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IRON RIVER

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

MR. H. COOPER is going up to **Iron River** to build a good-sized two story hotel at **Pewaubic [sic – Pewabic] City**, the coming metropolis on the western edge of the great Menominee iron belt. It will be close by one of the largest deposits of iron ore in the entire range.

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

JOHN B. WEIMER, who has been running a **stage line from here to Iron River**, has had a three seated buck-board made on which to carry his passengers. It is just the vehicle for the business and combines lightness with strength. It is something that has been very much needed, and will be a great convenience to our Iron River neighbors, both as regards a means of conveyance and also for better facilities for carrying the mail.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 39 [Saturday, September 24, 1881], page 3, column 4

–**R.L. Selden, Esq.**, one of the proprietors of the **Sharon mine**, at **Iron River**, arrived from Connecticut on Saturday last.

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–**James Innes**, of the new village of **Iron River**, called on us Thursday evening, and informs us that he is building a **hotel** at the enterprising place. He intends to keep a first-class house and THE MINING NEWS wishes his success.

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

L. Carmichael, the contractor of the **Iron River branch railroad[,]** is rushing the work from the junction. He wants to employ at least 800 men so as to complete the contract as early as possible. **J.K. Crooks[,]** the superintendent of construction, has a big force cutting out the right of way and the graders are following. The route of the original railway has been changed somewhat to avoid several heavy cuts which existed on the route as surveyed.

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

THE **depot at the terminus of the Iron River railroad extension**, is to be located on section 36, 43-35 – this side of the river. The **village of Iron River** is laid out on the other side of the stream on section 26, whibh [sic – which] will make it about a mile from the depot. We understand that a new town will be laid out on this side, which will undoubtedly take the lead and be the coming city.

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Number 8 [Saturday, February 18, 1882], page 3, column 2

THE work on the **Iron River railroad** is being pushed forward as fast as possible. **J.K. Crooks**, superintendent of the work[,], informs us that he has a large force of men already at work and that the force will be increased and doubled as soon as the frost is out of the ground. He expects to have the whole work ready for the track layers by the first of August.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume II, Number 9 [Saturday, February 25, 1882], page 3, column 4

—**Stephen Selden** returned, last Monday, from his home in Connecticut, looking well and hearty, although his eyes are a little weak yet. He tells us that his brother **Richard**, who submitted to the amputation of one of his legs, is getting along finely and is now able to be out on crutches, and will probably return here in the spring, with the addition of an artificial leg.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume II, Number 11 [Saturday, March 11, 1882], page 3, column 2

CAPTAIN A.H. STEVENS, started for **Iron River**, early in the week with six or eight logging sleighs. He is a little late but by his arrangements his hauling will be done on travoys [*sic – travois*] and he will have no trouble in getting in logs as fast as he wants them.

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

Iron River Items.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

Our new town of **Iron River**, is in a prosperous and growing condition. All who come here are much pleased with its location and prospects and they feel well repaid, after reaching here, for their tiresome journey, over the worst of roads. The new **saw-mill** owned by the **McKinnon, Bros.**, blew its whistle on the 9th for the first time, but it will not be able to turn out lumber for a few days yet, as the pumps do not work satisfactorily. Many of our business men are waiting to procure lumber from the mill in order to erect buildings; many of which are in contemplation and will be rushed up as fast as possible. Parties are coming in and buying lots every day with the intention of building thereon. The bad condition of the roads deter [*sic – deters*] many from visiting us who would come, were there any comfortable means of doing so. One thousand dollars, is to be expended immediately upon the road wick [*sic – which*] will make it passable. The Supervisor of the town of Humboldt was here yesterday looking up the taxable property. A meeting is to be held the 25th of this month, when a new town will be organized and town officers chose [*sic – chosen*].

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Iron River Items.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

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Our embryonic city is just now in a very smoky condition, owing to **extensive fires in the woods**, which have been carelessly allowed to get into uncontrollable [*sic – uncontrollable*] headway. A hundred cords of wood belonging to the **McKinnon Bros.** have been destroyed and **William Wait** lost his house without being able to save even the contents. As the ground has now been burned, over the town site, there will in future be more safety from fires from that source. **Andrew Boyington** has suspended work upon his large **hotel**, until the **saw-mill** can supply him with lumber, which it is expected to do in a very short time. Building will then be general and rapid throughout the town. **Dr. Bond, Sr.**, of **Quinnesec**, was in the village last week and his son **Frank L.** has opened an office and will attend to the practice of medicine in this vicinity. **J.S. McDonald**, of Fond du Lac[,] paid us a flying visit, looking after his interest in the **Nanaimo mine**. The first death which we have had in our midst occurred on the 12th. The deceased was a **Swede miner** of the name of **Nelson**, and while going to work at the mine fell dead in the street. It is supposed that he died from heart disease. A procession of sixty men followed his remains to their resting place in the quiet woods west of town. The **Rev. Mr. McGarvey**, a preacher of the gospel from New Jersey, has come among us. He held his first religious service at the company's office, last Sunday. Work commenced upon the **wagon road**, between here and the Junction last week, and we hope soon to have a good road over which we can travel with some kind of comfort. Work is progressing upon the **Iron River branch of the C. & N.W. R'y**, and indications are that the locomotive will enter Iron River at an early day. The chief engineer of the **Ontonagon and Brule River R.R.** was in town last week, having come from **Rockland**, the present terminus

of the Northwest division of the road. The final line is located and the road will be built as rapidly as possible. It will run along the western border of the village and the **C. & N.W.** will come in on the east, running parallel [*sic – parallel*] with the river, and they will meet at the **Nanaimo mine** north of town. Altogether the prospects of our settlement soon becoming [*sic – becoming*] a business center are bright and flattering. With a surrounding country well adapted to agriculture, sustaining a heavy growth of hardwood, which will furnish a lasting supply of fuel to furnaces that may be established here; with an almost inexhaustible supply of iron in the vicinity to keep them working; and a beautiful, healthy [*sic – healthy*] locality, to say nothing of our charming lake scenery in the neighboring woods, we feel that our's [*sic – ours*] will be a rapid and prosperous growth. Thus far the place has been settled by a good class of people, generally, and every inducement is offered to such to come and live among us.

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Iron River Items.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

All is now activity here. The **saw-mill** is turning out lumber, which is being utilized in putting up a great variety of buildings. Today, the 29th was town meeting day with us, and I will be able next week to announce the names of our town officers. A sum of money, amounting [*sic – amounting*] to about \$150 was subscribed by our town's people [*sic – townspeople*] as a sympathetic offering to our fellow citizen

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Wm. Wait, who lost his buildings by fire last week. Iron River is being whipped by a multitude of fisherman [*sic – fishermen*] and every inducement is offered to lure the “speckled beauties” from their native element, with fair success on the part of some. A party of the boys from the village were [*sic – was*] out to **Stanley lake** yesterday where they had rare sport chasing a deer which attempted to swim across the lake, they being in a canoe, after a lively race the game was captured. Deer are plenty [*sic – plentiful*] in the neighboring woods, as they are coming in from the south. The **Iron River Co.** are [*sic – is*] establishing a **town site on the east side of the river** about half a mile from us and lots are for sale. There may be a rivalry between the two places, but we trust it will be a friendly one. Religious services are held every Sabbath. Preaching in the morning and Sabbath School in the afternoon.

IRON RIVER.

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Iron River Items.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

John Morrison is building a **furniture store**.

A.E. Kinley has nearly completed his large **grocery store**.

Miners buildings are going up very rapidly, in every part of town.

George Innes is erecting a large **hotel** and **J. Innes** a **store** and **opera hall**.

Lumber is in great demand and is snatched from the saw before it has time to cool.

We have so much iron here, and it is so common to us, that we scarcely think of remarking upon it.

Buildings are going up with great rapidity all over the town and many more will be erected as fast as lumber can be procured.

Andy Boyingtons [*sic – Boyington's*] **hotel** is rapidly approaching completion. It is a very large structure and will be an ornament to the town.

Distructive [*sic – Destructive*] fires are again in the surrounding woods, and have burnt the camp at **Stambough** [*sic – Stambaugh*], the new town across the river.

The village presents a very active appearance, the carpenters [*sic – carpenter's*] hammer is the magic wand which is causing our towns to spring up in a night, almost.

Dr. Rosenbury is building an **office** near **Andrew Boyington's hotel**. He comes from **Menominee** and is rapidly working himself to a good practice as he is well liked.

William Scott, from **Florence**, is also building a large **billiard and drinking hall**, near the hotel. He was one of the victims of the large fire, at that place, on the first of May last.

The **McKinnon Bros.**, [*sic*] have struck another ledge of ore of the best quality, which has the evidence of being an extensive deposit. It is located on the s. ½ of the s.e. ¼ of sec. 26, 43-35.

Alex. Quirt has given up the **saloon business**. Good for Alec! We all say and will help him in any other business he may desire to start. Saloons must needs be, but they are no credit to a place.

Our townspeople are a law abiding community, as we have had no disturbance of any kind yet, and our Sabbaths would compare well with the day in New England,

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in regard to its observance. The religious meetings are well attended.

The **township organization of Iron River**, is now in perfect working order. The following are the officers elected: Supervisor, **D.I. Lay**; Clerk, **A. Forsythe**; Treasurer, **Alex. Quirt**; Highway Commissioner, **Manvil Wait**; Drain Commissioner, **J. McFarland**; School Inspectors; [*sic - ,*] **W.H. Selden** and **J. Scipschen**; Justices of the peace, **J. Innes**, **John Scipschen**, **John Morrison** and **John Weimer**; Constables, **T. Webb**, **A. Cummings**, **E. Gilman** and **Chas. Colwell**.

It seems that our correspondent at **Crystal Falls** ignores [*sic - ignores*] Iron River altogether, as he writes that **Crystal Falls** is the town of this part of the U.P.; as though it disclaimed to acknowledge a rival. Our neighbors at **Crystal Falls** certainly have the start of us, by almost a year in point of time, but the prospects are good that Iron River will be fleet in the race and will overtake its boasting neighbor. We will not say surpass, for that might seem like presumption to our C.F. correspondent.

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The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume II, Number 26 [Saturday, June 24, 1882], page 8, columns 1-2

Iron River Items.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

Nothing sensational has occurred as yet of which to write. I can tell you of the steady, rapid growth of our village, and the steady influx of settlers, only. **Andy Boyington** opened his bar to-day, and the boys who like their beer, were well treated. **Andy's saloon and fixtures**

would do credit to Chicago, Milwaukee or even **Florence** as they are very fine. **J.F. Towell** is building a large **saloon**, and hopes to open by the 4th of July. Many trout are being caught out of the river by our sporting men. The **McKinnon Bros.** are building a **new mill** near their **board mill**, which will be devoted to **planing and finishing of lumber and sawing of shingles**. They intend to supply our people with all they need in the line of building material, at reasonable figures. A large, new engine is expected soon to drive the circular saw. As they have not power enough in the present one to do rapid work, the logs are very large. We learn that **Mr. Noyes** of **Florence**, lost a horse this morning, on the road to Florence, soon after leaving here, its leg was broken in some manner. **Capt. Luxmore** commenced taking ore out of the **Namaimo**, to-day [*sic - today*], and he is confident of shipping, before navigation closes. A great many potatoes have been planted by farmers in our neighborhood this spring, and many are up. We welcome with pleasure the enlarged sheet of THE MINING NEWS and would congratulate Florence upon having a local paper of so high a character. We of Iron River look forward to the time when we shall have a paper of our own and we hope it will be as good, and as well conducted as THE MINING NEWS. A good local newspaper will aid a new town in its growth, more than anything else possibly can and I think Florence should credit the efficient manager of its newspaper with a large share of the town's prosperity. I think the case has scarcely a parallel where a town no older than Florence has supported a paper that could equal THE MINING NEWS as it appears this week. All success to the hard working editor, and we will try to help him in a feeble way to make the columns of THE MINING NEWS interesting.

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Iron River Items.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

"Westward the Star of empire takes its way," [sic - ."] Yes sir, and northward too, judging from the rapidity with which Iron River is being settled. In spite of the inconvenience attendant upon journeying here, and living without the advantage of a railroad, people are coming in every day, with the intention of settling among us. Building would progress more rapidly, if lumber could be procured faster. As it is our town site is pretty well dotted with buildings. **Wm. Scott's hotel** is nearly completed and also the **store of Mr. Steller, the jeweler**. A large **mill building** is going up for the accomodation [sic - accomodation] of the shingle and finishing machinery. **W.J. Tully of Commonwealth** was in town last week making arrangement to put up a building. Work will commence upon it this week. **John R. McDonald** of **Quinnesec** is building a **store 40x90**. Dwelling houses too numerous to mention are going up all over town. **J.F. Towell opened a saloon last week**, since which time there has been a division of custom between him and **Andy Boyington**. **E.A. Kinley opened up a grocery store on Wednesday last**. He as [sic - has] an excellent assortment of goods in his line. Law business is tolerably active and some of our justices have turned lawyers. Cases are quite well handled and considerable talent is shown, if not much law. The mines are looking finely. A large stock pile is

looming up at the **Nanaimo**. The **Iron River Mining company** has also a big output, of excellent quality. In fact all our ores run high in metallic iron. The **McKinnon Bros.**, have, in a measure, suspended operations at their new exploration, owing to water. As soon as a pump can be procured work will be resumed. The indications are very encouraging. Our waters are well supplied with fish, which is evidenced by the many good strings of bass, pickeral [sic - pickere!] and trout which make their appearance almost daily. I might speak of the nice fat buck, which now and then finds its way into our hotels, were it not contrary to law to mention such matters. But necessity defies all law, or gospel either and our needs demand something as a substitute for beef at 22 cents a pound. The road between here and the junction is so bad that horses break their legs while travelling over it and in some cases disappear altogether. Repairs have commenced upon it again this week.

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About seven miles this side of **Iron River**, on the railroad right of way, existed a **log building in which various kinds of liquid groceries were sold**, to anyone who had the money to buy. It was owned by a man of the name of **Joe Griff**. **Silas Anderson** was his bartender. On Sunday evening Griff observed some men working a hole under one corner of the structure and shortly afterwards light a fuse. He called Anderson and both went near the scene of operations. They were warned off with pistols and retired back some 20 or 30 feet. An explosion occurred. Griff was

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thrown down by the shock. Upon recovering he looked for Anderson and found him laying down on his knees and face. Anderson gave a few groans and expired. Griff then started in the direction of **Lake Chicagon**. In about $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour he heard another explosion. This, as was subsequently ascertained, was caused by another explosive placed in a hollow cedar log, on the opposite side of the structure. Two men were sleeping close by. One of them was struck near the shoulder with some kind of missile and injured so severely, that his recovery is considered doubtful. A coroners [sic – coroner's] inquest was held before **Esquire Schipschen of Iron River township**, on the dead man, and a verdict rendered in accordance with the facts as above stated. So far the parties who committed the outrage are unknown, but it is thought thought [sic] that they will be caught, as sufficient is known of the case to identify them. Although the business that Griff was engaged in was obnoxious, yet the affair loses [sic – loses] nothing of its criminal magnitude. Law exists in the State of Michigan and as we understand the situation in this case, sufficient power rested in the hands of the local authorities to have suppressed the nuisance – if it was such – without resorting to mob violence [sic – violence], then again we are informed that it was on the railroad right-of-way. If this was the situation, certainly the agents of the company could have ordered it off, and the party would have been bound to submit – nolens volens. As it is, it becomes nothing more or less than a cowardly brutal murder and the parties in the atrocious affair should be made to suffer the penalty of the law.

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Number 21 [Saturday, May 19, 1883], page 1, column 4

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.**

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Milk ! Milk ! Milk !

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

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[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

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

Trout fishing is a great pastime and is being indulged in by all.

There is some talk of organizing a **lodge of Odd Fellows at Iron River**.

The **McKinnon boys** are about to commence an exploration at the west end of the town site.

The prospects of our place look somewhat brighter, and we can see a slight change for the better.

On Wednesday of last week a **pleasant ball**, which was greatly enjoyed by all, was given at **Innes Hall**.

Our **hotels** can see the difference brought by the change in running trains, which allows visitors to stay here at night, when before they stayed at Florence.

Dr. F.L. Bond visited Chicago and Peoria, Ill., and returned the latter part of the week. His sister and mother are to spend a portion of the heated term at **Iron River**.

Much complaint is made because sawdust is being dumped into the Iron River. It drives out the trout, by getting into their delicate gills and strangling them.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Lake are soon to leave **Iron River**, at least temporarily. Mr. Lake will go to Harvard, Ill., and join his wife at Minneapolis, about the first of July.

The new plant of machinery received by the **Nanaimo** from the **Florence Iron Works** is doing good work and giving excellent satisfaction. The Florence institution will get all the work that is to be had from this section.

Steller Bros. are fitting up their **store in the bank building** in a fine manner. A new counter has been put in the bank, and when all is completed it will be a model business room. We have just the cutest little **post-office** for miles around.

Work on the **new depot at the foot of Adams Street** is being pushed, and it will be completed in short order. The structure is to be 100 feet in length and quite commodious. Sanguine property owners on Adams street vehemently aver that this street is to be the future business thoroughfare of the town.

George Innes is rapidly fitting up his **new hotel on Adams Street** and will have everything complete in the course of two weeks. The hotel will be conducted on first-class principles, is near the **new depot** and also convenient to the business quarters. It is bound to do well.

The Wisconsin and Michigan officials visited this place on Wednesday, and all are agog over the idea of soon having another railroad. The survey of the **Ontonagon & Brule River road** was completed from Ontonagon to the Brule River, on Tuesday. At the latter place the **Wisconsin & Michigan** and the **Ontonagon & Brule River**, will join rails.

The unsettled condition of titles still bothers us more than anything else, and keeps back explorations and other active movements. It is probable that a test case will be had sometime soon, which will settle matters. As soon as we know "who is who and what is what" there will be a decided onward movement here. We have plenty of ore, but we don't want to find it for some one [*sic* – *someone*] else.

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Mrs. Cummings has opened a millinery store on **Gennessee [sic – Genesse] street**.

Both the **Iron River and Nanamo [sic – Nanaimo] mines** are shipping ore daily.

Preparations for the erection of the **new depot** are rapidly progressing.

A petition is going the rounds which has for its object the grading of **Nelson street**.

Your correspondent has this week to thank **A.S. McNaughton** for courtesies received.

A first-class **laundry has been opened on Adams street**, opposite Mr. Steller's residence.

Wm. Scott has christened his **hotel "Central House,"** and his sign bearing that name has been hoisted.

The fires which have been endangering the safety of the town have been mostly extinguished by the late rains.

Goetz & Paradise are fitting up **McKinnon's store**, preparatory to a removal of their stock into that building, which is more centrally situated than their present place of business.

One of the great wants of Iron River has been at last supplied, **Mr. Parker** having opened a **bakery and restaurant**, and we are glad to notice that his enterprise is likely to prove a success.

The brakeman who had his leg so badly shattered while discharging his duties on the **C. & N-W.** in this vicinity last week, died on Saturday afternoon from the effects of his injuries.

John Morrison and **A. McCullough** are now the sole **partners in the furniture store** here, they having bought out **A. McCue**, who had been a partner in the concern since it was started in the spring of 1882.

Some of our lady gossips have of late become very jealous of younger ladies than themselves, who enjoy the pleasure of

buggy-riding in company with gentlemen much younger than the husbands of said lady gossips.

While a four-horse team was crossing the bridge near the **Nanaimo mine**, on Sunday last, the structure, which was a poor apology for a bridge, gave way. No serious injury resulted, however, beyond the maiming of one of the horses. The **bridge** is now undergoing repairs.

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IRON RIVER ROUSED!

HANNON'S STORE BLOWN UP BY DYNAMITE.

A Terrible Midnight Explosion – No Clue to the Malicious Perpetrators.

At about 2:30 o'clock Thursday morning the citizens of Iron River were startled from their sleep by a terrible concussion and tumbling noise resembling sharp, heavy thunder. The few who were up, including the night watchman, hurried in the direction of the report and found the building owned by **Mrs. Hannon** and occupied until lately by **Hannon & Vail**, terribly shattered in front. Buildings near, especially the **saloon of William Webb**, were badly injured, and glass was shattered for hundreds of feet. The concussion was plainly felt all over the town, and few were there who slept through the noise. Close investigation revealed the fact that a quantity of giant powder had

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been inserted under the southeast corner of the building. On exploding, it tore out the front, drove out the sides and burst asunder the joists. Many are the causes assigned for the malicious deed, but no clue to the actor in the cowardly affair is yet to be had. Considerable trouble over the property and between those who have occupied it, has been had in the past. Anybody who, in the stilly [*sic – still*] hour of night, will sneakingly [*sic*] proceed to an unprotected spot, insert a powerful explosive and destroy property which, perhaps, it has taken years of hard toil to accumulate, is unworthy the form in which he exists, let alone the name of man. Such work should be rewarded by swift and unerring punishment, to the fullest extent of the moral and physical law. Iron River, like all new towns, has been infested with a rough element, which is gradually sinking out of sight before the face of the many law abiding citizens who, when awake, assert good order with a vim. Had the building been occupied, the affair might have resulted in a terrible tragedy, but as it was, no one was hurt. It does not necessarily speak ill of the town that such a thing should occur, as viscious [*sic – vicious*], cowardly, sneaking, immoral specimens, capable of anything, are to be found in all places from the largest city to the smallest hamlet. Every citizen of Iron River should constitute himself a special detective to hunt down the guilty wretch and see that he gets his just deserts [*sic – desserts*].

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[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

THE NEWS is kept on sale at **Bond's drug store.**

David Leroy, a farmer living nine miles north from here, shot and killed a bear last Saturday. Bruin was very lean.

Andy Boyington, Harry Gibbon, Mr. Kirkpatrick, W. and A. Habig, and Emil Drugstore [Ammerman], went trout fishing last Sunday. Mr. Habig made the prize catch, length 14 inches.

A. Clement was in town this week and says he is about to commence explorations near here. He deserves success. Mr. Clement was formerly identified with the **Nanaimo mine.**

The **Nanaimo mine** is shipping on an average of 20 cars of ore, and **Capt. Luxmore** says he could do double this easily, if the demand would warrant. **Supt. McDonald** says he can sell the ore, but prefers to hold for better prices.

A new wagon road is proposed between Iron River and Hemlock. The road would be of great benefit to lumbermen next winter, and has already been surveyed. Those interested in the road will be asked to assist in making it and if they acquiesce, we will soon have one.

Conductor Crimmins' train so bewildered a deer which stood in the track between Florence and Iron River, the other day, that it ran to its death ahead of the engine. The lithe *en vidae* seemed to have lost both sight and senses, as it dashed pell-mell into trees, stumps and stones, until it fell with a broken neck and was reibred [*sic*] by the trainmen.

John O'Leary, a big hearted son of the green isle, and an old Ranger, died after a short illness of pulmonia [*sic – pneumonia*], on Tuesday evening. He had scores of friends, and with his death there ceased to beat a generous heart. Mr. O'Leary was a single man, although on the shady side of life. He will be missed and mourned by his associates.

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Dr. Frank L. Bond and **Conductor Riley** had a narrow escape at Iron River, near **Simpson's bridge**, the other day. Their canoe turned over and caught the pontoons on their feet, which held their heads under water. Riley claims he rescued Bond, and *vice versa*. The conductor asks his legal friends in an anxious manner, "if he would have been indicted for murder had the doctor drowned and he escaped?"

Mrs. Ignatius Fauteux died at **Stambaugh** on Monday evening from **erysipelas** in the head and her body was brought to **Florence** for burial on Wednesday. Six friends acted as pall bearers [*sic - pallbearers*], and a huge concourse followed the remains to the grave. Mrs. Fauveux [*sic - Fauteux*], who was but 24 years of age, leaves a husband and two small children to mourn her untimely departure across the mysterious stream. Mr. Fauteux is a young gentleman who is well thought of, and has many friends, all of whom tender him their heartfelt sympathy, in this his greatest bereavement.

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Iron River Ripples.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

THE NEWS is on sale at **Bond's drug store**.

Another building is in course of erection on **Maple street**.

Alex. Quirt is having a **law office** erected alongside of his **hotel**.

J. Innes, the **real estate agent**, located eight homesteaders last week.

A **fair challenge and a free fight on Genesee street** last Monday evening.

J.B. Weimer has twenty acres planted to potatoes and oats, and five acres to vegetables.

A committee has been appointed to collect subscriptions for the celebration of the **Fourth of July**.

A.S. McNaughton has painted the front of **Morrison & Co.**'s place of business and otherwise improved the surroundings.

Larsen has opened a **restaurant in Stambaugh**. He intends to supply the town with all kinds of fruits and vegetables in their season.

No clue has yet been found as to the identity of the party or parties who attempted to and so nearly succeeded in demolishing **Hannon & Vail's store** last week.

Robert Quinn has opened a new and commodious **clothing store on Genesee street**, opposite **Morrison's meat market**. We have now four well stocked clothing stores in our town.

Fish are becoming very plentiful in the town. Besides the baskets which are being almost daily filled by pleasure parties, the **Indians** are bringing in large supplies from the surrounding lakes.

The **Nanaimo Mining Company** has been compelled, on account of the foul air found to exist in the mine, to **supply the miners with fresh air by means of a fan**. The fan is **driven by water power**. The water-wheel, which has just been completed, measures twelve feet in diameter, and drives the fan at the rate of about 1,240 revolutions per minute. It appears, however, that the fan revolving at that rate makes it a little too fresh for the workers below, and to save themselves from the effects of a miniature cyclone, they are obliged to regulate the water supply.

E. Morgan, of this town, the street-grading champion of the Range, has

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contracted to entirely remodel the streets of the **town of Stambaugh**. He expects to have a force on the work this week. The primary move will be the grading of **Porter street** from **Lacy street** to the brow of the hill, overlooking the **Iron River mine**, and then the ungainly hills which at present adorn more or less nearly every street in the village, will be leveled down into the swampy hollows, and Stambaugh will emerge from the ordeal a better looking town, with her chances of prosperity augmented and her business men encouraged.

Farmers have of late been much engrossed with their **potato planting and seed sowing**. Those who have never and an opportunity of exploring the lands in the vicinity of Iron River must fail to realize the extent to which farming is being carried on. On nearly every quarter section for miles around can be seen the unpretentious and primitive looking shanty of the homesteaders or the pre-empter. Should the lands which are at present under dispute eventually revert to the actual settler, these farms will become a support to the town which will enable it to thrive and grow in importance, independent of the fluctuations of the iron market.

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Iron River Ripples.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

THE NEWS is on sale at **Bond's drug store**.

Paradise has moved into McKinnon's store.

The **saw mills at Stambaugh and Iron River** are both running.

Rev. G.S. Woodhull visited the town on Monday last.

J.S. McDonald, of the **Nanaimo [Mine]**, was in town last week.

Explorations by the **Nanaimo [Mine]** management are to be started south of the mine, so 'tis said.

The **dance at the Scandinavian hotel**, on **Maple street**, last Saturday night, was largely attended.

J.H. Blackburn, the **photographer**, will leave **Iron River** for the copper regions in the early part of July.

The long expected colossal **hotel of Stambaugh** is to be built without delay. The lumber is already being put on the ground, and it is authentically stated that there will be no further postponement.

The town has decided to make a **road out to the Hemlock**, a distance of ten miles, to be completed by September, with the view of securing a big lumbering trade during the coming season. Operations will be commenced at an early date. A bridge will be laid across the Iron River.

Mr. Flanigan, the teacher, has a crowded school in Innes' building. Great credit is due him for his efficiency in teaching the young and rising generation of this place. We have little doubt many of his pupils will excel in the future, based on the valuable training they are receiving.

The **towns of Stambaugh and Iron River** are at last to have proper means of communication. **A good driving road is to be formed from here to the Stambaugh depot, which will connect there with the present road, leading to the village of Stambaugh**. The want of a good road between the two places has been long felt, and its completion will be hailed with joy by all concerned.

Iron River is becoming a **very popular resort of sportsmen**, especially of those

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who take delight in the piscatorial art. But the place will ere long offer inducements to visitors, which cannot be excelled by any town on the Range. We refer to the **vegetable products**, which are being raised in such abundance. A very laudable mania for gardening seems to have taken possession of all who are fortunate enough to possess a spare piece of land in the village. In the **part of town known as "New Brunswick,"** the display of vegetables in such variety and luxuriance is enough to make the passer-by forget, for the nonce, what constitutes the best policy and search around for an opening in the fence. **J. Waters** and **G. Lingley** are the leading spirits of horticulture – the first to begin when the town was in its infancy. They still take the lead, despite the numbers who are trying to emulate them. A proposal has been mooted to institute an **annual floral and horticultural exhibition**, and we hope the proposal will be acted upon, as it would add considerably to the zest with which this interesting and useful occupation is already pursued.

A PARODY ON TRUTH. –On the morning of the 22nd inst. *[of this month]* three bold and sturdy horsemen started from Iron River, whom we will designate as one minister of the gospel, one civil engineer, and one "jobber." Directing their course due east, they rode till they reached the camp of the **Lake Chicagoan mine**, where they abandoned their horses and applied for a trustworthy guide to lead them two and a half miles north for the purpose of locating homesteads. After getting fairly started, and hav- *[missing words here]* jobber to take the lead. After traveling until night set in and not reaching their destination, the guide proposed starting back to camp. They, however, confident that they could find the corner post in five minutes, refused to return with the guide, who, knowing the dangers of spending the

night in the woods without food, arms, or extra clothing, returned to camp, arriving there in good time, expecting they would follow. After waiting till the night was far advanced, and the party not returning, the citizens of Lake Chicagoan mine started in search of the missing ones. After traveling all night and far into the next day, the searchers came upon the lost party in fearfully wretched state. Their clothes hung in threds *[sic – threads]*, their tongues were swollen, their beards grown to an enormous length, while their finger nails *[sic – fingernails]* resembled the talons *[sic – talons]* of a vulture. When found, the minister was engaged in prayer, the civil engineer was trying to reverse the transit, and the poor "jobber" was still confident that he could find the corner post and the promised land. The party, after doing the best it knew for the suffering ones, returned to camp to await the return of the pilgrims. Up to a late hour on the night of the 23rd, neither the promised land, corner post or the party had been heard from. Messengers were dispatched to Iron River in hot haste, to acquaint their friends of the missing party's sad fate. In the meantime the citizens are getting up another party with the aid of some **Indians and half-breeds**, to scour the woods in the morning if the party does not turn up. The mine whistle is being blown every five minutes through the day.

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Iron River Ripples.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

Campbell is building on **Cayuga Street**.

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THE NEWS is on sale at **Bond's drug store.**

Hicks' house of ill-repute, at Stambaugh, has been destroyed by fire.

Thirteen men were discharged from the **Nanaimo mine** this week.

A. Morrison, of Morrison & Hudson, left here for Fond du Lac on Monday.

In Iron River a dog fight will bring together a bigger crowd than any other kind of attraction.

L. Leigh, the engineer at the Nanaimo mine, has moved into the new residence erected for him by the company.

Minckler has secured the **contract of building the bridge, across the river on the road leading to the Hemlock.**

Two pigs, a dog, and a cat, were the sociable inmates of a box that arrived at **Stambaugh depot,** a few days ago.

Florence, [*sic*] will have to look to her laurels. **Iron River is sending fresh meat to Chicago.** The first shipment was made a few days ago, in a refrigerator car, from the top of which it was artistically suspended: **It consisted of - a porcupine.**

The anniversary of the proclamation of national independence was celebrated here in grand style. The advent of the auspicious day was heralded by a canonade [*sic - cannonade*] of loud-sounding explosives, which was repeated at dawn. Notwithstanding the number of excursion parties which drove out to surrounding places of interest, the streets were all day thronged with a happy and ever-increasing crowd. Pic-nicing [*sic - Picnicking*] and games of various kinds, which afforded no small amount of amusement, served to beguile the hours throughout the day, and in the evening a display of fireworks was followed by a dance at the **Innes Opera Hall** and another at the **Scandinavian Hotel.**

On Sunday last the people of Iron River had to turn out *en masse* to fight the fire-fiend, which from Saturday till Sunday night made strenuous though futile efforts to invade and annihilate the fair town. **J.B. Weimer,** on whose farm the fire originated, fought it valiantly all night, and in the morning, the church bell having been tolled, he was relieved by an anxious and willing crowd. Three teams were employed during the greater part of the day, bringing water to the scene of the conflict and all the pumps in town were kept incessantly working. Besides the main fire at Weimer's farm, another of less magnitude raged on the southeast side of the town which, early in the morning, laid in ashes **Morrison & Hudson's old slaughter house,** and threatened to make the lumber yard another victim. Both fires, however, were extinguished towards evening, the gale which blew so boisterously having subsided.

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Iron River Ripples.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

THE NEWS is on sale at **Bond's drug store.**

The **Iron River Company** is now enjoying grand expectations. It is **building a track to Metropolitan mine,** which will be ready for use in less than a week. It is also carrying on several explorations. At present the Company is shipping from 70 to 100 cars of ore a day from **Iron River mine** and employing about 200 men.

We expect soon to see a boom in Iron River.

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Nanaimo mine is putting in more new drums and anticipating an extra output of ore.

Miss McKinnon, cousin to the **McKinnon Brothers**, arrived here from Canada last week and is highly pleased with the change.

Mrs. Bond, and **Miss Bond** also, arrived here last week from below, and **will hereafter make their home in the fine suite of rooms over the drug store.**

The **new depot** will be opened up for passengers the last of this week. It will be a great accomodation [*sic* – *accommodation*] to the people of this town.

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Iron River Ripples.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

The **Iron River Mine** is booming.

NEWS on sale at **Bond's news stand.**

John Morrison, of **Morrison & Co.**, is **building another house**, adjoining his old one on **Cayuga Street.**

"Andy" Boyington keeps a most excellent hostelry, is an expert angler and a jolly, entertaining landlord. Nothing is too good for his guests and those in search of recreative [*sic* – *recreational*] pleasure could not do better than pay "Andy" a visit. He can show them sport enough.

In endeavoring to play a practical joke the other day, the biter himself was badly bitten. One of the blocks of the town is comprised of three very respectable looking buildings. The centre [*sic*] one of these is **Tully's saloon**; to the west of that is **Bush's saloon** and to the east, **Quinn's clothing store.** The proprietors of all three

are, or at least have been, on most friendly terms with one another. On the day of which we write, Tully, who thought that a little amusement would not be out of place, even at the expense of his worthy neighbors, conceived the idea of reliving Quinn of some of the superfluity of dry-goods, oil-skins, etc., which graced the front of his store, and of transferring them to the more meagerly-clad front of Bush's saloon. This idea was speedily acted upon and in the "twinkling of and [*sic* – *an*] eye" the fronts on each side of Tully's, were more equalized as regarded outward show. It is possible, even probable, that the perpetrator of this joke, which was by no means a bad one[,] chuckled immensely over the success of his plan. But alas! "the best laid schemes of mice and men aft alee." The tables were turned in an apparently most dismal manner, when **Officer Griffin** [*sic* – *Griffin*] solemnly marched into the presence of the joker, and presented to his astonished gaze a criminal warrant for his arrest. The wrath of the originator of all this fun was by no means mollified, when he learned that it was a sham warrant and that he had been amply paid back, with his own coin. We feel for Quinn. The eaves of his building which project over the line of Tully's lot, will have to come off.

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[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

NEWS on sale at **Bond's news stand.**

Work on the **new hotel at Stambaugh** does not flag.

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Stambaugh can boast the **finest residence on the range.**

Thomas Lawson has opened a **bakery and confectionery at Stambaugh.**

Dr. Carpenter's new residence is nearly completed. It is modern in every sense and very pretty.

Iron River is to have a **new school house.** The plans and specifications are now being prepared. It will cost in the neighborhood of \$3,000. The location has not yet been decided upon.

On Wednesday **Minckler Bros.** commenced the **erection of a warehouse,** which is to be 24x50 feet, on the **corner of Adams and Third Streets.** Minckler Bros. are doing a good business and selling large lots of nice potatoes.

First Street is being graded and improved from the main business street to the **new depot.** Overseer **Thomas Webb** has charge of the work and is making a fine thoroughfare. As soon as the street is in shape for travel, the new depot will be opened for use. It is a neat little structure.

Andy Boyington, [sic] took **F.S. Easton,** of Chicago; and **J.G. Allard,** of Nuneau, Wis., up to the **Pine [River],** **trouting,** on Monday. They had loads of fun and good sport. Andy is the boss sportsman and his good house and accommodating nature are fast building a profitable reputation.

The intrepid **burglar boy** has arrived in Iron River. On Monday night a veiled depredator made a raid on **Hannon's boarding house at Stambaugh,** with complete success. Money, watches, etc., to the value of at least \$100 were taken. We will give him a neck-tie if he makes himself known.

MacKinnon Bros., [sic] have **platted a new addition to the town of Iron River.** It is on the west side and is composed of 60 lots. When the land question shall have been finally settled, Iron River will boom

wonderfully. The town is situated in the midst of a fine hard and softwood timber, with good water and commanding location. There is probably no place where iron is more abundant and everybody is only waiting to see who will hold the lands. As the saying goes up there "we have a mine in every back-yard." Good pieces of float have been picked up in the street. The agricultural surroundings are excellent. In time Iron River and Stambaugh will be one and quite a city exists, where the present hardy settlement is striving to hold its own.

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Iron River Ripples.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

NEWS on sale at **Bond's news stand.**

Bond's drug store is being painted.

Mrs. Minckler, who has been dangerously ill, is rapidly convalescing.

Chris. McRae, of **Florence,** was exploring for pine in the Iron River region last week.

Archy McDonald and Miss Kinney were united in wedlock last Thursday. Justice **Alexander Quirt** performed the ceremony.

The **Innes House** has been painted inside and out, and is thereby much improved in appearance.

Plasterers, painters and paper-hangers have been at work renewing and renovating the interior of **Capt. Luxmore's picturesque residence,** on **Adam's [sic - Adams] street.**

A petition is being circulated signed by the people of Iron River, praying for the **removal of M.H. Kilgallen from the office**

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of post master. [Our correspondent fails to give the reasons therefore *[sic – therefore]*.]

Good news has arrived for Iron River and Stambaugh! "Old Trust" is dead and all may profit from his death. For particulars of his demise call at **Morrison & Hudson's**, *[sic – Hudson's]* **meat market** where meats and provisions of all kinds are sold at greatly reduced rates. Money saved and fortunes made by all who take advantage of the cash system now adopted.

The **meat markets** of the town have set an example which other business men *[sic – businessmen]* would do well to follow. We refer to the **abolition of the credit system**, which necessarily makes prices high and keeps dealers as well as consumers continually behind. **Morrison & Hudson**, and **Chas. Lorenz** have gone hand in hand in **establishing a cash system**. Henceforth, "Cash!" is their motto.

Long and patiently have the people of Iron River waited and hoped for good times; for a renewal of the bustle and hubbub of last summer when, as if by the touch of a magician's wand, the village sprung from a wilderness of the primeval forest, to be what it is to-day *[sic – today]*, a town of no mean pretensions, which can boast of some really fine buildings, and can furnish hotel accommodations for all classes, which can be surpassed by no city in the upper peninsula. During the dreary and protracted state of dormancy into which the place was plunged last winter, and from which it is only now awakening to a realization of what it has to bravely bourn *[sic – borne]*, many were the memories recalled of the race against time, in which all to a greater or less extend joined, throughout the summer and fall of the past year; when the steady stroke of the woodman's axe, the perpetual tap of the mechanic's hammer, the ringing blow of the blacksmith's sledge, the buzz of the mill,

the blast of the mine, and the roar of unloading lumber, intermingled with the rattle of wheels and the merry din of voices, made a Babel alike of the morning, noon and midnight hours. And now, when many of our business men *[sic – businessmen]*, were momentarily expecting to feel the weight of "the last straw" which inevitably "breaks the camel's back," the mists of despondency have been dissolved, the rumblings of prosperity are heard, and "Forward!" is again the cry. **An addition to the town site has been surveyed. Capt. Luxmore** of the **Nanaimo [Mine]** has received instructions to quadruple the amount of his daily shipments, and improvements which will enable him to get out the quantity of ore called for are being rapidly consummated. Public roads are being cut in all directions, the **new school-house** *[sic – schoolhouse]* will be built right off, and the **new depot** will be opened this week. Strangers throng the streets and everything points to an early restoration of all the pristine prosperity of the town.

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Iron River Ripples.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

NEWS on sale at **Bond's news stand**. **Johnnie Helps** visited **Florence** on Wednesday.

J.S. McDonald, of Fond du Lac, was in town on Tuesday.

Mrs. Peter Higgins left here for **Glasgow, Scotland**, on Monday.

Jack Frost has been playing sad havoc among the potato tops.

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McKinnon's new building is being sided. **J. Campbell** has the contract.

The work of painting the exterior of the **Boyington House** has been commenced by **J. Campbell**.

The contract for painting the **Stambaugh Hotel** has been awarded to **J. Campbell**, who will begin work about the 24th inst.

The contract for building the new school house has been let to John Morrison & Co. It is expected to be completed about the 10th of October.

T. Parker has retired from the restaurant business. The restaurant lately kept by him will in future be managed by **L. Cummins [sic - Mrs. Albert G. (Lucy Boyington) Cummings]**, the proprietor of the building.

The **Iron River Company** is building an engine house, and proposes the erection of two furnaces at an early date. They will be situated in the vicinity of the sawmill.

Capt. Harry Roberts and lady will celebrate the anniversary of their tin wedding on the evening of September 8. The affair will be a select one, and is looked forward to as a great treat in social circles.

Last week **Tom Donnelly's "Hotel of the Woods"** was pulled; but alas ! too late. The birds had flown the nest, and two men who were found there were arrested and fined for keeping guard over the deserted building.

The contract for building a road from here to **Lake Chicagoan** has been let to various parties, at prices ranging from \$3.75 to \$5.00 a rod. It will be a fine highway when completed, and cost in the neighborhood of \$12,000.

There was quite a large attendance at **Innes Hall** on last Wednesday morning, the occasion being the presence of **Rev. Father Seubert** to attend to the spiritual wants of the Catholics of this place. After the services were over, **Messrs. Quinn,**

Griffin and Schipch [sic - Schipschen] were formed a committee to arrange for services every month.

The **Methodist church** in Iron River is gaining strength every day, and is exerting a civilizing influence in the community which is felt by all and appreciated by many. The able and instructive discourses of **Rev. S. Cox** are drawing crowds every Sunday to the **Innes Hall**, where services are regularly conducted. A new feature, which no doubt is also an attraction, is the introduction of an organ, which is presided over by **Miss Luxmore**, who does ample justice to the instrument.

Died at Buckingham, Canada, on July 31 last, **Mrs. James Bush**, aged 75 years. Mrs. Bush, with her husband, emigrated from Ireland in the year 1837 and settled in the vicinity of Buckingham, on a homestead where they have since resided. She was the mother of seven sons and three daughters, all of whom are living to mourn the loss of their beloved parent. The deceased was known as a kind and hospitable woman and had a host of friends, all of whom did her the last homage in death, by following her remains to the grave, amid the largest concourse of people that ever assembled in the community for that purpose. She had children and relatives at **Iron River**.

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Iron River Ripples.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

NEWS on sale at **Bond's news stand**.

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Jake Hammer, the contractor, nothing daunted, is again at work on the **Stambaugh hotel structure**.

A. Cummins [*sic* - **Albert G. Cummings**] has secured the contract for a new dwelling house to be erected by the **Nanaimo Mining Co.**

E. Morgan has opened a **Livery Stable on Genesee street**. He has a good livery outfit, and claims to have the best stock on the Range. Excursion parties and explorers need no longer long for a bicycle or a balloon, when the well-trying steeds of the Iron River livery stable are ever ready for fire at reasonable terms.

The **Rev. T. Cox** left this week for the south, where he will work to complete his education for the ministry. Last Sunday he delivered his farewell sermon, at **Innes Hall**, to a large and appreciative audience. During the stay of Mr. Cox in our midst, which has extended over the last five months, the regular attendance at services has attested to the enjoyment which the people have derived from his interesting discourses. That he leaves the place, is the regret of all, and should he ever revisit Iron River, we feel confident that he will be warmly welcomed.

At noon on Monday, a sad accident occurred at the **Nanaimo mine**, which resulted in the instant death of **James Luxmore**, brother to **Thomas Luxmore**, and in serious, though not fatal injury, to **J. Pender**. At the time of the accident Mr. Luxmore was tamping a charge, preparatory to blasting, and it is supposed that a spark was struck from the rock or that the old fuse retained fire, which ignited the charge. About three and a half kegs of powder were in the hole when it exploded. The unfortunate man was thrown fully 200 feet in the air. The occurrence has cast a gloom over the town as Mr. Luxmore was greatly respected by all classes, alike for his affability and his spirit of usefulness.

Being an able orator, and an earnest Christian, he cheerfully took upon himself the task of conducting church services, at whatever time the town happened to be without a minister, and it was announced last Sunday that he would preach on the Sabbath following. He leaves a wife and five children to mourn his untimely end. The remains of the deceased were interred on Tuesday, the obsequies being attended [*sic* - *attended*] by a large concourse of relatives and friends.

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Iron River Ripples.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

NEWS on sale at **Bond's news stand**. The **new depot** is a great convenience. **Minckler Bros.' new warehouse** is under roof.

Minckler Bros., [*sic*] are to open a **new meat market**.

Charley Bush is as smiling as ever and reports a good business.

Morrison & Hudson report their "cash" rule to be working finely.

F. Camins is busied at **blacksmithing** and **W.H. Windsor** also has plenty of work.

A.C. Cummings [*sic* - **A.G. Cummings**] is running as neat a **restaurant** as can be and deserves to be well patronized.

Steller Bros., [*sic*] have taken the agency for the **American sewing machine** and **Kimball's organs and pianos**.

George Innes' new hotel looks immense. Business is picking up with Mr. Innes. All he wants to do is to "stick."

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E.A. Kendley contemplates soon building an **addition to his store**. We are glad to know of Mr. Kendley's prosperity.

Your correspondent smells a lively litigation in the distance. He hears soft mutterings of libel suits, defamation of character, damages, etc.

D.C. McKinnon and his sister, **Miss Mary**, visited Chicago during the week. Mr. McKinnon doesn't seem to worry about the land question. And he needn't.

W. Habig has gone to Chicago to remain permanently. Mr. Habig was an enterprising and pleasant young gentleman and we are sorry to lose him. Horse shoe.

"Punk," "Kate" and "Topsy" are three deers *sic*, not "dears" now mind you, owned by **Conductor Riley** and **Dr. Frank L. Bond**. The little creatures are quite young and are becoming very tame.

Andy Boyington is a jolly fellow, a good story teller, keeps the boss hotel, is a crack shot, can catch trout with all of the expertness of Izaak [*sic* - *Isaac*] Walton himself and is pleasant to everybody.

Capt. Thomas Luxmore, of the **Nanaimo [Mine]**, has been chosen a **member of the school board**, to fill a vacancy caused by the **resignation of Andy Boyington**. Mr. Luxmore will make a good officer.

Society is on the *qui vive* over the event which is to occur on Saturday evening. **Captain and Mrs. Roberts** know how to entertain and that their reception will be a most pleasant affair, is an assured fact.

Your correspondent has been informed that "John Porcupine, who has just concluded a course in 'botany' at Lodi, has returned to Iron River, to make this his permanent residence." Gossipers say the course "cost Mr. Porcupine \$50."

The boys insisted on running popular **W.J. Tully** to fill the **school board vacancy**, against his will. The joke was carried so far that Mr. Tully came within one

vote of being elected. He is liked by all and would poll a handsome vote for any office.

An injunction has been served upon those who are building the **road to Lake Chicagoan**. The opposing party claims that, the road can only be built by the vote of the people. Your correspondent has been informed that **District Attorney [sic - Attorney] Mapes** has expressed it as his opinion that the road was being legally projected in every way.

The **fair to assist in the purchase of an organ for the children of Iron River**, for which the ladies have been arduously preparing, for several weeks past, is fixed to take place in **James Innes' building** on the evening of Sept. 13th. Preparations are thorough, an elegant supper will be served and the affair will be very enjoyable indeed in such hands and deserves the highest patronage. All are kindly invited to attend and have a good time.

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Iron River Ripples.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

NEWS on sale at **Bond's news stand**.

P.N. Main has opened a **livery** here.

Rev. H.P. Cory officiated here and at **Stambaugh** last Sabbath.

Tom Webb still limps on that cut foot of his, but it is growing rapidly better.

Geo. Innes' new barn is to be a fine one. It will accommodate twenty horses.

A. Lobel now has charge for **Joe Laev**. He takes the place formerly occupied by **W. Habig**.

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The excellent communication from "Sportsman" has been unavoidably crowded out this week.

The celebration of the **tenth anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Capt. Harry Robert's [sic - Roberts'] wedding**, at **Innes Hall**, last Saturday evening, was an elegant affair. Dancing was participated in to music furnished by the **Iron River String Band**, until the approaching noon of night heralded the Sabbath morn, when the guests were ushered to the **Boyington House**. The genial host had almost outdone himself in spreading the banquet board and not the least enjoyable was the time spent at the festal tables. The *menu* would have done credit to a metropolitan hotel and the table decorations of flowers, were most tastefully arranged. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts received an endless number of useful and amusing presents in the line of tinware and were the recipients of a shower of congratulations and good wishes. Among those present were: **Mr. and Mrs. C.T. Roberts, Dr. D.M. and Mrs. Bond, Dr. F.L. and Miss Lillian Bond, Dr. H.C. Kimball and Mrs. Kimball, of Crystal Falls; Mr. and Mrs. Hitchcock, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. John McDonald, Capt. and Mrs. Thos. Luxmore; Miss Mollie Bartle and Prof. Frank Scadden, of Crystal Falls; Messrs. P. Fogarty and Bronson, of Stambaugh; Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Crocker, Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Boyington, John Findeisen, Miss Laura Hill, Mr. McKinnon, Miss McGinnis, J.B. Riley, John Helps, John Williams, William Brown, Robert Quinn, Judge James Innes, Miss Loga, Mrs. Weston; James H. MacNaughton, Jas. I. Toner and Chase S. Osborn, Florence.**

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Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume III,

Number 38 [Saturday, September 22,
1883], page 8, column 1

Iron River Ripples.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

NEWS on sale at **Bond's news stand.**

Hitchcock & Cannon are having the exterior of their **store** painted.

Harry Gibbon has moved into **Noonan's building.**

O.C. Hill has lost a **second daughter from diphtheria [sic - diphtheria] - Mabel**, aged eight years. The family has the sincere sympathy of the NEWS.

Capt. Luxmore, who was lately elected **treasurer of the School Board**, has **resigned in favor of Mr. Campbell**, who has been accepted by the Board.

The **new School [sic - school] building** is rapidly nearing completion. **John Morrison & Co.**, the contractors, deserve credit for the substantial manner in which the building is being erected.

Last week, two men named **Tom. Loyced** and **Henry Reynolds, [sic]** attacked **Simon Simonson on Genesee St., opposite the Bush saloon**. Complaint having been made to the proper parties and a warrant procured, they were arrested by **Deputy Sheriff Griffin**, and taken before **Judge Quirt**. After being duly examined they were found guilty of the charge of "**assault and battery.**" Loyced was fined \$10 and costs, and Reynolds \$2 and costs.

One of our business men [sic - businessmen] was around last week with a petition, having for its object the ousting of **Griffin** from the office which he so adequately fills. But we are glad to be able to say that his efforts to be revenged in that way, were unsuccessful, he having procured only three signatures. It is a difficult matter to get a man who can fill the

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post as Mr. Griffin does, and the people of Iron River know and appreciate the value of his services.

A fair was held in Jas. Innes' building last week to raise funds for purchasing an organ for the use of the Sunday School. The arrangements were made and carried into effect in a manner most creditable to **Mrs. Y. Campbell**, who was the originator of the scheme, and to other ladies of the town who combined their efforts with those of Mrs. Campbell to make the affair a success. In this aim they succeeded, beyond the expectations of all. An excellent supper which lacked neither in substantiality nor in the *entremets* of delicacies, prepared the way for an evening of sociable enjoyment which was shared by all. Beyond some cavilling [*sic - caviling*] over one of the prize tickets, there was nothing to ruffle the orderly and pleasurable flow of the proceedings. The sum of \$104 was realized.

Iron River, September 13, 1883.

EDITOR MINING NEWS: - *Dear Sir*, I have waited some time hoping someone else would make a move in regard to the **wanton and wholesale slaughter of deer in the vicinity of Iron River and Sand Lake**, where the **Indians have constructed what is termed a "deer fence,"** extending a distance of eighteen miles and another to **Lake Chicogon** about twelve miles long. **During a period of ten days three Indians slaughtered 165 deer, bringing their pelts into town and disposing of them and leaving their carcasses in the woods to decay.** If this continues it will not be long before their [*sic - there*] will not be a deer in this section of the country. Now, what I would like to know is, whether there is not a law prohibiting such wanton slaughter and what steps should be taken to put a stop to it. If you will give this an insertion in your valuable paper, you will confer an inestimable favor

upon one who loves hunting but not in the way it is practiced in this part of the country.
SPORTSMAN.

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Iron River Ripples.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

NEWS on sale are Bond's news stand.

William Thompson has put an **addition to his house on Maple street.**

George Lingley and **Alexander Morrison** had a successful hunt last week.

James Innes has his hands full locating homesteaders and pre-emptors [*sic - pre-emptors*].

Chas. Lorenz is having a commodious **cellar dug underneath his meat market.**

Mrs. P.M. Weston, our fashionable **milliner**, has her parlors crowded with the very latest out in ladies' goods of all kinds.

Mrs. P.M. Weston, the **milliner**, has household goods, including stoves, bedsteads, crockery, etc., which she will sell cheap.

Bush's saloon has been painted, inside and out, and is thereby, much improved in appearance. **Jim McFarlane** had the painting of it.

M.H. Kilgallen has had the interior of his **residence**, reconstructed on an entirely new plan, which is an improvement as regards both comfort and appearance.

Alex. Quirt has **re-opened his hotel for the accomodation [*sic - accomodation*] of boarders.** During the past summer the house has been thoroughly renovated, re-paintec [*sic - repainted*], and many conveniences added.

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"Paradise is in the City of Sin." This may seem to be a rather queer assertion, but **Mr. Paradise, Sr.**, of **Getz & Paradise**, is still in Chicago, where he is enjoying a pleasant visit.

Under the hands of carpenters, masons, lathers and plasterers **Joel Water's residence** has undergone a most beneficial transformation, which amply fits it to cope with the severity of our northern winters.

Joe Laev's store looks as neat and tasty as can be. **Abolph [sic - Adolph] Lobel** has an excellent eye for arrangement and displays his stock to the very best advantage. Adolph is popular here and under his management, your correspondent should say from appearances, that the Laev establishment is doing a driving business for the times.

One of the first structures of Iron River, John Morrison's log-house [sic - log house], was moved last week. This is the fourth time that levers, the Spanish windlass and other scientific appliances, have been at work moving the unfortunate house from place to place, but as it is now close in the embrace of his new and elegant building, we venture to hope that for the remainder of their days, the poor old logs will be allowed to rest in peace.

Peter Kimberly, the prominent iron merchant of Sharon, Pa., and Johnny Jones, of Iron Mountain, were up Tuesday to complete arrangements for erecting a furnace here. **John Sipchen**, the kind hearted German, has donated twenty acres west of the **Nanaimo mine**, for a furnace site. The erection of a furnace is still conditional upon obtaining sufficient wood, but our citizens regard the question as definitely settled favorably, and are feeling quite exuberant in consequence. Iron River has a magnificent future in store and all that is now longed for, is the settling of the land question.

Business is picking up considerably. We have the best line of business houses ever claimed by a new town. If you don't believe it just look in at **Bond's nobby drug store**; **McDonald's general store**, **Steller's jewelry establishment**, **Hitchcock's hardware house**, **Hause's tonsorial parlors**, **Kilgallen's bank**, **Bush's and Tully's sample rooms**, **Minckler's grocery**, **Morrison's furniture rooms**, **Mrs. Weston's temple of fashion**, **Laev's**, **Paradise's** and **Quinn's furnishing houses**, **Morrison & Hudson's meat market**, **Cumming's [sic - Cummings'] restaurant**, **Boyington's and Innes' hotels**, **Camin's and Windsor's blacksmith shops**, and a dozen other establishments, whose proprietors' names we do not recall.

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Iron River Ripples.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

NEWS on sale at **Bond's drug store**.

The **Innes Opera Hall** is being plastered.

E.A. Kendley, the popular **groceryman [sic - grocery man]** is driving a brisk trade and smiles benignly in consequence. He deserves it.

De Grass, of **Iron River**, has contracted to build **E. Morgan's new house at Stambaugh**, and has already commenced operations.

The flight of one of a flock of geese, on its way to a more congenial clime, was this week arrested by a shot from **Billy Windsor's** rifle.

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Young Campbell's building is being plastered. When finished, part of it will be occupied by **Miss Hill** as a **dressmaking establishment**.

The **Lingley cord-wood saw** is again in active operation. Mr. Lingley has several extensive contracts on hand, and expects to do a lot of sawing before snow, sufficient to retard the work, falls.

On Thursday of last week the **first feathery flakes of snow**, precursors of many a coming storm, made their appearance in Iron River, but finding the climate too warm, they left for a colder sphere.

It is confidently asserted that the foundation of the proposed furnace will be laid next week. The site chosen is opposite the **Nanaimo mine**, on the north side of the river, and is one, which as far as regards getting a supply of ore from the mine, offers all the advantages possible. [The NEWS has definite information that a furnace will be at once built at Iron River. ED.]

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Milwaukee & Northern R.R.

On Monday a special car containing magnates interested in the **Milwaukee & Northern**, passed through Florence. Here they picked up **H.D. Fisher** and proceeded to Iron River. The party consisted of the **Messrs. Hoyt**, of New York; **E. Mariner**, **Angus Smith**, **Alex. Ray**, **Guido Pfister** and **Supt. Dutton**, of Milwaukee. The object of the trip was to give the stockholders an idea of the country they are piercing. And they were more than pleased. Their surprise and astonishment

at the resources of the Range were made manifest continually. Supt. Dutton and several of the stockholders assured the MINING NEWS that their road would reach Florence about the middle of next season.

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Iron River Ripples.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

NEWS on sale at **Bond's drug store**.

J.S. McDonald, of the **Nanaimo [Mine]**, was in town this week.

Getz & Paradise have put in a colossal stock for the winter season.

Robert Quinn's shelves and counters are "groaning 'neath their load."

No actual work has yet been done towards the erection of the furnace, although preliminary arrangements are still in progress.

F. Heffron was in town on Sunday. He is running **Ruprecht's sawmill** at the **new town of Mastodon**.

Alex. Quirt is fixing up his **law-office** for the winter. He anticipates a busy season and evidently intends to be well prepared for it.

The **Nanaimo company's office** has been finished, in shellac and varnish.

Kinney's boarding-house has been sided and painted, which vastly improves the appearance, and adds greatly to the comfort of the building. Mr. Kinney is prepared to give adequate accommodation to a big crowd.

During the week **A. Quirt** has been over head and cars in the law-business [*sic* - *law business*].

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Joe. Laev has got a flashy new sign erected. Guess he has changed his mind about leaving Iron River? The boxes he had made to ship his stock are piled in the back yard for stove-wood [*sic* – stove wood].

Last week **M.J. Griffin** was made the happy recipient of a welcome gift, which weighed no less than thirteen pounds. **'Tis a boy.**

The **new school-house** [*sic* – school house], as far as regards the carpenter and plastering work, is on the verge of completion. The painting has still to be done.

On Wednesday evening, what might have proved a very serious, if not fatal accident, was in its consequences averted in a most heroic and laudable manner by the timely aid of one of our leading and magnanimous townsmen. It appears that on the rear part of one of the lots which compose the main block of the village, workmen have been engaged in digging a well or something of that description – probably it was a test-pit [*sic* – test pit] – which on the aforesaid evening, was left in a most careless manner, devoid of the semblance of an obstruction to protect the unwary from gliding swiftly down the steep incline, which at that time was twelve feet deep. As ill-luck [*sic* – ill luck] would have it, a young lady passing that way recklessly regardless of the nature of the pathway, and blissfully unconscious of coming events, stepped boldly into, and was instantly precipitated to the bottom of the excavation. Much credit is due to the aforementioned gentleman, for the valorous and unselfish magnanimity of soul, and the herculean physical vigor, which he so unsparingly exercised in the appalling emergency. Suffice to add that, owing in a great measure to his marvelous presence of mind, expert action and untiring exertions, the lady was speedily rescued,

minus scar or hurt, from the yawning abyss – of the 12-foot pit.

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Iron River Ripples.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

MINING NEWS on sale at **Bond's drug store.**

Miss **Mattie Valentine**, of **Escanaba**, is visiting with **O.C. Hill's family.**

John Minckler claims to have killed the largest buck. He says it dressed 233 pounds.

Last Saturday night **Messrs. Bond, Tully and Griffin managed a ball at the new school house.** Music was furnished by the **Florence orchestra.** A splendid time was had by all.

The **barber shops** [*sic* – barbershops] are troubled not a little by an element that insists on loafing around on Saturday nights, and in fact, on all busy occasions. They crowd into the chairs and give the shop an appearance of being crowded, thus driving away numerous customers, who cannot bear the idea of waiting long to be shaved. Move along[,] boys, before the barber posts up a notice of "NO LOAFING."

Mrs. Alexander Morrison, wife of our meat merchant, died on Monday. On Friday of last week Mrs. Morrison gave birth to a sweet infant and everything went well until Sunday, when she suddenly became rapidly worse. All day she was delirious and her ravings were terrible. She remained unconscious until Heaven claimed her Monday. Mrs. Morrison was an amiable wife and a much loved lady. Her death has cast a sad gloom

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over the community. The remains were take [sic – taken] to Fond du Lac for interment.

A certain **dry goods clerk** in town is getting altogether too affectionate. He can love all the girls in town without overdoing himself. In fact he makes love a business and has offered one young lady a trunk and several other articles, if she will desert her present adorable adorer and be his ownest [sic] own. The soft headed young man insisted on telling a young lady that went in the store to trade, the other day, how the girls of New York fondled him and insisted on caressing him continually, even going so far as to lead him up Broadway by a chain attached to a collar around his dear neck. He ended up by asking her if she would not like to adopt him for a pet, asserting in his own behalf, that he could be trained so as to be far superior to a dude or a poodle. The young lady reported the metropolitan “masher” to her big brother, who will “train” him. If the MINING NEWS correspondent hears of any more antics on the part of idiotic counter jumper, he will send his name and photograph in for publication.

EDITOR MINING NEWS: *Dear Sir,* – My attention was called to an article printed in the North Star (October 27) a so-called newspaper of Marinette. It takes the NEWS to task for copying the article relating to the “slaughter of deer” at Iron River and not giving credit for it. I am the author of that item. Now I do not see that the composition of the communication signed “Sportsmen” [sic] printed in your valuable paper was so brilliant that, it should be claimed by such a distinguished writer as the editor of the Star, a paper I never heard of before to-day [sic – today] and therefore could not have copied from the sheet. He winds up his article in the “What-is-it” with: “If this is not the richest find of cheek in the country, we want to die.” Is he dead yet?

“SPORTSMAN.”

Iron River, October [sic – November] 1, 1883.

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Iron River Ripples.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

MINING NEWS on sale at **Bond’s drug store.**

The furnace question is decided favorably.

J.B. Weimer has opened a **land office in Tully’s building.**

It is whispered that the saw-mill [sic – sawmill] will soon come to life again.

The furnace is coming, “slow but sure” and Iron River is looking forward to a bright and prosperous future.

John S. McDonald is to start a **bank and exchange**, in connection with his general store. John S. is a very enterprising gentleman and deserves to be encouraged. We wish him luck.

Contractor Dan Bush will employ over a hundred men in the woods this winter, getting out timber for Menominee parties. He will manage three camps in the vicinity of Iron River.

Alex. Quirt is going to spend the winter on his homestead. His commodious and advantageously situated place, “the **Iron River Hotel**[,]” is for rent. This is a good chance for some one [sic – someone], as the house has always been well patronized.

John McDonald telegraphed from here to Marinette on Monday, at 9 P.M. and left for there himself at 1:10, on arriving there he founp [sic – found] that the message had not as yet reached its destination. This

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country is much in need of a telephone system.

The Town Board is floundering in the mud over the cleaning of the **cemetery ground**, which piece of work was to be let to the lowest bidder. Only one bid was put in, and the Board, instead of quietly and honorably accepting it, in fulfillment of its promise, kicks at it like a mule.

The churches of Iron River are still without a minister. The sheep are been [*sic - being*] converted into wolves at an alarming rate, if left alone in the woods much longer, their new nature will soon be fully developed and when the furnace, the saw-mill [*sic - sawmill*], and the capital arrive in town, the shepherds who will then hasten to gather the wool will get badly left, for the wolves don't submit to be shorn of their fur in such a cold-hearted climate.

The **Iron River dry goods clerk** who was referred to in last week's correspondence as being an affectionate young man, seems to be the victim of a gross piece of malicious misrepresentation, according to his own story. The charges made against him were quite serious, if true, and the NEWS thought they were from a reliable source. The gentleman concerned denies everything and in fact, the NEWS wishes to add that it has always known him as a perfect gentleman. Anyway it seems to be a personal difficulty, in which these columns can have no more to do with.

Last week a meeting was convened in the **School [*sic - school*] house**, for the purpose of re-organizing the defunct Sunday school, and placing it on a permanent footing. The meeting, which was well attended[,] was presided over by **Captain Luxmore**. After the preliminary business had been disposed of, office-bearers were elected as follows: **Superintendent, J. Harris**; Assis't Superintendent, **Thomas Luxmore**;

Secretary, **Miss Bond**; Treasurer, **Alex. McCulloch**; Teacher, **Wm. Sleep**. Others were nominated and elected for teachers but being non-present their acceptance or rejection of the post was not offered. All the necessary business having been transacted, **L. Hitchcock**, who was previously elected to take the minutes of the proceedings as they progressed, read them over, and they having been approved of, the meeting dispersed. Under the new directorship the school is bound to prosper.

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Iron River Ripples.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

MINING NEWS on sale at **Bond's drug store**.

Sleighs are in vogue.

It is reported that **James Harrington** will open a **boarding house** in town.

A. Morrison and G. Lingley brought in a buck this week, which weighed two hundred and fourteen pounds.

The **schoolhouse** is waiting for a bell. The board is determined to have a good one.

Morrison & Hudson have ordered a cargo of sleighs from below.

The "boys-in-blue" are in town again, making preparations for another season in the woods.

Now we can sympathize with the Esquimaux [*sic - Eskimos*]. Wonder if they sympathize with us?

The item in last week's MINING NEWS, which read that **John S. McDonald** was to start a **bank and exchange**, ought to have

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read John McDonald, he being the enterprising gentleman of whom we spoke.

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Iron River Ripples.

[Special Correspondence.]

MINING NEWS on sale at the drug store.

On Monday evening **Michael J. Griffin**, deputy sheriff of this place, was **shot and seriously wounded by a Swede named John Anderson**, who was captured at **Commonwealth** on Thursday by **Officer VanMarter**. On the night of the tragedy a swede dance was in progress, and it was necessary to make several arrests. Anderson got on a back street and proceeded to make himself very objectionable, whereupon Deputy Sheriff Griffin attempted his arrest. The Swede, without ceremony, pulled a 30-calibre revolver and fired in the officer's face. The ball penetrated just above the heart and **Dr. Bond**, who was called, was unable to find it. The wound, though a serious one, is not thought to be fatal. As soon as the shooting was done Anderson took to the woods and was soon followed by a posse of men. The affair created intense excitement and it was feared the man would be lynched if he was caught. But he eluded capture until Thursday, when **Officer VanMarter**, of **Florence**, took him out of a cellar in Commonwealth and placed him under arrest upon the charge of assault with intent to kill. Deputy Griffin was doing as well as could be expected at last

accounts, though suffering excruciating pain.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

The particulars of the Griffin shooting affair are substantially these: The fellow who did the shooting is a Stambaugh saloonkeeper named Anderson. In the early part of the evening he had begun to behave badly by **shooting Constable Webb's dog**. Nothing was done about it, Webb calculating to arrest him the next day for the offense. Monday was a Norwegian national holiday, being their mid-summer festival, and **C.O. Forsland, a hotel and saloon keeper on Maple street[,]** gave a dance on the day. Everything passed off quietly till about half-past teree [*sic - three*], when a disturbance arose between an Irishman named **Coyle** and a Swede. Griffin attempted to quiet the disturbance, when Anderson interfered, jumping on Griffin's back and attempting to choke him. Constable Webb then arrived on the scene, and took Coyle to jail. Griffin hurried back to secure Anderson, at the some [*sic - same*] time asking Webb to follow as soon as possible after securing Coyle. As Webb was returning he met a drunken Swede coming down the street, riding an ox and firing an revolver. Such things not being an honor to the city he put him in the cooler for safe keeping. In the mean time [*sic - meantime*] he heard the report of a revolver, and supposed that Griffin in attempting to arrest Anderson had shot at him. At this moment Anderson came in sight with three or four men after him. Griffin cried to Webb, "There he is, arrest him." Webb started in pursuit, but on learning that Griffin was shot he left the chase to the others, giving one of them his pistol, and returned to attend to Griffin. Anderson made for the woods and escaped from his pursuers, though five shots were fired at him, none so far as is known taking effect. He is still at large, though it is

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reported he has been seen at **Stambaugh**. Griffin's wounds are less serious than at first supposed. The ball struck him in the left breast just over the heart, but fortunately was turned from a direct course by striking a rib. He is under the care of Dr. Bond, who says the ball did not penetrate the lung. Griffin sat up yesterday to have his bed cared for, and will be on duty again in a few weeks.

Gustaff [sic] Ludloff, a **Swede**, was quite seriously injured at the **Nanaimo [Mine]** on Monday. The carpenters were raising and putting in place a heavy piece of timbered work known as a gate bench. Through some mishap it became unmanageable, and the men were called to stand from under and let it fall. All succeeded in doing so except Ludloff, who stumbled and fell on a small stump. He was seriously though not dangerously hurt, his shoulder and hand being crushed.

As the pile drivers were at work last Friday, the drop weighing 1,800 pounds got caught as it was being lifted. Something had to give way and as the hoisting engines were the least securely fastened they were turned completely over and carried about [sic - about] eight feet forward. Young **Mr. Jones**, brother of **Supt. Jones**, was standing on the engine bed with another man, and both narrowly escaped injury.

I visited the coal burnings about three miles west of town Wednesday. I found over forty men under the management of **Darius Faulkim**, and one of the best-managed, best-looking and best-fed crews it has been my pleasure to see. Faulkin is the right man in the right place. A.B.

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Iron River Ripples.

[Special Correspondence.]

MINING NEWS on sale at **E. Ammerman's drug store**.

MINING NEWS on sale at **Penberthy's new drug store**.

Wm. Hathaway died at the **Boyington House** on Tuesday evening.

D.C. McKinnon went down the line during the week.

Almost everybody went down to **Florence** to attend the circus on Thursday.

Rumor says work is about to be suspended on the new furnace here for the present.

J.S. Penberthy & Co., [sic] have opened a drug store in the building formerly occupied by **Paradise & Co.**

M.J. Griffin is to supervise a grand raffle, for a fine house and lot, valued at \$1,000, which will occur at Ishpeming, September 1, 1884. Tickets are selling rapidly at one dollar a piece [sic - apiece]. The prize is a grand one.

Anderson, the **Swede**, arrested by **Officer VanMarter**, of **Florence**, for the shooting of **M.J. Griffin**, was discharged by Justice Minkler. He was re-arrested in Florence on Thursday evening, by **Constable McMillan** and on about the same complaint.

E.J. Gilbert has been appointed **express agent** at **Stambaugh** and **Albert Steller** to the same position at **Iron River**, in place of **M.H. Kilgallen**, who resigned. It is also reported that Mr. Kilgallen has **resigned the post office** and that **Albert Steller** has received the appointment to **succeed him**.

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entry men. There will be no rest for the weary homesteader until he makes up his mind to repent, turn from his wicked political ways and vote a straight republican ticket. Then and not till then, will he grow corn in abundance, and the rain will not descend upon it too greatly. Then will his porcupine, his ox and his potato flourish side by side, and all will be well.

There is no end to the attainments of science. The latest at Iron River, with a portion of Stambaugh, is the invention of an entirely new and ever-before-unknown bouquet. It is simple in its construction, easily adjusted, and bends its sun-flower-like head with the modesty characteristic of its inventor. So modest is it that its modesty debars all claims to dudeism, from wearing it, especially on the Sabbath. Thus our thirfty, though otherwise unknown to inventive fame, twin villages justly claim the honor of drawing a line between the dude, dudine and the "vulgar vulgaress."

A company was organized on September 6 under the name of **Iron River Fire Co. No. 1**, with the following officers and members: **John B. Weimer**, forman [*sic - foreman*]; **Paddy Vail**, first assistant; **M.B. Wait**, second assistant; **Alexander Morrison**, treasurer; **Will H. Atkins**, secretary; **T.H. Webb**, **T.H. Flanagan**, **W.J. Tully**, **W.C. Webb**, **James Innes**, **A.E. Steller**, **Geo. Cummings**, **Thos. Coyne**, **C.M. Rogers**, **R. Steller**, **M.F. Sullivan**, **Harry Spence**, **J. McDonald**, **Alex. McKinnon**, **John Scott**, **J. Riley**, **Robt. Quinn**, **L.S. Hitchcock**, **John F. Minckler**, **Wm. Barrett**. It is understood that the people will furnish the company with

ladders and buckets. They meet once a week for drill in **Innes Hall**. The people of Iron River should appreciate this move and do all they can to help the boys along in getting the necessary supplies and equipments [*sic - equipment*].

On Tuesday night of last week **one of the pleasantest parties of the season** was given by **James Riley** and friends who were out camping at **Lake Chicagoan**. **Music** was furnished by **C. Hall**, violin; **Mrs. C. Hall**, organ, and **Prof. Wildman**, piccolo. The party broke up in the morning early, and all went home after passing a really enjoyable evening. Among those present were the following: **L. Hichcock** and wife, **W.B. Wait** and wife, **M.J. Griffin** and wife, **P. Griffin** and wife, **R. Hause** and wife, **J.N. Porter** and wife, of **Stambaugh**, **W.W. Noyes** and wife, of **Florence**, Misses **Mamie Eunson**, of **Menominee**, **Julia and Teasy Riley**, of **Fort Howard**; **Lula Hill**, **Lillian Bond**, **Edith Forsyth**, **Etta Valentine**, of **Escanaba**; **McKinnon**, **McInnis**, Messrs. **S.F. Miller**, **C. Rodgers**, **H. Spence**, **Ed. Raymond**, **J.D. Helps**, **J.E. Findeisen**, **F.L. Bond**, **M. Lalley**, **W.H. Atkins**, **J.S. Ruby**, of **Winona, Ill.**; **Jay Gilbert**, **Stambaugh**; **O.F. Riebel**, **Stambaugh**; **J. Riley**, **J.B. Knight**, **Norway**; **Theo. Massey**, **Iron Mountain**.

Iron River Ripples.

[Special Correspondence.]

MINING NEWS on sale at E. Ammerman's drug store.

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The cards are out for the **wedding of Mr. Will Selden and Miss Annie Sears**, of **Portland, Conn.**, daughter of **Dr. C.A. Sears**, of that city. The ceremony will occur December 9, 1884. Mr. Selden is largely interested at **Stambaugh** and is a gentleman well and favorably known throughout the iron country. The MINING NEWS' best wishes are tendered in advance.

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IRON RIVER FIRE.

THE BRIGHT TOWN VISITED TO THE TUNE OF \$40,000.

McDonald, MacKinnon, Boyington, Innes, Bies, Lalley, Penberthy and Others Burned out by an Early Morning Blaze last Saturday – One of the Largest Fires that has ever Visited a Range Town – An Absence of Wind and Hard Work Saves the Town – Very Little Insurance to Cover the Big Loss – Fortunes of a Life Time Swept Away in a Single Hour – Iron River Ripples.

On Saturday morning last, at shortly before three o'clock, the bright town of Iron River, at the **terminus of the Menominee Range branch of the C. & N.-W. R.R.**, 27 miles northwest from Florence, was visited

by a disastrous conflagration, which destroyed five of the principal business blocks and wrought damage to the extent of nearly \$40,000, with very little insurance to counteract the effect of the great loss. The appended table gives as near as could be procured, the loss and insurance in detail:

[LOSS AND INSURANCE TABLE; DIAGRAM OF DISTRICT BURNED]

The fire was discovered at shortly before three o'clock, in the stairway between **Lalley's saloon** and **Penberthy's drug store**, leading to the living apartments of **Alex. McKinnon**. Owing to the crude methods of fighting fire, nothing being obtainable but buckets, and the dryness of everything, the flames spread with lightning rapidity, although there was no wind. Brave men worked like heros and

EQUALLY BRAVE WOMEN

Passed buckets of water and assisted in hastily removing effects. The demon, mad in its destructiveness, soon laid in ashes the **three buildings on the north side of Main street, owned by MacKinnon Bros., and James Innes** and occupied by **J.S. Penberthy's drug store, Martin Lalley's saloon, John McDonald's large general store, Innes' Opera Hall, the Knights of Labor, MacKinnon Bros., [sic – Bros.] business office, W.J. Brown's insurance office, James Innes' justice office and A. MacKinnon's residence**. The flames then, in their hungry fury **leaped across the wide street** and devoured **Martin Bies' property**, in which he kept a **saloon** and **A.J. Boyington's magnificent hotel**,

ONE OF THE LARGEST,

best-appointed and best kept houses on the Range. All of this was done in a remarkably short time, but it took more to discourage the heroes that were giving battle. The bucket brigade worked like tigers at bay and another squad wet carpets

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and used them most effectually, thereby saving after a hard battle, **Ammerman's drug store**, **Noonan's building** and **Lengren's building**. It was a hot time, but it found every man at his post. Had there been wind, nothing could have saved the entire town. As it was the loss was severe. **Stambaugh** responded nobly and a business man of Iron River writes as follows to this paper.

THANKS TO STAMBAUGH.

Editor MINING NEWS:

We wish to thank the Stambaugh people through your valuable columns, for timely aid in suppressing the fire at this place. We feel that we can not [*sic – cannot*] say too much in their praise. They worked nobly and stood by their work like men, and I might add women, for some of them, with Iron River ladies, were seen handing buckets of water to the men on the ladders. We will not mention names, fearing we will not do them all justice, as all are entitled to great praise. We will not forget them in the future.

Almost all succeeded in saving a portion of their stock. **John McDonald** saved about half of his, **J.S. Penberthy** saved considerable and **Andy Boyington** saved some. Mr. Boyington's loss, as will be seen by above table, is by far the most severe. He is a hard-working, popular, accommodating gentleman, who left an arm on a Southern battle field [*sic – battlefield*], defending his country's hearth-stones and made all that he lost in a single hour, with his remaining arm. His friends hear of his loss with the greatest regret, but Mr. Boyington is not the man to be cast down by the reverses of fate. Others also lost heavily and they have the sympathy of their neighbors here and elsewhere. Almost all have resumed business with characteristic American energy, in some shape or other. **The Boyington House is now conducted in an old Norwegian boarding house, to**

the rear of his former splendid hostelry and it is hoped all of his old patrons will find him there. The people of Iron River have more than the usual share of courage, fortitude and perseverance. They have fought adversity ever since the town was founded and they meet each new enemy as bravely as ever. That they may win the fight in the end is the wish of the MINING NEWS.

IRON RIVER RIPPLES.

Frank Camins, the sturdy, hard-working **blacksmith**, was badly hurt while heroically fighting fire last Saturday morning. His friends hope to soon see him around again.

The MINING NEWS, ever enterprising, despatched [*sic – dispatched*] a special correspondent to the scene of the great fire.

The fire is supposed to have been of incendiary origin and many are the motives rehearsed.

The new saw mills are rapidly nearing completion. They will add some life to our town.

Boyington, MacKinnon and McDonald have announced their intention to rebuild at once.

Expert safe openers and insurance adjusters have been plentiful in town during the week.

J.M. Thorn was an outsider who witnessed the fearful fire.

The **Iron River Co.'s saw mill** [*sic – sawmill*] will be closed July 1.

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Iron county's new paper has been started and named by those who are not interested. The man who is to do the work

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and spend the money seems to be in no hurry and he is sensible. When times come good again Iron county will be a splendid place for a paper, but not till then. Weimer and his crew of land sharks, who are fleecing innocent, ignorant dupes, are the only ones who want a paper at present and when a paper is started, its proprietor, if he is wise, will not cater to that gang.

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The Mining Reporter, by **Edward P. Lott**, is the new Iron River paper. It starts out well and properly conducted, which of course it will be, it will be of much benefit to the plucky town in which it is published. We bespeak for Mr. Lott the patronage and good treatment which the MINING NEWS has always had at the hands of the people of Iron River.

Menominee Democrat, Menominee, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 2 [Saturday, November 14, 1885], page 5, column 4

COUNTY AND VICINITY.

Some persons contemplate starting houses of ill repute in the vicinity of Iron River.

C.C. Olin, of Florence, talks of starting a branch store at Iron River in the near future.

The Iron River cornet band has secured a new leader in the person of Mr. Dell McClure, who proposes making a

good musical organization out of the material available in the village.

Iron River must be a lively burg. The Mining Reporter published there says that not less than half a dozen "scrapping matches" were in progress on Saturday and Sunday nights. Even the prominent citizens indulge in rough and tumble encounters. It is plain to perceive why the editor of the Reporter feels so lonesome when he makes a visit to Escanaba.

Menominee Democrat, Menominee, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 9 [Saturday, January 2, 1886], page 5, column 3

The **Iron River furnace** will go into blast sometime during the first week in January.

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.

Talk of organizing a post of the G.A.R. *Grand Army of the Republic – Union soldiers* at Iron River.

On Friday of last week the wood fires commenced to rage fearfully. Many lumber

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camps have been burned and much valuable timber destroyed. The fire approached the **Nanaimo mine** buildings and that part of the town known as **Sipchenville** so closely that the fire company was called out with their engine to fight it. Again on Saturday the fire was raging fiercely [*sic – fiercely*] in the tamarack and cedar swamp north of **Minckler's saw mill** [*sic – sawmill*], in the north-western [*sic – northwestern*] part of the town. Fires of Friday, to the west of the town, also burned up quite briskly again, and as the wind was in the west the town was pretty well filled with smoke, though not as badly as it was the day before, when school had to be dismissed. the [*sic – The*] fires continued during Sunday, but by Monday the brush, logs and old stumps around the outskirts of the town had been pretty well consumed. Friday night as **Dick Dodge** and a friend of his was [*sic – were*] returning from **Cummings' homestead**, they discovered **Sol. Fraser's barn** on fire, and proceeded to remove all property therein. They remained there fighting fire all night, and prevented this store house from being destroyed. The fires are still raging between this town and **Stager** at the present writing (Tuesday), and we expect to hear of considerable more losses. – Iron River Reporter.

Menominee Democrat, Menominee, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 37 [Saturday, July 17, 1886], page 5, column 3

COUNTY AND VICINITY.

What is going on round about us.

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STEPHENSON.

Stronach, the **photographer**, who has had his tent here for the last month, left town on Wednesday for **Iron River**. He has taken pictures of everyone in town and everything in town, including the **B.B. Club** [*baseball club*], which last picture had ought to be used as the foundation for a dime museum, as the boys all look as they did when they arrived home after "doing up" the Menominee Rivers – or, excuse me, I mean, after they had, I-I-er-er – Oh! you know what I mean, the time the band met them.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume VI, Number 46 [Saturday, November 13, 1886], page 4, column 1

Work was commenced Monday at Iron River by **Harrison & Green**, on the **extension of the Chicago & North-Western road from Iron River to Watersmeet**. It is stated that crews will be put on at both ends of the line and that the work will be pushed forward as rapidly as possible.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume VI, Number 48 [Saturday, November 27, 1886], page 1, column 6

FIRE AT IRON RIVER.

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A DESTRUCTIVE BLAZE ON FRIDAY MORNING WREAKS CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE.

About 6:30 o'clock Friday morning a fire was discovered in the **warehouse of the Menominee River Lumber Co.**, at **Iron River**. No one saw it until the flames had made good headway and before they could be checked the warehouse and valuable contents of feed and supplies were destroyed and also an adjoining building used as a **beer and ice house** by **John Simon**, agent for the **Pn. [sic] Best Brewing Co.** With hard work the fire was here checked and the other buildings near, which were in imminent danger, saved. The loss is not known at this writing, but was probably covered by insurance.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume VII, Number 26 [Saturday, June 25, 1887], page 8, columns 1-2

IRON RIVER.

L.S. Hitchcock, an **old-time resident and hardware merchant**, has about concluded to sell out to a party from Appleton, Wis. The transfer is expected to be made in the very near future.

Charles Langendorf, of **Stambaugh**, is **about to be married to a young lady from Bates**. Charley is a good man, one of the most straightforward men in the place, and she is a lucky girl who gets him. We wish them much joy.

Rumor has it that **C. McDermott's residence**, on his homestead, was lately **entered by thieves**, who used ladders to gain an entrance through an up-stairs [sic – upstairs] window, during the owner's absence, and robbed him of \$450 which he had in the house.

Charles M. Rodgers, the ever-accommodating clerk at the **Boyington House**, has been suffering considerably from sore eyes, and was preparing to go to Milwaukee for treatment, but is now supposed to have found a remedy nearer home, news which his many friends will be glad to hear.

Several new buildings are going up, among which may be found a **new office for A.B. McKinnon**, our supervisor, and also a **harness shop for Mr. Atkins**, baggagemaster [sic – baggage master], who intends to engage a harnessmaker and do business in first-class style. Surely the place can afford steady support for one shop at least, and we believe "Billy" can run it in good shape.

It is reported on good authority that the **McIntosh Bros.' contract on the Chicago & North-Western Railroad extension will be completed this (Tuesday) P.M., and that they intend to turn their forces in to help the completion of the Anderson contract adjoining**. It is now understood that through trains will be running by the 4th of July.

A **100-yard foot-race [sic – foot race]** came off here last Saturday, between **Paul Minckler**, a general merchant of this place, and **William Patterson**, a railroader, for a purse of \$25 a side. The match was decided in favor of Patterson. There was, of course, the usual number of side bets. It is reported that Minckler has challenged Patterson to run again on the Fourth for \$100 a side. Mr. Minckler has ordered a new running suit for the purpose.

Several of the laborers from the **Selden mine, near Stambaugh**, informed your correspondent to-day [sic – today] that **[this column needs to be completed]**

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VIII, Number 30 [Saturday, July 21, 1888], page 5, column 4

Ira Jackson and Miss Delia Drago, both of Iron River, were married at the Polderman House on Saturday last, Justice Omer Huff officiating. Mr. Jackson recently purchased Capt. Thomas Luxmore's dwelling house at Iron River.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume VIII, Number 35 [Saturday, August 25, 1888], page 5, column 3

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Robert Quinn, of Iron River, and Miss Josie McGillis, daughter of L.H. McGillis, were quietly married at the Florence Catholic Church, at 5:30 o'clock on Tuesday morning. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Leccia in the presence of the bride's parents, brothers and sisters and a few intimate friends, including Mr. and Mrs. Peter McGovern, Mrs. G.L. Taff and others. Miss Tidy McGillis and John McGillis, sister and brother of the bride, acted as bridesmaid and best man. A wedding breakfast was served at the residence of L.H. McGillis, after which Mr. and Mrs. Quinn left on the morning train for a short bridal trip to Chicago, Detroit and other eastern cities. The couple did not intend to be married until Wednesday, and so informed their friends, but, owing to the publication of the announcement of the prospective wedding in the MINING NEWS week before last, changed their plan and the event took place a day earlier. This was probably done so as to prevent several hundred of the MINING NEWS' readers from witnessing the ceremony. The editors extend heartfelt congratulations, all the same.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Robert Quinn, for several years one of Iron River's leading merchants, and one of our best citizens, was united in marriage at Florence, Wis., on the 21st instant [of this month], to Miss Josie McGillis, of the latter city. The bride is also well and favorably known in this city[,] having taught school here the past year. If she makes as good a wife as she did a teacher, "Bob" will have secured a treasure, indeed, and we believe that she will be all that. We, as well as all their Iron River friends, congratulate the happy young couple, and join in wishing them a long, prosperous and happy life. – [Iron River Correspondence.]

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume IX, Number 4 [Saturday, January 19, 1889], page 5, column 2

HORACE TUTTLE KILLED.

Shocking Railway Accident This Afternoon Near Iron River.

A shocking accident occurred on the **Menominee range branch of the Northwestern road near Elmwood**, a small station eight miles the other side of Iron River between 1 and 2 o'clock this afternoon. The passenger train which left Florence at 11:30 o'clock, jumped the track at the place indicated, owing to a spreading of the rails. Only very meager particulars of the accident could be obtained at this

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writing, the news of which was received shortly before going to press. Three persons were killed outright, and several injured, two or three probably fatally.

The killed are:

Horace A. Tuttle, of Cleveland, president of the **Commonwealth Mining Company**.

A gentleman named **McDonald**, of Escanaba. LATER. – The latter is reported to be **Lieut. Gov. McDonald**, of Michigan.

Mr. Cochrane, residence unknown.

Fatally injured:

Mrs. D. McClure [*sic* – *McClure*], wife of **Baggagemaster** [*sic* – *Baggage Master*] **McClure**.

Among those seriously injured were **E.P. Foster**, of Iron Mountain, and **Henry Armstrong**, of Iron River. Very few passengers escaped injury.

Mr. Tuttle, as announced elsewhere, spent two or three days in **Florence and Commonwealth** this week and he and **Capt. O.C. Davidson** left on the ill-fated train this noon, Mr. Tuttle bound for **Hurley** and Capt. Davidson for **Bessemer**. The two gentlemen were sitting in the same seat at the time of the accident. Mr. Tuttle was instantly killed, while Capt. Davidson escaped without a scratch. The terrible news created intense excitement in this city, and a large crowd assembled at the depot upon the arrival of the late afternoon train, everybody evincing a feverish desire to learn the particulars. Mr. Tuttle was well-known and universally esteemed and respected here. His body will be brought here and prepared for shipment to his grief-stricken family in Cleveland.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume XI, Number 10 [Saturday, February 28, 1891], page 5, columns 3-4

A MURDEROUS POLACK.

JOS. HOLAS, INSANE WITH RAGE, SHOOTS TO KILL AT IRON RIVER

He Fires two Charges of buckshot Into a Large Crowd of People – He Shoots High, but Seriously Wounds Two Men – He Fires a Third Time, Probably Fatally Wounding Marshal Scott and Injuring Al. Cummings, who were Trying to Arrest Him – The Fiend Finally Secured – A Lynching Bee Barely Averted. – The Would-Be Assassin Run Out of the County in Order to Save His Precious Neck – Full Particulars on the Exciting Occurrence.

The bustling little city of Iron River, twenty-six miles west of Florence, on the North-Western road, was the scene of an exciting and tragic occurrence last Monday afternoon, a vicious Polander named **Joseph Holas** shooting down four men, two of whom received very serious injuries. The names of the victims are as follows:

Edward Scott, village marshal [*sic* – *marshal*], shot in three places – in the back part of the right shoulder, in the lower part of the right jaw and through the wrist.

Nic Docter, aged 19 years, shot near the left groin, the ball narrowly missing the intestines and bladder.

Joe Basinet, a Frenchman, shot in the left shoulder.

Al. Cummings, about 30 [*sic* – 55] years of age, **proprietor of a saloon and restaurant**, flesh wound in the neck, near the breast bone.

A MINING NEWS reporter visited Iron River a day or two after the shooting and

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learned the essential particulars of the terrible affair. **Joseph Holas**, the man who committed the deed, is a Polish miner, unmarried and about 55 years of age. He at one time worked at the **Florence mine**, but for the past year or two has been employed at the **Stambaugh mine**. While Holas was passing along **Genesee Street**, early Monday afternoon, a few persons, said to have been composed mostly of boys, pelted him with snow balls. Holas went to one of the officers and demanded the arrest of a certain young man, whom he claimed led the attack. The officer replied: "You go and get a warrant and I'll make the arrest." Holas, who did not appear anxious to secure a warrant, said: "If you don't arrest him I'll

SHOOT HIM AT 3 O'CLOCK."

Holas started homeward and met a fellow countryman, a man of some education and one whom the Polanders generally go to for advice when in trouble. Holas related his alleged grievance to his friend, and the latter advised him to get his gun and "shoot anybody and everybody who molested him again."

True to his promised threat, the fellow appeared upon the street at the hour indicated. He passed along the **Boyington House** side of the street to the corner near the postoffice building, when two or three snow balls were thrown at him from across the road, none of the balls, however, coming anywhere near hitting him. At this juncture, Holas pulled the barrel and *[sic]* stock of a single-barrel shot gun from underneath his coat, calmly put the weapon together, raised it to his shoulder, took careful aim and

FIRED INTO THE CROWD

of men and boys standing in front of **Al. Cummings' restaurant**. The charge scattered, eleven ball *[sic - balls]* passing through the large plate glass and several others into the wood work and through the

open door. One of the balls struck **Joe Basinet**, who was seated upon a table in the back part of the restaurant, and another one of the leaden missiles was stopped by young **Nic Docter** as he was passing out of the building to the street. The excitement became intense as the infuriated Pole was seen to calmly put a fresh loaded shell into his gun. Quite a number of children were among the crowd, and nearly all of them were quickly hustled into the restaurant and out through the back way to places of safety. Old man Cummings, hearing the shooting and seeing the two wounded men fall within his building, rushed out upon the sidewalk and, in a loud and authoritative manner and voice, commanded Holas to cease firing. The desperado replied by ordering Cummings to "shut up or I'll shoot you." The old gentleman went back into the front room to throw off his coat, and while doing so was startled by hearing a

LOUD BANG AND CRASH.

A glance at the smoking gun in Holas' hands proved that the Polish demon had fired a second time, and clearly shot the front of **E.M. Wright's barber shop**, a dozen or more of the buckshot passing through the window, glass door and window frame and burying themselves in the wall on the opposite side of the shop. One of the deadly messengers flew through the open door grazing the shoulder of one of Mr. Wright's artists and lodging in the black walnut frame of a large mirror. Fortunately, Holas aimed high in both cases, all but a few of the scattering buckshot striking the front of the double store building several inches higher than a man's head. Had he aimed a trifle lower, it is safe to say that a dozen or more people would have been shot, and probably a

NUMBER OF FATALITIES

would have resulted. There were half a dozen or more men standing within short distances of the would-be assassin, but not

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the slightest attempt was made by any of them to arrest the fellow, though his capture could safely and easily have been effected immediately after the first discharge of his weapon. Mr. Cummings finally made up his mind to capture the shooter, but in making the attempt the brave old man came very near losing his life. Hurrying across the street as fast as his rheumatic limbs could carry him, he seized Holas by the shoulder, but the desperate scoundrel struck Cummings' arm with his gun and, jumping sideways a rod or so, leveled his weapon, aimed directly at the old man's head and

FIRED THE THIRD SHOT.

Just as Holas was in the act of pulling the trigger, Cummings stepped backwards thus undoubtedly saving his life. One of the buckshot, however, struck him between the neck and breast bone, making an ugly-looking and painful flesh wound, though not a dangerous one. When Holas fired, **Ed. Scott**, the plucky **village marshal**, who was running to Cummings' assistance, was within a few feet of the latter, he arriving upon the scene just in time to receive a portion of the charge intended for Cummings. When Scott fell to the ground unconscious and bleeding, the

EXCITEMENT WAS INTENSE.

Hundreds of people flocked to the locality, but Holas, sullen and defiant, held them at bay until placed under arrest by **Under Sheriff Flannagan**. He made no resistance, which was probably owing to the fact that his ammunition was exhausted. The under sheriff and one or two other cool heads took charge of the man, determined to protect him from violence at all hazards. The crowd clamored for vengeance and loud

THREATS OF LYNCHING

were freely made. Deputy Flannagan hastily procured a rig, hustled the murderous Pole into the cutter and started for **Crystal Falls**. The officers expected to

be followed by the maddened friends of the wounded men, and were prepared to defend their prisoner and uphold the majesty of the law. Happily for the good reputation of Iron River, better counsels prevailed, and the officers were in nowise molested while en route to the county seat. **Sheriff Tully** had spent a portion of the day at the Falls, and while returning to Iron River, accompanied home by **Capt. John Morrison**, met the posse on the road. Learning the particulars of the shooting, the Sheriff sent his rig home by Capt. Morrison, and accompanied Deputy Flannagan to Crystal Falls. Arriving at the latter place, Sheriff Tully quietly placed Holas in a room on the third floor of the **Lockwood House**, summoned Justice Henry, and the latter quickly bound the prisoner over to the next term of the Circuit Court for trial. The reason why so much precaution was deemed necessary on the part of the sheriff, was owing to the fact that a large number of Iron River people were in the Falls at the time and fears were entertained that the facts of the shooting would be communicated to some of them by wire and that an attempt might be made to

LYNCH THE POLANDER

within sight of the new temple of justice now in course of construction in that city. So quietly were matters arranged and carried out that the presence of the posse and prisoner in town was known to scarcely half a dozen people. After the arraignment of Holas, the party boarded the sleigh and drove to **Florence**, arriving in this city about 3 o'clock Tuesday morning. Refreshments were procured at **McDevitt's**, and a charge of horses was made at **Molloy's livery stable**. The sheriff's party, thereupon, drove to **Iron Mountain**, but did not stop there, as was first intended, owing to the fact that **Engineer Scott**, a brother of the wounded marshal, is stationed in that city, the sheriff thinking that, in case the former

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had received information of the tragic occurrence, the presence of his brother's

WOULD-BE SLAYER

in the Menominee County jail in the city of Menominee, there to await the result of his victims' injuries. A movement is on foot to restore capital punishment in the state of Michigan. It is to be hoped that the Legislature, now in session, will hurry up and pass the death penalty bill so that Holas may be legally executed in the event of the death of Scott or Docter. The fellow deserves to be

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anyway, no matter whether the men live or die. He shot to kill, and cared not whether he murdered a score of innocent people who had never wronged him in the least.

At last reports **Ed. Scott** and **Nic Docter** were in an exceedingly precarious condition, but their many friends are hopeful of their ultimate recovery. The bullet which lodged somewhere in Docter's body and the one in Scott's shoulder had not been removed at the time of the MINING NEWS reporter's visit at Iron River, both men being too weak to warrant probing for the balls.

Ed. Scott lived in Florence many years ago, his father having kept a restaurant and boarding house opposite the MINING NEWS office.

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Another Iron River Shooting Affray.

Special Dispatch to the MINING NEWS.

IRON RIVER, Mich., April 18, 1891. – On Tuesday, the 16th inst. [of this month], at about 11 o'clock P.M., the neighborhood of the **Boyington House** was suddenly aroused by the report of firearms. It appears that the village constable, **William Leroy**, had offended two brothers, named

Richard and Alfred Williams, miners, who have been residents of Iron River for many years. They went to their **home in French town**, procured their guns and returned to the hotel. Leroy was just going into the door when Alfred fired from a distance of a few feet putting a whole charge of shot into Leroy's back. He fell into the office and Richard then sprang forward with a Winchester and swore he would finish him. **James Long**, who was in the office, jumped at him and caught the rifle and, after a hard struggle, succeeded in getting the gun away from him, dragging him into the office. During the struggle Richard Williams drew a large butcher knife, but Long threw him against the desk and held him down. While in this position, Alfred rushed in and aimed his gun at Long, but **Mr. Boyington** struck the barrel down and the charge intended for Long entered Richard Williams' forearm, fracturing the bone very severely. He is lying in the **Merchants' Hotel**, and will have his arm amputated to-day [sic – today]. Alfred, the one who fired both shots, is in the custody of **Marshal Frank McHugh**. William Leroy was taken home and is in a very precarious condition.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume XI, Number 18 [Saturday, April 25, 1891], page 5, column 4

Andy Boyington Captures a Bold Crook.

Sheriff Tully, of Iron County, Mich., passed through **Florence** on the early morning train, Thursday, bound for **Marquette** with a sneak thief calling himself **C. Goodwin**, whom he landed in the **Northern Michigan penitentiary** for a term of three months. Goodwin is a "shabby genteel" looking man of about 50 years of age, with a countenance bearing the

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unmistakable imprint of a professional sneak thief. The fellow struck Iron River Tuesday afternoon and obtained lodging the same night at the **Boyington House**, registering as "C. Goodwin, Green Bay." While the family, boarders and guests were at breakfast the next morning, Goodwin entered the room of Miss **Etta Harttle**, **head cook of the hotel**, and stole a lot of jewelry, consisting of a gold watch, pair of earrings and a breast-pin, also \$5 in money, and made his escape from the building without detection. The robbery was discovered shortly afterwards and search was at once made for the villainous old tramp, who was believed to be the thief. No trace of the man could be found in Iron River, whereupon **A.J. Boyington**, the popular proprietor of the hotel, took a team and started for **Crystal Falls**, hopeful that his man had gone in that direction. Andy had blood in his eye and drove at a furious pace for miles, happily running the fugitive down within two miles of the county seat. The wrathful hotelkeeper captured the crook, took him to Crystal Falls, where he was arraigned before **Justice Parks**. In order to save the expense of a trial in the Circuit Court, and other heavy expenses incident to a trial, Goodwin was permitted to plead guilty to petit [*sic – petty*] larceny, and received a sentence of 90 days. The writer is confident he saw Goodwin in Florence early in the week.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume XII, Number 13 [Saturday, March 19, 1892], page 5, column 5

DR. D.M. BOND DEAD.

The Well-Known Physician Passes Away at Noon To-Day.

The MINING NEWS learns with the deepest sorrow that **Dr. D.M. Bond**, one of the best-known physicians of the range, is lying at the point of death at his home in **Iron River**. He was stricken with paralysis at 7 o'clock last evening. The Doctor [*sic – doctor*] ate his supper as usual, and appeared to be in the best of spirits. He finally laid down upon a couch and was soon afterwards discovered in an unconscious condition. He was still unconscious this morning, and at last reports was gradually sinking. It is believed he cannot survive the day. His wife was visiting Iron Mountain at the time of his sudden illness, but passed through here on the noon train to-day [*sic – today*] on her way to Iron River.

News of Dr. Bond's momentary death will be received with profound grief in Florence, where he is greatly esteemed and has many warm and devoted friends. The genial Doctor [*sic – doctor*] was a regular weekly visitor here and was greatly attached to Florence.

LATER: -- Dr. Bond died at noon to-day [*sic – today*].

The following dispatch was received early this afternoon:

IRON RIVER, Mich., March 19, 1892.

GEO. C. YOUNGS, Florence.

Dr. D.M. Bond died at 11:40 this morning.

P. O'BRIEN.

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Dr. Bond's Funeral.

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A representative of the MINING NEWS attended the funeral of the lamented **Dr. D.M. Bond**, at his late residence in Iron River on Monday afternoon. The house was filled with a large number of the Doctor's [*sic - doctor's*] old friends and neighbors, and the services were exceedingly impressive, **Rev. Mr. McDonald** preached the funeral sermon, during the delivery of which he paid an eloquent and touching tribute to the memory of the departed. The members of **Iron River Tent No. 336, Knights of the Maccabees**, of which Dr. Bond was a zealous and faithful member, besides being the tent's examining physician, attended the funeral in a body and acted as an escort. Six Maccabees also officiated as pallbearers. The remains were taken to the **Chicago & North-Western depot** and placed on the 4 P.M. passenger train and forwarded to **Milton, Rock Co., Wis.**, for interment in the same cemetery where his parents and other relatives are buried. The Iron River Maccabees accompanied the body as far as Florence, and were met at the local depot by a large delegation of **Florence Sir Knights**.

E.E. Keyes, of this city, and **E.P. Lott**, commander of the **Iron River Tent, K.O.T.M.**, accompanied the remains to Milton. Funeral services were held at the Baptist Church at that place at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, **Rev. E.M. Dunn** officiating.

The Iron River Reporter furnishes the following brief sketch of the life of the deceased:

"**Daniel M. Bond** was born March 22, 1826, at Clarksburg, West Virginia, where his youth was passed. He received an academical [*sic - academic*] education, graduating with honor, after which he took up the study of medicine and pursued the same for some years, when he entered the Chicago Medical College, graduating there-

from with honor to himself and the college. After receiving his diploma he located at Johnstown Center, Rock Co., Wis., where he resided about twenty-five years. He then removed to Janesville, in the same state, and remained there for three years, when he removed to **Quinnebec**, in this state, in 1880, and from thence to **Iron River** in 1882, where he lived until his death. He was married January 1, 1850, to Miss **Mary J. Swisher**, an estimable young lady of West Virginia, who proved herself a helpmate to him in all his adversities as well as in the prosperities, and who lives to mourn his death. Three children lived to bless their union and comfort their widowed mother - **Mrs. E. Saunders**, wife of **Edward Saunders**, founder and present cashier of the Milton (Wis.) Bank, **Frank L.**, who has been associated with his father for several years in the **practice of medicine here and elsewhere**, and Miss **Lillian M.** The deceased was the oldest of four brothers, two of whom, **Alexander Bond**, of Parma, Ill., and **S.G. Bond**, of Milton, Wis., survive him. He comes of a long-lived race, his father having died last May, at Milton, at the age of nearly 90 years, and 24 hours before his death the Doctor [*sic - doctor*] looked healthy enough to live to be as old himself.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 14 [Thursday, August 25, 1910], page 2, column 4

Hotel Change.

The **Boyington House** at Iron River, which has been conducted by **Andrew J. Boyington** and **Philip L. Boyington**, his son, for over a quarter of a century, has been **sold to Wooster & Jones**, of Wautoma, Wis. The new proprietors took

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possession on Tuesday. A.J. Boyington was among the very first to locate in Iron River and open a hotel, removing from **Iron Mountain**. He is widely known.

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THE **new town of Stambaugh** on *[the] Iron river*, is now laid out, and lots are ready for sale. For particulars enquire of **William H. Selden**, agent on the ground, or **John Paul Jones**, Florence. **Stephen L. Selden** will attend to the business at other points.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume III, Number 23 [Saturday, June 2, 1883], page 8, column 1

From Stambaugh.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

Considerable street work is being done, and our driveways are becoming many and good.

The **road from Stambaugh station up to the town** is one of the most picturesque little stretches imaginable. It winds its way up a giant mound, in cunning turns, walled by great trees and high banks on either side. A prattling brook trickles musically down, seemingly to sing on its way that beautiful sonnet of Tennyson's, in which is found:

"For men may come and men may go,
But I go on forever."

B.N. Riebel, one of our merchants, advertises his wife and warns any and all to beware of giving her anything on his account, stating as a reason that she has left him without cause. The little social disturbance is said to run thus: Mr. Riebel married the woman to be his second wife. He had several children and she objected to any of them staying at home. One day Mr. Riebel went to Sheboygan and brought his daughter back on a visit. The new wife, who is much younger than her husband, deliberately "got up and got."

Several **saloons** have closed their doors recently, and other business is being conducted from hand to mouth, in the hopes of better times soon.

One hundred men are now employed in the **Iron River mine**, and ore is being shipped at the rate of from 50 to 70 cars per day.

In spite of the dull times considerable building is going on.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume III, Number 36 [Saturday, September 8, 1883], page 1, columns 5-6

Stambaugh Stylographs.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

Business is picking up.

The **hotel** is being pushed.

Supt. W.B. Linsley, of the **C. & N-W.**, was up this week.

T.W. Wilson and son, of Youngstown, Ohio, are here.

The firm style is now **Buell & Taylor**, **Mr. Crooks** having retired.

Supt. Porter's residence is the finest one by all odds, on the Range.

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W.H. Mack was a visitor here on Tuesday. He hadn't been up since the railroad came in.

C.E. Brunelle has completed arrangements for opening a **branch lumber yard** here, for the **Merick Lumber Co.**

Thomas Larson, who opened up a neat **bakery and confectionery establishment** a short time ago, is doing well.

Charley White, of **Florence**, has opened a cosy [*sic - cozy*] little **barber shop** and is commencing to do well. He is a good barber.

Thos. Hannon has broken ground for a nice, large **boarding house**, 50x60 feet and two stories high, which is to cost about \$3,000.

Mr. Fogarty is at the head of the energetic move to **erect a Catholic church**. He is a live man and has already procured three lots and nearly \$1,000.

Henry Todd, son of **ex-Governor Todd**, of **Ohio**, who is connected with the **Iron River Company**, was looking over the company's interests this week.

Stambaugh is still prospering in the way of improvements. New buildings are looming up most every day. The **new hotel** is up and sheeted and nearly roofed. It is greatly improved in appearance.

Our folks don't like the way Iron River has acted about the **road to Lake Chicagoan**. It would have been more direct to have started at Stambaugh, which would have made the thoroughfare mutually beneficial.

Our would-be German plenipotentiary, or supervisor rather, who, with his staff was going on at railroad speed, with an unnecessarily extravagant piece of work, which was to cost in the neighborhood of \$10,000, irrespective of the wish of the majority of the tax-paying citizens of the Township, had a halt put to his gallop, by

having an injunction served, the result of which has not yet been arrived at.

The **annual school meeting** was held last Monday and as I have been informed, they have voted for a term of ten months' school and a **female teacher**. The board elected **J.S. McLane**, assessor and **Pat. Fogarty**, director, the latter of whom was appointed to that position in place of **W.H. Selden**, resigned. The District returned **W.H. Selden** a vote of **thanks for the bell he presented the school district**, which is now used to call the people together for Divine services, as well as the children to school.

The **Iron River Co.**, [*sic*] is also building. It has built a **powder-house**, an **oil house** and is now building a **magazine** and under the management of **F.P. Mills**, who has charge of the Iron River Co's. mining interests, everything in that way is progressing astonishingly and it certainly could not be otherwise under his control. It is admitted, by all who know him, that **Mr. Mills** is second to none in the upper [*sic - Upper*] Peninsula, as the theoretical and practical education he has received in mining, makes him equal to the wants of the extensive mining interests of the Iron River Co. The property leased by the company extends a mile along the **Iron River**, from the north end to the south end. The property has been opened in different places and ore has been found at each place and at each end there seems to be a great deposit. The vein is known to be ninety feet wide in one place and they are now stripping and have striped [*sic - stripped*] ore seventy-two feet and do not yet know how much wider it is. The company has been shipping ore from the top of the ground without the aid of machinery thus far and can ship thousands of tons in this manner yet, but **Manager Mills** finds it necessary to put in machinery in some places, where the ore has been

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taken out down to or below the level of the railroad track. To see the car loads [*sic* – *carloads*] of fine machinery arriving would make one think that the manager was also educated as a machinist, as well as in mining. He is now putting in an engine 16x23 for present use, while the **Florence Iron Works** build him two 18x24 engines, which, with six large drums, will be inclosed [*sic* – *enclosed*] in one building. In addition he has a small engine already housed and in operation and is putting up another at the south end of the property, which is called at present the “**Saw-mill mine.**” This is intended to both pump and hoist. The “Saw-mill mine” is now being stripped by **Mr. Crook**, who has taken the contract and has about thirty men to work with horses and push cars, stripping at a rapid rate. He has a vein of ore nearly one hundred feet wide exposed, which the company intends to commence shipping from soon.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume III, Number 37 [Saturday, September 15, 1883], page 4, columns 1-2

Stambaugh Stylographs.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

A little **child of Mrs. O.C. Hill** died last Sunday of **diphtheria** [*sic* – *diphtheria*].

Supt. J.M. Porter is putting a new fence around his place, which will greatly improve the looks of the premises. **Dr. Carpenter** and **J.S. McLane**, [*sic*] are going to do likewise.

Chas. E. Brunelle, [*sic*] is busy now with men and teams, hauling and piling up dry and dressed lumber, lath and shingles in his **new lumber yard**.

The **Catholics**, I understand, are expecting to hear from the Bishop in regard

to **building their church**, for which they have a subscription to the amount of \$1,100.

R.O. Bronson, of the firm of **Bronson & Fogarty**, has been to **Escanaba**, I am informed, to meet an agent with a sample stock, to purchase a stock of fall and holiday goods for their drug store.

Mr. Crooks has taken a contract of the **Kirby Carpenter Co.**, [*sic*] for getting out about **thirty million feet of pine on the Iron and Paint Rivers** and has now got men at work **cleaning up and improving the Iron River**, [*sic*] from the **Iron River Co's saw-mill** [*sic* – *sawmill*] to the **Brule River**. He intends building his **warehouse at Stambaugh** and will distribute his supplies from here for the **Iron River** work. He may build another at **Crystal Falls** for the **Paint River crew**.

And still we prosper in building, painting and improving. The lumber is being hauled on the ground for **Mr. Hannon's big boarding house** and the **hotel** is putting on a citified appearance. It is going to be like **Supt. Porter's house**, when completed, on [*sic* – *one*] of the nicest buildings on the Range. **Mr. Hamer**, the builder, is just the man that knows how to make it so. **Mr. Crooks** is fitting up and going to beautify the building formerly owned by **J. Curran**. **Mr. Morrison** has fitted up one of his buildings for a **Florence** man to deal out drinks to the thirsty.

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Stambaugh Stylographs.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

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Our school opened Monday, with Miss Downs in charge.

Supt. J.N. Porter went to Chicago to meet his wire [*sic* – wife] on her way home from a visit in Youngstown, Ohio.

New buildings are going up as fast as carpenters can be got to finish them and strange families are coming in and occupying them.

The extensive amount of work that is being done in and about the **Iron River Co's mines**, [*sic*] gives employment to a great number of men and horses.

The farmers about Stambaugh are now digging their potatoes. The quality is very good but on account of early frosts the quantity is not very large.

Some of our neighbors from Iron River are coming over to locate at Stambaugh. One gentleman has a nice residence now well under way toward completion.

John Corcoran, of Escanaba, was in Stambaugh last week. He has three store buildings here, the largest and best of them he is going to occupy this fall with an immense stock of gents furnishing goods, hats and caps, boots and shoes, etc.

The **editor of the Marinette North Star** was up this week and seems to be agreeable disappointed in the appearance of our new place. It is far ahead of what he expected. He was especially surprised at the magnitude of the **Stambaugh mines**.

D.N. McKay, of Escanaba, and **Mr. Helps**, father of **Johnnie Helps**, **bookkeeper at the Nanaimo mine**, were here looking Stambaugh and its big mines over. It is rumored that either one of the above named gentlemen or **J.S. McDonald** is going to **build a store at the mining location**.

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Number 39 [Saturday, September 29, 1883], page 5, column 1

Stambaugh Stylographs.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

A nice **new passenger coach** decorates our passenger train.

Sol. Eckstein, the **merchant tailor**, of **Oshkosh**, was up this week and viewed our town with much satisfaction.

Lem. Ephraim, of **Escanaba**, was up measuring the boys for new clothes and took quite a number of orders. He gives good satisfaction.

Mr. Morgan has taken a **contract to cut and deliver to the Iron River Co., [sic] about 4,000 cords of wood**, work on which he is going to commence as soon as he can procure men.

Bronson, of the firm of **Bronson & Fogarty, druggists**, has gone to Chicago to purchase a stock of fall and holiday goods, not finding what he wanted when he went to **Escanaba** to meet an agent.

Contractors and men working in the mine all seem to be doing well and all are well satisfied. **The men make from \$1.75 to \$3.00 per day.** This being the case, it is brightening up for business men [*sic* – businessmen] in all branches.

The **Iron River Co., [sic]** is about to **put up a large building in the swamp**, between its side track and the river, the size of which is to be about 80x140 feet. The structure will be used for **blacksmith, carpenter and machine shops** and will be commenced as soon as the swamp is filled. The work of filling the swamp with strippings and waste rock is now progressing.

And still our village puts on a prosperous appearance. Improvements are too numerous too [*sic* – to] mention. So

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much is doing that contractors of buildings can not [*sic – cannot*] get men enough to do the work as fast as it is wanted. Lathers are in good demand now. I don't know of a better place for four or five, for the balance of the season, as there are a good many buildings in course of construction and a number more to be built.

Several parties who delight in **pugilistic sport**, showed their ability last Saturday night. It seemed to "be a free-for-all.[""] A son or [*sic – of*] the **Emerald Isle** with a scientific pass, laid out a **Norseman**, who interfered in the sport off [*sic – of*] two others, who were practicing. To make matters worse, the Swede's poor wife fainted and fell on top of her prostrate lord, as if determined to hold him down. Shortly after, a curly headed **Frenchman**, called "Frizzy," imagined [*sic – imagined*] himself powerful enough to assault and beat one or two **Norwegians**. On making the attempt he got laid out with a couple of "shanties" over his eyes. He had to pay the cost of courting next day, which ended the matter. The melee was about the first in our village. We expect to be at peace now for some time. During the excitement "**nigger**" **Charley**, of **Florence**, got hit with a rock and they say he got as white as a sheet, but next day when I saw him, he looked natural.

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Stambaugh Stylographs.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

Stambaugh is booming and prospering.

Mr. Stambaugh, president of the **Iron River Mining Co.**, and the gentleman in

whose honor the village is named, is here at present looking over his interests and the vast improvements recently made by **Manager Mills**.

C.J. Lewis, with some of his friends, were looking our town over and I suppose Curt is looking for another mine.

The **new hotel** is receiving a very nice coat of paint, which adds greatly to its appearance. The structure is nearing completion.

The **Iron River Co.**, [*sic*] has commenced to erect the new building spoken of last week, which is intended for their **shops**.

The extent of the improvements made in and about Stambaugh and the mines is very encouraging to the people of this place.

Mr. Bronson, of **Bronson & Fogarty**, has returned from Chicago with lots of new goods for their **drug store**, for the fall and holiday trade.

John Corcoran, of **Escanaba**, is shelving and fitting up his **corner store**, preparatory to receiving his stock of dry goods which is expected by the middle of the month.

Dr. Carpenter, who has been north, looking after his interests in the **Ropes gold mine**, has returned home again satisfied with the result of the test which was recently made.

Mrs. Alex. Kempt was up during the week, visiting with her father and mother, **Mr. and Mrs. Brunelle** and also her brother **Charley**, of the **hardware business and lumber yard**.

Mr. Morgan, of **Iron River**, is now preparing to build a **residence in Stambaugh** and intends moving here this fall, which he says will be necessary, on account of working so many men and teams in getting out wood for the **Iron River Co.**

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Thos. Hannon's boarding house is up and enclosed. It looks as if it were large enough for a hotel and would do credit to any town on the Range for such, except **Stambaugh**, which means to excel all other towns in such accommodations.

T.E. Connolly, of **Escanaba**, was up this week figuring on putting in a furnace in the new hotel and doing some plumbing, so as to convey hot and cold water to the different rooms. The hotel is to have all of the modern improvements.

W.B. Linsley, superintendent of the **Peninsula Division of the C. & N.W.R.R.** and several railroad magnates, including **Messrs. Hughitt, Layng** and others, were up in a special car and looking the **Iron River Mining Co's. [sic - Co.'s]** property over during the week.

I am reliably informed that the Bishop was up last Monday night, pertaining to church matters and **decided to have a church built at Stambaugh**. He intends to locate a priest here in the near future. **Messrs. Schipson, Kilgallen, Griffin** and others of **Iron River** and **Pat Fogarty**, of **Stambaugh**, waited on the Bishop and in their presence and with their consent, decided to build at Stambaugh.

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Stambaugh Stylographs.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

Mrs. Lem Ephraim has her sister from Fond du Lac visiting with her.

Manager F.P. Mills has placed **Charles Peck** in charge at the **Isabella pit**.

Local business is picking up slowly, but we still have plenty of time to eat our meals.

The name of the new hotel has not yet been decided upon, but it will probably be called the "**Stambaugh House**."

C.E. Brunelle has the contract for guttering the **new hotel** and it is needless to say that the work will be done well.

A nice plank sidewalk will be built to the depot from the village and another to the saw mill [sic - sawmill] and the Isabella pit.

A better road between here and Iron River could be easily constructed if everybody was willing. It ought to be done.

Mr. Morgan has been **hauling logs to the saw-mill [sic - sawmill] from which he will have lumber cut for his new residence at Stambaugh.**

Miss Downs is getting the **school organization** perfected as rapidly as possible. **She has about 60 scholars enrolled, with an average daily attendance of 45.**

We have had quite a number of visitors during the week, the names of all of whom I have been unable to learn. Among them were **Peter Kimberly, Capt. Wood** and **Capt. Stephens**.

With the present **mine management, Stambaugh** is bound to prosper. **J.N. Porter** as superintendent and **F.P. Mills** as manager, makes the team complete and puts the right men in the right place, both for the interest of the company and the people.

A furnace at Stambaugh in the near [future] consequently is not only among the possibilities, but is one of the probabilities. When Stambaugh and Iron River meet, which is bound to be some time, we shall have a town that will be attractive in more than one sense of the word.

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[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

Leon Ephraim was down to Escanaba this week on business and also to see his parents.

The **Iron River Company** is now loading about 140 cars per day, when it can get them.

There have been parties here with an eye to starting a livery barn, a thing which is much needed.

Capt. W.E. Dickinson, of **Commonwealth**, was up during the week looking over the big mines of Stambaugh.

Mr. McLaughlin, of **Youngstown, Ohio**, who represents the **Ohio Powder Co.**, was at Stambaugh during the week.

John Corcoran is opening up and marking his stock of new goods of ready made clothing, boots, shoes, hats and caps, etc.

Peter Michaels has opened up a **butcher shop** on **Main Street**, in one of **John Corcoran's buildings** and is doing a nice business.

Mr. Crooks, who has been absent for a few days, has returned and is making preparations to go into the woods at once, to commence lumbering operations.

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The **new hotel** is nearing completion. It looks as though **J.B. Hamer**, the **contractor and builder**, knew just what was necessary to excel all other hotel buildings on the Range.

The **Iron River Company**, [sic] is **moving its office building** from where it stood, across the track to the swamp, which has been filled up. The **company's shops**, which **J.J. Hall** is building, are being raised and enclosed. When completed they will be pleasant and convenient.

Mr. Hannon's house is being pushed along rapidly and will be occupied by the first of December at farthest. He seems to have difficulty in getting water, but when he gets it, it will be good as he is now down about 36 feet and about eight of that in rock.

Mr. Morgan has his **residence**, which he is **building in Stambaugh**, well under way. The dimensions are 24x40 feet, and it is to be two stories high. Property, in some cases, is changing hands and the demand is increasing. Quite a number of small tenement houses are being built by miners and laboring people.

Charley Brunelle, our **hardware and lumber merchant**[,] is getting rather reckless in his religious affairs. I noticed last Sunday he had two teams hauling lumber for him and most of the week previous had only two teams respectively hauling hardware and lumber. Perhaps a rush of business accounts for it. Don't punish him this time.

W.B. Linsley, **ex-Superintendent of the Peninsula Division of the C. & N-W.**, who has been promoted to the **assistant general superintendency of the C. & N-W.**, was up this week with his successor, **W.F. Fitch**, showing him around. We hope Mr. Fitch will be as good for the company and the boys, as Mr. Linsley has always been. If he is, both the company and the

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railroad boys of this division will be fortunate, to say the least.

Stambaugh is to have a furnace as well as Iron River. It is a street rumor that **Mr. Stambaugh** will spend \$250,000 to keep even with or ahead of Iron River. He is as enterprising a man as ever founded a town, and has money besides. Iron River is also populated by an active, energetic class and it looks as though a spirit of rivalry would be born, which, if it does not become bitter, and it should not, cannot help benefitting both towns. We are so close together that whatever benefits one, must help the other, unless too much ill-feeling is engendered. As we said before, no bad blood should be manifested. An honest, earnest, active, good-natured rivalry would be the life of everything.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume III, Number 43 [Saturday, October 27, 1883], page 8, columns 1-2

Stambaugh Stylographs.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

Miss Ephraim, sister of **Lem Ephraim**, is visiting here with her brother.

Miss Carpenter, of Akron, Ohio, is visiting her brother, **Dr. Carpenter**.

Someof [*sic* – *Some of*] the **Milwaukee & Northern** magnates were up in a special car this week and looked over the monstrous mines of Stambaugh.

Our **school** is prospering and increasing in members. **There are now over sixty scholars in attendance.**

Stambaugh real estate is still booming. Ground is being cleared and cellars being dug for new buildings in all directions, one of which is going up on **Main Street**, for a business place.

Supt. J.N. Porter has commenced the work of **putting down the sidewalk from the town to the depot.** The walk is to be of hemlock plank and about five feet wide. When finished, it will be a great convenience, both to the people of the town and the public generally.

The **new hotel** is nearing completion. It will be open to the public on or about November 15, or in time to give a Thanksgiving dinner at farthest. It would be a very appropriate place for the **Ancient Order of Hibernians** to celebrate next **[St.] Patrick's Day** as the color of the building is an imitation of the hue of their Emerald Isle, which, I think adds to its beauty and if I were an Irishman and lived in Stambaugh, I should feel complimented at the selection of the color by the parties in charge. But I am from the County Mayo, God help me, and that lets me out all right.

The **Iron River Co.** shipped last week over a thousand tons of ore per day and could ship nearly or quite two thousand tons per day now, if they could get the cars. Its large buildings between the side-track and the river are moving along rapidly under the management of **J.J. Hull**, the contractor. The office is in place and when fitted up will be comfortable and convenient. The company is doing so much that it employs a great many men and it is hard to find an idle man in the place and none need be idle if they wish to work. There is plenty of work for both men and teams.

A most delightful interpolation of the social history of **Stambaugh**, was a party given by **Superintendent and Mrs. J.N. Porter**, at their elegant residence, on Thursday of last week. The invited guests included all of the best people of Stambaugh and Iron River, besides many from neighboring places. The mansion was ablaze with lights and the decorations were tasty and rich. The hostess is a charming entertainer and the evening sped on the

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wings of joyousness. The *menu* was such that the most fastidious epicure could not have found fault. The affair was gorgeous in every respect and will long be remembered.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume III, Number 44 [Saturday, November 3, 1883], page 8, column 1

Stambaugh Stylographs.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

The MINING NEWS will be found on sale at **Bronson & Fogarty's drug store**.

Jacob B. Hemmer has his hands full of work.

The carpenters are at work on a building on Main street, which I understand is to be used as a general store.

W.J. Suelflohn is to be the landlord of the **new hotel in Stambaugh**. At least it is so reported. He is highly spoken of.

Mrs. Morrison, wife of Alexander Morrison, died Tuesday after a short illness and the community loses one of its finest lady's [*sic - ladies*], in her death.

A delightful party was given at **Lem Ephraim's residence** on Thursday evening of last week, in honor of Mr. Ephraim's sister, who is visiting him.

Ely Gilman, a brother of N. Gilman, was killed on a road out near St. Paul, where he was employed as a brakeman. He only had been there a short time.

Thomas Larson, who keeps the neat little **bakery and confectionery establishment**, on **Main street**, has decided to add groceries, a large stock of which are now on the road. Mr. Larson is making money.

The Quinnesec priest was up here last Sunday and held services in the new school house, for the benefit of both Stambaugh and Iron River people. We expect soon to have a resident priest and a new Catholic church at Stambaugh.

Buell & Taylor are doing a fine business and deserve to. **Mr. Crooks**, who went out of the firm a short time ago, is seriously thinking of re-engaging in the business, under the same old firm style. He is a popular gentleman of extended acquaintanceship and employs enough men to support a good-sized store. Mr. Crooks has a four years' lumbering contract. Buell & Taylor could not induce a better man to associate himself with them.

John Corcoran, of **Escanaba**, has sent up a clerk to attend to his **clothing store**, in the person of **William Reynolds**, who parts his hair in the middle and makes a clerk that would do any store credit. All he needs to capture one of the fair sex, is a little more brass. I have compassion on the poor fellow. He is just as I used to be when about his age. But for all his timidity, they tell me he casts "sheeps' eyes" at the "School Ma'm."

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume III, Number 45 [Saturday, November 10, 1883], page 8, column 1

Stambaugh Stylographs.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

The MINING NEWS will be found on sale at **Bronson & Fogarty's drug store**.

C.T. Brown has been at Marquette during the past week, serving as juryman.

John L. Buell, of **Quinnesec**, was up and looked our town and monster mines

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over. I think he had an eye to business also.

Neighbors come and help us eat our **Thanksgiving dinner** in the new hotel and have a pleasant social time at the grand opening.

John Corcoran, of **Escanaba**, who has **opened up the store on the corner of Lay and Williams streets**, was in town during the week.

M. Ephraim, the **merchant tailor**, of **Escanaba**, has been here during the week taking orders. During his stay he stopped with **Leon**, his son.

The **Iron River company** are progressing rapidly with their **shop buildings** which are large and will be very convenient when completed.

It seems as if all the business men [*sic – businessmen*] of the place, as well as the **Iron River Co.**, [*sic*] could hardly accomplish their objects in view before the snow flies.

The sidewalk is about completed from town to the depot. **Supt. J.N. Porter** should receive many thanks and an abundance of praise for this new piece of enterprise.

Supt. Kelsey, of **Marquette Co.**, was here this week and **examined the applicants for teachers** [*sic – teacher's*] **certificates**, both of **Stambaugh** and **Iron River**. He complimented the **Stambaugh** teacher on her high standing.

There was a very pleasant sociable at the residence of **Mr. and Mrs. J.N. Porter** last week, for the benefit of the **Presbyterian church**, and was a success both socially and financially. The reverse could not be expected under the management of **Mrs. Porter**[,] who never does things by halves.

Men and teams are all busy hauling lumber and building material, and buildings begin to loom up in all directions and the indications at present are that the

merchants intend to lay in an extra large winters [*sic – winter's*] supply of goods[,] judging by the amount of freight that is being hauled up town from the depot.

J.K. Crooks has a **contract from the Ludington, Wells & Van Schaike Co.**, [*sic*] to get out 8,000,000 feet of timber. He has now in his employ 47 men, and intends to have about 110 men as soon as snow falls. Mr. Crooks will also fill an order for Chicago parties during the winter. The scenes of operation are on the **Paint and Iron Rivers**.

T.E. Conelly, of **Escanaba**, who had the contract of putting in the furnace in the new hotel, was here during the week. He has some plumbing to do yet in order to convey the hot and cold water to the different rooms, which will be completed soon. It looks now as if the landlord would soon be in possession, as there are great preparations being made in and about the hotel, such as grading and cleaning up the grounds, etc.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume III, Number 46 [Saturday, November 17, 1883], page 8, columns 1-2

Stambaugh Stylographs.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

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Miss **May Webb** has **opened a dress-making shop in Mr. McQuown's building** and seems to be getting a good patronage.

This cold weather suits **Mr. Crooks**, who is anxious to get his forces started to lumbering. He is now **building a warehouse and a barn at Stambaugh**.

All the business men [*sic – businessmen*] are doing well and seem to

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be getting a benefit from the fifteen thousand dollars paid out by the company at Stambaugh every month.

Last Sunday was a blustery day and since then we have had snow and cold weather. It looks now as if the close of the shipping season is near at hand. If it keeps only a little long, the **Iron River Co.**, of Stambaugh, will be enabled to reach an out-put [*sic – output*] of over one hundred thousand tons of ore.

Mrs. James Harrington, who keeps a **boarding house** at the foot of the hill, near the mine, in one of the company's old camps, has been notified to move up to town and she finds it impossible to rent. This compels her to buy at an extravagant price, as every place is occupied and a demand for more. It is hoped Mrs. Harrington will be successful in getting a place, as she keeps about fifty boarders. These, with Mrs. Hannon's new house full, are a great benefit to the village.

The **Catholic's** [*sic – Catholics*] of **Stambaugh and Iron River have their spiritual wants attended to for the present by the Quinnesec priest** whom they expect up for next Sunday with power to organize a building committee to commence the **erection of a new church at Stambaugh**, for which purpose **J.B. Hemmer** and **Pat Fogarty** took up a subscription some time ago and which, as mentioned before, showed the liberality of the citizens, in-as-much as in a day or two, they succeed in getting the promise of over eleven hundred dollars and the promise of some lumber besides, from the mining company.

Mr. and Mrs. Brunelle, parents of the **genial Charley**, the **hardware and lumber dealer**, have gone south for a visit, which will leave Charley in want of a house-keeper [*sic – housekeeper*] and serves him or any man of his size and age right, for not going to the rescue of some school ma'am,

"millionaire" or dress-maker [*sic – dressmaker*]. If he is wise, it is about time for him to move. I would suggest the "millionaire's" [*sic – millionaires*] for him and the school ma'am's [*sic – ma'ams*] for druggists and dry goods clerks.

President Stambaugh, of **Iron River Mining Co.**, of **Stambaugh** and the man in honor of whom the village received its name[,] was up during the week. **Mr. McCurdy**, secretary and treasurer of the same company[,] accompanied him. Both are fine specimens of nature's noblemen. They are pleasant, sociable, charitable and liberal. The entire company is liberal. That there are so many improvements going on in the village of Stambaugh, at the expense of the company, confirms its liberality and it is stated that the company intends keeping on a large force of men during the winter making preparations for a big-out-put [*sic – big output*] next season. The company loaded two hundred and five cars of ore last Friday, the largest day's work since they commenced operations. It looks as if **Manager Mills** intends to be able to double that every day during the next season, if necessary.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume IV, Number 22 [Saturday, May 31, 1884], page 1, column 5

Stambaugh Stylographs.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

R. L. Silden [*sic – Selden*] has returned from the east.

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S.C. Brown, route agent for the **American Express Co.**, was at the **Stambaugh House**.

L. Stegmiller, of **Escanaba**, is registered at the **Stambaugh House**.

Joseph W. Coria, of **Escanaba**, is visiting **L. Ephraim**.

J.K. Cooks has returned and is once more clearing up and improving his homestead.

Ross, one of the cash entry men, has brought suit against some of the homesteaders for \$10,000 damage.

James Corcoran has returned from a visit to his home and Chicago, with a good stock of spring and summer goods.

John B. Weimer had 200 cords of woods destroyed by clearing fires on **Sipchen's addition** on Thursday night.

Capt. Thomas Luxmore of the **Nanaimo mine** has more than he can handle in the combination of repairs and mining operations, and **Capt. J.H. Buddle** has been temporarily transferred from the **Keyes Lake exploration** to help him until the pressure is over.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume V, Number 32 [Saturday, August 8, 1885], page 8, column 2

Stambaugh Stylographs.

[Special.]

The NEWS will be found on sale at **Vilas' drug store**.

Dr. Carpenter took a trip north the latter part of last week.

Raspberries are numerous this year and the pickers are having a harvest.

Your news gather [sic – gatherer] was out of town last week and “Stylographs” were at a discount.

Leon Ephraim, of **Escanaba**, has been in town the past few days, looking after business matters.

John D. Ross has served notices of ejectment [sic – eviction] on all homesteaders located on lands claimed by him.

Our **Farmers** [sic – farmers] cut and put up considerable hay last week and all boast of good crops and excellent quality.

Mrs. Thomas Hannon and little daughter **Nellie**, visited with **Mrs. J. Crimmins**, of **Crystal Falls**, last week.

John Semer and **George English**, two of **Escanaba's** most prominent citizens, were here on Thursday, preparing for a trail trip to the Gogebic district.

P.R. Vail, commissioner of highways, with his overseers, **Farley** and **Luzerne**, are building a road south, two miles, from the corner of **W.H. Selden's** homestead.

H.W. Godfrey and **John Swanson** took a trip to the **Agogetic** [sic – Gogebic] district recently, to see what inducement that country extended for hardware and harder ware.

County Surveyor McDermott has just returned from an extended trip in the forests. He located a road to the extreme north of the township of Iron River and within nine miles of Watersmeet.

E.J. Gilvert, **W. Rubey**, **L. Ephraim** and **O.F. Riebel**, took a trip down [the] **Iron and Brule rivers** one day this week and captured a large number of very fine speckled trout. The largest trout captured weighed one and a quarter pounds.

J.S. McLean has returned from **Miramichie, New Brunswick**, where he buried his wife early in July. Miss **Annie McLean**, his sister, returned with him and will take charge of his household affairs.

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His many friends are pleased to have him with them again.

Dr. W.T. Carpenter and wife, **Supt. J.N. Porter** and lady, **Leonard Hitchcock** and lady and **Miss Enson**, have made preparations for a camping out and **Camp Jumbo** is the ground selected. They expect to remain in the woods about two weeks and we know they will have a good time, as a more jovial crowd can not [*sic* – cannot] be found in this neighborhood.

The saw mill being erected by John Minckler, at Iron River, is rapidly nearing completion. Mr. Minckler is moving along solidly and will succeed. He has out a number of hardwood logs and will commence sawing in the very near future. Both the Mincklers are business men and force success, even though circumstances are not the most favorable.

Will. S. Rubey, of Ement, Ill., is stopping at the **Stambaugh house**. He visited this section last year, for the benefit of his health, which improved wonderfully during his stay. He recently took a trip to California on the same errand but thinks our country and climate far superior and much more healthful than that of the Golden State. Mr. Rubey made many friends while with us last year.

Menominee Democrat, Menominee, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 2 [Saturday, November 14, 1885], page 5, column 4

COUNTY AND VICINITY.

Stambaugh is going to have a **brass band** too. The woods will soon be full of music.

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What is going on round about us.

Democrat Reporters gather Spicy Fragments on Every Hand.

GLEANINGS.

Robert Barclay had a grand opening at the **Stambaugh House** last evening. Rob. Got up the party, not to “make a stake,” but to get acquainted with the people of Iron River and Stambaugh. They can’t help but like him.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume VI, Number 31 [Saturday, July 31, 1886], page 4, column 2

A BAD BLAZE.

Total Destruction of the Stambaugh House, at Stambaugh, Mich. – Loss Ten Thousand Dollars – About Half Insured – A Defective Flue Gets in its Work – Particulars and Details of the Fire by Eye Witnesses – Fine Cut of the Burned Building.

On Saturday evening last, at about 8:30 o’clock occurred the destruction of the **Stambaugh House, at Stambaugh, Mich.**, one of the very finest hotels in this section of the country. The fire originated from a defective flue and obtained such a start before discovery that extinguishing it was an impossibility. The building and most of the furniture were owned by the **Iron River**

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Co., operators of the **Iron River mine**, at Stambaugh. The loss is placed at \$10,000, with \$4,000 insurance on building and \$1,200 on furniture. **R.B. Barclay**, lessee of the hotel, who had but recently taken charge, lost about \$600, with no insurance. The company has not yet decided whether to rebuild. The hotel was opened three years ago and was a large house, well furnished [*sic - well-furnished*] and well kept [*sic - well-kept*]. The particulars and details of the fire are given as follows by the special correspondent of the MINING NEWS at Stambaugh.

At about half past eight in the evening of July 24, the Stambaugh House was seen to be on fire. The fire was first discovered in the roof, around a chimney and had then made good headway and although the citizens responded promptly to the alarm, they were unable to subdue the fire, and so devoted their energy mostly to saving the contents and the adjoining buildings. The house of **L. McQuown** was in considerable danger, but was saved by prompt work. Rather senseless work was done by some in removing doors, windows, etc. which caused Mr. McQuown considerable loss. The building owned by **C.E. Brunelle**, of Chicago, was badly scorched. It was kept well wet down by the occupants and others, especially by some citizens of Iron River, several of whom worked well and deserve thanks. To some others there was not so much reason for being thanked. **R.B. Barclay, the lessee of the Stambaugh House**, lost considerable on which there was no insurance, including seven tons of hay. The hotel building was owned by the **Iron River Company** and was insured for \$4,200. The loss is about \$10,000. There was an insurance of \$1,200 on the furniture, considerable of which was saved. Mr. Barclay has moved into the **Hannon House** and will soon be ready to receive

guests, so that the hungry and thirsty traveler need not fear to come to Stambaugh. **The telephone which was saved from the Stambaugh House [*sic*] is being put into the Hannon House for Mr. Barclay's use.** Miss **Carrie Bishop** and **Miss Armstrong**, of **Menominee**, were at the Stambaugh House when it burned. They have been taken care of by some of Stambaugh's ladies. Others were glad to find quarters almost any where [*sic - anywhere*] Saturday night. The Stambaugh House was doing a fine business. The fire was very unfortunate at this time and it is uncertain at this writing whether the hotel will be rebuilt.

The special correspondent of the MINING NEWS at Iron River, has this to say of the fire: "A very disastrous fire occurred at the village of Stambaugh, last Saturday evening at about 8:30 o'clock, by which the Stambaugh House, the only first class hotel in the village, was reduced to ashes, causing a great loss to the proprietor, Robert Barclay, and much more the Iron River Co., who were the owners of the building and a portion of the furniture. The building is said to have cost in the neighborhood of \$10,000, upon which there was an insurance of \$4,200. Considerable damage was done to the greatest part of the furniture in its removal from the building. Bob Barclay had but removed into the house a short time ago as lessee and was just about getting into shape for active operation, when he was turned out so unexpectedly, which was very unwelcome news to many, owing to his popularity with the public. In fact there was a regular rush to the house. A greater crowd never having been there before than on the day it was reduced to ashes. Immediately on the loss of the Stambaugh House, Mr. **J.N. Porter**, the gentlemanly superintendent of the Iron River Co., who is never caught asleep, when any emergency arises, took steps

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and bought out the Hannon building for a hotel into which Mr. Barclay removed and which place he will have in first class running order before this is in print. The present place commands a more beautiful view of the adjoining village, of Iron River and the surrounding country, than could be had at the old stand and taking everything into consideration, the present location will eventually be more satisfactory than the old one with the slight difference of a couple of small rooms. The traveling public will be well attended to, as if nothing had happened. L. McQuown's residence on the south, was more or less damaged and the Brunelle building on the north narrowly escaped. The thanks of the owner of this building are due to **Paddy Vail**, a saloon keeper, of Iron River, for his heroic fight with water and wet blankets, on the roof. Many others bravely done [*sic – did*] their part of the work, but Paddy takes the broom. No particular effort was made to check the progress of the flames, as everything was so dry and water so scarce, and fire engines were out of the question. It is evident that both villages could afford one steam fire engine between them and should have one."

[There is a nice two-column cut of the Stambaugh House mid-way through this article, extending to the second column.]

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C.A. Johnson, of **Stambaugh**, was in town on Tuesday and made this office a pleasant call. He is about to leave Stambaugh and will raffle off his house and lot there, the drawing to take place on Christmas eve, with **T.C. Tully**, **Bob Barclay** and **Charlie Aspe**, on the committee.

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Stambaugh Stylographs. (Special Correspondence)

The **Iron River Co.** paid off October 29. Go to Dr. Vilas' drug store for window
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The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume VII, Number 2 [Saturday, January 8, 1887], page 8, column 1

Stambaugh Stylographs. (Special Correspondence)

This paper can be found on sale at **Dr. Vilas' drug store.**

Now as the New Year is here, tread not in forbidden paths.

F.P. Mills and lady, of Chicago, visited with friends at this place and **Iron River** during the week.

Capt. W.H. Buddle is again in **Stambaugh** and we expect to see some lively mining work soon.

There are 250 men employed at the mine this winter which is a large increase over past winters.

The Scandinavians spent the New Year Day by giving thanks and praise to the Lord for past blessing.

Mrs. J.N. Porter gave one of her pleasant parties on Friday evening in honor of **Mr. and Mrs. F.P. Mills.**

Wolves are plenty in the adjoining township of Bates and one was killed recently. Poison is the only way of attacking the thieves.

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The **Iron River Co.**, *[sic]* is **employing all the carpenters who can be found**. A large amount of work will be done this winter.

The New Year passed away very quietly. Of course the usual quantity of the oil of gladness was imbibed by the thirsty part of our citizens.

The flag was hoisted at half-mast on last Friday as our last tribute of respect to another of our heroes of the rebellion, **John A. Logan**.

Elisha Morgan has a contract of hauling two thousand cords of wood for the **Iron River Co.**, and is now rushing it in at the rate of forty cords a day.

Mrs. Cook, who has been confined to her room by a severe illness for the past two weeks is now convalescent, which her many friends will be glad to learn.

The **Crystal Falls cannibal** has not made his appearance in our town yet. If he does and is desirous of trying his teeth, we have a champion dog hired which we will match.

Mrs. Dr. Carpenter gave a **progressive euchre party** to a number of friends of the two towns. **F.P. Mills** and wife of Chicago were, were among those present. **Miss Hyde** and **Mr. Hitchcock** won the prizes.

Now as our our *[sic]* new sheriff is installed, we.....

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