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QUINNESEC'S QUOTUM.

A gentleman from **Oshkosh** is here looking the place over and will probably build a **pulp mill** here.

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QUINNESEC FALLS CO.

Work Has Commenced on the Walls of the Pulp Mill.

Architect Pride, of the Quinnesec Falls company, was in the city a portion of the week and to *The Range-Tribune* reporter he expressed himself as being a good deal disappointed at the slow progress that was being made on the paper mill plant at the Lower Quinnesec Falls. Work on the foundation walls of the new pulp plant has commenced, however, and Mr. Pride is in hopes of having that building enclosed this fall. No work will be attempted on the sulphite plant and paper mill before spring. The delay has been caused by the slow progress made in blasting away the ledge to make room for the buildings. The work is a much more gigantic one than at first anticipated. It will require the removal of nearly fifteen thousand square yards of rock. The first estimate of the cost of the work was \$5,000, but it now looks as if it might exceed \$40,000.

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ANOTHER LARGE PAPER MILL.

Kimberly, Clark & Co. Will Build at the Lower Quinnesec Falls.

Kimberly, Clark & Co., of Neenah and Appleton, the largest paper manufacturers in the world, have secured an option from Messrs. Stephenson, Brown and others, of Marinette, on the Michigan side of Lower Quinnesec Falls, the consideration being \$60,000. Members of the firm have been hovering in this vicinity for a number of weeks considering the possibilities of the various water powers, and finally concluded that the Quinnesec Falls was the most desirable. It is proposed to duplicate the plant of the Quinnesec Falls company, which means an expenditure of more than half a million dollars. The Michigan side of the falls will be much more difficult and costly to improve than the Wisconsin, and it may be necessary to drive a tunnel several hundred feet through the ledge of rock. This would be a gigantic undertaking and would mean an outlay of a hundred thousand dollars before a stone was laid for the buildings. From another source, however, it is learned that a dicker is on between the two companies, which may result in the Kimberly company receiving its power through the same pipe line as the Quinnesec company. In this case the buildings will be erected on the Wisconsin side of the river. Until the deal is closed, however, news of a definite character is impossible.

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HAVE AN OPTION.

Kimberly Clark & Co. Certain to Become Interested Here.

Messrs. J.A. Kimberly and F.C. Shattuck, of Neenah, Wis., members of the firm of Kimberly, Clark & Co., undoubtedly the most extensive manufacturers of paper in the United States, controlling eleven large mills in the Fox River Valley, were in the city last Wednesday and spent the day in inspecting the several water powers in this vicinity.

Mr. Kimberly was interviewed by a Range-Tribune reporter at the Commercial hotel in the evening and the information was secured that the firm has a thirty-day option on the Michigan side of the Lower Quinnesec Falls on some five hundred acres of land in the immediate vicinity. While the gentleman was not prepared to say that the deal would be consummated, the reporter gained the impression that Mr. Kimberly was very favorably inclined in that direction and that the purchase would be made provided an arrangement could be made with the Boom company for the driving of pulp timber. The consideration is \$50,000.

If the deal is made, the firm will immediately commence the erection of a mammoth pulp mill. This will be followed later by sulphite and print paper mills, for, as Mr. Kimberly states, it will not pay to ship pulp any distance by rail owing to the large percentage of water it carries.

Messrs. Kimberly and Shattuck left here Wednesday evening for Marinette, where

they are to have a consultation with the owners of the land and representatives of the Boom company.

It is to be hoped that the deal will be made, for it means the addition of four or five hundred men to the ranks of the wage-earners of Dickinson county.

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The Paper Mills.

Work on the new paper and pulp mill buildings at Quinnesec Falls will be completed in about three weeks. The buildings are under roof; the settling of pulp-grinders has begun; the water wheels are on the ground, and will soon be placed. The original for the pulp mill have been changed and the building extended from 270 to 320 feet long, to provide for placing a paper mill machine.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 2 (Thursday, June 4, 1896), page 1, column 5

THE QUINNESEC COMPANY.

The Deal Closed for the Michigan Side of the Lower Falls – Building Operations.

Superintendent Barnes, of the Quinnesec Falls Paper company, was in the city the first of the week, and in conversation with The Press admitted that his company had concluded a deal with Messrs. Stephenson and Brown, of Marinette, for the water power on the Michigan side of the Lower Quinnesec Falls. The consideration was \$50,000. Supt. Barnes says it is not the intention of his company to improve the Michigan side

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of the power. It was purchased by the company as a protective measure – to keep it from falling into the hands of other parties, who might embarrass them in various ways.

Supt. Barnes expects that the company will be in position to commence the manufacture of print paper not later than the first of July. The new pulp mill is rapidly nearing completion and will be under roof in a few days. This building is 60x340 feet on the foundation, and is constructed of brick and stone. It will contain six grinders at the start, but there is room for as many more. A new 120-inch print machine, with a capacity for manufacturing fifteen tons of paper, will also be erected in this building. This machine will be operated by steam power. Work is also going forward rapidly on the new boiler and engine-house, which is 60x48 feet on the foundation.

It is estimated by the superintendent that the company will have 10,000 horse power under control at the Falls, and of this immense power only about 2500 horse power will be utilized this season. Other buildings, including a sulphite mill[,] will be added next year, and when the plant is completed it will have a total frontage of 900 feet.

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PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

Clarence G. Morrison, of the Wilmany Paper company, at Kaukauna, has been appointed superintendent of the paper mill at Quinnesec Falls, and will arrive the first of July to take charge of the works.

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Number 9 (Thursday, July 23, 1896), page 1, column 4

At the Paper Mills.

It is now expected by Superintendent Barnes that the new mill at the Lower Quinnesec Falls will be in operation in both the pulp and paper making departments between August 1st and 15th.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 14 (Thursday, August 27, 1896), page 10, column 4

BRIEF CITY NEWSITES.

At the new mill of the Quinnesec Falls company all the machinery has been set, and the finishing touches are now being given to the plant. A steam engine of 1500 horse horse [sic – power] will run the paper machine.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 17 [Thursday, September 16, 1897], page 1, column 3

AT QUINNESEC FALLS.

Some Large Addition to the Paper Manufacturing Plant Contemplated.

C.B. Pride returned from **Marinette** this afternoon and left for the **Lower Quinnesec Falls**, where he has an appointment with the officers of the **paper manufacturing plant**. While **Mr. Pride** declined to state the object of the meeting, it is learned that it is called for the purpose of adopting plans for some large additions to the plant. It is pretty well-known that the

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Vilas-Frambach syndicate has no interest of rebuilding the mills recently destroyed by fire at **Kaukauna**, and the insurance money will undoubtedly be employed in enlarging the plant in this county. Another rumor, which we print for what [it] is worth, is in circulation to the effect that the company is considering an offer for the purchase of the plant.

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A LARGE ADDITION.

The Capability of the Quinnesec Falls Paper Plant to Be More Than Doubled.

Last week the gentlemen comprising the **Quinnesec Falls Paper company** were paid the sum of \$150,000, the same being the amount of insurance carried on the plant of the company recently destroyed by fire at **Kaukauna**. This large sum is to be utilized in the very near future in **enlarging the mills at Quinnesec Falls to more than double their present capacity**. Indeed, **Architect Pride**, of **Appleton**, is at present engaged in preparing plans for the enlargement. The company has sufficient water power under control at present to drive almost ten times the amount of machinery now in service. There is also a **probability of the company platting a townsite [Niagara, Wisconsin] in the immediate vicinity of the mills**, but it has not yet been decided definitely.

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Number 30 [Thursday, December 16, 1897], page 1, column 5

Paper Mill Magnets [sic – Magnates].

Col. H.A. Frambach, of **Kaukaunee**, president of the **Quinnesec Falls Paper company**, **F.A. Shattuck**, of **Neenah**, a partner in the **Kimberly-Clark company**, **P.A. Thom**, of **Appleton**, and **W.A. Stewart**, of **Neenah**, who are heavily interested in the manufacture of paper, spent yesterday at the **Falls** inspecting the mills, dining last night at the **Wood [Hotel Wood in Iron Mountain]**. The gentlemen were non-committal [sic – committal] as to their errand, but The Press learns from another source that a plan is on foot for a **re-organization of the Quinnesec company with greatly increased capital stock**. If this is done the capacity of the plant will be more than doubled.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 38 [Thursday, February 10, 1898], page 1, column 4

IMPORTANT MILL SALE.

Quinnesec Falls Property to Change Hands – Kimberly Co. Negotiating for It.

An important negotiation is in progress and will probably be settled this week, whereby **the paper and pulp mill at the Quinnesec Falls company will be transferred to the Kimberly & Clark company**. At the offices of these companies in **Neenah** and **Kaukauna**, it is

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admitted that the negotiation is going on, but no details would be divulged. From other authoritative sources, however, it is learned that the terms of the sale have been agreed to, and all that now remains to be done is to look up the necessary titles and complete the final signing of the papers.

It has been known in inside circles that the **Kimberly & Clark company** has wished to possess the mill property on account of the water power which will enable them to make a sufficient quantity of wood pulp to protect their other mills during seasons when wood pulp is scarce or difficult to work on the **Fox River**.

At present the **Quinnesec mill** is provided with six large pulp grinders, with places arranged for in the mill for nine more. It is understood it is the intention of the **Kimberly & Clark company** to add these grinders, so that by next fall the pulp department may have a capacity of sixty tons a day. The paper department of the mill is at present outfitted with one paper machine, and no change in the paper-making department is contemplated just now. It is probable that in the course of a year the paper mill may also be thoroughly improved and added to.

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A New Superintendent.

W.H. Ryan, formerly in charge of the **Kimberly-Clark company's mills at Kimberly**, near **Neenah**, will act as **superintendent of the Quinnesec Falls mills** just purchased by that company.