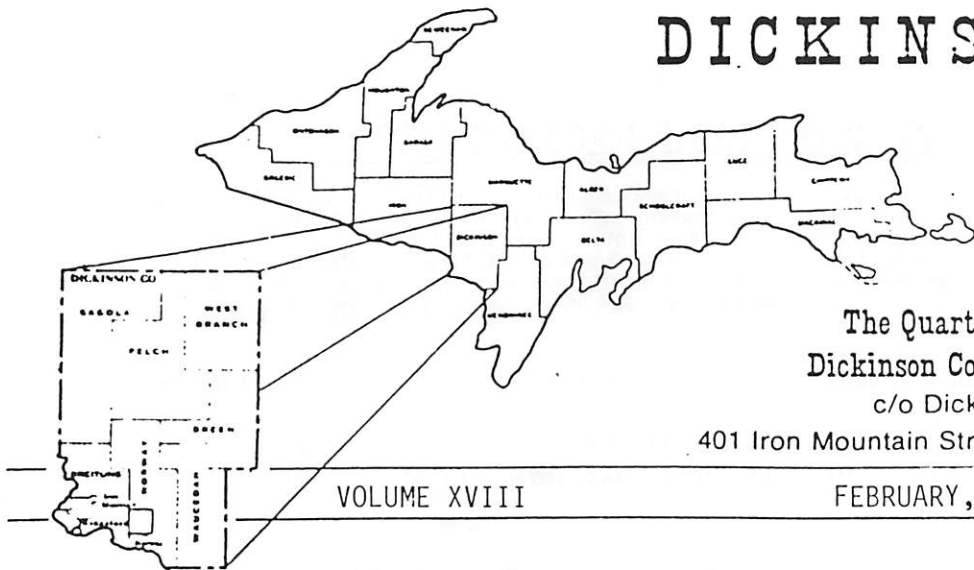


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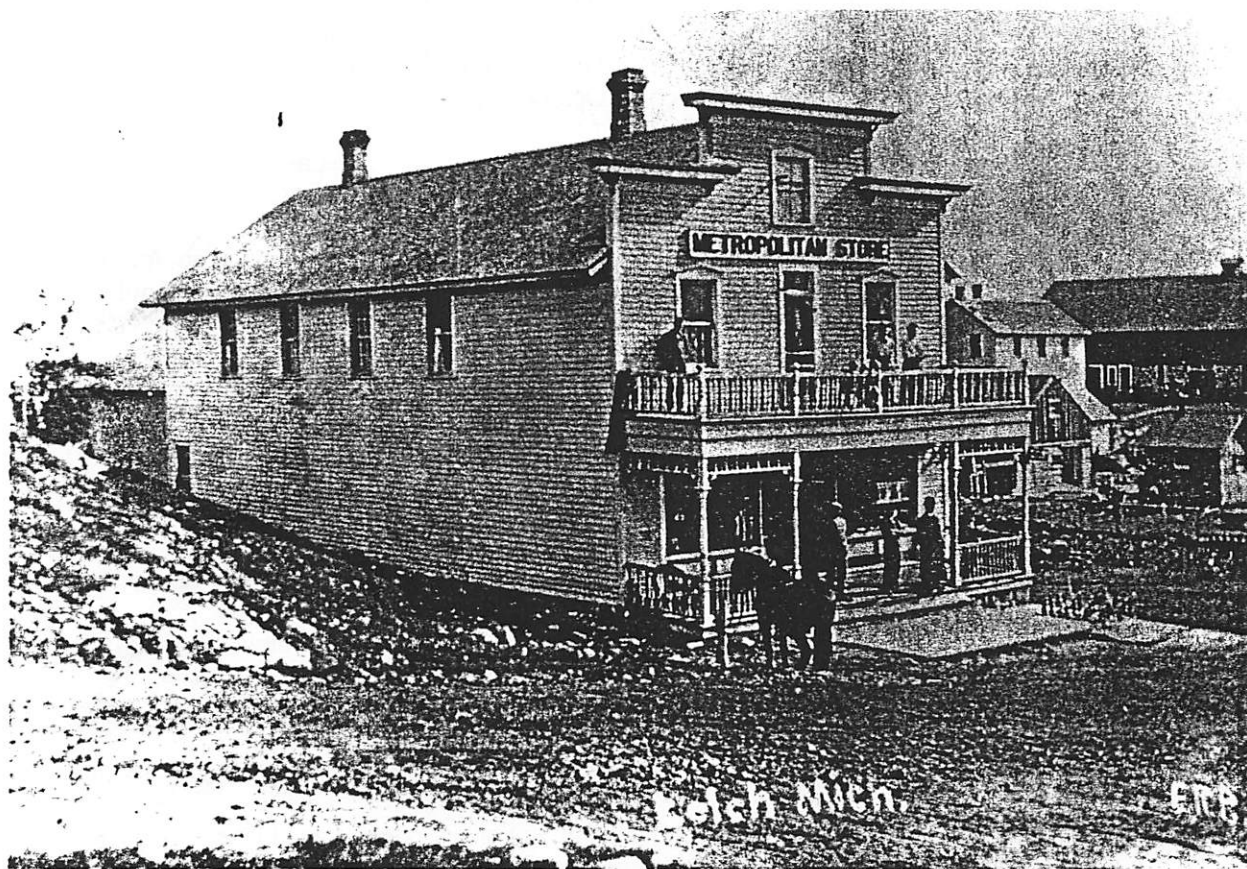
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J.B. Fry was running the Metropolitan Hotel in Metropolitan by 1889, when Felch Township was still a part of Marquette County. Fry continued as the hotel's proprietor until at least 1895. John J. Ovist acquired the building between 1903 and 1905, operating a general store. The store retained the name Metropolitan Store even after the settlement took the name Felch in the latter part of the first decade of this century when this photograph was taken. Ovist sold his business to Carl A. Carlson, John Blomquist and Iver Blomquist in late March or early April, 1916. They operated the business under the name of the Felch Supply Company. In later years store employees lived in apartments upstairs. Axel Branback was the last occupant. Note the horse tied to a post, patiently waiting while his owner purchased the supplies needed at home. [Leona Coppo]

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- 1,052. **Quilici, Roberto**; 3 October 1899; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 26; Italy; laborer; not given; Daniel Quilici and Lugentina Ciuci;  
**Battista Natalina**; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 24; Calumet, Mich.; not given; none; Peter Battista and Teresa Matteucci; Rudolph Th. Miller, J.P.; **John Daprato** and **James Cini**, both of Iron Mountain, Mich.; 4 October 1899
- 1,053. **Harms, John Anton**; 5 October 1899; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 30; Germany; miner; not given; John Anton Harms and Henrietta Moulen;  
**Sheridan, Lizzie**; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 21; Ishpeming, Mich.; not given; none; Patrick Sheridan and Annie Green; Rudolph Th. Miller, J.P.; **James A. Davies** and **Mary Sheridan**, both of Iron Mountain, Mich.; 7 October 1899
- 1,054. **Conrad, Rudolph John**; 5 October 1899; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 205 Lake Street, Iron Mountain, Mich.; 27; Stateen, Germany; miner; not given; John August Conrad and Mary Summers;  
**Troyan, Susie**; Lake Street, Iron Mountain, Mich.; 20; Austria; not given; not given; Andrew John Troyan and Victoria Zahuranki; Rudolph Th. Miller, J.P.; **Mary Troyan** and **Emil Marsch**, both of Iron Mountain, Mich.; 7 October 1899
- 1,055. **Morino, Louis**; 28 October 1899; Vulcan, Mich.; Vulcan, Mich.; 24; Austria; miner; not given; Angelo Morino and Theresa Formolo;  
**Mortini, Domenica**; Vulcan, Mich.; 17; Austria; not given; not given; Joseph Mortini and Theresa Arnoldine; Rev. John Kraker; **Joseph Wegher** and **Albina Mortini**, both of Vulcan, Mich.; 31 October 1899 [father signed consent Giuseppe Mortini]
- 1,056. **Brusati, Joseph**; 21 October 1899; Holy Rosary Church, Iron Mountain, Mich.; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 26; Italy; miner; not given; Antonio Brusati and Teresa Merla;  
**Calcaterra, Rosa**; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 18; Italy; not given; not given; Gaetano Calcaterra and Catharina Columbo; Rev. Benj. Berto; **Maria Emer**, of Austria, and **Alexander Calcaterra**, of Italy; 26 October 1899
- 1,057. **Skog, John**; 13 October 1899; Escanaba, Mich.; Metropolitan, Mich.; 25; Finland; lumberman; none; Fred Skog and Annie Erikson;  
**Isacson, Annie**; Metropolitan, Mich.; 27; Finland; not given; none; Isaac Mattson and Annie Lof; Augustus Nelson, Evangelical Lutheran Church; **Matt Carlson** and **Mary Carlson**, both of Escanaba, Mich.; 14 October 1899
- 1,058. **Sheeham, C.M.**; 16 October 1899; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Wisconsin; 27; Wisconsin; electrician; none; James Sheeham and Ella Murray;  
**Leroy, Delia**; Wisconsin; 18; Wisconsin; none; Frank Leroy and Jennie Stone; David Bergeron, J.P.; **Peter Stovekin** and **Mary Edwards**, of Niagara, Wis.; 18 October 1899

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- 1,059. **Vermeulen, Edmond**; 23 October 1899; St. Mary's Church, Norway, Mich.; Norway, Mich.; 22; Belgium; not given; not given;  
**Van Pouche, Marie**; Norway; 18; Belgium; not given; none; Dissere Van Pouche and Marie Martin; Rev. F.X. Becker; **Peter Smith** and **Justina Le Champ**, both of Vulcan, Mich.; 24 October 1899
- 1,060. **Flynn, Daniel**; 18 October 1899; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Cheboygan, Mich.; 30; New York; laborer; none; Daniel Flynn and Kate Shaw;  
**Vickmann, Josephine**; Humboldt, Wis.; 24; Humboldt, Wis.; not given; none; not given; N.H. Nosbisch; **John Simoneck** and **Mary Weber**, both of Iron Mountain, Mich.; 19 October 1899
- 1,061. **Barrett, Joseph Robert**; 18 October 1899; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Calumet, Mich.; 23; Michigan; machinist; not given; Joseph Robert Barrett and Mary Jenkin;  
**Marsch, Jennie**; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 20; Michigan; not given; not given; Charles Marsch and Charlotte Bakman; D.C. Jones; **Adolph Peterson** and **Hans R. Hansen**, both of Iron Mountain, Mich.; 24 November 1899
- 1,062. **Maier, John**; 30 October 1899; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 30; Austria; miner; not given; John Maier and Mary Schwiner;  
**Reichmanz, Amelia**; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 21; Austria; not given; not given; John Reichmanz and Margaretta Zimmerman; N.H. Nosbisch; **Andras Cinderle [Schinderle]** and **Ursula Rahoi**, residence not given; 31 October 1899
- 1,063. **Jones, Moses**; 23 October 1899; Foster City, Mich.; Foster City, Mich.; 34; New York; laborer; none; Hugh T. Jones and [Mary] Jane Jones;  
**Richardson, Lottie**; Foster City, Mich.; 29; Wisconsin; cook; none; John Richardson and not given; Lewellyn Price; **R.W. Price** and **Mrs. James Price**, both of Foster City, Mich.; 28 October 1899
- 1,064. **Keast, Alfred**; 26 October 1899; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 29; England; miner; none; Robert Keast and Harriet Hooper;  
**Blackney, Emeline**; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 24; Michigan; not given; none; John Blackney and not given; A. Raymond Johns; **Robert Keast** and **Joseph Hick**, both of Iron Mountain, Mich.; 27 October 1899
- 1,065. **Benzo, Domenic**; 27 October 1899; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 31; Italy; miner; none; Joseph Benzo and Margaret Balma;  
**Brachetti, Josephine**; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 20; Belgium; not given; none; John Brachetti and Josephine Parrot; Rudolph T. Miller, J.P.; **James Cinni [Cini]** and **Frank Baldrica**, both of Iron Mountain, Mich.; 28 October 1899

**\*\*PIONEER PORTRAITS FROM HISTORY OF THE UPPER PENINSULA OF MICHIGAN, 1883\*\***

**JAMES M. BUZZO**, machinist and mechanical engineer, is the son of Capt. **Henry Buzzo**, late treasurer of Ontonagon County. He spent his boyhood days in Ontonagon, and, in 1866, went to Detroit, where he served a regular apprenticeship as machinist. Early in 1873, he accepted an appointment as machinist in the United States Navy. He cruised three years in the North Atlantic Ocean, and about seven years in European waters. **Gen. Grant** was a passenger on his vessel, the man-of-war *Vandalia*, while on his Eastern trip. Mr. Buzzo was transferred to the United States Flagship *Trenton*, and returned to Ontonagon in the fall of 1881. [Page 539]

**STEPHEN H. CHAMBERLIN**, explorer and Justice of the Peace, was born in Glenville, Schenectady Co., N.Y., November 5, 1825. In 1844, he moved to Chicago, Ill., where he spent two years, and then went to Eagle River, Lake Superior, where he arrived November 6, 1846. He was in charge of the hotel at the Phoenix Mine one winter, and, in the spring of 1847, he started for Ontonagon afoot on the ice. While making the trip, he barely escaped being carried out into the lake on the ice which had become separated from the shore by the wind. He and his companion slept in the snow on the shore, in holes dug with their snow shoes. In the morning no ice was in sight where had been their road the previous night. On arriving at Ontonagon, he engaged with **James K. Paul** as clerk at his trading post; was with him till the fall of that year, when he returned to Eagle River, and engaged at the North American Mine, assisting **Edward Sales**, **Milton Mason** and others in sinking a shaft. He spent two years at this mine, and then joined his brother at Eagle River in the hotel business. Two years later, he engaged in farming on the Phoenix location, and in butchering; he supplied the Cliff, Phoenix, North American and other mines with meat. He was married in 1853, to Miss **Mary A. Collins**, at Eagle River, and in 1856, came to Ontonagon. Since his residence here, he has been employed in exploring, teaming and in official business. He has served as Deputy United States Marshal four years, as Constable sixteen years, Under Sheriff eight years, Justice of the Peace twelve years, and several years as member of the Town Board. [Page 539]

**JOSEPH COULTER**, deceased, was one of the pioneers of Lake Superior; he came to this region in 1845 or 1846; remained at Eagle River until 1847, and then came to Ontonagon as agent of the Douglas-Houghton, now Henwood Mine. He was a man of superior intelligence and executive ability, and was a prominent citizen of those early times. He was agent of several mines, viz.: The Algonquin, Coulter, Douglas-Houghton, Flint, Steel and Bohemian. He was a member of the Board of Supervisors for several years. In 1860, he was elected to the Michigan State Senate over Mr. Campbell, one of the most popular Republicans of the Upper Peninsula. He was a man thoroughly respected and trusted by the community in which he lived. His death occurred December 8, 1866. [Page 539]

**WILLIAM J. COULTER**, druggist and County Clerk, was born in Cleveland, Ohio, October 5, 1853. He came to Ontonagon with his parent [*sic*] in 1854, his step-father, Capt. **Joseph Coulter**, was mining agent at the Douglas-Houghton and Bohemian Mines until 1860, when the family moved to Ontonagon. Mr. Coulter began business as a druggist in 1877; he was appointed County Clerk by the County Board of Supervisors January 5, 1882, and was declared elected to the same office in the spring of 1882, running fifty-seven votes ahead of Mr. **Charles M. Howell**, the opposing candidate. Possession of the office contested by Mr. **Henry Powers**, who claims to hold by appointment. Mr. Powers remains in possession of the office pending the action of the higher court. Mr. Coulter has served as Township Treasurer of Ontonagon Township for the years 1875-76-77-78. He also served as Township Clerk for the year 1880. [Page 539]

**JOSHUA W. CROZER**, Postmaster and merchant, was born in Flushing, Belmont Co., Ohio, May 18, 1818. He was brought up a farmer, and went to Indiana in 1840; there he was initiated into politics, and cast his first vote with the Whig party for Gen. Harrison. He engaged in school teaching one year, and then returned to Ohio. He was a student of the Quaker Seminary, of which he is a graduate. He spent his early manhood in farming and teaching in Highland County, Ohio. In 1853, he came to Ontonagon and spent two years on the range as agent of the Ohio Mine; he then bought into the *Lake Superior Miner* with **G.D. Emerson**, and was engaged with Mr. Emerson in the publication of the paper for ten years, or from 1857 to 1867; he next engaged in merchandising; he was appointed Postmaster in the fall of 1873. He has been a popular Justice of Ontonagon during almost his entire residence here; he is the present incumbent. Since 1881, he has been the State Agent



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for Charities and Prisons. Mr. Crozer still carries on his store as a dealer in dry goods, clothing, groceries and notions. [Page539]

**PATRICK J. CUSICK**, Sheriff of Ontonagon County, and dealer in wines, liquors and cigars, was born in Ireland, and emigrated to America in his boyhood, arriving in New York City in 1850; he continued to reside in that city till 1858, when he moved to Ontonagon, Mich. He was employed at the National Mine at first, and subsequently at the Quincy Mine at Portage Lake. In the fall of 1859, he went to Kentucky. On the breaking-out of the war, he enlisted, June 19, 1861, as a private in Company I, Second Kentucky Infantry for three years. He was promoted to Sergeant, and served the term of his enlistment, and took part in the various battles and engagements participated in by his regiment. He re-enlisted in Hancock's Veteran Corps, and served till the spring of 1865. On returning from the army, he located in Ontonagon, and engaged, with Mr. **James Mercer**, in the warehouse and dock business, and continued that connection till the spring of 1882. He was elected Sheriff of Ontonagon County in the fall of 1878, and served the term of 1879-80. He was re-elected for the term of 1881-82, being the present incumbent. In July, 1882, he opened up his sample-room. [Page 539]

**HON. THEOBALD DREISS**, Judge of the Probate Court of Ontonagon County, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, December 1, 1827. He participated in the Revolution of 1848, and for political reasons emigrated to America at that time. He located at Sheboygan, Wis., where he resided until 1853, except one year, which he passed in Milwaukee as clerk for Ludington & Co. July 1, 1853, he came to Ontonagon, Lake Superior, and kept the company's house at the Forest Mine. In 1855, he was clerk of the Adventure Mine. He was employed in various pursuits until 1860, when he went to the North Shore and spent one winter exploring. Returning to the South Shore, he served as clerk for the Carp Lake, La Fayette, Pacific and Neququette Mining Companies. He subsequently returned to Ontonagon, and in 1869 went to Beaver Bay, in 1870-71, and was engaged in the same business at Ashland, Wis., in 1872. He then returned to Ontonagon and engaged in farming. He was elected Justice of the Peace and served for eight years; was for three years a member of the Town Board. Since 1881, he has been Judge of Probate; term expiring December 31, 1884. [Page 539]

**THOMAS EMMONS**, hardware merchant. His business was organized in 1853, by himself and **A. Doolittle**, at Ontonagon, under the firm name of Emmons & Doolittle. In 1858, they started a branch store at Rockland, and in 1867 suspended business. Mr. Doolittle went out, and Mr. Emmons continued the business alone at Rockland. In 1875, he re-opened the business at Ontonagon, and has continued it to this date, 1882. Mr. Emmons was born in Niagara County, N.Y., July 10, 1827; when sixteen years of age, he went to Canada, where he learned the tinner's trade, serving four years; he then went to Buffalo, N.Y., where he worked as a journeyman for two years. In 1850, he came to Ontonagon, Mich., and in 1853 started his present business. He has made his home at Rockland since 1858. He was Supervisor of Rockland Township in 1864. He was elected Sheriff of Ontonagon County in 1870; re-elected in 1872, and served, in all, four years. He has also served as Treasurer of Rockland Township several years, and is the present incumbent. [Page 539]

**JOHN GREENFIELD**, deceased, was born near Paisley, Renfrewshire, Scotland. He came to America when sixteen years of age; he was a molder by trade, and also worked as a machinist and engineer, and was one of the first engineers of the Michigan Central Railroad. In 1845, he came to Ontonagon and took charge of the United States Mining Company's property, on the west side of the Ontonagon River. In 1847, he was employed by the Montreal Mining Company, exploring for copper mines on the north shore of Lake Superior. In 1848, he went to the Bruce Mines, and established a store, remaining there until 1850, when he moved to Sault de Ste. Marie, and in 1851 came to Ontonagon. He was connected with **Allen Gardner** in the building and running of a saw-mill on the Ontonagon River. They were also contractors of the construction of the Ontonagon and Greenland Plank Road, fourteen and a half miles. He held various local offices; was Justice of the Peace several years. He represented his district in the Michigan Legislature. At one time he was engaged in the publication of the Ontonagon *Advocate*, and was Sheriff of Ontonagon County at the time of his death, March 4, 1861, aged fifty-one years. His widow was lost on the propeller *Pewabic* August 9, 1865, while two of his sons, **William** and **Charles**, were also passengers on the same boat, were saved, after being carried down with the vessel, and

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the Millie last week, evidently placed there for the purpose of destroying property and perhaps, life. Supt. Kennedy is justly indignant.

Three boys of Iron Mountain have been convicted of burglary and two of them named **Brandell** and **Kneebone** have been sent to the state reform school. For boys of 12 and 13 years of age they showed considerable enterprise, having, according to the Range, in their possession, one hundred set rings, thirty-five watchchains, six silk handkerchiefs, eighty-one pocket knives, six revolvers, two razors, twenty watch charms, one pair of eyeglasses, two dollars and seventeen cents and thirteen different styles of door keys.

[Saturday, January 24, 1891]

**CURRENT NOTES.**

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--**J.H. Gee** is repapering the rear interior of his store.

--The contractors are working on the saloon part of the **Parolini** building, Ingallsdorf.

--Mr. **Alex. N. Lacombe**, of Nadeau, has assumed the duties of station agent for hte C. & N-W. here.

--The wife of **David Lefrenier** is seriously sick, and the family has the sympathy of the entire community.

--Carpenters are building a stairs at therear of the **Gee** store building, leading to the offices on the second floor.

--**Louis G. Volkmar** recently moved to Menominee where a company has been formed to manufacture Ancora bitters. The company has a capital stock of \$50,000.

--**Will Keating** has commenced to cut cordwood on property lying north of the town. He has a steam sawing outfit and will cut a large amount of wood during the winter.

--**Dan. Stewart**, of the Aragon office, is perfecting a plan for a fine residence at Frederickton. Work will begin soon if the good weather holds out, and will be completed as early in the Spring as possible.

--Mr. **J.F. Jackson**, who has been filling the position of agent, here, for the C. & N-W. Ry. Co., left last Friday for his home at Oconto. Mr. Jackson made many friends while here who regretted to see him go.

--**William Gornall** has rented a building on south Main street and will start a small store and hopes through it to make a comfortable living. Some years ago he was injured while working in the Felch district and since he has been able to do but little work.

--**Theo. Harper** and a number of workmen are tearing down and moving the company store building at Quinnesec and it is to be again erected next to **Johnson's furniture store** and we understand that **Jos. Rowe** is to occupy it.

--The **Milwaukee House** for some time occupied by **P. Seaburg** is now run as a hotel by Mr. and Mrs. **C. Kennedy**. The new occupants of the house are well known here, having kept a boarding house at the mill for a year or more.

--**Marshal Benane** stopped the children coasting down Nelson street hill early in the week, but we notice that some of the youngest disobey the order of the officer. 'Tis dangerous to coast where so many teams are being driven and unless it is stopped some one will receive injuries.

--So far this Winter there has not been snow enough for sleighing more than half a day at a time, and it looks as though we were to be treated to a snowless winter. There has been but little cold weather and the lowest point reached at any time here here [sic] has been 10 degrees below zero.

**PERSONAL POINTERS.**

[Page 8, Columns 1-2]

**John St. Denis** of Quinnesec, was in town Wednesday. From him we learned that he and his two daughters returned from a trip to Montreal on Saturday last. They were visiting Mr. St. Denis' brother-in-law, **Prime Minister H. Mercher**. At the "Soo," Mr. St. Denis informs us, snow deep enough for good sleighing was noticable and at and about Montreal snowshoeing, tobogganing and driving tandem [sic - tandem] teams attached to Russian sleighs was the pasttime the people of that section were engaged in.

Miss and Mr. Hudson and Mrs. **Will. Hudson's** mother, all of New York state, left Monday afternoon for their home, via Chicago.

[Saturday, January 31, 1891]

**CURRENT NOTES.**

[Page 1, Columns 1-3]

--The interior of **Capt. H.J. Colwell's** office is being papered, painted and grained and the hardwood floor is to be oiled. When the decorators have finished he will have a cosy [sic - cozy] place.

--The old **McElroy** building, having been refitted and repainted is now in good shape as a business stand, and we believe that Mr. McElroy has several applications from persons

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desiring to rent it.

--**P. Flanagan's** delivery team made things lively for the old trap of a wagon drawn by them Tuesday afternoon. The vehicle was left near the blacksmith shop at the foot of Main street. We don't wonder at the ponies running away when attached to such a conveyance.

--Two able-bodied men, **Thomas Dunn** and **Frank Ryan**, were up before **Judge Patenaude**, Monday morning, for vagrancy. Dunn was sent to O'Connors hotel, Menominee, for 25 and Ryan for 20 days. On Sunday they were told to leave the town but refused. **Deputy sheriff Benane** took them to the county jail.

--**Mary Lefrenier** [,] daughter of **Peter Lafrenier**, of Iron Mountain, who is attending St. Mary's school [,] was quite badly injured on Saturday last. The little Miss was sliding on [a] board which contained a nail, and when going down a hill it struck an obstacle and she slid onto the nail which caused a terrible flesh wound in the fleshy part of the hip. Dr. Lockart was called and attended the little one.

--Wednesday, several of the employes of the Appleton mining company were arrested for having committed an assault and battery on the person of Mrs. **William Lund** [,] who with her husband have *sic* been keeping the company's boarding house. The trial showed a strange state of affairs. It seems that Lund came to Norway, Tuesday and got full of booze, went home in the evening, and that when the men had eaten supper they were informed that they must go somewhere else for bed and breakfast, Vulcan being the nearest point at which they could get accommodations. Mr. and Mrs. Lund at once began to pack up the household goods, took down the beds and dismantled the house generally. About 11 o'clock three miners who were working eight hours *sic* shifts came home and found no beds in which to sleep and made considerable noise about it. About this time the mining captain and some of his men arrived on the scene and told Mr. and Mrs. Lund that if they could not sleep there, neither should Lund and his wife, and in their just indignation they threatened to do bodily harm to Lund. He and his wife came to Norway where Mrs. Lund laid a complaint against the captain and two of the men for assault and battery. At the trial Wednesday, the complaint was withdrawn as to one of the men, and the jury acquitted one of the others and found, on merely technical grounds, the other guilty of simple assault, as by the complainant's own testimony he was not at any time within twelve feet of her, but that he placed her in great fear, etc.

[Saturday, February 7, 1891]

**CURRENT NOTES.**

[Page 1, Columns 1-4]

--Sleighing has been fine this week and the merry jingle of the bells has been almost continuous.

--The recent fall of snow has suspended temporarily, the gliding business at Merritt's skating rink.

--**Julius Laviolette**, one of the pioneers of Norway, has returned from Iron Mountain and brought his family with him. He will remain here in *the* future.

--**T.E. Dillon** of Waucedah is making considerable charcoal for the Deer Lake Furnace at Ishpeming, this Winter. He has about 30 men employed.

--The property of the **Ross** estate situated in this village will be sold at auction in front of the postoffice, Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. It includes some good lots.

**Ramblings.**

[Page 1, Columns 5-6]

**Ben Hocking**, once a resident at Norway, but late of Iron Mountain, has gone to Ironwood to remain.

We hear that **H.C. Smith** [,] publisher of the Journal, of Iron Mountain, was married at Chicago, Thursday. THE CURRENT wishes Herb and his wife a full measure of happiness.

**C.W. and S.O. Kimberly** of the Hamilton mine, returned Saturday from Ottumwa, Iowa, where they had been attending the funeral of their best earthly friend, their mother, who was buried, Jan. 25.

The Crystal Falls Cycle is no more, but from its ashes has arisen the Crystal Falls Clipper, published by the Clipper Publishing Co. The man at the helm, **E.P. Kibbee** [,] is a hustler and no novice in the newspaper business, and the Clipper will live under his management if it could under that of anyone.

[Saturday, February 14, 1891]

**CURRENT NOTES.**

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--**Frank Ahlich** filled **P. Flanagan's** ice house with ice for his market.

--**Anton Odill's** ice house has been filled with an

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excellent quality of ice.

--The ice crop here is a good one, the ice being thick and almost free of snow.

--The **Hagemeister Brewing Co.**'s beer house has been filled with ice for summer's use.

--Mr. **A. Odill** has recently added to the beauty of his sample room, by hanging a number of fine pictures.

--The **McElroy** building on Cyclops avenue has been covered with sheet iron and now presents a very good appearance.

--**Richard C. Oliver** has one of the finest cabinets of mineral specimens in the northern country, and he is constantly adding to it.

--The lumber camps around Newberry, Mich., are short 200 men and dodgers have been scattered in some of the u.p. cities calling for that number.

--Th editor is indebted to **Gen. Mgr. Hagey** of the Penn Iron Co. for some old coins and fractional currency brought from his home in Penn., on his recent trip. We are laying the foundation for a museum, and there is a fossil at Iron Mountain which we hope to add to our collection some day.

--The total lumber cut of the Menominee river mills last year was 488,565,395 feet, and the shingle cut was 154,310,000. The amount of lumber on hand January 1, 1891, was 118,613,351 feet, and the shingles in stock was 25,058,000. The total cut of the Green Bay district was 918,919,821 feet of lumber and 389,196,000 shingles. The cut of this district at the close of the present year will exceed the above by many millions of feet. --Menominee Herald.

--The building used as a store for the Quinnesec mine, which was purchased by **Joseph Rowe**, has been taken down, moved to Norway, and is being re-erected on the lot next to **Johnson's furniture store**, on Cyclops avenue. Joseph will have a fine place to do business when the building is completed, **contractor Harper** doing the work.

--**William Holmes** was in town yesterday, on his way to one of his camps about nine miles from here. His men were in from camp and one of them was riding in a cutter which is 35 years old and was the first one Mr. Holmes ever owned. It is a pretty hard looking vehicle now but must have been made of good stuff to stand so much of a racket as it undoubtedly has.

--Tuesday evening a party of young people drove over to Iron Mountain and after driving about the city, attended the **Salvation army meeting** and partaking of oysters at a restaurant, they returned home arriving here about 11 o'clock. The following are the names of those who made up the party:

Misses **Mary Keast, Bessie Perkins, Tena and Robena Cook, Annie Gray, Florence, Eliza and Emma Balsom** and Messrs. **William Cocking, John Welsh, Robert Keast, Ben Tretheway, Thomas Rowell and Digery Harfoot.** The night was pleasant and all enjoyed the ride.

--**T.B. Catlin**, manager of the Iron Mountain telephone system, was here Monday and was a caller at THE CURRENT office. He informed us that in all probability a line would be constructed between Iron Mountain and Norway, the only thing needed is the raising of the sum of \$150 by toll tickets and that sum, he said, has been vouched by a prominent gentleman of this place. The construction men are now at Escanaba and will be at the above city soon to erect 50 ft. poles, taking down the 35 ft. ones now in use and then the construction of the line here will be taken up. Should the line reach here, we think, 'twill be but a short time before a system will be put in for the use of our business men. The office will be located in **A. Patenaude's** drug store, at least it looks that way at present.

**The Last Before Lent.**

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The M.F.A.Q. Club gave the last of its series of parties before the lenten season, Monday night, at the P.O.S. of A. hall. The early portion of the evening was spent in playing progressive pedro and the result was, upon counting up the games, that Miss **Helen McKinstry** and **Clarence D. Boyd** were awarded the booby prizes, the former receiving a squirrel-on-a-string and the latter a jump jack, Miss **Annie Godfrey** receiving the first prize, a deck of cards in case. Pedro was played until midnight, when luncheon consisting of sandwiches, cake, coffee and fruits was served. Dancing was then taken up and the wee sma' hours passed lively until about four o'clock when the participants departed for home. The most successful parties ever given in the city were those under the guidance of the M.F.A.Q. club, the members of which are all young men and know right well how to manage dances and parties for the pleasure of those who may be fortunate enough to attend them. The following are those who attended the above party: Mr. and Mrs. **H.J. Colwell**, Mr. and Mrs. **A.M. Monroe**, Mrs. **J.B. Lyons**, Mr. and Mrs. **J.H. Gee**, Mr. and Mrs. **R.C. Flannigan**, Mr. and Mrs. **C.D. Boyd**, Mr. and Mrs. **A. Patenaude**; Misses **Teresa Bush, Helen McKinstry, Eva Monroe, Abbie Colwell, Mamie Hosking, Della and Jesse Surprise, Warren, Burns, Beadle, Marian Bush, Teresa Woods, Annie Godfrey, and Kate Keating;**

**MISCELLANEOUS TIDBITS FROM THE COLUMNS OF THE CURRENT, NORWAY, MICH.**

Messrs. **G.B. Warren, William Kelly, J.M. Hews, A.S. Warren, M. Godfrey, T.J. King, R.C. Henderson, H.T. Gardiner, W.S. Fisher, Will Woods, C. D'A. Wright, Geroge Wright, Will Keating, Dr. O.M. Sattre, George Roche, Thos. O'Callaghan and Geo. O'Callaghan.**

**Ramblings.**

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**Supt. Kennedy** of the Millie returned, Wednesday form a month's visit to his old home in New York.

**Fred Flatt** is now on the reportotial staff of the Iron Mountain Journal, and we have no doubt that Fred will develop a good nose for news.

**Harry Work**, the efficient manager of the Lumberman's and Miner's Supply store, at Crystal Falls, has resigned his position, to join the great army of commercial travelers. Harry will sell crackers.

Wednesday, **Marshal Catlin**, of Iron Mountain, took one **Charles Carlson** to Menominee to be taken care of as a lunatic. Carlson has a great disposition to commit suicide, and has repeatedly tried to cut his throat.

Tuesday afternoon the **Sons of St. George of Iron Mountain**, to the number of about 200 headed by the city band, marched to the 1st Methodist church and listened to a sermon by **Rev. Williams**. They carried their new banner which is one of the most beautiful and costly in the country, and taken altogether the parade was a very fine one and a credit to the Order, and to the city of Iron Mountain.

**PERSONAL POINTERS.**

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**Mr. James Collins**, who has long been a resident here, is very sick and will in all probability soon depart with Mrs. Collins for their former home in Canada. Mr. Collins is a mechanic of no little ability, a first-class taxidermist and will be missed by many friends.

**John H. Spear** of the Norrie mine, Ironwood, has been here several days this week, and returned home Thursday. It is said that John has invested in a bright new cage at Ironwood and that he will come to Norway for a bird to put into it.

**Mrs. J. Kern** and daughter **Emma**, mother and sister of **Mrs. E.P. Lockart**, came here last week on a short visit. Mrs. K. returned home Thursday and Miss Emma Kern will remain here for some time.

**Joe McGibbins** returned early in the week from Ingalls where he was called by the illness of his sister. At the time he left the young lady was much improved.

**Miss McKinstrey**, of **R.C. Flannigan**'s law office, visited her brother at Iron Mountain, Thursday night.

**W.B. Molloy**, formerly of this place, but now located at Stambaugh, spent Sunday here.

**Paul Schultz** has gone to Germany for a visit. He will return in the Spring.

**Firemen's Masquerade Ball.**

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The masquerade ball given under the auspices of the Norway fire department, Friday night, of last week, was one of the most successful financially ever given in the hall. At about 9:30 o'clock one could have bought the house for almost nothing, the maskers coming in slowly, but soon after they began filing in in a stream as if they were coming from one place, and by ten o'clock over one hundred and fifty people were in the hall, over half of them being masked. Dancing and marching were kept up until midnight when the grand march was ordered and then off masks. Supper was then announced and many partook of sandwiches, coffee, etc., on the stage, furnished by **Mrs. F. Ahlich**. The following prizes were awarded: Best waltzers, Miss **Helma Anderson**, Quinnesec, and **William Wood**; richest ladies' costume, **Jesse Surprise**, Quinnesec, richest gent's costume, **C.D. Boyd**; comic, **Ole Hansen**, Vulcan; homliest costume, **Julius Brachetti**. T'would be impossible to give the names of those in attendance there being too large a list for our columns. Good order was kept and everything passed off to the satisfaction of all who attended. Music was furnished by the Norway orchestra and **Jos. Preville** of Iron Mountain, did the prompting. The proceeds were \$83, leaving a neat balance for the fire laddies.

*[Saturday, February 21, 1891]*

**CURRENT NOTES.**

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--The **Nowack** ice house, Frederickton, is being filled with ice.

--Crystal Falls is to have another benevolent society, the **Order of Hermann Sons**.

--Our night officer **Mr. Egidio Allessaendri** has been off duty for some time on account of sickness, and officer **Laforge**

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following: William Talbot was born in the State of New York, and was about 64 years old. He was for 12 or 14 years yardmaster at Chicago, of the C., R.I. & Pacific Ry. and came to this range when the branch road was being built, about 14 or 15 years ago. He was a brother-in-law of **J.F. Phillips**, of Chicago, Asst. Secty. and Treas. of the Rock Island road, and he has a son an officer of that road, now at Kingsfisher, Ind. Ter. [*Indian Territory*] who is expected here to attend the funeral. He had another son whose whereabouts is at present unknown. The funeral is expected to take place today, if his son arrives or is heard from. The deceased was a man of much intelligence, and although he led a sort of hermit life, he was of a genial disposition and popular among the hunting fraternity who always found a welcome at "Brockey's." Peace to his ashes.

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### Ramblings.

**M.B. McGee**, of Quinnesec, was absent last week, attending the funeral of his father Mr. **James McGee** who died at Lake Linden. Mr. McGee was one of the pioneers of Houghton county and was greatly respected. He was about 70 years old.

[*Saturday, March 21, 1891, page 1, column 2*]

### CURRENT NOTES.

--From the Crystal Falls papers we learn with regret of the death at the Dunn mine, on Monday of last week, of **Mrs. David Utter**, a former resident of this county and an estimable lady. Mrs. Utter was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Fred. Lamson**, of Waucedah, and leaves two children to mourn with the stricken husband, parents and brother's [*sic*] and sisters, her untimely demise.

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### Born

to Mr. and Mrs. **J.H. MacNaughton**, on Sunday, March 15th, 1891 -- ONE BOY. The youthful printer is, so far, only what our Scandinavian friends would call a "small pika," but he will cut no small figure in the "makeup" of the MacNaughton household,

in future, and will doubtless cause Mac to "display" more or less activity [*sic*] in the midnight "chases" after the paragoric bottle.

### Born.

On Tuesday, (St. Patrick's day) to Mr. and Mrs. **R.C. Oliver**, a young and lusty saint. Dick seemed to be about the best pleased individual in town on that great holiday, and his friends received many invitations to "smile" to the health of mother and boy.

Mr. and Mrs. **Geo. O'Callaghan** also rejoice over the arrival of a young lumberman, Thursday.

[*Saturday, March 21, 1891, page 1, columns 4-5*]

### Died.

**FLANNIGAN.** --At Norway, Mich., Thursday, March 19, 1891, of bronchitis, **James Flannigan**, aged nearly 78 years.

The foregoing record chronicles the departure of one of Norway's pioneers, as well as a pioneer of the Lake Superior region. The deceased who was the father of **Atty. R.C. and Miss Aggie Flannigan**, came to America from Ireland, about 45 years ago and soon found his way to Ontonagon county, Mich., where he held positions of responsibility as a miner, being at one time mining captain of what is known as the "Old Forest" mine. Along in the early seventies he moved to Marquette county, and from there he came to Norway about ten years ago. He was the father of thirteen children most of whom grew to man's and woman's estate, but four, viz. **Rev. Fr. Flannigan**, of Chicago, **Atty. R.C.**, of Norway, **John**, of Leadville, Col., and **Miss Aggie**, of Norway, are all who survive him. His wife having also died at Marquette eleven years ago. During the past years he has been making his home with Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Flannigan, and although well past the allotted age of man he seemed as rugged and full of vitality as for years past, and seemed as happy as the comforts and attention bestowed by loving hands could make him. Some days ago, he by some means, contracted a cold, and it seems that the vitality which had served him in good stead for many years as too far spent to allow him to rally, and he passed away as a child to sleep. Perhaps no man in his community had more friends and fewer enemies, and his familiar form and cheery voice with his reminiscences of pioneer days will be missed by young and old. Peace to his ashes and to his soul a blessed immortality. The remains will be



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taken to Marquette and entered *[sic]* in the family lot, today.

**COLLINS** – At Norway, Sunday, March 15, 1891, after a long illness, **James W. Collins**, aged 41 years.

We noted some weeks ago that Mr. Collins was sick and that he intended to go to Canada as soon as he was able to travel, and the news of his death, Sunday, was somewhat unexpected. Deceased was born at Utica, N.Y., and came here from Canada about 7 years ago. He has been an industrious and energetic man, and a good citizen. He was somewhat unassuming, but had many friends, who sympathize with his bereaved wife. The remains were taken to Pendleton, Canada, Monday, for burial. Deceased was a brother of **Mrs. S.R. Hews**, of Vulcan[,] who is now with her husband visiting in Canada, and Mr. Hews will meet the widow on her journey and return with her to the place of burial.

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### PERSONAL POINTERS.

Mr. **John Hews** and Mrs. **Carrie Kennedy** accompanied Mrs. **James Collins** to Hermansville, Monday, where she took the S. Ste. M.M. & St. P. Ry. for Canada with the remains of her late husband.

The news of the death of Mrs. **Fred. Nowack**, Menominee, reached here, Thursday, and Mr. and Mrs. **Ferd. Nowack** and **Will** went to Menominee Friday to attend the funeral.

*[Saturday, March 21, 1891, page 8, column 1]*

### Married.

**Hartman--Anderson** – At Frederickton, on Saturday, March 14, 1891, **Rev. J.A. Axelsson** of the Swedish Lutheran church officiating, Mr. **Gustaf Hartman** and Miss **Johanna Andersson**.

THE CURRENT offers its congratulations, and well wishes.

*[Saturday, March 28, 1891, page 1, columns 1-2]*

### CURRENT NOTES.

–Mr. and Mrs. **Charles Beard**, of Vulcan, rejoice over a recent addition to their family.

–**Mrs. James McGillan**, of Appleton, was here from Friday until Sunday, and her sweet singing added much to the solemnity of the services at St. Mary's church, over the remains of **James Flannigan**.

–Arterial embalming of the dead is becoming very prevalent, especially when the body has to be taken some distance for burial. **Undertaker Springer** of this city embalmed the body of the late **James Collins** and when it arrived in Canada, it was found to be in a remarkably good state of preservation.

*[Saturday, March 28, 1891, page 1, columns 3-4]*

### Buried at Marquette.

The remains of Mr. **James Flannigan** were taken to Marquette for burial, Saturday. Services were held at St. Mary's church, at 7 o'clock A.M. **Rev. Fr. P.M. Flannigan**[,] a son of deceased, from Chicago, officiating, assisted by **Rev. Fr. Chebul** of St. Mary's church. The closing ceremonies being conducted at the grave by Fr. Flannigan. The Pall bearers were Messrs. **P. Langin**, **James O'Callaghan**, **J.H. Gee**, **R.M. Sampson**, **J. Benane** and **Alexis Patenaude**. A number of friends accompanied the body and mourning relatives to Marquette, among whom were, Messrs. **John Cooney**, **R.C. Henderson** and **J.B. Knight** of Norway, Mr. **A.C. Cook** and Miss **Agnes Bolan**, of Iron Mountain, Mr. **Thomas Dooley** of Houghton, and Mr. **M. O'Leary** and family of Negaunee. A large number of friends of deceased at Marquette met the funeral cortege at the train and accompanied it to the cemetery. **Mrs. Farron**, of Houghton, a sister of deceased[,] was present at the funeral.

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### Died.

**SPARGO** – At the residence of **L.F. Springer**, on Friday, March 20, of consumption, Mrs. **Martha Spargo**, aged 54 years.

Mrs. Spargo was born at Lanarth, Cornwall, England, Aug. 20th, 1837 and was married to **John Spargo** June 17th, 1857. Deceased came to America in 1873 to join her husband who came here some time before, and located at Republic. In 1881 they moved to this county, being most of the time at Vulcan,

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*[Saturday, July 26, 1890, page 1, column 4]*

### **Sad Accident.**

Monday evening, **Martin Bourkman**, who had just come from Iron Mountain, procured work as a miner at the **Aragon**, was fearfully injured by the explosion of a box of 100 fulminate caps or exploders from which he had just taken the cover and which he was examining. The explosion so mangled one hand that amputation was necessary, and cut the man very badly about the face and body. His injuries will hardly prove fatal but the greatest wonder is, how he escaped with life. no cause is known for the explosion. It was Bourkman's first shift's work and he had but just begun.

*[Saturday, August 9, 1890, page 1, column 1]*

--On Tuesday, while **William Balsom** was doing mason work at **West Vulcan**, a stone rolled on his foot bruising it considerable. The injury will cause him to remain at home for some days.

*[Saturday, August 23, 1890, page 1, column 2]*

--From the Range we learn that **Capt. John Carbis**, of the **Millie**, who was injured by the swinging of a bucket of ore, is again attending to business.

*[Saturday, August 23, 1890, page 1, columns 5-6]*

### **Sudden Death.**

On Saturday night, **Jacob Anderson**, a miner, employed at the **Aragon** mine, went to work as usual and continued at his duties until early in the morning when he was taken with cramps in his stomach. The cramps grew worse and he summoned the mine physician and then went to the house of O.J. Person, near the depot, where he boarded and died a few hours after. Cholera morbus was the cause. The remains were interred Sunday afternoon at the Norway cemetery after services being held at the Swedish Baptist church of which society he was a member. The funeral was under the direction of the Scandinavian Society of which he was a member since its organization. Deceased was well-known here, having resided here for about five years, was highly respected, industrious and

was one of the leaders in the construction of the Swedish Baptist church and helped to keep it up. He was born at Broby, Sunnansjo, Sweden, where he had two sisters and a brother living. His father died some twenty years ago and his mother last year. Deceased was about 23 years of age. His friends here think he had no relatives in this country. A telegraph message was sent Monday to deceased's brother in Sweden.

*[Saturday, September 13, 1890, page 1, column 2]*

--**Geo. Rowse**, employed at *[the]* **Curry** had his head injured last week. He was in the shaft and hose that was in there fell, the coupling striking him in the head making quite a little gash. Lucky the injury did not prove more serious.

*[Saturday, September 20, 1890, page 1, columns 4-5]*

### **An Almost Fatal Accident.**

Monday, soon after noon, by the breaking of a plank in the staging, three men who were timbering "C" shaft at the **Chapin**, from the 8th to the 7th level, were precipitated to the bottom a distance of 40 ft. One of them, **Adolph Strandin**, was rendered insensible but was the least injured of the three, sustaining only a severe shaking up and a few contusions. The second, **August Peterson**, was injured in the back and has a very badly sprained ankle. The third man **Magnus Sundstrom** had a broken thighbone and a badly shattered ankle. At first it was thought that in the cases of the two last named, the shock might prove fatal, but Tuesday found both resting comfortably and all immediate danger passed. As far as present indications go there will be no permanent injury, although for two of them a long season of inactivity may be expected. An examination of the broken plank shows that there was a knot about two feet from the end where the break occurred. The men were not new hands at the business, and had been using the same plank with others in bringing the timberwork from the bottom. As to whether all three were standing on the same plank when it broke we were unable to learn as they were not in condition to talk when we saw them.

*[Saturday, September 27, 1890, page 1, column 6]*

### **Coroner's Inquest.**

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The following is the evidence given and the verdict rendered Monday, the 22d day of September, at the inquest over the body of **Charles Buyens, killed at the Norway Mine on Saturday, and whose body was recovered early Sunday morning:**

**STATE OF MICHIGAN,  
County of Menominee,**

Examination and testimony of witnesses, produced, sworn and examined upon an inquest taken and held upon the body of Charley Buyens, deceased, at the township of Norway in said County, on the 22d day of Sept. A.D. 1890, before me, **Patrick Flanagan**, coroner of said county and **Joseph Rowe, W.H. Gray, Henry J. Colwell, Alexis Patenaude, Isaac Wilkinson** and **Samuel F. Clark**, good and lawful men of said county, duly sworn, upon their oath diligently to inquire in behalf of the people of this State when in what manner, and by what means the said Charley Buyens came to his death.

**Bonomelli Barnaby [sic -- Barnaby Bonomelli]**, a witness, produced, sworn and examined upon said inquest says -- through **E. Allissandri**, interpreter -- duly sworn, I live in Norway, I work in the Norway mine, I was working their [sic] last Saturday with deceased -- I do not know his name. We were traming rock from one place to a mill -- a chute where rock goes through. The accident happened about 8 A.M., Sept. 20th last. I heard a big noise, my lamp fell out of my hand and I started to run toward the chute, I went about 4 or 5 steps, something caught [sic] me in the feet and I could go no further. It was dark. I could not see anything. I could not tell what deceased was doing. I think he was taking some tobacco out of his coat pocket, which was laying on two piles of timber, behind me about 7 or 8 feet. I did not hear deceased make a noise. I was fastened in about one and-a-half hours before I got out. I started to get out as soon as I heard the noise. I thought it was dirt coming down in the shaft, where deceased was taking the tobacco out of his coat pocket was about 4 or 5 feet from where we were working in front.

BONOMELLI BARNABY.

**John Chipman**, a witness, produced, sworn and examined upon said inquest, upon his oath says, that I live in Norway, I am shift boss in the Norway mine, I had charge of the deceased and his partner, I placed them at work. I put them to work there at 7 A.M., Saturday last. We have been working there for the last three years as we used the rock. I cannot say what caused the accident unless it was caused by water dammed [sic] back an [sic - and] was let lose [sic] by the

deceased and his partner. When I found deceased he was lifted from the bottom of the tunnel about five feet. He was squeezed up against the side of the tunnel. Deceased was in there about 19 hours. Deceased and his partner were loading rock and sand from a shaft. The stuff was coming from the surface. Deceased was found within 6 feet of his work, where his shovel was found. We went in through the drift to get deceased out. There was about 200 cars of dirt, and rock say 300 tons of rock in the drift. We had to remove most of this before we got deceased out. There is about two feet of an opening from the shaft to the drift. We have not seen that opening yet to know whether it is enlarged or not. The breast leading from this shaft to the drift was made of timber, 14 in. through, lagging and plank. Some of the timber was put there three years ago and some within two months. I regarded it as perfectly safe.

JOHN CHIPMAN.

**Dr. O.M. Sattre**, a witness, produced, sworn and examined upon said inquest, upon his oath says, I live in Norway, I am a practicing physician and surgeon in this Village and mining physician. I examined deceased when he was taken out. The cause of death was a fracture of the skull which must have produced immediate death.

O.M. SATTRE.

An inquisition, taken at Norway, in said county, on the 22d day of Sept. A.D. 1890, before **Patrick Flanagan**, coroner of said county, upon the view of the body of Charley Buyens there lying dead, upon the oaths of the jurors whose names are hereto subscribed, who being sworn to inquire in behalf of the people of this State, where, in what manner and by what means the said Charley Buyens came to his death, upon their oaths do say that deceased came to his death in the Norway mine in the Township of Norway, on the 20th day of Sept. A.D. 1890, by a slide of rock from the shaft. The cause of the slide of rock from the shaft being unknown to us. In testimony whereof the jurors and coroner of this inquest have hereunto subscribed their name, the day and year aforesaid.

W.H. GRAY, Foreman,  
JOSEPH ROWE,  
S.F. CLARK,  
ALEXIS PATENAUDE,  
I. WILKINSON,  
HENRY J. COLWELL.

PATRICK FLANAGAN, Coroner.

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[Saturday, October 18, 1890, page 1, column 1]

--**Eli Jareau**, brakeman on the **Norway** switch, had a finger smashed while on duty, Wednesday.

--**John Quarnstrom**, at the **Aragon**, accidentally got dirt in one of his eyes and since has had a quite painful optic.

--A man whose name we did not learn, had one of his feet jammed by a piece of timber at the new **West Vulcan** shaft, Tuesday.

[Saturday, October 18, 1890, page 1, column 2]

--A man at the **Millie** undertook a few days ago to close the earthly career of a fellow workman by the aid of a miner's candlestick. The wound did not prove fatal but the assailant vamoosed. This was, as nearly as we could learn the third occurrence of the kind at the **Millie**.

[Saturday, October 18, 1890, page 1, column 4]

### **Killed by a Derrick.**

**Vincento Benginzo**[,] one of the workmen engaged in building the house for the hoisting engine at "D" shaft at **Chapin**, was killed last Friday by the fall of a derrick which was used to raise the blocks of sandstone. One of the guys broke away from its anchorage and allowed the derrick to fall. The coroners [sic] jury meet [sic] today.

### **A Terrible Accident.**

Tuesday night at 11 o'clock an accident at the **Ludington** mine caused the death of three men and for a time greatly endangered the lives of others. At the hour named the men[,] working in and around the pillar of No. 1 shaft, felt a great shock and a cracking and giving away of timbers and a fearful rush of air through the openings, followed. When those in the vicinity recovered sufficient presence of mind to ascertain, it was found that five men were missing. Two of these, **P. Gluyes** and **R. Dunn**[,] found their way out after some hours, having sustained little or no injury. Of the others, **John Fisher** was found some time the next morning, almost wholly covered up at the 4th level. Every effort was made to rescue him alive[,] he being fastened to the bottom of the level by a piece of plank across his back. This was sawed out with small saws, the

unfortunate man keeping in good spirit and apparently very little hurt, until the pressure on him was removed, when he began to fail and died before he could be wholly extricated. This was as sad a death underground as we ever witnessed and the exclamation of the unfortunate man, a few minutes before he died, ("so near and yet so far") was indeed pathetic. An examination of the body showed that the plank had done its fatal work and that there was no chance for life, had the rescue been earlier. Of the others, **W. Bailey** was found at the 3rd level lying across the end of the car wick he had been filling, and partially covered with ore. Death must have been instantaneous. **W.R. Davis**[,] the last of the unfortunate ones[,] was found in his place of work in an almost upright position, nearly covered with ore. His body was brought to surface about 8 o'clock Wednesday night[,] it being the last of the three found. Fisher was a widower with two children, Bailey was not married, and Davis leaves a wife and one child. The funeral occurred yesterday under the auspices of the order Sons of St.[.] George of which all three were members, and was the largest one ever seen on this range. Of the cause of the accident we have nothing to say at this time. There are very many different rumors both as to cause and effect, and we will give our readers at a later day, the evidence presented to and the verdict rendered by a coroner's jury.

[Saturday, October 25, 1890, page 1, column 3]

Isaac Barkle was quite severely injured on Tuesday at the **Millie** mine. He was about to descend in the mine and gave the signal to be lowered to the fourth level. The engineer responded by letting the cage down very rapidly but it was stopped very suddenly at the third level, as some fellow had neglected to remove the iron catch-bars from the shaft, and consequently the cage could go no farther. Mr. Barkle was quite badly shaken up but escaped serious injury, although one of his legs barely escaped being broken.

In addition to the foregoing we may add that Mr. Barkle's son is just recovering from an attack of typhoid fever, and Mrs. Barkle is now confined to her bed with the same disease. Through enough for one time, surely.

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### **Not Yet Decided.**

## LANGUAGES USED IN EPITAPHS

The following information originally appeared as an appendix to "Cemeteries: A Source of Geographic Information" in *Transactions* (Volume LXIII, 1975), a publication of the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters. The information was compiled by Dr. Maurice E. Perret, a Professor Emeritus at the University of Wisconsin.

When epitaphs are in a foreign language, some sentences or words may be clues to the language and consequently the ethnic group of the deceased.

Some indications are found at the same spot in many epitaphs, especially on older graves.

### HEADING

Commonly used in German, in French and in Slavic languages and occasionally in others. It is a line above the name with the meaning of "Here lies", "Here rests in peace", or "In Memory of". The following phrases may be observed:

A la mémoire de	French
Aquí reposa	Spanish
Ci-git	French
Er coffadwriaeth Am	Welsh
Här Hvilar	Swedish
Her Hviler	Danish/ Norwegian
Hic Jacet	Latin
(sometimes used for priests)	
Hier Ruhet in Frieden	German
Ici repose	French
Qui riposa	Italian
R.I.P. (Requiescat in Pace)	Latin
(often used for Catholics)	
Tassa Lepaa	Finnish
Tu spoczywa	Polish
Zde Odpociva	Czech (Bohemian)

### DATE OF BIRTH

It is the first date, when there are two or

more, and it is generally preceded by a word meaning "born", which has the following equivalents:

Anwyd	Welsh
Berne	Frisian
Föd	Danish/Norwegian
Fod	Danish
Född	Swedish
Födt	Danish/Norwegian
Fodt	Danish
Ganwyd	Welsh
Geboren (Geb)	Dutch, Flemish, German
Narodeny (Nar)	Slovak
Narodil (Nar)	Slovak
Narozen (Nar)	Czech (Bohemian)
Narozony (Nar)	Polish
Nascutu	Romanian
Nato	Italian, Portuguese, Spanish
Natus	Latin
Né	French
Rodjen (Rod)	Croatian
Rodzony (Rod)	Polish
Rojen (Roj)	Slovene
Rozeny (Roz)	Czech (Bohemian)
Syntynyt (Synt)	Finnish
Született (Szül)	Hungarian
Urodziel (Ur)	Polish
Urodzil (Ur)	Polish
Urodzony (Ur)	Polish

### DATE OF DEATH

It is the date when only one is given. When there are more than one, it is the last. [The others may refer to the birth, the emigration, the wedding, the settling in the area, the ordination for priests.] It is generally preceded by a word meaning "died" or "deceased" which has the following equivalents:

Bu Farw	Welsh
Décédé	French
Defunctus	Latin





## LANGUAGES USED IN EPITAPHS

Majka	Croatian, Slovens	Tochter	German
Maman	French		
Matica	Slovene		
Matka	Croatian, Polish, Czech (Bohemian), Slovak		
		<b>HUSBAND</b>	
		The equivalents found are:	
Mère	French	Ehemann	German
Moder	Danish, Norwegian, Swedish	Epoux	French
		Esposo	Spanish
Moeder	Dutch, Flemish	Marido	Portuguese, Spanish
Mutter	German	Marito	Italian
		Maz	Polish
		Priod	Welsh
	<b>SON</b>		
	The equivalents found are:		
Figlio	Italian		
Filho	Portuguese		
Fils	French	Ehefrau	German
Fiu	Romanian	Espose	French
Hijo	Spanish	Esposa	Portuguese, Spanish
Mab	Welsh		
Sin	Croatian, Swedish	Femme	French
Sohn	German	Frau	German
Son	Danish, Norwegian, Swedish	Fru	Danish, Norwegian
		Frue	Swedish
Son	Danish	Gattin	German
Syn	Czech (Bohemian), Polish, Slovak	Moglie	Italian
		Mujer	Spanish
Zoon	Dutch, Flemish	Mulher	Portuguese
		Vrouw	Dutch, Flemish
		Zena	Czech (Bohemian), Croatian, Slovak
		Zona	Polish
	<b>DAUGHTER</b>		
	The equivalents found are:		
Corka	Polish		
Datter	Danish, Norwegian		
Dcera	Czech (Bohemian), Slovak		
Dochter	Dutch, Flemish		
Dotter	Swedish		
Fia	Romanian		
Figlia	Italian		
Fiica	Romanian		
Filha	Portuguese		
Fille	French		
Hci	Slovens		
Hija	Spanish		

*As in many languages, the inflection of words marks the case, the gender and the number. Words in inscriptions may have different endings than those indicated above. For instance for the feminine: gerborene (geerboren), nata (nato, natus), narodena (narodeny), née (né), zemrela (zemrel); in Polish, roku is a case of rok and the plural is lata. Other differences may be attributed to old spellings or simply to ignorance or to mistakes made by the stonecutter who did not know the language of the inscription he was carving.*

*If the inscription is not written in Roman script, it may be in one of the following alphabets: Hebrew for Jews; Cyrillic for Bulgarians, Russians, Serbians and Ukrainians; Greek for Greeks.*

**DICKINSON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
1998 TREASURER'S REPORT**

<b>Bank Balance on January 1, 1998</b>		<b>\$532.13</b>
Memberships and back issue sales (including some from 1999)	\$400.00	
Super One (\$372.63)/Econo Foods (\$133.76)	\$506.39	
Interest Earned	\$5.05	
<b>Total Income 1998</b>		<b>\$911.44</b>
Disbursements		
Mid-Peninsula Library Cooperative [Printing <i>Dickinson Diggings</i> ]	\$72.00	
Postage Costs	\$28.00	
Wisconsin State Genealogical Society [membership]	\$25.00	
Heritage Quest Magazine [membership]	\$28.00	
Everton's Genealogical Helper [2-year subscription]	\$48.00	
National Genealogical Society [membership]	\$30.00	
Robert Johnson [CD-Rom program - PERSI]	\$55.00	
August Menghini Museum [donation]	\$20.00	
Office Supplies	\$16.31	
Christmas Social Paper Supplies	\$10.05	
<b>Total Disbursements 1998</b>		<b>\$783.01</b>
<b>Bank Balance on December 31, 1998</b>		<b>\$660.56</b>

Respectfully Submitted by D. Joann Johnson, Treasurer

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**SOCIETY NOTES AND THE EDITOR'S CORNER**

At the November, 1998, meeting of the D.C.G.S. it was noted that PERSI [Periodical Source Index] is now available for use at the Dickinson County Library, and that this resource was very easy to use.

Member Bob Johnson noted he has typed over 2,200 names from the Quinnesec Cemetery into the computer program data base. He also asked for more records and for permission to start on the Norway Cemetery lists.

JoAnn Johnson gave a program on the use of computers in genealogy, demonstrating the Personal Ancestral File (PAF) and Family Origins 5.0a. She also distributed lists of features on Family Origins 5.0a and Family Tree Maker 3.4 as well as lists of other genealogy programs available.

A Christmas social was held at the Dickinson County Library on December 17, 1998, following a short meeting. A check from Econo Foods totaling \$133.76 was received, the money being earmarked for German research material. The book *The German Research Companion* was the first item ordered with these funds.

Three microfilms ordered by the Dickinson County Library for the 1884 and 1894 Michigan State Census have been received.

A new column featuring mining accidents reported in *The Current* begins in this issue. These early accounts often contain information unavailable elsewhere, and are useful to genealogists and local historians alike.

*William J. Cummings, Editor*

## DICKINSON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 1999

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**MEMBERSHIP:** *Memberships in the DCGS run for the calendar year. Dues are \$10.00 [joint] per year, renewable as of January 1. Membership includes the year's four issues of DICKINSON DIGGINGS and two queries. Volumes I-XVI are available for \$10.00 postpaid per volume. A limited supply of back issues is available. Please write first to ascertain availability and enclose a S.A.S.E. for a reply. Members desiring a membership card should also write indicating this desire, and again should enclose a S.A.S.E. for a reply.*

**RESEARCH POLICY:** *At this time, the DCGS does not undertake research projects for individuals. Please contact Mrs. James (Hazel) Dault, N3712 Bass Lake Road, Iron Mountain, Michigan 49801 [(906) 774-2524] for detailed research in Dickinson County, Michigan, and the surrounding area. State your specific problem and enclose a S.A.S.E. for a reply in which the cost of the proposed research will be estimated. Mrs. Dault has a vast collection of area genealogical data and also has access to federal census reports [1830-1910] for all Upper Peninsula and many Lower Peninsula counties which are available at the Dickinson County Library.*

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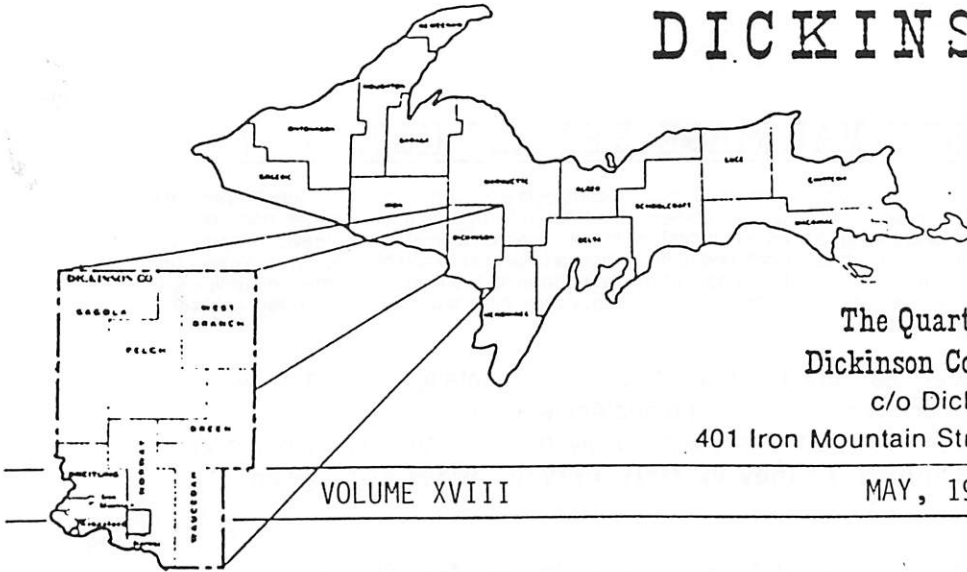
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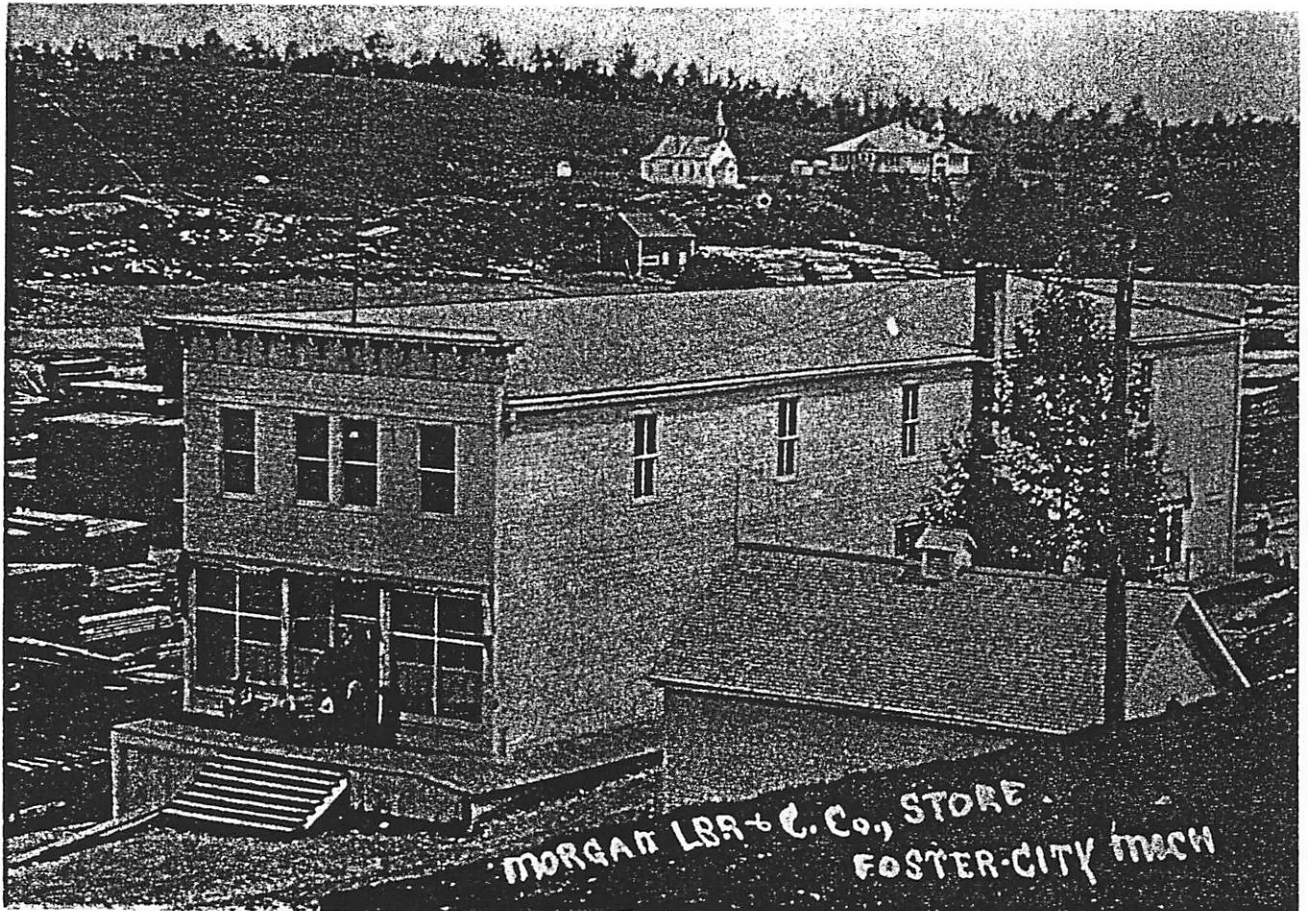
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Taken from "Boardinghouse Hill" in Foster City, this postcard view shows the Morgan Lumber and Cedar Company store in the foreground. Doors to the left of the store steps led into the basement storage area. The Chicago & North-Western Railway tracks passed close to the store at the basement level and the company lumberyards were also located nearby. At the upper right, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, the settlement's first Catholic church building which was built in 1906, stands to the left of the Longfellow School. [Beatrice Blomquist]

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- 1,066. **Krohn, William**; 30 October 1899; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 31; Milwaukee, Wis.; section foreman; not given; William Krohn and Annie Schultz;  
**Holland, Ella**; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 31; Wisconsin; not given; none; James Holland and Mary Riley; N.H. Nobsbisch; **Thomas Touhey** and **Mary Harvey**, residences not given; 31 October 1899
- 1,067. **McCarthy, Patrick**; 30 October 1899; St. Mary's Church, Norway, Mich.; Norway, Mich.; 26; Michigan; lumberman; not given; John McCarthy and Mary O'Neil;  
**Gorman, Matilda**; Norway, Mich.; 25; Buckingham, Canada; not given; not given; Patrick Gorman and Annie Murphy; Rev. F.X. Becker; **Johanna McCarthy**, of Norway, Mich., and **Phillippe Gorman**, of Canada; 31 October 1899
- 1,068. **Hill, John**; 4 November 1899; Norway, Mich.; Vulcan, Mich.; 26; Linden, Wis.; laborer; not given; Harry Hill and Annie Greely;  
**Schindler, Martha**; Vulcan, Mich.; 18; Germany; not given; not given; Otto Schindler and Minnie Haff; R.L. Hewson; **Albert Corn** and **Anna McEnghin**, both of Vulcan, Mich.; 4 November 1899
- 1,069. **D'hannus/D'haeneus, Hommaire**; 13 November 1899; St. Mary's Church, Norway, Mich.; Norway, Mich.; 36; Belgium; miner; not given; August D'hannus and Frances De Munck;  
**Meuleman, Marie Sidoni [De Beagn, Marie Sidoni - ?]**, Norway, Mich.; 42; Belgium; not given; once; Ambros Meuleman and Emerenciana Callen; Rev. F.X. Becker; **Edward Van Bosch**, of Vulcan, Mich., and **Philomen Purselaer**, of Norway, Mich.; 14 November 1899
- 1,070. **Nilson, Haagen**; 7 November 1899; Wilson, Wis. [sic - Mich.]; Norway, Mich.; 29; Norway, Europe; carpenter; not given; Nils Nilson and Mette Hansen;  
**Hanson, Emma**; Wilson, Mich.; 28; Wisconsin; dressmaker; not given; Peter Hanson and Ellen/Ella Hilmand; Christian Hjermsstad; **Ella Hanson** and **Theodor [sic] Hanson**, both of Wilson, Mich.
- 1,071. **Olson, John**; 4 November 1899; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 26; Sweden; railroading; not given; Olans Rask and Maria Johnson;  
**Johnson, Annie**; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 27; Sweden; not given; not given; Johannes Anderson and Johanna C. -----; A.T. Fant; **Emma Anderson** and **N. Anderson**, both of Iron Mountain, Mich.; 7 November 1899
- 1,072. **Grosnik, Joseph**; 27 November 1899; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 29; Austria; miner; none; Joseph Grosnik and Ursula Grosnik;  
**Schwei, Mary**; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 24; Austria; not given; not given; Lawrence Schwei and Lucy Krofle; N.H. Nobsbisch; **Jacob Schwei** and **Magdalene Schwei**, both of Iron Mountain, Mich.; 28 November 1899



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- 1,073. **Monacelli, Joseph [Guiseppe]**; 13 November 1899; Holy Rosary Church, Iron Mountain, Mich.; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 26; Italy; miner; none; Ignace onacelli and Rosa Tosti;  
**D'Innocenzo, Santina**; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 16; Italy; not given; none; Joseph D'Innocenzo and Antonia Fondecchia; Rev. Benjamin Berto; **Liborie Cascioli** and **Philumena Fondechia**, both of Italy; 18 November 1899
- 1,074. **Perigny, August L.**; 14 November 1899; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 23; Canada; clerk; not given; Elzard Perigny and Fillis [Phyllis] Fugeir [Fugere];  
**Villancour, Emma**; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 22; Wisconsin; not given; not given; Israel Villancour and Helena German; Rev. A., Poulin; **Herbert Petit** and **Mary Rheume**, both of Iron Mountain, Mich.; 18 November 1899
- 1,075. **Swanson, Andrew**; 15 November 1899; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 28; Sweden; clerk; not given; Swan ---- and Helena Peterson;  
**Sundstrom, Julia**; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 22; Michigan; not given; none; August F. Sundstrom and Clara Edstrom; Antony E. Lind; **Rose Sundstrom** and **John Swanson**, both of Iron Mountain, Mich.; 18 November 1899
- 1,076. **Russell, Fred E.**; 15 November 1899; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 22; Michigan; laborer; not given; James T. Russell and Kate Jarvis;  
**Rule, Cora**; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 19; Michigan; not given; not given; John Rule and Kate Beckerleg; A. Raymond Johns; **Susan J. Allen** and **James Rule**, both of Iron Mountain, Mich.; 16 November 1899
- 1,077. **Wils, Michael**; 14 November 1899; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Norway, Mich.; 27; Belgium; miner; not given; Carl Wils and Maria Lindekens;  
**Hunselmans, Elizabeth**; Norway, Mich.; 18; Belgium; not given; not given; Joseph Hunselmans and Philomena Meures; Rudolph T. Miller, J.P.; Mrs. **Annie Schell**, of Niagara, Wis., and **Joseph A. Richard**, of Iron Mountain, Mich.; 15 November 1899
- 1,078. **Nilson, Severin**; 18 November 1899; Norway, Mich.; Norway, Mich.; 23; Norway, Europe; laborer; none; Steve Nilson and Annie Nilson;  
**Swanback, Mary**; Norway, Mich.; 25; Finland; not given; none; Fred Johnson and not given; H. Colliander; **Peder Flensburg** and **Mrs. A.M. Burns**, both of Norway, Mich.; 21 November 1899
- 1,079. **McAnulty, Thomas D.**; 25 November 1899; Niagara, Marinette County, Wis.; Niagara, Wis.; 27; Canada; millwright; not given; Daniel McAnulty and Catherine Finlan;  
**Murray, Lilly**; Niagara, Wis.; 22; Menasha, Wis.; not given; none; Frank E. Murray and Mary Smith; Rev. F.X. Becker; **John Hovekin** and **Mrs. Mary Murray**, both of Niagara, Wis.; 27 November 1899

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- 1,080. **Julian, Richard James**; 18 November 1899; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Crystal Falls, Mich.; 29; England; miner; one; Charles Julian and Mary Jane Pooley;  
**Nichols, Alice**; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 19; Houghton County, Mich.; not given; none; Thomas Nichols and Amelia Sampson; Rudolph T. Miller, J.P.; **Wm. R. Mathews** and **Amelia A. Mathews**, both of Iron Mountain, Mich.; 22 November 1899
- 1,081. **Ivens, Camiel**; 5 December 1899; Quinnesec, Mich.; Quinnesec, Mich.; 22; Belgium; miner; none; Charles Ivens and Calita Van DAMme;  
**McGraw, Berta**; Quinnesec, Mich.; 17; Republic, Mich.; not given; not given; James McGraw and Emily Dodge; R.L. Hewson; **Daniel Dunn** and **Minnie Grant**, both of Quinnesec, Mich.; 6 December 1899
- 1,082. **West, Joseph**; 16 December 1899; Norway, Mich.; Norway, Mich.; 28; Finland; miner; not given; Eric Erickson and Catherina Westerback;  
**Sjoholm, Elida**; Norway, Mich.; 25; Finland; not given; none; Joseph Sjoholm and not given; H. Colliander, Lutheran Church; **Victor West** and **Mina Josefson**, both of Norway, Mich.; 19 December 1899
- 1,083. **Rozine, Edward**; 27 November 1899; St. Mary's Church, Norway, Mich.; Norway, Mich.; 26; New York State; laborer; not given; Paul Rozine and Emily Derosia;  
**Rochon, Exilda**; Norway, Mich.; 22; Canada; not given; not given; Evangelist Rochon and Elmira Foucaux; Rev. F.X. Becker; **John Rosane** [sic] and **Mathilda Rochon**, both of Norway, Mich.; 28 November 1899
- 1,084. **Geisen, Louis**; 28 November 1899; Norway, Mich.; Vulcan, Mich.; 26; Wisconsin; laborer; not given; Hubard Geisen and Mary Pieca;  
**McGurk, Myra**; Vulcan, Mich.; 26; not given; not given; none; John McGurk and Clara Jentais; Joseph Rowe; **Frank McGurk** and **Lizzie McGurk**, both of Norway, Mich.; 2 December 1899
- 1,085. **Warner, Axel W.**; 9 December 1899; Norway, Mich.; Norway, Mich.; 35; Sweden; laborer; not given; Herman Warner and Margreta Ornberg;  
**Danielson, Albertina**; Norway, Mich.; 22; Sweden; not given; none; Daniel Anderson and not given; H. Colliander; **Wilhelm Danielson** and **Edward Werner**, both of Norway, Mich.; 15 December 1899
- 1,086. **Champion, J.C.**; 30 November 1899; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 27; England; miner; none; John Champion and Mary Hooper;  
**Richards, Minnie**; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 24; Michigan; not given; none; John Richards and not given; D.C. Jones; **Thomas Hooper** and **Susie Hooper**, both of Iron Mountain, Mich.; 14 December 1899

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while in their mother's state-room at the moment the vessel plunged under the waves. [Page 540]

**WILLIAM A. GREENFIELD**, of Leadville, Colo., operator in mines and mining lands, was born in Detroit, Mich., in 1846. He came to Ontonagon with his parents, in the fall of 1851. He went to the first school taught here. August 26, 1864, he enlisted in Saginaw, Mich., in Company C, Twenty-ninth Michigan Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war. On his return from the army, he engaged in exploring for mineral *[sic]* in the Upper Peninsula. In June, 1876, he went to Colorado, and has passed most of his time there since, exploring and organizing mining associations. He is a large stock holder in the Shumia Mining Company. His brother, **James**, was a member of the Seventh Michigan Infantry, and was three times wounded. Mr. Greenfield was a passenger on the *Pewabic* when she went down on Lake Superior August 9, 1865. He was accompanied by his mother and brother, **Charles**. Immediately after the collision, his *[sic - he]* went to his mother's state-room to render her such assistance as he could. He found his brother there also, but before they could more than speak, the boat pitched under the waves, bow first. Mr. Greenfield says there was a shock of water rushing in at the door and window, and then the pressure of the water as they went down was terrible. He had given up all hope of escape, when suddenly he was liberated and shot to the surface, where he was picked up. His brother was saved also, but the mother was never seen again. The probability is that the pressure of the water crushed the cabins, and the two boys were thrown out, while the mother became entangled in the wreck and was lost. [Page 540]

**S.J. HARING**, attorney at law, was born near Akron, Ohio. He was educated at Greensburg Seminary, and at Oberlin College, Ohio. He was brought up a farmer, and devoted his winters to teaching school. He has taught in all some twenty-one winters. He moved to Clinton County, Mich., and from there to Carson City, Montcalm County. He commenced the study of law with **Seneca Woolford**, of Hubbardston, and pursued his studies in the office of **George P. Stone**, of Carson City. He was admitted to the bar of the Circuit Court of Montcalm in 1880. He at once formed a law partnership with George P. Stone, of Carson City, when was continued until June, 1881. He then moved to Ontonagon, Mich., and entered upon the practice of his profession. He was appointed Circuit Court Commissioner in September, 1881. [Page 540]

**CHARLES M. HOWELL**, editor and manager of the *Ontonagon Herald*, was born in Fostoria, Seneca Co., Ohio, March 12, 1855, and is the son of **Dr. R.R. Howell**, a prominent surgeon and dentist of Northwestern Ohio. Too close application to study impaired his health, and, with the hope of regaining it, he left for the West. Starting out when not quite seventeen years of age, he soon after became a newspaper correspondent. Returning home after a year's absence much improved in health, he entered school again, but continued corresponding and writing for the press, being connected in this way with the *Tiffin (Ohio) Tribune* for about three years. During this time he also acted as special correspondent for the leading dailies of Cleveland and Cincinnati, and for the *Chicago Tribune*. In time he returned to Iowa and entered the State University, from which institution he graduated in August, 1878, having taken a regular course in the law department of the university. He was admitted to all the courts of the State, including the United States Circuit and District Courts for that State. He entered upon the practice of his profession in Iowa, but still continued to write for the press, chiefly for the *Burlington Hawkeye*. In August, 1879, he returned to his native State, where he was employed for several months in reporting for different papers. In the spring of 1880, he went to Leadville to seek his fortune, and became a reporter on the staff of the *Denver Daily Tribune*, being on duty in that capacity during the famous strike of the miners of Leadville in the summer of 1880, and while the city was under martial law. He was prospering finely until August, of that year, when he was prostrated by a severe attack of mountain typhoid fever, and lay at the point of death. Having rallied, he was removed to his home in Ohio. In December, 1880, he came to Michigan and entered the office of **Corbin & Cobb**, attorneys, at Eaton Rapids. In July, 1881, having passed a satisfactory examination before **Judge Hooker**, of Charlotte, he was regularly admitted to practice in the courts of this State. Being still in poor health, he traveled to the Upper Peninsula in the hopes of improvement. In the course of his travels, he struck Ontonagon, and was induced to undertake the editing and management of the *Herald*. The paper was established in April, 1880, the first issue appearing the 22d of that month, under the editorial management of **M.L. Dunham**, at that time Prosecuting Attorney of the county. Mr. Howell bought Mr. Dunham out and assumed the control of the paper, the first issue appearing under his management October 21,

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1881. The paper is owned by a company, not stock, Mr. Howell retaining an interest and having entire control of it. The paper is well backed, financially, and is proving a success beyond the expectations of its friends. Mr. Howell expects to branch out in the law and real estate business as developments favor, without conflicting with the editorial management of the paper. [Page 540]

**EBEN L. JOHNSON**, merchant, is the son of **Lathrop Johnson**, deceased, who was one of the pioneers of Ontonagon; he was born near Chicago, Ill., November 17, 1845. In 1847, he accompanied his parents to Lake Superior. They lived at Eagle River till 1848, when they moved to Ontonagon, where he has since resided; he enlisted in the late war, in October, 1862, as a private in Company A, Twenty-seventh Michigan Volunteers; he served three years, or till the close of the war. On his return from the army, he engaged in farming and jobbing; he has served as Highway Commissioner three years. In the summer of 1882, he started a small grocery and general store. [Page 540]

**LATHROP JOHNSON**, deceased, was one of the earliest pioneers of Lake Superior of 1846 and of Chicago, in 1834; he was born in Cazenovia, N.Y., July 26, 1802; he was married March 20, 1825, to **Sophia Sage**, of Fredonia, N.Y.; she was born in Burlington, Vt., in 1806. In September, 1834, he moved to Chicago and bought an unfinished hotel, on Lake Street, between Clark and La Salle, which he finished and called the New York House. **Mark Beaubien** was his nearest neighbor; he kept the first livery stable in Chicago, and ran the first stage between Milwaukee and Chicago; he left Chicago, and went to Eagle River, Lake Superior, in 1846, and kept hotel there two years. In the spring of 1848, he moved to Ontonagon, and purchased the Government Mineral Agency House, and opened it as a hotel and called in the Johnson House, the first hotel in the place; he kept hotel in that house until 1874, when he leased it; his death occurred July 2, 1881, and his wife died January 11, 1882; he left a family of five children: the youngest child, **Elizabeth A.**, now **Mrs. F.E. Adams**, of Ontonagon, was the first white child born in Eagle River; born in October, 1847. [Page 540]

**EDMUND LOCKWOOD**, P.O. Ulster, Bradford Co., Penn., one of the early pioneers of Ontonagon of 1846, now a resident of Ulster, Bradford Co., Penn., was born in the town where he now resides November 12, 1816; his ancestors were among the survivors of the Wyoming massacre; he was brought up on a farm, and learned the carpenter and joiner's trade; he moved to Wellsburg, N.Y., in 1843, where he spent three years, and in the fall of 1846 emigrated to Lake Superior; he reached Ontonagon, on the schooner Algonquin, October 21, of that year; he made his home with his uncle, **Daniel S. Cash**, who had a claim on the west side of the river. The following spring (1847), he engaged in business with Messrs. Cash and **Spalding**, in the mercantile, forwarding and commission business. Their warehouse was situated on the west bank of the river, about half a mile from its mouth, and built of hewn logs. The store was kept in the second story of the building. This was the first mercantile business done in the county. The following winter, Messrs. Lockwood and Cash got out the lumber to build a boat, to be used on the river to transport freight between Ontonagon and the mines. There being no saw-mill within reach, the lumber was cut with a whip-saw from the logs. In this primitive manner, a keel boat seventy-five feet in length, eight feet wide and two feet deep was built. She was completed and launched in the spring of 1848, and made regular trips between Ontonagon and the Minnesota Landing, on the Ontonagon River, eighteen miles from its mouth. She carried twelve tons of freight, and was propelled by poles. Her crew consisted of ten Indians and a white man for Captain. The ascent of the rapids was accomplished by the aid of 700 feet of line and a capstan; the line being carried ahead and fastened to a tree, the boat was drawn up to it. Two trips a week were made, taking two days to go up and one to return. Messrs. Lockwood & Co. ran her three seasons, and she was sold out to Mr. **S.S. Lockwood**. Mr. Edmund Lockwood spent the winters of 1849-50 and 1852-53 at his old home in Pennsylvania. In the spring of 1850, he made a claim of 160 acres on Section 12, Town 50 north, Range 39 west, which is now known as the Knowlton Mining Company's property; he subsequently added to it until he had in all 350 acres. In the summer of 1851, he made his home on that property. Parties holding mineral leases contested his claim, and a trial of the cause was had before the Secretary of the Interior. Several other parties were similarly situated and made common cause. A decision was rendered favorable to the pre-emptors and against the leases. Mr. Lockwood also took up the property now known as the Adventure Mine; he held it one winter, and then organized a mining company and sold the stock; he was elected

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one of the first Justices of the Peace in 1849, at the organic *[sic]* election. [Page 540-541]

**STEPHEN LORANGER**, Treasurer of Ontonagon County, was born in Canada July 14, 1837; he came to Ontonagon, Mich., with his parents, in 1858; enlisted in the late war as a private in Company A, Twenty-seventh Regiment Michigan Infantry Volunteers; was transferred to Company E, and promoted to First Sergeant; participated in all the engagements in which his regiment took part until he was wounded by a gunshot wound in the battle of the Wilderness, May 6, 1864; he was discharged January 5, 1865, for disability resulting from his wound; he was engaged as clerk in a hardware store until December. In the fall of 1865, he was elected Treasurer; he was re-elected, and served ten years; he was appointed to the same office in 1881, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of **Capt. Henry Buzzo**; he has also held the office of Town Treasurer two years. In 1879, he started a confectionery and notion store, which he still carries on. [Page 541]

**JAMES R. McDONALD**, explorer and estimator of pine lands, was born in Glengarry County, Canada, in 1846. In 1862, he removed to Saginaw, and engaged in lumbering. After taking his turn at about everything in this line of business, from swamping to head sawyer, he became an explorer; he began about 1868 to estimate pine lands, and soon became an expert, since which time he has made that his principal business, having also devoted considerable time to buying and selling pine lands; he is widely and favorably known among the lumber men of Michigan, and there is probably no man in that region from Lake Huron to the Porcupine Mountains, on Lake Superior, whose judgment on the value of a tract of pine land is held in higher estimation. Mr. McDonald has lately become largely interested in pine lands in Ontonagon County; his home at present is at Bay City, but he is about removing to Detroit, where he will be established by October, 1882. [Page 541]

**ALFRED MEADS**, editor and proprietor of the Ontonagon *Miner*, the oldest paper on the lake, that is, that has been printed continually without change of name or location. The paper was established in 1855. (See history of the press of Ontonagon County.) Mr. Meads was born in Brighton, County of Sussex, England; received a common school education until twelve years of age, when he began in his father's establishment to learn the business of baker and confectioner. At the age of seventeen, he was apprenticed to the watermaker's trade, and served five years. In April, 1852, he emigrated to America, and located at Cleveland, Ohio, arriving May 1 of that year. There he obtained employment at his trade, and subsequently went into business under the Forest City House, which he continued for seven years. In 1859, he removed to Ontonagon, Lake Superior, Mich., and engaged in business as a watchmaker and jeweler. During the prosperous years of this region, for several years he held the office of Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue, or until the office was abolished; he was afterward appointed Deputy Collector of Customs, and was elected Judge of Probate of Ontonagon County. In 1869, he purchased the *Miner*, and has since earnestly worked for the general interest and development of Ontonagon County, as to him seemed best; he is at present associated with several parties of capitalists and owners of land and mines in this county, and will develop them as soon as railroad facilities can be obtained; he is the owner of extensive tracts of land in the Porcupine Mountain district, and has written of and studied that district more perhaps than any other person; his long residence in and intimate knowledge of Ontonagon, his extensive acquaintance and correspondence with its representative people have qualified him to speak with assurance of its general interests and prospects; he firmly believes that Ontonagon County possesses greater and more varied advantages than any other county in the Upper Peninsula, and that it only needs proper railroad facilities to develop its wonderful resources. Mr. Meads has recently purchased an entirely new outfit for the *Miner* office, including type, office fixtures and steam Taylor press; he is building a new office, and in the fall of 1882 will issue the paper in its new dress and established in permanent quarters. This paper has an extensive circulation among mining men, with whom it is an acknowledged authority. [Page 541]

**JAMES MERCER**, forwarding and commission merchant, proprietor of the general steamboat, wharf and warehouse, and agent of the Ontonagon & Brule River Railroad Docks, was born in the city of London, England, September 9, 1830. He emigrated to America with his parents when three years of age. The family located at Detroit, Mich., but soon afterward removed to Canada, where he was brought up till he had attained the age of fifteen years. He then returned to Detroit, and engaged as merchant's clerk for a few years. He then sailed as

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has been filling the position.

--**Herbert Fisher**[,] who used to live here when his father kept the Norway Hotel, had two fingers cut off in a shingle mill near Pembine, a few days ago.

--**Druggist Patenaude** went to Iron Mountain, Friday, and purchased the stock of druggist **L.A. Voligny**, which was sold under a chattel mortgage. We judged from what we know of such goods that he made a good bargain.

--It is rumored that the building now occupied by **Jos. Rowe**, will be moved to a lot near the **Phelps building**, Main street. On the lot now occupied by the Rowe saloon a brick building is to be erected, so the rumor has it.

--We received a letter this week from far off California, written by **Rasmus Hansen**[,] one of our pioneer citizens. Mr. Hansen has been living in Chicago for some time but has now taken up his residence in Sacramento, Cal.

--As an evidence of the increase in the value of property in Norway, it may be well to note that the two lots for which **Capt. Colwell** paid the **Ross** estate \$657 on Monday, he sold to Mr. Ross in 1888 for \$175. We may add also that there has been no improvements made on the lots.

--**John Reber** will soon move his blacksmith and wagon shop to the rear of his lot and make a number of improvements on the property. He now has three men constantly at work and can hardly find time to breathe, himself. He says he intends to keep his business to the front, even if he moves his shop to the alley.

--The sale of the lots belonging to the **Ross** estate, by the administrator took place on Monday, in front of the postoffice. The lot on Main St. on which is a small house, was sold to **Ambrose Phelps** for \$650. Of the two lots on Cyclops avenue one brought \$395.00 and the other \$262.00, both being bid in by **Capt. H.J. Colwell**. The bidders were numerous, and among the number, outside of the purchasers before mentioned, we noticed Messrs. **Hay, Ramsdell, Wright, Cox, Bush, Desjardin, Odill** and **Jones**.

--**Peter Lacroix** was in town Tuesday seeing about the final arrangements for the transfer of the **Reber** corner on Cyclops Ave. He will erect a brick hotel on the corner in the Spring, having just returned from a trip outside to make contracts for the brick. Mr. Lacroix says that his wife[,] who has had a very serious season of sickness[,] is again able to be around and will soon be well.

--From the Ironwood Times we learned that **Capt. S.J. Roberts** late of the Youngstown mine, who went to Ironwood last year and opened a furniture and undertaking establishment,

has so far prospered that he has found it profitable to open a branch house at Bessemer. There is no doubt that **Capt. "Sam"** can furnish a man's house or bury him in style. We wish him continued prosperity.

--**William Gornall** has opened up a small store in the **O'Callaghan** building at the foot of Main St. He will call it the "Miners' Store" and will as soon as he gets settled, carry a full stock of stationery, tobaccos, cigars and pipes, candy, fruits in season, glassware and notions. Mr. Gornall is unable to work at his calling of a miner, because of injuries received, and his attempt to establish himself in this little business, should meet with success.

**PERSONAL POINTERS.**

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Miss **Helen McKinstrey**, who has been doing stenographic work in the office of Atty. **R.C. Flannigan** for some time, left Monday for Iron Mountain, where she will work in the office of **Pros. Atty. Trudell**.

**C.T. McElroy**, came home for a short time, this week. He reports work on his new brewery at Iron Mountain progressing fairly.

Miss **Maggie Hamilton** returned to her home at Menominee, Wednesday, after a few weeks with relatives here.

**Jos. Blackburn** is now dispensing liquid beverages behind the bar in **Anton Odill's** saloon.

*[Saturday, February 28, 1891]*

**CURRENT NOTES.**

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--We learn that **Andrew T. Sethney** is building a house at South Norway.

--The Aragon Co. have purchased the two lots belonging to the **Ross** estate, bid in by **Capt. Colwell** last week.

--**Frank Ahlich** reports a very good business at his meat market in Ingallsdorf, and he expects to do much better when Spring comes.

--There has been no weather this winter severe enough to prevent housebuilding and there are now many houses in course of construction.

--Wednesday, **Capt. S.F. Clark** left for South Dakota, to visit his farm and attend to some other matters of business, and will be gone about a month.

--**Frank Clark** visited Peshtigo last week, and now it is



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rumored that he has taken himself a wife and will go out to Dakota in a week or two to live on his father's farm.

--The Polander who cut himself loose and undertook to exterminate all the inhabitants of Iron River by the use of buckshot and a gun, managed to wound four people with two shots. We did not think people were thick enough for that at Iron River.

--**Charles Treiber** has on hand and for sale at his livery and sale-stables a lot of fine horses. Mr. Treiber expects to keep at all times a good selection of draft horses, and those in need of good horses will do well to visit the stables. No trouble to show and quote prices.

--Friday the 20th, **Adam Baum** was brought before **Justice Patenaude** on a charge of vagrancy, and was committed to the county jail for 20 days, **Officer Benane** took him to Menominee and there discovered that Mr. Baum was almost a steady boarder at the county boarding house.

--The Northern Light, published at Marquette by **Marcus Peterson**, has been received at this office. It is a monthly journal devoted to the interest of fraternal organizations. The first issue, January 15th, was brimful of society news which is of interest to every lodge member in the u.p. Success to the Journal.

--Mr. **J.E. Bergeron** informs us that he has about six millions of pine in and will if possible bring the figure up to eight. He will soon break up his Pine creek camp, leaving some work for next winter, and will move the crew to the camps at Pembine and Grand Island, finishing up at those places this winter.

--Sunday we took advantage of the fine weather and good roads to drive to the **K.C. Co's farm** on the State road. **Supt. Brandt** was not at home having gone to Menominee, on business, but Mrs. Brandt and the farm employes (which now number about fifteen) made our stay of three of [*sic - or*] four hours very enjoyable. Soon after our arrival at the farm a jolly load of pleasure seekers from Norway and Vulcan drove up and they, too seemed to have had what they came for -- a sleigh ride and a pleasant visit. The names of those who made up the load were, Mrs. **Peter Young**, Mrs. **William Turner**, **Geo. Harter**, **Miss Harter**, Mr. and Mrs. **Richard Haberkorn**, **Jos. Hocheisel**, **John Quinn** and **Miss Louise Laviolette**.

--The Washington Birthday exercises given by the pupils of the public school on Monday night at **Lindquist's Hall** was a complete success. The children performed their parts in a very creditable manner, and gave their parents reason to feel an honest pride in their attainments and reason to believe that they

will be an honor to the country which Washington fought to make free. The picture of Washington was tastefully draped with American flags; but the hall was without other decoration. The hall was crowded to its utmost capacity and the net receipts were \$27.20. The pupils of the school wish through THE CURRENT to express to the P.O.S. of A. their hearty thanks for their kindness in giving the use of the hall for the entertainment.

**Vulcan Notes.**

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**Sam. R. Hews**, of the Penn Co's office accompanied by Mrs. Hews, will leave next Tuesday for a visit to their former home at Papineauville, Ottawa, Canada.

**Ramblings.**

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**Lou Foster** is temporarily filling the position of clerk of the Commercial house, at Iron Mountain, and filling it well.

Quinnesec people have a township library of nearly 1,800 volumes, and are fast earning a reputation as a reading community.

**Dr. Phillips**, of Menominee[,] returned to his home, from Iron River yesterday. He had been called to visit the men shot by the man **Hollase**, and says that one of the men is in a precarious condition.

**Joseph Hollase**, Polish miner, at Iron River, angered by some boys throwing snowballs at him, procured a shot gun and shot **Peter Doctor**, a bartender, and **Marshal Edward Scott**. The latter was shot while attempting to arrest the would-be murderer. An angry crowd gathered about the scene of the crime and had Hollase not been taken to Crystal Falls he would have been lynched. The men who were shot are in a dangerous condition.

**PERSONAL POINTERS.**

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**Fred Nowack** and family and Mr. **Vanevelt**, of Menominee, and **Robert Nowack** and family of Waucedah, were visitors at the home of F. Nowack, of this place, Sunday. Mr. Nowack informed us that he is now at work building an extension to his dock of 250 ft. when the dock is finished it will extend into Green Bay about 400 ft. and will afford a landing for boats drawing 18 ft. of water.

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The formal opening of **Leisen & Henes'** new brewery, at Menominee, occurred Wednesday and Thursday of this week and Messrs. **Anton Lenz**, **Peter Molignoni** and **John Dewilley** were in attendance. Messrs. Lenz, Molignoni and Dewilley went to Milwaukee, Thursday, the latter to buy fixtures for his new saloon which he intends opening April 1.

Mrs. **William Balsom** departed on Saturday of last week, for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. **G.B. Mitchell**, at Negaunee. Little Miss **Rose Balsom** will return with her.

"**Tom**" **Flanagan**, of Iron River, brother of our Judge, was here some days of last week and this.

Miss **Emily Kern**, sister of Mrs. **E.P. Lockart**, left for her home in Marinette, yesterday. She will return in a few days.

*[Saturday, March 7, 1891]*

### CURRENT NOTES.

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--**F.A. Holsten**, who was here for a time last year, is now running a photograph gallery at Ironwood and is doing a good business.

--For a good shave or hair cut go to the **Corner Barber shop**, owned by **Belrose** and **St. Jean**. The prices are placed as follows: Shaving 10 cents, hair cutting 25 cents; Sundays, shaving 15 cents, haircutting 35 cents.

--**D. St. Jean** and **S.J. Belrose** have opened a barber shop in the basement of the Masonic building. Mr. Belrose was with **Joe. McGibbons** for some time and is known to be a good barber and will surely get a fair share of the trade in that line.

### Ramblings.

*[Page 1, Columns 3-4]*

The **Chapin** will pay up for Jan. about March 12.

The **Odd Fellows**, of Crystal Falls, dedicated a new hall Monday, and it is said that they have a very fine one.

A small house at the Chapin location was partially burned Sunday. Both fire companies were on hand but the fire had been extinguished before their arrival.

A lodge of the **Order Sons of Hermann** was formed at Crystal Falls, last Sunday. It will be known as Crystal Falls Lodge, No. 6, and starts out with 26 members.

At Mastodon the fad now, seems to be fast horses, and nearly every day someone imports a blooded horse. **Capt**

**Harry Roberts** has one, **Marsh Linsley** one, **W. Wilkinson** one, while **Dr. Butts** and **Capt. E.S. Roberts** own two each, and the man who can't show up a "hoss" that will go a mile in 2:30 is just, nowhere.

### PERSONAL POINTERS.

*[Page 1, Column 6]*

Misses **Eva Monroe**, **Teresa Bush**, **Aggie Flannigan** and **Annie Godfrey** left for Menominee, Wednesday night to attend the teacher's examination, Thursday and Friday. **Prof. Tobey**, member of the examination board, went down Thursday evening.

**Pat. Swanson**, brother of **Charley**, was here Wednesday. He is agent for the Miller Brewing Co. at Iron Mountain.

Miss **Carrie Colwell**, of the Iron Mountain postoffice, visited her parents here, Sunday.

*[Saturday, March 14, 1891]*

### CURRENT NOTES.

*[Page 1, Columns 1-2]*

--**William Reynolds** was arrested Thursday for biting a man's ear nearly off. He got bail.

--The **Rowe building** on Cyclops avenue is fast assuming a metropolitan appearance, and the bright spring days will find **Joe** under a roof tree of his own.

--**I. Massie** is improving the appearance of his sample room by painting and papering. The room has been painted throughout and very tastily papering has been done back of the bar. **Monsieur Massie** is doing a good business.

--**Lewis Whitehead**, of Vulcan, is entitled to the thanks of everyone in the township, for having run his snowplow over all the roads after the recent snowfall, and making a good double track. If we had more such public-spirited citizens, we should have reason to rejoice.

--With its issue of the 7th last the Iron County Reporter passed into the hands of **S.R. Lee**, having been leased to him by its owner Mr. P. O'Brien who finds the duties of a postoffice and mercantile business enough to occupy his time without the exertion necessary to getting out a newspaper.

### Ramblings.

*[Page 1, Columns 5-6]*

Higher poles are being put in at Iron Mountain to carry the

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local telephone wires, and new poles are being distributed between Norway and Iron Mountain. They will be set up and a wire strung as quickly as possible. So says **Manager Catlin**.

Real estate at Quinnesec has taken an upward shoot, and will yet make those who have felt confidence enough in its future value, to pay the taxes, rich. We hope that this pretty little village will again enjoy the same prosperity as before the closing down of the Quinnesec mine.

**PERSONAL POINTERS.**

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Mr. and Mrs. **Mich. Foard** and **Mrs. Hubbard**, of Marquette who have been guests of **Mr. and Mrs. Cooney**, left for that city Monday. Mrs. Foard had been at Norway for a week, and during that time her home at Marquette was destroyed by fire.

**W. H. Kelly**, a former resident here, but for some time living at Iron Mountain, has returned and will hereafter hold forth at the hardware store *[sic - store]* of **J.H. Barrington & Co.** Kelly is one of the boys and a general favorite.

**William Mewton** and son **Willie**, and **John Welch** left on Sunday for England, for a short time. Mr. Welch goes to Plymouth and the others to Pensilva.

**R.C. Browning** received word yesterday, of the serious illness of a sister at Dollar Bay, Houghton county, and will leave this morning to visit her.

**A. Liebermann**, partner of **J. Ruwitch**, arrived from Milwaukee last week and is now at the **Milwaukee Cheap store**.

**James Stevens** left on Wednesday for his old home at Penzance, England. He may return.

*[Saturday, March 21, 1891]*

**CURRENT NOTES.**

*[Page 1, Columns 1-3]*

--**J.E. Bergeron** has put in, up to date about 7,000,000 ft. of logs and expects to reach the eight million notch if the weather does not get too warm. At his Hay Creek camp he has cleaned up the skidways and is now crowding the choppers.

--Our print shop has been in the hands of **Charley Hall** this week, and when he gets done papering and painting it we shall have as pleasant a newspaper factory as there is on the range, and as to its comfort, one has only to take a look at the houseplants with which the boy and girls have filled the

windows to feel assured that it isn't cold.

--A special meeting has been called for next Saturday night, for **School District No. 3**, for the purpose of considering the advisability of building a new school house. The present accommodations are far from adequate and the object of the meeting is to decide on the location and size of a new building.

--Our present office devil, Master **Calita Edwards**, (who by the way is the son of a clergyman) has, much to our regret, found it necessary to sever his connection with us, and a boy who may not be afraid of a little ink, coal dust and errand-running, and who may think he would make a printer, can find a job at this office. References, our other boys.

--This office has had fully its share of birthday celebrations this week. Sunday, **John Edward MacNaughton** had a birthday, Tuesday **James H. MacNaughton** had a birthday celebration, and so as not to be behind in the matter of birthdays ye senior had to have an anniversary of his own, Thursday, and his little daughter celebrated her third anniversary the same day.

**Ramblings.**

*[Page 1, Columns 5-6]*

**La Grippe** is making considerable trouble at Iron Mountain, and thirty to forty new cases a day are reported by the physicians.

There is considerable complaint on all sides because of the failure of the **Chapin** mine to pay its men for January labor. While no one questions the solvency of the company or is alarmed as to the ultimate payment of all demands, it is getting to a point where the merchant must have some money to meet his obligations and to renew his stock for the supply of the mining population. It is hoped that payment will soon be made.

**PERSONAL POINTERS.**

*[Page 1, Column 6]*

Messrs. **Samuel Rowe**, **Digory Harford** and **W. Davey**, left Monday, for Arizona and many friends wish them prosperity.

**James Stephens** left for a visit to England, Monday.

**Counterfeiters Caught.**

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Some days ago the rambler was shown at **Seibert's drug store**, Iron Mountain, four counterfeit five cent coins which,

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with one other, had been passed in payment for twenty-five cents worth of goods. It was also said that there were many in town and that counterfeit dollars were also afloat. Thursday a man was arrested on suspicion and considerable of the bad money found in his possession. He was taken to his home which was the house of his brother, and here the whole counterfeiting outfit was discovered and the brother also taken into custody. We did not learn any further particulars only that the men are Italians.

[Saturday, March 28, 1891]

**CURRENT NOTES.**

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--**L.A. Green** is the new barber at **Jos. McGibbon's** shop.

--**J.E. Bergeron** broke up his Hay Creek, logging camp, Monday.

--**John Lindquist** is about to dispose of his general merchandise business here, and an inventory is now being taken. Particulars next week.

--**Pete Cootware** who lost a leg some time ago, raffled a gold watch the other day at one of the **Cox Bro's. camps**, and it was won by **Hans Henricson** who held ticket 168.

--**Supervisor Harter** of Holmes was in town this week and he desires to inform the individual who stole a mitten from his sleigh, a few days ago while it was standing in front of **Lindquist's** that he may have the other by calling for it.

**Ramblings.**

[Page 1, Column 4]

A great many cases of pneumonia are reported from Crystal Falls.

The employes of the **Chapin** were paid for January labor, Tuesday.

**D.C. Lockwood**[,] the owner and former landlord of the Lockwood house at Crystal Falls, having leased the hotel and decided to devote his whole time to buying and selling horses, has moved his family temporarily to Menominee. Dave has brought several hundreds of fine horses into this section and can supply anyone with just what is wanted.

[Saturday, April 4, 1891]

**CURRENT NOTES.**

--**A.T. Sethney** is clerking at the company's Norway store.

--**Sparapani** has nearly doubled the size of his hall at Frederickton, and now has a very complete establishment.

--**Thomas Daniel**, a former employe of this office[,] has returned to his old love and will do the honors of the office as head d--l [devil].

--NEW RESTAURANT--**J.H. St. Ours** has just opened a restaurant in the **O'Callaghan** building, Main street, where meals can be had at all hours, day or night. Boarders taken by day or week.

--Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Saltzieder** have given up the boarding house at the Appleton mine and returned to their farm on the State road. Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Knell** succeed them in the boarding house.

--**John Stanchina** is having a new house built at Ingallsdorf just east of **Ahlich's** meat market. The building will be 50x24 ft. in size and will be used for a saloon. **A.J. Blomgren** is doing the work.

--**Joseph McGibbons** will soon move into the **Ross** building on Main St. recently purchased by **Ambrose Phelps**, and when contemplated changes are made, Joe will have one of the best equipped barber shops on the range.

--At the school meeting of district No. 3, held Saturday night, an adjournment was taken for two weeks, for the purpose of enabling the school board to gather information and make estimates as to cost of school house and site.

--**Capt. J. U. Curnow**[,] postmaster at Vulcan[,] was in town Sunday, and he and our local P.M. "Dick," were hobnobbing together for an hour or two. They would make two average sized, [sic] men, as one weighs about 109 and the other about 290 pounds.

--**J.E. Bergeron** has been on the sick list this week. He has put in more than seven and a half millions of saw logs this winter and his Grand Island camp will get in more than enough to make eight millions before the main drive goes down.

--The new Hallett & Davis piano for the high school room, arrived Thursday and was placed in the room that night. The piano is a "square," is [sic] a beautiful finish and nice tone. Mr. **Per Larsson**, of the school board, gave \$100 towards the piano fund.

**Teachers' Examination.**

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## MINING ACCIDENTS REPORTED IN THE COLUMNS OF THE CURRENT, NORWAY, MENOMINEE COUNTY, MICH.

The jury called to inquire into the cause of the death of the three miners at the **Ludington** mine last week, have been making an exhaustive inquiry. Nearly thirty witnesses have been examined, the mine maps and special diagrams made for the occasion [sic] have been in evidence, and Thursday the jury[,] who are all miners[,] went underground and spent several hours in examining the scene of the trouble. They convened Friday morning and then adjourned until Monday, at 9 o'clock. As noted in our last issue we have no comments to make until the inquiry has been completed. The names of the jurymen are, **William Hocking, Joseph Blight, Henry Hooper, Thomas Perkins, William Jayne** and **Ben. Gribble**. Considerable interest has been manifested in the proceedings and the court room has been filled each day.

[Saturday, October 25, 1890, page 1, columns 5-6]

### **Mastodon and Crystal Falls.**

Two men[,] **Richard Dale** and **Leon Becker**[,] were slightly hurt this week, at the mine. After charging a hole with black powder they had considerable left in an open keg, and while placing it on the cage to send it up, a spark from a lamp dropped into it, and the hands and faces of both men were burned sufficiently to confine them to their homes for a short time.

[Saturday, October 25, 1890, page 1, column 6]

### **Terrible Injury.**

Wednesday evening **Charles Sacrisson** and his partner[,] two miners stopping in the third room, east, at the third level of the **Aragon**, had two holes to blast. They concluded to spit [sic] one each, and while the partner's [sic] worked all right, Sacrisson remarked that he did not think that his would go but that he was afraid of the other hole and would not wait. Both came down into the level and one hole went off. Contrary to the advice of his partner, Sacrisson hurried back to light the fuse of the other hole which he supposed had failed to go, and that is all that can be told of the matter except the result, which was an explosion and the horrible mangling of the face and head of the unfortunate man. Both eyes were blown out, his skull broken and his face cut in a fearful manner. He was taken to the B.N.W. hospital and

everything done to relieve him but he has not at this writing, (Thursday evening) regained consciousness, and it is hardly probable that he will survive. He was a young man, probably not more than 22 years old.

LATER--The unfortunate man, after terrible suffering, died early Friday morning. The remains were interred at the Norway cemetery Friday afternoon, they being under the auspices of the Scandinavian society of which he was a member. About eighty members were in procession.

[Saturday, November 1, 1890, page 1, column 2]

--While some Italian miners at the **Chapin** were putting some dynamite in a crack to blow down a piece of bad ground, on Monday, an explosion occurred which so injured one man as to cause the loss of one hand and one eye, and may result in the loss of the other eye. In answer to questions by the writer the injured man said that the powder was ignited by a spark from the candle on his hat.

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### **Could Not Decide.**

The coroner's jury at Iron Mountain who were summoned to find out when, in what manner [sic - manner] and by what means, the three men recently killed at the **Ludington** mine came to their deaths, after having examined about thirty witnesses, and after having visited the mine and spent a half-day underground and then recalling several witnesses, finally attached their signatures to the following: "After hearing all the evidence and being so much conflict [sic] that we cannot agree to any verdict how **John Fisher, William Davis** and **William Brailey** came to their deaths." The ending of the examination in this manner does not make it any more easy for this paper to make comments than it was last week. Were it not for the fact that it would cover many columns of space we would give that testimony as shown by the records of the Coroner, but that does not include nearly all of the testimony given, much of that not written down being that where the maps and diagrams were used. There is no doubt but that many wild and misleading statements were made outside of the courtroom, neither is there any doubt that a great many people make assertions or are credited with making assertions which they fail to substantiate when placed under oath. This

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occurrence has been the subject of more discussion than anything which has taken place at Iron Mountain for many months.

*[Saturday, November 22, 1890, page 1, columns 4-6]*

### A Fatal Accident.

Monday afternoon about 5 o'clock, **Clarence Smythe**, a young man about 19 years old, was instantly killed in the shaft house at No. 1 shaft of the **Hamilton**. The young man was a son of **Edward Smythe** and for several years resided with his parents at the Perkins mine. We publish the evidence given before the coroners *[sic]* jury.

**Joseph Crows** *[sic - Crowe]*, a witness produced, sworn and examined, upon his oath says, I am engineer at the Hamilton Ore Co. and hoisting up at the time the deceased was on the bucket, I pulled the wrong lever, it is my mistake, I had a signal from the lander to stop at such place. I didn't know there was a man in the bucket. The signal was a slow signal, five bells, the same as if there was a man on. I would have made the same mistake if I knew there was a man on the bucket. There is *[sic]* three levers there I had two in my hands. Instead of pulling the brake on I pulled the throttle upon. She is a new engine, just been set up. I am a practical engineer. I have been twenty-three years at it. I never made a mistake like that before. I was personally acquainted with the deceased. The distance from where the deceased started up to the place he got killed, would be about seventy-five feet. The skip was to its destination before I could reverse the engine.

JOSEPH CROWE.

**Robert Flaherty**, a witness produced, sworn and examined, upon his oath says, I have charge of the machinery at the Hamilton. I was there on the day of the accident. I think Joseph Crowe's statement will cover everything. I knew this engineer before where he worked. I knew him for about fifteen or sixteen years and *[he]* is a reliable man. We had him there with the man that put up the engine. We didn't have him there as an engineer, we had him there to erect the engine. I would not be positive if I told Joseph or the regular engineer to hoist very slow when there was a man on it. The deceased was to get on at a certain platform on the bucket and instead of that, he got on at the mouth of the shaft. He was not forbidden to get on the bucket. ROBERT FLAHERTY./

**S.H. Pitkins**, a witness produced, sworn and examined,

upon his oath says: I reside in Akron, Ohio. I am a manufacturer of machinery. I sold this engine in question, to the Hamilton Ore Co., I was in the engine room at the time the accident happened. I was indicating the engine at that time had just finished before the accident occurred. I knew it was the intention to hoist the bucket twelve or fifteen feet from the shaft. I was not paying particular attention to the signal given the engineer, because I didn't understand there was a man on the bucket. If I knew there was a man on the bucket, I should *[sic- have]* watched it closer. From what I seen *[sic]* of the engineer, he was a competent man, and the best man they have there. This engine was new as they was *[sic]* in this locality, but not in other places. That man never was in our employ, but he erected some of our engines before, but not like this one. I understood he was employed to erect the engine. I should *[sic - have]* had him to run *[sic]* the engine, because he was familiar with it. There was no fault with the engine. This engine did not require any more skill to hoist nor lower, than an ordinary engine. This engine is very similar to the one used in the Chapin vertical shaft, an engineer that would have been operating at the Chapin after I showing once or twice to operate in *[sic]* this one would have been able to operate, if he would have the same levers to handle. I considered Crowe had all the instructions that he needed for that purpose. I came here to start the engine and to indicate the cylinders and Mr. Flaherty understood the plan perfectly well. The reason I came was also because it was a flat rope plan which is new in this locality, but we have lots of these in other localities, and on other business on the range.

STEPHEN H. PITKIN.

**C.E. Carlson**, a witness produced, sworn and examined, upon his oath says: I am a lander at the Hamilton, I was landing on the day of the accident. I was standing right by the shaft and the deceased stepped on the bucket *[sic - bucket]* and I started to ring the bell and meant for to ring five bells and the bucket started to go before I finished ringing. I rung five bells and after the second bell the bucket started, and after I rang one bell to stop the bucket and the bucket was then about twenty feet from the shieve. The bucket didn't stop. When we ring the bell sometimes the bucket goes two or three feet and sometimes it stop *[sic- stops]* right away. If the engineer had reversed the engine when I had rung the one bell to stop, the deceased would have been saved. I don't know if the deceased got struck before he got to the top or not. The bucket was going too fast. The reason I rang the one bell *[sic -was]*

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because the deceased was going too far. The engineer does not generally start before I get through ringing the bell. The signal of five bells is the slow signal and the one bell is the signal to stop.

C.E. CARLSON.

Joseph Crows [*sic*- Crowe] recalled: The deceased came to me at the engine house, and said he was going to do some work there. The bells don't make any difference there because I knew he was going there. The signal was given all right. I don't admit starting to hoist before the five bells had rung. I started the engine after I heard the five bells. I did not hear the one bell. It is the same as I told you before, it is my own fault, I pulled the wrong lever open. If I had pulled the other one I would have stopped her, when I pulled the lever open in my estimation, I was trying to stop her [*sic*] the mistake was made when I was trying to stop her.

JOSEPH CROWE.

Christ Koeninger, a witness, produced [,] sworn and examined, upon his oath says. [*sic*] I am a carpenter at the Hamilton Ore Co. The deceased and I were down the collar of the shaft, and he said he was going to the engineer and tell him to hoist slow, and he was to take a bolt out, then I went up alone, I as up there about a second and the bucket came up and then it struck deceased, that is the last and then he was dead. I heard the signal to go up and I did not her the signal to stop. The reason those bolts were there was to hold the crosshead.

CHRIST KOENINGER.

We the undersigned jurors do agree that the deceased, Clarence Smythe, came to his death while being hoisted in a bucket, up the Hamilton Ore Co's. shaft. Death caused by the mistake of Joseph Crowe, their engineer, pulling the wrong lever while in the employ of the said company.

In witness whereof, the Justice of the Peace and the jurors of this inquest have hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year above written,

DAVID BERGERON,

Justice of the Peace.

I. UNGER.

E. GAISER.

T.W. FRISWELL.

W.H. SCANDLING.

H.H. LAING.

L.M. HANSEN.

[Saturday, November 29, 1890, page 1, column 1]

--A miner at the Superior mine lost his life last week by the old and foolish practice of "skipping" the ladders. He lost control of his speed and fell 70 ft. into the shaft sump, and was taken out dead.

--A trammer who was working his first shift at the Aragon, Monday, was taken with cramps and for a time was very sick. He was taken to the B.N.W. hospital and we believe he is again able to be around.

[Saturday, November 29, 1890, page 1, column 5]

### Killed.

An Italian trammer named John Baptiste Gotha, was killed Tuesday forenoon, at the Chapin mine, by a somewhat singular accident. He was putting ore into a chute at the 2nd level west of No. 2 timber shaft, the hanging was about 6 ft. from the chute. He rolled out a chunk from near the hanging, using a pick to turn it over. Desiring to roll it over once more he used the pick as before, standing between the chunk and the chute. The pick slipped and the unfortunate man fell backwards into the chute retaining the pick in his hand, and fell a distance of 28 ft. fracturing his skull and one arm. He was dead in less than a minute. The fatality was purely accidental as the man had worked at the same place several times before and knew all about it and there is scarcely a more safe place in the mine. A coroner's jury was called who rendered a verdict in accordance with the facts, of accidental death.

[Saturday, December 13, 1890, page 1, column 2]

--A telegram came to Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Daniels Wednesday morning, announcing that Capt. Joseph Roberts of the Tamarack mine was killed that morning. Capt. Roberts was a brother of Mrs. Daniels.

[Saturday, December 13, 1890, page 1, column 4]

--The following taken from the Mining Journal of Thursday, although not very clear as to the actual cause of death, we reprint for the information of the captain's many friends on this range:

Brave Capt. Joseph Roberts[, ] who so nobly risked his



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life in the attempt to rescue the young man **Williams** who was suffocated at the time of the burning of the **North Tamarack** No. 3 shaft last spring, and who was at that time brought up apparently lifeless from the effects of the deadly gas[,] has succumbed to the fate which now and then befalls those who delve in our mines. About 9 o'clock Wednesday morning the captain went down No. 3 shaft in the empty bucket, getting off at the sump or fork about sixty feet from the bottom of the shaft. When the bucket had been filled with rock by the miners in the bottom and was ascending Captain Roberts jumped on the crosshead without giving a signal to the engineer on the surface to let him know that he was riding on it. When the bucket got to the surface he was found in it a corpse [*sic - corpse*], his head having been crushed between the timbers and the crosshead, death can be attributed to no other cause than his neglect to signal the engineer that he was on the crosshead. Riding on it has been strictly forbidden, and the captain himself has many times threatened to discharge the first miner he found doing it.

[*Saturday, December 13, 1890, page 1, column 5*]

A man had his head cut and one hand bruised by a piece of ore at the **Millie**, Monday night.

[*Saturday, December 13, 1890, page 1, column 6*]

The accident at the **Chapin** mine, which we noted last week, but of which we failed to give the particulars, caused the death of **Charles A. Johnson**, a man who had been for some time filling the railroad cars from the pocket, at "C" shaft. From all we can learn we gather that Johnson was letting down a loaded car to make room for an empty one at the pocket, when the brake chain broke and caused him to fall on the track in front of the car, which with its load of 20 tons passed over one of his legs severing it from his body, and caused death within a few hours. The coroner's jury, yesterday returned a verdict as follows: That from the evidence taken, the deceased came to his death by accidentally falling from an ore car while in the discharge of his duties, the accident occurring through the breaking of a brake chain of said ore car. The jurymen were **John J. Savings, R.P. Helson, Edward Harvey, W.J. Parent, William Hocking** and **James Cudlep** [*sic - Cudlip*].

[*Saturday, December 20, 1890, page 1, column 5*]

### **Vulcan Notes.**

One day last week a Polander at **East Vulcan**, found a fulminate cap on the road, and not knowing its actual strength he undertook to startle a companion by lighting a match and putting it into the cap while holding the cap in his hand. Result, the loss of a part of his thumb and two fingers and serious injury to the other fingers.

[*Saturday, January 24, 1891, page 1, column 4*]

### **Mine Accidents.**

**Saturday, P.J. Soderburg** sustained a fracture of one leg, at the **Norway**.

**Monday, Emmanuel Datres** fell, in the new shaft at **West Vulcan**, and got his jaw broken and his scalp cut.

**Monday**, some of the men on the railroad work of **Carl J. Anderson** at the **Aragon**, were thawing some powder by a fire, one of the sticks ignited and was burning, when one of the men undertook to stap the fire out. He is at the B.N.W. hospital with a pretty good heel left, by the rest of the foot will soon return to mother earth.

[*Saturday, January 31, 1891, page 1, column 4*]

### **FIRE IN THE CHAPIN MINE.**

#### **Two Men Dead and Two More Nearly Suffocated.--The Origin of the Fire not Known, but the Damage Thought to be Small.**

Thursday evening soon after the men had come out of the **Chapin** mine (at six o'clock) smoke began to ascend from "C" shaft and in a short time it was issuing from every shaft in the mine. The 8-hour shift men were still in the mine and men went down every shaft except "C," to rescue them. The time-keeper was summoned who called the roll and found 6 men missing. Two of these came up "B" shaft but the 4 others who were working at "D" could not be reached because of the smoke and gases. The cages in No. 2 Timber shaft were

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dropped to the bottom with lanterns on them, but no one rang to hoist. Several parties tried to go down at different times but were driven back by smoke. Later one party more successful than the others found the four men in the 6th level about 300 ft. east of the crosscut which runs to No. 2. Two of them were dead, a third was for a time in a precarious condition and the fourth would have doubtless soon succumbed. The position in which the men were, argues that they must have been so much overcome with smoke as to miss the crosscut to No. 2 which would have taken them to the shaft and the waiting cages, in about 100 ft. The names of the unfortunate dead are **Jeremiah Bennetts** and **Thomas Edwards**, the one an Englishman and the other a Welshman, both married and both old employes of the mine. While the result is a deplorable one, it would have doubtless been much worse had it been at any other time of day.

The exact location of the fire has not been learned and of course its origin and extent is also a matter of conjecture, although it is believed to be in the engine room of the rope haulage system, and near "C" shaft. So little time elapsed between the time of the hoisting and the discovery of the smoke coming from "C" shaft that the fire must have made rapid progress, or the conditions been such as to make very much smoke. The shafts are all sealed up and a stream of water is being sent down "C" shaft. The smoke being kept down by the water but finding its way to surface when the water was shut off for a short time. If as is generally thought, the fire is in the engine room at the 6th level of "C" there does not seem to be any danger that it will reach any point where it can spread rapidly, and it must by this time (Friday night) have burned itself out. There will be an attempt made tomorrow to locate the fire and measures taken to extinguish it and drive out the gas. In the meantime the shafts will be kept closed, and water will be sent down "C" shaft. The excitement which ran high last night, has somewhat abated, and every one hopes for the best.

*[Saturday, February 7, 1891, page 1, column 4]*

### **Mine Accident.**

Saturday morning of last week, by a fall of ground at the **Curry**, **William Buzzo** sustained a fracture of the right leg, **Joseph Franzai** a compound fracture of the skull and fracture of the left arm and **Barthelow Levatti** a severe lacerated

wound of wrist and scalp wound. Another man was also slightly hurt but he was able to walk home and we did not learn his name. The men went in, after a blast and were caught by the ground which was still falling. It is fortunate that at least three were not killed.

*[Saturday, February 7, 1891, page 1, column 5-6]*

### **Ramblings.**

**Otto Ottoson**, another (the third) of the victims of the **Chapin** fire died Monday and was buried Wednesday.

The fire in the **Chapin** mine last week gave ample proof of the fact that all the personal heroism is not found on the battle field.

The funeral of the unfortunate victims of the **Chapin** fire, **Jeremiah Bennetts** and **Thomas Edwards**, occurred at Quinnesec, Sunday. The funeral cortege was very large.

*[Saturday, February 7, 1891, page 8, column 2-3]*

### **The Chapin.**

The fire which was burning in the **Chapin** mine at the date of our last issue, has been extinguished. Saturday morning "C" shaft was opened and a party went down to the 6th level and found that the engine room and station had been burned out and that the fire was making headway in the long crosscut which passes through the ore body and into the footwall to the south. The fire was found to have also made its way to within two feet of the shaft in the back of the station. The cage was moved up the shaft a few feet, some of the laths cut out and considerable water and the contents of several Babcock fire extinguishers were forced through the hole upon the blocking above the timber close to the shaft. An exploration of the level as far as was possible was then made. The hose was then run down by the firemen and a party went down to begin a systematic attack upon the fire. From the shaft a steady stream of water was then thrown, a party of miners who knew how to do the right thing at the right moment doing the barring down of loose rocks and putting in timber when necessary, and the firemen doing their part by beating back the smoke and fire. Soon after midnight Saturday or early Sunday morning the last vestige of fire was beaten out at a point in the crosscut about 125 ft. from the shaft. The hose was then fastened where it

SOCIETY NOTES AND THE EDITOR'S CORNER

The following is a summary of events related to the Dickinson County Genealogical Society from December, 1998 through April, 1999:

**December:** A brief meeting was held during the Christmas social. Jim Gerhard reported that a check for \$133.76 was received from Econo Foods, the money being earmarked for German research material. The book *The German Research Companion* was ordered from Lorelei Press for \$34.95. It was noted that three microfilms ordered by the Dickinson County Library for the 1884 and 1894 state censuses for Menominee County had been received.

**January:** The check sent to the Lorelei Press for the book *The German Research Companion* was returned as the book was out of print. A check for \$47.03 was received from Super One Foods. Bob Johnson, working on the Cemetery Records project, had entered about 2,500 records for the Quinesec Cemetery and had begun work on the Norway Cemetery. He had 900 records entered for the Foster City/Sagola Cemetery and also was working on the Waucedah Cemetery. Kate Chiesa gave a brief presentation on collecting and preserving tombstone inscriptions and general information on cemetery research.

**February:** A check for \$400 was received from the Michigan Genealogical Council Grant Program. A motion was approved to spend \$200 on newspaper microfilms to add to the collection housed at the Dickinson County Library. Nine reels of the *Portage Lake Mining Gazette* had been received and were being cataloged by the library. A motion was passed to purchase ten two-inch loose leaf binders for filing newsletters. Following the meeting members helped guests with genealogical problems and showed them how to use the microfilm reader/printer.

**March:** Kate Chiesa had begun reorganizing the Society's collection of smaller newsletters, and Treasurer JoAnn

Johnson was to order ten two-inch notebooks and envelopes for storage. Joan Oberthaler noted she had sent a third letter to the Menominee Range Historical Foundation Board regarding the continuation of microfilming the *Norway Current* newspapers, but had not yet had a response. A motion was passed to sell the back issues of *Dickinson Diggings* for one dollar each through 1989. A motion was passed to order the *Family Chronicle Collection* book, including back issues.

**April:** Judy Schwengel, of Cedarburg, Wisconsin, donated five high school yearbooks to the DCGS: 1922 Argonaut (Iron Mountain), 1922 Record (Menominee, and 1929, 1931 and 1932 Chips (Hermansville). Rita Bellmore donated two Escanaba and Gladstone city directories for 1985 and 1986. Member Bob Johnson noted he has 10,000 Dickinson County burial records entered into the computer which had been gathered by DCGS members over the years. Discussion was held as to when and where these records will be placed on the Internet, but no decision was reached. A hard copy will be available at the Dickinson County Library.

**William J. Cummings, Editor**

*Sorry once again for the delay in getting this issue of Dickinson Diggings out on time. Career obligations, family obligations and a new granddaughter -- our first -- have made time commitments tighter than ever.*

*The Dickinson County Library continues to improve its technological offerings for patrons. A new T-line has improved Internet service, and a CD-ROM tower has been added to allow CD-ROM reference materials to be used by more than one person at a time.*

*Hopefully a new microfilm reader/printer will soon be available, as the current machine is in constant demand and is showing its ten years of service.*



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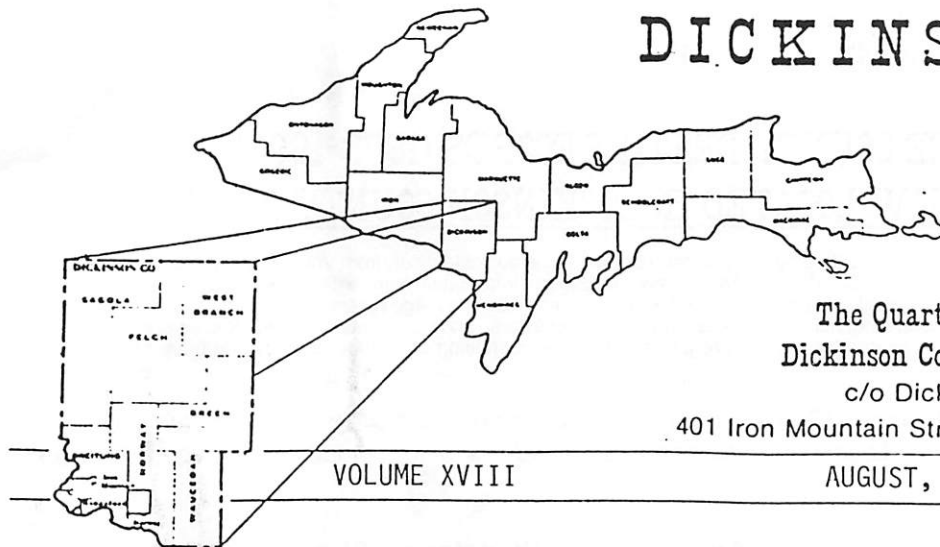
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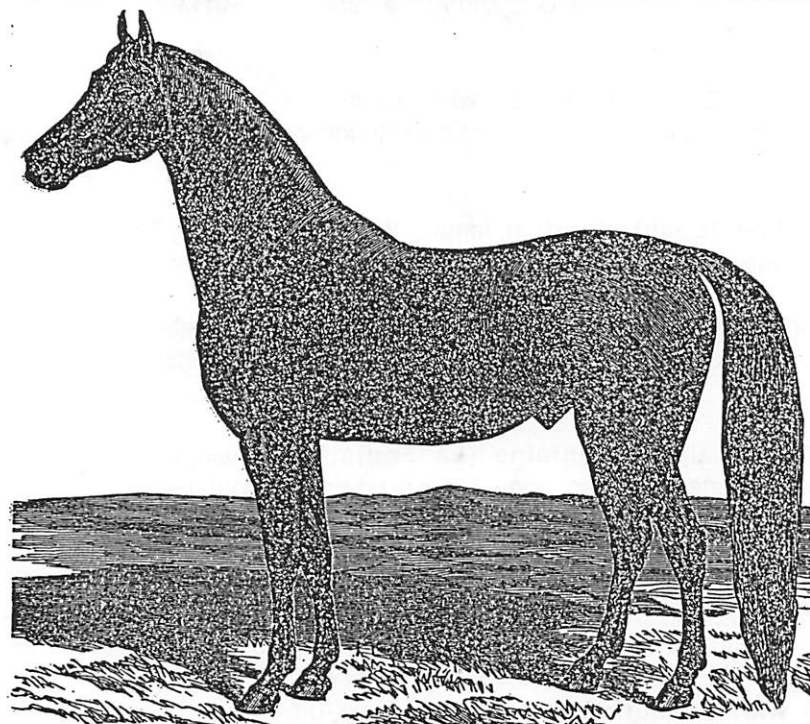
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**COMMANDER.**

COMMANDER is a Dark Brown Stallion with small star and two white ankles behind.  
Foaled July 24th, 1886. Sired by DAVIE BONNER, he by

SWIGERT, son of Alexander Norman, dam Bay Fanny by Richard's Bellfounder.

First Dam, Kitty Illsley, record 2:42 at Lodi, Wis., sixth heat. She by Mambrino Hail, Dam Daisy. (See American Trotting Register Volume 2, page 315). He by Bay Mambrino, dam Toronto; he by Bay Chief, dam Keokuk; he by Mambrino Chief, dam unknown; he by Mambrino's Paymaster dam imp. Paymaster; he by Mambrino son of imp. Messenger.

KITTIE ILLSLEY, dam by Ticonderoga; second dam Ruggle's Messenger, Ruggle's Messenger by Hunt's Commo.lore by Mambrino, dam by True American, a son of Volunteer.

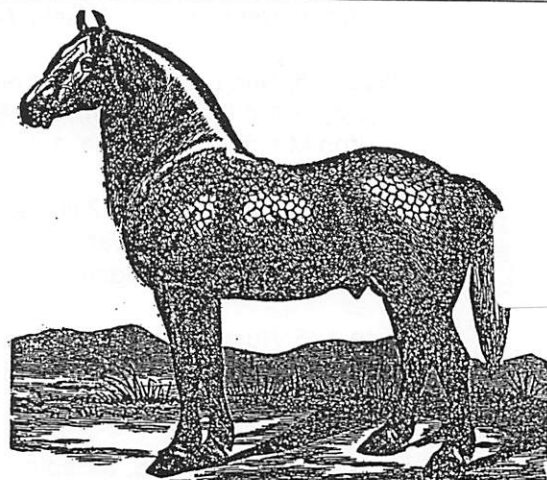
COMMANDER was bred by Guy M. Ordway, of Beaver Dam, Wis.

The above Stallion will be kept for service, at my barn at East Vulcan, during the coming season, beginning May 1, 1891.

RATES—\$15.00 for the season. Mares will be tried at owner's risk. Mares proving not in foal entitled to free return in 1892 if not parted with, and Stallion living and in my possession. The season will end September 1st.

**CAPT. JNO. U. CURNOW, PROP.**

## MENOMINEE COUNTY DEATHS/MARRIAGES CONTAINED INSIDE



**FARMER AND JOHNNIE.**

FARMER is a thorough-bred Norman Stallion, Dapple Gray, six years old, weighs 1,700 pounds and stands 17½ hands high.

JOHNNIE was sired by Farmer, will be two years old in July, is a Dapple Gray, weighs 1,250 pounds and is 16½ hands high. His dam, a thorough-bred Norman mare, can be seen at my barn.

The above Stallions will be kept for service at my barn, 1st ward, Norway, during the season which opened May 1st, 1891.

RATES made known on application. Mares will be tried at owner's risk.

**J. E. BERGERON, PROP.**

Capt. John U. Curnow first advertised his dark brown stallion Commander for stud service in the April 25, 1891, edition of Norway's *The Current*, on page 8 in a three-column advertisement. J.E. Bergeron advertised his dapple gray thoroughbred Norman stallions, Farmer and Johnnie, for stud service in the May 30, 1891, edition of *The Current* in a two-column advertisement. The pedigree of these stallions appears in the copy below each advertisement.



**MENOMINEE COUNTY DEATH RECORDS (1878-1890)**  
**FOR TOWNSHIPS NOW LOCATED IN DICKINSON COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

The following death records have been transcribed by the Dickinson County Genealogical Society from Volume A-1, located in the County Clerk's Office, Menominee County Courthouse, Menominee, Michigan. Information is recorded in the following order: page number, record number, date of death, name of deceased, sex, color, marital status, age (years, months, days), place of death, cause of death, birthplace, occupation, father's name and home, mother's name and home, date of record. Names appear as written. When illegible, possible alternate spellings are given. The correct spelling of a surname known to have been misspelled appears in brackets.

- Page 126, Number 162, 15 November 1890, **Birdy [Berty] Gervais**, male, white, single, 5-0-0, Third Ward, Iron Mountain, diphtheria, Michigan, Hubert and Laura Gervais, of Iron Mountain, Michigan, 1 June 1891
- Page 126, Number 163, 11 July 1890, **Gusta Arthur [Arthur Gustafson - ?]**, male, white, single, 0-5-4, Third Ward, Iron Mountain, unknown, Michigan, none, Gus and Annie Larson, of Iron Mountain, Michigan, 1 June 1891
- Page 126, Number 164, 5 December 1890, **Lilia C. Brindle**, female, white, single, 0-4-0, Third Ward, Iron Mountain, enteritis, Michigan, none, Carl and Johanna Brindle, of Iron Mountain, Michigan, 1 June 1891
- Page 126, Number 165, 5 September 1890, **Lea [Leah] Sendcal**, female, white, single, 0-7-0, Third Ward, Iron Mountain, [blank], Michigan, none, [blank], 1 June 1891
- Page 126, Number 165 [second entry with this number], 16 September 1890, **Wilfred Ray**, male, white, single, 1-4-0, Third Ward, Iron Mountain, cholera infantum, Michigan, none, Henry and Dina Ray, of Iron Mountain, Michigan, 1 June 1891
- Page 126, Number 166, 28 November 1890, **Albertine Lafontaine [La Fontaine]**, female, white, single, 7-7-0, Third Ward, Iron Mountain, diphtheria, Michigan, none, Henry and Edith Lafontaine, of Iron Mountain, Michigan, 1 June 1891
- Page 126, Number 167, 7 September 1890, **Arthur Mayotte**, male, white, single, 0-6-0, Third Ward, Iron Mountain, consumption, Michigan, none, A. and Georg [sic] Mayotte, of Iron Mountain, Michigan, 1 June 1891
- Page 126, Number 168, 8 September 1890, **Albert Gingrass**, male, white, single, 0-5-0, Third Ward, Iron Mountain, inflammation of brain, Michigan, none, Charles and Clara Gingrass, of Iron Mountain, Michigan, 1 June 1891
- Page 126, Number 169, 8 September 1890, **Ernest Rabitail/Robitaila**, male, white, single, 0-3-15, Third Ward, Iron Mountain, cholera, Michigan, none, R. and Julia Robitaila, both of Iron Mountain, Michigan, 1 June 1891
- Page 126, Number 170, 20 September 1890, **Oliver Lundin**, male, white, single, 4-0-0, Third Ward, Iron Mountain, sore legs, Michigan, none, And. and Lina Lundin, of Iron Mountain, Mich., 1 June 1891
- Page 126, Number 171, 27 August 1890, **Willie Manson**, male, white, single 0-4-0, Third Ward, Iron Mountain, cholera, Michigan, none, A. and Mary Manson, of Iron Mountain, Mich., 1 June 1891
- Page 126, Number 172, 1 December 1890, **Nella Booth**, female, white, single, 1-2-0, Third Ward, Iron Mountain, inflammation of the bowels, Michigan, none, James and Ellava Booth, of Iron Mountain, Mich.; 1 June 1891
- Page 126, Number 173, 27 August 1890, **Chas. Cook**, male, white, single, no age given, Third Ward, Iron Mountain, croup, Michigan, none, A.C. and Anna Cook, of Iron Mountain, Mich., 1 June 1891



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- Page 126, Number 174, 31 October 1890, **Austin Cook**, male, white, single, no age given, Third Ward, Iron Mountain, croup, Michigan, none, A.C. and Anna Cook, of Iron Mountain, Mich., 1 June 1891
- Page 126, Number 175, 30 November 1890, **Arthemis N. Drapeau**, male, white, single, 2-6-0, Third Ward, Iron Mountain, croup, Michigan, none, M. and Anna Drapeau, of Iron Mountain, Mich., 1 June 1891
- Page 126, Number 176, 24 August 1890, **Frans Grass**, male, white, single, 0-8-0, Third Ward, Iron Mountain, enteritis, Michigan, none, Herman and Colina Grass, of Iron Mountain, Mich., 1 June 1891
- Page 126, Number 177, 15 November 1890, **infant Branch/Brauch**, male, white, single, 0-0-0, Third Ward, Iron Mountain, stillborn, Michigan, none, Ed. and not given Branch/Brauch, of Iron Mountain, Mich., 1 June 1891
- Page 126, Number 178, 12 November 1890, **John I. De Laing**, male, white, single, 0-2-3, Third Ward, Iron Mountain, pneumonia, Michigan, none, John and V. (Matson) De Laing, of Iron Mountain, Mich., 1 June 1891
- Page 126, Number 179, 20 December 1890, **Sally Oppenheim**, female, white, single, 0-0-0, Third Ward, Iron Mountain, stillborn, Michigan, none, M. and Rosa Oppenheim, of Iron Mountain, Mich., 1 June 1891
- Page 127, Number 180, 15 September 1890, **Alicea Massicotte**, female, white, single, 0-3-8, Third Ward, Iron Mountain, died of poison, Canada, none, H. and Lea Massicotte, of Iron Mountain, Mich., 1 June 1891
- Page 127, Number 181, 30 June 1890, **Henry Brown**, male, white, married, 92-0-0, Third Ward, Iron Mountain, old age, Ireland, none, not given, not given, 1 June 1891
- Page 127, Number 182, 22 May 1890, **infant Salchert**, male, white, single, 0-0-0, Third Ward, Iron Mountain, stillborn, Michigan, none, John and Sophia Salchert, of Iron Mountain, Mich., 1 June 1891
- Page 127, Number 183, 11 November 1890, **infant Buck**, female, white, single, 0-0-0, Third Ward, Iron Mountain, stillborn, Michigan, none, K.S. and Mary Buck, of Iron Mountain, Mich., 1 June 1891
- Page 127, Number 184, 24 August 1890, **infant Foyen/Tryen [Troyen - ?]**, male, white, single, 0-6-0, Third Ward, Iron Mountain, gastric enteritis, Michigan, none, John and Mary Foyen/Tryen [Troyen - ?], of Iron Mountain, Mich., 1 June 1891
- Page 127, Number 185, 26 November 1890, **infant Nancarrow**, female, white, single, 0-0-12, Third Ward, Iron Mountain, vertebrae short, Michigan, none, J.H. and C.H. Nancarrow, of Iron Mountain, Mich., 1 June 1891
- Page 127, Number 186, 7 July 1890, **Leotine LaJeunesse**, female, white, single, 0-8-15, Third Ward, Iron Mountain, inanition, Michigan, none, R. and D. LaJeunesse, of Iron Mountain, Mich., 1 June 1891

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- Volume A-B, Page 109, Number 190: **Leblanc [Le Blanc], Alfred**; 9 August 1887; Norway, Mich.; Norway, Mich.; 25; Quebec, Canada; laborer; not given;  
**Lord, Catherine**; Norway, Mich.; 23; Rockland, Mich.; not given; not given; M. Kehoe; **James Harris and James Flannigan**, both of Norway, Mich.; 2 October 1887
- Volume A-B, Page 109, Number 191: **Lafreniere, Francis**; 18 April 1887; Norway, Mich.; Norway, Mich.; 21; St. Joseph, Canada; laborer; not given;  
**Girard, Josephine**; Norway, Mich.; 18; Three Rivers, Quebec, Canada; not given; not given; M. Kehoe; **William Guard and Adeline Lafreniere**, both of Michigan; 2 October 1887
- Volume A-B, Page 109, Number 192: **Macani, Cirillo**; 23 April 1887; Norway, Mich.; Vulcan, Mich.; 23; Austria; miner; not given;  
**Barbacovi, Catherine**; Vulcan, Mich.; 19; Austria; not given; not given; M. Kehoe; **James Feline and Modesta Prolini**, both of Vulcan, Mich.; 2 October 1887
- Volume A-B, Page 109, Number 193: **Girard, William**; 27 June 1887; Norway, Mich.; Norway, Mich.; 22; Three Rivers, Quebec, Canada; laborer; not given;  
**Lafreniere, Adeline**; Norway, Mich.; 18; Windsor, Ontario, Canada; not given; not given; M. Kehoe; **Emile Lafreniere and Domenic Perigny**, both of Michigan; 2 October 1887
- Volume A-B, Page 109, Number 194: **Laviolette [La Violette], Alexander**; 22 June 1887; Norway, Mich.; Vulcan, Mich.; 27; New Brunswick; clerk; not given;  
**McCarthy, Margaret**; Norway, Mich.; 20; Calumet, Mich.; not given; not given; M. Kehoe; **John Quinn and Louise Laviolette**, both of Vulcan, Mich.; 2 October 1887
- Volume A-B, Page 109, Number 195: **Kruen, John**; 31 May 1887; Norway, Mich.; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 46; Germany; laborer; not given;  
**Luik, Augusta**; Green Bay, Wis.; 32; Germany; not given; not given; M. Kehoe; **Antone Leuz and Mrs. Antone Leuz**, both of Norway, Mich.; 2 October 1887
- Volume A-B, Page 110, Number 196: **St. Ours, Joseph**; 24 May 1887; Norway, Mich.; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 29; Quebec, Canada; laborer; not given;  
**Paquette, Mary**; Norway, Mich.; 18; Quebec, Canada; not given; not given; M. Kehoe; **Wilfred Paquette**, of Norway, Mich., and **Mary Paquette**, of Iron Mountain, Mich.; 2 October 1887
- Volume A-B, Page 110, Number 203: **Larson, Lars Johan**; 10 September 1887; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 23; Varmland, Sweden; store clerk; not given;  
**Lindquist, Anna**; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 22; Varmland, Sweden; not given; not given; Otto Hogfeldt; **Wm. Sundstrom and Christina Sundstrom**, both of Iron Mountain, Mich.; 3 October 1887
- Volume A-B, Page 110, Number 204: **Lidstrom, John Wilhelm**; 15 September 1887; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 25; Varmland, Sweden; laborer; not given;  
**Petterson, Alolda**; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 24; Kongsberg, Norway; not given; Otto Hogfeldt; **Eli Israelson and Amanda Israelson**, both of Iron Mountain, Mich.; 3 October 1887

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Volume A-B, Page 110, Number 205: **Thompson, Leander**; 24 September 1887; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 25; Holland, Sweden [*sic*]; miner; not given;

**Daku, Wendla Augusta**; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 20; Aland, Finland; not given; not given; Otto Hogfeldt; **Adolf Anderson** and **Emanuel Sandstrom**, both of Iron Mountain, Mich.; 3 October 1887

Volume A-B, Page 110, Number 206: **Johanson, Nils Johan**; 26 September 1887; Norway, Mich.; Norway, Mich.; 39; Sweden; laborer; not given;

**Larson, Maria**; Norway, Mich.; 44; Sweden; not given; not given; L. Djupstrom; **E.G. Wermerstrom** and **Louisa Wermerstrom**, both of Norway, Mich.; 4 October 1887

Volume A-B, Page 110, Number 207: **Carter, Thomas**; XX September 1887; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Florence, Wis.; 40; Cornwall County, England; miner; not given;

**Benney, Mary Jane [Trythall]**; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 40; Cornwall County, England; not given; not given; H.M. Tyndall, M.G.; **Mattie Boucher** and **Mrs. H.M. Tryndall**, both of Iron Mountain, Mich.; 11 October 1887

*[Beginning with the record below, "date recorded" is not recorded.]*

Volume C, Page 1, Number 1: **Possi, Bartolo**; 28 September 1887; Norway, Mich.; Norway, Mich.; 32; Austria; miner; none; John Possi and Mari Possi;

**Sparapini [Sparapani], Soffia**; Norway, Mich.; 19; Austria; servant; none; not given; Martin Kehoe, Catholic priest; **Giovanni Possi** and **Catarina Bertoloz**, both of Vulcan, Mich.

Volume C, Page 1, Number 2: **Duwall [Duvall - ?], Albert**; 2 October 1887; Waucedah, Mich.; Waucedah, Mich.; 25; Kojing, Sweden; telephone operator; none; Erick Williams and not given;

**Hanson, Mary H.**; Waucedah, Mich.; 17; Norway, Europe; not given; none; Andrew Hanson and not given; L. Gustaf Edgren; **Andrew Hanson** and **Gustaf Onstrom**, both of Waucedah, Mich.

Volume C, Page 1, Number 5: **Rowell, Thomas**; 29 October 1887; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 24; England; miner; none; Joseph Rowell and not given;

**Hill, Nellie**; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 19; Ontonagon, Mich.; dressmaker; none; Jans Pine and not given; G.C. Squire; **John Rowell** and **Anna Bennetts/Dennetts**, both of Iron Mountain, Mich.

Volume C, Page 1, Number 8: **Miller, Robert**; 6 October 1887; Menominee, Mich.; Norway, Mich.; 35; Germany; miner; none; Christ Miller and Augusta Young;

**Spoener, Lena**; Menominee, Mich.; 22; Germany; seamstress; none; not given; H. Hilleman, pastor of the German Lutheran Church; **Friederich Behm** and **Anna Ireland**, both of Menominee, Mich.

Volume C, Page 1, Number 9: **Sala, Francesco**; 8 October 1887; Vulcan, Mich.; Norway, Mich.; 28; Italy; carpenter; none; Antonio Sala and Maria Sala;

**Bertolas, Catarina**; Norway, Mich.; 23; Tyroll, Austria; not given; none; not given; Domenic Vento, Catholic priest; **Margarita Knoll** and **Henry Bertolas**, both of Vulcan, Mich.

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Volume C, Page 1, Number 10: **Thifault, Frank**; 10 October 1887; Norway, Mich.; Norway, Mich.; 28; Montreal, Canada; laborer; none; Narcis Thifault and Mary Rosso;

**Ayotte, Georgianna**; Norway, Mich.; 18; Montreal, Canada; not given; none; Derrick Ayotte and Philomene Grolo [Groleau]; Martin Kehoe, Catholic priest; **Ephraim Rousseau and Armand Landry**, both of Norway, Mich.

Volume C, Page 1, Number 11: **Ayotte, William**; 10 October 1887; Norway, Mich.; Norway, Mich.; 28; Three Rivers, Canada; lumberman; none; Calista Ayott/Ayotte and Ida Ayott/Ayotte;

**Provost, Albaisse**; Norway, Mich.; 24; Three Rivers, Canada; not given; none; Aspemo Provost and not given; Martin Kehoe, Catholic priest; **Pierre Plourde and Virginia Ayotte**, both of Norway, Mich.

Volume C, Page 1, Number 12: **Menopaio, Nicholas**; 15 October 1887; Vulcan, Mich.; Norway, Mich.; 30; Austria; laborer; none; John Menopaio and Catharina Menopaio;

**Menopaio, Angela**; Norway, Mich.; 30; Austria; not given; none; Francesco Menopaio and Margaret Farazane; Domenic Vento, Catholic priest; **Giacomo Zenonini and Colomba Bertolda**, both of Vulcan, Mich.

Volume C, Page 1, Number 14: **Mellen, Albert H.**; 10 October 1887; Escanaba, Mich.; Quinnesec, Mich.; 26; Fort Howard, Wis.; bookkeeper; none; James L. Mellen and Maria Hopkins;

**Patterson, Mary C.**; Escanaba, Mich.; 21; Canada; school teacher; none; not given; Eugene Butteman, Catholic priest, St. Joseph's Church; **Joseph Patterson and Annie Patterson**, both of Escanaba, Mich.

Volume C, Page 2, Number 17: **Mailhart, Zoel**; 26 October 1887; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 24; Vermont; blacksmith; none; Nazarene Mailhart and Julia Auger;

**La Chapelle, Damithelle**; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 17; Canada; domestic; none; William La Chapelle and Celina Phararo; J.H. Reynaert, Catholic priest; **Calliste Terrien and William La Chapelle**, both of Iron Mountain, Mich.

Volume C, Page 2, Number 18: **Berubeau [Barribeau], Abraham**; 26 October 1887; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 22; Canada; laborer; none; Abraham Berubeau [Barribeau] and Lenore Massicotte;

**Toussigno [Tousignant], Antoinette**; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 17; Canada; laborer; none; Narcisse Toussigno [Tousignant] and Marie Massicotte; J.H. Reynaert, Catholic priest; **Narcisse Gingras [Gingrass] and Henry Toussigno [Tousignant]**, both of Iron Mountain, Mich.

Volume C, Page 2, Number 19: **Bran, Michael**; 28 October 1887; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 36; Italy; barber; none; Thomas Bran and Elizabeth Gery;

**Peterson, Ida**; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 21; Sweden; domestic; none; Olaf Peterson and Mary Steinfert; Harry G. Dever, J.P.; **W.H. Martin and Frank Lender**, both of Iron Mountain, Mich.

Volume C, Page 2, Number 20: **Person, Halfvar [Halvar]**; 29 October 1887; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 27; Sweden; laborer; Per Halfvarson [Halvarson] and not given;

**Axelson, Maria Stina**; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 20; Sweden; laborer; none; Axel Swenson and not given; Ludvig Djupstrom; **Emil Sjogren and Inga Sjogren**, both of Iron Mountain, Mich.

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- Volume C, Page 2, Number 22: **Giacomelli, Louis**; 31 October 1887; Quinnesec, Mich.; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 28; Italy; miner; none; O. Giacomelli and Bozoline Jacami;  
**Covas, Lucy Francescan**; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 22; Italy; servant; none; Gial Girolmo and not given; Luther J. Cleveland; **Antoine Tramontin and Angelo Franceschini**, both of Iron Mountain, Mich.
- Volume C, Page 2, Number 25: **Williams, James**; 2 November 1887; Norway, Mich.; Norway, Mich.; 28; Cornwall, England; miner; none; John Williams and Mary A. Gay;  
**Jeffrey, Eliza**; Norway, Mich.; 33; Cornwall, England; not given; none; not given; John L. Walker, Methodist Episcopal pastor; **Bella Walker and Maggie Walker**, both of Norway, Mich.
- Volume C, Page 3, Number 31: **McGillis, Joseph August**; 8 November 1887; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 23; Canada; carpenter; none; not given and Mary F. McGillis;  
**McDonald, Christy**; Norway, Mich.; 24; Canada; domestic; none; Alex McDonald and Mary McDonald; J.H. Reynaert, Catholic priest; **James Gully**, of Fond du Lac, Wis., and **A. McGillis**, of Norway, Mich.
- Volume C, Page 3, Number 33: **Rossi, Emmanuelle**; 17 November 1887; Norway, Mich.; Norway, Mich.; 24; Tryoll, Austria; miner; none; Frank Rossi and not given;  
**Bettinger, Eva [Vallen/Vellen]**; Norway, Mich.; 24; West Phalen [Westphalia - ?], Germany; not given; one; Peter Vallen/Vellen and Margretta Vasau; Thomas Hay, J.P.; **Andrew Sethney and Anton O'Dill**, both of Norway, Mich.
- Volume C, Page 3, Number 39: **Stanton, Mark**; 24 November 1887; Norway, Mich.; Norway, Mich.; 21; Cornwall, England; miner; none; James Stanton and not given;  
**Laity, Mary G.**; Norway, Mich.; 24; Cornwall, England; dressmaker; none; John Laity and Ivany Laity; John L. Walker, Methodist Episcopal pastor; **James Stanton and Jane Harris**, both of Vulcan, Mich.
- Volume C, Page 3, Number 42: **Anderson, Charles**; 2 December 1887; Norway, Mich.; Vulcan, Mich.; 28; Sweden; miner; none; Anders Erickson and not given;  
**Gabrielson, Christina**; Vulcan, Mich.; 27; Sweden; not given; none; not given; L. Gustaf Edgren; **Albert Norling and Justina Norling**, both of Vulcan, Mich.
- Volume C, Page 4, Number 46: **Hansen, Karl Johan**; 12 December 1887; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 31; Norway, Europe; merchant; none; Hans Jurgenson and Maria Neilson;  
**Zirngast, Maria**; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 24; Saga, Austria; domestic; none; not given and Regina Zirngast; John H. Reynaert, Catholic priest; **William Webb and Louisa Langelier**, both of Iron Mountain, Mich.
- Volume C, Page 4, Number 47: **Rogers, Alfred**; 13 December 1887; Norway, Mich.; Norway, Mich.; 23; Cornwall, England; miner; none; Absolom Rogers and Annie Oliver;  
**Hodge, Eliza**; Norway, Mich.; 21; Cornwall, England; not given; none; John Hodge and not given; Thomas Hay, J.P.; **Hannah Hay and John H. Hay**, both of Norway, Mich.

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- 1,087. **Doyle, William H.**; 2 December 1899; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Dunbar, Wis.; 27; Canada; laborer; one; Martin Doyle and Ellen O'Brien;  
**Olson, Christina**; Dunbar, Wis.; 20; Sweden; not given; none; Gust Olson and not given; A. Raymond Johns; **Mrs. M. Deering** and **Mr. A. Trudeau**, both of Iron Mountain, Mich.; 4 December 1899
- 1,088. **Oberg, Alfred**; 30 December 1899; Norway, Mich.; Norway, Mich.; 26; sweden; pipeman; none; Gust Oberg and Emma Crolina Nicholson;  
**Fors, Tillie**; Norway, Mich.; 21; Sweden; not given; none; Eric Fors and Matilda -----; A.E. Rundquist; **Minnie Gustafson** and **A.E. Asp**, both of Norway, Mich.; 3 January 1900
- 1,089. **Serena, Domenic**; 11 December 1899; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 27; Italy; miner; none; Fortunato Serena and Elizabeth Cicuto;  
**Galloto, Maria**; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 21; Italy; not given; not given; Luigi Galloto and Albina Manville/Maurine; Rudolph Th. Miller, J.P.; **Frank Baldrica** and **Domenic Contarina**, both of Iron Mountain, Mich.; 12 December 1899
- 1,090. **Bodle, George B.**; 19 December 1899; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Dartford, Wis.; 24; Green Bay, Wis.; boiler maker; not given; Boyd M. Bodle and Susie Baker;  
**Roeder, Sofia**; Niagara, Wis.; 20; Illinois; not given; none; Goerge Roeder and not given; A. Raymond Johns; **Clara Bourase** and **Louis Roeder**, both of Niagara, Wis.; 26 December 1899
- 1,091. **Chapman, John Henwood**; 14 December 1899; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 23; England; miner; not given; James Chapman and Betsy Chapman;  
**Pollard, Mary Catherine**; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 18; Iron Mountain, Mich.; not given; none; John Pollard and Emma Grace Hambly; W.H. Mills; **Joseph Hambly** and **Flora Langdon**, both of Iron Mountain, Mich.; not given
- 1,092. **Peterson, Peter**; 16 December 1899; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 36; Norway, Europe; miner; none; Peter Peterson and Elina Engelbretson;  
**Anderson, Mary Berta**; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 26; Sweden; not given; not given; Anders Johnson and Christina Johnson; Anthony Lind; **Andrew Swanson** and **Julia Swanson**, both of Iron Mountain, Mich.; 19 December 1899
- 1,093. **Terrill, Samuel**; 23 December 1899; Quinnesec, Mich.; Quinnesec, Mich.; 21; Michigan; pumpman; not given; George Terrill and Mary Jane Cox;  
**Hooper, Laura Pearl**; Quinnesec, Mich.; 18; Saginaw, Mich.; not given; not given; William Hooper and Kate Bond; James Stanaway, M.E. minister; **Rosey Terrill** and **George Terrill**, both of Quinnesec, Mich.; 28 December 1899
- 1,094. **Mattson, Eric John**; 30 December 1899; Quinnesec, Mich.; Quinnesec, Mich.; 24; Finland; miner; not given; Matt Fleyd and Brita Scrivus;  
**Mattson, Anna Louisa (Liljas)**; Quinnesec, Mich.; 23; Finland; not given; not given; Matt Liljas and Anna -----; H. Colliander; **Isaak Mattson** and **Fina Boman**, both of Quinnesec, Mich.; 3 January 1900

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- 1,095. **Couillard, Mark L.**; 24 December 1899; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 27; Oconto, Wis.; laborer; none; J.N. Couillard and Laura Ann Johnson;  
**Sheridan, Mary**; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 23; Ishpeming, Mich.; not given; none; Patrick Sheridan and Annie Green; N.H. Nosbisch; **Thomas Sheridan** and **Beatrice Langlois**, residences not given; not given
- 1,096. **Morin, David**; 8 January 1900; Vulcan, Mich.; Norway, Mich.; 25; Canada; not given; not given; David Morin and Edith Ross;  
**Bellerose, Celina**; Vulcan, Mich.; 22; Negaunee, Mich.; servant; none; Charles Bellerose and not given; Rev. R. Cavicchi; **Charles Belrose [sic]** and **David Morin**, both of Vulcan, Mich.; not given
- 1,097. **Thomas, Joseph**; 23 December 1899; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 32; England; miner; once; Thomas Thomas and Ann Thomas;  
**Farley, Mary Jane (Dezell)**; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 30; Canada; not given; once; John Dezell and Elizabeth McFadden; Daniel C. Jones; **John Dezell** and **Maggie Dezell**, both of Iron Mountain, Mich.; 18 January 1900
- 1,098. **Anderson, Peder**; 23 December 1899; Norway, Mich.; Norway, Mich.; 29; Norway, Europe; laborer; none; Anders Jacobsen and Johanna Stensen;  
**Springer, Augusta**; Norway, Mich.; 20; Sweden; not given; not given; Charles Springer and Gustava Erickson; H. Colliander; Miss **Emma Hagglund**, of Norway, Mich., and **Charles F. Springer**, of Waucedah, Mich.; 28 December 1899
- 1,099. **Neuens, Jacob**; 26 December 1899; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 25; Luxemburg; laborer; not given; John Neuens and Catherina Marjin;  
**Ahnen, Maggie**; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 26; Luxemburg; none; not given; Matthew Ahnen and Suzan Ahnen; N.H. Nosbisch; **John P. Ahnen** and **Maggie Euschen**, both of Iron Mountain, Mich.; 27 December 1899
- 1,100. **Dorkey, John**; 2 January 1900; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 28; Austria; miner; not given; John Dorkey and Annie Leshow;  
**Orolim, Kate**; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 19; Austria; not given; not given; John Orolim and not given; N.H. Nosbisch; **Mery [sic] Brenza** and **Mik [sic] Brenza**, both of Iron Mountain, Mich.; 2 January 1900
- 1,101. **Uren, Richard H.**; 26 December 1899; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 26; England; clerk; not given; Richard Uren and Ann White;  
**McLeod, Lizzie**; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 23; Canada; not given; not given; John McLeod and not given; Rudolph Th. Miller, J.P.; **John Harris** and **Jessie Scott**, both of Iron Mountain, Mich.; 27 December 1899



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steamboat clerk on the Lake Superior boats three seasons, from 1850 to 1853. The years 1853, 1854 and 1855, he was employed as mining clerk with the Albion, Montgomery and Howard Mining Companies. He then followed the lake another season as steamboat clerk, and in the spring of 1857 located at Ontonagon, and engaged as clerk at the warehouse of **E.M. Livermore**; continued with him and his successor till 1862, when he became a partner in the business. In 1874, he bought out the other interest, and became sole proprietor. He has since conducted the only forwarding and commission house in the place, and has recently been engaged as agent of the railroad docks at this place. He was elected to the Michigan Legislature as a Republican, representing the district composed of Ontonagon, Baraga, Keweenaw and Isle Royale Counties. Mr. Mercer proved himself a thorough worker, and made his influence felt in securing the passage of an act confirming the land grant on the present company, and thus securing the construction of the road. [Page 541]

**PETER MITCHELL**, explorer, was born in Fayette County, Penn., September, 1828; he came to Ontonagon in June, 1847, a young man in search of experience, and says he found it. He was married in Ontonagon, in February, 1853, to Miss **Laura E. Field**, a resident of Niagara Falls, N.Y. Mr. Mitchell has spent his life since coming to this region principally in exploring for mineral and timber; his explorations have extended not only throughout the Upper Peninsula, but in Northeastern Minnesota, along the north shore of Lake Superior and Vermillion Lake region. He was one of the pre-emptors who pre-empted the copper region west of the Norwich Mine in 1851. In 1868, he discovered the Massaba Iron Range, a wonderful belt of magnetic iron ore in the State of Minnesota. He has a very large collection of minerals and pre-historic relics. He has not less than 2,000 specimens illustrating the minerology, geology and Indian history of this region. Mr. Mitchell is a thorough student of natural history. His many years of life in the woods have afforded him favorable opportunities for observation. [Page 541]

**JAMES A. MONROE**, Principal of the Ontonagon Graded School, Town Clerk and Secretary of the Board of School Examiners, was born in Patterson, N.J., in 1855. He took a regular collegiate course at Cornell University, and graduated in 1880. He then came to Ontonagon, and was employed as clerk for H.H. Rich & Co. He was elected School Superintendent in the spring of 1881, and when the law went into effect that abolished the office, he was elected one of the Board of School Examiners in August, 1881. He was engaged as Principal of the graded school of Ontonagon in 1881 to fill vacancy [*sic*]. He has been retained by the board, and is now serving his third term. Mr. Monroe is a man of superior ability and culture, and under his management the Ontonagon School is working very successfully. [Page 541]

**TIMOTHY NESTER**, dealer in real estate, pine, hardwood and mineral lands, was born in Canada December 25, 1846; he came to Michigan with his parents in 1853, and resided in Sanilac County till 1865, when he moved to Saginaw. He was engaged in lumbering and railroad contracting. While in the latter business, he was Superintendent of Construction on the Jackson, Lansing & Saginaw Railroad. He also built sixteen and a half miles of the Flint & Pere Marquette Railroad. During the summers of 1875, 1876 and 1877, he was engaged in opening a copper mine on Isle Royale. In April, 1880, he came to Ontonagon, where he now resides. Mr. Nester is Superintendent of his brother's extensive real estate interests in this region. Shortly after taking up his residence here, he began to agitate the subject of securing railroad communication with the outer world. It is mainly through his efforts that an interest was awakened on the subject; meetings were held, and eventually an organization effected, which resulted in the formation of the present Ontonagon & Brule River Railway Company. The first meeting was held July 11, 1880. The grading was begun in exactly one year from that day, July 11, 1881, and July 4, 1882, he had the satisfaction of riding on the first train from Ontonagon to Rockland. To Mr. Nester's enterprise and pluck in pushing the project, are the people of this region more indebted than to any other cause, for what has already been accomplished in this matter and for the very flattering prospects of a speedy completion of the line and direct communication with the lower country. Since it was demonstrated that the railroad was a fixed fact, business at Ontonagon and along the line has revived, real estate has advanced in value, and a general hopeful feeling prevails. [Page 541]

**CAPT. JOHN G. PARKER**, merchant, was born in Winchester, Cheshire Co., N.H., July 22, 1821; he

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removed to Canada with his parents in childhood, and was a resident of that county until the rebellion, when for political reasons his father returned to the States. He began sailing in 1844 on the lower lakes, and two years later came to Lake Superior as mate of the schooner *Fur Trader*, which had been hauled over the Portage and the Sault in the fall of 1845. In the fall of 1850, he bought her, and became her master. He sailed her successfully until 1852, when she went onto the rocks at Eagle Harbor and was lost. In the spring of 1853, he bought the schooner *George W. Ford* in Milwaukee in company with the Minnesota *[sic]* Mining Company and Mr. **James Burtenshaw**. He hauled her across the Sault Portage in May, 1853, and sailed her on Lake Superior until the canal was finished, then sailed her below. December 22, 1854, he sold his interest in the steam saw-mill to Mr. Burtenshaw for his interest in the *Ford*. He continued to sail the *Ford* until August 12, 1860, when he lost her off the same port he lost the *Fur Trader*. Capt. Parker has sailed twenty-five years on Lake Superior. He then settled down in Ontonagon, where he has made his home since 1848. In 1858, he engaged in mercantile business as a dealer in general merchandise, and has continued it to this date. Capt. Parker has held various official positions while a resident of this place. He has served as Town Treasurer, Moderator and Director of the School District and County Superintendent of Poor several years. He has a fine farm of 120 acres lying east of the village, forty acres of which are under cultivation. [Pages 541-542]

**C.A. PARKER**, of the firm of **White & Parker**, real estate agents and explorers. Mr. Parker is a son of **Capt. John G. Parker**, and was born in Ontonagon, Lake Superior, September 6, 1852. He went sailing with his father in his youth, and was a sailor of Lake Superior about five years. About 1878, he formed his business connection with Mr. White, which has continued to this day. Messrs. White & Parker have operated considerably in mining and mineral lands, and have opened several mines, among which may be mentioned the Shogo, Nokomis and White Pine Mines. [Page 542]

**JAMES KIRK PAUL**, deceased, was the first actual white settler of Ontonagon. He was born near Richmond, Va., March 20, 1813. When nine years of age, he went to Elizabeth, Ohio, with an uncle, where he remained six years. He then, at the age of fifteen years, accompanied his uncle on a tour through Kentucky, Illinois and Ohio. Leaving his uncle, he went to St. Louis, Mo.; he became a boatman and followed the river a few years. He went up the Missouri River and established a trading post. He next went to Illinois and located at Bloomington; while here he engaged in the drover's business, which he followed some years. He was also an early settler of Chicago, as we find his name in the death roll of the Calumet Club, a club which was composed only of old settlers prior to 1840. He enlisted in the Black Hawk war, on its commencement and served till the close. He received a land warrant from the Government, which he subsequently located in Ontonagon County, on what is known as the Maple Grove road, about five miles from Ontonagon. After his return from the war, he went to the lead regions of Wisconsin and Illinois. While there, he fell in with an educated half-breed by the name of **Nicholas Minclergue**, who told him of a famous copper rock which lay on the west branch of the Ontonagon, which was undoubtedly of great value. He at once formed the project of getting it out and selling it. Early in the spring of 1842, he and Minclergue started with a mule team carrying supplies; on arriving at Jenny Bull Falls, on the Wisconsin River, he found that it was practically impossible to proceed very far with the team; so he sold the mules and rig, and, purchasing a couple of canoes, and employing two Indians to paddle, he proceeded up the Wisconsin to its head-waters, crossed the Portage to the head-waters of the Montreal River, and thence down that river to Lake Superior, and coasted the lake to the Ontonagon River. Here he built a small cabin on the north side and near the mouth of the river, where he stored his supplies, and made this his base of operations. The treaty with the Chippewas ceding this territory to the Government, had been made in 1842, but it was not yet ratified by the United States Senate. The Indians were very suspicious, and would give Mr. Paul no positive information as to the location of the copper rock. Proceeding up the river, after a long and tedious search, he found the great prize lying partly in the waters of the West Branch of the Ontonagon River, on what since the surveys were made, is described as the southwest quarter of Section 31, Town 50 north, Range 39 west. Mr. Paul at once built a cabin within fifty feet of of *[sic]* the rock, and cleared out the intervening brush so that the precious object might not be out of his sight. He at once began to make his plans to get it to the mouth of the Ontonagon; on the West Branch, between the rock and the main river, was a succession of rapids for a distance of two and a half miles, and at one place a perpendicular fall of several feet. This route was found impracticable and abandoned. The only other

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where her husband died Nov. 27, 1885. Deceased resided at Vulcan until some months ago when she, on account of sickness, took up her residence with L.F. Springer, where, although every care was given her, she passed peacefully away to her God. Mrs. Spargo was well-known hereabout in church circles being a Christian woman and ever ready to do what she could for christianity [sic] and her legion of friends. By her death a daughter, **Mrs. L.F. Springer, John**, aged 16, and **Willie**, aged 13, are left orphans, who mourn the death of a kind and dear mother. Mr. and Mrs. Springer will give a home to the orphan boys, a wish which was made by the deceased. The funeral occurred on Sunday from the M.E. church, of which deceased was a member, where a sermon was preached by **Rev. Edwards**, and afterward the remains were taken to the Quinnesec cemetery where they were laid by those of her husband. The sympathy of the community is intended [sic] to the bereaved relatives.

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### CURRENT NOTES.

--Mr. and Mrs. **S. Schwartz** are happy over the addition to their family of a baby boy, who came Monday.

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### CURRENT NOTES.

--We print the following from the columns of The Advertiser, L'Original, Ont. regarding the death of our late fellow citizen, **James W. Collins**:

Died, at Norway, Michigan, on Sunday, 15th March instant. **James Waters Collins**. Son of the late **E.H. Collins** of the editorial staff of the Toronto Globe, and brother-in-law to **Lieutenant-Colonel McLean**, of Pendleton, in this county. The deceased learned the carriage-making trade at Hawkesbury twenty years ago, and subsequently established a successful business in Michigan. The remains were brought to Pendleton for interment in the family burial plot by his sorrowing widow who alone undertook the lonely journey [sic - journey] as a duty "in paying the last sad rights.["

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### Ramblings.

Last Sunday night or early Monday morning, **Joseph Dinman** and **Polly Baisly**, both of Mastodon, eloped. They took a team and drove to Stager when they took a train for Marinette in order to avoid the preliminary of getting a marriage license. Mastodon furnished another sensation, Sunday, but as the matter may be aired in court, we will not give particulars.

[Saturday, April 18, 1891, page 1, column 2]

### CURRENT NOTES.

--**Capt. Stephen Martin**[,] one of the pioneers of Lake Superior, and well known to many of THE CURRENT readers, died at Ontonagon on the 6th inst., aged nearly 70 years.

[Saturday, April 18, 1891, page 1, column 5]

### Ira C. Lillibridge Dead.

**Ira C. Lillibridge**, well known to the pioneers of the Menominee range, as being connected with its iron interests since their infancy, died at Milwaukee, Sunday. Mr. Lillibridge was always a welcome visitor here, and in all his relations, both of a business and private character[,] he was courteous and kind. The editor of this paper received from him during years of business intercourse many favors, and often, when most needed words of cheer and encouragement. In all the busy walks of life he never forgot to be a gentleman. We publish the following from the Sentinel of Tuesday.

"There are few men whose death would cause more universal regret among all who know them than did the death of **Ira C. Lillibridge**, which occurred at his home on the Blue Mound road Sunday morning. Mr. Lillibridge had been practically a resident of Milwaukee since 1876 and was well-known to thousands of persons here. He was born at Tobey, Oneida county, N.Y., May 12, 1844, in which vicinity his early years were spent. In 1870 he came West, stopping at Detroit, where he remained until 1876 in charge of the extensive real estate interests of **Capt. E.B. Ward**. He then came to Milwaukee and was one year in charge of an important department in the works of the old Milwaukee Iron company. In 1877 he became interested in the Menominee Mining company, then opening up and operating nearly all of the iron

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mines then developing on the Menominee range. In February, 1879, when those mines were largely disposed of to different parties and the Chapin Mining company was organized, he became a stockholder in the latter and was made cashier of the company which position he held through the several changes of ownership until his death. He was one of the pioneers of the iron mining industry in Northern Michigan, spent considerable of his time at the mines in their earlier period and was known to nearly every person in the Menominee range country ten years ago. When the Schlesinger syndicate bought the Chapin mine the purchase included his stock but the syndicate kept him in the responsible position of cashier. Some eighteen years ago he was married to Miss **Nellie Shepherd**, of Olivert, Mich., who survives him, with four children, the oldest about 16 and the youngest about 5 years of age. He leaves three brothers, *[sic]* **H.P. Lillibridge** is prominently connected with iron interests at Cleveland, O.; **Willard** is a leading lawyer at Detroit, Mich., and **Frank** is at the head of the Acme Oil company at Titusville, Pa. The two first named were with him during his sickness. His death was the result of a complication of pneumonia and meningitis. He was a great sufferer during the few weeks of his illness, and, owing to the effects of the disease upon his brain, seldom recognized those around him during the last few days. Mr. Lillibridge was prominently identified with the Grand Avenue Congregational church and no member of it was held in higher esteem. He was a man of the highest character and of engaging social qualities. Scores of telegrams of condolence were received by the family yesterday from various parts of the country. The funeral services will be held at his late residence, five miles west of the city, at 11 o'clock to-morrow, the Rev. **G.H. Ide** officiating. Interment at Forest Home."

*[Saturday, April 25, 1891, page 1, column 2-3]*

### CURRENT NOTES.

--**Mike**, the ferryman, employed by the bagnio keeper across the river in Wisconsin, was drowned Thursday night. The accident was caused by a log striking the boat, throwing him out. A young man from town was with him when the accident happened.

*[Saturday, May 2, 1891, page 1, column 1]*

### CURRENT NOTES.

--A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. **Matt. Powley**, Tuesday. Mother and daughter are doing well. **Mrs. Reynolds**, Mrs. Powley's mother, is taking care of her.

*[Saturday, May 2, 1891, page 1, column 2]*

### CURRENT NOTES.

--**BORN**-- to Mr. and Mrs. **Anton Odill**, on Wednesday, a boy, weighing 13 pounds. The youthful "Shuster" comes on deck with a fair start as to weight and lung power and we trust will made as much of a hustler as is his "dad."

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### Ramblings.

**BORN**--to Mr. and Mrs. **R.C. Knight**, of Commonwealth, on Saturday last, a daughter, and the editor of this paper is an uncle some more.

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### Married.

**LEE-DUTCHER**--At the home of Mr. and Mrs. **Thomas P. Hayes**, Norway Mich., **Rev. T. Edwards** officiating, on Thursday April 30, 1891, **Samuel R. Lee** and Miss **Anna L. Dutcher**, both of Iron River, Mich.

The groom is the publisher of the Iron County Reporter and the bride has been for some time a compositor in the office of that paper. **THE CURRENT** feels much more than a passing interest in this young couple, because of the fact that "Sam" learned the printing business in its office, and that he is a stepson of its editor. May they live long and happily, is the earnest wish of the writer.

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### CURRENT NOTES.

--On Saturday last, a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. **Eric Johnson**, Ingallsdorf. Mother and son are doing well.

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The following teachers took the special teachers' examination last Friday:

- Emma Andrews - Iron Mountain,
- Johanna Kelly - " "
- Minnie McKenna - Quinnesec,
- Celia McKenna " "
- Jennie Cook - Carney,
- Marion S. Meehan - Waucedah,
- Lillie Pondeau - Nadeau,
- Kate King - Norway,
- Aggie Power - "
- Mary Rice - "
- Frank Blackwell - "
- Fannie Roche " "
- Alida Colwell " "

- " Overseer of highway - Joseph Bouche,
- " Justice of peace - Thomas Hay,
- " member of Board of Review - Isaac Wilkinson,
- " School inspector - D.A. Stewart,
- " Constables -- Jas. Cantrill, Jas. Bush, Jerry Bennane, Thos. La Forge.

**Vulcan Notes.**

[Page 1, Columns 3-4]

S.R. Hews and family returned last week from a trip to Canada.

There was a Polak war at East Vulcan last Sunday, and one man got a lump on his jaw and some torn clothes. The contending parties sought the aid of the law, Monday, to right their wrongs, and after paying costs in one case and attorney's fees in another, they all shook hands and went home happy.

**Ramblings.**

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H.D. Fisher and family, of Florence[,] who have been spending some time in Florida, returned Saturday, feeling very well pleased with their sojourn there.

Supt. J.T. Jones of the Hamilton mine has a very sick child - a little girl of about three, and Thursday but little hope was entertained of her recovery.

**PERSONAL POINTERS.**

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Will Sampson[,] who was here some time ago, has returned from his home at Houghton, and will probably remain here with his brothers John, Richard and Henry, for some time.

Capt. S.F. Clark came home from the wesern trip, Saturday, after having comfortably settled his son Frank and wife on a fine farm, well stocked and equipped.

"Dick" Phelps, of Bessemer, visited with his parents here, during a portion of the week.

[Saturday, April 11, 1891]

**CURRENT NOTES.**

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--Bob Henderson and his broncho are becoming almost

**Change of Firm.**  
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John Lindquist[,] who has been doing business in Norway until "Lindquist's Corner" is known to every man[,] woman and child within ten miles, has sold his general merchandise business to R.C. Browning, Carl Lindahl and John E. Anderson, who will continue the business under the firm name of Browning, Lindahl & Co. Two of the firm are old residents, while the third, Mr. Lindahl, is well known on the range having been in business at Florence some time, but he has of late been located at Rhindlander, Wis. THE CURRENT wishes the new firm unlimited prosperity.

**Caucus.**

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A caucus to place in nomination township offices, was held Monday night at the town hall. On the motion of Jas. Bush, R.M. Sampson was chosen chairman and S.B. Tobey Sec. of the meeting. The chairman announced that the following officers were to be nominated: Supervisor, clerk, treasurer, highway commissioner, overseer of highway, justice of peace for full term, school inspector, one member of board of review, and four constables. The following were the persons nominated by acclamation,

- For Supervisor - F.A. Janson,
- " Clerk - H.J. Colwell,
- " Treasurer - W.M. Ramsdell,
- " Commissioner of highway - H. Nancarrow,

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inseparable companions. The broncho objects but Bob insists.

--D.A. Stewart, of the Aragon, has begun the erection of his new house at Frederickton. Dan will have a comfortable house.

--Mr. James King has been here this week with a number of cows for sale. He still has a few left and can be found at the home of his brother, Mr. Nich. King, of Ingallsdorf.

--Sugar 21 pounds for a dollar. If you aren't too lazy to pick berries in season, you can afford to have all the jam you want. What is the matter with McKinley, anyway?

--If you want good summer firewood, order some of those slabs of O'Callaghan Bro's. & Co. No sawing, and they split easily - two great considerations for a lazy man.

--For a good shave of hair cut go to the Corner Barber shop owned by Belrose and St. Jean. The prices are placed as follows: Saving 10 cents, hair-cutting 25 cents; Sundays, shaving 15 cents, haircutting 35 cents.

--Geo. M. Wright and August Husson will run a foot race - 100 yards - on April 27. The course is on Main street between the postoffice corner and Masonic building. Both are good sprinters and the race will be an excitement.

--Gardiner the tailor will soon remove to a new building which will be erected on the lot recently purchased from the Ross estate by Ambrose Phelps, and he assures us that he will then have one of the best business stands in the city.

--The waiting rooms and offices of the C. & N.W. station here have had several layers of mud removed from the floors, and a few more scrapings will render the rooms clean enough to be habitable. Agent LaComb proposes to have them clean if it takes all summer.

--As soon as the new overseer of highways has qualified, he should procure a man, a keg of spikes and a hammer, and set the combination at work on the sidewalk along Railroad St. Fully one-half the planks are loose, and a pedestrian stepping on one end is apt to find himself on the heavy end of a teeter board.

--The poles are distributed along the road from Iron Mountain to Norway, for the new telephone line, but we suppose that little will be done towards setting them until frost is out of the ground. We shall soon be able to call our Iron Mountain neighbor's [sic] hard names from a good safe distance.

--The Jewish ceremony "moel" was performed for the first time in Norway on Monday morning last at the home of S.J. Schwartz, merchant, and was witnessed by a number of Jewish church members and others. M. Levine of Republic

performed the ceremony. Those besides the relatives who witnessed the ceremony were Messrs. A. Leiberthal and M. Oppenheim, Iron Mountain; M. Taylor, I. Zuckermann, Dr. Wright, Jos. Cox and the junior of this paper. After the ceremony the party were joined by Mrs. Leiberthal, Mrs. Oppenheim and others who partook of a collation of cakes and wine.

**PERSONAL POINTERS.**

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Mrs. Capt. John Perkins, after a few days visit with her daughters at Albion and a shorter stay at Lansing, returned with the Hon. Capt., Saturday, but was taken down with La Grippe, Monday, and thus delayed the Capt.'s return to Lansing.

Miss La Combe, of Chicago, arrived here early in the week and is now in charge of the millinery department of Cooney's Bazaar. She is a pleasant young lady and is highly recommended as a milliner.

[Saturday, April 18, 1891]

**CURRENT NOTES.**

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--Supt. Jouno, of the M.R.L. Co's farm has about 100 horses for sale.

--Ground is being cleared up at the foot of Main St. for a lumberyard.

--Frank Ahlich has put a new ice box into his meat market this week.

--D.S. St. Jean has leased the Collins house and will move his family into it in a short time.

--Mayer, the shoemaker, has added to his residence and shop on Summit avenue, until he has nearly double the former room.

--John Lindquist is adding to his Summit avenue store building, and putting in an oven, thus fitting the place up for a bakery.

--S.J. Belrose received, this week, a bran [sic] new shaving mug case, chair and other articles for his barber shop. The new furniture is a credit to the shop.

--Carl Lindahl, of Browning, Lindahl & Co., nursed a case of grippe this week. His family is to arrive in a few days and take up their residence here.

--Capt. Skewes, of the Aragon, has begun the building of a house on the shore of Lake Mary at Frederickton. The Capt.

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would do the most good and allowed to force water against the smoke and gases until about 10 o'clock Sunday morning, when a thorough examination was made by the officers and orders given to open up all the shafts and restore ventilation. Monday, a party began the retimbering of the level, while another party went down "B" shaft to the 8th level to make sure that the pumps were all right and to start up some that were not working. They went as far west as they could until stopped by water. They then came up to the 7th level and went as far west as what is known as "D 1" shaft where the four men had been working who were unable to find their way out and of whom three are dead. Here there was every evidence of a hurried exit, their suppers were uneaten and their powder box was open and some tamping lying near allowed that they were about to blast a hole. The party then came up to the 6th level in which the fatal fire originated and passing "C" shaft went as far west as No. 2 timber shaft the point of egress evidently aimed at by the unfortunate men but which they passed and continued their way nearly 300 ft. east towards the fire. In the level between "C" and No. 2 there were evidences that the men had reached a point still further east than *[sic - than]* that at which they were found, and even here had they known it they could have reached the old "timber shaft" and caught a life preserving draught of purer air. 'Tis useless to conjecture, but there is every reason to believe that the men were in the dark from the time they reached the 6th level at "D 1" or "C 1" and that they groped their way in the right direction but were so overcome as to fail to recognize the switch at No. 2 crosscut. Their candlesticks were stuck in their hats and near one of the hats were evidences that one of the men had vomited. Monday night the work of clearing out the gases by compressed air was begun and care will be taken to ventilate every opening before resuming work. The damage to the mine is a mere bagetelle and while this is a matter of moment to the many who depend upon their employment there for daily bread, it seems very hard that three human lives should be sacrificed by the carelessness, (doubtless unintentional) of some fellow man. There seems but little doubt that the sending of the water down "C" shaft broke the smoke at the 7th and 8th levels below the fire and gave the two men there a chance to find their way to "B."

*[Saturday, February 21, 1891, page 1, column 1]*

### CURRENT NOTES.

-A man was slightly hurt at **East Vulcan**, Monday, but was able to walk home and nothing serious is anticipated.

*[Saturday, February 28, 1891, page 1, column 4]*

### Fatal Accident.

Last Saturday afternoon, an Italian miner, named **Peter Tamborine**, was killed in the open pit at the west end of the **Chapin** mine, by the fall of a large piece of ore. He had tried unsuccessfully to bar it down and had come to the conclusion that it was safe to work under, but it fell very soon after and crushed him to death.

*[Saturday, February 28, 1891, page 1, column 6]*

### Ramblings.

What might have been a very much more serious accident, occurred at the **Pewabic** about a week ago. One of the cage tenders was going down on the cage, which was stopped at the 2d level. When about to move the cage again, the brake band broke and before the brake man could throw the steam against it the drum had run the rope off and the cage had gone to the bottom a distance of 75 ft. The man on the cage was much shaken up and one leg was broken, but he will fully recover. Examination of the broken band showed a flaw which had evidently existed since its construction but which could not be seen. Had the rope broken, there would probably have been no other damage, as the safety catches are good ones and the cage had been in but three days. As it was, the running of the drum simply tended to keep the cage steady and give the unfortunate occupant the liveliest ride of his life.

*[Saturday, March 7, 1891, page 1, column 3]*

### Boiler Explosion.

Sunday morning the people of Norway were startled by the news that the **Appleton Co's** boiler had blown up and that **W.J. Corin** was badly injured. The reporter drove down to the shaft and found that the report was only too true. We found "Johnnie" bandaged and tied up so that his nose and mouth were the only parts of his face discernable. He said that he had been down the shaft about half past nine, and on coming up he



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went into the boiler house and glanced up at the steam gauge to see how it stood, when a volume of steam came through one of the flues (it was a two-flue boiler) and struck him full in the face and the damper broke off and struck him in the head at the same time. He managed to reach the doorway which was not far off and to call for help which fortunately was near at hand. Dr. Lockart was called and after making the injured man as comfortable as possible he procured a conveyance and took him to his own house and office where everything is being done to obtain the best results. As to the cause of the explosion, a casual examination of the back end of the boiler showed that one of the flues had blown out, whether from failure to clean the boiler and the consequent burning of the flue or from some other cause we would not like to say.

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### **Ramblings.**

Tuesday night about 10 o'clock **H. Aho**, a miner, in No. 2 shaft at the **Hamilton**, fell about 100 ft. and died from his injuries at 7 o'clock Wednesday morning. The work of putting in the "dividers" was begun Monday morning. A stage was put in some distance from the bottom, and dividers put in for ten sets up the shaft. Aho and his partner then took out the stage plank and sent them up in the bucket to the top divider and instead of waiting for the bucket to come down for them, one began to climb up in each corner of the end of the shaft, pulling themselves up from set to set by the "hanging bolts." One of them succeeded in reaching the staging about 65 ft. above, but Aho, when near the top, slipped and fell to the bottom. The sets are five ft. apart and are 16-inch timbers so that even a casual observer would see that the undertaking was a foolish one.

*[Saturday, March 14, 1891, page 1, column 5]*

### **Ranblings.**

A man named **John Cosner** was killed at the rope haulage plant of "B" shaft trestle, at **Chapin**, on Thursday. Deceased was "tending" a mason who was putting a brick floor into the engine room and had been working there five days. He was passing the machinery with two pails of water in his hands, and no one knows what caused him to be caught by the

machinery, but he was drawn through a very small hole and his head severed from his body before the drums could be stopped. An inquest will be held, Wednesday.

*[Saturday, March 21, 1891. page 1, column 4]*

### **Man Killed.**

Last Saturday night a man lost his life at the **Curry** mine, under peculiar circumstances. It appears that the men were coming up at No. 1 shaft at eleven o'clock Saturday night, when it so happened that both cages loaded with men left the bottom at the same time. One reached the landing place all right, the men got off and called to the lander on the trestle above to "lower." In the meantime the other cage had not been hoisted high enough by three or four feet to allow the men to get off and they were waiting for it to be moved again. When the men jumped off the first cage and called to the lander "lower" he rung *[sic]* the bell and both cages dropped away. Looking down the lander saw that one cage still had men on and he rung "stop." This the brakeman did when the cage had been lowered about 70 ft. The men on the cage then called to "hoist" and the lander rang three bells which was the signal to hoist to the top landing and the cage came up and was hoisted about 8 ft. above the first landing when the lander rung the bell and stopped it and had it lowered to the proper place. When the men began to get off, one man, **Alfons Beart**, was found to be missing and subsequent search found him dead in the bottom of the shaft. This is an outline of a lengthy amount of evidence given before a coroner's jury Tuesday night, and the jury concluded that the deceased attempted to step off the cage when it reached the surface the second time and before it was set in the proper place and by some means fell into the shaft. The verdict as given was that: "deceased came to his death at the Curry mine, by stepping off the cage above surface and falling into the shaft." The remains were buried at Norway cemetery.

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### **Ramblings.**

The verdict of the jury, rendered Tuesday, on the death of the man killed some weeks ago at "E" pit at **Chapin**, was that he was accidentally killed by being struck by an iron ore chunk.

## SOCIETY NOTES AND THE EDITOR'S CORNER

The calendar says it's mid-August, and for me school is about to begin, marking the start of my twenty-seventh year in the classroom. One of my summer goals has been to work on portions of *Dickinson Diggings* for future issues to make the quarterly easier to compile during the school year.

To that end, Hazel Dault and I went to Menominee, Michigan, on Thursday, August 12, to continue copying marriage and death records pertinent to the Dickinson County area. En route, when Hazel checked her notes, we were amazed that five years had elapsed since our last trip! We thought it had been about three years since our last visit. Where does the time go?

The personnel at the Menominee County Court House were very helpful, as always. Genealogical researchers are now allowed to work in the vault during normal business hours. They can accommodate up to three researchers in addition to their own staff.

The court house opened at 8 a.m. Since it is an hour and a half drive from Iron Mountain-Kingsford to Menominee, Hazel and I left at about 7 a.m., and arrived shortly after 8:30 a.m. Hazel has been copying the marriage records over the years, and I have been doing the death records.

I knew I would be able to finish extracting the death records this time, as I was already working in 1890, the last year for which records pertaining to areas now in Dickinson County were recorded there. In less than two hours I was able to copy the remaining 57 records which are already in my computer and comprise another four pages plus for the quarterly.

Hazel was working on records from the fall of 1887, and marriage records were recorded well into 1891, so she had a more formidable task than I did. When I finished, we tried a new approach, since the remaining marriage records are in one volume. There was only one stool available at the counter where we worked, so we decided one of us could read the information

to be copied and the other could transcribe the information onto the forms we use. The writer was seated, and when hand cramps made it difficult to write, we switched places.

We found this to be a very efficient way to acquire the desired data, and kept our relay going continuously -- no breaks for us -- until 3:50 p.m., just ten minutes before the county clerk's office closed. The result was 138 marriage records, dating from 26 September 1887 to 3 November 1888. They are also already in the computer, and seventeen more pages of Menominee County marriages are ready for inclusion in future quarterlies.

[Entering the data for the new death and marriage records took several hours on the evening of our Menominee trip and more than half of the next day.]

Deciphering the handwriting of the early clerks working at the Menominee County Court House was our biggest challenge. Sometimes a guess is as close as one will get in attempting to untangle the squiggles and flourishes. Typewriters and word processors will make this task easier for more recent records, but researchers from future generations will miss the idiosyncrasies inherent in these handwritten records.

There is also good news for genealogists and local history researchers at the Dickinson County Library. At its August 10 regular meeting, the Board voted to purchase a refurbished microfilm reader/printer for both the main library and the Solomonson Branch Library at Norway. The Bracket Fund agreed to finance half of the machine for Norway.

A computer has also been moved into the genealogy/local history room at the main library, and hopefully the cemetery records which Bob Johnson has been entering into a data base for many, many months will soon be available in that format, as well as genealogical resources on CD-ROM.

*Good hunting!*

*William J. Cummings, Editor*



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- Page 127, Number 187, 15 May 1890, **Alfred Norman**, male, white, single, 2-7-0, Third Ward, Iron Mountain, diphtheria, Michigan, none, Ed and Mary (Willen) Norman, of Iron Mountain, Mich., 1 June 1891
- Page 127, Number 188, 10 January 1890, **William Harper**, male, white, married, 65-0-0, Fourth Ward, Iron Mountain, heart disease, Ireland, miner, John and Sarah Harper, of Iron Mountain, Mich. [?], 2 June 1891
- Page 127, Number 189, 4 February 1890, **Thos. Buzzo**, male, white, single, 15-0-0, Fourth Ward, Iron Mountain, diphtheria, Michigan, none, Thoas and Mary J. Buzzo, of Iron Mountain, Mich., 2 June 1891
- Page 127, Number 190, 10 July 1890, **Henry Cross**, male, white, married, 43-0-0, Fourth Ward, Iron Mountain, tumor of bowels, Canada, laborer, Simon and Victoria Cross, of Iron Mountain, Mich. [?], 2 June 1891
- Page 127, Number 191, 27 March 1890, **Annie Shelgren**, female, white, single, 3-0-0, Fourth Ward, Iron Mountain, diphtheria, Michigan, none, Charley and not given Shelgren, of Iron Mountain, Mich., 2 June 1891
- Page 127, Number 192, 26 July 1890, **Minnie J. Blacklen**, female, white, single, 0-8-0, Fourth Ward, Iron Mountain, inflammation of the brain, Michigan, none, John and Mary R. Blacklen, of Iron Mountain, Mich., 2 June 1891
- Page 127, Number 193, 4 August 1890, **Betsy Vestrien**, female, white, single, not given, Fourth Ward, Iron Mountain, summer complaint, Sweden, none, Charles and Bessie Vestrien, of Iron Mountain, Mich., 2 June 1891
- Page 127, Number 194, 24 August 1890, **J.M. Mead**, male, white, married, 56-0-0, Fourth Ward, Iron Mountain, unknown, Illinois, M.D. [doctor], not given, not given, 2 June 1891
- Page 127, Number 195, 6 September 1890, **Mary A. Martin**, female, white, single, 7-0-0, Fourth Ward, Iron Mountain, spinal complaint, New York, none, William H. and Emily Martin, of Iron Mountain, Mich., 2 June 1891
- Page 127, Number 196, 15 September 1890, **infant Holland**, female, white, single, 0-0-0, Fourth Ward, Iron Mountain, stillborn, Michigan, none, James and Mary A. Holland, of Iron Mountain, Mich., 2 June 1891
- Page 127, Number 197, 15 September 1890, **infant Crocker**, female, white, single, 0-0-0, Fourth Ward, Iron Mountain, stillborn, Michigan, none, Frank E. and Eveynae Crocker, of Iron Mountain, Mich., 2 June 1891
- Page 127, Number 198, 3 October 1890, **T.C. Rodda**, female, white, single, 0-11-0, Fourth Ward, Iron Mountain, unknown, Michigan, W.C. and M.N. Rodda, of Iron Mountain, Mich., 2 June 1891
- Page 127, Number 199, 16 November 1890, **Andrica Peterson**, female, white, married, not given, Fourth Ward, Iron Mountain, heart disease, Denmark, housewife, not given, not given, 2 June 1891

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- Page 128, Number 200, 17 November 1890, **Clarence M. Smythe**, male, white, single, 19-0-0, Fourth Ward, Iron Mountain, accidental, Michigan, carpenter, Edward and Margaret Smythe, of Iron Mountain, Mich., 2 June 1891
- Page 132, Number 285, 27 June 1890, **Charles Emer**, male, white, single, 0-3-0, Norway, colic, Michigan, none, Ramunda and not given Emer, of Norway, Mich., 14 August 1891
- Page 132, Number 286, 1 July 1890, **Antonia [sic] Nadroski**, male, white, single, 22-0-0, Norway, killed at the East Vulcan Mine, Poland, laborer, unknown, unknown, 14 August 1891
- Page 132, Number 287, 23 July 1890, **Joseph Bernard**, male, white, single, 0-3-15, Norway, cholera infantum, Norway, Mich., none, Frank J. and Cornetia Bernard, of Norway, Mich., 14 August 1891
- Page 132, Number 288, 25 July 1890, **Gladis [sic] Hews**, female, white, single, 0-9-0, Norway, cholera infantum, Norway, Mich., none, Sam R. and Elizabeth R. Hews, of Norway, Mich., 14 August 1891
- Page 132, Number 289, 25 July 1890, **Pearl James**, female, white, single, 0-4-0, Norway, killed by being run over by railroad cars, Norway, Mich., none, William J. and Eliza James, of Norway, Mich., 14 August 1891
- Page 132, Number 290, 2 December 1890, **Batista Bosazo**, male, white, single, 30-0-0, Norway, not given, Austria, miner, not given, not given, 14 August 1891
- Page 132, Number 291, 10 December 1890, **infant Laverdure**, female, white, single, 1-2-0, Norway, pneumonia, Norway, Mich., none, Joseph and not given Laverdure, of Norway, Mich., 14 August 1891
- Page 132, Number 293, 22 January 1890, **infant Van Holland**, male, white, single, 0-0-0, Norway, stillborn, Michigan, none, Peter and Mary Van Holland, of Norway, Mich., 14 August 1891
- Page 132, Number 294, 8 February 1890, **infant Kearns**, male, white, single, 0-0-0, Norway, stillborn, Michigan, none, Patrick and Lizzie Kearns, of Norway, Mich., 14 August 1891
- Page 132, Number 295, 13 April 1890, **infant Vitcelio [Vecellio - ?]**, male, white, single, 0-0-0, Norway, stillborn, Michigan, none, Lewis and Pophonia Vitcelio [Vecellio - ?], of Norway, Mich., 14 August 1891
- Page 132, Number 296, 12 May 1890, **infant La Violette**, male, white, single, 0-0-0, Norway, stillborn, Michigan, none, Alex and Maggie La Violette, of Norway, Mich., 14 August 1891
- Page 132, Number 297, 17 June 1890, **infant Brouier [Broyer - ?]**, male, white, single, 0-0-0, Norway, stillborn, Michigan, none, Gaspard and Celina Brouier [Broyer - ?], of Norway, Mich., 14 August 1891
- Page 132, Number 298, 25 June 1890, **infant Fournier**, male, white, single, 0-0-0, Norway, stillborn, Michigan, none, not given and not given Fournier, of Norway, Mich., 14 August 1891

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- Page 132, Number 299, 2 July 1890, **infant Huhn**, male, white, single, 0-0-0, Norway, stillborn, Michigan, none, Henry and Maggie Huhn, of Norway, Mich., 14 August 1891
- Page 132, Number 300, 13 August 1890, **infant Guning/Gunings**, male, white, single, 0-0-0, Norway, stillborn, Michigan, none, Frank and Franciskini Gunings, of Norway, Mich., 14 August 1891
- Page 133, Number 301, 15 September 1890, **infant Huron**, male, white, single, 0-0-0, Norway, stillborn, Michigan, none, Richard and not given Huron, of Norway, Mich., 14 August 1891
- Page 133, Number 302, 10 October 1890, **infant La Violette**, male, white, single, 0-0-0, Norway, stillborn, Michigan, none, Alex and Maggie La Violette, of Norway, Mich., 14 August 1891
- Page 133, Number 303, 1 November 1890, **infant Crans**, male, white, single, 0-0-0, Norway, stillborn, Michigan, none, Charles and Lizzie Crans, of Norway, Mich., 14 August 1891
- Page 133, Number 304, 18 November 1890, **infant Rosmison [Rasmussen - ?]**, male, white, single, 0-0-0, Norway, stillborn, Michigan, none, Hagan and Mary Rosmison [Rasmussen - ?], of Norway, Mich., 14 August 1891
- Page 133, Number 305, 17 December 1890, **infant Nelson**, female, white, single, 0-0-0, Norway, stillborn, Michigan, none, John and Mary Nelson, of Norway, Mich., 14 August 1891
- Page 133, Number 306, 10 March 1890, **William Perry**, male, white, married, 49-0-0, Norway, pneumonia complicated with asthma, England, miner, not given, not given, 14 August 1891
- Page 133, Number 307, 26 April 1890, **Marcello Nordell**, male, white, single, 24-0-0, Norway, killed in the Curry Mine, Austria, minere, not given, not given, 14 August 1891
- Page 133, Number 308, 26 May 1890, **Mary Ann O'Lary [O'Leary - ?]**, female, white, married, 40-0-0, Norway, chronic abcess of lungs, Ireland, housewife, not given, not given, 14 August 1891
- Page 133, Number 309, 20 May 1890, **Albert Roucinsky [Rucinski - ?]**, male, white, single, not given, Norway, run over by cars, Poland, laborer, not given, not given, 14 August 1891
- Page 133, Number 310, 6 June 1890, **John Gray**, male, white, single, not given, Norway, killed in Harrison Shaft -- fell from ladder, England, miner, William and Elizabeth Ann Gray, of Norway, Mich. [?], 14 August 1891

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- Volume C, Page 4, Number 48: **Brentari, Ermenigildo**; 14 December 1887; Vulcan, Mich.; Norway, Mich.; 25; Tyroll, Austria; miner; none; Pitro [Pietro] Brentari and Rosa Kasari;  
**Ossana, Clementine**; Norway, Mich.; 23; Tyroll, Austria; boarding house keeper; none; Francesco Brentari and Anna Biasa; D. Vento, Catholic priest; **Josepha Preti** and **Joseph Martini**, both of Vulcan, Mich.
- Volume C, Page 4, Number 50: **Käll, Per Adolph**; 17 December 1887; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 29; Sweden; miner; none; John J. Abrahamson and Carolina Bystrom;  
**Janson, Mary**; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 19; Sweden; domestic; none; John Eric Anderson and Jenny Janson; Ludvig Djupstrom; **Carl Gillberg** and **Wilhelmina Gillberg**, both of Iron Mountain, Mich.
- Volume C, Page 4, Number 51: **Rosatti, Elia**; 17 December 1887; Vulcan, Mich.; Norway, Mich.; 24; Tyroll, Austria; miner; none; Joseph Rosatti and Angela Rosatti;  
**Marchetti, Mary**; Norway, Mich.; 17; Tyroll, Austria; boarding house keeper; none; Peter Marchetti and Teresa Marchetti; D. Vento, Catholic priest; **Bortolo Martini** and **Maria Marchetti**, both of Vulcan, Mich.
- Volume C, Page 4, Number 52: **Hallman, Charles**; 17 December 1887; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 22; Sweden; miner; none; Charles Hallman and Sophia Hallman;  
**Jansan/Janson, Hanna**; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 17; Sweden; domestic; none; Peter Janson and Stina Kajsabengson; Ludvig Djupstrom, Swedish Baptist pastor; **Emil Sjogren** and **Inga Sjogren**, both of Iron Mountain, Mich.
- Volume C, Page 4, Number 53: **Rochon, Vital**; 21 December 1887; Menominee, Mich.; Waucedah, Mich.; 36; Canada; storekeeper; one; G.B. Rochon and Zoe St. Denis;  
**Gideau, Caroline**; Waucedah, Mich.; 30; Canada; not given; none; not given; M. Letellier, Catholic priest; **Charles Despris** and **James Martel**, both of Menominee, Mich.
- Volume C, Page 4, Number 54: **Martin, Ben**; 21 December 1887; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 24; England; miner; none; Benjamin Martin and Mary Eliza Baker;  
**Roberts, Louisa**; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 25; Michigan; milliner; none; James Roberts and Fanny Bennett; G.C. Squire, clergyman; **Robert Hancock** and **Louisa Vial**, both of Iron Mountain, Mich.
- Volume C, Page 4, Number 56: **Erikson, Erik**; 20 December 1887; Norway, Mich.; Vulcan, Mich.; 42; Sweden; miner; none; Erik Erikson and not given;  
**Nystrom, Frederica [Eastland]**; Vulcan, Mich.; 38; Sweden; not given; one; not given Eastland and not given; Thomas Hay, J.P.; **Frank Johnson** and **Hannah Hay**, both of Norway, Mich.
- Volume C, Page 4, Number 59: **Anderson, James**; 23 December 1887; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 27; Sweden; miner; none; Anders Johnson and Annie Johnson;  
**Anderson, Amanda**; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 19; Sweden; domestic; none; Swan And. Johnson and Mary Johnson; Otto Hagsdeldt, M.G.; **Gust Johnson** and **Alfred Magnuson**, both of Iron Mountain, Mich.

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- Volume C, Page 5, Number 62: **Hancock, Robert**; 28 December 1887; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 24; Wisconsin; tinsmith; none; Thomas Hancock and Susan Lane;  
**Vial, Louisa**; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 23; Wisconsin; music teacher; none; Philip Vial and Marian Pollard; G.C. Squires; **Ben Martin** and **Louisa Martin**, both of Iron Mountain, Mich.
- Volume C, Page 5, Number 64: **Carlson, Per G.**; 1 January 1888; Norway, Mich.; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 28; Sweden; miner; none; Carl J. Johnson and not given;  
**Johnson, Clara C.**; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 20; Sweden; not given; none; not given; Gustaf Edgren;  
**Lina Pollack** and **Mrs. Hammarstedt**, both of Norway, Mich.
- Volume C, Page 5, Number 65: **Landberg, Carl**; 31 December 1887; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 34; Sweden; miner; none; Petter Landberg and Charlotta Johnson;  
**Anderson, Emma**; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 19; Sweden; domestic; none; Andrew Petterson and not given; Otto Hagfeldt; **Gust Ringstrand** and **Emilia Ringstrand**, both of Iron Mountain, Mich.
- Volume C, Page 5, Number 73: **Huhn, Frank**; 7 January 1888; Norway, Mich.; Vulcan, Mich.; 27; Germany; laborer; none; Conrad Huhn and Sophia Baker;  
**Spielers, Mary**; Vulcan, Mich.; 22; Mount Calvary, Wis.; not given; none; not given; Martin Kehoe, Catholic priest; **Matthew Grass** and **Clara Huhn**, both of Vulcan, Mich.
- Volume C, Page 7, Number 2: **Brighenti, Joseph**; 14 January 1888; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 28; Austria; miner; none; Frank Brighenti and Mary Cozzatti;  
**Gurzel, Laura**; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 23; Austria; domestic; none; Joseph Gurzel and Anne Gurzel; J.H. Reynaert, Catholic priest; **Lawrence Galigan** and **Anna Berli**, both of Iron Mountain, Mich.
- Volume C, Page 7, Number 4: **Gironimi [Geronimi], Thomas**; 7 January 1888; Vulcan, Mich.; Norway, Mich.; 34; Tyroll, Austria; miner; one; Andrew Gironimi [Geronimi] and Mary Martini;  
**Martini, Barbara**; Norway, Mich.; 23; Tyroll, Austria; housekeeper; none; Simon Martini and Christini [Christina] Ferari; D. Vento, Catholic priest; **Stephan Tory** and **Magdalena Martini**, both of Vulcan, Mich.
- Volume C, Page 7, Number 6: **Pearce, William S.C.**; 11 January 1888; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 40; England; laborer; none; William Pearce and Elizabeth Stephan;  
**Hewlett, Elizabeth [Hewlett]**; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 37; England; housekeeper; one; not given; G.C. Squire; **Sarah Ann Squire** and **Maggie J. Heller**, both of Iron Mountain, Mich.
- Volume C, Page 7, Number 7: **McManus, William E.**; 24 January 1888; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Norway, Mich.; 26; Clinton, Wis.; cigarmaker; none; Dennis McManus and Rose McCanologue;  
**Nelson, Matilda [Anderson]**; Norway, Mich.; 31; Sweden; cigar manufacturer; one; Andrew Anderson and Mary Lundblad; H.M. Tyndall, M.G.; **Andrew Bergstrand** and **Selma Hedman**, both of Iron Mountain, Mich.

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- 1,102. **Desjardin, Joseph**; 8 January 1900; Champion, Marquette County, Mich.; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 22; Canada; butcher; not given; Louis Desjardin and Lezin Constantino;  
**Beland, Rosanna**; Champion, Mich.; 19; Canada; none; not given; Philippe Beland and not given; **Fred Beland**, of Champion, Mich., and **Mary Gacelle**, of Escanaba, Mich.; 9 January 1900
- 1,103. **Martin, William John**; 1 January 1900; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 24; England; miner; none; William H. Martin and Elizabeth Halls;  
**Trevathan, Fanny**; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 24; England; not given; none; William Trevathan and Mary Ann Locket; A. Raymond Johns; **John Strong** and **Lottie Trevathan**, both of Iron Mountain, Mich.; 2 January 1900
- 1,104. **Guy, William**; 6 January 1900; Hermansville, Mich.; Quinnesec, Mich.; 30; Cornwall, England; carpenter; not given Abrahamn Guy and G.F. Thomas;  
**Jewell, Mrs. May E.G. (Cundy)**; Quinnesec, Mich.; 26; Champion, Mich.; housekeeper; once; Thomas Cundy and Emma Hill; John Bettes, Methodist minister; Nellie E. Bettes and Clara Bettes, both of Hermansville, Mich.; 8 January 1900
- 1,105. **Froelich, Gotloeb**; 7 January 1900; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 73; Germany; laborer; once; Johan C. Forelich and Dorothea Weithaus/Neithaus;  
**Roessager, Maria T. (Gerlach)**; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 63; Germany; not given; once; Johan Gerlach and Julia Morgenstern; C.J. Wagner, Evangelical Lutheran minister; **Johana G. Bauman** and **Charlie Brendel**, both of Iron Mountain, Mich.; 12 January 1900
- 1,106. **Brown, John A.**; 13 January 1900; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 36; New Brunswick; miner; none; Charles Brown and Susan Grant;  
**Agan, Edith May (Fox)**; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 22; Michigan; not given; once; Eben E. Fox and Alice Hammond; David Bergeron, J.P.; **Louis Palmer** and **Emma Johnson**, residences not given; 22 January 1900
- 1,107. **Sherbinow, William**; 13 January 1900; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Brampton, Mich.; 24; Brampton, Mich.; farmer; not given; Eavior Sherbinow and Amelia Myers;  
**Winton, Maud**; Marinette, Wis.; 24; Dagget, Mich.; not given; none; not given; A. Raymond Johns; **Mrs. M. Dioing** and **Mr. Nath Nioing**, both of Iron Mountain, Mich.; 15 January 1900
- 1,108. **Redline, Edwin T.**; 17 January 1900; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 24; Green Bay, Wis.; fireman; not given; Joseph Redline and Margaret Finnegan;  
**Little, Minnie**; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 21; Menominee, Mich.; not given; none; Louis Little and Agilda St. Pierre; N.H. Nosbisch; **Thomas Touhey** and **Birdie E. Little**, both of Iron Mountain, Mich.; 18 January 1900

## DICKINSON COUNTY MARRIAGE RECORDS (1891- )

The following marriage records have been transcribed by the Dickinson County Genealogical Society from the County Clerk's Office, Dickinson County Courthouse, Iron Mountain, Michigan. Information is recorded in the following order: number of license, name of groom, date of marriage, place of marriage, residence of groom, age of groom, birthplace of groom, occupation of groom, previous marriages of groom, names of groom's parents (if included), name of bride, residence of bride, age of bride; birthplace of bride, occupation of bride, previous marriages of bride, name of bride's parents (if included), name of official performing the marriage, name and residence of witnesses, date of record. Names appear as written. When illegible, possible alternate spellings are given. The correct spelling of a surname known to have been misspelled appears in brackets.

- 1,109. **Campana, Carlo**; 17 January 1900; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 29; Italy; miner; not given; Clamenti Campana and Philomena Androvanti;  
**Dominietto, Maria (Caretto)**; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 30; Italy; not given; one; Giacomo Caretto and Maria Dominetto; Rudolph Th. Miller, J.P.; **Frank Palluconi** and **John Simone**, both of Iron Mountain, Mich.; 18 January 1900
- 1,110. **Hagman, David**; 20 January 1900; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 30; Wisconsin; miner; not given; Alex Hagman and Maggie Graf;  
**Hallenbricht, Augusta**; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 30; Minnesota; not given; none; George Hallenbricht and not given; Rudolph Th. Miller, J.P.; **Torwald Lyng** and **Mary Lyng**, both of Iron Mountain, Mich.; 23 January 1900
- 1,111. **Steele, Charles**; 18 January 1900; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 21; Negaunee, Mich.; telegraph operator; none; Samuel H. Steele and Belle McGuire;  
**Uren, Susie**; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 18; Michigan; not given; none; John Uren and Annie Sampson; A. Raymond Johns; **Mrs. John Spargo** and **John Spargo**, both of Iron Mountain, Mich.; 19 January 1900
- 1,112. **Nordstrom, John Edward**; 23 January 1900; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Atkinson, Mich.; 27; Finland; laborer; none; John Sampson and Annie Abrimson;  
**Johnson, Emma**; Beechwood, Mich.; 23; Sweden; not given; none; Andrew Johnson and Sarah Peterson; A.T. Fant; **Gust Johnson** and **Martha Johnson**, both of Beechwood, Mich.; 27 January 1900
- 1,113. **Mortl, Johann**; 5 February 1900; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 26; Austria; laborer; none; Valentine Mortl and Madalena Cesar;  
**Kuss, Meri**; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 25; Austria; not given; none; Jacob Kuss and Franciska Lanker; W.J. Nosbisch; **Martin Enroth**, of Iron Mountain, Mich., and not given; 6 February 1900
- 1,114. **Corolla, Guiseppe**; 28 January 1900; Holy Rosary Church, Iron Mountain, Mich.; Laurium, Mich.; 34; Italy; milk merchant;  
**Dal Santo, Maria**; Iron Mountain, Mich.; 20; Italy; not given; none; Giovanni Dal Santo and Catterina Dal Santo; Rev. Benjamin Berto; **Dominico Corolla** and **Maria Carollo**, both of Italy; 30 January 1900
- 1,115. **Ahlberg, Charles**; 1 February 1900; Iron Mountain, Mich.; Metropolitan, Mich.; 32; Sweden; blacksmith; none; Charles Ahlberg and Mary Peterson;  
**Fridlund, Johanna**; Metropolitan, Mich.; 31; Finland; not given; one; Nors Peter Fridlund and Catrina Matson; J.E. Bjorklund; **Nils Nelson** and **Christin Nilson**, both of Iron Mountain, Mich.; 2 February 1900

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course was to haul it by means of a line and capstan nearly three miles through a dense wood with numerous hills and valleys, and over one bluff some hundreds of feet high. As the rock weighed nearly four thousand pounds, these obstacles would have daunted a man of less nerve and willpower. But James K. Paul was a man who loved opposition and courted difficulties. What to others had been insurmountable obstacles, to him were only trifles. He prepared a road over the hills and bluff, built some movable track frames, and a low truck on which to run the rock. The winter of 1842-43 set in before his preparations were completed; so he went into winter quarters at the rock cabin, as he called it. When spring came, he renewed his work; but before he was quite ready to get the rock in motion, he was surprised at the advent of **Maj. Walter Cunningham**, a Government officer, accompanied by a **Mr. Eldred** and a party of Indians. The treaty had been ratified in February of that year (1843), and Maj. Cunningham had been instructed by the Secretary of War to secure the rock (which had become noted) and bring it to Washington. Paul claimed the rock by right of pre-emption, and with loaded gun and pistol proposed to defend his rights. A grand parley was held, and it was finally agreed that Paul should be allowed to move the rock to the mouth of the Ontonagon River, and receive a reasonable compensation. The party withdrew, and Paul, with the help of hired Indians and his rope and capstan, dragged the rock three miles through the woods and over the bluff to the river. There it was loaded onto his batteau, and dropped down to his cabin at the mouth of the river. On the return of the revenue cutter, Maj. Cunningham could not make terms to suit him with Mr. Paul; so he ordered the Captain of the coasting schooner on which he was to ship the rock to load it at once. Paul stood gun in hand, and coolly promised to make a corpse of the first man that touched his treasure till he gave him permission. The men saw he meant business, and refused to obey orders. Finally, through Mr. Eldred's intervention, the matter was settled by Eldred giving Paul a check on a bank at Detroit for \$1,800, and taking the risk of being reimbursed by the Government. Paul then surrendered the rock, which was taken to Washington and found to weigh 3,708 lbs. Eldred, after several years, was awarded, by act of Congress, \$5,654.98; he subsequently paid Paul an additional \$400. Mr. Paul discovered a second copper rock of large proportions, which he shipped to Copper Harbor in his batteau. On arriving there in the night, for fear that the officer in command of Fort Wilkins would take it from him, he sunk it in the bay, and attached a float or buoy; he then interviewed **Capt. Cleary**, in command, who assured him that it was all right, that he would not be deprived of it; but on his return to his buoy, he found that a party of soldiers had found it, and were in possession of the mass. They insisted on keeping it, until Capt. Cleary made them surrender it to its rightful owner. A **Prof. Shepard**, from some college in Massachusetts, happening to be at the fort, he purchased the rock for a specimen, and it now graces the museum of the college. Mr. Paul received a goodly sum for his second treasure. He seemed to have a passion for masses of drift copper or copper boulders, and through this peculiarity was once led into an amusing, but disagreeable, experience. An Indian had told him that he knew of a large copper rock away off to the eastward, that, for a consideration, he would show him. Accompanied by Maj. Campbell, the mineral agent (a **Mr. Gray**), the Indian and an interpreter, Paul started out. Provisions for several days were taken along. After the second night spent in the woods, Paul became impatient, and demanded, through the interpreter, how much farther they must go. The Indian very coolly told him that he had had a dream, and that he had consulted his "manitou," and was forbidden to show the rock. Paul went a few steps into the woods, and, cutting a couple of strong birch rods, returned. The Indian asked, through his interpreter, what he was going to do with the sticks. "Tell him," said Paul, "that I have consulted my 'manitou,' and he commanded me to give him a sound thrashing," which he proceeded to administer, till the Indian broke and fled. The party had lost their way in the unsurveyed woods, and, short of provisions, wandered on. At length, they brought up at L'Anse Massion, ragged, hungry and weary; in fact, badly demoralized. From L'Anse they easily found their way to Ontonagon, and that ended Mr. Paul's copper rock adventures. After having disposed of the great rock to Mr. Eldred, Paul began to plan a town site; he had the land surveyed and platted on both sides of the river, near the mouth; his cabin stood on the north side, near the slough; he soon stocked it with liquors and provisions, and his place was the general headquarters for land and mineral hunters. Other settlers coming, Paul's claim across the river was threatened. War was at once declared, and though pitted against several, he made a gallant fight. At one time, he was carried wounded to Eagle River for surgical treatment. At another time, he shot one of his enemies through the knee; and, at another time, he was shot from the window of a house with birdshot, some of which he carried with him to his grave. He was noted as a man devoid of fear and possessed of a will of iron. Impatient of contradictions, he never allowed the offender to escape unpunished. He built the Exchange Hotel, which he kept for several years. About 1856, he built the Paul

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House. At first, it was intended for a private residence; but on the closing of the Bigelow House, Mr. Paul was induced to open it as a hotel, which he did, after enlarging it considerably, and continued in the hotel business until the time of his death, which occurred May 1, 1881. For seventeen years prior to his death, he had been a strict temperance man. After having once taken the pledge, with his usual tenacity of purpose he kept it inviolate. While lying at the point of death, his physician prescribed brandy to stimulate him and prolong his life; he refused to have it given him, preferring not to purchase a short lease on life by the violation of the pledge which he had kept sacredly for so many years. Mr. Paul's life had been full of adventure; he had contended with both whites and Indians in the early days of his settlement at Ontonagon, and by his courage and determined will had won the respect of his foes and confidence of his friends; his was a stormy life, and would furnish material for an interesting volume of itself; his memory is fresh in the minds of his old neighbors and friends, who, in speaking of the departed pioneer, are disposed to touch lightly on his faults, and remember only his many manly and noble qualities. [Pages 542-543 with Portrait]

**M.A. POWERS**, Register of Deeds of Ontonagon County, was born in the City of New York in November, 1845. He moved to Toledo, Ohio, with his parents, in 1852, and from there to Superior City, Lake Superior, in 1855. In 1858, he located at Houghton, Mich., and engaged with the Franklin Mining Company. Being employed at the stamp-mill of that company, he met with a serious accident by coming in contact with the machinery, by which he lost his left arm. He then went to college at Montreal, Canada, for two years. In 1865, he resigned the County Clerkship in favor of his brother, **H.M. Powers**, the present incumbent. [Page 543]

**H.H. RICH**, President of the Ontonagon Lumber Company, was born in Tompkins County, N.Y., in 1827. He was brought up in the lumber business, and in 1844 moved to Dodge County, Wis., and from there to Omro, Wis., in the spring of 1873; there he formed a partnership in the lumber business with **Mr. Stillman**, under the firm name of **Rich & Stillman**. They bought the Johnson Saw Mill, and were engaged in the manufacture of lumber three years. In 1876, Mr. Rich came to Ontonagon, and with his brothers, **A.J.** and **Martin**, purchased the saw-mill on the island, and began the manufacture of lumber. In 1877, they started a store with a stock of general merchandise. October 4, 1880, their mill was burned, together with a lot of lumber, entailing a loss of \$40,000, on which they had only \$10,000 insurance. They rebuilt the mill as it is now in 1881, putting in the most improved machinery. In September, 1881, they formed an association with **David Kelley**, **G.B. Shaw** and others, of Chicago, under the title of the Ontonagon Lumber Company, of which Mr. H.H. Rich was chosen President. (See history of Ontonagon Lumber Company.) The Rich Bros. were also proprietors of a planing-mill on the island, which burned while stocked with seasoned lumber [*sic - in*] June, 1879, by which they sustained considerable loss. Mr. Rich is also President of the Ontonagon River Improvement & Boom Company, and has materially improved the river under his management. [Page 543]

**EDWARD SALES** (deceased) was one of the most respected and influential pioneers of the copper region; he was born in Utica, N.Y., of English parentage about the year 1824. In 1844, he went to Freeport, Ill., and in 1846 came to Lake Superior; he, in company with several other mining men, took a contract at the Cliff Mine. In 1848, he moved to Ontonagon, and at once became prominently identified with its local interests. He formed a partnership with **Augustus Coburn** in the purchase and sale of mineral lands, and soon became a large owner of mineral lands. He was at one time agent of the Forest Mine, and afterward of the Toltec Mine. He also had charge of the What Cheer, Pennsylvania, Coulter, Algolah, Farm Ridge, Evergreen, Tremont, Devon, Hartford, Oneida, Colling, Malden and Stevens. He was a practical explorer, and was possessed of as much practical information as any other man in this region. He was a man of remarkably clear judgment. In his ideas of business, he was liberal, even to his own disadvantage; as a neighbor, he was always obliging and kind. While in Detroit on business he was taken sick and died at the house of his old friend, **F. L. Lasier**. He was buried in the Evergreen Cemetery, near Ontonagon, by the side of his wife. They left no children. [Page 543]

**JOSEPH SELLER**, merchant, was born in Cornwall, England, June 4, 1817; was brought up at mining, and emigrated to America in August, 1849. He located in Pennsylvania, where he kept hotel about three years, and in 1852 came to Lake Superior; landed at Eagle Harbor, and engaged as a miner at the Northwest Mine; worked

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--Diphtheria has made its appearance at Waucedah and a three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **James Root**, died from it, Monday night.

[Saturday, May 9, 1891, page 1, column 2]

### CURRENT NOTES.

--Some of the friends of **Peter Oie**, a former resident her but now, of Iron wood, Mich., will be pleased to learn that he has had an addition to his family, of another son.

[Saturday, May 9, 1891, page 1, column 3]

### CURRENT NOTES.

--Mr. and Mrs. **J.E. Bergeron** are entertaining a very young lady at their home, in fact she has been with them only since Thursday morning, but Joe seems so well pleased over her arrival that he has been asking the boys to "take sumthin' ["

[Saturday, May 16, 1891, page 1, column 2]

### Spring Blossoms.

Mr. and Mrs. **Capt. Isaac Williams** are entertaining a new son who came Thursday.

A girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. **August Forsburg** on Tuesday. Mother and child doing well.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Chipman**, of the Norway mine, on Monday of this week, a daughter.

**Ben. Weber**, is a papa, a boy having taken up residence with Mr. and Mrs. Weber, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. **Richard Haberkorn**, are entertaining a young son which came to their home, Saturday night.

### Ramblings.

The estimable wife of **John Fredericks**, died Monday and was buried Thursday. John has the sympathy of all in his dire affliction.

**E.N. Girard**, cashier of the C. & N-W. station at Iron Mountain, died very suddenly Tuesday morning. Deceased was very popular among railroad men, and his sudden demise is

greatly deplored.

[Saturday, May 23, 1891, page 1, column 2]

### CURRENT NOTES.

--**Charley Mason**, of the Gladstone Delta, while here Saturday night, admitted with a selfsatisfied smile, that 'twas a girl, and that it arrived to keep company with his boy, Friday. We smoked, we did.

--Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss **Albertina Kilstrom**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **P. Kilstrom**, to **Anton Wernquist**, both of this city. The contracting parties are favorably known here. The ceremony is to take place at the Swedish Lutheran church, next Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

[Saturday, May 23, 1891, page 1, column 4]

### Died.

BRACHETTI -- On Saturday, May 16th, 1891, **Frank Brachetti**, of pneumonia, aged 33 years.

Deceased has for a number of years been a resident of Norway, coming here about eight years ago from Turin, Italy, his birthplace. Ever since his arrival here he has followed mining, having been employed by the Penn Co. but at the time of his death he was on the payroll of the Aragon Mining Co. Frank was a steady, industrious man, and through his earnings he left his family in good circumstances. Deceased was well-known hereabouts and highly respected by everyone. He was married thirteen years ago at Turin, Italy, to **Miss Brachetti**, sister of **John Brachetti**, of this city, who survives him, and through the union six children were born. The deceased was one of the leading members of the La Vulcan and Garibaldi societies in this city, the members of which had charge of the funeral and marched, headed by the Iron Mountain band, to the Catholic church where [where] services were held and then by conveyances to the Quinnesec cemetery where the last sad rites were performed. The high esteem in which the deceased was held was noticable by the hundreds of citizens who attended the funeral. Sympathy is extended to the bereaved family and relatives in the loss of a kind husband, father and friend.

[Saturday, May 30, 1891, page 1, column 2]

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## CURRENT NOTES.

--Mr. **Houghton Duncan**, a pioneer of L.S. [*Lake Superior*] and for many years a resident of Houghton county, died at Hancock last week. Mr. Duncan's long residence and social qualities had secured him many friends. He was 61 years old.

### Dropped Dead.

Yesterday evening at six o'clock Mr. **John Cooney**, of Cooney's Bazaar, who has been troubled with a heart disease for some time, dropped dead at the back door of his store room. We can give no particulars this week, but learn that the funeral will be at two o'clock tomorrow, the interment being at Quinnesec.

### Died.

Prof. and Mrs. **S.B. Tobey** mourn the loss of their little daughter aged about one year, who died Saturday night. Sunday, Mrs. Tobey left with the remains for White Pigeon, Mich., where the interment will take place. The sympathy of the community goes out to the bereaved parents, who are thus called upon to part from their firstborn.

*[Saturday, June 6, 1891, page 1, column 3]*

### The Late John Cooney.

In our issue of last week, we noted the sudden death the evening before, of Mr. **John Cooney**, proprietor of Cooney's Bazaar, and a much respected citizen of Norway. Mr. Cooney came here in the Fall of 1888, and had built up a very prosperous business. Mr. Cooney was born in Canada, was about 59 years old and had spent the greater portion of his life in the West and South. Part of his early days were spent among the copper mines of Lake Superior. He then went to the far west and from there to St. Louis, Mo. [,] where he made his home for many years, and where his three sons, **John R., Arthur and Bernard J.**, now reside. Mr. Cooney having lost his wife by death again drifted to the northwest and made his home for some time in the city of Marquette. There he married the lady who survives him, the mother of Mrs. **R.C. Flannigan**

of this city. During his life he had held many positions of responsibility and trust, and was a man of unquestioned probity. The remains were buried at Quinnesec Sunday afternoon, after appropriate services at St. Mary's church by **Fr. Reynard**. The following gentlemen acted as pall bearers: **A. Patenaude, J.H. Gee, P. Flanagan, P. Langin, James O'Callaghan** and **Geo. O'Callaghan**. The funeral cortege was a large one, attesting the respect with which the deceased was regarded by our people. Among the mourners were Mrs. **James McGillan** and **George McGillan**, of Appleton; Mr. and Mrs. **M.H. Foard**, Miss **Gussie Cooney** and Miss **Hannah O'Meara**, all of Marquette.

*[Saturday, June 13, 1891, page 1, column 2]*

## CURRENT NOTES.

--Mr. and Mrs. **William Welch** of the first-ward, rejoice over the addition of a girl to their family. The little one is now more than a week old.

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## Vulcan Notes.

**Leon Adams** and wife, of East Vulcan, welcomed a little daughter to their home, Tuesday.

On Wednesday of last week a boy was born to Capt. and Mrs. **Wm. Bond** of West Vulcan. The genial Capt. has since worn a more pleasant smile.

*[Saturday, June 13, 1891, page 1, columns 5-6]*

### Died.

DONOVAN -- On Tuesday morning, June 9th, 1891, **Jeremiah Donovan**, only son of Mr. and Mrs. **Patrick Donovan**, aged 21 years.

"Jerry" as he was familiarly known had grown from boyhood to manhood in this place, coming here about ten years ago with his parents from Negaunee, in which city he was born in 1870. He was well-known by old and young alike and highly respected, having a genial, kind disposition which made for him many friends. For some time he had been employed by the Jackson Iron Co., at Ishpeming, running a diamond drill and



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has one of the prettiest sites in the city.

-The town board is much interested in ascertaining who the young men were who took a keg of beer into the fire engine house Thursday night, and who after drinking the beer made a wreck of the stove, and amused themselves by throwing the empty keg around and smashing things generally. THE CURRENT is disposed to be lenient but the least the boys can consistently do is to pay for the damage done, and the next time hire a hall.

-The following concerning a former respected resident here may be of interest to many:

"Mr. **Joseph St. Onge**, who is nearly 75 years of age and has been an invalid for many months, met with a very painful and perhaps fatal accident last Thursday.

Mr. St. Onge lives with his son **Clifford St. Onge**, and although very feeble has not been confined to his bed all of the time. He was sitting propped up in a chair near the fire last Thursday evening and fell from the chair, striking his head with considerable force against the stove. The force of the blow rendered him unconscious. It is supposed that he was taken with a fainting spell and fell from the chair. Up to this writing he has remained in an insensible condition, and grave fears are entertained for his recovery. With his great age and enfeebled health it is very doubtful if he will sustain the shock upon his system.

Mr. St. Onge is an old and respected citizen, and the hearty sympathy of all are with him." -Ishpeming Daily Press.

### **Going to England.**

*[Page 1, Column 3]*

Tomorrow, Mr. and Mrs. **James Whitney** and child, will leave to their former home in Monmouthshire, England, on a two month visit. Mr. and Mrs. Whitney are pioneers of Norway and the whole community wish them a pleasant voyage and safe return. Mr. and Mrs. **William Williams** will also visit the land of their birth and will accompany Mr. and Mrs. Whitney.

### **Special School Meeting.**

*[Page 1, Column 4]*

Adjourned Special School Meeting, held at the town hall, Norway, Mich., Apr. 11, 1891. Minutes of the last meeting read and approved. An amendment to the motion made at last meeting to raise (\$20,000) twenty thousand dollars to build a school house by inserting the words "by bonding the District"

was made and carried unanimously. A vote by ballot was taken and a poll list made of each person who voted. Number of votes cast was one hundred sixty-four (164), one hundred and twenty-seven (127) of the votes being "Yes" and thirty-seven (37) "No".

The Board then reported that they had secured options on three (3) different sites; one of **George O'Callaghan** for twenty-five hundred dollars, one of **H.J. Colwell** for eleven hundred, and one of **F.A. Janson** for one thousand dollars. The site of F.A. Janson was unanimously selected. It was voted that the lots held by the District in Frederickton be advertised and sold to the highest bidder. Moved and carried that a building committee to consist of the members of the present school board (**Per Larsson, J.H. Gee** and **H.J. Colwell**) together with **W.M. Ramsdell, James O'Callaghan, R.C. Browning** and **S.B. Tobey**, be elected to act as building committee in the erection of the school house. Voted to adjourn.

H.J. COLWELL,  
Director.

### **Ramblings.**

*[Page 1, Columns 4-5]*

Three more of Crytal Falls toughs are under arrest for assaulting one **William Costello**.

A large crew are at work extending the telephone line from Iron Mountain to Norway. **Manager Catlin** says it will be ready for use early next week. The office at Norway will probably be at **A. Patenaude's** drugstore.

**Hart Bro's. & Co.** who recently bought out the firm of **Parks & Co.**, hardware and general merchandise, at Crystal Falls, sold the business this week to **I.E. Swift** of Ishpeming. We understand that the hardware department will be the only one retained. The others will be closed out.

### **PERSONAL POINTERS.**

*[Page 1, Column 6]*

**C.D. Boyd**, who spent nearly a year hereabout, being in the employ of **A.F. McGillis**, railroad bridge contractor, most of the time, returned to his home in St. Paul, Saturday. Mr. Boyd is a pleasant, intelligent young man and is well posted in railroad work. He has many friends here who wish him well.

**A.S. Warren**, mining engineer at the Aragon, has resigned

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his position and will leave early next week for his home at Boston. He, we understand, is to take a lucrative position near his home. Sid has a host of friends here who wish him well wherever he may go.

**Will Rothman**, who spent last summer at the dispatchers' office, Iron Mountain, will return to the same position as soon as navigation opens. Mr. and Mrs. Rothman are now at Pontiac, Ill., visiting at the home of the latter.

Miss **Iva Smith**, of Ingalls, is here visiting her uncle, **Peter Young**, of the LeRoy House. She will probably remain here for some time.

Miss **Kate Bucholz**, of Escanaba, sister of **Mrs. A. Odill**, has been visiting here during the past week.

[Saturday, April 25, 1891]

**CURRENT NOTES.**

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--**Richard Oliver** is building an addition to the rear of his Main street business house.

--**Charles Treiber** received some fine new carriages for use in his livery stable, this week.

--The telephone line between here and Iron Mountain was completed yesterday. The office of the company is in the rear of **A. Patenaude's** store.

--The following children were baptised at the Swedish Lutheran church by **Rev. J.A. Axelsson** last Sunday: **Latitia**, daughter of **Thilda** and **E. Fors**, city; **Arthur Edwin**, son of **Mathilda** and **Herman Holm**, Vulcan; **Judit Emilia**, daughter of **Mathilda** and **Charles Norman**, city; **Gustaf Albin**, son of **Johanna** and **Gustaf Ryberg**, city.

--**Mrs. Samuel Rowe** has houses, furniture, etc./] for sale. To be sold at once.

--Sunday the editor drove down the state road as far as the **K.C. Co's. Pembina farm**, and found all the farmers along the road getting ready for a busy spring's work. Every year witnesses great improvement in the appearance of their farms and also in their actual value. The use of machinery is growing very general and there is not one farm which is not being worked at a profit. All the farmers are enterprising and progressive, and the writer has actual knowledge that they are hospitable and generous. Owing to the fact that the snow had just left the ground, the roads were not as good as usual, but when the summer is with us there is no more pleasant drive in the county. We acknowledge kind treatment at the hands of

Mr. and Mrs. **Albert Brandt**, and a cordial invitation to come again. THE CURRENT expects to have a regular correspondent on the "State Road," who will furnish items of local interest. The **K.C. Co.**, have made their **Pembina farm** a place for raising horses for their logging work, and the show of one and two-year-old Norman colts is a fine one. About fifty of the logging teams are also being kept here, to rest and fit them for next winter's work.

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**William Peryam**[,] who has found it impossible to stand the winters here on account of his eyes, and who spent last winter in New York city, and the winter before in England, returned to Norway, Tuesday.

**Ed. Blake**, of Negaunee[,] was in the city, Saturday, looking over the ground with a view of building a couple of dwelling houses here on some city lots which he owns.

Miss **Carrie Roche**[,] of Iron Mountain, was in the city visiting her parents, Saturday.

[Saturday, May 2, 1891]

**CURRENT NOTES.**

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--**Dan A. Stewart's** new house is being rapidly built.

--**Jos. McGibbons** has moved into his new quarters.

--A saloon is to be opened May 1st, in the **McElroy** building, by **Frank Winegar**.

--**Ramsdell**, the hardware man, sold nine wagons this week, to farmers in this vicinity.

--**Carl Lindahl** is occupying the house of **William Williams**, during the latter's [sic] absence in England.

--Everywhere may be heard the sound of the saw and the hammer, and Norway is growing rapidly.

--Everyone who has use for a telephone should do his share towards establishing a telephone exchange.

--**D. St. Jean** is to move into the building next to the **Husson** hotel, soon to be vacated by **Mrs. Rickles**.

--The new saloon building near **Ahlich's** shop is enclosed and the other work is being rapidly completed.

--**Mrs. Kennedy**, Ingallsdorf, is to build a two story addition to her house. The work is to be commenced in a few days.

--**Peter Lacroix** of the State road drove a fine team of

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The jury empanelled to inquire into the deaths of the three men who were suffocated by the recent fire in the **Chapin** mine, returned the following verdict, Monday. "We find that the deceased came to their deaths from suffocation by smoke from a fire in the Chapin mine. Cause of the fire unknown."

The coroner's jury which was empaneled [*sic*] to inquire into the death of the man who was killed by the rope-haulage machinery at **Chapin**, last week, visited the place of the accident, Wednesday, and after an examination of the witnesses, rendered the verdict that, deceased came to his death accidentally.

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### Fatal Accident.

At about 7:30 Saturday evening a miner at the **Curry** mine fell into No. 1 shaft under the circumstances given below in the testimony before the coroner's jury. Deceased was named **Barner Massa** and leaves a wife and two children. The remains were buried at Quinnesec Monday, being followed to the grave by the members of the different Italian societies to the number of two hundred, and preceded by the Iron Mountain band. Deceased was very popular among his fellows and the funeral cortege was an eloquent testimonial of esteem.

#### CORONER'S INQUEST.

**Thomas Penglase**, a witness produced, sworn and examined upon said inquest testified as follows:

I live in the township of Norway and work at the Curry mine. I came from the bottom of the shaft on the same bucket with deceased, there were four of us on it. He stepped off the bucket onto the collar of the shaft and stepped in the manhole of the ladder road. We all stepped out that way but the rest of us stepped over the manhole. I think the deceased had been working in that part of the mine about two months. He stepped in the manhole on the 28th of March, in the evening. He was coming up to supper when he fell through the manhole. I went right down on the same bucket right after to recover the deceased and I found him lying right in the bottom of the shaft. He fell about eighty-four feet to the bottom. Deceased was alive when I found him and I brought him right up [*to*] the surface and he lived about half an hour after we got him up. I think the fall through the manhole into the shaft killed deceased. He had his senses after we got him to surface. The manhole he fell through is about fifteen or eighteen inches

wide, I think.

THOMAS PENGLASE.

Thomas Penglase recalled: There is a wooden ladder way from the top of the shaft to the pump collar and from there to the bottom of the shaft is a chain ladder.

THOMAS PENGLASE.

**Robert Gall**, a witness produced, sworn and examined upon said inquest, upon his oath says:

I live in the township of Norway, I work in the Curry mine. I have been working there for about two years. I just knew the deceased by appearance from his being working there. I have seen him working there for some time. I came up on same bucket with deceased when this accident happened, we have a rule that we always ride in the bucket. The man who tends the pump has the right to the ladder road and the men who work in the bottom generally take the bucket to come up. Penglase was the first man to get off and the deceased was the second man to get off. I saw him when he was falling and I let go [*off*] the rope and tried to catch him as he fell. I did not go down afterwards to help bring him up. I saw him when he was brought up to surface and he was still alive. He was speaking but it was in his own language and we could not tell what he was saying. We generally ride up in the bucket and step over that manhole. He stepped right in the manhole. The bucket was level with the manhole. A man down seventy-four feet generally rides in the bucket.

ROBERT GALL.

**George Bullock**, a witness produced, sworn and examined upon said inquest, upon his oath says:

I live in the township of Norway and work at the Curry mine. I was on the same bucket coming up with deceased when the accident happened. There was four of us on that bucket altogether. I saw deceased to through the manhole and fall from the top of the ladder way. I do not belong working there. I was only working there the one shift. I could not see whether he caught at the planking or not. He fell about eighty-four feet. I think this fall was the cause of his death. The place is not dangerous. There is a place for us to walk on a plank but he put his feet on the plank and then took a step out too far and fell. I think deceased worked there about two months. He did not belong working there, he was working in another man's place. He certainly knew the ladder way was there. We all know that it is there. You can see where to step when you get off the bucket at this place. We always get off on the same side he got off on. This was in number one shaft of the Curry mine.

You could close the manhole if you wanted to but there is a place for a man to walk without it. The closing of the manhole

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would depend on the men themselves.

GEORGE BULLOCK.

STATE OF MICHIGAN,  
County of Menominee,

An inquisition taken at the Township of Norway in said county on the thirteenth [sic] day of March, A.D. 1891, before Thomas Hay[,] one of the coroners of the said county of Menominee, upon the view of the body of Barner Massa, there lying dead, by the oaths of the jurors whose names are thereto subscribed, who being sworn to inquire in behalf of the people of this state, when, in what manner, and by what means the said Barner Massa came to his death, upon their oaths do say, that the deceased came to his death on the 28th day of March 1891, by stepping in the manhole at the fourth level of number one shaft of the Curry mine and falling to the bottom of said shaft, and according to the testimony laid before us, we find death was accidental in testimony whereof the said coroner, and the jurors of this inquest have hereunto set their hands this day and year aforesaid.

**JOHN E. SILLIVAN**, foreman.  
**PETER YOUNG**,  
**CON. KENNEDY**,  
**JAMES NOLAN**,  
**ISAAC EXELBY**,  
**WILLIAM HUSTEN**,  
**THOMAS HAY**, Coroner.

[Saturday, April 11, 1891, Page 1, Column 2]

## CURRENT NOTES.

--Yesterday morning an accident in the new shaft at **West Vulcan**, injured three men, two of them seriously but not fatally. As nearly as we can gather the facts, the foreman and some others came up on the cage to the 6th level and after a time got on the cage and rang to lower. The brakeman by some misunderstanding let the cage run as though he were dropping it from surface, and before it could be checked it had reached the bottom and struck three of the shaftmen, as before mentioned.

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## At the Hospital.

Two of the three men, **Emanuel Panchari** and **Frank**

**Franzoi**, injured at the new shaft of the **West Vulcan** mine, of which mention was made last week, are at the hospital, the former having a skull fracture and crushed shoulder and the latter a scalp wound and right arm so badly injured that amputation was found necessary. Franzoi is getting along nicely. Panchari is lying, at this writing, at the point of death and will probably die tonight -- Friday. He has a wife and two children, the youngest about two months old.

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## Ramblings.

Tuesday morning a man named **Victor Berg** was killed at "A" shaft at the **Ludington**. The man, with others was coming to surface in the cage when something went wrong and the cage left the runners and was hoisted in this situation a considerable distance. When the cage was stopped it was found that Berg had disappeared and his mangled body was found in the bottom of the shaft. A coroner's jury met Wednesday morning and adjourned until 9 o'clock Monday. As the evidence in the case takes so many different shapes, depending much on who is giving it, we will not attempt to give particulars before the jury examination is over.

[Saturday, April 25, 1891, Page 1, Columns 3-6]

## Inquests.

**Emanuel Pancheri**, who was injured at the **West Vulcan**, on the 9th of April, died at the Norway hospital Saturday morning, and was buried at Quinnesec, Sunday. The Iron Mountain City Band preceded the remains and the hearse was followed by the members of the various Italian societies of the city, who are ever prompt in showing the last tribute of respect to a comrade. Below we give the evidence in full given before the coroner's jury, Monday:

**Dr. B.W. Jones**, a witness produced, sworn and examined upon said inquest, upon his oath says:

I reside in the township of Norway and am a practicing physician and surgeon in said township. I knew the deceased. I attended him for some days before his death. I attended him from the time he was injured until he died. I attended him about seven days during his last illness. Death was caused by blood-poisoning. It was caused by some poisonous material

SOCIETY NOTES AND THE EDITOR'S CORNER

At the May, 1997 meeting of the DCGS, President John Alquist announced that the following additional microfilms had been received:

**1850 Series M432**

Reel 1003 - Milwaukee  
Reel 1008 - Washington

**1860 Series M653**

Reel 1420 - Milwaukee, rural  
Reel 1425 - Ozaukee  
Reel 1429 - Sauk, Shawano  
Reel 1438 - Washington

**1870 Series M593**

Reel 1725 - Milwaukee  
Reel 1731 - Ozaukee, Pepin, Pierce

**1880 Series T9**

Reel 1450 - Walworth (to end), Washington

[The 1870 Series M593, Reel 1739 for Sauk, Shawano was on backorder. This microfilm was received by the time of the August meeting.]

President Alquist's inquiry regarding the location of the microfilm masters for newspapers from Ishpeming, Stephenson and Marquette from the Library of Michigan showed that institution did not hold these masters.

At the DCGS meeting held August 26, President Alquist announced that microfilms for the Houghton *Daily Mining Gazette* and the *Ishpeming Iron Agitator* and *Ishpeming Iron Ore* had been received. They are as follows:

**Houghton, Houghton County,  
Michigan**

*Daily Mining Gazette*

Roll 10: 2 October 1899-8 March 1900  
Roll 11: 9 March 1900-7 August 1900

Roll 12: 8 August 1900-5 January 1901

**Ishpeming, Marquette County,  
Michigan**

*Ishpeming Iron Agitator*

Roll 1: 11 October 1879-26 November 1881

Roll 2: 3 December 1881-27 December  
1884

Roll 3: 3 January 1885-11 September 1886  
(*Ishpeming Iron Agitator*); 18  
September 1886-10 December 1887  
(*Ishpeming Iron Ore*)

*Ishpeming Iron Ore*

Roll 4: 17 December 1887-15 November  
1890

Roll 5: 22 November 1890-4 November  
1893

Roll 6: 11 November 1893-28 November  
1896

Roll 7: 5 December 1896-25 November  
1899

Roll 8: 2 December 1899-13 September  
1902

Roll 9: 20 September 1902-27 May 1905

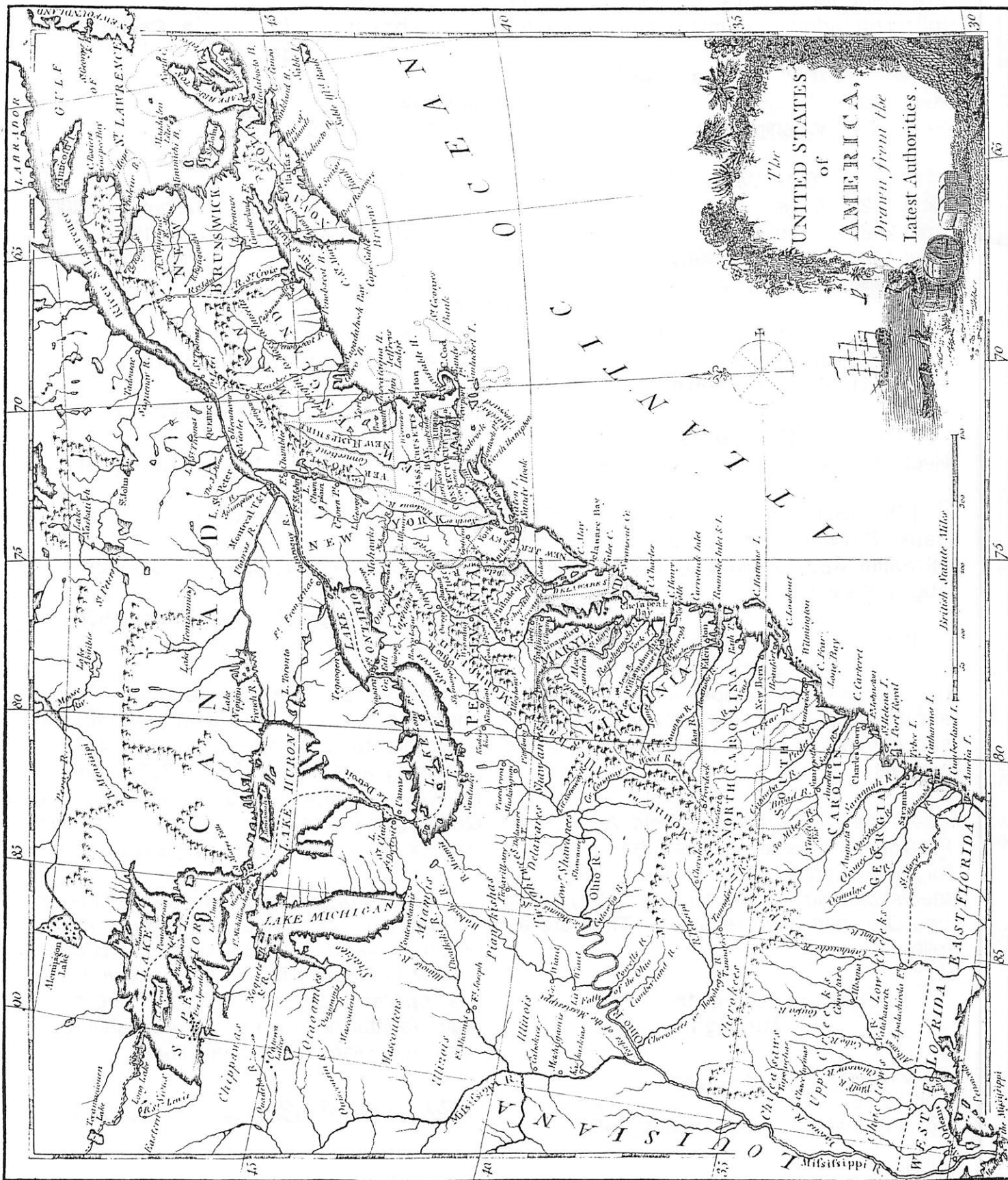
Roll 10: 3 June 1905-11 January 1908

Member Bob Johnson reported he had entered a total of 11,914 death records into the computer program, including 889 from Channing and Foster City, 7,321 from the Norway Cemetery and 3,704 from the Quinnesec Cemetery. Hopefully they will soon be available on the library's computer.

The refurbished microfilm reader/printers for both the Dickinson County Library in Iron Mountain and the Solomonson Branch Library in Norway have been received and are operational, and the old microfilm reader/printer has also been refurbished and is again available at the main library.

*William J. Cummings, Editor*

Included in recognition of the millennium, this map of the United States, printed in London in 1799 -- two centuries ago -- by T. Conder, shows how little exploration and settlement had really been completed. Ft. Michilimackinac is located at the Straits, Ft. Detroit at Lake St. Clair and nonexistent islands in Lake Superior honored Frenchmen. Louisiana was still a French possession. [Collection of William J. Cummings]





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