charge of **Capt. W.H. Morrison** struck for shorter hours and liberty one day this week. Their places were filled instanter [sic – instantly], and the new men will have to work ten hours a day, or no pay. Such is the edict promulgated by the chief Kahn.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 18 [Saturday, April 30, 1881], page 3, column 3

TWO engineering parties are engaged in **running preliminary railway lines under the charge of S.H. Selden**, Esq., between **this point [Florence] and Crystal Falls on the Paint River**. One corps of 12 men will work from the north end of the line,

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and another corps will work from this end. **Crystal Falls** are [*sic – is*] about 15 miles a little west of north from **Florence**.

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THE **surveying force of the extension of the C. & N.W. Ry.** [*sic*] is being largely augmented by the arrival of men on the force. The intention of the management now is to run two preliminary lines. One to **Iron River** and one **up the Paint**. Owing to the nature of the country through which it is proposed, by this company to build roads, it is presumable that the surveys will occupy the entire season.

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[From our own correspondent.]

CAMP WILD CAT, May 1st, 1881.

Why do we christen our forest home thus, do you ask? Give it up – or by the way, let me see, perhaps because that night before last, after we had all turned in, one of these “critters” surrounded our camp with repeated invitations to

“Come into the garden, Maude,”

But we didn’t come worth a cent, all good boys that stay in o’ nights. Our camp is **“up the Paint” about 13 miles from Florence, and 3 miles below Crystal Falls**. We reached here in good order at noon 27th ult. [*sic – this month*], with but one or two mishaps in the way of spill outs, occasioned by the corduroys, etc., on the way; one of our party being pitched from the wagon

seat to the ground, landing upon all fours, but with out [*sic – without*] sustaining injury. After storing away a hearty lunch, we set about hunting “corners,” running random lines, etc., first direction being westerly to **Lake McMillan**, about one mile from camp, when it was found necessary to construct a raft before crossing, and it was while waiting here that one of those showers which come up uninvited and made to order, paid us particular attention, our only shelter being the trunk of a pine, each man for himself, and – well you know the rest; the shower was a mixture of rain and snow, and lasted long enough to give the party a pretty good wetting, and by the way, did you ever notice how handy a rubber coat is when you “don’t vash got him already sometimes, ain’t it?” Well, our boat (?) was completed, and after the shower we returned to camp, to interview our rubber coats – and after exchanging wet garments for dry, we went out on the bridge to fish; catch anything? Well, it was like some kinds of hunting, plenty of it, keep you busy all day, but “nary a nib;” guess the fish this way are not partial to “sam handwiches.” Hello! There goes a team, all rush for the door when a team pases, wonder how they would act if a party of ladies should appear on the scene “all at once,” eh?

And now a word for the birds; there is a beautiful little songster here whose species I, as yet, have been unable to find anyone to classify; it is quite small, about the size of and marked similar to a chipping bird, but it is the sweetest little songster of all.

“Those little birds that sing about your door,” the scale of its tune comprises one whole, with from two to four half notes, which one will sing, and its mate repeat in an octave lower or higher. This plaintive little musician fills a bright spot in this desolate out of the world sort of place. Deer are quite numerous, five of them discovering themselves in one day, and

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they are very tame, as all the game seems to be; quite often little chipmunks will come into our camp, and run about on the floor just as though at home, as doubtless they are.

While running random line southwest of **Lake McMillan** about one mile, we encountered a bluff with unmistakable indications of ore. The line frequently crosses dense cedar swamps where one would be ashamed to have any excuse for being found other than that of business in these swamps, which in most cases are far above the level of the average water courses, with more or less descent in some directions, must have a kaolin substrature [*sic – substrata*], or perhaps, who knows, solid cast steel (?) [.] “There’s millions in it,” but joking aside, the bottom must be of some impervious nature or they would not hold water as they do.

Logs are still running down the river, and some 4 miles above there are about four million feet in a lake which is still frozen over, rendering sawing the ice necessary to liberate them. The **Paint River**, as doubtless is generally known, derives its name from the one given it by the aborigines, indicating color, it being thoroughly imbued with the disturber of peace in this locality, i.e. iron. Exploring parties are numerous, but none seem to have visited the bluff above mentioned. Judging by the “contrariness” of the needle, this locality is nothing but iron. I understand that **Mr. Runkel** is about to lay out a city on his range immediately; who’s going to put up the first “hotel?” “My light of other days” is almost burned to the stick, so I must bid you good night. Will write again soon.

Yours, truly,

T.H. UNDER.

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Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I,

Number 19 [Saturday, May 7, 1881],
page 3, column 3

WE learn that **camp No. 1, of the railroad surveying party** was burned on last Thursday, by which the party lost all their tents, and some of their instruments. We are without further particulars.

A VERY interesting communication will be found from our special correspondent at “**Camp Wild Cat**,” on the **C. & N.W. R’y survey**. It is written in a fresh, vivacious style and gives a true and vivid picture of woods life. We are promised a succession of them.

The Florence Mining News, Florence,
Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I,
Number 20 [Saturday, May 14, 1881],
page 2, columns 2-3

[From our own correspondent.]

MOSQUITO’S PARADISE,

May 8th, 1881.

At my last writing we were at **Camp Wild Cat**, but owing to [a] combination of circumstances beyond human control, it was and is my first and last letter from that obsolete [*sic – obsolete*] post. You are already aware that our camp was destroyed by fire on the afternoon of the 4th inst. [*sic – this month*] It caught fire by a spark from the stove pipe and spread so rapidly that the cook, who was alone at the time, was unable to save all our accoutrements, though under the circumstances, he did remarkably well, and what is more to his credit he, instead of removing his own goods first as many would have done, left them to the last and to destruction, saving nothing of his own. We were on our way to camp, having been out in the field all day, a tired and hungry crew, and upon coming in

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sight of home (?) the first to welcome us was fire and smoke and next a broom, which one of the boys, who had gone on ahead of us, set up a la signal corps – indicating a clean sweep. I tell you what, my ears (I don't speak for the rest of the party,) dropped clear down below my shoulders; had to tie them up over my back hair to keep them from dragging behind, you know. Well, we all gathered in a group about the ruins, in silence (?) mournfully watching the treacherous flames licking up the last of our treasures and rapidly converting them into ashes; well that is what we must all come to, i.e. ashes, not the licking – but human nature is weak, and a few minutes sufficed to wind up our fine sensibilities clean to the hub, and complete the destruction, whereupon the poor unfortunates fell into line and –

Not a sound was heard nor a funeral note,

As o'er the course to our new home we hurried;

While a tear each discharged as a farewell shot,

O'er the grave where our treasures were buried.

We took up our quarters for that and the following night at the **Half Way House**, thanks to **Mr. Main**, but for him we should have been compelled to “turn in” at the stable of the old quarters. The next thing in order, after storing away our supper, was an inventory of stock on hand. I found that my loss in the way of immediate necessities, as clothing, etc., was small compared with that of the rest of the party, some losing to the amount of \$50, and what was worse, all they had excepting what clothing they had on; and by the way, that reminds me we had been collecting material for and dreading a washing day, and were considerably exercised in mind over the probability of being compelled to do it ourselves, but this fire settled the matter, pro tem; good way to get “shet” of the job; worth most as much as the Chinaman's method of roasting pig, -- but perhaps some thoughtful person might say,

rather expensive, but it is sure pop every time, and if any of our readers wish to test the matter, they need not be deterred from fear of a suit for infringement, no charge.

Next morning we went up to view the ruins, and found the cellar without trouble, hadn't burnt the hole a bit; poked about in the ashes, fished out our cook stove and although we have it now set and running, it looks – well, it looks as though it was trying to scratch an ear with its hind leg. Friday we spent in moving camp, had to send for new supplies of course, and at present writing are under canvass; we have a hunter connected with the party, and Friday he brought us in a deer – no he didn't bring it in either, shot, dressed it, and hung it up to dry I guess, for by some misunderstanding the carcass was not brought into camp. This morning he went out to Lake McMillan and shot a duck, he brought in the bird and two perch, the bullet went through the duck coming out of its head, and it is supposed that the fish being inside the duck were “fired out” by the bullet, and were so confused that they towed the bird safe in shore, delivering themselves and game into the hands of the Philistines. I cannot vouch for this, but I have seen the man and his rifle, the lake, bird and fish.

By the way, did you ever see an aborigine smile? Well, I have, Lo is his name you know, that's universally understood, must be so, for a standard author says so. Yes, I saw Lo smile (?). How did he look? Let me see. Well, it was built somewhat after the manner of the Irishman's cannon, only the ingredients were somewhat different. Just supply yourself with a lot of long black hair, intermix with copper, equal proportions, stir well before using, then pour this compound round any hole, let it cool, then behold, there's our smile. Expression? About as much as a volcano has. How do I know it

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was a smile? Because he was "biling drunk" – so drunk that when he attempted to shoulder his 50th pack, he rolled over backwards, almost turning a complete summersault, striking on his head and shoulders, feet up, and when his body straightened out his head bobbed up like a jack in a box, hearing us laugh, looked toward where we stood, when *Lo, he smiled.*

Friday afternoon I received a call from the Judge and **Mr. McIntosh**, member of the bar, all of **Florence**; it was quite a pleasant surprise party to me, thanks for that Havana; they are not half as plenty as mosquitoes. Five miles of road have been located, but none of it at this end, and every new line we run discovers indications of the surest kind. I supposed when the line is located, that this part of the country will look like a beehive. Already **Mr. Shafer** is cutting a more direct road to his find on 31.

Yours, truly,

T.H. UNDER.

PERSONAL.

–**Geo. Runkel** and family moved into their new residence on Monday last.

–Our old friend **Duncan McMillan**, is with the **C. & N.W. Ry Co's survey**. At present he is within wading distance of the beautiful lake that was named in his honor.

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THE **C. & N.W. Ry Co's engineers camp southwest of Duncan McMillan's Lake**, is in a charming situation. After being burnt out they located their camping ground at the **south west corner of the**

northwest quarter of sec. 5, 42-32, near which a sparkling stream of the purest water runs. Our gifted friend, **L.A. McNeil** has been making a sketch of it.

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The **Crystal Falls Iron company** has organized under the laws of the State of Michigan, and the articles of incorporation have been filed with the Secretary at Lansing. The following are the names of the officers:

N.K. Fairbank, Chicago, President.

Col. J.H. Howe, Chicago, Vice President.

F.H. Head, of the Elk Rapids Iron Works, Secretary and Treasurer.

Geo. Runkel, Esq[.] – who is one of the directors – is Superintendent.

Work will be prosecuted vigorously on the company's valuable mining property in the vicinity of **Crystal Falls**. A car load of horses were shipped up this week for work at the mines. **A town will be laid out on the n.e. ¼ of sec. 29, 43-32, in a suitable location.** The machinery for a saw mill is also on the way, and will be put in operation as early as possible. The timber in the vicinity is hard wood [*sic – hardwood*] and pine, and the land well adapted for farming purposes. The **Paint river**, close by, will furnish a series of fine water powers, for manufacturing purposes. There is some talk of a furnace to be erected at a future date.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 22 [Saturday, May 28, 1881], page 2, column 3

[From our own correspondent.]

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MOSQUITO'S PARADISE,

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I can't help it, must fire it off, these wintry nights force it from me, so here goes: If 12 men can exist 10 days without salt (we know they can for we have tried it), how many gray blankets will it take to keep them warm these cold nights? Where is that Vennor that promised us hot weather after the 10th inst. [*sic - this month*], and we have hard frosts since that date? "shoot him;" he hit the thunder showers, or rather they hit us, square in the eye; now what was the use of fooling us about hot weather and all that sort of thing? Well, it's "an ill wind that blows nobody any good,[" and we have the "dead wood" on the gallinippers, eh? Too cold for them; they had a high old time on our first night here; we have a clothes line, strung from pole to pole, in our tent; and these little birds detailed a small detachment from the main army as musicians, who took up their positions on the string line, first purloining a comb from somebody's vest pocket - Hello! Here comes our hunter with a string of splendid pike, product of **Lake McMillan**; now we'll acquire an extra invoice of brain power. Let's see - where was I? Just got the comb from somebody's vest pocket, or rather the mosquitoes had - yes, and then after supplying themselves with the necessary amount of paper - you know we boys used to do it - they had a rattling old time, and about midnight they stopped for refreshments, I mean of course this small detachment, for the rest had been helping themselves *ad libitum ad finem*, and after lemonade, ice cream, sandwiches, etc., stole a pocket knife, to use as a toothpick, and left that where it could be found in the morning, but the comb they hesitated longer about parting with, for that was not returned until the next night; you see it has

been so cold since, they have not been at all happy.

I find there is one advantage in this Crusoe life of ours, and that is, you can't spend any loose change you may happen to have in your pockets; take it out and look at it as a sort of curiosity - wonder where it came from - what it was made for - with a sort of vague idea that it was intended for some good purpose, and mechanically restore it to its resting place, thinking that some day [*sic - someday*] in the dim future you may meet with some genius able to explain its use.

Our town is growing rapidly, two new buildings have been erected within a few days, and by the way, suppose we walk up town, just finished dinner, so its [*sic - it's*] a good time to take a look at the place, sorry I can't offer you a cigar, but all we had, if there were any at all, we left at camp Wild Cat. But I'll do the best I can to entertain you; let's go this direction and inspect the business portion of the town, and let me give you a piece of advice, don't appear surprised at anything you may see or hear, for you will meet with a good-hearted "hail fellow well met" sort of people, but very sensitive on matters touching the interests of this place. Well, here we are, this building is the **Marine Hospital**; yes, I know the boys have plumped it down right in the middle of the street, but that can be easily regulated; take a peep in; two patients, one with a badly cut leg, and the other, so the doctor says, has sustained an incomprehensible, compound, reversed curve of the forearm; I'm no Latin scholar, so I don't know exactly what that is, but Mr. Dr. says he'll recover. Now turn your attention to the other side of the avenue; there you see the city hall in which, of course, are the offices of the municipal authorities, and also that of our real estate and loan agent. Shall we give him a call? Before introducing you to him, let's stand

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aside and overhear the conversation, for I see he has a victim in tow:

Vic. – “Good afternoon, Mr.” –

R.E.G. – Interrupting him, -- “Mr., Mr., don’t mister me, call me Reg.”

Vic. (trembling) – Mr. – a – I – excuse me; I mean Reg, can I buy a lot?”

Reg. – (Scanning him from stem to stern as though he was a good mind to prepare him for a 2x8,) “Umph, what for? Sell Jersey lightning?”

“No, sir; finishing business.”

“Finishing business! Finish what?”

“I want to finish touching up the n.w. corner of s.e. ¼ of that chieftan’s proboscis.”

“Ha, ha, give us your paw, old bricktop; wat’l you take?”

Hadn’t we better be moving, as old Reg hasn’t spotted us yet, and perhaps you don’t care to interview him, at all. There, you see that flourishing little subdivision, just over there in the n.e. quarter of town; from this point you can get an excellent bird’s eye view; that’s **Frenchtown**; they petitioned the last legislature praying to be set off, thinking they can run their own machine, you see; and between you and me, needn’t say anything about it, I think they’ll get one grand “set off” about the time that tall pine you see inclining that way reaches for them.

This is **Whisky Alley**, and by the way, the denizens of this quarter have been so unruly and noisy of late, that we have been compelled to organize and choose city officers. The election was held Tuesday, 10th inst. [*sic – this month*], and with the usual amount of bulldozing, ballot stuffing, etc., (only 16 killed and 47 seriously injured, in the 4th ward, you see we are civilized,) as a matter of course, and the day passed off quietly, the full and treating ticket was elected, all the corps being elected to Board of Common Scoundrels; we are out on alderman, however, as none were found

eligible on account of being too thin ‘round the edges.

Our Sundays, for the most part, have been rainy, gloomy days; we pass the time in cleaning up, writing and reading, when we have anything in that line, feeling it would be worth something to be even within sound of that little chapel bell of **Florence**, but if I cannot actually be with them, I can take in the situation mentally, and console myself with a review of the only sermon I have heard since coming here, and that by **Rev. H.P. Cory**, on hospitality. Perhaps it made a deeper impression on my mind, being a stranger myself, and I believe the only one there at that time. But it is getting late, and I must close.

Yours, truly,

T.H. UNDER.

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THE contract for the **extension of the railroad to Crystal Falls**, has been let to **George Runkel** and others. Mr. Runkel is superintendent, and commenced on Monday to push the road with his usual energy. About 60 men are now working on it.

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The services of **Dr. H.C. Kimball**, a brother of **Dr. L.J. Kimball**, of **Norway**, and a **first-class physician and surgeon**, have been secured by the **Crystal Falls Iron Co.**, and also by the **Union Iron and Steel Co.**, whose mines are adjacent. The selection is an excellent one, and all who meet the doctor will find him a genial, social

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gentleman. We copy the following from the *Enterprise*, published at Colon, Michigan, where the doctor formerly resided:

"**Dr. H.C. Kimball** started for the Lake Superior region this week, with a view of locating in that section in the practice of medicine. He graduated at Detroit medical college a number of years ago, and was a student at the University of Ann Arbor. We can assure the people there that the acquisition will be one that they may feel justly proud of with the long and large experience he has had for years in the science and practice of medicine, and while here the doctor acquired a reputation second to none in the healing art, especially in surgery. He has been a resident in this place eleven years and in that time has gained the confidence of our people as being a successful practitioner. He has also been a useful and active member of the several secret societies, holding the highest official positions in each, taking a prominent part in those bodies grand and subordinate; his labors have been fraught with success and credit to himself; his many friends will miss him very much."

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THE village of "Crystal Falls" has been platted and lots are now ready for sale. The location is a beautiful one and land is such, that future years, will see the adjacent country bloom and blossom as the rose. "Gather ye roses while ye may," or in other words, secure a town lot when you can.

The **Crystal Falls Iron Company** have [*sic - has*] been shipping a **Blandy saw mill**, this week, to their new town of **Crystal Falls**. It will be put in operation as soon as

possible to supply the want of lumber. The town will grow rapidly as soon as material can be furnished. The location and soil is good all around it, and before the snow flies four or five mines will be in operation in the immediate vicinity.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 27 [Saturday, July 2, 1881], page 3, column 3

THE railroad operations towards Crystal Falls is [*sic - are*] being pushed forward with energy under the management of **George Runkel**, the contractor. Already a camp is established about 10 miles from here. **George W. Bowes**, the "walking boss," is making things hum under his supervision.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 28 [Saturday, July 9, 1881], page 3, column 3

BETWEEN 300 and 400 men are at work on the line of the **railroad to Crystal Falls**. The grading is now being pushed simultaneously along a distance of about ten miles from here. Mr. **Geo. Runkel**, with his characteristic energy[,] intends if there is such a thing in the books, to have the railroad completed to the mines, so that ore can be shipped from them early in October. All aboard for Crystal Falls.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 29 [Saturday, July 16, 1881], page 3, column 4

MR. WILLIAM DOUCET, an enterprising young merchant, is putting up his stakes in the **new city of Crystal Falls**. He will carry a large general stock

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and will undoubtedly build up a large trade. As the railroad will be in by next October, there will be – as there was in **Florence** – a large influx of people and a great many wants to supply.

THE **Main Bros.**, *[sic]* have started a **daily stage line from Florence to Crystal Falls**, leaving the **Florence House and Main's Livery stable** at 1 o'clock p.m., arriving at **Crystal Falls** at 4 o'clock p.m. Returning the stage leaves Crystal Falls at 7 o'clock, a.m. *[sic – a.m.]*, arriving in Florence at 10 o'clock, a.m. This is a great convenience to the many who are daily going to that point, and it is to be hoped that the enterprising managers will meet with success in their venture.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 30 [Saturday, July 23, 1881], page 3, column 3

THE **Crystal Falls railroad** is being shoved along as fast as possible. This is a very unfavorable season of the year for energetic operations, yet work is being prosecuted simultaneously along the line, for thirteen miles.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 31 [Saturday, July 30, 1881], page 3, column 3

AND still they come. One hundred and six men to work on the **Crystal Falls extension** arrived on Wednesday. **Mr. Runkel** is bound to have the road completed to the Falls by October first, if such a thing is possible.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I,

Number 32 [Saturday, August 6, 1881], page 3, column 3

560 men are employed on the **Crystal Falls extension of the railroad**. It is the intention of the contractors to have 700 men at work by the end of this month.

THE **Crystal Falls Iron Company** have *[sic – has]* completed the platting of their new town of **Crystall** *[sic – Crystal]* **Falls**. We expect to go up in a few days to select our corner lot and will then report.

FIFTY more men arrived on Wednesday to work on the **railroad extension**. Notwithstanding this, the contractors are hiring all the men and teams that offer, so come along as there is plenty of work.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 33 [Saturday, August 13, 1881], page 3, column 3

THE work on the **Crystal Falls extension of the railroad**, has so far, encountered very little rock. Sand and gravel has been found in the cuts, with – in rare cases – a few boulders. Some of the deepest cuts are in sand all the way.

GEORGE W. BOWES, the old “**walking boss**” on the **Crystal Falls railroad extension**, who was prostrated by the heat, a short time ago, is not getting along as satisfactorily as he would wish. He is still weak and not yet able for active duty.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 35 [Saturday, August 27, 1881], page 3, column 3

THE new rails on the **Crystal Falls extension** are being strung along at a rapid

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rate and are being spiked into place as fast as **roadmaster Sutherland** can do it.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 35 [Saturday, August 27, 1881], page 3, column 4

GEO. RUNKEL & CO., the contractors on the **Crystal Falls railroad extension**[,] are pushing the work along as fast as it is possible for men and teams to do it. On Wednesday they received 40 men from Madison, also a span of mules and 12 new wagons. The teams and drivers were sent by **C.J.L. Meyers**, of **Hermansville**.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 36 [Saturday, September 3, 1881], page 3, column 4

F.H. HEAD, of Elk Rapids, Mich., the **secretary and treasurer of the Crystal Falls Iron company**, visited the company's mines at the Falls on Saturday last, and also examined the **Rominger mining property** on which they hold an option of a lease. He left for Elk Rapids, by way of **Escanaba** on the propeller **Leland**, of which he is part owner. He declares his intention to build on of the best iron furnaces in the country at Crystal Falls, at no very distant date.

PETER ROONEY was **fatally poisoned at camp 2, on the Crystal Falls railroad, in Marquette county, Mich.**, about eight miles from here, on Thursday. It appears that a bottle of whisky and aconite had been prepared for horse medicine, and Rooney and some others partook of it, supposing it to be plain whisky. The others recovered, but Rooney having taken a larger quantity, died before

a physician could reach him. His remains were brought here for burial.

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[From our Special Correspondent.]

THE VILLAGE OF CRYSTAL FALLS, on the **N.E. ¼ of Section 29, Township 43, Range 32, Marquette county, Michigan**, has been laid out by the **Crystal Falls Iron company**, and lots are now offered for sale at low prices and on reasonable terms. The village derives its name from the **Falls of [the] Paint River** near which it is situated. There is a water power of over 2,000 horse-power, suitable for manufacturing purposes, on which the company intends soon to erect a fifty ton smelting furnace, affording employment to several hundred mechanics and laborers. The village is located on high ground, which insures its freedom from malarial influences, and is surrounded by an extensive maple forest which affords abundant hardwood timber for manufacturing purposes, and material for charcoal for many years to come. The soil is of excellent quality, and when the timber is cleared off, will produce large crops of all kinds of grain and vegetables suitable to this region. The **Paint River** traverses the largest pinery of any stream in the Northern Peninsula, and **Crystal Falls** will undoubtedly soon become a prominent lumbering point. The company have [*sic – has*] already a **saw mill, shingle and planing mill in operation** so that lumber for building purposes can be had at once, and at reasonable rates. The village is also situated in the center of a large and rapidly improving iron district. Three mines in the immediate vicinity are already taking out

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ore for shipment this fall, and the present explorations indicate that at least four more mines owned by wealthy mining companies will begin shipping early next season. About Oct. 1st, 1881, the **Chicago & Northwestern Railway** will be completed to **Crystal Falls**, which will most likely be its terminus for some time to come. Merchants, mechanics, miners, laborers, hotel keepers, and all classes of people will find here a splendid fiend for enterprise, and only need to make a personal examination of the region to become convinced of its numerous advantages.

Buildings for business and residence purposes are now going up at a rapid rate, several hundred people are already busily employed, and from present indications Crystal Falls must become a thriving and populous city in the near future. **A daily stage line is now running from Florence, and tracklaying from Florence to Crystal Falls is progressing at a rapid rate.**

For further particulars call on or address, **GEO. RUNKEL, Sup't of Crystal Falls Iron Co.**, Florence, Wis., or **S.D. HOLLISTER**, at Crystal Falls.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 39 [Saturday, September 24, 1881], page 3, column 3

TWO car loads of laborers arrived on Thursday last, to work on the **Crystal Falls extension**. This road is bound to be completed by the middle of October, if men and money can do it. This addition will make a force of 800 men. The bridge across the **Brule river** is being pushed along with all possible speed. When this is completed, two weeks of fair weather will see the iron laid to the Falls.

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Number 39 [Saturday, September 24, 1881], page 3, column 4

—**John McKenna**, who measures 44 inches around the breast, and **Dr. F.L. Bond**, took a birdseye view of **Crystal Falls** on Thursday last. They are both largely interested in the **Paint River Iron Co.**

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 43 [Saturday, October 22, 1881], page 3, column 3

MESSRS. RUNKEL & CO., the **Crystal Falls railroad contractors**, have sold out their warehouse at this place to the **Menominee River Lumber Co.**, and have removed their headquarters, for the present, to the south side of, and close to, the **Brule river**.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 43 [Saturday, October 22, 1881], page 3, column 4

A VERY sad and fatal accident occurred at the **village of Crystal Falls** on Sunday last. Three men entered a canoe for the purpose of crossing the river. When about half way over the canoe for some reason became unmanageable and drifted over the falls. Before reaching the falls one of the men jumped out and got safely to shore. The other two **went over with the canoe and were drowned**. Their names are **Henry Anderson** and **August Gilbert**.

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

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OUR latest advices from **Crystal Falls**, Thursday afternoon, are to the effect that the bodies of the two men drowned by going over the falls in a canoe have not yet been recovered. A thorough search was made for the bodies at the time, but no signs of them were to be found. The search has been continued from time to time since, and giant powder has been exploded in the vain hope that the concussion would bring the bodies to the surface. It is more than probable that the strong current has carried them down the river, and if they are ever found it will be miles below the falls.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 45 [Saturday, November 5, 1881], page 3, column 4

CRYSTAL FALLS is beginning to feel the coming boom and life that the advent of a rail road always brings to a new town. The railroad grade is already visible from the town, and work is, notwithstanding the unfavorable weather, being prosecuted with vigor. For the purpose of completing the road as rapidly as possible, work has been suspended at the mines and saw mill and the men put on the road. 300 men will be kept at work all winter completing the different branch lines in the vicinity of the Falls. For their accommodation, a **two-story hotel**, 36x60, is being built at **Crystal Falls**. The piles are all driven for the Brule bridge, and it is expected that trains will cross in about ten days. The grade is now ready for the ties and rails, eight miles beyond the river. Mr. **Geo. Runkel** is building a residence in town, and business looks very promising. It is safe to presume that the entire track will be completed to **Crystal Falls** early in December.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume II, Number 2 [Saturday, January 7, 1882], page 3, column 2

WE hear it rumored that the **iron will be laid into Crystal Falls**, by the 15th inst. [*sic* – of this month] Hope so.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume II, Number 7 [Saturday, February 11, 1882], page 3, column 3

THE **saw mill at Crystal Falls**, [*sic*] is doing a ripping business.

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THE **Crystal Falls railroad** is almost completed, and the inhabitants of the Crystal city, are exceedingly jubilant thereat. Next summer will see a wonderfull [*sic* – wonderful] change in the place, and the half a dozen mines which will be in operation, within a radius of a mile, will give it an impetus, the like of which was never before seen in the country. Inside of a year, we should not be surprised to see one or two blast furnaces in operation. The proprietors of the town **Col. J.H. Howe** and **George Runkle** [*sic* – *Runkel*] are live, energetic men and intend to assist its growth by every means, in their power.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume II, Number 8 [Saturday, February 18, 1882], page 3, column 2

THE **new hotel at Crystal Falls**, now in course of erection, will be, when completed, the largest building on the range.

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WE learn from good authority that the **road will be completed to Crystal Falls** by the 25th inst. *[sic – of this month]* The grading is all finished.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume II, Number 10 [Saturday, March 4, 1882], page 3, column 3

THE **railroad is into the Falls**, and the Crystalizers are exceedingly glad thereat. Business is spring up with a spring boom and the “good times a coming” are on hand sure. Business houses are dotting the town site and everything augurs well for the coming season, which will be one of great activity. By next winter **Crystal Falls** will have grown so fast that it will hardly be certain of its own identity. They are a wide awake set of business men who are taking hold there and if they don't make things get right up and hum, they are willing to take a back seat in the gallery.

BOTH of the new towns are very badly off in the matter of wagon roads. This is something that should be attended to well and systematically, as we are badly off in this respect. Nothing settles up a new county like good roads. They induce settlers to come in as they are not slow to perceive and appreciate *[sic – appreciate]* advantages of this kind for getting to market. Our villages can at the same time be made centers of trade. A good farmer is loath to come in and purchase even a choice tract of land, if he knows that he will have to build miles of road at his own expense, in order to get an outlet for his produce. Our people should see to it well that good men are selected for overseers of highways.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume II, Number 11 [Saturday, March 11, 1882], page 3, column 3

–**George Runkel** of **Crystal Falls**, dropped in to see us again, on Wednesday last. He reports everything in a state of great activity in the coming city. Expects the passenger train in by the first of April. Thinks that the **Brier Hill Iron and Coal company** have 3,000,000 tons of ore that they know of. Says that the biggest hotel in the country is being erected at the town.

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CRYSTAL FALLS.

This village is situated about 15 miles, nearly north from Florence, and close to the falls of that name, on the **Paint River**, in Marquette County, Michigan. Within a radius of two miles are located three or four mines. One of them, belonging to the **Brier Hill Iron and Coal Co. of Youngstown, Ohio**, will most likely develop *[sic – develop]* into the largest mine of the region. The land in the vicinity is hilly and rolling, covered principally with splendid hard wood *[sic – hardwood]* timber, interspersed with magnificent pines. Beautiful lakes dot the country everywhere and the intermediate ground, is threaded with crystal streams of the purest water and filled with speckled trout and other fish. The land is abundantly supplied with water, which sometimes break *[sic – breaks]* out in springs from the hill sides *[sic – hillsides]*. The town was laid out last fall and is owned by the **Crystal Falls Iron Company** and is now under the

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management of **James H. Elmore**, the superintendent. The location is very fine for a town, as the ground slopes all the way from the southern and western part to the river. Further towards the southwest the ground becomes more level. The buildings, at present, are principally confined to **superior [sic – Superior] avenue – the main street** – which runs directly west from the depot. Nearly on the summit of the hill, on the corner of Superior avenue and Fourth street, **D.C. Lockwood** is erecting a large **three story hotel**, with a front of 58 feet on the south side and 46 feet on the east. It is in a very fine and commanding location and from the upper part a view of twenty miles over hill, valley and stream, can be obtained. He expects to have it finished in June, but will be prepared to administer to the wants of his guests very soon. The town is well supplied with business houses and saloons. Among those are noticeable **William Doucet's** large building, on the south side, which he uses for a **store, saloon, and public hall**. **Johnny Dern** has also a **barber's chair** in here, which will probably soon be removed to the **new barber shop**, which will be built on the other side of the street, by **Joseph Laev**. **J.L. Kimball & Co.** have their **drug store** nearly completed and in [a] short time will have it filled with a large and complete stock of goods. The doctor, **H.C. [sic – H.C. Kimball]** is one of the pioneers of the region and has built up a large and successful practice. **A.J. Harding** has a fine **hotel** near the depot ground and is doing an excellent business. Half way up the hill **J.E. Kelley**, formerly of **Commonwealth**, has a **wet goods dispensary [saloon]**. Our old friend **Joseph Laev**, of Oconto[,] has just opened up the "**Boston Clothing Store**," which contains one of the fullest, neatest and best arranged stocks of goods in the country. Just above him, **D.T. Adams**, formerly of

Iron Mountain[,] is erecting a **music hall** 24x80, which he expects to occupy as early as possible. There is also a **hardware store** opening by **Bannerman of Iron Mountain**, and a **meat market**. **Leopold and Runkel** intend soon to erect a large store building on Superior avenue, into which they will move the business which they now carry on in the store near the saw mill. Quite a number of dwelling houses have been built among the splendid forest of hardwood timber, which in a few years will give way to gardens and ornamental grounds as the land is of excellent quality. The company have [sic] a saw[,] shingle and planing mill close by the town site and are well supplied with a fine stock of logs. They manufacture both pine and hardwood lumber. The ground for the depot is being cleared off, leveled, and the building will be in place the coming month. As soon as regular trains commence to run an immense quantity of building material will be shipped in and buildings will go up with a rush. At present the difficulty of obtaining material to finish them with, is a great drawback to completion. **J.H. Elmore** is at present in **Marquette** trying to obtain a separate township organization, which is very much needed, and in fact indispensable [sic – indispensable] to the government of the place. THE MINING NEWS hopes that he will succeed.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume II, Number 21 [Saturday, May 20, 1882], page 3, column 2

CRYSTAL Falls is growing rapidly. New buildings are dotting the unbroken forest in all directions, and the almost ceaseless sound of the hammer and saw is heard all over the land. The **Lockwood House**, is getting into shape as fast as men and material can do it and "mine host"

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Lockwood has all that he can very well attend to. **Runkel & Leopold's store** is nearly completed. **David T. Adams** free opening, on Saturday was a grand success. **W.B. Carland**, the architect and builder[,] has his hands full of business and is working a large crew of men. **Dr. H.C. Kimball has just gone into partnership with Dr. J.M. Mead** and Crystal Falls has now a firm of practioners [*sic* – *practitioners*], whose equal would be hard to find in this country. **Will Doucet** is still doing a rushing business and is perfectly satisfied with it. Improvements are contemplated forthwith upon our main street which will make it a tip top thoroughfare, something which is very much needed.

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A REGULAR passenger train is now run between here and Crystal Falls.

THE main street of **Crystal Falls** is being put in shape so that mud scows and flat boats will no longer be a necessity.

–**Nick Rooney**, formerly of **Commonwealth**, and now of **Crystal Falls**, called on us Thursday. He is located at the latter place.

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Crystal Falls.
(From our Special Correspondent.)

Town election this week.

Doucet & Adams are bound to have the finest **sample rooms** on the range.

Dr. W.J. Spencer, the **range dentist**[,] has been with us the past week.

Fire gave C.F. a close call, last Thursday, but perseverance and plenty of water saved it.

The first preaching in Crystal Falls, was held in Doucets [*sic* – *Doucet's*] new hall, last Sabbath. The Rev. Lourey officiating.

The **saw mill** is now under the supervision of **S.D. Hollister, Jr.**, and is giving better satisfaction than any time before since it started.

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Crystal Falls.
(From our Special Correspondent.)

Ours is going to be *the* town of this magnificent iron range and don't you try to forget it. We have got **six mines** found within a mile or two and plenty more between, just aching to be brought into daylight. The inference is that the entire bottom after we get deep enough is a solid body of iron the bottom of which runs down close enough to the center of gravity to be ready to cast into pigs. The presumption is that when all the mines – now existing and prospective – shall be in operation that the future city of the Falls will contain 15 or 20,000 inhabitants. The village – the nucleus of the city – is rushing along as usual. Numerous buildings are going up in all directions. **A. Uren & Co.** have just opened up a fine **meat and vegetable market**, which will be kept up in first class style. The **Lockwood House** is getting nearer towards a state of completion every

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day and still the guests insist upon the popular proprietor **D.C. Lockwood** taking care of them whether or no. He takes them all in and the indications are, judging from the way the public talk, that the house will be crowded from cellar to garret, when completed. **O.C. Hagar & Johnson**, have opened the **Scandinavian Hotel** at a convenient distance from the depot. **Rooney & Urquhart** have just opened up a liquid dispensatory, called "**The Palace Saloon.**" **J.L. Kimball & Co.** are receiving a large stock of medicines, drugs, notions, &c. &c. [sic] **Bower and Carlin** will open up another **drug store** as soon as the building can be prepared, in which the "phiz" of the **soda fountain** will be heard. **Tearney Bro. [sic] & Russel** have their elegant **sample rooms** in running order and their [sic - there] is certainly no reason for a man going dry in town unless he can't swallow. **Leopold & Runkel's store** is nearly completed and it will be a regular gorgeous sunflower, when finished. Grading [sic - Grading] on **Superior St.** is progressing with a large force of men and we will soon have a street to feel proud of. The **passenger train is now running regularly**, which is a great accomodation [sic - accomodation]. **Services are now held by Rev. Mr. Lowne every Sunday, in Doucet's hall.** General business is improving every day and we feel it in our bones that in a very few years, we shall be out of the woods.

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THE town of Crystal Falls held its first election on Monday last. The following officers were chosen:

Supervisor, **P.E. Dunn**; Commissioner of Highways, **Edward Curran**; Clerk, **W.B. Carlin**; Treasurer, **Asa F. Leopold**; Justice of the Peace, **David T. Adams** - 1 year; **O.O. Welch** - 3 years; **D. Bannerman** - 2 years; **Thomas Cotter** - 4 years; Constables **Paul Tearney**; **John Doherty**; **A.J. Harding**; **John Pratt**; School Inspector, **S.D. Hollister**; School Director, **D. Bannerman**; Overseer of Highway, **Wm. Lahey**.

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Crystal Falls.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

A **Presbyterian social** was held at the residence of **Mrs. Geo. W. Runkel** on Tuesday evening. It was a very pleasant and sociable affair. By the way we almost forgot to say that a new organ has been purchased for the use of the church and that a building will be erected as early as possible. It is thus that religion and morality keep pace with civilization. **Richard J. Hayes[,] of Florence**, has purchased **John Blossingham's** building, nearly opposite the **Lockwood House** and will place a stock of **general merchandise** in it in a short time. **Leopold and Runkel** have just moved into their fine new building on the north side of **Superior avenue**. The **post office** is also removed to the same building which is a great convenience to our people as they now do not have to travel half a mile to get their mail. It is efficiently managed by Miss **Julia Runkel**. The **Lockwood House** has provided itself with a large new safe, for the convenience of its patrons. This fine hotel keeps up with the march of improvement. **Rooney and**

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Urquhart are doing a fine business. **D.T. Adams**[,] one of our new justices of the peace, has a fine **billiard hall and sample room**, with offices overhead. **Howard Brooks** is the name of the brand new **ticket agent and telegraph operator** at our model **railroad depot**. The railroad spur is built to the **Crystal Falls mine** and the stock pile is disappearing at a rapid rate. We expect that fully 100 more buildings will be erected before the close of the summer, in the village. **Dix** – not the general – but **David**, is doing a fine business in counteracting the proverbial dryness of this region, by distributing mysterious, but solid looking **kegs, of something, branded “Blatz” Milwaukee**. We have religious services and Sunday school once a week, if not more often. **“Cedar Castle”** is finished and is quite an imposing structure.

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Crystal Falls.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

The fine **new Opera Hall of William Doucet** was opened last night, by a grand ball – the first in the young city – [sic]. The spacious room was crowded by votaries of the terpsichorean art from all portions of the range.. Space forbids us to give their names, but each one declared that it was the best ball of the season. **F.B. Johnson**, the **jeweler**, has moved into his commodious new building east of **Dr. Kimball**. **Carlin and Bowers** expect to be able to open up their **new drug store**, in about a week week [sic] or ten days. **Tearney Bros. & Russell** are doing a fine

business in the **wet grocery [saloon] ine [sic – line]**. The **Lockwood House** still continues to be crowded and if business keeps up in that way he will have to enlarge right off, if not sooner. The contract has been let for grading the streets and work will be pushed right along. Crystal Falls will soon have some of the finest thoroughfares in the country. The railroad track is about finished to the **Brier Hill mine** and just as soon as it is in shape to be used, a heavy plant of machinery will be shipped up and placed in position. The company intend [sic – intends] to rush business for all it is worth and will ship a large amount of ore yet this season. **The bodies of the two Scandinavians Henry Anderson and August Gilbert who were drowned in the Paint River last fall, were both found within a distance of two miles below the falls.** They were buried here.

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ONE of the worst difficulties which railroad engineers have to contend with in this section of the country is what are commonly called “sink holes.” Several were found on the line of the **Menominee River railroad**, between here and Powers. They generally occur on low ground which sometimes has an apparently solid surface. The small lakes and ponds with which this country is dotted, were evidently more numerous ages ago than at the present time. A great many of them had apparently neither inlet nor outlet. In time vegetation encroached from the shores, gradually contracting the visible surface of the water. This was primarily in the shape of mosses, afterwards of stunted shrubs, and latterly of large moisture loving trees, such as cedar and tamaracks. Slowly as ages wore away

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and generations of vegetable organisms had flourished and died, the surface became entirely covered, making what is commonly called a shaking bog. Accumulations of vegetable matter of this kind in the course of time succeeded former accumulations, until in after years many feet of a substance, sufficiently buoyant and closely resembling peat, formed a roof, so to speak, over the water. After a time – in the case of a shallow pond – these might by their ever increasing weight reach the bottom and form comparatively solid ground. In the event of a great depth of water only a comparative crust would extend over the dismal depths of mud and fluid below. When a railroad grade strikes one of these treacherous formations it is only a question of weight and thickness of the upper formation. If the superincumbent weight is too heavy, and the crust too thin to support it, the grade must settle until it rests on the bed of the former lake. In one case near **Spread Eagle lake**, it is said the rail road [*sic – railroad*] bed gradually sank 60 feet, before it found a resting place. The latest trouble with a “sink hole,” is on the **Crystal Falls rail road [*sic – railroad*] extension**, about one mile this side of the village. The grade there passes through a small swamp, near an open lake. Trouble has been experienced by its settling at different times, but last Friday a portion of it quietly dropping down about eight feet, throwing up a ridge of the upper crust on one side, to about an equal height. A gang of men were immediately put at work upon it, who after piling in about 200 logs and similar material stopped the sinking and re-arranged [*sic – rearranged*] the track so that a train could pass. On Saturday it sank about three feet more, while the evening train going south was passing over. It is thought that the grade has now struck bottom and will hereafter be a fixture.

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–**Dr. J.M. Mead**, of **Crystal Falls**, sized up our town early in the week.

Crystal Falls.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

Our citizens had a very pleasant time on the “Glorious Fourth” and everything passed off in an enjoyable and quiet way, winding up with an excellent dance in the evening. 4th of July’s [*sic*] are so very much alike in these new towns that I will not try to be more explicit in my description of it. After the festivities of the day were over and the shades of night had gathered, I am sorry to say that several depredations were committed which attained to the magnitude of serious crimes. **Blatz’s beer house** with double doors was broken open and several kegs of beer abstracted. How much is not known. **O.C. Hager & Johnson’s** house was entered and the money drawer with its contents was carried off. Besides the money in it, was a watch and chain. **Mr. McCourt’s** chest of carpenter’s tools was broken open and a large share of the tools stolen. It is not quite definitely known who the thieves and and [*sic*] burglars were, but the officers think they have struck the right clue and will capture the criminals before long. There is a floating element here which is a great injury to any town and the sooner those composing it are forced to go to work at some honest employment, or leave the village, the better it will be for it. They have no money and must earn a living in some way. These criminal acts are no doubt committed by them. **S.D. Hollister** is building a very large two story building on the south side of Superior Avenue opposite

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the **Lockwood House**. It is designed for a **store and offices**, and will be an ornament to the town when finished. **J.M. Essington** is opening a **hotel over D.T. Adams' billiard hall**. **Deputy sheriff A.J. Harding** has his hands full of business and at present is mainly engaged in looking up those who are selling liquor without a license. **Esquire Adams** has already had quite a number of grists in the justice department but is somewhat embarrassed [*sic – embarrassed*] by having no blanks or books to work with. These however are all ordered and will probably come as soon as they can be got ready. **Town clerk W.B. Carlin** has his hands full with his clerkship, **drug store**, and building contracts. But he is busy, active and capable and manages to attend to all his various duties to perfection. **Road commissioner Curran** is [*sic*] doing some fine work on our streets and that they needed it nobody will deny.

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A **SPARRING match between E.D. Phillips and W.J. McCloskey**, is advertised for Saturday evening, in **Doucett's Opera House**, at **Crystal Falls**. Both men are well known sporting characters and will draw. Not the least feature of the occasion is the admission price, which has been placed at one dollar. **Martin Rogan** is manager.

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Crystal Falls Finds.

W.K. Jones, the enterprising attorney of this village, is lying dangerously ill with fever, at the residence of **superintendent Elmore**.

Gilling, the man who was shot at **Ole Hagers [*sic – Hager's*] saloon just prior to Christmas, is rapidly recovering and will be on his feet in a few days.**

Our enterprising merchant, **D. Bannerman**, is about to erect a **livery stable**. Mr. B. has shown himself to be an enterprising business man [*sic – businessman*] while with us and we wish him prosperity.

The **Crystal Falls Mining company** are [*sic – is*] pushing their **explorations on section 9, 14-33**. We are not informed as to how the work looks, but we predict that if a mine exists on the property they are the parties to find it.

There is about to be a **new drug store and also a jewelry store** added to the business capacity of this burg, and of course they will prosper as do all of the business institutions which make a proper beginning in this village.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume III, Number 17 [Saturday, April 21, 1883], page 1, column 4

A **WASHOUT occurred on the railroad near Crystal Falls**, Thursday, a small lake close to which the track is laid overflowing and carrying away the road bed. Passengers on Thursday's train from **Florence** were obliged to walk from this point to the Falls, the train being unable to proceed. Repairs were speedily made and trains are running as usual now.

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THE creditors of **Leopold & Co.**, of **Crystal Falls**, Mich., **dealers in general merchandise**, who failed last February, met at the **Tremont house**, Chicago, Wednesday afternoon. A report was presented showing that the nominal assets of the firm were \$33,421.32, and the net assets \$14,691.38. Their secured liabilities are \$6,721.47, unsecured \$26,886.40, or a total liability of \$33,608.17. The firm submitted a proposition to their creditors, offering to settle with them at 50 cents on the dollar, which was accepted. The payment will be one quarter cash and the remainder in four, eight, and twelve months.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume III, Number 18 [Saturday, April 29, 1883], page 1, column 5

A HOISTING plant of machinery for the **Great Western mine**, at **Crystal Falls**, is now under construction at the **Florence Iron works**.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume III, Number 18 [Saturday, April 28, 1883], page 4, column 5

—**Christ. Grossbusch**, of **Iron Mountain**, accompanied by his brother who has just arrived from Germany, passed through this city bound for **Crystal Falls**, Wednesday.

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C.B. AND E.W. INGALLS, of **Waucedah**, have prepared to send milk

to towns on the Range, including **Florence**, **Iron River** and **Crystal Falls**.

D.A. GRAHAM has closed his branch harness shop at **Crystal Falls**, owing to dull times. The outfit will be added to his **Florence** establishment.

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SOL SMITH RUSSELL [an actor performing in *Florence*] could not handily go to **Crystal Falls**, so the good people of that lively and sociable place, threw aside the matter of convenience and, bent on seeing a good thing while they had an opportunity, **chartered a special train** consisting of an engine and one car, and “came to Sol Smith Russell.” The car was filled to overflowing and the trip was made in short order. A safe return was had and none regretted the extra expense and trouble. A jolly time was had in the car coming down and going up.

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Fire at the Falls.

Violent forest fires raged around Crystal Falls, on Thursday, and would have done great damage had it not been for the united exertions of the entire populace. As it was, the hot breath of the flames fanned the cheeks of the citizens for some time, but no buildings were destroyed.

Milk ! Milk ! Milk !

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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 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.

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Crystal Falls Matters.

Our streets are being put in nice condition.

James H. Elmore and **Geo. Runkle** [*sic – Runkel*] visited Chicago during the week.

A **log jam at the falls** was an attraction witnessed by many on Tuesday.

Mrs. Capt. Wm. Morrison has been quite seriously indisposed during the week.

The fire has been creeping through the woods considerably recently, making it warm for the explorers.

The FLORENCE MINING NEWS has been placed on sale at the news depot of **J.L. Kimball & Co., druggists**.

John L. Kimball, the **druggist**, son of the doctor, is quite ill with pneumonia, the outgrowth of a severe cold.

D. Bishop, of **Bishop & Runkel**, suffered a severe sprain of one of his legs a few days ago, which is about well.

The city has commenced to wake up considerably the past week, and signs of better times are to be seen hovering around.

The **Home Talent Club**, which by the way possesses no small amount of dramatic excellency [*sic – excellence*], it is said will soon put on the "Two Orphans" at **Doucet's Opera House**.

Architect Elliott, of **Marinette**, visited the Falls the week past in the interest of the **new school house**, work on which is to be commenced at once. The edifice is to be an imposing one and will cost \$6,000.

Capt. Frank Raher, of the **Great Western**, has commenced the erection of a new residence on the hillside east of the mine. When finished the captain and his good wife and family will have a cosy [*sic – cozy*] home.

A report comes from **Iron River** to the effect that **Paddy Vail attempted to give one Donnelly a lunch on lead** on Sunday evening last. **Donnelly's hat was perforated**, it is said. A quarrel more tame started the fracas.

We are all anxiously awaiting the approach of the time when Crystal Falls will be made the railroad terminal point, so that those who have the Falls as their point of destination can come straight through without a lay over.

The old rumor of construction work being at once commenced on the survey route of the **Lake Chicagoan extension** has again been revived. **John Parks** is in Chicago and will probably return with some definite and authentic information.

Morris Welch, the constable and night watchman, "as han heagle heye" [*has an eagle eye*] to the welfare of the town after all the citizens are resting peacefully in the arms of Morpheus on a voyage to dreamland. Morris copes successfully with all evils, and quiet prevails after night-fall in consequence.

On the evening of May 25 a grand ball is to be given at **Doucet's Opera House**, and a pleasant time is insured all who attend. Those most actively identified with the hop

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are **A. Lustfield, Al. Austrian, Dr. Catlin, John Johns, D. Bishop, William Doucet** and **J.E. Barver**. Supper will be served at **Tearney & Russell's**.

The work of **laying new sidewalks the entire length of Main Street** is being rapidly pushed. The improvement, though costly, is much needed and will enhance the appearance of the city greatly. The walks are spacious, measuring eight feet in width and are being put down in a substantial manner. **Ziegle & Simpson**, of **Florence**, did the surveying to the satisfaction of everybody.

A duel on the tapis [*sic*] furnishes talk for the town. Scene: A party. Act I – Pretty girl, two suitors. Act II – One monopolizes young lady's company for the evening, other intensely jealous. Act III – (Early following morning) Jealous suitor upbraids the monopolizer [*sic*] and challenges him to mortal combat. Successful suitor not anxious to fight and suddenly visits **Florence**. Tableau – Jealous suitor, blood in his eyes, searching for rival, followed by a second carrying pistols, coffee and surgeons for two on a tray. End not yet.

A delightful party was held at the residence of **Capt. Roberts**, of the **Paint River mine**, on Monday evening, in honor of the anniversary of the birthday of **Mrs. Robert's** [*sic* – *Roberts'*] sister, **Mrs. Capt. Harry Roberts**, whose husband has charge of the **Lake Chicagoan mine**. Among those present were **Dr. and Mrs. Kimball, Miss Hollister, the Mesdames and Messrs. Hollister, Frank Scadden, Mrs. Runkle** [*sic* – *Runkel*], **Mrs. John Parks, Dr. Butts** and **Mr. Newman**, of **Mastodon**; **Miss Teller**, of **Florence**; **Dr. Bond**, of **Iron River**; **Capt. Wm. Morrison, D. Bishop, A. Austrian, Miss Bartel, Mr. Lindsey, R. Finley Breese, Mr. Rowley**, and many others. The evening was spent most pleasantly with music and dancing. Delicious refreshments were served. Mrs.

Roberts was assisted by Miss Teller and **Mrs. Harry Roberts** and with this coterie of entertainers none could help having a splendid time. The hours grew small in the grey of the morn before those assembled sought their downy couches.

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Mastodon Mine Items.

Married on May 19th, **Charles Greece** and Miss **Catherine Davis**, both of this place, by the **Rev. John Fitzsimmons**, justice of the peace. Supper and services were held at the residence of the bride's parents. The saloons of our place being closed, the keepers having been converted to temperance by the inhabitants, it was necessary to import the ----- from Milwaukee through the medium of **J. Mosseau**. All you thirsty ones imagine: Six kegs in all. At the crossing four kegs were found missing. It has since transpired that this was caused by several of the slighted ones, **Thos. Wills, Wm. Bray** and **Louis Newman** at the head. A wager of a bottle of wine was made by **Dr. Butts** and **Louis Newman** as to which would first kiss the bridegroom. The bet was won by the doctor, Mr. Newman having been in Florence the night before and, being ill, retired early. But Newman was on hand at the supper table. The wedding presents were many, rich, and handsome, including the following. A bowl of pan-cakes, boarded with maple syrup, by **Mrs. Fitzsimmons**; a broom with nothing but the handle left, by **Mrs. Thomas Wills**; a babies' [*sic* – *baby's*] rubber ring, chewed badly, and just right and soft for another

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baby to begin on, by **Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Mollard**; a whole cheese that had been frozen last winter, by **L. Newman**; a bottle of soothing syrup by **Dr. Butts**; a time book, one of his own make, by **John Sewell**. **J.C. McDermott** presented them with three or four funny stories, and stated with regrets, that it was all he was able to give. Our **colored people**, **Richard Sweet** and **R. Perkins**, were present. Mr. Sweet favored the party with a beautiful and touching ballad entitled, "He is going to chew ore," and Mrs. Perkins started to dance an old Virginia essence, when all of a sudden she stopped. On examination it was found that **Squire Taufield** had stepped on her trail. Nothing else of a romantic character happened. Mr. Taufield then favored us with an original recitation entitled, "Who will wipe my baby's nose?" During the evening quite a number of funny incidents happened. **James Davis** made a bet with **Henry Henwood** that he could stand one minute on one foot. He lost. A little later quite a commotion was observed in the corner of the room caused by **J.C. McDermott** trying to crawl between the legs of **Geo. Mollard**, closely followed by **Mrs. Wills**, with the fat side of a chair in her hand. Peace, at last, was restored. What McDermott had done we could not learn. **David McCarthy** was not present. We learn from private sources that he remained in his boudoir, quite ill from mysterious causes. We must stop, as the reporter could remember nothing clear after this, until about four o'clock in the morning, when he found himself hung up on a clothes line to grow (throw) up.

N.M. Frisburg, our boss **carpenter**, was married on the 20th inst. [on this month] to **Miss G. Oleson**, also of this place. The cause of his going abroad to be wedded was that, he objected to our justice, thinking him too new at the marrying business.

N.F. Leopold, of Chicago, paid us a short visit last week.

The **Mastodon spur** is being ballasted. A small shipment of ore left last week. Yours,

CRYSTAL FALLS.

Crystal Falls Matters.

Beautiful weather.

Everybody happy.

Improvements are going on rapidly.

The MINING NEWS will be found on sale at **Kimball's news depot**.

The sidewalk on the north side of **Superior Avenue** is nearly completed.

Messrs. Elmore, Bishop and L. Bush have retired to the beautiful **Hemlock** for trout.

Dr. Metcalf is finding many warm friends with the citizens of **Crystal Falls**.

Great credit is due our efficient town board for its enterprise in improving our streets and roads.

We have to thank **Dr. Kimball** for courtesies extended during the week. He is an obliging gentleman.

Charles Bertrand was lucky enough to catch a large bear, weighing 500 pounds, Monday night, north of the Falls.

J.M. Longyear and his friend **S.B. Jameson**, of **Marquette**, have been looking us over, and express themselves pleased with our prospects.

L.J. Kimball, who has been confined to his bed for over a week, with pneumonia, is now out of danger, and will soon be around again. Allow us to congratulate.

The shaft that was being sunk at the **James mine** found the ledge yesterday, showing the finest ore, to all appearances, that has been seen in this vicinity.

Mrs. Dr. Kimball is the happy recipient of a beautiful bouquet [*sic* – bouquet] of cut

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flowers from her neice [*sic* – *niece*], Miss **Maud Taylor**, of Coloon, St. Joseph county, Mich.

Elder Perrin, presiding Elder of the **M.E. Church**, preached to large congregations both morning and evening last Sabbath, and made arrangements for preaching regularly hereafter.

The **Great Western** has shipped 1,068 tons of ore to Escanaba, so far this season, and more to local furnaces. The **Paint River [Mine]** has sent down 546 tons, and the **Union** 550 tons.

A CRYSTAL FALLS man advertises his hotel for sale. He'll be sorry before long if he disposes of it. There's a better time coming, and the Falls, with its extensive resources, will not be passed unnoticed.

THE fire at **Crystal Falls** startled the **insurance men** not a little and several visited this place during the week with the avowed purpose of cancelling their policies. On finding the danger had been greatly exaggerated, they left in better spirits, without carrying out their hastily formed intentions.

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THE trains commenced running through to **Crystal Falls** and **Iron River**, on **Monday last**, which is a great accommodation to the citizens of those places.

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THE bright little settlement of **Mastodon** was sorely afflicted last week by the death of two of her citizens – **John Linnblod**, a

miner, killed by falling ore, and **Richard Chigwadden**, who died from **inflammation of the lungs**. Both funerals were held on last Saturday, and the pall of death and sadness attendant seemed to overspread all.

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Crystal Falls Matters.

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J.A. Ames and others, who have been for a long time exploring a little south of the **Youngstown mine**, have eventually struck it rich, having found a rich, hard, blue ore at the depth of 65 feet. The ore is very different from any other deposit ever found in this vicinity, and is in texture and other appearances very similar to some of the hard ores found on the **Marquette range**.

The **Crystal Falls Iron Company**, which has for a long time been looking for the **Great Western deposit on their lands just west of the Great Western mine**, have at last got the iron rich and clean, which verifies our maxim, "stick to it."

The **town of Crystal Falls** has new **sidewalks**, and we expect soon to see our complement of corner loafers.

The NEWS is on sale at **Dr. Kimball's drug store**.

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F.G. Clark has a fawn. It is his first child.

George Runkel was quite seriously indisposed on Tuesday evening.

A grand picnic is on foot for June 14, which promises all a good time.

John L. Kimball has entirely recovered from his attack of pneumonia.

E.A. Maas, of **Humboldt**, smiled on us Tuesday. He is always smiling after coming from **Quinnesec**.

Saloon men look angry. Cause: It is said **John Condon**, the **beer peddler**, skipped with pockets well lined.

There will be **preaching at the school house every Sabbath** at 10:30 A.M. and 7:30 P.M., and Sabbath school at 12 M. [*sic* – 12 P.M.]

L.M. Tyler left for Green Bay Sunday, to be absent a few days. We hope Lou has no serious intentions outside of fun with the boys.

Rooney & Urquhart are doing a thriving business, and among other things dispose of **two carloads of beer a month** to the lager lovers of the falls.

James H. Elmore, of the **Fairbanks**, and one of the "Fathers of the Falls," carries around a nice peice [*sic* – *piece*] of ore, that didn't come from the Fairbanks, either.

Asa F. Leopold was here during the week, but left for Chicago on Wednesday. He talks of going to Europe as advance agent for **M.B. Leavitt's minstrels**, at a salary of \$2,400 per annum.

Our popular post-mistress, **Mrs. S.D. Hollister, Jr.**, has turned her talents in the direction of **newspaper corresponding**, and is, of course, doing so well as to be a valuable addition to any editorial staff.

Capt. C.T. Roberts, **J.H. Parks** and **A.F. Leopold** have returned from the

Hemlock river, where they captured over **400 brook trout**, the result of two day's sport. Wasn't much of a day for fish, either.

Hon. Edward Breitung's private secretary, F.R. Pearce, was in town on Tuesday last, straightening up the **Juniata Iron Mining Company's (section 29) matters**, and paying labor and other clamis [*sic* – *claims*]. None too soon to suit the boys who have waited a year and over.

S.D. Hollister, Sr., can show off our bright little place to an honest advantage, if there is one here, who can. He courteously takes all visitors around, spends time when he can't spare it, and what he can't explain or tell in connection with the place, isn't worth knowing.

L. Bishop, of **Bishop & Runkel**, went to Chicago on Thursday where he will remain for several days. Mr. Bishop was connected with a large Chicago hardware firm before he came to the Falls, and has myriads of friends in the Garden City.

J.A. Ames, whose prospects at the **Quincy** are so bright, will soon move **Mrs. Ames** and the children from their present home at **Houghton**, to **Omro, Wis.** Mr. Ames has a magnificent place at Houghton, but the health of his wife is much better at Omro.

M. Coogan, of **Hoffman, Billings & Co., Milwaukee**, president of the **Acme Mining Co.**, was here and looked over his promising property, on Tuesday. Mr. Coogan is an agreeable and well posted gentleman, and left well pleased with our place. He is building a hotel at **Manistique** for a Chicago firm.

M. Breese, a brother of **R. Finley [Breese]**, a married man whose proclivities are to teach school and mix drugs, and a thorough gentleman, has located here. He looks enough like R. Finley to often cause confusion, and has already been the cause of the latter being thought to be a *pater familias*, by his being seen taking care of

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the children, and taken for his brother. Mr. Breese has applied for the school.

Man-of-all-things **Essington** is arranging matters for a special train to Florence to attend the "World" performance next Monday evening. If it wasn't for Florence we should fare hard for theatricals. A little energetic management on anybody's or somebody's part would bring lots of good shows here. **Doucet's Opera House** is a fine hall, has a large stage, and we are an amusement loving people.

The **Caledonia House** is now managed by **Duncan Cruikshanks**, and has been put in such condition that it cannot help but pay. The walls have been frescoed, the rooms refitted, the dining hall enlarged, remodeled and improved, and the house put in good shape generally. Its location is favorable for a good patronage and its business is growing in a healthy manner. Mr. Cruikshanks contemplates more improvements in the future, and is bound to maintain a first-class house.

Charles E. Geer, late of **Escanaba**, is the new and obliging clerk at the **Lockwood**. The business of this house is picking up considerably, and it should be well patronized as it is kept in first class style. **Mr. Lockwood** is arranging to make his place a rare summer resort and has already received application for quarters from several Chicago parties. On Wednesday he sent out an exploring party to test the fishing qualities of a chain of lakes, which is beautifully located at easy distance from the hotel and suitable also for camping parties. Both fishing and hunting are splendid, the air is bracing, the nights are cool and there is no reason why the Falls could not be made a renowned resort.

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Crystal Falls Matters.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

THE NEWS is on sale at **J.L. Kimball's drug store and news stand**, where subscriptions will also be received.

Several of our people celebrated at home and then took the afternoon train for the fun in **Florence**. Among them **Prof. Scadden**.

Things at **Lake Fortune** are progressing nicely, and under **D.C. Lockwood's** spirited management, the place will become, as before predicted, a magnificent resort.

On Friday the tin wedding of **Capt. C.T. Roberts** and his estimable wife was celebrated in **Pic-Nic Grove**, by a large number of friends. A most pleasant time was had.

The celebration of the nation's natal day passed off quietly, nicely, enjoyably and successfully. **James H. Elmore** read the Declaration of Independence, and **W.H. Clark**, of **Florence**, delivered the oration. The games and sports were interesting and exciting.

A **disastrous fire at the Youngstown mine** occurred [*sic – occurred*] last Sunday. It started between the **Youngstown** and **Quincy**, and for some time had its own way. Two hundred cords of wood, one of the engine houses, \$2,000 worth of square timber, blacksmith shop, and new trestle works were destroyed. The loss is estimated to be in the neighborhood of \$5,000.

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Crystal Falls Matters.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

Thunder and lightning night and day
now – some of the time.

We have dog fights on the streets
occasionally to make things lively.

Landlord Lockwood is pleased with
the excellent manner that **Fortune Lake**
prospects are developing.

THE NEWS is on sale at **J.L. Kimball's**
drug store news stand, where
subscriptions will also be received.

Friendly feelings between the
Methodist and Presbyterian leaders were
shown by an exchange of pulpits last
Sabbath.

Our **new school building** begins to
loom up, and ere long we shall have an
edifice in which minds are developed, not
second to any on the Range.

Rev. D.A. Perris, of **Iron Mountain**,
was here the first of the week, looking after
the interests of the **Methodist Episcopal**
people of this place.

The **explorations** being made by the
Acme Mining Company, superintended by
S.D. Hollister, Sr., are very promising and
experienced men say "they have struck it
there."

Improvement is the order of the day.
Crosswalks have been laid on **Superior**
Street at all of the crossings, making it
pleasant for business, as well as for
evening promenading.

Dr. A.A. Metcalf, who has been
spending a few days professionally at **Iron**
River, returned on Monday. The Doctor is
straight-forward and bound to succeed.

Dr. Tideman's small dog has learned
tricks young, and with the dexterity of older
cleptomaniacs [*sic* – *kleptomaniacs*],
purloins sweet meats from boxes within his
reach.

Jno. [John] Cory, of the firm of **R.**
Flood & Co., a most active gentleman, is
busy here and there, up and down the line.
He will be back again the first of next week.

Alfred Holm[,] who had his leg and ribs
broken, [*sic*] while working in the woods last
winter, and who has been under **Dr.**
Tideman's care, was removed to the
county house on Tuesday.

Fortune Lake is fast becoming a
favorite resort. Parties from all parts of
the country are daily coming prepared with
camping outfits[,], fishing tackle and oil of
Pennyroyal. All spend pleasant days on its
banks, and come away loaded with fish and
well satisfied.

Late rulings of the **post office**
department, require that fifty cents for each
key to the lockboxes be deposited with the
department. The same to be refunded
upon return of the keys. This is to secure
the return of the keys when parties are
through with the boxes and leave town, and
is as it should be.

The **post office** here has taken a boom.
It is now a money order office and has been
given more room in **Bower's store**. Under
the gentlemanly and accommodating care
of **R. Finley Breese**, every one [*sic* –
everyone] is satisfied with it. **Mrs. Hollister**
is to be congratulated on the efficiency of
her assistant.

A.J. Van Anda, principal of the **Iron**
Mountain schools, has been visiting here,
the guest of **Mr. and Mrs. O.O. Welch**. We
learn that Mr. V has given excellent
satisfaction and has been employed for
another year. He left Monday for Iowa,
where he will spend the remainder of his
vacation.

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Owing to the resignation of **Thos. Moran**, a caucus has been called to be held at **Doucett's [sic - Doucet's] Hall**, on Saturday night, for the purpose of nominating candidates to fill the vacancy. Mr. Moran left early in the week, but the NEWS correspondent did not learn his point of destination.

J.M. Essington was the guide for the party of pleasure seekers from Chicago, last Monday. All the sport that was wanted was had, and **trout** enough to satisfy were taken. Mr. Essington makes a good escort for trout fishers and pleasure seekers, and we hope **Col. Kidder** and **Tony Dwight** will call again and bring more with them.

Henry Oldenberg, formerly **Judge Bannerman's efficient clerk**[,] made his appearance on our streets last week, with his brother from Green Bay. Having a little time off they are here visiting **A.G. Oldenberg**, our worthy **furniture dealer**. Henry has for the last year been pursuing his studies at Madison, where he was admitted to the bar, some months ago. We need just such a man here to look after our business interests and plead the cause of the innocent and hope he may be induced to settle among us.

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Rev. W.T. Doggett, of **Crystal Falls**, will occupy the pulpit at the **Presbyterian Church** to-morrow [sic - tomorrow] morning and evening, he and **Mr. Cory** exchanging pulpits.

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J.F. Shafer, with his usual enterprise and hospitality, erected a huge tent at **Mastodon Crossing** on the railroad, near the scene of the **immense blue-berry [sic - blueberry] fields**, last Tuesday and invited all or any of the **Florence** folk, to come and pick berries and make their headquarters at his stamping grounds. Not a few took advantage of the popular man's kindness and had a good time; procuring a large quantity of berries, without the hard buck-board [sic - buckboard] ride, attendant upon driving out from the city.

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FIRE.

On Monday evening last the large general **store of Leopold & Newman's, at the Mastodon mine**, [sic] was totally **destroyed by fire**. The loss is estimated to reach at least \$5,000 and the stock was insured for \$3,300 in Chicago companies. The fire originated at about 11 o'clock at night from the explosion of a kerosene lamp in the cellar and spread so rapidly after discovery, that it was impossible to save anything. The store was owned by **Asa F. Leopold**, of Chicago, and Louis Newman. The NEWS heartily sympathize [sic - sympathizes] with the unfortunates. The conflagration occurred just as business was becoming very lively at **Mastodon** and the loss will not be confined to merely what was destroyed. The firm will resume as soon as possible.

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Crystal Falls Matters.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

[Crowded out last week.]

The NEWS is on sale at **J.L. Kimball's drug store news stand**, where subscriptions will also be received.

As a town we are fast becoming civilized and the genuine old time surprise parties are going the rounds. Several have been had, but the one at **J.E. Bowers [sic – Bowers'] residence** last week, capped the climax.

Henry Oldenburg, whom we had hoped would remain among us as our legal advisor, could not be persuaded to stay. He left for Green Bay last week where he has relatives. Henry thinks of locating at Eau Claire, Wis. Wherever he goes may success attend him.

W.B. Carlin has sold his interest in the building in which the **postoffice [sic – post office]** is situated, to **M.J. Lindsey**. Mr. Lindsey has finished the front and given it a coat of paint, making a vast improvement in what once was known as the "old ark." Mr. Carlin and wife left for Marinette last week.

J.M. Thorn was around looking up life insurance. **Thos. O'Callaghan**, of **Norway**, has been looking up fire insurance this week.

S.C. Hall has been here looking after the interests of the **Great Western**.

Wm. James is said to have found 36 feet of good clean ore on his **exploration east of town**.

D. Bannerman has gone eleven feet into marketable ore on his find. A deposit of ore 24 feet wide across forty acres is the way they have it here.

The **Paint River mine** has commenced shipping.

J.L. Kimball, Miss Hollister and Miss Briggs went **fishing** out to **Fortune Lake**. The mosquitoes and flies had fasted several days and the horse would not be a willing sacrifice, to satisfy their ferocious appetites [*sic – appetites*], so despite the halter, the faithful animal came home leaving our friends to sup and breakfast on crumbs that fell from the dinner table.

Al. Austrian, Mrs. Capt. Roberts, Mrs. Harry Roberts and others, wanted to go to **Fortune Lake fishing**. Their horses did not, so the party decided to camp on the road, out.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollister went to **Fortune Lake fishing**, with the white horse following behind. White horse and bay horse got through fishing an hour or so before the party was ready to come in and now Mr. Hollister says the best way to go to **Fortune Lake fishing**, [*sic*] is to walk.

The **Rev. J.W. Sanderson**, of Milwaukee, occupied the **pulpit at the school house [sic – schoolhouse]** last Sabbath.

The caucus was held as announced, and **Capt. W.H. Morrison** was nominated as a suitable man to fill the vacancy in the **office of supervisor**. It seems as though he would be the right man in the right place.

The election notice which called upon the voters to say who they would have for supervisor, has been changed to August 8.

Cody Hollister and R.F. Breese went **trout fishing**, camped out three nights, got tired and [*sic – and*] wet, but did not get many trout.

Rumors were in circulation that our township clerk is holding his office illegally. **Mr. Lustfield** was the unanimous choice of the people last spring, so why not let him serve the people. He does it and can do it well.

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"**Berrying on the plains**" is all the rage now and berries are plenty.

Miss **Clara Briggs**, of Chicago, is the guest of Miss **Nellie Hollister**.

The **Rev. Mr. Cory**, of **Florence**, spent an evening with **Rev. W.T. Doggett**, who ministers in spiritual things here. There would seem to be nothing strange in this circumstance were it not from the fact that whenever "the elder" is seen in town someone expects someone is going to be married. Such was the case this time and as there are not many just now who take the long moonlight walk or sit long in the evening twilight, suspicion was not long in pouncing down like a hawk upon Mr. ----- and Miss -----[,] both prominent in upper circles here, and they were greatly surprised on the following morning to receive the congratulations of their numerous friends. These things ought not so to be.

R.F. Breese, who has been acting **assistant postmaster** for several months past, has stepped down and out of that position. Two [*sic - Too*] much help is assigned as the cause.

The firm of Bishop & Runkel has ceased to carry the Great Western miners and R. Flood & Co., now get their trade.

Justice Bannerman has resigned his judiciary power and in speaking of a substitute, **Capt. J.B. Schwartz's** name is mentioned.

THIS WEEK.

A bear was trapped and killed by Chas. Bertrand, at Armstrong's Camp, last week.

The **funeral of Mr. and Mrs. Rowley's little child** took place from the residence of **Geo. Runkel**, whose wife is a sister of Mrs. Rowley. It will be remembered that the babe was adopted by **Mr. and Mrs. Rowley** some months ago, and was the **son of Mr. and Mrs. F.B. Johnson**. Mrs. Johnson

died at its birth and Mrs. R. kindly took the care of the motherless one upon herself.

There was a **shooting affray at Mastodon** on Sunday evening. **J.C. McDermott shot a Cornishman named Henwood**. McDermott was brought before **Justice Welch**, on the **charge of assault with intent to kill**, and after a preliminary examination was bound over to appear next week, in the sum of \$3,000. We learn that the wound is not a serious one. McDermott is a relative of **Martin McHale**, of **Florence**. He shot Henwood in the leg and **claims self defense** with good grounds. The defendant is a bar tender [*sic - bartender*] at **Mastodon**.

A "**huckle-berrying**" party camped out on the plains Monday night, consisting of **Mrs. Geo. Runkel, Mrs. P.P. Smith, Mrs. O.O. Welch, Nora Welch, Harry Rundel, Geo. W. Runkel, Julia Hollister, Mollie Hollister, Mystic Rowley, Mart Lindsey, W.F. Bower** and **Rev. W.T. Dogget**. A fine time was had and about four bushels of berries were gathered.

DEATH. --On the evening of the 27th of July, **Charles H., son of Mr. and Mrs. L.D. Rowley**, aged 5 months and 21 days. From the first the frail constitution of the little one was ill prepared to cope with the power of **whooping-cough** [*sic - whooping cough*] which seized upon him a few weeks ago. All the aid that untiring human love could give, availed not to help him through with the dread disease. Death came and the freed spirit gently flew away from the sufferings of earth to the joy of heaven. As in their life so in their death is heard the voice of Jesus, saying: "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God."

The tender flower did sweetly bloom,
A few short morning hours;
Transplanted now in fields of light,
It blooms 'mong heavenly flowers.

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And from those happy fields above,
To aching hearts and sad,
Descends a voice: "To fade no more;
Rejoice; in hope be glad."

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Crystal Falls Matters.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

Election Wednesday.
White frost Monday night.
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Excursion to **Fortune Lake**, Thursday.

A **bear** was seen at **Union mine**,
Tuesday.

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drug store news stand**, where
subscriptions will also be received.

A dance and raffle will be an attraction
at **Doucet's Opera House** next Saturday
evening, the 18th inst. [of this month].

Rev. Doggett, of the Falls, occupied
the **Presbyterian pulpit at Florence** last
Sunday, filling **Mr. Cory's** place while he
was here.

**The contract for finishing the cutting
of a road from the Falls to the Caledonia
mine** has been awarded and the work will
be prosecuted at once.

Those evergreen trees, which looked so
pretty on the 4th of July, are quite unsightly
now and ought to be removed from our
street. Let the commissioner of high-ways
[sic - highways] look after this.

Our city schools closed last Friday week
for a two months [sic - months] vacation
and now the children are out on a romp. It
is expected when school commences

again, the **new school building** will be
ready for occupancy.

Whew! "Smell um bref!" Those pretty,
interesting little animals, whose perfume is
so strong [skunks], have been unpleasantly
common for the last few weeks. **Ed.
Munhall** was compelled to move out last
week on account of them.

Jas. H. Elmore, who has so efficiently
held the position of superintendent of the
Crystal Falls Iron Co., removed his family
to Green Bay on Saturday of last week. Mr.
Elmore is in every way an estimable man
and we are sorry to lose him and his family.

Dr. A.A. Metcalf commenced
practicing for the **Youngstown mine on
August 1st**. The doctor has moved his
office to the **Breese and Van Anden
building opposite the Lockwood House**,
where he is nicely settled and ready during
office hours to attend to the needs of the
suffering public.

Another instrument has been added to
our **cornet band** and one by one it is
increasing. **Harry Essington** is the owner
of the new piece, a fine **E. flat alto**. Those
who already have instruments are
improving rapidly and by another season
we hope to have as good music here as
can be heard on the Range.

Rev. H.P. Cory, of Florence, occupied
the **pulpit of the School House** last
Sunday, administering the Sacrament, in
the morning. **Mrs. Cory** and babe
accompanied him, and were the guests of
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Runkel. Mr. Cory
returned Tuesday morning and dispatched
little **Elsie** to this point to also have a visit
with her mother. They returned Thursday.

S.D. Hollister, Sr., who succeeds **Mr.
Elmore in looking after the interests of
the Crystal Falls Iron Co.**, moved into the
house vacated by Mr. Elmore, on Monday.
S.D. Hollister, jr. [sic - Jr.], moved into
the house vacated by his father, on
Tuesday. **Dr. A.A. Metcalf**, has moved his

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office to the rooms vacated by **S.D. Hollister, jr. [sic - Jr.] A. Breese** will move in to the rooms left vacant by **Dr. Metcalf. Conductor J.B. Owens** and family will remove to the rooms vacated by **A. Breese.**

The election at **Crystal Falls**, on Wednesday, to fill the offices of **supervisor and justice-of-the-peace**, vacated by the **resignation of Thomas Moran and J. Bannerman**, passed off quietly as follows: Whole number of votes cast for supervisor, 159, of which **Capt. W.H. Morrison** received 124 votes and **Al. Austrian**, 35 votes; Morrison's majority, 89. **John Gallagher** beat **J. Essington** in the race for the justiceship [sic] by a majority of 25.

R. Finley Breese has secured a window with **J.E. Bower**, in the **postoffice [sic - post office] drug store**, where he is prepared to do all kinds of **watch, clock and jewelry repairing**, reasonably and on short notice. He had been doing the work in connection with his postoffice [sic - post office] work, for several months past and now hopes to merit his share of patronage. Mr. Breese also does all kinds of **gun and revolver repairing** and has worked up quite a business in this branch of industry, while in connection with the postoffice [sic - post office]. He also did quite a **foreign exchange business** and will continue this also and is prepared to make remittances to all parts of Europe or sell passage tickets to and from all parts of the old world [sic - world]. Mr. Breese is willing to do anything to earn an honest penny and hopes the public will remember him in his new location.

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Crystal Falls Matters.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

R. Flood & Co. are doing an immense business.

R.F. Breese, with **J.E. Bower**, has put out a new 36-inch "watch" sign.

J.H. Mars and **F.L. Johnson**, of the **Florence Iron Works[,]** were up on Tuesday.

The NEWS is on sale at **J.L. Kimball's drug store news stand**, where subscriptions will also be received.

There seems to be enough **jewelry business** in town for two establishments. Both **K.S. Buck** and **Mr. Breese** are doing well.

Three good girls can find employment at the **Lockwood House**. The genial landlord is doing well and is putting up a new barn.

A road is to be cut through to the Mastodon mine location from the Falls, which will no doubt be another valuable channel of trade opened up.

The carpenter work on the school house is finished and the workmen have been laid off until the masons have had their say around there a while.

O.H. Chamberlain, principal of the schools at **Florence**, canvassed our streets on Tuesday with that popular book, "The People's Cyclopaedia." Success to him.

George W. Bairo, Miss **Ettie Taffee**, **Mr. and Mrs. C.S. Osborn**, of **Florence[,]** and Miss **Emma Jones**, of **Milwaukee**, were guests of the **Lockwood House** during the week.

Geo. Runkel and **Cady Hollister** explored the **Brule River** with rods last week and from there explored the woods to **Fortune Lake**, finding on their way several

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other lakes, one of which is full of black bass.

E.H. Munhall, the enterprising wagonmaker and blacksmith[,] has moved into new quarters on **Superior Avenue**. His new building is nearly completed and when entirely so will contain an excellent shop.

Dr. F.C. Weber, who was employed some months ago exploring for the **Ogemaw Iron Co.**, but got the blues and went to Chicago to practice medicine, returned last Sunday and is now exploring on the south half of the north east quarter of Section 22.

J.E. Bowers [*sic* – *Bower*], the popular druggist, is having an elegant sign painted. The work is being executed by **Artist VanEuskirk** and when unfurled to the breeze will be one of, if not the finest in the Falls. Mr. Bower keeps a model business place and he means to let the world know it.

Mrs. A.G. Oldenburg went to Green Bay last week. Mr. Oldenburg will join her this week. **Mr. Oldenburg goes to work in a furniture establishment there and leaves his business here in charge of Charles Henry, who will add to the stock and continue the business at the old stand.** If the furniture business brightens up Mr. O. will come back here again, later in the season.

The lumbermen have started into the woods and quite a large number are now laboring in the sylvan recesses, for **D.L. Bush**. The **Kirby Carpenter Company**, and others. **J.H. Parks** will not start his men before the middle of September. **Fortune Lake is to be the scene of logging operations the coming winter**, and a dam is being built, so as to raise the water in the straits and form a current.

While bathing at **Fortune Lake** Miss **Nellie Galbraith**, of **Crystal Falls**, got beyond her depth and **Charlie Runkel** went to her assistance. The frightened and

struggling young lady was too much for the gallant would-be rescuer and both sank to the watery depths. This unpleasant manoeuvre [*sic* – *maneuver*] was executed several times, before others present could procure a boat and lend aid. But luckily both were finally taken from the water; though nearly dead. Both have probably ceased "taking water in theirs."

On Tuesday **Capt. C.T. Roberts** and **C.S. Osborn**, visited **Fortune Lake** and were royally entertained at **Camp Runkel**. **Mrs. George Runkel** and **Mrs. O.O. Welch** are the leading hostesses and right well do they know how to make camp life what it should be. The gentlemen killed several fine pickerel and saw plenty of other game. They returned like all others, infatuated with the lake and fully appreciating its many superior sporting advantages. The NEWS correspondent cannot tell how many times **Capt. Roberts** shot at a deer and then failed to get it.

The following have registered at **Camp Runkel, on Fortune Lake**: **Mrs. Geo. Runkel, Mrs. O.O. Welch, Myrtle Rowley, Miss Nellie Galbraith, Miss Nora Welch, Miss Katie Brown, Miss Aggie Brown, Carl Pardee, Frank Bower, George Freeman, Chas. Runkel, Willie Galbraith; S.C. Hall, Miss Emma Hall, Miss Hattie Hall, Muskegon; Chas. Lustfield, Geo. Runkel, Rev. W. Doggett, Cady Hollister, O.O. Welch, Harry D. Runkel, Capt. C.T. Roberts, C.S. Osborn; Mrs. Dr. Washington, Oshkosh; Mrs. L.D. Rowley and Georgie Runkel.**

Crystal Falls, not to be behind in the sporting line, has organized the "**Iron Clad Sporting Club**," with the following officers: **Henry Pentecost**, President; **D.W. Brown**, vice president; **Al. Austrian**, acting president; **John L. Kimball**, secretary and treasurer. In addition to the officers the members include **John Larson, Robert McCourt, J.M. Essington, J.C. Kimball**

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and **Harry Runkel** has been made an honorary member, on account of his extraordinary glass ball shooting. The club has a charter and is duly organized under the state laws of Michigan. It has for its object the enforcing of the game laws, general sporting and trap shooting.

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Crystal Falls Matters.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

The Falls is receiving its share of **rainfall**.

Jack Frost spoiled some of our gardens last week.

Swift of the Menominee Range [newspaper at Iron Mountain] was playing ball on the streets Monday.

It is reported that the **Methodist organization** will have a social at the hall soon.

The NEWS will also be found on sale at **J.E. Bower's drug store**.

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Capt. Taylor, of the **Great Western**, is giving excellent satisfaction. He has already made a number of changes for the better.

Rev. F. Stevens spent last Sabbath at **Iron River**, while **Rev. Mr. Cox** of that place was here.

Mr. Bailey, who has been under **Dr. Metcalf's** care for the past week or two, is around again and says he is not going to get down again.

Steps, we learn, are being taken to incorporate the **first church organization in the place**, under the laws of the State of Michigan. It is to be the **First Presbyterian Church, of Crystal Falls, Mich.**

The boss timberman from **Iron Mountain**, who came up to take a situation at the **Great Western**, failed to meet expectations and has been allowed to depart. **Ephriam Morley** supersedes him.

Rev. W.T. Doggett, **Rev. H.P. Cory**, **Cady Hollister** and **C.F. Runkell** [*sic* – *Runkel*], [*sic*] spent Monday and Tuesday at **Fortune Lake**. The "game law" didn't interfere this time, but they came back without a deer.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Doucette, last Saturday morning, a bright little boy, but we are sorry to have to record that, on Tuesday, the little life **passed away** as quietly as it came and on Tuesday evening the remains were buried in the "City of the Dead." The parents have the heartfelt sympathy of all.

Trouble seems to have been the fortune of the **Acme Mining Co.** On Monday one of their small boilers gave out, making it impossible for them to keep the water out of the shaft. **Superintendent Hollister** has secured the boiler that has been lying idle at the Falls, and Wednesday it was placed in position. They feel sure they are near plenty of iron and we hope they will find it.

The NEWS correspondent interviewed the lady of the unfortunate experience, at **Fortune Lake** last week. He learned that both she and her "would be rescuer" went into water deeper than they thought, he going backward and she forward. Suddenly he disappeared, forgetting to let go of his lady until she had lost her balance, off what appeared to be an overhanging ledge of rock. When **Master Charley** [*Runkel*] re-appeared **Miss Galbraith** had gone down and when she came up he had disappeared again. This unpleasant performance was

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repeated until each had gone down twice, no one noticing but that, they were having fine sport, until **Miss Galbraith** unable to speak was disappearing the third time. She held up her hands imploringly. This attracted the attention of the lady's brother and he, hastening to the rescue, succeeded in getting **Master Runkel** where he could help himself only sustaining the almost lifeless form of his sister, until a boat was brought to their rescue. Bravo.

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Crystal Falls Matters.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

Three hops in town last Saturday night.

Dr. A.A. Metcalf and **J.E. Bower**, [*sic*] looked around **Florence** Sunday.

The NEWS will also be found on sale at **J.E. Bower's drug store and fancy emporium.**

John Koepke has cleared ground opposite the **postoffice** [*sic* – *post office*] and is erecting a **shoe shop.**

The NEWS is on sale at **J.L. Kimball's drug store news stand**, where subscriptions will also be received.

Thomas Hooper was killed by a cave at the Mastodon mine Friday of last week and was buried on Saturday.

Dr. H.G. Tideman moved his office to the rear of J.E. Bower's drug store Monday and will move his family there soon.

Frank Scadden, the worthy **time-keeper at Paint River mine**, spent a day or

two at **Iron River** this week. What's the attraction[,] Frank?

Rev. Stevens, who is soon to leave, is a promising young man; earnest and faithful [*sic* – *faithful*] and what will be the church's loss here will be the church's gain wherever he may go.

The **Methodist Church** had a sociable which was attended by about 200 people and all had a glorious time. Ice cream, berries, music and games were the features of the evening and \$65 were realized for **Rev. Stevens.**

In spite of the hard times, considerable of building is going on here. **Bannerman's building** is looming up big at the other end of town. Mr. B. was offered a "V" the other day to tell what he was building, but could not do it.

Carl Grosse, who taught the schools here last winter, appeared on our streets Tuesday. Mr. Grosse, like some others we know of, got the blues and left in disgust, but now says we have made vast improvements and are bound to amount to something in less than five years.

S.D. Hollister, superintendent of the Acme exploration, brought in some fine specimens of ore on Tuesday. With their new boiler in place, the water is easily kept out and now he is going down. The ledge was struck on Monday and the specimens were from the top. Hope he will find it big.

Some cruel person cut a large gash in the hip of one cow; the tail-bone nearly off of another and a slight gash in still another, that were in a certain garden on Monday night. It is true the cows ought not to be allowed to run loose at night, but anyone who will vent spite on a poor brute, in this way, ought to be punished to the fullest extent of the law.

Another social was held on Monday night for the benefit of **Rev. W.T. Doggett**, who has been holding **services at the school house** for the last three months.

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The evening was bad, but in spite of this a goodly number turned out and a good time was had. Peaches were ordered by telegraph, but the telegram failed in getting through in time, and the ladies who got up the entertainment were much disappointed and collected ten cents instead of twenty-five cents, as it probably would have been if the peaches had come. Notwithstanding the draw backs [*sic – drawbacks*] twenty-three dollars were taken in and all satisfied.

School was announced to commence at Commonwealth last Monday, but the schoolmaster was far away and realizing the importance of promptness our "would-be pedagogue" made every effort to be on time. But either the train was a few minutes early, or he late. Leaving his satchel in care of his attendant, he remarked: "I'm going to catch that train," and away he went. When near the foot of **Superior Street**, an obstreperous plank came in contact with the sole of his shoe, and the sidewalk came up to meet him. Nothing daunted he pressed on into the misty fog of the morning, beyond sight of curious lookers-on. Anxious to know the result of the chase, his attendant followed and when near the railroad found both shoes of the runner, which he had laid aside, deeming them encumbrances. He made the train.

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Crystal Falls Matters.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

Lawyer McIntosh, of **Florence**, was in town Wednesday.

Dr. Butts, of **Mastodon**, spent a few hours on our streets Monday.

The Bay Shore Lumber Co. sent a crew of men into the woods on Monday.

John Koepka's new building opposite the **Postoffice** [*sic – post office*] looms up big for a small one.

The NEWS will be found for sale at **J.E. Bowen's** drug store and fancy emporium.

Dr. A.A. Metcalf took a run down to **Powers** and **Spaulding** Saturday. Back Sunday.

V. Carr, of **Marks Camp 5**, looks hearty after a summer in the woods. He was down Tuesday.

The NEWS is on sale at **J.L. Kimball's** drug store news stand, where subscriptions will also be received.

A. Breese, of **Commonwealth**, came up Friday night and spent the Sabbath with his family.

Work commenced at the **Junietta** on Tuesday night and soon that **will be among our working mines again.**

J.E. Bower spent a few days in the woods with **D.L. Bush** last week, but we have not seen that bear he shot at yet.

C.E. Geer, the gentlemanly clerk at the **Lockwood House**, spent a day or two in **Escanaba** and returned Saturday.

A.J. Van Andee [*sic – Andaj*], who has been visiting in Iowa, returned last week and went to his field of labor as **principal of the Iron Mountain schools**, on Saturday.

Rev. W.T. Doggett left last week for **Spiceland, Ind.**, where he will **teach school and also preach.** Mr. Doggett made many warm friends while here and they are sorry to lose him.

Mrs. A. Breese and child moved to **Commonwealth** Tuesday, where Mr. Breese has been **teaching** about seventy young ones "to shoot new ideas" during the past week.

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The **new postal notes** were ready for issue at our **postoffice** [*sic* – **post office**], on Monday. By this arrangement any amount from one cent to four dollars inclusive may be sent to any money order office in the United States for three cents.

Dr. Tideman is contented to stay around home now, as he has his office there and on Sunday morning found a thirteen and three-quarter pound attraction there besides. It's a "young doctor."

A. Willerling, of **Park's Camp 1**, brought to market eighty heads of fine cabbage, the first that has ever been grown and marketed here. Mr. Willerling is a practical gardener and has over a thousand heads of cabbage in his garden on the **Michigamme** [*River*].

Owing to the **strike at the Great Western last week** and three paydays in two weeks there have been many carousers on our streets who had nothing else to do but get drunk and, fight. The pay-days [*sic* – **paydays**] we can stand, but let's have as little fighting as possible.

Some one [*sic* – **Someone**] has the **dog-poisoning fever and now most of the canine race are ornamented with muzzles**. **Dr. Tideman's** dog was the first to disappear, **Paul Tearney's** followed Monday morning and there were four more reported missing Wednesday morning.

On Tuesday morning work was resumed at the **Great Western mine**, under the supervision of **Capt. Buddle**, of **Florence**. Mr. Buddle is a thoroughly practical miner and will remove his family here soon. About twenty-five of the old crew were now allowed to commence work again. The mine is now working 70 men.

Dr. A.A. Metcalf and **R.F. Breese**, by the leaving of **Mr. and Mrs. A. Breese**, with whom they had been boarding, are left two lone and forlorn old batchelors [*sic* – **bachelors**]. They propose to marry each other and keep house, but the doctor got

scared out and has gone to boarding at **Lockwood's**, where he can get a good square meal. Now who can help these two young men out?

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Crystal Falls Matters.

[Special Correspondence.]

The NEWS will be found on sale at J.E. Bower's drug store and fancy emporium.

J.B. Dufresner is fixing up his **barber shop and restaurant** for winter.

The **Lockwood House** is doing quite a business now, entertaining hunters.

It snowed enough to make the ground white on the **Hemlock**, Friday night.

J.M. Sssington [*sic* – **Sissington**] escorted a **Chicago hunting party** up to the **Fence River**, on Friday.

The **school house** has been given an attractive coat of paint and is a handsome structure.

M. VanBuskirk accompanied a lot of Galena pleasure seekers to the **Deer River** on Tuesday.

The weather has been warm enough for the last few days to make the ice business quite brisk.

M.J. Lindsey is having the **postoffice** [*sic* – **post office**] **drug store** painted inside and things are topsy-turvy there now.

The NEWS is on sale at **J.L. Kimball's drug store news stand**, where subscriptions will also be received.

A. Lustfield left for Chicago Wednesday morning, for the purpose of stocking up for winter trade.

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The **Lockwood House**, although not compelled to, now runs a free bus to and from the depot. D.C. believes in accomodation [*sic* – accommodation].

Uncle **Geo. Parks**, who has been taking a run-around among his friends in Wisconsin and Minnesota, returned last week, looking as well as ever.

Master **Ray Kimball** has returned home from a week's trip in the woods, having killed a large buck, weighing over 200 pounds dressed. Ray is a famous hunter and is as proud of his game as any boy of fourteen could well be.

A new livery will be opened and run in connection with the **Lockwood House** commencing with Monday next. Ho! For cheaper prices in the livery line. Mr. Lockwood's enterprise will be and should be appreciated.

Dave Adams, formerly a resident of this place, now in Agate Bay, Minn., was around shaking hands with his many friends here last week. He returned Monday, taking **Tony Harding** with him. Tony is going to take up a homestead.

The following party from Nashville and Chicago have been at the **Lockwood House**, from which they made some most enjoyable sporting excursions: **N.A. Phillips, J.A. Phillips, Mrs. J.A. Phillips, Miss Florence Phillips, H.A. Douglas, Geo. W. McDonnel** and **L.D. Phillips**.

N.F. Leopold and **Louis Newman** have purchased the old **Leopold & Austrian** store, which will hereafter be managed by **Al. Austrian**. The firm style will be **N.F. Leopold & Co.** The same firm has a store at **Mastodon**. The store is a fine one, the stock large and expensive and that it will have an excellent business management is not to be doubted for a moment. Success.

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Crystal Falls Matters. (CONCLUDED).

Our ambitious **Prof. Scadden** contemplates "teaching the young ideas how to shoot" in the branch school across the river.

Among the many new papers at **J.L. Kimball & Co's drug store** you will find the **MINING NEWS**. It is always there with the other interesting publications.

Our school opens Monday with M.L. Smith, of Monroe Co., Mich., as principal. Mr. Smith is a very pleasant appearing gentleman and comes highly recommended.

The meeting of the **I.C.S. Club [Iron Clad Sporting Club]** Tuesday evening was not very well attended. The cause is thought to be a little indisposition on the part of the members. A little more interest boys, or this season will slip away without accomplishing much.

The **pulpit at the school house** has for the last two Sabbaths been without a regular minister but the vacancy has been supplied by **Cady Hollister** and **R.F. Breese**, who have been reading Dr. Talmadge's sermons, with a fair attendance. Efforts have been made during the last few weeks to find a man for the place, but without success. Last Sabbath evening, after service, a meeting was held to consider letters which had been received, and a movement was inaugurated [*sic* – inaugurated] by which a **new bell will very soon be inviting the late sleepers**

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on Sunday morning, to arise and come to worship. For the benefit of this enterprise there was a social given in **Doucette's Hall** on Friday night.

The **Iron Clad Sporting Club**, the organization of which was given in the NEWS some time ago, has posted up notices warning hunters to beware and comply with the game laws. The new club has worthy objects and its members mean business. At present there are twenty members and seven applications. The newly elected officers are: President, **Dr. D.W. Brown**; Vice President, **J.M. Essington**; Secretary, **Frank Scadden**; Treasurer, **Adolph Lustfield**; Board of Directors – **Al. Austrian**, Chairman; **C.T. Roberts**, **L. Bishop**, **George Runkel** and **Harry Pentecost**. The club meets the second Tuesday in every month. **It is down on fence building and night hunting.**

On Monday morning messengers came in post-haste from the **Caledonia mine** with the sad information that a little **nine-month-old child of Capt. Cavender had been fearfully scalded**. **Dr. Tideman** was called and spent the day and night with the little sufferer. It had been placed near the stove to warm and in a moment when the mother was not watching, had caught the coffee-pot, which was setting on the edge of the stove, and pulled it over with its boiling contents onto itself. Almost the entire surface of the legs and feet were blistered and large patches on its face, arms, side and abdomen were badly burned. The doctor estimates that fully half of the surface of the child is burned. At last reports the little sufferer was quiet and a little better. The poor mother is almost wild over the unfortunate accident.

On Friday last our usually quiet village, was startled to unusual activity, by a report that a **man was found dead in the woods near the Union mine**. A German working

on the new road, which is being cut between this place and the **Mastodon mine**, brought the report. **Justice Gallagher** summoned a jury and repaired to the place, only to find that one **Albert Tolman**, a German who had also been working on the road above mentioned, had evidently taken his own life. The unfortunate man was seen on the street about six o'clock the evening before, with some picks and sundry articles for the camp, among which was a bottle of whiskey. From all the facts which could be gathered in the case, the Coroners [*sic* – *Coroner's*] Jury returned the verdict that deceased **came to his death by a revolver shot from his own hand**. He had made a bed of branches by the side of a log, placing the picks under them for a pillow. One arm was under his head and the other hand he still held the revolver, all covered with blood, with which he had done the deed. Deceased had for a year or more been working for **Martin Rogan**, and was subject to violent fits of rage. In one of these Mr. Rogan once saw him go through the motion of cutting his throat with a knife. The supposition is that deceased was considerably under the influence of liquor, as the bottle when he was found, was empty, and on pulling off his boots they were found full of mud and water; that he became discouraged and in one of his insane spells, placed the revolver to his right temple and so ended the life in which he could see nothing but sadness. The remains were brought to town; placed in a plain wooden coffin and properly buried in our cemetery.

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Crystal Falls Matters.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

News is scarce this week.

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C.T. Runkel, who has been visiting in Waupun, Wis., for the past week[,] returned on Monday.

T.G. Clark and family, **H.C. Brailey** and family and **Dr. Metcalf** spent Monday night at **Fortune Lake**.

The social on Friday night was a success sociably and financially [*sic - financially*]. A large number were in attendance and \$36 were the gross receipts.

School commenced in the upper room Monday morning, with an attendance of twenty-seven pupils. Monday was spent in examination and grading preparatory for thorough and systematic work. **School in the lower room commenced Wednesday morning with Miss Mattie Parmenter, of Commonwealth, in charge.**

Our quiet village was stirred to a little excitement on Monday evening, by the sudden appearance of our **band boys on the street with their instruments.** Though the boys have not practiced much, they showed they could do something. The NEWS correspondent hopes this will not be the last appearance that will be made.

Morris Welch[,] our efficient **city marshall** [*sic - marshal*][,] left town quietly one day last week and returned as quiet, but not without company. Not until on assuming his official duties and setting up the cigars, did many know that he had been

to **Quinnesec** and captured, not a miscreant, but a **fair daughter of that little village, who had changed her name and promised to share his "weal and woe" as long as life shall last.** Morris has the hearty congratulations of his many friends and the NEWS.

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Crystal Falls Matters.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

The NEWS will be found on sale at **J.E. Bower's drug store and fancy emporium.**

The NEWS is on sale at **J.K. Kimball's drug store news stand**, where subscriptions will also be received.

Our woods look very beautiful in their autumnal garb.

A.J. Rand brought in a large bear and a deer on Thursday of last week.

Our population was increased by one, in Peter Peterson's family, Friday morning.

Ed. Munhall was around setting up the cigars Saturday. It's a girl.

Ambrose Breese, principal of the schools a [*sic - at*] **Commonwealth,** spent Tuesday night with his brother.

Ole Hager had quite a fall on Saturday night, but with a bottle of liniment and a little of **Dr. Tideman's** care is out and around.

Still another instrument has been added to our **band.** **S.D. Hollister, Jr.,** being the owner of a fine **new snare drum.** More are coming.

A Swede at the **Youngstown mine** had his finger pinched by the falling of some dirt

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on Saturday last. The wound was dressed by **Dr. Metcalf**.

The force is being increased daily at the **Youngstown mine**. They are now working about 50 men in and around the mine, besides the wood choppers.

Charley Smith, who was formerly in **Curry's barber shop here**, but who has been at **Stambaugh** for some time, returned to this place Sunday and **will run a shop here** after this.

R.F. Breese received a telegram Tuesday, to the effect that the **Rev. J.M. Belding**, of Chicago, would be at **Crystal Falls** Thursday, so that it can be definitely announced that there will be **services at the school house** Sabbath morning at 10:30 o'clock and evening at 7:30 o'clock. Let there be a general turn out.

The **efforts to procure a divine to fill the pulpit at the school house** have been partially successful: Last week a letter was received from **Rev. J.M. Belding**, of Chicago, saying if suitable arrangements could be made he could fill the place. Mr. Belding was telegraphed to come early in the week and spend next Sabbath with us, so that arrangements could be made more satisfactorially [*sic - satisfactorily*] than by writing. Mr. Belding, it will be remembered by some, spent a year ago last summer at **Hermansville** and **Spaulding** and was here once or twice visiting his friend, the **Rev. J.W. Lowrie**. He has been prominent in **Young Men's Christian Association work in Chicago** and is a lively, earnest, energetic young man. If the church can secure his services it may consider itself fortunate.

On Monday night, a meeting of those interested in music was held in **R.F. Breese's** rooms, for the purpose of **organizing a band**. **R.F. Breese** was called to the chair until officers could be elected, when the following were chosen: **L.D. Rowley**, president; **A.J. Logsue**, vice

president; **W.F. Bower**, secretary and treasurer. **S.D. Hollister, Jr.**, **R.F. Breese** and **L.D. Rowley** were appointed a committee to draw up rules and regulations for the government of the band. **Al. Logsue** was appointed a committee to visit the **Paint River mine**, for the purpose of ascertaining if there were any there, who would join the band. **R.F. Breese** was appointed a committee to visit a band instructor, now at the **Mastodon mine**, for the purpose of ascertaining his terms for instructions. The meeting adjourned till Friday night. The following, so far as now known by the NEWS correspondent, are the band members; [*sic - :*] **L.D. Rowley**, bass drum; **S.D. Hollister, Jr.**, snare drum; **James Moore** and **C.F. Runkel**, B. flat cornets; **Harry Essington**, E. flat alto; **A.J. Logsue**, baritone; **R.F. Breese**, clarionett [*sic*]; **W.F. Bower**, tuba. Those who have no instruments yet are **Sam'I Pearce** and **M. Van Buskirk**.

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Crystal Falls Matters.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

The **Boston cheap store** is full of new goods.

The NEWS will be found on sale at **J.E. Bower's drug store and fancy emporium**.

G.S. Lyon, of the **Union Iron and Steel Co.**, was up Sunday.

The NEWS is on sale at **J.K. Kimball's drug store news stand**, where subscriptions will also be received.

R.P. Hollow, formerly in the **harness shop** here, was on the streets Monday, shaking hands.

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J.E. Bower, of the **post office drug store**, left for a trip to southern Michigan Tuesday noon.

Alex. Claperton, who handles the "lightning" at the **depot**, left for a visit to his home in Kalamazoo, Thursday.

Carl Pardee, who dispenses tickets to those who leave, took in the fair at De Pere and returned Monday.

S.D. Hollister, Sr., took the train Wednesday of last week for an eastern trip. He will visit New York.

The **pulpit at the school house** was occupied acceptably and to the profit of all who attended, by the **Rev. J.M. Belding**, last Sunday.

Will Terongeau, who has had **care of the freight, [sic] at the depot**, left for Houghton Wednesday, and will not return.

Geo. Runkel, of the firm of **Bishop & Runkel**, returned from a trip to Detroit on Friday.

Mrs. S.D. Hollister, Sr., Mattie Hollister, and **Zilpha Hollister**, returned from an extended visit among friends in Wisconsin, on Tuesday of last week.

Dr. Mead, the genial, jovial, **medicine man of Quinnesec**, came up Thursday and had a "jolly good time" with his friends here. Returned Sunday.

Owing to the sickness of Miss Parmenter, there was **no school in the lower room Monday**. She was around and ready for work Tuesday morning.

Some fine specimens of steel ore were brought in from **L. Blaney's exploration on section 27, east of town**. Mr. B. is now working in loose ledge, and has fine prospect of a good thing.

Geo. Runkel and **D.C. Lockwood**, while skimming around the woods last Sunday[,] were surprised at coming to a jumping-off place; an abrupt perpendicular precipice, upwards of an *[sic - one]* hundred feet high. Strange for this country.

Omer Lindsey, who worked for **Leopold & Austrian** when they were in business, afterward going to his home in Bellevue, Ia., returned last week to work for the new firm of **Leopold & Co.**, under the management of **Al. Austrian**.

Reports came in from one of Bush's camps, that there was a party of hunters on the Deer River, slaughtering deer by the wholesale, taking only the skin and saddles and leaving the rest to lie in the woods. If this be true, those who have the enforcing of the law, should look after it.

At the **Acme location** they cut the ledge near the railroad track in green stone, and have moved their boiler and pump 200 feet worth, to an old pit abandoned on account of too much water, last summer. **In Mr. Hollister's absence, Cady Hollister is visiting the exploration once a day.**

And now our **brass band is flourishing.** **Fred Kopp**, of the **Mastodon mine**, has been **secured as teacher** and he promises that inside of two weeks, the boys will be able to play two pieces. Eight new instruments have been ordered and the **band now consists of eighteen pieces.** [Wonder if Kopp is the same man who taught the **Florence band boys** and left without paying his bills? ED.]

That deer fence on Chicagoan Lake has been broken up and burned. **Deputy Sheriff Henry** accompanied by **M. VanBuskirk**, visited that section of country on Monday, for the purpose of investigating the matter. From there they went to **Iron River**, where they found prominent citizens interested in deer skins. When officers of the law wink at violations, what can be expected of citizens?

On Tuesday night **Dr. Tideman** received a telegram to come on the first train in the morning to **Iron Mountain**. The occasion was the **sickness of little Mary Tearney, sister of Paul Tearney**, of this place. The doctor returned Wednesday

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night, reporting that there was little hope of her recovery, as that dreadful disease, **diphtheria**, had poisoned the blood and it was too late to do anything for her.

Our quiet village was stirred to more than usual excitement on Saturday. **As the handcar was running in just before train time, Mike Tender lost his balance and fell off backward. The car was moving unusually fast and passed entirely over the unfortunate man, throwing it from the track.** The injured man raised up, only to fall unconscious again on the track. There were five men on the car, besides all of the section tools and the only wonder is that Mr. Tender was not killed outright, instead of receiving a severe gash in the forehead, several severe bruises around the shoulders and a general shaking up. Under **Dr. Metcalf's** care he is up and around again.

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Crystal Falls Matters.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

Fine weather after the rainy spell.

The NEWS will be found on sale at **J.E. Bower's drug store and fancy emporium.**

A white deer was brought in and sold to A. Uren, our up town **butcher**, last week.

The NEWS is on sale at **J.K. Kimball's drug store news stand**, where subscriptions will also be received.

A.E. Guensburg, of **Florence**, was up Tuesday looking over his interest in the **Boston Cheap Store.**

M.J. Lindsey is having his property, occupied by our first-class jeweler, K.S. Buck, sided and fixed up generally.

Miss **Clara Briggs**, who has been spending a month or so with her friends here, left for her home in Chicago Saturday. Come again.

W.A. Curry, the **tonorial artist of Florence**, was up Tuesday in the interest of **his shop here**, which is being run by **Charley White.**

J.H. Bartle, of Saline, Michigan, is visiting his sister, **Mrs. Dr. Kimball.** He intends to enjoy some of the **fine deer shooting**, before his return.

On Thursday of last week, **John Morrison's little two-year-old child broke its left arm above the wrist, at the Peninsula exploration.** Under **Dr. Metcalf's** care the little sufferer is doing finely.

A. Lustfield is putting in a large table, under which is a large case of drawers, in the middle of the already full store, for the accomodation [sic – accommodation] of a large stock of boots, shoes and clothing. The **Boston cheap store** is bound to keep up with everything.

D.A. Graham, of **Florence**, has opened a **harness shop in the building next to Ed. Munhall's wagon shop. Wm. Welch**, who worked with **R.P. Hallow** last year, is managing the shop and doing the work. This is a much needed enterprise here and he ought to receive a liberal patronage.

And now our **brass band** is going to be something. **Nine new instruments were added last week. Wm. Doucette has kindly rented the boys his hall, charging them barely enough to cover the expense of light and fuel.** The members are in earnest and will make the undertaking a success if possible.

It is reported from **Mastodon mine** that, on Monday **morning lightning struck a**

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man named Henry Henwood; a girl working in the boarding house and a horse. Mr. Henwood had his right hand paralyzed; the girl was deprived of her senses and the horses killed. Mr. H. seems to be unfortunate. It will be remembered that he was shot not long ago and now this disaster has come upon him.

Thomas Nankevis, while engaged in timbering in shaft No. 1, of the Great Western mine last Monday, received injuries from rock falling from above, cutting several small gashes in his head and causing several bruises in different parts of the body. The wall, where the cave occurred, had just been examined and considered safe. Thomas will soon be around as his injuries are not serious. **Dr. Kimball** is attending him.

George Runkel, Charley Runkel and Cady Hollister, [sic] spent Friday and Saturday night, at **Fortune Lake**. During their absence a telegram came for Mr. Runkel, calling him to Chicago. Mein Host **Lockwood** undertook to find the party on Saturday afternoon, but on reaching the lake found no boat in which he could reach their camp. So he wandered around the lake until he found the boat, which the hunting party had left on a trail going into the woods. It being late, he did not like waiting until they should return, so leaving a note asking the party to camp there until he should return in the morning, he captured the boat, crossed the lake and came home. Tired and hungry the party came to where they had left the boat, only to find it gone and the note in its place. But that did not satisfy their hunger. All that could be done at that late hour was to build a fire and spend the night in all sorts of planning and vowing revenge, on the one who had perpetrated so practical a joke upon them. The party returned Sunday forenoon bringing in plenty of venison to satisfy their hunger, after the long fast.

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Crystal Falls Matters.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

Thursday of last week was a **Jewish holiday**.

The NEWS will be found on sale at **J.E. Bower's drug store and fancy emporium**.

Two inches of snow fell last Saturday morning.

J.E. Bower returned during the week from his visit to old home scenes in lower Michigan.

Cady Hollister shot a deer Saturday night. This is his second one.

Mrs. Runkel, mother of Geo. Runkel, is here paying her son a visit.

Dave Desbins [sic - Despins] killed **two bears near the Union mine last week**.

Our **brass band** discourses music well for the time it has been together and practicing.

The NEWS is on sale at **J.K. Kimball's drug store news stand**, where subscriptions will also be received.

J.L. Kimball's hunting party sent down a bear and a deer showing their success in game catching, last Friday.

Ambrose Breese, Commonwealth's pedagogue [teacher], came up Saturday evening and spent the Sabbath with his brother.

Charley Runkel shot at a deer Monday night, but as usual did not bring it in. He says he is "going to."

Encouraging reports come, that the **Nelson shaft, at the Youngstown mine**,

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is to be opened and an additional force put on.

The **Hemlock hunting party** returned Tuesday night bringing **six deer**. It pays such parties to take an experienced guide with them.

R. Flood & Co., [sic] are [sic – have] filled their root house with potatoes raised in this vicinity and some of them are fine ones.

R. Flood & Go. [sic – Co.], have increased their store room and now have an establishment they can be proud of.

Deputy Sheriff Charles Henry has the contract for erecting a new office at the Youngstown mine.

A **lynx** was killed a short distance up the river, the other day. The forest seems to be live with ferocious animals.

The editor of the FLORENCE MINING NEWS was in town Monday and reports himself pleased with "Crystal Falls Matters."

Efforts are being made to start a lodge of "**Ancient Order of Foresters**" in this place. Also we hear the **Masons** are talking lodge. Some fraternity should establish itself here.

Capt. Dave Utter was noticeable on our streets on Monday and **John Herrick**, of the **Delphic [Mine]**, promenaded up-and-down hill on Tuesday.

A special train, bearing some of the officials of the C. & N-W., ran around the various spurs, to the different mines, in this vicinity last week.

Peter McGovern, who was around here last winter exploring, but spent the summer in southern Missouri, returned last week suffering with **malarial fever**. He is now under **Dr. Tideman's** care.

Capt. Roberts and wife, **Henry Pentecost**, **Al. Austrian** and **Miss Bartle**, guided by one of the best hunters in the country, went on a **hunting expedition to the Hemlock** last Saturday.

Professor Smith was appointed to measure the building to be used as a school house across the river and make an estimate of the number of seats required. The building is known as the "**Blazing Stump**." **Prof. Scadden** will teach the new school.

C. Beverund, who has been working for **Dan'l Bush**, moved his family to town last week. He brought his team in Monday and lost one of his horses Monday night. Three bushels of oats was the cause. **Charley** is a hard working man and can ill-afford this loss.

Mrs. Dr. Kimball is becoming quite a "Mollie Pitcher." A few days ago she dressed an injured hand, that was mangled frightfully. On Monday she caught a runaway. The horses lunged wildly, but **Mrs. Kimball** clung to them manfully (womanfully would be better) and after being dragged quite a distance succeeded in checking their mad flight. But not until she had her wrist and angle badly twisted.

Dr. Tideman was called to **The Kirby, Carpenter Co's camp 15**, late last Friday evening and on reaching the camp found a man suffering with pneumonia. One of the camp men came back to town for the necessary medicines and one or two trips were made during the night. When the messenger came in town on the last trip and while he was procuring things necessary for the sick man's comfort, some villain untied his horse and sent it home, leaving the rider to get there as speedily and easily as he could on foot, on a dark night and through a dense woods for a distance of three or four miles. The perpetrators of such a practical joke as this, should be detected and punished to the severest extent of the law.

An attractive little placard announced to the residents and visitors at **Crystal Falls** that the first *debut* of the **Lime Kiln Club** would occur on Friday evening of last week

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and that everybody was welcome. Of course none but a morose Diogenes, could resist such a pressing invitation, the admission being free and a supper in some strange manner could be obtained by purchase. The first part of the programme was principally songs, with full choruses, which elicited many expressions of delight. Then half an hour was devoted to supper and the gastronomic delicacies, so gracefully arranged, were scattered pell-mell inside the various persons, much to the satisfaction and delight of the several ladies who worked effectively to make this part of the entertainment a success. After the repast the **orchestra attired in negro fashion** eclipsed, if possible, the former part of the programme. As before stated the first part of the programme was principally songs and choruses, which elicited much applause, especially the songs "Some day [*sic* – *Someday*] I'll wander back again" and "I Stand on Memory's Golden Shore," rendered by **Mrs. C.T. Roberts**. The gentlemen from **Paint River** did themselves credit in rendering the old familiar song "Old Cabin Home." It brought out some of the deep-toned British voices, that had been lying dormant so long. **Prof. Frank Scadden**, their leader[,] proved himself a vocalist of high order and demonstrated that he was accustomed to stand before an audience. He rendered that good old South Carolina song, "Going from the Cotton Fields," with much ease and expression, and the delight of those present was shown by the applause that followed. The *Finale* – parade of the "**Lime Kiln Band**" – was the mirth-provoking effort of the evening. It kept the audience in an uproarious [*sic* – *uproarious*] state of laughter, from beginning to end. The **Methodist feast of good things and flow of music and mirth**, [*sic*] was a decided success.

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Crystal Falls Matters.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

Dr. Kimball and his company brought in a couple of deer last week.

P.S. Dunn, one of our former supervisors, was in town last week.

The road to Caledonia is completed and it is an excellent driveway.

Thos. O'Connor, [*sic*] is having his building sided and made comfortable for winter.

One bear and six deer have been killed at Park's lumber camp during the past week.

The NEWS will be found on sale at **J.E. Bower's drug store and fancy emporium.**

One b-flat bass, one e-flat and one b-flat clarionets [*sic* – *clarinets*] have been added to our brass band.

The NEWS is on sale at **J.L. Kmball's drug store news stand**, where subscriptions will also be received.

G.C. Sheldon and **J.F. Shafer**, of the **Sheldon & Shafer mine**, were up looking over their interests here.

On Thursday of last week, **Erick Renberg** received a slight scalp wound, by a fall of dirt at the **Youngstown mine**.

W.F. Bower and **L.D. Rowley**, [*sic*] shook the bark off of a log, while waiting for deer one night last week. So Frank says.

The Crystal Falls brass band made its first appearance on our streets on Tuesday night and for the time the boys have been practicing, they did remarkably well.

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Herman Row is going to making [*sic* – *make*] a valuable addition to our **brass band** and has ordered a one-hundred-dollar lyre. [Must have purchased an Ishpeming newspaper man. ED.]

J.E. Bower returned from his trip to southern Michigan and Chicago Friday of last week bringing with him **Peter Bower** and lots of new goods. Peter has already been chasing deer around the woods.

A piece of ore, falling from an ascending bucket, at the Youngstown mine, struck Wm. Dwire on the back of the head last week, producing a severe scalp wound. Passing on, it bruised his shoulder and knocked him down, resulting in serious internal injuries. Under **Dr. Metcalf's** care, he is doing well and will soon be around again.

D.W. Brown and K.S. Buck went up to Michigamme after the deer. Mr. B. stayed as long as [*sic* – *as*] he could and returned without anything. Mr. B. had better success and stayed under the hospitality of **W.H. Clark**, who is exploring in the vicinity. [The ED. is at sea about this item. Which Mr. B. was lucky?]

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Mastodon Murmurs.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

Dr. Butts visited **Crystal Falls** Wednesday.

Mrs. John Fitzsimmons visited **Florence** during the week.

School began one week ago, with Miss Effie Sweet, of Florence, as teacher.

Miss **Emma Jannes**, sister of **Mrs. Thomas Wills**, is in delicate health.

Martin McHale's blooming countenance was visible in **Mastodon** during the week.

The new boarding house at the Delphic is completed and the new boarding boss has taken charge.

Judging from the way '**Squire Fairchild** is gathering swill in the neighborhood, he must be stock-raising.

Mr. and Mrs. Greese have moved their residence from near **Capt. Fitzsimmons'**, to a more beautiful locality.

Thomas Wills made a flying visit to **Norway** and brought back his son, who has been attending college there.

McHale & Winkler have suspended business for unknown reasons. **Tim. Harrington's** robust form will be missed.

Mastodon is in a fair way to reap an abundance of orange blossoms yet, judging from the preparations being made.

Our handsome and accomplished **Reuben Purpins** is still faithfully discharging his duties as **time-keeper at the mine.**

Capt. Westgren, of the **Delphic**, will remove his family there soon, to the new house built for his accommodation.

Capt. Harry Roberts, of **Iron River**, accompanied by **Capt. C.T. Robert's** [*sic* – *Roberts*], of the **Falls**, visited **Mastodon** on business during the week.

The mining houses are filling with families. Every frame or log building which will accommodate a person, is filled to its utmost capacity.

Gus. Anderson, who has been employed by **Louis Newman**, as **clerk**, left last week for California. His health demands a change of climate.

The new town which is being laid out at Ruprecht's mill, [*sic*] is to be called "Mastodon". The people are of an

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enterprising spirit and will have a town there too.

Mrs. John Goldsworthy is still on the sick list. Her illness was caused from being **thrown from a buggy**. The accident is laid to the carelessness of the driver.

Louis Newman visited **Crystal Falls** Monday. Mr. Newman's visits to the Falls are becoming very numerous. Things of a mysterious nature are apprehended.

A **farewell party was given to Mrs. Pepper at the Mastodon hotel** two weeks ago and another last Saturday and still she lingers. The cause for her lingering is not known. We suspect it is a love affair.

Lew. Newman is one of the **band boys**. He does not see why a horn will not play just as well with a cork stopper in it, as otherwise. The professor can see and says it don't [*sic*] make any difference with the music when **Louis** plays.

The **Mastodon mine** has stopped shipping ore for the season, but is still working a large force of men. The Mastodon is **under the management of Capt. John Fitzsimmons**, who is considered by all the right man in the right place.

Even Mastodon can boast of a dog fight. Last Wednesday two canine beauties entered into a fierce combat. **Dr. Butts' peg dog "Keyes"** would probably have won the laurels but he was being prepared for a deer hunt and had been fed on "no meal a day" for three weeks.

The **Mastodon band** is progressing finely, under the efficient management of **Prof. Kopp** and now produces music which is enchanting. We wish to call the attention of the **Crystal Falls** people to the fact that **Prof. Kopp is the gentleman that instructed the Florence band** and if he left **Florence** with his bills unpaid, it was owing to the fact that he claims he received no pay for his services there.

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Crystal Falls Matters.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

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This has been an eventful week.

Lawyer McIntosh was up Monday looking after legal matters.

F.C. Clark and **R.F. Breese** spent Tuesday night and Wednesday in the woods, but without success.

Mr. Buck was the successful hunter the Ed. Of the MINING NEWS was in the mist about last week.

M. Buck, a brother of **K.S. Buck**, who had been visiting his brother returned to Chicago on Tuesday.

No, brother Ed. The **\$100-lyre** was too rich for **Ishpeming's** blood. Had to be ordered from the Old World.

R. Flood & Co., [*sic*] delivered to one Snow-(vember) party \$54.24 worth of goods on the first day of November.

A. Lustfield has received a carload of hard coal for use in the fine stove which has been placed in the **Boston Cheap Store**.

On Tuesday of last week **a man was brought in from the Menominee River Lumber Co.'s camp 10 with a broken leg** and was placed on the cars for one of the hospitals below.

A case involving two of the most respectable families in town has got into the courts. The details are not suitable for publication and the best thing for all

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concerned would be to amicably settle the affair before it goes further. Unsavory.

On Sunday **another man was brought from Menominee River Lumber Co.'s camp 10 with a broken leg.** He had been kicked by a horse the day before. The fracture was reduced and the sufferer made comfortable by **Dr. Tideman.**

On Friday night of last week the **band** gave its first serenade. After practice hour, the boys repaired to the front of **Cady Hollister's house** and after playing their stock of pieces they were invited in and under Mrs. H.'s hospitable care fared well.

Reports come from over the river that **one of our respectable neighbors' wife has for the past several weeks been abusing and maltreating a twelve year old child she had taken to raise.** A doctors' [*sic* – *doctor's*] examination proved the report to have been founded on fact as the **greater part of the child's** [*sic* – *child's*] **body was found to be covered with bruises, cuts and scars.** Complaint was entered, but before the officers reached the place the woman had disappeared. Such misdemeanor as this should be severely punished.

Geo. Blackmore met with a **serious accident at Kirby, Carpenter Co.'s camp 36** last week. He was knocked from a bridge by a rolling log and fell twenty feet striking some logs that were in the river below. **Dr. Tideman** was called and found the left leg broken four inches above the knee. Mr. B. was made comfortable and last Friday was carried to town on a stretcher, a distance of eight miles and placed on the train. Fortunate enough for the sufferer, he had the day before purchased a hospital ticket and will receive care and attention on that, at a cost of only four dollars.

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Number 45 [Saturday, November 10, 1883], page 1, column 6

Crystal Falls Matters.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

L. Bishop went to Chicago this week.

The NEWS will be found on sale at **J.E. Bower's drug store and fancy emporium.**

Solomon Thorn is having his building sided and fixed up for winter.

Tom. O'Connors has made his place of business more comfortable with a coat of siding.

Cap. [*sic* – *Capt.*] J.B. Swartz has received a carload of hard coal for himself and others.

Capt. L. Blaney left Tuesday for a rest and visit to his family in Sheboygan, Wis.

The NEWS is on sale at **J.L. Kimball's drug store news stand**, where subscriptions will also be received.

John Koepeke, the popular boot and shoe merchant, has moved into his new building and is doing a good business.

Andrew Uren is fixing up around the upper **meat market** and making things cosy [*sic* – *cozy*] for his winter business.

Alex Claperton, the lightning slinger at the depot, returned from a visit to his home Wednesday.

S. Mary brought in a deer on Wednesday morning and **Mr. Runkel killed one** Tuesday evening.

Paul Tearney, who has been under **Dr. Tideman's** care for the last week[,], is still in a very critical condition.

The **birthday party given at the Caledonia House by Mrs. D. Cruickshank**, [*sic*] last evening, [*sic*] was one of the most enjoyable of the season.

It is rumored thar [*sic* – *that*] **D.C. Lockwood has sold his hotel property to**

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Capt. C.T. Roberts and N.W. Northam is to run the hotel after Dec. 1. Mr. Lockwood will go south, if his mothers *[sic – mother's]* health will permit.

About 35 lumbermen arrived at this place last Saturday and took their departure to the woods Sunday. New arrivals are being made every day and the woods are filling up.

Charley White, Will. Curry's barber*[,]* got tired of this section of the country, ran down the line Sunday and has not been seen since. It is rumored that **John Dern** will take his place. John's friends will be glad to see him back again.

Notices have been circulated that the firm of Laev, Guensburg & Co., *[sic]* will soon be dissolved and their large stock of goods will be sold regardless of cost. Now is the time to buy.

Lieut. John T. Janssen, Milwaukee; **C.C. Olin** and **C.S. Osborn** compose a party that are *[sic – is]* spending a week in this vicinity **shooting deer**. By the supply of ammunition taken they intend to rid the woods of all the fleet-footed animals.

The NEWS correspondent neglected to notice last week that **Prof. A.J. Vananden *[sic – Van Anda]*** paid his respects to the **Welch mansion** over Sabbath and that **A. Breese** spent the same time with his brother. Both returned to their respective fields of labor, **Iron Mountain** and **Commonwealth***[,]* Monday morning.

Prof. C. Kelsey, secretary of the County Board of School Examiners, held a special meeting for examination of teachers in this vicinity last Saturday afternoon and evening. Four candidates for certificates were examined. Some of the A. class also attended and did themselves great credit for their interest and ability in answering the questions. Among those were **C.F. Runkel** and **Nona Welch**.

On Friday, **Dr. Metcalf** received a telegram to make haste and go to **Iron**

Mountain, to attend a son of **Thos. Hanly**. The doctor took the train Saturday morning and on reaching there found himself in consultation with **Dr. Hirschman, Norway; Dr. Mead, Quinnesec; Dr.'s *[sic – Drs.]* Coyne and Crowell, Iron Mountain**. The unfortunate sufferer it will be remembered was hurt last week.

"Crystal Falls Matters" came out a little crooked last week. Instead of havung *[sic – having]* **R. Flood & Co.** deliver \$54.24 worth of goods to one Snow(vember) party, it should have read, goods to the amount of \$154.24 were delivered to one party on the first day of November. Your correspondent is informed that on the first day of October the above firm delivered goods to the value of \$425.

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Crystal Falls Matters.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

There are many new faces in town now. **Cady Hollister** captured another deer Thursday morning.

The coasting season has opened and small sleds are in demand.

Sunday was a blustery day and winter made its appearance in earnest.

Plenty of wild mutton in the woods, but deer will be scarce from this on.

Capt. W.E. Dickenson *[sic – Dickinson]*, of **Commonwealth**, looked around our streets Thursday.

Now look out for your house plants and cellars. (Better look in for them.)

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A. Willel, photographer, was out capturing some of our pretty scenery last week.

Miss **Kate Fisher**, of **Florence**, was a guest of **Mrs. J.B. Owen's** [*sic - Owen*], on Thursday.

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There was no school Monday on account of the removal from one building to the other.

Mr. and Mrs. Cady Hollister celebrated their first wedding anniversary, Thursday of last week.

Rev. Mitchell, of Iron Mountain, filled the pulpit at the old school room acceptably last Sabbath.

The NEWS is on sale at **J.L. Kimball's drug store news stand**, where subscriptions will also be received.

A.G. Oldenburg, our old time **furniture dealer**, made his appearance on our streets Wednesday.

Beautiful snow has made its appearance here and the merry jingle of bells were heard on our streets Wednesday.

Mrs. E.S. Lockwood, mother of **D.C. Lockwood** and **Mrs. Geo. Runkel**, arrived on a visit Friday of last week.

Dr. J.M. Mead, one of Quinnesec's Foresters, came up Wednesday to see that our boys rode the goat properly.

Hunters went out in all directions and at all times of day and night, to improve the last few days of the hunting season.

The seats have been removed from the old school room, and placed in the new and attractive school building just completed.

There was a man killed by a wind fall [*sic - windfall*] at **Park's camp 1** last Sunday. The MINING NEWS correspondent did not learn his name.

Mrs. P. Runkel, who spent several months here a year ago, returned on Friday

and is a guest of her many friends in this place.

School opened in our beautiful new temple of education on Tuesday. Under Prof. Smith the interior will be made as beneficial as the exterior is pretty.

The sale of the Lockwood House has not been consummated. The hotel is a paying enterprise and we should dislike to see the genial D.C. desert the business.

Charlie Runkel is a persevering youth and has stuck to the trail so persistently that he has at least succeeded in bringing two of the deer (creatures). He is an old hunter now.

Geo. Runkel has been shooting all summer with a gun that shot sixteen inches astray at a distance of one hundred yards. He re-adjusted the sights last week and immediately killed three deer.

Paul Tearney is now improving rapidly and since he has regained his speech, expresses himself as quite indignant at some of the sayings in some of the papers which circulate here.

John Stambaugh and **R. McCardy**, accompanied by **Manager Mills**, visited the **Falls** last Sunday and looked over the **Youngstown mine**, where operations are becoming more active daily.

The building formerly known as the Adams House which has been undergoing a strengthening since its fall, has been re-plastered and is now ready for occupancy. Nick Rooney has the renting of it.

J.E. Bower, our popular **druggist**, received his large and well selected stock of holiday goods this week and says he now has "anything from **Jews' Jew's**" harp to a baby's cradle." Call and look him over.

R.F. Breese made a foreign post remittance of \$575 and sold a prepaid passage ticket at \$50.85 last Wednesday.

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Mr. Breese does all that can be done for security, safety and speed in his foreign exchange business and is building up a good business in that line.

On Tuesday night a lodge of "Ancient Order of Foresters" was organized under the title of "Court Iron City." Officers were installed by a deputation of "**Menominee Rangers,**" of Quinnesec, and are as follows: **R.S. Waters**, C.R.; **John Buddle**, S.C.R.; **A. Lustfield**, Treas.; **Frank Scadden**, Sec.; **Frank Smith**, Financial Sec.; **Sam'l Pearce**, S.W.; **A. Berryman**, J.W.; **T. Tompkins**, S.B.; **James Waters**, J.B.; **A.A. Metcalf M.D.**, Physician.

Charley Geer, of the **Lockwood**, is not a "wood"-en-head, but he "wood" play a good joke on **Johnny Parks** when he got the chance. Last Sunday evening was blustery and as the genial Johnny sat by the glowing grate at the Lockwood, his heart warmed with his extremities and he made the remark, in Charley's hearing, that anyone could have a load from his nice heap of two-foot maple, who "wood" go and haul it. It was nearly midnight, but Charley, nothing daunted by the flurry of wind and snow, went out "Geer"ed the mules and drew up a slashing load. "Horse on Johnny."

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Crystal Falls Matters.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

G.S. Park was in town during [the] week.

Mr. McDonald, of Iron River, was in town on Tuesday.

Geo. Runkle [*sic - Runkel*] returned on Wednesday, from a trip to Chicago and other places below.

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The NEWS is on sale at **J.L. Kimball & Co.'s drug store news stand**, where subscriptions will also be received.

Henry Dixon, of Florence, was in town a few days during the week.

The Marinette Eagle says popular **John** [*finish copying this column*]

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COUNTY AND VICINITY.

CRYSTAL FALLS.

From the Menominee Range.

Brown, of the warehouse[,] shot a wolf a few days since.

Capt. Waters [?], of **Stambaugh mine**, spent Sunday with his family here.

The first pay-day at the **Sheldon & Shafer mine** occurred [*sic - occurred*] on Saturday.

The attendance at school has decreased somewhat since the children were vaccinated.

The proprietors of the **Delphic** [*Mine*] have sold their output so far, and expect to ship one cargo more this fall.

In conversation with **Capt. Roberts**, recently, he said that it was generally understood that the mines hereabouts will resume operations in the early spring.

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Supervisor **Christopher T. Roberts** has been selected by the board to engage the services of a competent lawyer to assist **District Attorney Crandall** defending the claims of the new county of Iron before the supreme court at Lansing in January next.

Robt. McCourt and Miss **Fanny Carr** visited Escanaba on Saturday, to officiate as groomsman and bridesmaid at the marriage of his brother. A little practice in standing up before a minister may give some confidence in the near future, as practice alone gives perfection.

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CRYSTAL FALLS.

From the Menominee Range.

J.H. Parks has been on the invalid corps for several days.

No more sliding down the sidewalks, by order of the town board.

The blacksmiths seem to be the busiest men in town just at present.

A. Hornstein, of the **Marquette Mining Journal**, was in town on Tuesday.

There are more small contractors putting in logs than every before on the Menominee river, and we understand that the large companies will encourage such movements for the future.

L. Tyler, the **station agent**, has gone on a visit to his friends in Illinois and Iowa.

A.E. Gustafson is on the sick list, being confined to his room with a severe cold.

The 15 of November has passed and the hunters have thinned out considerably.

Mrs. Wm. James, who has been suffering for some time with neuralgia in her face, is quite recovered.

The **wolves** are very plentiful hereabouts; their howling can be heard very plainly in town at times.

Ralf Prince spent a portion of the last week in **Stephenson**. He contemplates starting business there.

Mrs. D.L. Bush, of Oconto, arrived in town on Monday, en-route [*sic - en route*] to the **Lake House**, where she will spend the winter.

H. McClinehey and wife returned on Thursday from Kaukauna, where they were attending the wedding of **Miss McClinehey**.

Improvements are still going on at the **Lockwood House**. The barn and out buildings are being sided and otherwise fixed up.

The town clerk has just received a three story and basement burglar-proof safe. The township of Crystal Falls pays the bill.

G. Freman [*sic*], the last of the boys who first helped to locate this town site [*sic - townsite*], left for the woods this week to scale for **J.H. Parks**.

It has been noticeable that there is a marked change in the logging business this year from former years, and the change is for the better.

Frank Corcoran, who has been taking a vacation[,] has returned much improved in health, and thinks he will be able to spend the winter here.

Capt. Roberts was in Chicago last week in the interest of **Iron county**. The lawyer who drew up the bill last winter will argue its validity.

A logging camp has been started at the **Fairbanks mine location**. The lumbermen are using the mine boarding house for winter quarters.

Lime Pierce, of Oconto, one of the pioneer lumbermen of this place and **Florence**, has been looking the ground over for logging contracts this week.

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Dr. Butts has not returned from the trip to southern Michigan yet. **Dr. Kimball** is attending to the wants of the afflicted in **Mastodon** and vicinity.

Pat McHugh is in town. While in **Florence** after his success in **Iron Mountain** he **knocked out a couple of sports**, one of them a printer from **Iron River**. They had him arrested and that settled the case.

Menominee Democrat, Menominee, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 31 [Saturday, June 5, 1886], page 5, column 4

COUNTY AND VICINITY.

What is going on round about us.

Democrat Reporters gather Spicy
Fragments on Every Hand.

GLEANINGS.

Belva Lockwood read her lecture at **Crystal Falls** Tuesday night.

It has been reported that fire destroyed camps 4 and 5 of the **Bay Shore Lumber Co.**, between **Hemlock Rapids** and the **Paint river**.

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 7 [Thursday, May 9, 1889], page 1, column 4

Crystal Falls Victorious.

The official canvass has at last been had to decide the county seat question in Iron County and shows that 1,051 votes were cast in favor of removal, and 1,142 against, leaving Crystal Falls victorious by a majority of 91 votes. The vote of Stambaugh township was not handed in, which would have reduced the majority to 36. As might be expected, the vote in the two sections of the county was almost unanimous one way or the other, Crystal Falls and Mastodon, of course, voting against removal, and Iron River, Stambaugh and Bates voting for it. Felch township was a tie on the question, casting 34 votes for and 34 against.

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Crystal Falls Cullings. (Special Correspondence.)

We are to have a public library.

Bound to get the county seat sooner or later.

Pat McHugh, of the Falls, and Arthur K. Roulo, of Chicago, will have a scrap at Doucet's hall this evening (Saturday) at 8:30 o'clock. McHugh announces that he will forfeit \$50 if he fails to knock out Roulo in five rounds, Marquis of Queensbury rules. Club swinging and dumb bell lifting will also be features.

Not much ore is being sent forward from jeer just now.

We went through "Turkey" and considerable of "Greece" on Thanksgiving Day.

The Reporter office has been attached by a Milwaukee type foundry and Sheriff Lockwood is in charge.

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A jolly party was given at Doucet's hall on Thanksgiving evening, for the benefit of a public library. The attendance was large and the receipts considerable. Of course everything moved along lovely, as the gentlemen in charge included **Capt. Roberts, A. Lustfield, Wm. Doucet** and **Tim Bower**. Supper was served at **LaChapelle's** and also at **Desbien's** restaurants, both of whom did themselves proud.

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E.P. Lott, of the **Crystal Falls Reporter**, who has been peculiarly unfortunate in the publishing business in Iron county, was in town on Tuesday and made this office a pleasant call. His friends hope to soon see him on his feet again.

Claud [*sic* – *Claude*] **M. Atkinson**, of **Florence**[,] and Miss **Ida Lott**, of **Crystal Falls**, daughter of **E.P. Lott**, editor of the later **Reporter**, were married in **Florence** on Wednesday afternoon, by **Justice J.E. Parry**.

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It is reported that **Fay G. Clark** has purchased the **Crystal Falls Reporter**. It cannot be said of Fay that he is not enterprising, does not possess energy and is not in love with **Crystal Falls**. These are things the good people of that active town desire to see evidence in their local paper and there is no doubt but what Mr. Clark will succeed in giving them just the paper they

want. At least we wish him success in his new departure and if hitting the nail on the head hard and often, will achieve it, success is his.

LATER – Since the above was written the material of the Reporter office has been attached to satisfy a claim of **Benton, Waldo & Co.**, of **Milwaukee**, for \$300 or over. Mr. Lott will either replevin or pay the claim and will again assume control of the office. At present it is in the hands of Under Sheriff **Lockwood**, who, it is said, is thinking of starting a paper at **Crystal Falls**. We sincerely regret to see the office in the "toils" and hope the financial cloud now enveloping it, will soon exhibit a silver lining.

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Crystal Falls Cullings. (Special Correspondence.)

...visit of a fortnight at Illiopolis, Ill., his old home. His sister accompanied him. We hope he will have a good time and return home safe and sound.

Don't buy at the first place you stop, but examine **J.E. Bower's** great stock of holiday goods arriving daily.

Landlord Lockwood is the recent recipient of the finest cow on the Range. The animal is a pure bred "Galloway" and has given twenty-four quarts of rich milk at a milking. She is docile as a kitten and will follow her owner around as if trained. Mr. Lockwood has also been replenishing his livery as well as his dairy. Several new cutters, pretty and stylish and a new team have been added and another team will soon arrive. Lockwood is awake to the

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times and deserves the large patronage he is now enjoying.

Don't buy your Christmas goods until you see **J.E. Bower's** mammoth stock.

The Iron Mountain people need not talk "increase the size of the county and make the county seat at Iron Mountain" to us. If they want to hitch on to us they can, but we want them to understand that the county seat of Iron county is going to be at Crystal Falls and if they don't want to agree to this, they had better let us alone, form a county of their own or stay with Menominee county. They tried that scheme when Iron county was first formed and it didn't work and if they try it again we will all unite and sit down on them again.

This paper can be found on sale at **J.L. Kimball & Co.'s drug store**, where subscriptions will also be received.

A few days since Iron county, Mich., was socially agitated over the elopement of the attractive daughter of Editor E.P. Lott, of the Crystal Falls Reporter, and Claude M. Atkinson, foreman of the Reporter office. Slightly disguising herself, Miss Lott and Mr. Atkinson walked to the depot only a few feet behind Miss L's father and rode in the same coach with him as far as Florence, where they called on a j.p. *[justice of the peace]*, who changed Miss Lott's name to Atkinson. Mr. Atkinson is said to be a good printer and a steady, sober, industrious young man. The blessing of the irate father of the bride will now be courted by the truant couple. – Marinette Star.

Holiday goods of all kinds and at all prices at Bower's.

The sport-loving business men of **Crystal Falls**, are hustlers and can "get there" if the *[beginning and end of this column need to be copied]*

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume VII, Number 2 [Saturday, January 8, 1887], page 5, column 2

Mrs. A.F.A. Atkinson and family, will move to Crystal Falls, where Claude is about to establish a weekly paper, to be called the Iron Center.

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Crystal Falls Cullings. (Special Correspondence.)

[need to copy the beginning of this column in column 1]...Atkinson, foreman of the Reporter office, were married. Mr. Atkinson is not only known to many Appletonians, but is also a nephew of one of our poet-artists, **Mrs. E.Y. Richmond**. – Appleton Crescent.

John Tearney, one of our popular young men, **died Sunday night from an injury received at one of Bush's camps, while working in the woods.** The Tearney family has been sadly unfortunate. All within a year **Matt** was drowned, **Paul** died of brain fever and **John** was accidentally killed. The bereaved parents have the heartfelt sympathy of the community.

Claude Atkinson, of Florence, is about to establish a paper here. It will be a five-column quarto, will probably be called the Iron Center and will no doubt be a good representative of the large and diversified resources of our splendid town. The first issue will be about January 15, or later and the office will be in the building back of Kimball & Co.'s drug store. Success to it.

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Iron county people who are content that Crystal Falls should be the county seat (and they claim to be more than three-fifths of the population of the county) will oppose any legislation, no matter what, with reference to the boundaries of that county, at this session of the legislature. Let us alone, they will say to the legislature, until we have got fairly to running under the organizing act; then, if the interests of all will be served by so doing, rectify our frontiers; then we may want territory or may be willing to yield it, or both; just now we want nothing except what we have and to settle our internal affairs without interference. – Escanaba Iron Port.

A.D. Gibbs, one of our most highly-respected citizens, has been lying seriously ill during the week and is yet very low. We all hope for his speedy recovery.

LATER – **Mr. Gibbs died about noon, on Thursday, quite unexpectedly.** It was known he was very ill, but his death was not expected to occur so soon. His illness was a complication of asthma, heart trouble and paralysis. Among his children are Miss **Ida Gibbs**, **Mrs. F.R. Whittlesey**, of **Florence**[,] and **C.D. Gibbs**, of **Menominee**. He was highly respected, had lived here several years and his death is much mourned by all who knew him.

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Crystal Falls Cullings. (Special Correspondence.)

John Parks is on the sick list.

Dan Urquhart was in **Florence** Sunday.

Chas. Neering went to **Florence** Monday.

Johnny McGillis' sister visited him Wednesday.

J.F. Corcoran left town Monday morning for good.

M. Buskirk was on the sick list the fore part of the week.

Miss **Emma Olin**, of **Florence**, was visiting **Mrs. J.H. Parks**.

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...with the understanding of starting a first-class ready-made clothing store.

This paper can be found on sale at **J.L. Kimball & Co.'s drug store**, where subscriptions will also be received.

Prof. C.D. Lawton, while here, talked about the **Gogebic Range** the same as he is reported to have talked in **Florence**.

Editor Atkinson went down the Range the first of the week on biz. **Claude** is doing finely and the **Diamond Drill** is a splendid paper.

Col. John Sobieski, a prominent temperance agitator, will give three lectures, under the auspices of the **W.C.T.U.**, at **Doucet's hall**, commencing **February 12**.

Capt. Wm. Morrison is exploring on **Sec. 27 Town 46, Range 33**. The captain was one of the earliest explorers in **Crystal Falls** and now has gone twenty-five miles farther north.

Dr. Spencer, of Iron Mountain, will be in town for a week. Office in back part of **J.L. Kimball & Co.'s drug store**. **Now is the time to get your teeth fixed. The doctor is a good workman.**

The Range and Reporter came out last week with an item stating that **Homer Lindsley** had taken **Frank Scadden's** place as bookkeeper at the **Mastodon mine**, but instead of **Homer Lindsley** it was **Marsh Lindsley**.

Hush, be still as any mouse,
There's a baby in the house.
Not a dolly, not a toy,
But a laughing baby boy.

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It is at **J.L. Kimball's**, seven and a half pounds, and has come to stay.

It is reported that **William Doucet of Crystal Falls**, is negotiating for the purchase of the **Menekaune House**, now being managed by **Andy Shellman**. Hope it may prove true as Mr. Doucet is a good business man [*sic – businessman*] and a pleasant neighbor. – Menominee Herald.

The sad news was received Friday of last week from **Brampton**, of the death on Thursday, of the oldest child of **Mrs. Wm. Eldred** of this place. **Mr. Eldred** is stationed at **Ishpeming** and his wife and family were visiting relatives at Brampton. The funeral took place Sunday.

A visitor to the Falls writes as follows to the Menominee Democrat: "I arrived at **Crystal Falls** on Monday, and the first thing that struck me as peculiar is the "lay of the land," or it might be called a mountain, on which the village is built. This mountain slopes to the east, and the grade for one-quarter of a mile is at the rate of about 1200 feet to the mile. The main street runs straight up the side of this mountain, and viewing the houses from a distance it has the appearance of a huge stairway. **At the foot of the hill are the C. & N.W. R'y depot, warehouse and roundhouse. The village is composed of two churches, four hotels, one opera hall, two dry good stores, two general stores and one grocery, two restaurants, two meat markets, two drug stores, two barber shops and only nineteen saloons.** The people of Crystal Falls are very hospitable and pleasing in their manners to strangers, and I have been especially well treated since coming here."

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume VII, Number 7 [Saturday, February 12, 1887], page 8, column 1

Crystal Falls Cullings. (Special Correspondence.)

Nearly all of the county records have been moved here from Iron River.

Crystal Falls, it seems, has to stand her portion of the fire. What have we done?

It is rumored here that an intoxicated lumberman was cremated at the **Stephenson House fire** last week.

The mining properties in this vicinity never looked better and many new workings have the best of prospects.

This paper can be found on sale at **J.L. Kimball & Co.'s drug store**, where subscriptions will also be received.

The next term of the circuit court and also the next meeting of the county board will be held at the new county seat.

It is reported that a syndicate of local residents are to explore to the west of the town. There are some good indications out that way.

Another disastrous conflagration occurred in our village about noon last Sunday. The buildings occupied by the Diamond Drill and Charles Henry and the barn and carriage house of Dr. Kimball were totally destroyed and the drug store of J.L. Kimball & Son narrowly escaped a similar fate. The fire originated from some unknown cause in the building occupied by **Charles Henry**. Mr. Henry was engaged in his shop, preparing a coffin for a lumberman who was killed in the woods by a falling tree Saturday, when he saw the flames just breaking through the roof, with considerable headway. The alarm was given and a valiant effort was made to quench the fiery monster, but the building was soon in ashes. Most of the stock was saved. The building was valued at \$1,700, and was insured for about \$450. The **office of the Diamond Drill**, published

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by **Claude M. Atkinson**, was also devoured by the insatiate fiend. The stock, machinery and type were nearly all saved, however, with but little damage. The building was valued at \$500. The **barn and carriage house of Dr. Kimball** were also consumed, there being no insurance on either structure. The **drug store of Dr. J.K. Kimball & Son** was damaged to the extent of \$100 or more but was fully insured. It was a very close call for this building. By the liberal application of snow and a meager supply of water from neighboring wells, the fire was kept somewhat in check until teams returned from the river with water, after the arrival of which the flames were soon extinguished. **Dr. Kimball's** household furniture, which was fully insured, was removed, but was badly injured by rough handling. The stock and fixtures of the drug store were greatly damaged, owing to the haste incident to their removal. It is estimated that the loss will reach \$1500, the insurance on the stock and fixtures having expired shortly before the fire. It is very fortunate that the fire was extinguished before it extended further.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume III, Number 51 [Saturday, January 21, 1888], page 8, column 2

CRYSTAL FALLS.

Several of our young men, together with a number of "**soiled doves**" from the dives of **Florence**[,] were arrested this week and brought before **justice [sic - Justice] Gallagner** for trial for having started a **house of ill fame**, near town. Two of them were bound over to appear at the next term of circuit court, and the rest were fined \$5.00 [and] up. The officer showed

commendable promptness in bringing the guilty parties to justice.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume VIII, Number 51 [Saturday, December 15, 1888], page 5, column 1

An Aggravating Occurrence.

A. Peltier, the big-hearted, jovial **ex-hotel keeper** of this city[,] is in hard luck. **In September last his large hotel, the Florence House, was destroyed by fire, with no insurance, and he recently sustained another pecuniary loss at Mastodon. Mr. Peltier purchased a one-story frame building, in the now deserted village, which he intended moving to Stager and there fit it up for a boarding house. The structure was placed upon a flat car, but in rounding a curve, both the car and house were capsized.** He thereupon took the building to pieces and brought the material to this city, dumping it upon the site of the old Florence House. Mr. Peltier will erect another hotel building upon the spot early in the spring. The MINING NEWS trusts that the worthy hotel keeper's troubles are over forever.

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 3 [Thursday, April 11, 1889], page 8, column 2

CRYSTAL FALLS.

Arthur Campbell has started to school again.

Mrs. N.K. Farrand is visiting at her old home, Colon, Mich.

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Louis Meisler has gone to Green Bay to take charge of a **harness shop**.

M. Frankel, of Milwaukee, has moved here and started into business.

Mr. Stephen Austin, of Ishpeming, spent a week with his sister, **Mrs. Wm. Trathen**.

Albert Kitchen has gone to his home at Binghampton, Wis. He will remain a short time.

Dr. W.J. Spencer, of Iron Mountain, has returned home again, after spending a week or so here.

Miss Kate Strobe, who has been visiting her aunt and uncle, **Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Parks**, has returned to her home.

Mrs. V. Carr and **Mrs. R. McCourt** started Tuesday to visit their old home in Wis., and will be absent about a month.

The following **township officers** were elected: Supervisor, **Wm. Russell**; treasurer, **Herman Rau**; clerk, **Summer Hopkins**; commissioner of highways, **Wm. McCarthy**; school inspector, **Edward Florida**; justice of the peace, full term, **Alonzo Parks**, two years, **C.S. Henry**; one year, **Jerome B. Schwartz**; overseer of highways, **Chas. Maulmstead**; constables, **Wm. Trathen**, **Marvin Biskirk**, **Edward Delerme**, **Michael Grogan**.

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 4 [Thursday, April 18, 1889], page 8, column 1

CRYSTAL FALLS.

Dr. H.C. Kimball returned from Chicago Wednesday.

The **first game of base ball of the season was played** Sunday.

Mrs. C.E. Davis has been very sick but is on the gain at present.

Miss Fanny Guensburg, of Milwaukee, is visiting her sister, **Mrs. A. Lustfield**.

Mrs. O.O. Welch spent several days in this city, visiting her husband and friends.

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CRYSTAL FALLS.

W.H. Trathen is again **driving team for J.H. Parks**.

John McGillis spent Sunday with his parents at **Florence**.

M. Buskirk was appointed **night watchman** at the meeting last week.

Miss Fannie Guensburg, of Milwaukee, is visiting her sister, **Mrs. A. Lustfield**.

Mrs. S.R. Brooks spent a part of the week with her daughter, **Mrs. Martin Dooley**, at **Florence**.

Mrs. Lucy Thurman delivered **temperance lectures in the town hall** both Thursday and Friday evenings, which were well attended.

The **base ball [sic - baseball] dance** given in **Doucett's hall** Monday night, was well attended, and everybody feels that **Allison's band** still takes the lead.

A number of our town people spent Saturday afternoon down on the plains in **seach of trailing arbutus**, but failed to find any, on account of frost killing it. Too bad.

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CRYSTAL FALLS.

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CRYSTAL FALLS.

Wm. McCourt has sold his team again.

Ray Kimball has moved to his new home at Fortune Lake.

J.N. Olenson has gone to Watersmeet, where he will open a jewelry shop.

Mrs. W.E. Hendricks, of Iron Mountain, spent Sunday here visiting her husband.

Mrs. M.R. Berlowitz departed Monday for her old home in Oneida, N.Y., accompanied by her sister who has been visiting here.

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 7 [Thursday, May 9, 1889], page 1, column 4

Crystal Falls Victorious.

The official canvass has at last been had to decide the county seat question in Iron County and shows that 1,051 votes were cast in favor of removal, and 1,142 against, leaving Crystal Falls victorious by a majority of 91 votes. The vote of Stambaugh township was not handed in, which would have reduced the majority to 36. As might be expected, the vote in the two sections of the county was almost unanimous one way or the other, Crystal Falls and Mastodon, of course, voting against removal, and Iron River, Stambaugh and Bates voting for it. Felch township was a tie on the question, casting 34 votes for and 34 against.

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George Desbien will occupy the Koepeke building.

Wm[.] Trathen has resigned the marshalship of the village.

Wm. Doucet made a business trip down the road during the week.

A marble monument was placed at the grave of Mrs. Thouin Tuesday.

Little Clyde Henry met with a rather serious accident Tuesday, by having his nose badly cut. The little folks were playing when it happened. He is getting along nicely.

Washington centennial day passed off very nicely here. Some arrangements were made for centennial exercises to be held at the Methodist church, which was very elaborately decorated for the evening. The programme [sic] was as follows: Our Native Land, by all; prayer by Rev. Brown; address by Mr. A.L. Flewelling; an essay upon Washington's boyhood days, by Mrs. J.T. Redfield; a song by Mrs. Farrand and Myrtle Rowley; the reading of the inaugural address, by Miss A. Blasedell; reading "The Rising 76," by Richard Waters; reading Dwelling on the Road Way to Mt. Vernon, by Miss Agustie Meisler; a recitation, by Miss Katie Brown; song by all, America. Benediction was then pronounced by Rev. Brown, which closed the exercises.

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

CRYSTAL FALLS.

The town is full of strangers.

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Lots of **stumps** are being blown out with the giant [*giant powder – similar to dynamite*].

Miss Ida Bartell is visiting her sister, **Mrs. Austrian**.

Mr. A. Austrian has accepted a position at **Negaunee**, and will move there.

The thieves that broke upon the depot some time ago, [sic] had their trial Tuesday.

Forest fires have been raging in the woods all around the town. Good rain fall [*sic – rainfall*] Tuesday night, which put out the forest fires.

The first **ice cream social** was given at the **Lockwood house**, by the **Ladies' Aid Society** Wednesday evening and proved to be a success.

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CRYSTAL FALLS.

Olin & Hopkins are closing out.

Little **Joe. Vandaigne** returned from school at Green Bay, Sunday.

Uncle George Parks has returned from a visit at Hot Springs, where he spent several months.

Miss Blanche Campbell spent a part of the week at **Fortune Lake** with her sister **Mrs. R. Kimball**.

Mrs. C.M. Atkinson and **Miss May Finn** left Sunday morning for **Spread Eagle**, where they will spend a couple of weeks.

Mrs. J.B. Schwartz left Monday noon for Mount Clemens, Michigan, where she will spend a few months for her health. Her many **Crystal Falls** friends hope to see her better on her return.

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Our Little Vacation.

The writer took a trip to **Crystal Falls** last Saturday – the first in several months – and found the town wearing its usual appearance. Business looked a little dull, but apparently considerable was being done in a quiet way. The **Lockwood house**, under the management of the popular landlord, **D.C. Lockwood**, takes care of its guests with the same solicitude for their comfort as ever. **Atkinson** was just leaving for a quiet Sunday at **Spread Eagle lakes**, so we only had time to say “How do” to him, but his help appeared to be busy, and **Claude** wears a contented, prosperous look. **Doucet** had time to sit in front of his place and give us his opinion of **Judge Grant. Parks Bros., Lustfield, Kimball & Co.**, and in fact all the merchants were more or less busy, but had time to be more busy if the occasion demanded. **Ed. Gustafson** is farming on his homestead, and makes hay while the sun shines and boats while it rains. People must eat, and **John Fisher** was busy – had only time for a word with us, and to renew his subscription for another year. **D. Bannerman** is the same enthusiastic democrat [*sic – Democrat*] “from the ground up,” as of yore, and did not give us a chance to forget it. **Hendricks** is so busy he hasn't time to read the papers and when a man is in that unhappy predicament he ought to employ help. Considerable building is going on in Crystal Falls, the streets are in good condition, and the village wears a look of prosperity that is good to see.

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The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume VI, Number 42 [Saturday, November 22, 1890], page 1, column 4

Crystal Falls.

Capt. C.T. Roberts and family have moved from **Mastodon** to this place, and are occupying the **Parks residence recently purchased by the Captain.**

The 80 ft. addition to the store of **Lumberman's and Miner's Supply store**, [sic] is up and enclosed and will be ready for use during the early days of the winter.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume VI, Number 45 [Saturday, December 13, 1890], page 1, column 5

Ramblings.

Capt. Harry Roberts will move his family from **Youngstown to Mastodon** as soon as there is snow enough for good sleighing.

Capt. Pentecost[,] a former resident of **Crystal Falls** but who for nearly three years has been on the north shore of **Lake Superior**[,] returned to his old stamping ground a few days ago.

C.T. Roberts having turned over the business at **Mastodon** to his brother **Harry**, has moved to **Crystal Falls** and is locating himself and Mrs. Roberts as fast as possible in the elegant residence recently purchased of **John Parks**. Here he will have an eye to his real estate and merchantile interests, and give considerable attention to his growing business in the development and sale of mining properties. That he has been a success as a miner of ore by contract is undisputed, and his estimates of values of

mining properties are earning an enviable reputation for accuracy.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume VI, Number 46 [Saturday, December 20, 1890], page 1, column 6

Ramblings.

The addition to the store of **Roberts** and **Scadden** at **Crystal Falls** which makes the building 140 ft. long, [sic] was so far finished this week as to permit a portion of it being used. **Manager Work** will soon have one of the most complete and convenient business places in the upper peninsula.

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THE name of the **Crystal Falls Cycle** has been changed to the "**Clipper.**" The sheet is only a few weeks old and has had three different names, two or three different editors, and has recently changed owners, **Dan Bannerman** having purchased the plant from **Welter & Smith**. The **Diamond Drill's** business has nearly doubled since the establishment of its alleged rival at the **Falls**. All of which is exceedingly gratifying to **Claude and Henry's** friends here and elsewhere.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume XI, Number 27 [Saturday, June 27, 1891], page 5, column 4

He Ought to Rejoice.

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A youthful appearing Swede came to Florence last Sunday morning, looking for his runaway wife. The parties live in **Crystal Falls**, and the faithless woman left for parts unknown on Saturday last, taking with her all of her husband's savings and her 5-month-old baby, leaving behind, however the oldest child, aged 2 years. The deserted husband and father had an idea the woman might be in hiding in this city, but a thorough search by **Under Sheriff Keyes** failed to result in her discovery. It is now known that the young wife went direct to Chicago in company with a woman of rather unsavory reputation. The young husband returned home and will make no further efforts to find his erring spouse. She will probably repent of her folly ere long and return of her own accord to her old home.

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The Greatest Retail Business North of Milwaukee

A Look Through Parks & Company, a Great Department Store, and a Talk with the Manager

The firm of **Parks & Company** doing business in this city conduct the largest general store, and do more business than any like establishment north of Milwaukee. A look through this great establishment will prove of interest to all.

The business was started about eight years ago by **J.H. and G.S. Parks**, who then lumbered extensively on these waters – the store more or less an auxiliary to their lumbering business than for the accommodation of the general public.

The town increased in population and business kept pace. In November 1888, **H.W. Harte**, formerly of Antigo, Wisconsin, took an interest in the business and became general manager of the store; a more shrewd, careful, and conservative business manager never entered the city.

Since Mr. Harte's advent into the firm, the town has improved wonderfully in point of business and many important changes have been made in the store to accommodate the increase in trade caused by the turn of good times. Until today, this great business is handled as easily as though a business of the tenth the volume is handled.

The main store building is 60 by 150 feet with a large basement, and has adjoining two warehouses 30 x 50 and 30 x 70 feet, all filled to the ceiling with goods, packed and unpacked. In addition to this, a warehouse for flour and feed, 40 x 70 feet, and a lumber warehouse, 30 x 50 feet.

In the main building are three departments, the east side being occupied with hardware, the west side with dry goods and clothing. The grocery department being in the center. The office is in the rear of the sales room and is a model of elegance and convenience.

The firm had a chance of advertising in this impression which will serve to give notice to readers an idea of the variety of goods carried, and some ideas of the business done can be formed when it is known that the firm's freight bills average \$2,000 monthly. In all of this great business there is no hitch or clash, everything running along smoothly as clockwork, everyday business being the same, resulting only from good management and the employment of the best help obtainable.

Manager Harte is there early and late, has an excellent force, and treats them as he would like to be treated. The office is

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presided over by **George Eisman**, head bookkeeper and cashier. His assistants are Miss **Minnie Meisler**, assistant bookkeeper; Miss **Annie M. Morrison**, assistant cashier; and Miss **Eva Morrison**, stenographer and typist, also occupies a prominent position in the office.

Other helpers are: Mr. **Fred Arnold**, buyer and head clerk; shrewd and careful a business man, and a nice man withal. **Paul P. Smith**, collector and solicitor, pleasant and accommodating, everybody knows him and none are sorry for it. **Charles Sutton**, a thorough business man, is in charge of the hardware department. **John Jacobson**, superintendent of the grocery department, is unquestionably the man for the place. **George Voos** knows how to fill the bill on the goods dry side that is his home.

The other helpers are **William Gribble**, warehouse; **Frank Hanson**, lumber yard; **Thomas Hanny**, tinner and plumber; **Ernest Schily**, grocery clerk; **T.W. Hamilton**, hardware clerk; **August Urban**, assistant tinner; **Thomas Morris**, warehouse clerk; **John Para**, lumber; **Alex Miller**, lumber yard; **William Mills**, delivery; **Thomas Neelände**, delivery; **Julius Meisler**, teamster; **John Binder**, teamster; and **John Moldy**, teamster.

The main store employs the cash car system, the hardware department is provided with track ladders, the building is (or soon will be) lit by electricity and is a patron of the city water works. Several hours can be interestingly spent in looking over the several departments of this great store and the very able manner in which it is conducted.

Parks & Company also has a store at the **Dunn Mine**, which is doing a thriving business. Mr. **Martin Bach**, an accomplished gentleman[,] is in charge, assisted by his wife, and **John Dishmaker**.

[NOTE: Parks & Company occupied an area that formerly was occupied by the Bannerman Hotel. It was later Wills Hardware Store. The owner of the business is now Etalo Pivatto. – *A Collection of Recollections: Crystal Falls, Michigan 1880-1980.*]

John H. Parks. Conspicuous among the foremost citizens of Crystal Falls, Iron county, is John H. Parks, head of the **John H. Parks Mercantile Company**, a clear-headed, progressive business man who has met well merited success throughout his career.

Parks was born June 4, 1845, at Standing Stone township, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, a son of **John Parks, Jr.** His grandfather, **John Parks, Sr.**, a native of Scotland, learned the trade of a rug and carpet weaver in his own country and became an expert designer. In 1830, accompanied by his family he came to America, crossing the sea in a sailing vessel; the voyage covering a period of three months. Locating in Thompsonville, New York, he secured a position as weaver and designer and there spent the remainder of his life.

Born in Glasgow, Scotland, **John Parks, Jr.**, was but a boy when he crossed the ocean with his parents. Learning the trade of a weaver when young, he followed it for a time in Thompsonville, New York, then moved to a farm in Standing Stone township, Pennsylvania.

He was much given to trade and traffic, and on occasion, leaving his family on the Pennsylvania farm, spent two years in the south, a part of the time being employed to superintend the slaves who were loading merchandise at the wharves in Charleston, South Carolina.

That was a time when the slave trade flourished, vessels coming to port loaded with slaves who were herded in the hold,

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and when landed were taken to the pen, and later put on the auction block.

Visiting Wisconsin in 1854 Parks prospected successfully, and in 1855 took his family to that state, traveling by the lakes from Erie, Pennsylvania, to Milwaukee, from there going by train to Fond du Lac, the railway terminus at that time, thence by team to Outagamie county.

That part of Wisconsin was then in its primitive wildness, with here and there a white man's cabin. Buying a tract of land in Bovina township, he cut trees to make room for a log cabin, which was the home of the family for some time. A part of each year he engaged in logging, teaming the huge logs to the river and rafting them to Oshkosh, the remainder of the year being employed in clearing his land and tilling the soil.

He met with excellent success in his labors, in course of time having a valuable farm, well equipped with substantial frame buildings, and there lived until his death in 1884. Parks had married **Mary Hunter**, who was born in Scotland, and came to the United States with her parents when young. Her father, **George Hunter**, settled in Thompsonville, New York, and there spent his remaining years. **Mrs. Mary (Hunter) Parks** survived her husband; at her death in 1899 left five children, as follows: **Jane, John H., William, Elizabeth** and **Nathaniel**.

About ten years of age when his parents settled in Wisconsin, **John H. Parks** continued his studies in the log schoolhouse, with its rude, home-made furniture, and acquired a practical education. He began when quite young to work in the woods, and became an expert in the logging and lumber business.

In June, 1864, his spirit of patriotism being aroused, Mr. Parks enlisted in **Company E, Fifth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry**, and with his regiment took part in

many engagements of note. The first important battle in which he participated was against Early's army, in the Shenandoah Valley, at the time when Sheridan made his famous ride on hearing, at Winchester, thirteen miles away,

"The terrible grumble and rumble and roar,

Telling the battle was on once more."

Mr. Parks was likewise present at the siege and capture of Petersburg, as color bearer placing his colors on the fort while twenty-one Rebel flags were still flying from the ramparts. He witnessed Lee's surrender at Appomattox, standing within fifty feet of Generals Lee and Grant when the former passed his sword to General Grant, who passed it back to General Lee. In September, 1865, Mr. Parks was honorably discharged from the service, and returned to his Wisconsin home.

Soon after attaining his majority, Mr. Parks bought a tract of timberland in Bovina township, Wisconsin, while not employed in logging, and devoted his energies to the improvement of his land. Fortune smiles on his efforts, and his land was in a comparatively short time transformed from a forest into a rich and productive farm. He was very successful as a lumberman.

In 1877, he entered the employ of **P. Sawyer & Son**, and subsequently continued with their successors, the **Sawyer Goodwin [sic - Goodman] Company**, with whom he came to the Upper Peninsula. Iron county was then a vast wilderness, the larger proportion of its broad acres being covered with a heavy growth of timber, while Quinnesec was the nearest railway station. He continued his operations in lumber for a number of years, during which time he took out over three hundred million feet of lumber.

Locating at Crystal Falls in 1884, Mr. Parks, in company with his uncle George S. Parks, embarked in the mercantile

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business, putting in a stock of general merchandise, and at one time did a business amounting to more than forty thousand dollars a month. At the present time the John H. Parks Company carries a line of hardware and its accessories, only, having a complete stock, and is doing a substantial business, its patronage being extensive and remunerative.

Brought up on a farm, Mr. Parks has never lost his love for agriculture and horticulture, and now has a fine estate, nine miles from the city, bordering on Lake Chicago [*sic - Chicagoan*], where he has ample barn and stable room for his valuable stock, houses for his employees, and a commodious, artistically constructed log cabin, situated on the lake shore, in which he and his family enjoy life seven months of every year.

Mr. Parks married, April 13, 1876, Eva A. Jewett, who was born in Wautoma, Waushara county, Wisconsin, a daughter of Eben and Mary (Parks) Jewett, natives, respectively, of Maine and Vermont, and pioneer settlers of that part of Wisconsin. Two children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Parks, Ulmer and Edna A. Edna A., wife of William Joliffe, has three children, namely: Helen M. and Margaret J., twins; and John Parks.

Mr. Parks has the distinction of having served as the first mayor of Crystal Falls, while previous to that time he had been president of the village board. Fraternally he is a member of Crystal Falls Lodge No. 385 F. & A.M.; of Crystal Falls Chapter No. 129, R.A.M.K.T.; is a charter member of Ahmed Temple, Mystic Shrine, of Marquette; and a member of De Witt Clinton Consistory, at Grand Rapids.

MASTODON

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J. RUPRECHT'S saw mill [*sic - sawmill*], near **Mastodon Junction**, is rapidly approaching completion, and will soon be ripping up the rough forest into mercantable [*sic - merchantable*] lumber. After the mill starts up that locality bids fair to be quite lively and there is some talk of a station and townsite.

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RUPRECHT & CO'S. MILL.

As stated in the NEWS last week, the new saw-mill [*sic - sawmill*] of **Julius Ruprecht & Co.**, about nine miles above Florence, on the line of the C. & N-W., has commenced operations. The location is near the **Mastodon Crossing** and the germ of a town is apparent. It has been called **Enterprise** and already a postoffice [*sic - post office*] and depot are talked of. The new mill is owned by **Julius Ruprecht**, of **Waucedah**, and **A.J. Hughitt**, of **Escanaba**. It is located in the heart of about 15,000,000 feet of good pine, on lands owned by the Canal Company [*Lake Superior Ship Canal Company*] and Mrs. Galloway, of Fond du Lac. At present 50 men are employed about the mill, in different capacities and this force will subsequently be increased to 65, in all

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probability. Unlike the average back-woods [sic – backwoods] saw-mill [sic – sawmill], it is furnished with all of the latest machinery, and covered by a well-roofed, substantial structure. The cutting capacity is between 45,000 and 50,000 feet per day. The proprietors with good reason, [sic] expect a large local trade, [sic] from the mines and railroad. Cutting was commenced with a sale of about 500,000 feet, mostly to the North-Western railroad company. A side-track [sic – sidetrack] has been built into the mill and the yard will be made between this and the main track. Tramways for various purposes are being constructed and in all 1,600 feet of trestling will be required. The mill proper is 150x30 feet and will contain, when completed, one large circular saw, edger, planer, trimmer, shingle mill, lath mill and three cutting-off saws. The power is in an Oshkosh engine, driven by steam generated in three boilers. Saw-dust [sic – Sawdust] is used for fuel and the firing is done in front of the boilers, instead of underneath, by which means Mr. Ruprecht claims he can generate as much steam in three boilers, [sic] as can be done in four, [sic] by the old method. To make a mill pond, they have built a wing dam around a marshy spot, through which a little creek trickled. Already the water has collected sufficiently, [sic] to admit of being used. Patent dogs are on the road, and taken together, the new mill is a little beauty.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume III, Number 44 [Saturday, November 3, 1883], page 4, column 2

Mastodon Murmurs.

The new town which is being laid out at **Ruprecht's mill**, [sic] is to be called

"Mastodon". The people are of an enterprising spirit and will have a town there too.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume III, Number 45 [Saturday, November 10, 1883], page 8, column 2

Mastodon Murmurs.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

Martin McHale visited **Mastodon** Monday on business.

Capt. John Fitzsimmons made a flying visit to **Crystal Falls** Saturday.

Miss **Eliza Janes**, of **Norway**, visited her sister, **Mrs. Thomas Wills**[,] Tuesday.

Mrs. John Fitzsimmons[,] accompanied by Miss **Effie Sweet**, visited **Florence** Saturday.

Louis Winkler, of **Florence**, made **Mastodon** a visit during the week.

H.F. Leopold, of the firm of **Leopold & Newman**, returned to his home in Chicago, last Wednesday.

Mr. Ruprecht, of the new town of **Mastodon**, spent Sunday among us, having a good time with the boys.

We understand that a spur is to be run to the **Mastodon mine**. The surveyors were looking over the ground the last of the week.

Mr. Jones' new house is fast nearing completion. The family will occupy it the first of next week.

The **meat market** has changed hands. **L. Newman** now hews off the surloin [sic – sirloin] for the accomodation [sic – accommodation] of his customers.

Dr. Butts made a flying visit to **Florence** Monday. Business in the Dr.'s line seems to be rushing at present.

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Mr. **John Sewell**, the former **time-keeper** [*sic* – *timekeeper*] of the **Mastodon**, dropped in to see his friends and returned the happier for having been here.

Miss **Jennie Clary**, one of **Mastodon's** fair daughters, has left this place, for one where she will take the position of bride in a few weeks.

A new store is opened at the Delphic under the management of John Herrick. They will carry a full stock of groceries and miners [*sic* – *miner's*] **supplies.**

Capt. C.T. Roberts, of **Crystal Falls**, could not exist if he did not look over **Mastodon's** fair brown at least once a week. Come again, Captain.

Albert Leopold, formerly of **Champion, Mich.**, has been engaged to run the store of **Leopold & Newman**, at the mine. Mr. Leopold comes to us bearing the reputation of being a model young man. We only hope that he is as wise as he is handsome.

Mastodon is to loose [*sic* – *lose*] one of its old-time citizens. Mr. **Louis Newman** will leave for **Crystal Falls** some time [*sic* – *sometime*] this week where he will make his home in the future. He will be generally missed. Mr. Newman figured very conspicuously as a member of the band, also in practical matters and now we presume it will be in "business" affairs.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume III, Number 46 [Saturday, November 17, 1883], page 4, column 2

Mastodon Murmurs.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

Louis Newman visited the **Falls** Monday on business.

Capt. John Fitzsimmons visited **Crystal Falls** Tuesday on business.

Miss **Eliza Janes** returned to her home in **Norway** last Tuesday.

Mrs. Thomas Wills, **William Bray** and Miss **Emma Janes** constitute the sick list this week.

The Mastodon hotel is now empty. The family that occupied it disappeared as mysteriously as it came.

Last Saturday fifteen men were discharged from the Mastodon. The mine, is to work about forty men this winter.

Small shipments of ore are being made from the **Mastodon** at present. The **Mastodon** ore is considered of excellent quality.

Dr. Butts has purchased one of **Dr. Washburne's** horses. He thinks it is more comfortable to ride than to walk this weather.

The population of **Mastodon** is still increasing. A little stranger put in an appearance in **Mr. Sweet's** family last Sunday morning.

If you want a rare treat; [*sic* – *treat,*] you want to hear the **Mastodon band** play. They now produce as fine music as any band on the Range.

The Delphic Iron Co., has discharged all but twenty-five of its men. The company intends working a very small force this winter.

We wondered, what made **Henry Henwood** smile so, and offer a cigar without any questions. It was the advent of a new member to the family. The little stranger put in an appearance last Wednesday morning and all are getting along nicely.

Last Tuesday a little child belonging to **Mr. and Mrs. David Utter**, of the **Delphic mine**, was called into the hands of its

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Maker. The littleone [*sic – little one*] had been sick for a few days and the doctor pronounced the disease congestion of the lungs. He was a bright little boy, seventeen months old. The sorrowing parents have the sympathy of the entire community.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume III, Number 19 [Saturday, June 11, 1887], page 1, column 5

Mastodon.

Mastodon is a quiet little burg of 175 inhabitants, is situated on **Hell Diver Creek**, about one and a half miles from **Loon Lake**. It has one temperance saloon, one general store, one meat market, a fine hotel, a museum, a laundry where 32 dirty shirts are washed for a dollar, a large school house with a charming preceptress [*female teacher*] but the town is badly in need of a missionary.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume VIII, Number 51 [Saturday, December 15, 1888], page 5, column 1

An Aggravating Occurrence.

A. Peltier, the big-hearted, jovial ex-hotel keeper [*sic – hotelkeeper*] of this city[,] is in hard luck. In September last his large hotel, the **Florence House**, was destroyed by fire, with no insurance, and he recently sustained another pecuniary loss at **Mastodon**. Mr. Peltier purchased a one-story frame building, in the now deserted village, which he intended moving to **Stager** and there fit up for a boarding house. The structure was placed upon a flat car [*sic – flatcar*], but in rounding a curve, both the car and house were capsized. He

thereupon took the building to pieces and brought the material to this city, dumping it upon the site of the old Florence House. Mr. Peltier will erect another hotel building upon the spot early in the spring. The MINING NEWS trusts that the worthy hotel keeper's [*sic – hotelkeeper's*] troubles are over forever.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume VIII, Number 51 [Saturday, December 15, 1888], page 5, column 3

THE **postoffice** [*sic – post office*] at Mastodon, Iron County, Mich., has been discontinued, and mail hereafter will be sent to the **Mastodon mine location**.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume VI, Number 31 [Saturday, September 6, 1890], page 1, column 4

Mastodon.

Mrs. Swayze, mother of **Dr. Butts**, is visiting here with the Doctor and wife.

Capt. E.S. Roberts has finished the addition to his residence and is now very comfortably settled.

Mrs. Thomas Smith and baby arrived from Canada, Sunday, and Tom is the most pleased individual in the town.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume VI, Number 33 [Saturday, September 20, 1890], page 1, column 4

Mastodon.

Miss **Eliza Hambley**, who taught the public school here last year, has again assumed the birch and that she will wield it

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to some purpose, the record of previous years will bear witness.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume VI, Number 39 [Saturday, November 1, 1890], page 1, column 4

Mastodon.

Our **schoolmarm** closed her school here Thursday of last week and opened another school where she has but one pupil.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume VI, Number 45 [Saturday, December 13, 1890], page 1, column 5

Ramblings.

Capt. Harry Roberts will move his family from Youngstown to Mastodon as soon as there is snow enough for good sleighing.

C.T. Roberts having turned over the business at **Mastodon** to his brother **Harry**, has moved to **Crystal Falls** and is locating himself and Mrs. Roberts as fast as possible in the elegant residence recently purchased of **John Parks**. Here he will have an eye to his real estate and merchantile interests, and give considerable attention to his growing business in the development and sale of mining properties. That he has been a success as a miner of ore by contract is undisputed, and his estimates of values of mining properties are earning an enviable reputation for accuracy.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume VI, Number 46

[Saturday, December 20, 1890], page 1, column 6

Ramblings.

Mastodon, [sic] has a new school marm in the person of **Miss Hawley**, and the boys do say that she is as sweet as the proverbial angel.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume XI, Number 18 [Saturday, April 25, 1891], page 5, column 3

Nicholas Northway and Miss **Mary Elizabeth Wilcox**, both of **Mastodon**, Mich., were united in marriage by **Justice of the Peace Haberkorn**, in this city, on Monday last.