

# MENOMINEE COUNTY HISTORY -- FAITHORN TOWNSHIP – FAITHORN NEWS COLUMNS

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**PEMBINA**, Menominee County: this lumber settlement formed around the mill of Harter & LaCroix, with Mary E. Harter becoming its first postmaster on March 4, 1884; the office was transferred to and renamed Faithorn on March 9, 1905.

*The Current*, Norway, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume VII, Number 24 [Saturday, July 18, 1891], page 1, columns 2-3

## **Pembina.**

Work on the **foundation of the new barn on the K.C. Co's farm** has been begun. The barn will be 38x112 ft.

**John Dunn of the State road, had two head of cattle killed last week and four head on Thursday of this week, at Johnson's spur, on the "Soo" road.**

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## **Pembina.**

Sunday the editor visited at **Pembina**, on the state road and enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. **Frank McCamly**, of the **Carney farm** and Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Tarr** of the **H. & M. Co's. [Hamilton & Merryman Company]** farm. During the day we gathered such data as we could, regarding the yearly products of the farms, which we shall use later after we have

visited the other farms, in an effort to show our readers that "farming does pay" in this section of country. We found that the root crops were nearly all out and that despite the unfavorable Spring [*sic* – *spring*], the yield has been very satisfactory. After spending a very pleasant day we returned at night, under obligation to Supt. Tarr for the material for our Thanksgiving pumpkin pie.

A party of ladies went out after beech nuts the other day and cut down a tree, which fell across the road and they were compelled to cut it twice in two to prevent obstructing the highway. One who saw the result claims, [*sic*] that it looked like a fair sample of beaver cuttings. Another party went out for the same purpose and took a horrid man with them to do the chopping, and he cut down a fine birch tree from which to gather beech nuts. He was young and susceptible and the girls were pretty, so he cannot be blamed much.

We learned that several of those who are working their own farms, have sold their potato crops at fair prices. **Richard Underwood** is said to have sold 700 bushels.

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## **Pembina.**

**Peter LaCroix** was at **Norway**, this week, and visited some of the **L.W. & V.S. [Ludington, Wells and Van Schaick Company, Marinette, Wisconsin]** camps while away.

Mrs. **Frank Saltzeider** will go to **Norway**, to keep house for her father, **Capt. S.F. Clark**, this winter, while her

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husband does some logging near **Beechwood**.

It is said that one of the farm supts. in this district is awfully absent minded. He went out to the line of the "Soo" road the other day to see about an expected car. The car was not there and he was so mad that he jumped upon one of his farm wagons which was there and told the driver to start for home, and did not recollect that he had a horse and buckboard with which he had gone out, tied at the track, until he had gone about two and a half miles and was almost home. The joke was too good to keep, and the reporter had been requested to "put it in the paper," by the man who cut the birch tree to secure beech nuts.

The close of the Summer [*sic* – *summer*] shows the following result at the **Murray farm of the K.C. Co. [Kimberly Clark Company]**: 50 tons tame hay, 40 tons green oat straw, 16 tons marsh hay, 1928 bu. potatoes, 550 bu. mangels, 162 bu. blood beets, 550 bu. turnips, 570 bu. carrots, 190 bu. onions, 1650 heads cabbage and 120 tons fodder corn. There has been pastured on the farm an average of 100 head of stock, besides, a large number of sheep, hogs and poultry have been raised from the products of the farm. A new barn has been built to accommodate 28 horses and about 20 cows and an addition for a silo has been completed and partially filled with this year's product of corn fodder. The new windmill is working very satisfactorily and has proved a great convenience in supplying the farm house and the various stables and barns with water. **Manager Brandt** does not claim that the farm has made much money this year, but the many improvements have been paid for and that of course amounts to just so much profit.

*The Current*, Norway, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume VII, Number 43 [Saturday, November 28, 1891], page 1, column 5

## **Pembina.**

**Frank Tarr** departed Tuesday for Boston, Maine, to visit his aged mother.

**Geo. Harter** has **started a camp about one mile west of here on the "Soo" line** and will get out a quantity of cedar ties, post and telegraph poles.

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**FAITHORN**, Menominee County; first settled in succession by four lumber firms: the Fence River Company, the Kirby, Carpenter Company, Ludington, Wells & Van Shaick, and Hamilton & Merriman; the town was named for J. Nathan Faithorn, an official of the Wisconsin & Michigan Railroad, which came through here in 1894; its station, named Faithorn Junction, was the crossing point of the W. & M. and the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railroads; its post office, named Faithorn, operated from March, 1905, to March 31, 1955.

**NOTE: Beginning in 1904 the Iron Mountain Press began running columns from the various settlements in and around Dickinson County, Michigan. There is a great amount of detailed information contained in these columns on smaller settlements which is of great interest to historians and genealogists.**

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## 1904

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

### FAITHORN JUNCTION FACTS.

**Arthur Wells**, of **Dunbar**, was a guest at the **Harter House** last Tuesday.

The **farmers** in the vicinity of **Faithorn** commenced **shipping sugar beets** last Monday. It is estimated that there will be fifteen carloads shipped from here this season. **Peter LaCroix** being [*sic – is*] the largest shipper, having raised fourteen acres, which will probably yield six or seven carloads of sugar beets.

**Geo. Harter**, the **father of the town**, has **one of the finest farms in this vicinity**. He has 2,000 acres of timber and farming lands with 280 acres under cultivation. He has twenty-six horses, ten milch cows, fifteen head of young cattle and forty hogs. This year he raised 225 tons of hay, 2,400 bushels of oats, 1,200 bushels of potatoes, 1,000 bushels of rutabagas, 200 bushels of carrots, 1,000 bushels of mangels, and 2,000 heads of cabbage. He also had an extensive garden, which supplied him with all the vegetables of the season. He has an orchard of 200 fruit trees and a large variety of small fruits, and, although the orchard is young, he picked over 100 bushels of choice apples this year. In addition to his farming interests, Mr. Harter owns the **hotel**, a **store**, and a **saw-mill** and does quite an extensive **logging business**. Last season the mill turned out 800,000 feet of lumber and 4,000,000 shingles. He expects to increase the lumber cut this year to 1,500,000 feet and

make the same number of shingles as last year. Mr. Harter also has a **ceder** [*sic – cedar*] **yard** one mile west of Faithorn on the **Soo line**, from which he sold \$3,000 worth of posts and poles, and \$2,000 worth of ties last year. He expects to handle about the same amount this season. His entire business last year was over \$65,000.

*Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 27 [Thursday, November 24, 1904], page 5, column 4*

### FAITHORN FACTS.

The ladies of **Faithorn** and vicinity will give a **Thanksgiving supper** at **Harter's Hall** this evening, the proceeds of the supper to be used for **Christmas presents** for the joint entertainment of the **schools in districts No. 1 and 2**, now engaged in preparing a program for the entertainment to be held on **Christmas eve**.

There will be a **social dance** at **Harter's Hall** next Saturday night. **R.G. Tetro**, of **Stephenson**, who is an expert musician and **plays four different instruments at the same time**, has been engaged to furnish the music for the occasion. A cordial invitation is extended to the young people of **Iron Mountain, Norway** and others in the vicinity to attend. A general good time is assured.

*Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 29 [Thursday, December 8, 1904], page 5, column 2*

### FAITHORN FACTS.

**Miles Theisen**, aged forty years, formerly of Marinette, **committed suicide by hanging** here last Monday. He had his jaw badly fractured recently in an accident,

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and had to be fed through a tube. Slow recovery caused despondency, which resulted in suicide.

**Clarence Harter**, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Harter**, was married last week Wednesday to Miss **Josie Fritz**, of **Menominee**. The marriage was solemnized by **Rev. Rutzen**, pastor of the **German Lutheran church**, in that city. The happy couple left the same evening for **St. Louis** on their wedding tour. It has been known for some time that Mr. Harter and Miss Fritz were to be married this winter, but the exact date of the event had been kept a secret, and the announcement of their marriage was a partial surprise to the friends of the young couple, as it was not expected to take place until after the holidays. Mr. Harter and Miss Fritz were well-known in **Faithorn** and have a large circle of friends who wish them a long, happy life.

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