



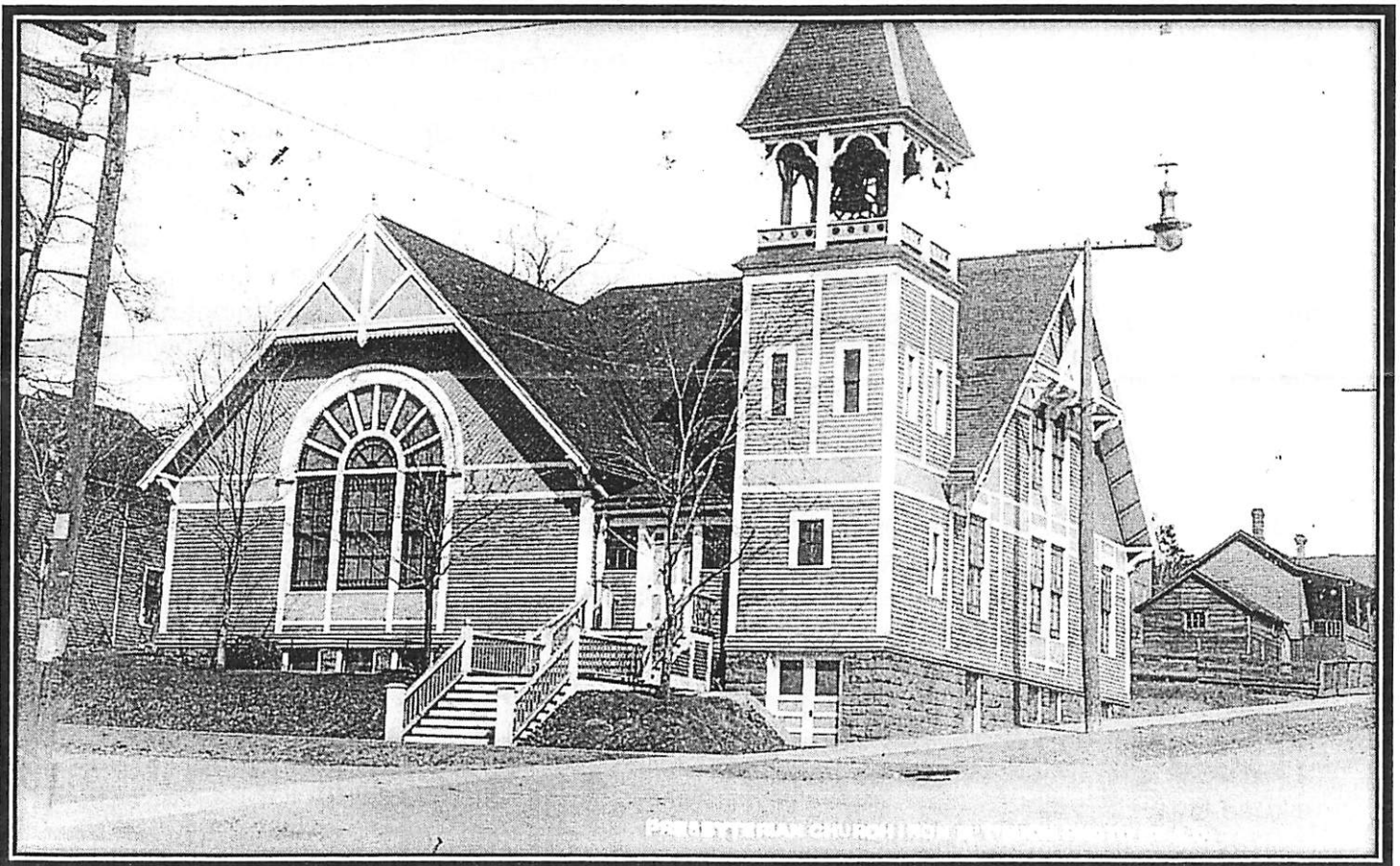
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The First Presbyterian Church was constructed in 1885-1886 on the northwest corner of West Brown Street and Carpenter Avenue. This postcard view was mailed July 14, 1911. The building was destroyed by fire on October 22, 2013. [William J. Cummings Photo]

As the population of the Village of Iron Mountain began spreading south of the mines, a group of Protestant Christians met in May, 1884, to arrange for an evangelist to come to preach to them.

Following several informal meetings, evangelistic services were held in the Gospel Hall, located on the southeast corner of Stephenson Avenue and East B Street. These meetings culminated in a request to the Presbytery of Lake Superior for the organization of a Presbyterian Church which was consummated December 2, 1884, by the Rev. A.F. Ashley, the Rev. A.W. Bill and the Rev. H.F. Corry. [The History of the Presbyterian Church continues on pages 2-3.]

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, NE CORNER OF BROWN STREET AND CARPENTER AVENUE, IRON MOUNTAIN AND 395 HAMILTON AVENUE, KINGSFORD

In a column called "Range Items" in Escanaba's *The Iron Port*, dated December 13, 1884, *The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain's newspaper, was quoted as follows: A Presbyterian church has been organized and a pastor is wanted.

In the same column in Escanaba's *The Iron Port*, dated June 27, 1885, an item taken from *The Menominee Range* noted: The Presbyterian society will build a church. About \$3,000 is their figure.

The building of the church at 200 East Brown Street on the northwest corner of the intersection with Carpenter Avenue began in May, 1885, and was completed and occupied in January, 1886.

The Rev. Melvin Fraser was named pastor in May, 1885, and served until May, 1886, when he left for Africa as a missionary.

In a listing of churches in Iron Mountain, the following item appeared in *The Menominee Range* on June 24, 1886: PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. REV. M. FRAZER. Services in Gospel Hall. Sabbath services 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday School 2:15p.m. C.L. Anderson, superintendent. Tuesday evening prayer meeting. Wednesday evening Young Men's Improvement Society. Thursday [hour is blank]:30 p.m. Young People's Meeting. Friday 7 p.m. Bible Society, conducted by R. Banks. The ladies' prayer meeting is held on Wednesday afternoons at 4 o'clock, at the houses of members. All railroad time.

The Rev. Henry M. Tyndall succeeded the Rev. Fraser, preaching his first sermon in May, 1886. He served as pastor until July, 1891, when he was called to a mission in New York City.

Under the headline Presbyterian Church Items in the February 4, 1892 edition of Iron Mountain's *The Iron Range*, it was noted: The Presbyterian church of this city was organized about seven years ago. (Dec. 2, 1884) It has more than quadrupled its

original membership. Eight of the fifteen charter members are still members. It has church property worth about \$6,000, and this nearly paid for. The church is very harmonious and its future hopeful.

During the pastorate of the Rev. Donald Morrison, from 1891 until 1898, pews were purchased and a carpet laid.

The Rev. D.C. Jones came to the city in 1899 and remained until 1901. During his stay, a furnace was installed and the church became self-supporting. During the pastorate of the Rev. Frank P. Knowles, the manse, which had been purchased during the time of Dr. Tyndall, was remodeled.

The Rev. William Roberts, who had been pastor of First Methodist Church while serving only part-time in the Presbyterian Church, was then named resident pastor of the latter church, which he served from 1910 until 1915. A new church roof was added during this period, shingles for which were contributed by F.C. Cole, owner of the City Lumber Yard and member. The "Every Member" canvass relieved the Ladies' Aid of salary obligations and enabled the congregation to pay an \$800 debt, accumulated over a period of two years.

Coming to Iron Mountain in 1916, the Rev. Hugh J. May remained until June, 1919, when the membership grew to 125. Dr. J. Frank Young was pastor from 1920 until 1921. Dr. Clifford Cully was named pastor-elect in 1922, but was never formally installed. The new manse was built under the latter's leadership.

The Rev. A.C. McMullen served during the rapid expansion of city and church from 1924 until he was killed in an accident on the Ford Railroad crossing on March 11, 1927. His able leadership helped increase membership from 140 to 296.

The Rev. N.U. McConaughy moved here from Stambaugh in July and was installed in September of 1927.

During his pastorate, the church was redecorated, and improvements were made

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in 1930. In 1937, growth began and the 267 members were increased to 480. The new entrance was built in 1939 and the chancel, furnace room and north entrance added in 1940. A new heating system was installed in 1942, when a new basement floor was laid and the dining room enlarged. The amplifying system and tower chimes were installed in 1947, as a war memorial.

Though initial efforts for a new church were made in 1929, it was not until the purchase of a 3-acre site in 1953, under the ministry of the Rev. N.U. McConaughy, that any tangible progress was made toward a new building to house the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church.

In May, 1955, the congregation voted by a substantial majority to build a new church. Much time and study were devoted before the Joint Boards of Elders and Trustees voted to utilize the facilities of the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. to conduct the financial campaign.

Appropriate committees were appointed and the day of the campaign, May 26, 1957, brought an overwhelming response on the part of the congregation.

With the \$115,000.00 pledged during the campaign, tremendous enthusiasm resulted and the "go-ahead signal" was given for the hiring of an architect in the person of Alfred Siewert of Milwaukee in April of 1957. Ground-breaking for a new church was on October 6, 1957.

A week-long series of dedication services for the new First Presbyterian Church located at 395 Hamilton Avenue, just east of Kingsford High School, were held between October 12 and October 19, 1958. By that time the congregation had grown to 525.

PASTORS

Rev. Melvin Fraser

May 1, 1885 – May 16, 1886

Rev. Henry M. Tyndall

September 28, 1886 – July 12, 1891

Rev. Donald Morrison

November 27, 1891 – October 30, 1898

T.D. Marsh, D.D.

[supplied pulpit for several months in 1898 and 1899]

Rev. Daniel C. Jones

March 19, 1899 – March 17, 1901

Rev. W.J. Turner

1901 [never installed]

Rev. Frank P. Knowles

June 16, 1901 – September 30, 1909

Rev. William Roberts

November 4, 1910 – September 1, 1915

Rev. Hugh J. May

June, 1916 – June, 1919

Dr. J. Frank Young

October, 1920 – October, 1921

[never installed]

Dr. R. Clifford Cully

April, 1922 – October, 1923

[never installed]

Rev. Alexander C. McMullen

June 5, 1924 – March 11, 1927

Rev. Nathaniel U. McConaughy

September 20, 1927 – September 30, 1953

[ordained – May, 1923]

Rev. Paul Sobel

December 1, 1953 – August 31, 1962

[ordained October 19, 1943]

Rev. Clyde R. Brown

February 17, 1963 – November, 1971

[ordained – June, 1946]

Rev. Timothy F. Jones

November 21, 1972 – September 1, 1988

[ordained – June 13, 1965]

Rev. Wynn Ward

October 1, 1988 – September 30, 1989

[never installed; interim pastor]

Rev. Otis R. Cross

February 11, 1990 – March 31, 1991

[ordained – June, 1985]

Rev. David M. Anderson

April 1, 1991 – October 27, 1991

[never installed; interim pastor]

Rev. Michael J. March

February 2, 1992 – present

[ordained – October 12, 1986]

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on all its branches through to Lake Michigammi [*sic – Michigamme*] and furnish inexhaustable [*sic – inexhaustible*] supplies for shipments and for charcoal. Indeed, this whole district is composed within the comparatively unexplored portion of the peninsula, and only enough is known of to give assurance that it holds a wealth beyond the most daring guess made concerning it.

The iron fields of which this forms a part reaches through to Lake Superior; or in other words, the **Menominee iron mines** are only a southern outcrop of the **Superior mines**. They have already been followed north to Lake Michigammi [*sic – Michigamme*], and are found without digging to be sufficiently distinct to warrant that belief.

Escanaba Tribune, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume VI, Number 16 [Saturday, March 27, 1875], page 2, column 3

Land Grants.

Editor Tribune: – I wish to call the situation of the people of **Delta County** to a bill now before the **Michigan legislature**. It is for a grant of land, ten sections per mile, for a rail road from Escanaba to the **Menominee Iron Range**. When the extension was built from Menominee here it was run north from Menominee until it was west of here about twenty-four miles distant and then turned and run east to this place. A line was then surveyed from that point westerly to the Menominee Iron Range and the line cleared out. Examinations were made of the iron and it was found that it was not of the kind that would answer for shipment to the eastern market but must be used in furnaces near home and sent to market in the shape of pig iron. At that time

furnaces were being built along the line of the Northwestern road at different points as far as Milwaukee and Chicago which have since been completed at Menominee, Green Bay, Depere [*sic – De Pere*], Appleton, Fond du Lac, Milwaukee and Chicago, and there are numerous locations along the line for others – at Spaulding and at the stations between there and Menominee, also at Peshtigo, Oconto, Pensaukee, Swamico [*sic – Suamico*] &c., &c. Further investigation of the Menominee Iron Range has shown that all of the [*fore of the*] southern part of that Iron Range although of no use for shipment was very easily converted into pig, and last summer and fall a company was formed who purchased interests in those iron mines and made arrangements with the Rail Road Company, by which they agreed to build this branch and then turn it over to the Rail Road Company who were to stock it and pay for it in freight in bringing out the iron to the furnaces as they are now built and will be built from the mines to Milwaukee along the present line of the road at each place as charcoal can be found in sufficient quantities. These arrangements were all completed and no grant of land had been thought of any more than was thought of in building the **Smith Mine branch**, the **Mineral Range Branch** or any other of the numerous branches built to the different mines, nor is there any more road to be built to reach the mines now open on the Menominee Iron Range, than was built to reach the **Cascade and Smith mines**, and after that every three miles of road opens a new mine, and in many instances a much shorter distance. Now why would we pay for this road in land any more than the roads built to other mines? The **Fayette Furnace** in our own county has built over one-half of the amount of road that is required to reach the **Breen Mine**, and is equiped [*sic – equipped*] and passengers

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are carried on it every day and no fare collected upon it, and still no grant was made to them nor did they ask for it.

Now, the bill, to give it the appearance of being a new road instead of a branch, commences for the "construction of a line of rail road from Escanaba in the County of Delta, northwesterly, through the Menominee Iron Range," &c., and then in the same section goes on to say that the aid in the construction of "portions of such railroad" and there is a proviso in the same section that reads "Provided that no land shall be granted to said railroad or portion of railroad now built."

Now, what is the portion of the railroad now built if not the road from here to Spalding [*sic – Spaulding*], and the grant is to build that branch and the claim of the road from "Escanaba to the Menominee Iron Range" as merely to disguise the said intents and purposes of the bill. But these are not the worst features of the bill. Sec. 4 reads, "All lands granted by this act to aid in the construction of said line of railroad shall be and are exempt from all taxation whatsoever until the same shall have been sold and conveyed by said railroad company, its successors or assigns to which the same shall have been conveyed from time to time by patents for the construction of said line of road pursuant to the provisions of this act." Now, if that is constitutional then it forms the greatest land monopoly ever created in this world!

THE PEOPLE.

Escanaba Tribune, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume VI, Number 19 [Saturday, April 17, 1875], page 2, column 2

Give us Another.

Under this heading the *Marquette Journal* has the following in regard to the building of the **proposed railway** from the **Menominee iron mines** to a point in connection with the **C. & N.W. R'y.**

"We are not selfish as we have received from the present legislature all that was asked for the building of a railroad in which we felt a special local interest. We are not comorants, and have nothing more in this line to ask for as far as **Marquette county** is concerned. But there is a bill pending in the legislature, making a grant of lands to aid in the construction of a railroad from a point on the **Peninsula division of the Chicago & Northwestern** to the north line of **Menominee county**. The necessity for the construction of such a road must be apparent to all who are acquainted with the wants of this region. It is wanted as an outlet for the ores of the **Menominee iron range**, of the very great value of which there can no longer be a doubt. Without such a road, the development of the iron deposits of the Menominee is simply impossible. With it, and a recurrence of good times, we shall see a repetition of the history of the development of the iron resources of Marquette county. All the really valuable state lands in that locality -- those believed to contain iron, have been disposed of. The remainder are [*sic – is*] now and will remain valueless and unproductive to the state until a road is built which will make them available for farming purposes, and for fuel with which to feed the blast furnaces that are certain to follow in the wake of railway communication. The road in question, if built, will open up and develop an at present inaccessible region, and make it pay tribute to the coffers of the state. The bill provides for a grant of seven sections to the mile, without exemption from taxation, and with the aid proposed the road is certain to be built the coming season. As soon as earned the lands will be taxable,

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while without it they are valueless, and pay no tax whatever. We cannot think of any other piece of legislation that is calculated to do more for the development of the great mineral wealth of this section, and most earnestly hope that the bill may pass.”

Escanaba Tribune, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume VI, Number 20 [Saturday, April 24, 1875], page 2, column 3

Aid Voted to the Menominee Iron Range Rail Road.

Bills for granting lands to new railroads occupied the attention of the **House** most of the forenoon. The first was Mr. **F.O. Clark's** bill for aid in building a road from **Escanaba** through the **Menominee Iron Range**. The bill grants to the **Menominee River Railroad Company** seven sections of swamp land per mile, for the construction of a road from Escanaba to the **Michigamme River**, and lands to be selected from the vacant and reserved swamp lands in **Menominee** and **Delta** counties. The company must construct 10 miles a year of road, and the lands are exempt from taxation for five years.

Mr. **F.O. Clark** said that the members of the Legislature from the Upper Peninsula united in asking this grant. The swamp lands in that section were given for the purpose of drainage and reclamation, and they would be much more effectively used for the improvement of the country if given in aid of railroads than if given to wagon roads. The inhabitants of Menominee and Delta wanted the lands in those counties for their own railroad, as those in **Chippewa**, **Schoolcraft** and **Marquette** counties had been given for a railroad through those counties. Such lands had heretofore been granted to aid in building wagon roads

which were of comparatively little value, as they were not permanent improvements. Now the people desired that the remainder should be devoted to railroads, and petition after petition had come in for that purpose. This road would open up the largest undeveloped wealth that existed in any portion of the State, and would add immensely to the revenues of the State by the specific taxes which it would return on the railroad traffic and mining operations. Within four years from the completion of the road this region would ship half as much iron ore as comes now from the **Marquette** range, and the State would then receive more from the specific taxes than it could from the sale of the lands. This road, too, would be a permanent improvement, would draw capital from abroad, and would furnish a market for the produce of **Southern Michigan**. The working of the mines would make a market for \$750,000 worth of produce annually, much of which would come from the **Lower Peninsula**, by way of the **Petowsky** [*sic – Petoskey*] route.

Mr. **Goodyear** hoped the bill would pass, as the road would open up a new section and increase the resources of the State. –Detroit Post.

Escanaba Tribune, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume VI, Number 21 [Saturday, May 1, 1875], page 2, column 3

Railroad Bill.

The following is the Bill introduced by **Hon. F.O. Clark** to promote the early construction of a railroad through the **Menominee Iron Range**.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That for the purpose of encouraging the early construction of a line of railroad from **Escanaba**, in the County of

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Delta, westerly by way of **Spaulding** thence northwesterly through the **Menominee Iron Range** as far west and south as section thirty-four, town forty north, of range thirty west, and from thence to the **Michigamme river**, and for the purpose of drainage and reclamation, the State hereby grants to the **Menominee River Railroad Company**, to aid in the construction of portions of such railroad on the line aforesaid, to the extent of seven sections of the swamplands belonging to this State per mile of said railroad to be so constructed, to be selected from the vacant and unreserved State swamp lands belonging to this State, in any portion of portions of the counties of **Menominee and Delta**, for the construction of that portion of said railroad from Escanaba, Delta county, to the north line of said Menominee county, and for the construction of said railroad from said north line of Menominee county to the Michigamme river, to be selected from the vacant and unreserved State swamp lands belonging to this State, still remaining vacant and unreserved in the counties of Menominee and Delta aforesaid; but the title of the same shall not vest in said company except as their railroad progress. Should said railroad company, accepting the provisions of this act, its successors or assigns, fail to construct ten consecutive miles of their line of road within one year from the passage of this act, and ten miles of railroad each year thereafter, then all grants of land herein made for that portion of the line of railroad not completed shall revert to the people of this State. Provided, however, That if said railroad company shall, in any one year, construct more than ten miles of road hereinbefore provided for, the excess over said ten miles shall be credited to said company on account of the amount of road required to be built by it in the next succeeding year or years, and said company shall be entitled to receive, of the

lands hereby granted, an amount equivalent to seven sections of land for each mile of road so actually constructed. Provided, That no lands shall be granted to said railroad company for any railroad or portion of railroad now built.

Sec. 2. As soon as said railroad company, accepting the provisions of this act, shall actually survey and adopt their line of railroad or any part of parts thereof on the route indicated, they shall deposit from time to time a plat or plats thereof in the office of Secretary of State, and a plat or plats thereof with the commissioner of the land office, it shall be the duty of such commissioner, upon the passage of this act and the acceptance of the provisions thereof by said company, as in this act provided, to withdraw from sale all the vacant and unreserved swamp lands that belong to this State in the counties of Menominee and Delta, until such railroad company, accepting the provisions of this act, shall have filed with the commissioners of the land office, a list of the said swamp lands so selected by it for the construction of its line of road; Provided, Said list of said lands shall have been so filed with the commissioner of the land office within one year from the date of the deposit of the plat of its said line of railroad with said commissioner of the land office.

Sec. 3. On the list of said swamp lands so selected by said railroad company be filed with the commissioner of the land office, as aforesaid, it shall be his duty to withdraw from sale the swamp lands embraced in said list to the extent and amount of seven sections per mile of the whole of said line of railroad so proposed to be constructed by said railroad company, to be disposed of according to the provisions of this act; and to restore all the swamp lands belonging to this State within said limits so remaining unselected by said railroad company to the same condition

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days. His father and mother are to reside in the new home.

–The familiar sound of **T.P. Hayes' wood sawing machine** may be heard in our back yards and alleys nowadays. Now is the time to get your wood all ready for a cold, cold winter. "In time of peace prepare for war."

–**Mr. Blomgren** and others who purchased the machinery from **Fred. Kinney** have a neat little **factory in South Norway where they will manufacture sash, doors, blinds, etc.** The new building has just been finished.

–There should be provided and kept for use when needed, a suitable **ambulance wagon** with which to convey injured men to their homes or the hospital. When accidents occur (and they are inevitable) it is often a long time before any conveyance other than a coal or lumber wagon can be procured. The cost of the wagon would be small and its maintenance [*sic* – *maintenance*] nothing.

–**Charles Treiber** now has his **flour and feed store** in running order, and it adds greatly to the appearance of **Cyclops Ave.**, and we hope, much to Charley's bank account.

–**Supt. Jouno** is making a **plat showing the location of the Sturgeon farm of the M.R.L. Co.**, and the location of the buildings thereon. The industry is becoming so large and important that it has been found necessary to have a map in order that the reports etc., may be made plain and also for the purpose of insurance.

–We have received No. 1, Vol. 1, of the **Calumet Conglomerate**, published by **Sessions & McGraw**, at **Red Jacket, Mich.** It is a five column quarto, all printed at home, shows a good advertising patronage, and should fill a long felt want in its chosen field. We expect to swap papers, once a week in future, and feel that we shall get the best of the bargain.

–The ladies of the **Episcopal church of Iron Mountain**, [*sic*] will give an entertainment for the benefit of the church fund on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of next week, [*sic*] at **Rundle's Opera house**. The dramatic performances will consist of "The Irish Head School" and "The Quack Doctor," and there will be a **grand Japanese fete at which the famous Japanese dwarf Tokquanna will appear**, there will be a grand Japanese march and Feast of Lanterns, terminating in the famous fan dance. There will be Japanese china and fancy articles for sale. Japanese tableaux, and a host of other attractions too numerous to mention which must be seen to be appreciated. Don't forget the dates Dec. 16 and 17. Admission, adults 25 cents and children 15 cents.

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Ramblings.

One hundred and seventeen arrests were made in the city of Iron Mountain during November.

Ben Hocking, after a few weeks vacation[,] has entered the drug store of **Ed. Ingram at Iron Mountain.**

Capt. William Oliver, of the **Chapin mine**[,] is gradually growing weaker, and all hope of his recovery has been abandoned.

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

The **electric light service at Iron Mountain** which for some time past has [*sic* – *has*] been giving very indifferent satisfaction, is now very much better. So say many of those who use the lights.

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

On the **Wisconsin** side of the **Menominee** river in **Marinette Co.** at a lumber, [sic] camp [sic] one man cut another with an ax, Sunday, and the victim is not expected to live. He is in the hospital at **Marinette** and the would-be-murderer is in jail in the same town.

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

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CURRENT NOTES.

–A man named **Lynch**, at **Ironwood**[,] undertook to chop his wife into pieces with an ax. He should be tried and found guilty in one of the courts instituted by one of his family name.

–Why is it that men who are quiet law abiding citizens during twenty-nine days of a month, must get drunk in fifteen minutes after they draw their month's

wages? "Tis true, 'tis pity, and pity 'tis, 'tis true."

–It is understood that a new residence for **Supt. Jouno** will be built on the **M.R. Lumber Co's Sturgeon River** farm in early spring. It will be of brick and contain from forty to fifty rooms. Why says farming don't pay?

–Some of the boys who spend their evenings skating on **Lake Mary**, are in the habit of using the most foul and profane language and unless they stop it the writer will see that some of them find a resting place in the lockup. Several nights last week ladies were compelled to leave the ice because of the language used by those who were old enough to know better.

–**Horace J. Stevens**, of **Ishpeming**, has issued a circular letter announcing that, on Jan. 1st, 1891, he will begin the publication in that city, of a daily evening paper, to be called the **Ishpeming Daily Press**. It will be published as an independent paper, and the price will be \$5.00 per year by mail and \$6.00 if delivered by carrier in the city, and the subscription list is now open. We wish **Horace** and his associates unbounded success.

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Vulcan Notes.

A few men were discharged at **East Vulcan** this week. Our informant says, twenty.

One day last week a **Polander** at **East Vulcan**, [sic] found a fulminate cap on the road, and not knowing its actual strength he undertook to startle a

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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.

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Ramblings.

Mastodon, [sic] has a new school marm in the person of **Miss Hawley**, and the boys do say that she is as sweet as the proverbial angel.

The **Messrs. Perkins, Wood and Laing**, of the **Laing Lumber Co.**, of **Sagola**, Mich., have sold there [sic – their] interests to outside capitalists and it is said that much new capital will be put into the business.

The merchants and business men at **Iron Mountain** feel a little blue because of the decrease in the working forces of some of the mines, but hope that the depression will be only temporary.

There was a little excitement at **Iron Mountain** this week, and for a time it was thought that there would be a run on the **1st National Bank**, of that place, but all demands were promptly met, and the loss of confidence was shortlived.

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

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PERSONAL POINTERS.

Mr. and Mrs. Wirtz from lower Wisconsin, parents of **Mat. Wirtz**, are here visiting the latter. They arrived on Saturday last and will probably return home early next week.

Capt. McHale of the **Ashland mine**, **Gogebic range**, has been here this week, being called here by the illness and death of his brother-in-law, **John O'Donnell**.

Mrs. Thomas Power and daughter **Mary** went to **Neenah**, Tuesday, to attend the funeral of a relative.

Peter Michels, of **Stambaugh**, one of the pioneers of **Norway**, was in the city Tuesday.

C.T. McElroy has been at **Iron Mountain** looking after his new brewery this week.

Joseph Boucha, at one time a barber here, was in the city Tuesday night.

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CURRENT NOTES.

–Apples are \$5.50 per barrel and one don't get very good ones at that.

–**William Turner**, of **Vulcan**, has purchased the farm of **S.H. Bridges** on the **Sturgeon**.

–The gale of Monday night blew down a partially completed house in south **Norway**. We hear of no further damage.

–**Mr. Christian Koch** has opened a shoe shop in **Ingallsdorf**, and he will doubtless find it a profitable undertaking in that section of our city.

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–**Sam R. Lee**, stepson of the writer and foreman of the Reporter office at Iron River, was seriously burned at that place while practicing for amateur dramatics, by the discharge of a blank pistol cartridge into his face, one night last week.

–Someone told us this week that **Capt. Phil. Scadden**, of Ely, Minnesota, was on the range. The captain was formerly a resident here, and is now mining captain at the great **Chandler** mine at Ely, but we can hardly believe he was on the range without calling on his Norway friends.

–**Christmas** was a very bright and pleasant day and passed very quietly here. Nearly everyone had some social obligation to fulfill and while the services and entertainments at the several churches were well attended, the remainder of the time was in home circles. Several of the churches had Xmas trees and we hear of some laughable incidents connected therewith. As far as Norway was concerned, 'twas a season of "peace and good will."

–Monday night during the gale the chimney in the home of merchant **Schwartz**, who lives in the house of **Capt. Enoch Roberts** on **Summit avenue**, took occasion to burn out. The chimney was cleaned out as clean as it could be, but it got so hot in the doing that the roof got afire and it was only by prompt work that the house was saved. Soon after, a chimney in the **parochial school** also burned out but no damage was done. A fire during the storm would have been an awful calamity.

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Vulcan Notes.

Supt. Jouno of the **M.R.L. Co.'s** farm went to Chilton, Wis., to spend Christmas with his mother.

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Ramblings.

Mrs. O.F. Brown, of **Marinette[,]** will spend the winter with her son and daughter **Supt. and Mrs. E.F. Brown**, of the **Pewabic**.

The **Pewabic Co.** paid its employes for **November, Tuesday**. This mine now pays by checks on the **1st. Nat. Bank of Iron Mountain**.

The **Chapin** did not pay for **November, before Christmas day**, and the money circulation at **Iron Mountain** was much limited thereby.

The establishment of the cold storage houses at **Iron Mountain** has made it possible to get better and cheaper meats than heretofore.

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PERSONAL POINTERS.

M. Powley and family left Wednesday to attend a family reunion at the home of his father in Illinois. The father is 77 years old and the "boys" are all going home to show what they have accomplished in their battle with the world. **Mat.** need not feel ashamed of the use made of his time. He will be gone about ten days.

Dr. W.H. Titus, of **Oshkosh**, and wife and daughter, were the guests of **Prof. and**

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men who are willing to serve the city as night watchman, the position of city marshal appears to be so much more desirable as to overshadow the night watch for the present. THE RANGE has no recommendations to make, having every confidence that the council will make the best possible selections under the circumstances.

Since writing the above we learn that **John Saving, James Cudlip and Sam Spear**, are candidates for the appointment of city clerk.

THE First Demorest Prize Contest held in Iron Mountain took place at the **Central M.E. Church** Friday evening last. After prayer and an anthem by the choir, **Mrs. Whitney**, the chairman of the evening, explained the object of these contests, after which she announced the first speaker of the evening as **Bennie Moyle**, who is well and favorably known to Iron Mountain audiences. **Miss Ella Harper's** recitation was *The New Moral Reform*, which was given in an easy and graceful manner. After a quartette [*sic – quartet*], *Under the Flowers*, by **Mrs. White, Miss Wicks and Messrs. Buck and Hancock**, *The Voice from the Poor House*, and *The Voice of the Dramshop*, were given by **Ella May Thomas and Ellen Sudnstrom** in very different but equally effective style. The audience was then favored by a trio, *Dreaming To-night*, by **Messrs. Hancock, Buck, and Abernethy**. The next selection, *The Martyred Mother*, was the most difficult one to render on the programme [*sic – program*]. It was recited in a most creditable manner by **Emma Parmelee**, reflecting credit alike upon herself and her teacher. The last recitation of the evening, *A Black Eye for Lager Beer*, in the German dialect, was by **Rose Hubbard**. It was given in her usual talking manner. That is

not a pun though the sequel would imply it. The judges, till then unknown to the audience and to each other, proved to be **Mr. Abernethy, Miss McLelland and Mr. Saving**. While they were making their decision, a quartette [*sic – quartet*] by **Mrs. White, Miss Wicks, Messrs. Hancock and Buck**, *Save the Boy*, was given, **Mrs. White** singing the solo. **Mr. Abernethy** then announced that the committee had found the marks very creditable to all the speakers, and that the winner surpassed by only a very small fraction several others, but that they had awarded the prize to **Rose Hubbard**: **Mrs. Whitney** then asked **Miss Hubbard** to come forward and she presented the prize. She is ruled out in future contests, but we hope the rest of the class, with fresh accessions to it, will again favor us in the near future with another contest better, if possible, than that of Friday night. There is a series of four of these medals offered by **Mr. Demorest**, of New York city. One holding a silver medal may compete for a small gold medal, and one taking this may compete in turn for the larger gold metal and for one of gold set with diamonds. If six silver medals are taken here we may have a gold medal contest in our own town.

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IT is extremely doubtful that **Watson, Aaron and Dolan** are in hiding at **Iron Mountain's popular ranch [house of ill repute]** just across the **Menominee river**, but it might be well for **Sheriff Parmenter** to make a personal visit to the place and satisfy himself as to the truth of THE RANGE'S statement. The editor of THE RANGE, however, speaks in positive terms regarding the present whereabouts of the

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men, and the information given by the gentleman is, judging from the tenor of his remarks, evidently not heresay [*sic* – *hearsay*] information, either. As far as “cleaning out” the dive near Iron Mountain is concerned, the idea is a good one. But the **Mining News** believes that the **first duty of the district attorney and sheriff in this respect should be the wiping out of the houses of prostitution in the city of Florence.** When this is accomplished, the **Mudge den [Mudge’s house of ill repute]** should be attended to, and the sooner the authorities attend to these matters, the better it will be for the good name and fame of Florence. Scarcely a week passes but that one or more disgraceful orgies are reported from that iniquitous den, and many a dark deed of wickedness and devilry doubtless occur there of which the general public is ignorant. – News.

If the above mentioned ranch [*house of ill repute*] is to be counted as an Iron Mountain institution, we wish to remind the News that Iron Mountain is indebted to the well-known leniency of Florence county officials for the honor. Whenever our officers break up such an institution that is trying to get a foothold in this city, they skip across the line into Wisconsin and are there unmolested. **Sheriff Parmenter was in this city the past week, and expressed a willingness to pull the ranch if Iron Mountain people would furnish the evidence to convict.** If Mr. Parmenter is waiting for some Iron Mountain citizen to step forward and criminate [*sic* – *incriminate*] himself in order to help him out, this particular spot on the “fair fame” of Florence county will never be rubbed off. The reputation of the house is as well known to Sheriff Parmenter and a hundred other citizens of Florence county as it is to anyone in Iron Mountain.

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School Matters.

The committee appointed at the special school meeting held March 22, comprising Messrs. W.H. Sweet, E.E. Brewster, A.E. Anderson, R.P. Tuten and Christ. Grossbusch, for the purpose of ascertaining what was needed to provide adequate accommodations for the increasing number of school children in our city, reported to the board of education last Friday evening. After carefully looking the ground over the committee reported in substance that a lot can be purchased from the **Chapin Mining Company**, one block north of the house recently occupied by **Per Larsson**. The lot has a frontage on three sides – on the west of 100 feet, north 240 feet and east 146 feet. Two small dwelling houses are now located on the lot which the city will have to move to new sites. **They recommended that a substantial brick building of six rooms be constructed, which will cost probably \$10,000.** They also recommended that the two small school buildings now in use at the Chapin location be abandoned, and these buildings can be sold to the Chapin company at a fair valuation if the city is disposed to sell them. In regard to the **Brown street school building, the committee recommended that it receive needed repairs, and be made to do duty for some years yet.** The report of the committee was received and the board adopted a resolution to bond the city in the sum of \$10,000 for the purpose above mentioned, and the construction of the new building will be begun as soon as the

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necessary plans and specifications can be drawn up and contract let.

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A New Iron Mountain Paper.

Perhaps it is an evidence of the prosperity of Iron Mountain, and perhaps it is only an evidence of tremendous struggle for existence rendered necessary by the auri sacra fames in certain quarters, that this week the city will see a new paper launched upon the precarious waters of public patronage. Its name will be the **Northern Tribune** – quite a dignified and sonorous appellation – and we hope that its character will be as good as its name. It will be edited and published by **Mr. Herb. C. Smith**. The story has gone round that the notorious **Fitzgibbon** would be associated with him in the venture, but we have been asked to give this a positive contradiction, and **THE RANGE** does it with pleasure. Mr. Smith is a pushing young fellow, and one who tries to make himself agreeable. While he is an excellent practical printer, he has shown by the management of the **Journal** that he also possesses the instincts of a clever and popular editor. With the solemn injunction, "let the best man win," **THE RANGE** cordially welcomes the **Northern Tribune** into the local newspaper arena, and hopes for it much success. Mr. Smith will probably run the **Tribune** on independent democratic principles.

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Personal and Social.

Miss Boyington, of Iron River, visited her aunt, **Mrs. Lathrop**, in this city, last week.

Miss Emma Kloeckner, of Hancock, is visiting her uncle, **Mr. G. Kloeckner**, of this city.

Mrs. Thomas Flaherty returned, Saturday from Detroit, where she has spent the last five months.

Mrs. W.H. Jenkins, who has been visiting her husband in this city the past two weeks, returned to Milwaukee this morning.

F.J. Trudell has purchased **H. Armstrong's residence**, and Mr. Armstrong is moving into the first of the three cottages opposite **H. McLaughlin's**.

Geo. E. Saville, of Iron River, is in this city selling facsimiles of the New York Herald of April 15, 1865, the morning after **President Lincoln** was assassinated.

I.C. Lee, of the firm of **Eskil & Lee**, has presented a very handsome life size crayon portrait of **Rev. Father Keul** to the ladies of the **Catholic church**, to be disposed of at their fair, which is soon to be held. As a work of art this portrait stands above criticism, and while presenting a "speaking" likeness of Father Keul, proclaims in a striking manner the ability of Mr. Lee as an artist.

Sheriff Parmenter, of Florence county, was in the city last Friday, and made a brief call at this office. He says if **the people of this city want the dive across the river raided they have only to furnish him with the necessary evidence to make conviction reasonably certain**. He would be glad to root out that pest hole, but don't [*sic – doesn't*] propose to put his county to needless expense by going on a fool's errand.

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James Fern, who has been electrician for the Iron Mountain Electric Lighting Company since it started, has been offered the important position of engineer in the big engine house of the Lumbermen's Mining Company, and has accepted the appointment. As the man who looked after all the electric lights in the city[,] Mr. Fern did excellent work, and was generally liked for his courtesy and promptitude *[sic]* in repairing anything that happened to go wrong. He has been succeeded by James L. Baker, from the Brush Company's shops in Cleveland, Ohio.

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A Very Suspicious "Raffle."

Several people have written to us inquiring whether we know anything about the raffle of a lot which was to have taken place in **Bordeau's hall** on the 15th of February. It appears that one **Pat Griffin** issued tickets at \$1 a piece, for chances in a raffle for a corner lot on the **St. Clair addition**. Many persons bought tickets, and paid their money, but up to the present moment no raffle appears to have taken place, or if it has, it must have taken place in some very dark and mysterious way. Those who bought tickets naturally want their money back, or that the raffle should take place publicly as advertised. They will have to see Mr. Griffin about the matter. Our attention has been called to the announcement in a local contemporary that the "raffle" was held in **Bordeau's hall** on Saturday evening and was won by ticket "No. 447." While it is extremely doubtful that anything like 447 tickets were sold, we have made inquiries from those

who are now in charge of **Bordeau's hall**, and they say they know nothing whatever of any raffle for Mrs. Griffin's *[sic – Griffin's]* lot being held in that building. The whole affair seems to have a very ancient and fishlike smell about it, and explanations seem certainly in order. We may say we learn that while this mysterious disposition of Mrs. Griffin *[sic – Griffin's]* lot has been going on under the management of Mr. Pat Griffin, the poor woman is lying dangerously ill from a pulmonary disease which may prove fatal. At least one citizen who bought tickets in the "raffle" declined to let Mr. Griffin have the money and delivered it personally to the poor bedridden woman.

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Clean Them Out.

The **Florence News**, of last week, relates that the notorious **Mina Mudge**, who we blush to say was at one time permitted to conduct her degraded business in this city, was arrested on a charge of assault and battery, fined and released, and arrested again on the same day for a second assault upon the same one of her degraded associates and fined, and subsequently again arrested charged with assault with intent to kill; and very forcibly and sensibly calls upon its officers and citizens to relieve Florence of the prostitutes that are encouraged to locate in that city. The News points out how these courtesans, besides promoting vice and immorality and tending to drive from Florence decent people, are a constant source of expense to the taxpayers, by committing petty offenses,

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and being the cause of all grades of misdemeanor and crime from a simple drunk to a cold-blooded murder. The argument that Florence is benefitted by the men who are drawn there by that beautiful village being allowed to become a prostitute's retreat, [sic] is too foolishly false to be entertained for a moment by any sensible person. The name of Florence has already been disgraced too long by this policy, and every good citizen of Florence, who desires to live in a peaceful, lawabiding [sic – law-abiding] community, and who wants to bring up his children under good influences, should uphold the News in its every effort to drive prostitutes and pimps out of the city.

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CRYSTAL FALLS.

Arthur Campbell has started to school again.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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MISS BARNES, with **Miss Brown**, the milliner[,] is on [sic - an] accomplished lady in the art of trimming.

THE thirtieth of this month will be fittingly observed, with bunting, flags, and general rejoicing, as the anniversary of **George Washington's** inauguration as the first president of the United States.

EPISCOPAL communion service will be held in **Odd Fellow's** hall next Sunday at 7 o'clock a.m. At 10:30 a.m. regular Easter services. All other denominations invited to attend and strangers will be warmly welcomed.

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MISS HELEN ROLAND, of **Edson Keith & Co.**, Chicago, has been again secured by **G. Kloeckner & Co.**, to do the trimming in their millinery department. Ladies are invited to call.

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WHY doesn't somebody clean those hogs off the street? Put them in a pen or a pound, or somewhere. Thank heavens, when the dog tax goes into effect there will be a sensible diminution in the number of curs in Iron Mountain.

G. KLOECKNER & CO. had their spring opening in their millinery department yesterday. Ladies will find **Miss Helen Roland** in charge, whose skill as a trimmer, is already so well known by all who patronized this establishment last year.

FAST driving for vanity shows or any other purposes should be absolutely prohibited on the streets of Iron Mountain. We don't want to see our children or women ridden down for the sake of the paltry paces of fast horses. Menominee has shown this city the way in regard to a municipality's rights as to reckless driving.

C. SCHULDES' show window has blossomed out in all the loveliness of spring millinery. Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed in such elegance as the modest lily, says Holy Writ, but the lady who is arrayed in one of the hats displayed in Schuldes' window, will be clothed in the beauty of the lily of the field, with its eloquence of loveliness made conspicuous by the milliner's art.

WONDERS will never cease. It is now reported that "**Doctor**" **Mullikin** is anxious to return to **Escanaba**. This is the man who was charged with disgraceful treatment of young girls a short time ago. The good folks of **Escanaba** should allow him to return. They will then have a good subject for **Judge Lynch's** attentions. It is probable, however, that he has not yet taken leave of his senses.

PAT GRIFFIN claims that he had an injustice done to him in the last number of **THE RANGE**. It was no intention of **THE RANGE** to publish anything that would unjustly do an injury to Mr. Griffin. When he

says that the raffle did take place in **Bordeau's hall**, and that the winning ticket was held by Mr. **George DeLoughrey**, of **Bark River**, he is entitled to belief. We may say that we are glad to learn that Mrs. Griffin is recovering from her severe attack of a pulmonary nature. She has now the assistance of a sister from **Quinnesec** and is convalescent.

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Joe Pascoe's Spill.

On Sunday the folks on **Stephenson avenue** were temporarily horrified to see **Mrs. Pascoe** and her husband fly heels over head out of their buggy and the trotter **Mink** tear up the ground in the direction of the location. The buggy had broken down, and started the horse into a regular bolt. Joe caught the horse, somebody else picked up the "missus," and everything proved all right, excepting that Mrs. Pascoe had sustained some severe but not serious contusions by **Mink's** sudden development of eccentricity. We think **Mink** wants to be known as a galloper rather than a trotter.

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MR. H. LACHER, agent for the **Val Blatz** brewing company, says that his sales in **Iron Mountain** alone amount annually to the large sum of **\$25,000**. And of course it must be borne in mind that there are other beer concerns that drive a large business in the city. Mr. Lacher's

SOCIETY NOTES AND THE EDITOR'S CORNER

Thursday, November 20, 2014

The DCGS met in the multipurpose room of the Dickinson County Library on November 20, 2014, at 1 p.m. with Vice-President Kay Palmcook presiding. There were 15 members and 13 guests present.

The minutes for the October 23, 2014 meeting were approved as read. Treasurer Pamela Foster reported a balance of \$3,070.20 on October 23, 2014. After deposits and disbursements the balance on November 20, 2014 was \$3,054.20. Dues for 2015 are being collected.

Kay Carlson was elected vice-president, replacing Kay Palmcook, who has served in that office for several years. Miriam Belding was elected treasurer, replacing Pamela Foster, who has been treasurer and membership chairperson for several years. The DCGS appreciates the many hours the retiring officers have spent performing their duties.

Kay requested ideas for upcoming programs.

The November issue of *Dickinson Diggings* was distributed to members.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

The Great War and Armistice Day, a Power Point program, was presented. It included period postcards and stereoviews from Bill Cummings' personal collection. Information about military events in the United States leading up to the Great War (World War 1) included the recruitment of men; for the draft for the first time, military training of soldiers and sailors and life on the line and in the trenches for the doughboys. The second part of this program will be presented at the January 22, 2015 meeting.

Shirley Nelson, Secretary

Thursday, January 22, 2015

The DCGS met in the multi-purpose room of the Dickinson County Library on January 22, 2015, at 1 p.m. with President Bill Cummings presiding. There were 17 members and three guests present.

The minutes for the November 20, 2014 meeting were approved as read. Treasurer Miriam Belding distributed the financial statement for calendar year 2014, showing a beginning balance of \$3,495.91 and an ending balance of \$3,292.24. Then she distributed the financial statement showing the beginning balance of \$3,054.20 on November 20, 2014. After deposits and disbursements the ending balance on January 22, 2015, was \$3,292.24. The reports were approved by the membership.

Pam Foster suggested we have the Dickinson Diggings from 2009 through 2014 bound, as has been done with previous quarterlies. The cost would be about \$86, and was approved by the membership.

Hazel Dault has a 7" Scotch video tape reel identified and dated Forest Park, January 28, 1975 which supposedly has interviews with pioneers of the North Dickinson School area. The cost of transferring the tape format to a digital DVD format is about \$125 plus shipping and handling. Forest Park and North Dickinson Schools will be consulted prior to having the video reconfigured.

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Shirley Nelson, Secretary

The program was the remainder of the Power Point The Great War and Armistice Day.

Beginning with Volume XXXIV, Number 1 (this issue), Dickinson Diggings will feature area church histories, including a photograph whenever possible. These histories will vary considerably depending upon what information is available. Some early Iron Mountain church photographs will be scanned from the collection of the Menominee Range Historical Museum to help illustrate these histories.

The Dickinson County Library has photographs, Power Point presentations and other information on its website at www.dcl-lib.org. Click on the Local History and Genealogy tab at the right.

Local History Power Point Presentations include: **Glimpses of Early Dickinson County** (163 slides); **Remnants of Early Downtown Iron Mountain – Part I** (181 slides), **Part II** (144 slides); **Early Logging on the Eastern Menominee Range** (94 slides); **Iron Mountain's Carnegie Public Library** (75 slides); **Early School Days in Dickinson Michigan – Part I** (92 slides), **Part II** (111 slides), **Part III** (150 slides); **Iron Mountain's Cornish Pumping Engine and the Mines It Dewatered** (147 slides); **John Tyler Jones and the Ardis Furnace** (81 slides); **Iron County, Michigan: The Western Terminus of the Menominee Iron Range – Part I** (153 slides), **Part II** (191 slides); **Researching Your Family Tree** (280 slides); **Wheels: The Horse and Buggy Era – Part I** (138 slides), **Part II** (139 slides); **Wheels: The Horseless Carriage – Part I** (104 slides), **Part II** (143 slides)

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William J. Cummings, Editor

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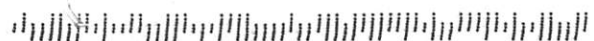
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The Central Methodist Episcopal Church, located at 112 West B Street in Iron Mountain, was dedicated May 26, 1889 and was destroyed by fire on Wednesday, January 5, 1944. This photograph was taken by Jorgen J. Eskil, pioneer Menominee Range photographer, and probably dates between 1893 and 1900. The building to the left was the Iron Mountain Co-Operative Society which was located in the Spencer Block. The house on the right was the church's parsonage. [Menominee Range Historical Museum Photo]

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CENTRAL METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 112 WEST B STREET, IRON MOUNTAIN

The following history was compiled and edited by Mrs. Reuben E. (Florence) Erickson from histories written by Mrs. Arthur J. Carlson, Miss Beatrice Oliver, Miss Ellen Sundstrom and Mrs. Emma Browning for the dedication of the Trinity Methodist Church, located at 808 Carpenter Avenue, on February 7-14, 1954.

The Trinity Methodist Church, now called the Trinity United Methodist Church, was formed by merging the congregations of the Swedish Methodist Episcopal Church (later the Wesley Methodist Church) and the Central Methodist Episcopal Church.

July 5, 1887 – Quarterly Conference held by David Casler, Presiding Elder. At this meeting Kinsley S. Buck, Henry David, Joseph Herwin, Nathaniel B. Parmelee, Oscar H. Chamberlain, Richard White, William Blight, Richard Oliver and William Light were duly nominated and elected Trustees of Central Methodist Episcopal Church.

The first class leader was Thomas Weeks.

The first Sunday School Supt. and choir leader was K.S. Buck.

Fall of 1887 – Rev. G.C. Squires was sent to Iron Mountain to serve First Methodist Episcopal Church on the North Side and to organize the new downtown congregation which met in Scandling's Hall, the site of the present [1954] City Drug Store [517 South Stephenson Avenue].

September 12, 1887 – Nineteen members transferred to the down town Church from the First Methodist Episcopal Church on the North Side. Many more transferred at later times.

Fall of 1888 – Foundation laid on West B Street on land owned by John T. Spencer.

May 26, 1889 – Dedication service conducted by Rev. A.R. Johns, student pastor at Albion, Michigan, and presiding elder, Rev. Thompson, J.P. Varner and James Hosking. The cost of the completed building was \$1,850.00.

September 1890 – Rev. Shanks first pastor, 108 full members and 20 probationers.



Looking east, the Iron Mountain Co-Operative Society, established by 1902 in the Spencer Block (John T. Spencer), was managed by Alex LaViolette. In June of 1910 it became the Iron Mountain Mercantile Co., Ltd. The 70 x 90-foot remodeled structure burned to the ground on January 15, 1935. A white horse-drawn hearse in front of the Central Methodist Church, built in 1888-1889, indicated a child's funeral was in progress. The 61-year-old church was destroyed by fire on January 5, 1944. This photograph dates between 1902 and 1910. [Gene Derwinski/Dick Ferris]

1893 – Church was enlarged when a wing was added at a cost of \$2,828.00.

1899-1901 – Parsonage was enlarged.

1913-1914 – During this time a basement was made under the church and new furnace installed. Memorial windows were given by Elwin Fayette Brown in memory of his mother.

February 1, 1920 – Miss Leona Ruppel, of Webster City, Iowa, began her work as a missionary in Bombay, India. She served from 1920-1931. It was while teaching in Iron Mountain High School from 1916 to 1918 that she decided to go into foreign missionary work.

December 1921 – Miss Myrtle Smith joined Central Methodist Episcopal Church in 1907. In December she went to China as a missionary under the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, serving in Tukien Province from 1922 until 1947.

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September 30, 1925 – Property purchased at the corner of Stockbridge and 407 West B Street.

Spring of 1937 – A pulpit Bible was given in memory of Mrs. Bessie Thomas by her son and daughter.

December 1938 – The Richard Hosking family presented a pipe organ in his memory.

January 1939 – An electric clock in memory of Mrs. Amos Fulwiler was given by her family.

1939 – Four offering plates were given by Mrs. George Allyn.

May 26, 1939 – Golden Anniversary of Central Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. H.A. Manahan, pastor.

September 25, 1940 – The Women’s Society of Christian Service was organized.

Summer of 1942 – The house at 407 “B” Street was repaired and used as a parsonage.

November 22, 1942 – Bernard Lomas, son of Rev. and Mrs. Percy Lomas, was granted a Local Preacher’s License.

1943 – During the year the \$3,000.00 church debt was partially reduced.

January 5, 1944 – Central Methodist Church burned – the cause was undetermined. The Wesley Methodist Church [located on the northeast corner of West Brown Street and Carpenter Avenue] invited members of the Central Methodist Episcopal Church to worship with them.

[At about 11 a.m., employees of Frick’s Bakery, located west of the church, noted smoke pouring from the building. The dry wooden walls and roof burned rapidly despite efforts of the fire department. The church furnace the previous night, but a heating stove in a basement anteroom had been lighted for a Boy Scout meeting. The loss was estimated at \$30,000 with insurance of \$14,000 carried on the building and \$500 on the contents.]

March 3, 1944 – Wesley and Central Church Boards met to discuss merging both congregations. No action was taken.

June 1944 – Rev. S.D. Kinde and Rev. Robert Vander Hart, associate, were assigned to serve Central, Wesley and First Methodist Churches.

August 11, 1944 – Members of Wesley and Central Churches voted to merge their memberships, properties and finances to form a new congregation. It was voted to name the new church Trinity Methodist.

CENTRAL METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH PASTORS

Rev. G.C. Squire.....	1887-1888
Rev. G.H. Whitney.....	1888-1890
Rev. Sauereman (assistant).....	1888
Rev. W.J. Passmore (assistant).....	1889
Rev. John M. Shank.....	1890-1893
Rev. Will C. Hicks.....	1893-1895
Rev. Steven Polkinghorne.....	1895-1898
Rev. William C. Clemo.....	1898-1899
Rev. A.R. Johns.....	1899-1901
Rev. Isaac Wilcox.....	1901-1904
Rev. J. Mileson Kerridge.....	1904-1907
Rev. Richard Carlyon.....	1907-1910
Rev. R.S. Hewson.....	1910-1914
Rev. William Edmunds.....	1914-1916
Rev. J.H. Oatey.....	1916-1920
Rev. T.H. Williamson.....	1920-1922
Rev. Ernest Brown.....	1922-1933
Rev. Matthew Mullen.....	1933-1937
Rev. H.A. Manahan.....	1937-1942
Rev. Percy Lomas.....	1942-1944

An article in the November 10, 1904 edition of the *Iron Mountain Press* under the headline Central M.E. Church noted church activities as follows:

Men’s class at 9:00 o’clock, W.H. Mitchell, leader. Morning service at 10:30. Sunday school at close of service. Ladies’ class at 3:00 o’clock p.m., T. Cundy, leader. Epworth League at 6:00. Evening service at 7:00 o’clock. Thursday evening prayer meeting. All citizens and strangers are cordially invited to be present at the services of the church.

JAMES M. KERRIDGE, Minister.

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they were in before said withdrawal from sale, for the purpose of sale or entry.

Sec. 4. All lands granted by this act to and in the construction of said line of railroad shall be and are exempt from all taxation whatsoever for five years from and after the date of this grant.

Sec. 5. Before any lands shall be conveyed under the provisions of this act, by the Governor, he shall personally, or by some authorized agent, examine each section of ten miles or more of completed railroad, and if, after full examination, he shall approve of the construction of said ten miles or more of railroad, as in section one of this act provided, it shall be his duty to certify the same to the commissioner of the State land office, and patents shall be issued to the railroad company constructing ten miles or more of road, by the Governor, for the lands, as provided in this act, and so on continuously for each division of ten miles or more of road actually constructed, until the completion of said line of railroad.

Sec. 6. Upon the filing of said company in the office of Secretary of State, of a notification of its acceptance of the provisions of this act, the same shall thereupon become obligatory upon the State as well as upon said company; Provided, that said notification shall be given within sixty days from and after the passage of this act.

Escanaba Tribune, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume VI, Number 19 [Saturday, January 15, 1876], page 3, column 5

Menominee Journal.

The second number of the *Menominee Journal*, under the editorial charge and proprietorship of **Hon. John L. Buell**, has been received at this office, and promises

fair to become one of the leading papers of this section of country. It will be Republican in politics and the editor states in his introductory his intention to deal right and justly with all men and corporations, favors the ten hour system of labor, is opposed to the division of the school fund or the application of any portion of it for the support of sectarian schools, and the exemption from taxation of any property except cemeteries, and favors constitutional amendments directing such taxation, and is in favor of tariff on iron and lumber.

Escanaba Tribune, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume VII, Number 13 [Saturday, March 4, 1876], page 2, column 3

Menominee Range Railroad.

Editor **Buell**, of the *Menominee Journal*, in the last issue of that paper, gives the reasons, (as he understands them) why the road named above has not been commenced. His article is well worthy of perusal and we give it entire.

"This railroad project supported by a grant of land worth \$4500000 [\$4,500,000], which expires May 3rd of this year, is not going to be carried out. Why? The capital stock of the **Menominee Range Railroad company**, \$500,000, to secure the construction of this branch, was paid in, except \$50,000 last fall. The condition of the subscriptions was such that no subscriptions was [*sic - were*] to have effect until the full amount of the stock was subscribed.

H.H. Porter of Chicago, was the delinquent. How and in what respect? Under the panic of '73, and the repeated and disastrous failures in the east last year, and by reason of the want of confidence in western railroad securities brought about by

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the "Granger invasion," Mr. Porter found it necessary to attempt the negotiation of his pine interest on the Menominee in order to perfect the construction of this branch. He therefore made a proposition to sell to the six lumber corporations on the Menominee, 50,000 of pine stumpage owned by him, or the corporation which he represented, at one dollar per thousand feet on the stump. We don't think this was an unreasonable figure. We are disposed to believe, that considering the great advantages which would accrue to the lumber corporations, it was in effect a gift, for the property was worth to a dollar and cent the price at which it was offered at. A portion of our corporations went in and expressed their disposition to perfect the arrangement. The corporations who held back, and defeated the opening up of the **Menominee Iron Range** were "The **Ludington, Wells & Van Schiak Co.**, The **N. Ludington Co.**, and the **H. Witbeck Co.**" The representatives of these corporations on the Menominee will be telling the people between this time and the spring election that they are studying and nursing the interests of Menominee county and the towns at the mouth of the river. The **M.R.L. Co.** saw that they could draw ore from the Menominee Iron Range, and manufacture pig iron from the refuse of its mills at a favorable profit, and its president, acting upon this theory[,] was prominent in his efforts to bring about this timber negotiation. If the representatives of the corporations who defeated the construction of this road have anything to say the columns of this paper are open for their apologies. The history is not yet complete."

LATER.

Since the above was in type we have learned that arrangements are being perfected to commence operations on the road as soon as the snow goes off, and if possible build the first ten miles of the road

before the 4th of May, that being the time of the expiration of the land grant. Whether this can be accomplished however is rather doubtful [*sic – doubtful*], but in case it should not be done, a petition or memorial, directed to the President and Directors of the **Menominee Iron Range railway**, urging them to go on with the work, and in case they finished the road to the **Quinnesaik** [*sic – Quinnesec*] mine (a distance of 25 miles) before the close of navigation, that they would use every effort in their power to have the **State Legislature** extend the time of their land grant. The paper has been generally signed by the people of **Marquette** and our own town. It is barely possible that the officers of the road may be able to complete the first 10 miles of the road before the 4th of May, and then they would have fulfilled the terms of their contract, which would make any interference on the part of the Legislature unnecessary.

Escanaba Tribune, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume VII, Number 14 [Saturday, March 11, 1876], page 3, column 4

A Menominee Landmark Gone.

A week ago last Sunday morning the **first frame house** ever built upon the Menominee river was destroyed by fire. The *Herald* says of it, that it was first erected in 1835, and occupied the ground near the present location of the **N. Ludington Co.'s boarding house**. It was constructed by parties from Green Bay for the **Methodist Society**, and used as a **Mission House** for a year, when it was purchased by **Farnsworth & Bush** and remained unoccupied for a few years. In 1840 it passed into the hands of **Farnsworth & McLeod**, when it was taken

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down and re-built on the sight where it was burned. It was occupied by Mr. Farnsworth until 1843, at which time it was purchased by **Dr. Hall**, and has remained in the family ever since. At the time of the fire it was occupied by **Mr. Henry Bently**.

Escanaba Tribune, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume VII, Number 22 [Saturday, May 6, 1876], page 2, column 2

The prospects for a fair shipment of ore from this port this season are beginning to look a little more favorable. The **Milwaukee Iron Co.**, and **North Chicago Rolling Mill Company** have a contract with the owners of the **Props. Baldwin and Owen** and their barges to transport 100,000 tons of ore to these two companies. The **South Chicago Rolling Mill** has three vessels under a season's contract to transport ore for them. The **Cleveland Rolling Mill Co.** are quite confident that they will ship at least 30,000 tons by this route. Besides these, the **Bangor furnace** at St. Joseph, the **Leland**, the **Frankfort**, and the **Green Bay**, and **Depere** [*sic – De Pere*] furnaces will need a large amount of iron. The inactivity among furnace men throughout Pennsylvania and Ohio of course will affect the shipments during the early part of the season and we can only hope that there may be a revival of business in that section in the course of a few months.

Escanaba Tribune, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume VII, Number 27 [Saturday, June 10, 1876], page 2, column 3

Railroad Election.

The stockholders of the **C. & N.W. R.R.** and its branches held their annual meeting on the first day of the month in Chicago. As the fiscal year of the road ended on that day, the Directors were unable to make their report. They claim a large increase of business during the year. The Directors of the main line number eighteen, six being elected every year. The election for Directors resulted in the re-election of the outgoing six. They are **A.G. Dulman**, **Charles R. Marvin**, **R.P. Flower**, **M.L. Sykes, Jr.**, **H.H. Potter**, and **Albert Keep**.

At a subsequent meeting of the Directors the following officers were re-elected: –President, **Albert Keep**; Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, **M.L. Sykes, Jr.**, of New York; Assistant Secretary, and Assistant Treasurer at New York, **S.O. Howe**; Assistant Secretary, at Chicago, **J.B. Redfield**; Executive Committee, **Albert Keep**, **M.L. Sykes**, **John F. Tracy**, **A.G. Dulman** and **H.H. Potter**. This result is somewhat unexpected it having been generally supposed that the **Jay Gould** and **Sidney Dillon** faction of New York had secured enough stock to obtain control, in which event a general and sweeping change would have probably been made in the management. This last election settles the business for a while. On the same day the same parties were elected directors and officers of the following named roads, all operated under the management of the Chicago and Northwester, viz. The **Elgin and State Line**; **La Crosse, Trempeleay, and Prescott**; **Winona and St. Peter**; **State Line and Union**; and the **Chicago and Milwaukee**.

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ESCANABA.

Escanaba, has one of the best, if not the very best harbor on the whole chain of Lakes. It is accessible in all weathers and to demonstrate that, it is used every season as a port of refuge. It is absolutely safe from all storms and of capacity sufficient to accommodate the entire tonnage of the lakes. It is very easy of approach, and has a broad ample entrance of three miles in width, with a depth of water sufficient, [sic] to float any kind of vessel. The largest ocean craft can land at our docks with ease and safety. This port is very centrally located. It is nearer on the great water route to the East than Chicago by 300 miles, than Milwaukee by 200 miles, than Green Bay by 100 miles, and is undoubtedly destined by its natural advantages to be the great shipping point on Lake Michigan, for the fast increasing growth of grain in Northwestern Wisconsin, and the great wheat producing State of Minnesota.

It is also from its position, [sic] destined to be the natural outlet for the shipment of the largest quantity of iron ore. In regard to that mineral, Escanaba is surrounded by an almost continuous belt of vast deposits; from the **Menominee River Range** southwest of us to the immense bodies of ore around **Negaunee** and **Ishpeming** in the North. The market for which is Southernly and Easterly. [sic] It would seem as though nature when filling this vast mineral store house adjacent [sic – adjacent], had also the object in view of a grand central point of shipment while planning and forming this magnificent harbor.

ORE DOCKS.

For the convenience of handling and shipping this ore we have already two of the

largest ore docks in the world, which have been erected by the **Chicago and Northwestern Railway company** at a cost of \$250,000. These docks of themselves are well worth a visit to our city. They are 1200 and 1000 feet long respectively. The height above the water is 36 and 38 feet. On the top of each is laid 3 railway tracks. The total storage room in both is 24,000 tons. Twenty-five vessels can be loaded every 12 hours. A vessel carrying 1500 tons can be loaded in 2 1/2 hours. The amount of timber used in their construction was about 15,000,000 feet.

SHIPPING.

It is a beautiful sight to see this splendid harbor thronged with shipping, – some loading some coming in and others going out deeply loaded. The utmost activity generally prevails, as each vessel is anxious to to [sic] obtain her cargo as quickly as possible and return. Very seldom is the assistance of a tug required to tow the shipping in and out as there is ample room for a vessel to beat either way in almost all kinds of weather.

FURNACE AND IRON WORKS.

From its unsurpassed harbor and its peculiar location with reference to the iron deposits it becomes of necessity one of the finest[,] best and most convenient places for the location of furnaces, rolling mills, large foundrys [sic – foundries], nail-works, machine shops and other similar industries as we have around us almost all the different kinds of iron ore known to exist, and immense bodies of timber in every direction. Limestone for furnace use is plentiful within 4 or 5 miles. We have one furnace already, built at a cost of \$250,000. It is the finest iron furnace on the Upper Peninsula.

TIMBER AND FARMS.

Our country is well timbered. The elevated belts or ridges are almost invariably covered with hard-wood [sic –

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Mrs. Tobey, Christmas. Dr. Titus is a brother of Mrs. Tobey.

Miss **Ida Hamilton** is visiting at her home in **Menominee**, having gone there Wednesday. She was accompanied by Miss **Mary Rice**.

James H. Molloy, Agt. of the **C. & N.W.** at **Ishpeming**, was here to spend Sunday with his brother **Will**.

Jerry Donavon came down from **Marquette** to spend Christmas with the old folks.

–The firm of **Alessandri & Knott** has been dissolved and Mr. Alessandri will carry on the business of **tin and copper smithing** alone. See his ad. in this issue.

–January 1st, **Alfred Lustfield** became a partner in The Leader and now the firm is composed of **Adolph, Charles and Alfred Lustfield** under the name of **Lustfield Bros.** The Leader is the best stocked store in town, is most excellently run and one can buy goods there as cheap as at any place on the range. Read the new ad.

–With the first of the year the hardware firm of **Wallace & Ramsdell** was dissolved, Mr. **W.M. Ramsdell** having purchased the interest of Mr. Wallace in the business. Will is probably one of the hardest working merchants in the town, and his friends are pleased to know that his industry is being rewarded.

–**The holidays nearly rid the country of merchantable turkey and chickens.** There was a scarcity here Christmas, although the markets ordered what was supposed to be enough for the demand but fell far short. **P. Flanagan** had 1,000 pounds, **A. Kallstrom & Co.**, about the same, and **A. Hartman**, and **Frank Ahlich** were likewise well stocked but the demand being greater than heretofore, many went without Christmas turkey. Another supply was received for New Year but it likewise was short. **P. Flanagan** was bound to have enough and went to Fond du Lac to make his purchase and found there a scarcity but managed to ship here about 800 pounds.

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CURRENT NOTES.

–Another **barber shop** was opened up here, in the **building lately vacated by the Milwaukee cheap store [sic – Cheap Store]**.

–**Mrs. E.P. Lockart** went to Marinette early in the week to attend the funeral of her grandmother, **Mrs. Corry**.

–**Russell Jones** has assumed the position of **telegraph operator** at the station here, and will henceforth be one of the boys.

–**Mr. J.F. Jackson**, of Oconto, is the new **agent of the C. & N.W. Ry. Co.** here and our people will find him an accommodating gentleman.

–**Mr. and Mrs. Richard Oliver** left for Dodgeville, Wednesday night, being called there by telegram announcing the serious illness of Mrs. Oliver's mother.

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Ramblings.

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Mrs. Baisley, of Mastodon, was so seriously burned Monday, by a pot of hot lye that she will be confined to her room for some time.

We learn that a failure to return to work for two or three days after Christmas day caused the laying off of about 40 men at the **Commonwealth mine** early this week.

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PERSONAL POINTERS.

William Jones and daughter were here spending the Christmas. [sic] Mr. Jones was formerly a resident and respected citizen here, but is now occupying a responsible position at the **Norrie Mine**.

Mrs. P.M. Kippenberg spent Christmas week with her parents, **Mr. and Mrs. A. Husson**.

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CURRENT NOTES.

–**Dr. C.H. DeLoug** has moved into the rooms at the rear of the **Gee block** where he will attend to **dental surgery**. See card in another column.

–**Atkinson**, of the **Crystal Falls Diamond Drill**, has taken a business partner in the person of **H. Andersen** who has long been connected with the paper as general hustler. We wish them prosperity galore.

–We acknowledge the reception of a newsy letter from **Rev. A.S. Fair**, formerly pastor of the **M.E. church here**, but now,

of Bennington, Mich. Mr. Fair informs us that as he is now working his 26th consecutive year in the ministry, that he will, perhaps, take a year or two for rest. Mr. and Mrs. Fair desire to be remembered to Norway friends.

–Yesterday's issue of the **Escanaba Calumet**, contained the sad intelligence of the death, after a short illness, of **Mrs. Sarah E. Cates**, wife of editor Cates, of that paper. While the editor of this paper knows from sad experience that words of sympathy are but poor consolation at such a time, he still feels constrained to offer to his brother Cates in his hour of affliction the silent but none the less expressive hand of friendship.

–The **Lake Superior Democrat**, published at **Ishpeming**, by **Finn & Soultz**, made its appearance, Saturday. It is a 7-col. quarto and makes a handsome paper. As it's [sic] name indicates it will be Democratic, but if its subsequent issues be like the first it will be a dignified and fair exponent of the principles of the party whose cause it will espouse, and with **Finn** as editor and **Joe Soultz** as business hustler it can hardly fall short of complete success as a business venture. THE CURRENT extends its well wishes.

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Vulcan Notes.

W.J. Turner was called to Menominee Wednesday, but the illness of his mother.

Miss May Uren, of our public school[,] returned Sunday from a visit to her parents at **Hancock**, Mich. She was accompanied by her mother **Mrs. R. Uren** who will be the

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guest of **Capt. and Mrs. J.U. Curnow**, of **East Vulcan**.

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Ramblings.

Capt. Harry Roberts and wife, the Misses **Roberts** and **Frank Scadden** returned from Chicago Saturday, and the **Capt.** and family have since moved to **Mastodon** to live.

The Crystal Falls Cycle has changed hands, **Mr. Taylor** the publisher retiring. We could not learn during our short visit to that city, Tuesday, who will have the shaping of the **Cycle's** destiny, as a successor to **Mr. Taylor**.

D.E. Glavin has opened up his new brick hotel at **Escanaba**, under the name of the **Sherman House**. The building is new, the furniture is new, all the rooms are heated by steam, and **Mr. Glavin** proposes to run it as a first class hotel.

The **Lockwood house** at **Crystal Falls** has passed into the hands of **Messrs. Brazee & Sox**, of **Manistee, Mich.**, who will doubtless sustain the reputation of this model hotel. **Mr. Lockwood** was induced to lease the house by the pressure of other business, but he continues to be one of the liveliest of **Crystal Falls** enterprising business men, and if you want a driving horse, a blooded trotting horse or a team of first class horses for the logging business, just call on "**Dave**," and if he hasn't got what you want he'll get it p.d.q.

Some months ago **Mrs. A.L. Copeland**, of **Iron Mountain**, announced to the public that she had secured the services of a **first class dressmaker**, of many years experience, who would have charge of the

dressmaking department of her **millinery and dressmaking parlors**. Subsequent events proved that she had been imposed upon, and that the work sent out was far from satisfactory. As far as possible mistakes and loss by destruction of material have been made good, entailing a loss of hundreds of dollars to **Mrs. Copeland**, and she has now at the head of the dressmaking department a lady of unquestioned ability. If you have been disappointed heretofore, **Mrs. Copeland** is very sorry, but is now in position to guarantee satisfaction. Several girls may find work as apprentices, and one good skirt maker may secure permanent employment.

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PERSONAL POINTERS.

C.D. Boyd of **Escanaba**, spent Wednesday night here. For four months contractor **McGillis'** office has been at the above place but is now at **Iron Mountain** and **Mr. Boyd** is the last to get located at the latter place. **Mrs. Boyd** is now at **St. Paul** but is expected to join her husband early next week.

Monday, **Mrs. John O'Donnell** and daughter **Mary** went to **Hurley** to attend the funeral of **Mr. Martin McHale**, a nephew of **Mrs. O'Donnell**, who died at that place on Saturday. They returned Wednesday, accompanied by **Mrs. McHale**.

John Perkins, son of **Hon. John Perkins**, came down from **Negaunee**, Friday and remained home until Monday morning. He was accompanied by **William Saunders**.

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Miss **Aggie Power** returned to **Ford River**, early in the week and is again making the youngsters in the school of that place toe the mark.

George Wright of Brookings, Da., arrived here last week and is visiting his brother, **Dr. C.D'A. Wright**.

Miss **Annie Bucolz**, of **Escanaba**,[,] sister of **Mrs. Anton Odill**, is visiting the latter.

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CURRENT NOTES.

–**Dr. O.M. Sattre** is building a residence in **South Norway**.

–The engine and boiler house of the **Loeffelholz Co.**, at **Waucedah**, was burned, Tuesday.

–**John G. Sewell**, father and family[,] have moved into a neat little residence, recently built, in **South Norway**.

–Saturday, soon after going to press, we learned that **Jacob Kutchon**,[,] a miner who had a leg amputated at the **Norway hospital** and who had so far recovered as to be almost well enough to discharge, had disappeared from the hospital about 3 o'clock Saturday morning. As the patient had no coat on and no shoe on his remaining foot, the physicians and those interested were very much concerned as to the consequence of the exposure, even should he be found at once. To spread the information of the disappearance [*sic - disappearance*] **Gen. Supt. Kelly** had some handbills printed and distributed, but no tidings were received until nearly three o'clock in the afternoon, when it was found that the unfortunate man was in the woods south of the track and a mile southwest of

O'Callaghan's mill, and he was at once returned to the hospital when it was found he was in a very precarious condition, that his foot had been frozen to that at best most of the toes will be lost, and that his vitality as at a very low ebb. Everything was done to make his condition as comfortable as possible, but the man is very much of a wreck and his mental condition is such that he requires constant watching. It appears that some choppers who were going to work at 7 o'clock found the man all doubled up on the trail, and that they went to a little camp which they had and built a fire and returned for the man only to find that he had disappeared. Whether or not they searched for him we did not learn but a boy who went to the woods with dinners at noon and who had heard of the lost man, ran across him and gave information. We saw the man at the hospital Wednesday afternoon, and he seems to labor under the impression that some one wants to kill him. After an exposure of fully 12 hours, it is a wonder that the man rallied at all.

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Commonwealth.

Thomas Simmonson, a trammer, was slightly injured at "D" shaft, Tuesday.

Mr. James Anthony, father of **Mrs. L.H. Hind**, returned to his home at **Marquette**, Wednesday.

Monday afternoon, while **Mrs. L.H. Hind** was doing her housework, and her little 4-year-old son was upstairs playing, she heard a shriek from the child and on running upstairs found the room in which the child was, so full of fire and

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agency in the upper peninsula sells over \$200,000 worth of beer annually.

DAVE BERGERON was so astonished at the number of Italians for whose arrest he had issued warrants, over that murderous melee in George Pastori's on election day, that he told Deputy Sheriff O'Hara it might be necessary for him to borrow a patrol wagon from Milwaukee, or some other city that indulges in the luxury of patrol wagons. Sixteen were arrested in one bunch – pretty good for one day's police work.

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The Electric Service.

Clarence Auld and Bob Myers have progressed remarkably in the matter of encompassing Iron Mountain with electric fire alarm bells. These significant items of scientific instruction have been put up at the office [*sic – offices*], [*sic*] of McLaughlin & DeVere, William H. Hancock, Sam Shields, Joe Bitterley, Tom Burns, Thomas Hancock, R.P. Tuten, Thos. Rundle, Mayor Anderson, E.P. Foster, Health Officer Mead and Lou Arnould's butcher shop. Circuits have now been completed, with the result that if Iron Mountain is burned down nobody will be to blame but the man or woman who has not sense enough to ring the alarm bell.

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Raided Last Night.

Sheriff Parmenter, of Florence county, is alive. Last night he pulled Bennett's notorious house [*house of ill repute*] across the river, and this morning the women and other parties implicated were taken up to Florence by the sheriff. The women had been in the city here drinking freely yesterday, as if they had some premonition of their fate. Sheriff Parmenter's action is highly commended by THE RANGE and every representation of good citizenship in Iron Mountain, for it has long been notorious that Bennett's ranch [*house of ill repute*] has been a harbor of refuge for every thing and vagabond that could escape from justice in this city. But we should like to know who gave Bennett forewarning so that he should be flourishing around town now, while his unfortunate dissolutes [*sic*] are in custody. Three of the poor women are hiding somewhere in the bush.

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"Pigs in a Pen" – The Jail.

This is a game at which the new city council should play at as early an opportunity as it can conveniently do so. We do not refer to the puzzle which is now making idiots of men who were sane before, and those who were idiots before more idiotic that [*sic – than*] ever, but to the pig-stye [*sic – pigsty*] which is now dignified by the title of Iron Mountain jail. This miserable and contemptible little shanty, situated down in the noxious bed of the swamp, and surrounded by stables, out-houses, and the picturesque meanderings and foul overflows of the

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Chapin drain, is a disgrace to the city. At its best, its accommodations are unfit for any person born in a civilized Christian country, but when it happens to be literally packed by human beings, as it was last week by Italian bravos, cannibals, and drunkards, its sanitary condition must have been appalling even to contemplate, and must have stunk to high heaven for revenge.

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Our Police.

There is at least one change in the personnel of the local police force which will give general satisfaction, and that is the appointment of **Giles King** as **night watchman**. No man deserves the position more than he does, as he is a sensible and painstaking man, who possesses the additional advantage of looking as handsome with a star glittering on his breast as any man in **Iron Mountain** could. **Officer Martin** is filling the position of **city marshal first-rate**; **Officer Hager** continues to keep a pretty sharp eye on a gang of boys who prefer darkness rather than light; and **Deputy Sheriff O'Hara** continues to have his hands full in hunting up hard or doubtful cases in this city and the towns in the vicinity that lie within his beat. **Justice Bergeron**, too, is enjoying about as much work as he can do in fining or imprisoning folks who contrive to deserve these punishments. **Justice Wicks** has also a fair share of civil and criminal cases. We may mention that Deputy Sheriff O'Hara has had again to go to **Hurley** to hunt up evidence in the **notorious Charley Ross and Jessie Nomalini affair**, and it is

probable that both these prisoners will know their fate in **Menominee** before this week is out. Mr. O'Hara also went up to **Ironwood** on Sunday in order to get the first wife of **Williams** (alias, of course, "Charley Ross"), who was known to be employed in a saloon kept by **Pete Baptiste**. He got the woman, after a hunt, and took her down to **Menominee**.

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Personal and Social.

Mrs. Teller is visiting her daughter, **Mrs. Everett**, in **Ishpeming**.

Miss Wenzinger, now teaching in **Marquette**, is visiting **Mrs. Robbins**.

Miss Kate Van Auken, of **Fort Howard**, is visiting her sister, **Mrs. A.E. Robbins**.

Miss Birdie Thomas, a very valuable assistant of THE RANGE force, spent two days last week visiting her friends at **Republic**.

Mr. Meyer Kramer and his wife left town last week, for **Chicago**, on a visit to their friends and relatives. They will probably return this week.

Conductor Dick Jackson has now recovered from his recent alarming attack of pleurisy [*inflammation of the lining surrounding the lungs*] and pneumonia, and on Monday went down to **Powers**, to take charge of the gravel train.

On Saturday morning **Charles Stack**, a fireman on the road, was severely injured when the west bound freight drew into the depot at **Champion**. The engine ran over a foot, and cut it clean off.

James Dickie, of **Iron River**, was in this city last Saturday, but he like all others from

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Iron county was unable to give us any information as to the vote of Iron River on the county seat question.

Frank Crocker has resigned his position with the **Chapin Mining Company**, purchased the **Lilly & Richardson** stock, and will enter the **grocery business** at their old stand. May prosperity attend him.

Mr. Levy, senior partner of the firm of M. Levy & Co., of this city, is spending a few days here visiting his old friends. Mr. Levy informs us that he intends to move here before long, which will be good news for all.

Mr. Pickatt, of Englwood, Ill., is visiting his brother-in-law, **John Minnis**. Mr. Pickatt is one of the pioneers of Chicago, it might almost be said, and has seen that city grow from humble proportions to its present magnificence.

Leslie Hibbard, who has been sick nearly all the past winter from **blood poisoning caused by painting**, has so far recovered as to be out again. He still feels the effects of his long illness, however, and thinks he will have to adopt some other calling than that of **painter**.

We have something more than a suspicion that, notwithstanding the painful wrench **Chris. Grossbusch** has had with certain wildcat insurance schemes, he has no real intention of going west, inasmuch as he is talking about renewing building operations in the city. Stick to the certain, Chris., the future is uncertainty.

We are glad to notice by the **Delta** that **Mr. A.Z. White**, well and favorably known in **Iron Mountain**, is again **putting up buildings in Gladstone** at a rate that is described as "astonishing." The general opinion in that burg seems to be that all the work Mr. White does as a contractor is first-class. So much the better for the growing "capital of the Delta."

Ronse, the **barber**, has quit his stand in the **Commercial house**, and **Billy**

Herdmann, the **bartender**, has also gone out into the cold world with him. Great changes evidently going on in **Mr. Chelley's** **hostelry**. **Fred Treglone**, a pretty-well-known fellow, has been appointed by **Vivian Chelley** to be high cockalorum and supreme spiritual dictator at the bar, vice, as they say, the recent **William**.

Mr. Abe Early, **lumber contractor of Florence and Hurley**, has arrived in town. He also expressed himself as excellently satisfied with last season's logging; it was a great deal better than he had any reason at one time to expect, he said. He is afraid, however, that driving will be bad this spring, as the **water in the Menominee is lower along the range than he ever remembers to have seen it before**. His first experience in **Iron Mountain** was very painful. **He had a big tooth pulled by Doc. Spencer**.

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CRYSTAL FALLS.

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

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

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

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

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

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A **BULL-DOG** kind of horse last week, in Norway, nearly chewed or rather crunched **Neil Malquist's** hand off. He may lose the hand.

W.H. HOCKING, George. *[sic]* **Pastori** and **Thos. Buzzo**,*[,]* the saloonkeepers, have paid \$25 and costs to absolve themselves from the charges made in the evidence given by **William Daw** with regard to selling liquor on election day.

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LAST night some man raised a chair and cut little **Tommy Carter, Chancey Richardson's** bartender, over the eye because **Tommy** pluckily insisted upon order in the house. The assailant escaped.

THE supper given for the benefit of **Central M.E. church** on Friday night, and which was excellently superintended by fifteen benevolent ladies, realized about \$50, which will be devoted to the purposes of the church.

THE Leader made its initial appearance last Saturday, and under the circumstances was a fairly good paper. There is, however, much room for improvement, and it will have to ascend several steps in the ladder before it justifies the title.

PROF. DAVID and wife, the skilled "chiroprapist surgeons," are at the **Blight Hotel** this week, and our citizens who are suffering with corns, bunions or ingrown toe nails, should not loose *[sic – lose]* this opportunity to secure their services. Call and see them.

JIM KINNIFICK'S piebald *[spotted or patched, especially black and white]* horse took possession of the streets on

Saturday, but to all appearance the animal *[sic – animal]* might have belonged to anybody but Jim, as he was apparently the coolest man in town while every man and boy in the place was *[sic - place was]* hip, hip, horraying after the runaway.

TWO ore trains collided at **River Siding, on the C. & N.W., about four miles west of Iron Mountain**, last Tuesday afternoon, but fortunately no one was hurt. One of the engines was thrown crosswise of the track, and several of the ore cars were badly broken up. The 3:30 passenger was delayed about two hours by the wreck.

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Serious Horse Play.

Charley Rupp is lame. He explains the circumstance in this way: "I kicked the horse on Thursday, and the darned horse kicked me back, and I got the worst of the arrangement." We should think he did. He was badly cut, and had the narrowest possible escape from having his leg broken.

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Real Estate Transfer.

C.W. Montgomery has purchased the **Adams House** of **Jacques Bros.**, for \$4400. The property is adjoining his brick building, and we hope Mr. Montgomery will see his way clear soon to remove the wooden structure and extend his handsome brick block. **Mr. Langis** intends to take a trip west and may settle there.

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THAT miserable little tinder box dignified with the title of C. & N.W. depot must go. It is a wonder to us how it is that an enterprising concern like the company could think of maintaining such an unsightly, incommodious, and discreditable hovel as its depot in a city like Iron Mountain. Is there no positive danger of people arguing, "as the depot, so the company?"

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The Italian Gang of Rioters.

The trial of the gang of Italians who broke up **Pastori's saloon** on the evening of last election day commenced on Thursday before **Justice Bergeron, Pros. Att'y Cook** representing the people and **Dick Flannigan** the defendants. The names of the culprits, who number sixteen, are so long that they would require a supplement to THE RANGE, so we won't attempt to publish them in this issue. The proceedings are necessarily slow as they have to be filtered through an interpreter. **Special Officer Sims** has given his evidence. It will be remembered that he was one of the officers who sailed into the crowd [*sic – crowd*] of rioters and quelled the disturbance when every man had either a knife or a bludgeon in his hand.

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The Judge is Coming.

THE RANGE has been given to understand that **Judge Grant** has determined to come to Iron Mountain to have a plan and friendly talk with the saloonkeepers. He is not exactly satisfied with the loose way that certain things are done in this city, and he means that it shall have a better reputation if a few frank words from him can possibly effect the change. Anyway Judge Grant will be sure of a hearty welcome from every good citizen in Iron Mountain.

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The Paralyzed Conductor.

James Teahan, a brakeman employed on the **Watersmeet extension of the C. & N.W. railroad**, was the victim of a **paralytic stroke while braking on a freight train** on Wednesday of last week. He was brought to **Iron Mountain** soon after its occurrence, and subsequently to the county hospital in this city. Since the day the young man suffered the dreadful stroke he has not spoken a word, but his brother **John** informs the Mirror that a change for the better is anticipated hourly. We hope so; Jim was a good boy. -- **Esanaba Mirror.**

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The Fire Alarm Boxes.

Below we give the location of the several fire alarm boxes that have been put up in the city:

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- 23 – Tullgren's drug store.
- 32 – Opposite **Brown street bakery.**
- 33 – Corner Brown street and Prospect avenue.
- 34 – Corner Ludington street and Carpenter ave.
- 24 – **Fire Engine house, No. 1.**
- 25 – Between **Rundle's** and **Seibert's** stores.
- 26 – Corner Iron Mountain ave. and Hughitt st.
- 27 – Corner Iron Mountain avenue and B street.
- 43 – **Commercial House.**
- 42 – Corner Carpenter avenue and C street.
- 36 – Opposite **Catholic Church.**
- 35 – **Louis Arnould's butcher shop.**
- 12 – **Chapin Company's shops.**
- 13 – **Chapin Company's barn.**
- 14 – **Kloeckner & Co's store.**
- 15 – Corner 5th street and Stephenson avenue.
- 16 – Corner 5th street and Norway street.
- 17 – **No. 2 Engine House.**

The key to the boxes will be found in the houses nearest them. Immediately upon discovering a fire in your neighborhood go to the nearest box, unlock it, and pull the cord as far as it will go one time, and no more. If for any reason you should be unable to get the key without considerable delay, break the glass in the front of the box. To locate a fire count the blows on the bell as they are struck, thus: For 13, 1 – 3 (. ...) For 27, 2 – 7 (..) etc.

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A Pocket Pony.

Joe Pascoe has come into the possession of an equine wonder, in the shape of a **little horse that does not stand much higher than two feet.** He can carry it around with ease, and says he will yet put it in his pocket if he gets a pocket made big enough to hold it. It trots around the saloon, stands upon the tables, and altogether shows itself to be, like **Artemus Ward's kangaroo**, "an amooosin' cuss." Some of Joe's boys tried to make it drink bock beer one day last week, but it made a break for the door and was caught by the tail just as it was escaping. It snorted defiance at the man who wanted it to become a bock beer drinker. We cannot say what price was paid for the little fellow, but they do say it was a price in strict proportion to its own size – probably about \$2 1/2. It makes great fun for the youngsters who peep through the doorway and watch its antics.

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THE inmates of the ranch [house of ill repute] across the river have been dispersed. One had her fine paid by a man in Iron Mountain, two remain in the custody of the Florence officers because they can't get anybody to pay their fines, and the other three have either gone to Hurley or Ironwood. Because the **alarm through which the inmates escaped was raised by a livery stable man belonging to Iron Mountain the Florence Mining News** exclaims. "Oh, yes; Iron Mountain people desired **Bennett's place exterminated!**" That is just about as sensible a piece of sarcasm as it would be to say that because **Mina Mudge** was in favor of her profession, therefore all Florence, from the sheriff to the editor of

SOCIETY NOTES AND THE EDITOR'S CORNER

Thursday, February 26, 2015

The DCGS met in the multipurpose room of the Dickinson County Library on February 26, 2015, at 1 p.m. with President Bill Cummings presiding. There were 13 members and four guests present.

The minutes for the January 22, 2015 meeting were approved as read. Treasurer Miriam Belding reported a balance of \$3,292.24 on January 22, 2015. After deposits and disbursements the ending balance on February 26, 2015, was \$3,648.69.

The newly-bound volume of *Dickinson Diggings* from 2009 to 2014 arrived and will be added to the Library's collection.

A gift of *The McKenna-Brown Family History for Marquette & Dickinson Counties* in a 3-ring binder with an accompanying DVD was donated by Margaret Rowe McCarthy, and will be added to the Society's collection in the Local History and Genealogy Room.

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

The program, arranged by Vice-President Kay Carlson, was presented by Megan Buck, newly-appointed director of the Dickinson County Library. Megan provided an overview of the genealogical and local history resources at the Library. She also discussed how to access the Library with a DCL library card.

Megan reviewed many resources, including printed material in the Local History & Genealogy Room, microfilms of newspapers and census and other materials available for checkout from the general collection.

She also reviewed the use of copy machines, microfilm reader printers and the reference computer for searching indexes, files and surveys.

Miriam Belding, Acting Secretary

Thursday, March 26, 2015

The DCGS met in the multi-purpose room of the Dickinson County Library on March 26, 2015, at 1 p.m. with President Bill Cummings presiding. There were 16 members and three guests present.

The minutes for the February 26, 2015 meeting were approved as read. Treasurer Miriam Belding reported the beginning balance of \$3,648.69 on February 26, 2015. After deposits and disbursements the ending balance on March 26, 2015, was \$3,656.82.

A motion was approved to move forward with transferring the Helical Scan Video Tape of interviews with residents of the North Dickinson School District area done in 1975 to digitized format through Greentree Audio Video Transfer.

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Vice-President Kay Carlson introduced the guest speaker, Chris Hamlin, director of Norway's Jake Menghini Museum. Chris went into detail about the availability of various research materials that are housed in the museum, interviews with World War II veterans and the overall scope of the collection.

Shirley Nelson, Secretary

Thursday, April 23, 2015

The DCGS met in the local history and genealogy room of the Dickinson County Library on April 23, 2015, at 1 p.m. with President Bill Cummings presiding. There were 12 members and 1 guest present.

The minutes for the March 26, 2015 meeting were approved as corrected, noting that Charles Wilmer, former teacher at the North Dickinson County Schools, was the individual providing the 1975 video tape being digitized. Treasurer Miriam Belding reported the beginning balance of \$3,656.82 on March 26, 2015. After deposits and disbursements the ending balance on April 23, 2015, was \$3,716.82.

Those present voted to purchase the following three books on Iron County from Sandra Thoney, of S. Thoney Books: *Iron River*, *The Good Old Days*, \$54; *Remembering Stambaugh: Climbing the Hill*, and *Remembering Stambaugh: The Journey Continues*, \$70.

President Bill suggested a committee be formed to work with the Dickinson County Library staff to organize, revise and evaluate materials currently housed in the Local History & Genealogy Room. Outdated material, material outside of our scope, etc., should be discarded or find a more appropriate home. Various collections could be better labeled, bulletin boards could be updated and walls could be decorated with early area photographs or other useful material. Kay Carlson, Cynthia Fuller, Mary Ann Koerschner and Hazel Dault volunteered to work on this project. A committee chairperson is still needed.

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Vicki Underhill, Dickinson County Library research librarian, presented the program, reviewing the resources the Library has available in the Local History & Genealogy Room. There are mining reports; a vertical file updated by county and including newspaper articles; marriage licenses for 1896; Waucedah, Norway, Sagola and Iron Mountain cemetery records; files on various families, businesses, churches; yearbooks; area geological maps; reference collections on Germans, French-Canadians and Italians; city directories and much more.

Shirley Nelson, Secretary

DICKINSON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 2015

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Shirley Nelson, Secretary/Historian
Miriam Belding, Treasurer

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MEETINGS: *Regular meetings of the DCGS are held the fourth Thursday of January, February, March, April, September and October at 1:00 p.m. in the Local History Room of the Dickinson County Library. In November the DCGS meets the third Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the same place. No meetings are held in June, July, August and December. Visitors are always welcome.*

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Probably taken in about 1897, the camera faces southwest overlooking a portion of Iron Mountain's West Side with Crystal Lake in the background at the upper left. At the left just below the lake the rooftop of the **Holy Trinity Episcopal Church**, located on the southeast corner of Prospect Avenue and West B Street, is visible. The Central School, the two-story white building with the large belfry located just to the right of center, faced Prospect Avenue on the east end of the block where Iron Mountain High School was built in 1911-1912. **St. Mary's Catholic Church**, right, was located at the northeast corner of South Kimberly Avenue and West B Street. **St. Joseph's Catholic Church** stood at the northwest corner of Prospect Avenue and West A Street where St. Mary and St. Joseph Catholic Church stands today. The Patient Hotel, later known as the Hotel Harding, can be identified by the mansard roof with dormers on its third story. This hotel was located at the southwest corner of Carpenter Avenue and West Hughitt Street. *[Menominee Range Historical Museum]*

[The History of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Iron Mountain's first Roman Catholic Church, and the History of St. Mary and St. Joseph Catholic Church continues on pages 42-46.]

**ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, NORTHWEST CORNER OF WEST A STREET AND
PROSPECT STREET, IRON MOUNTAIN**

By January, 1883, Quinnesec was made an independent parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Marquette and all settlements due west were included as missions. The priest had to periodically visit Indiana Mine, Iron Mountain, Crystal Falls, Iron River and wherever people made a home throughout the trackless territory of what became the Gogebic Iron Range.

As the mines in Iron Mountain began to develop, many residents of Quinnesec moved there. The scramble for town lots was such that in less than two months two-thirds of Father M. Faust's Quinnesec parishioners were living in Iron Mountain. Father Faust visited them regularly and held services for them.

The following account of the development of St. Joseph's Catholic Church (bold type added to indicate various priests) is taken from Volume II, pages 339-341 of Rev. Antoine Ivan Rezek's *History of the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie and Marquette Containing a Full and Accurate Account of the Development of the Catholic Church in Upper Michigan with Portraits of Bishops, Priests and Illustrations of Churches Old and New*, Houghton, Michigan: 1907.

**IRON MOUNTAIN.
ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH – FRENCH.**

When the building of a church at Iron Mountain came up for consideration Mr. **William Foster**, agent for the Hamilton Lumber Co., offered the forming congregation two lots which were gratefully accepted by **Father Faust**. Finding two lots inadequate he purchased from the same company three more for the sum of three hundred and seventy-five dollars. On this site he commenced building a church 105x50 feet including three rooms in the rear. The building was not completed until June 1884 although, for want of other accommodation, services were held in it as

soon as it was enclosed. In 1886 **Father Faust** added three more rooms to his living apartments and at the end of September when he was changed to Calumet, there was no indebtedness on the property which, by the purchase of five additional lots consisted, besides the buildings, of the entire block, number 15, Kimberly's addition to Iron Mountain.

The list of pastors and their assistants since 1886 is as follows:

Rev. A. Th. Schuettelhoefer, from October 1, 1886 to October 16, 1887, **Rev. Don Vento**, for the Italians, during May 1887.

Rev. J.H. Reynaert, from October 21, 1887 to October 1, 1888.

Rev. J.A. Keul from October 8, to August 8, 1890. **Rev. J.A. Sauriol**, assistant from August 23rd to November 5, 1889, and **Rev. A.O. Pelisson**, assistant from December 20, 1889 to August 7, 1890. **Rev. R. Cavicchi**, assistant for the Italians in the fall of 1889 and in the spring of 1890, when the Italian Holy Rosary congregation was formed.

Rev. Honoratus Bourion, from August 8, 1890 to June 14, 1893. **Rev. Joseph Wallace**, assistant during January and February 1893.

Rev. T.V. Dassylva, from June 18, 1893 to May 1895.

Rev. M. Letellier, from June 9, 1895 to January 10, 1897.

Rev. A. Poulin, from February 1, 1897 to December 27, 1900.

Rev. L.Z. Huet, *ad interim*, from December 30, 1900 to February 3, 1901.

Rev. T.V. Dassylva, second term, from March 2, 1901 to July 9, 1903.

Rev. M. Jodocy, from August 5, 1903 to September 9, 1905.

Rev. R. Jacques, the present pastor from September 14, 1905.

The upbuilding of the St. Joseph's church and congregation, started by **Father Faust**, has a checkered history. **Father Keul** built the new house and **Father**

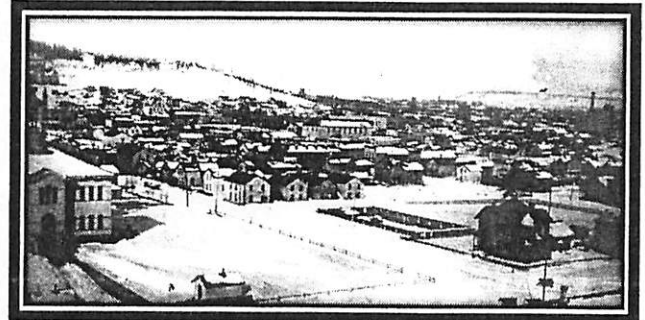
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Bourion added the southwest wing to it. On December 25, 1890 the church burned to the ground. [*sic* – *St. Joseph's Catholic Church burned December 6, 1891.*] To house his congregation **Father Bourion** built on the west end of the block a spacious shed where temporary comfort was obtained. The summer previous to the fire the Italians had withdrawn and built their own church in the neighborhood of Lake Antoine. Then old whispers of separation of the French and all other nationalities became loud. Terms of division were effected. The French retained the south half of the block with the house, and the outgoing nationalities received as their share four thousand dollars in cash and the north portion of the block. Both congregations started to build. **Father Bourion** laid out his church on the site of the one devastated by fire, only larger and more modern in style. Limited means permitted him to finish the basement and enclose the wooden frame of the church. **Father Poulin**, [*sic*] brick-veneered it, furnished the art-glass windows, three bells, blessed November 25, 1900, incurring an indebtedness of three thousand dollars, gave it a metal ceiling, and had it dedicated by **Bishop Eis** on June 18, 1899, although the inside was neither lathed nor plastered. This work fell to the lot of **Father Jodocy** who finished and furnished the inside. The Altar Society gave him the main altar; and the stations were purchased at the cost of seven hundred dollars. The outstanding debt of three thousand dollars was not reduced.

The St. Joseph's congregation consists of one hundred and fifty Canadian families.

On Sunday, December 6, 1891, St. Joseph's Catholic Church was completely destroyed by fire. The fire was evidently caused by a defective flue and, when discovered at about 1 o'clock, had made such headway that it was impossible to save the structure. The entire roof was

ablaze and fell in shortly after the firemen arrived. New pews costing \$850 had just been put in place. The loss was estimated at about \$9,000 with a total insurance of \$4,000.



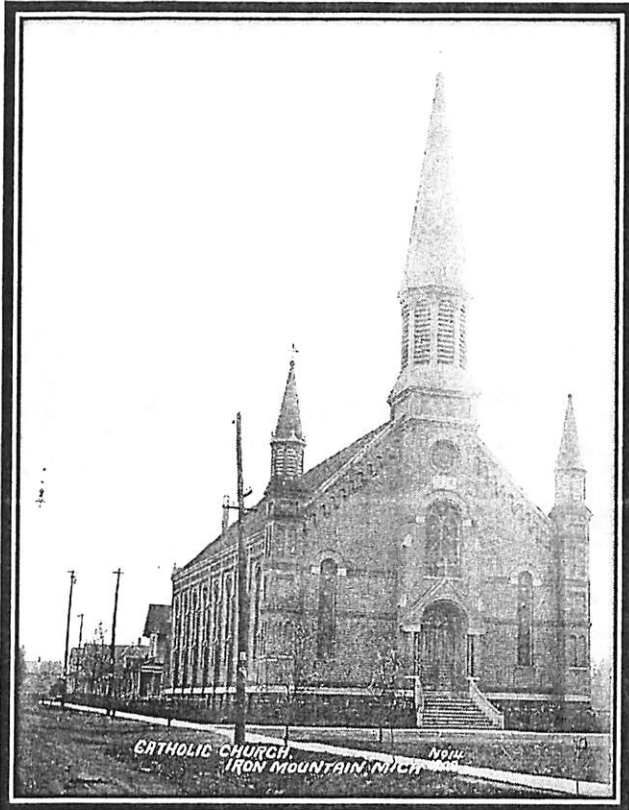
The Central School building, visible at the left, faced Prospect Avenue on the east end of the block where Iron Mountain High School was constructed in 1911-1912. The foundation on the north side of West A Street was what remained of St. Joseph Catholic Church after a fire on Sunday, December 6, 1891, destroyed the structure. The red sandstone Cornish Pumping Engine house with smokestack is visible at the far right, located on South Stephenson Avenue, just south of where the West Chapin Pit is now located. The large building in the center is the Peter Patient Hotel, later the Harding Hotel, located on the southwest corner of Carpenter Avenue and West Hughitt Street. [Menominee Range Historical Museum]

At the time of the fire there was a need for a larger structure to accommodate a growing congregation.

By March 10, 1892, Father Bourion announced the erection of a new edifice, 50 x 132 feet on the inside and capable of seating about 1,000 people, would begin as soon as weather would permit and would cost \$20,000.

By July 27, 1893, Contractor Meyer was reported to be making splendid headway on the new St. Joseph church. A delay in receiving the structural iron was noted in *The Range-Tribune* on August 19, 1893, but work had resumed a week later. The brick-veneered wooden structure, measuring 120 x 52 feet, was completed in 1893.

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The second St. Joseph's Catholic Church, erected in 1893, burned to the ground on April 16, 1930. [William J. Cummings Photo]

On December 15, 1921, an article in the *Iron Mountain News* noted that alterations in the entire basement of the 120 x 48-foot St. Joseph's Catholic Church was being undertaken with a "new and modern heating system" installed by Johnson & Hammel, plumbers.

Fire broke out on the roof of St. Joseph's Catholic Church at 10:45 a.m. on April 16, 1930. The blaze was believed to have started by sparks from an earlier fire in a garage at the rear of the Milliman Hotel three blocks away.

Fanned by a strong southeast wind, the brick-walled structure crumbled to a blackened heap in less than an hour.

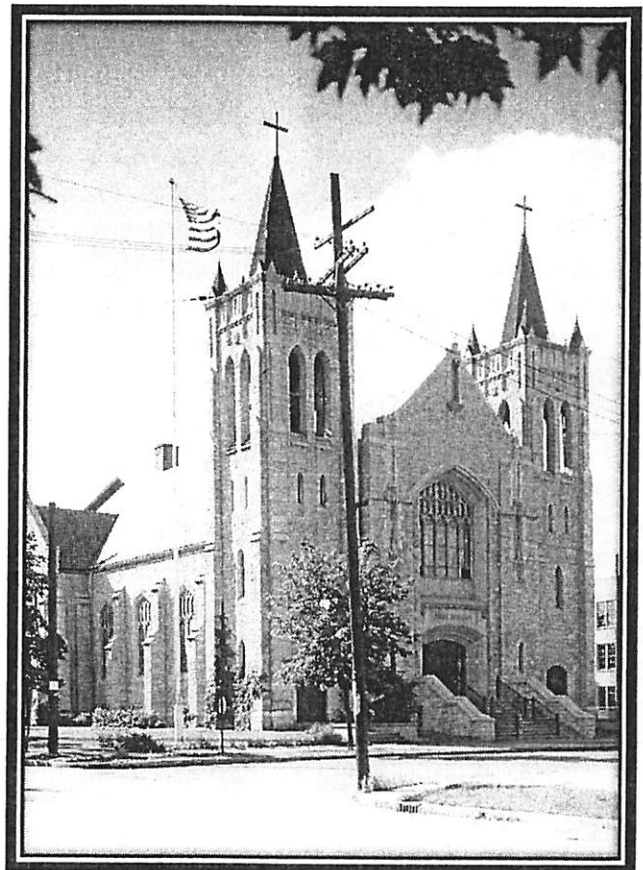
Within a few moments after Rev. Fr. J.H. Beauchene discovered the blaze, he, with a few parishioners, school students and others who were among the first at the

scene, raced into the rear of the church and carried out the Blessed Sacrament, the holy vessels and some of the more costly vestments and other valuables kept in the sacristy, adjoining the altar.

In 1928 the structure was appraised conservatively at \$70,000. The seating capacity of the auditorium had been enlarged to 1,100 shortly before the fire. The loss was estimated at \$75,000, two-thirds of which was covered by insurance.

The parish house at the rear was not damaged.

At the time of the fire the congregation numbered 700 families.



Construction on the third St. Joseph's Catholic Church began in August 1931. The first Mass was celebrated on September 15, 1932, but the interior was not completed until 1940. [William J. Cummings Photo]

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Newly-installed pastor Rev. Fr. Joseph H. Dufort masterminded the planning for and construction of the church for the 850-family parish, the second largest in the Upper Peninsula diocese after the Cathedral parish in Marquette.

Work began on the new St. Joseph's Catholic Church on August 17, 1931. The new structure was designed by Derrick Hubert, a Menominee, Michigan, architect, and the contractor was Joseph P. Doheny, of Merrill, Wisconsin. On December 6, 1931, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Raymond Jacques, a former pastor of the church representing the Bishop of Marquette, officiated at ceremonies marking the laying of the granite cornerstone of the new church, located at the southeast corner. The cornerstone from the previous church was placed at the building's northeast corner.

After the fire and during the church construction Mass was held at the old Bijou Theatre, located at 104-106 West Ludington Street. The construction took three years to complete, and the theater seats were later installed in the new church until pews were purchased.

The first mass in the new church was celebrated September 15, 1932, and the first Sunday services were held September 18, but the interior finish, including flooring and pews, was not completed until 1940, parishioners using temporary seating until then.

On Sunday, January 7, 1940, a ceremony marking the merging of the St. Mary's and St. Joseph's Catholic Churches included a solemn blessing and first ringing of the bell by Most Rev. J.C. Plagens, bishop of the Diocese of Marquette.

The metal in the bell was originally cast for the first St. Joseph's Catholic Church, then in the Village of Iron Mountain. After the fire of December 6, 1891 which destroyed that structure, the bell was salvaged and given to the new parish of St. Mary's, where it was used until the fire of November 11, 1938. The bell was

salvaged from the ruins of St. Mary's and recast at the foundries of the Menelly Bell Company at Troy, New York, arriving in Iron Mountain on Friday, January 6, 1940. The new bell was hung in the north tower on January 8, 1940.

Following the Sunday ceremony, Bishop Plagens authorized the immediate start of work to complete the interior after Easter which included laying a floor over the cement base, the installation of new pews to take the place of the Bijou Theatre seats in use since the new St. Joseph's Catholic Church was built and the completion of the vestibule, all to be completed by May 1, 1940.

On November 1, 1942, the blending of Saint Mary and Saint Joseph Church on 414 Prospect Ave. in Iron Mountain was completed and two congregations were officially joined as one church.

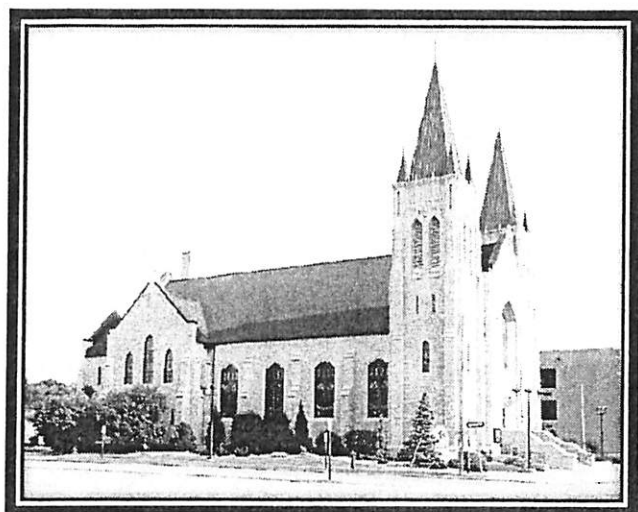
Today's large twin-towered Neo-gothic church building faces east toward Prospect Avenue. Constructed with walls of gray-white rock-face random ashlar Lannon stone with tan and brown flecks, the church takes the form of a nave with transepts and a rectangular sanctuary.

The front is symmetrical, comprised of a square-plan buttressed tower at each end flanking a narrow gabled front with deeply recessed center containing a segmental-arch-head entrance below a broad east window east window with low arched head. Shallow niches on either side of the window contain standing figures of Mary holding the Baby Jesus on the left and St. Joseph on the right. At the front gable peak a deeper niche, with projecting base and Gothic canopy, contains a standing figure of Christ, with crown of thorns and holding a cross and lily. Broad flights of steps, the center one leading to the main entrance flanked by massive random ashlar parapets, lead up to the church's entrances.

The towers each contain segmental-arch-head entrances in their bases and paired lancets, filled with louvers, in each

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face of the belfry that tops the square-plan structure. The towers have pointed metal pinnacles at the corners and tall four-sided metal-clad spires installed in 1998, replacing similar but somewhat shorted wooded originals, which had been removed in 1968 due to deterioration. The sides present large pointed-arch windows separated by large buttresses. The short gabled transepts display a taller center and shorter side Gothic windows in their outer faces and at the corners.



St. Mary and St. Joseph Catholic Church, 2013

This building suffered its own devastating fire on January 5, 2003. The stained glass windows and Stations of the Cross were saved, but most of the present artfully decorated interior dates from after the 2003 fire. Shortly before the fire, a low flat-roof addition providing a rear vestibule and entrance from a large parking area, restrooms, ramped corridor and elevator was constructed directly behind and along the west part of the north façade.

Priests Serving St. Joseph's Church

Father Melchior Faust
1884-1886

Father A. Th. Schuettelhoefer
October 1, 1886 - October 16, 1887

Father John H. Reynaert
October 21, 1887 - October 1, 1888.

Father John A. Keuhl
October 8, 1888 - August 8, 1890

Father Honoratus Bourion
August 8, 1890 - June 14, 1893

Father Thomas V. Dassylva
June 18, 1893 - May 1895

Father Michael Letellier
June 9, 1895 - January 10, 1897

Father Louis Archille Poulin
February 1, 1897 - December 27, 1900

Father L.Z. Huet, *ad interim*
December 30, 1900 - February 3, 1901

Father Thomas V. Dassylva
March 2, 1901 - July 9, 1903

Father M. Jodocy
August 5, 1903 - September 9, 1905.

Father Raymond Jacques
September 14, 1905 - 1911

Father George LaForest
1912-1915

Father Joseph Beauchene
1915-1931

Father Joseph H. Dufort
1931-1938

Father Albert C. Pelissier
1939-1942

***Priests Serving St. Mary and St. Joseph
Catholic Church***

Father Albert C. Pelissier
1939-1966

Father Thomas Lester Bourgeois
1966-1970

Father James Donnelly
1970-1989

Father George Gustafson
1989-1996

Father Daniel S. Zaloga
1996-Present

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hardwood] sometimes mixed with pine, which when cleared off makes the best of farming land. The numerous farms already opened indicate that the soil is capable of producing almost all kinds of grain and vegetables, and is the best agricultural county in the Upper Peninsula.

CLIMATE.

While our nearness to a large body of water renders our summer weather deliciously cool and pleasant, the severity of our winters are tempered by the same cause. We have no colder weather than is experienced 200 miles south of us. The water acting as a regulator in summer and winter. [*sic*] Our bays are frequently not frozen over, until Christmas, and the gradually cooling water is constantly giving out its store of summer warmth. As Lake Michigan never freezes over, a south wind almost invariably produces a thaw.

SUMMER RESORT.

Owing to our warming summer climate and our attractive surroundings Escanaba is much frequented by parties in pursuit of health and pleasure, who always return much pleased with their visit and with their health invigorated. The sparkling waters of the bay presents [*sic – present*] one of the finest opportunities for boating, and the forests abound in game. All the streams around us, which are very numerous, are filled with brook trout and the lake and bays abound with white-fish [*sic – whitefish*], mackinac [*sic – Mackinac*] trout, muskalouge [*sic – muskellunge*], and other kinds of fish of a superior quality.

TOWN.

The town of Escanaba, [*sic*] is beautifully situated on a point of land which divides the waters of Green Bay from those of Little Bay de Noc. The location of the ground is charming and rises in successive plateaus or benches from the shore. It is the county seat of Delta County. We have first class hotels, good schools and libraries

and commodious churches. We have every advantage for building up a fine city. No place in the west offers better inducements to the capitalist to obtain ample returns for his investment.

FARMERS.

To the farmer we would say come and settle around us, where you can raise good crops and have a cash market for your products at home, from 10 to 50 per cent more than you can realize for them in states farther south. You can here purchase cheap lands on which you can raise wheat and oats as cheap and obtain as large a yield as in any of the western states; as a grass growing country this section has no equal. The fine hard wood [*sic – hardwood*] timber on a portion of this land will be a fortune in itself and in a great many cases has paid all the expense of clearing, fencing, and erecting necessary farm buildings. Our country is well watered no less than ten streams dignified by the name of rivers [*which*] empty into our lake shore and bays, besides numerous creeks and rivulets. Nearly all these would, with greater or less expense, furnish excellent water powers, as the flow is generally long[,] constant and equable [*sic - equitable*]. They have in their natuaal [*sic – natural*] capacity an excellent adaptation to the use of the

ARTISAN,

the manufacturer of the mechanic. Many of these streams empty into, or close by, admirably sheltered harbors, with deep water close to the shore. On looking over our resources you will find that we have all the elements requisite to make a country rich and prosperous. We want you to come and mould these various openings for profitable investment so as to make them a certain success. We have everything you need; cheap lands, good water-powers, and easy means of transportation. Come and we will welcome you with open hands.

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Escanaba Tribune, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume VIII, Number 23 [Saturday, May 12, 1877], page 2, column 2

24 [Saturday, May 19, 1877], page 2, column 2

Our Correspondence from the Menominee Range Railway.

Correspondence from Sec. "42."

It was all a mistake that little tale about our getting run over by a cod fish, for as you may perceive by this letter, the child is yet alive. We have planted ourself [sic – ourselves] in this place with the intention of studying Rail roadology. **Chipe [sic – Lipe] & Co.[,]** who have the grading from the **Breen mine** to the **Quinnesec**, have about 275 men including sub-contractors. **D.L. Wells & Co.[,]** who are building the south end, have upwards of 200 men in grade, about one-half of which are on [the] construction train. The company have [sic – has] also about 100 men on timber bridging and ties. We understand that the track laying on this end will soon be resumed. There is at present about four and one-half miles of track down and we believe the remainder will be put down at the rate of about one-half mile per day. Among familiar faces we notice **E.R. Parks** of Escanaba, who is at present with the Engineer corps, and wears the boss pair of stoga boots. Racketty is at present in the **hotel business** and does all the coarse hand writing. **C. Lipe & Co.** have [sic – has] raised wages from \$1.25 to \$1.40 per day and board from \$3.50 to \$4.00 per week. Our Mariar says we must not write any more (soft stuff) and as we believe in a hereafter we will close by subscribing ourself as in days of yore.

RACKETTY.

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MR. EDITOR. – We have for some time been trying to collect our scattered thoughts, with a view to enlightening you as to the progress of railroad business, and other matters connected with this place, but have just returned from a short stroll, with the conviction that we have not been rewarded in a measure to compensate us for our untiring efforts, for, although the construction of the Menominee Range railroad is being pushed with the usual vigor, yet the general hard times have not changed one particle, and good whisky cannot be procured for less than ten cents per glass. We are a temperance man ourself, but as we take an interest in the welfare of our fellow-citizens [sic – fellow citizens], it is their sad condition that we consider so deplorable. Several car loads of iron rail are shipped up the road every morning, and everything looks favorable for the completion of the road somewhat sooner than has been anticipated. All that will be lacking to make this place a city at the completion of the road, [sic] will be a blast furnace and saloon, but we think the latter-named institution is at present kept on the European plan somewhere in this vicinity. It has been hinted to us that a certain pounder or compounder of medicines hereabouts is selling forty rod, and we would caution the gent, least the broad and untiring hand of Michigan law lays its vice like grip upon his carcass. We have as yet had no rain in this locality this month, and if the heavens do not soon open and pour upon us their refreshing element, we have little doubt but that the coming season will be a sickly one in this

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place, as the land surrounding us is composed principally of cedar swamps, and spruce and tamarack bogs.

Mr. J.A. Crozier, of the **Menominee Herald**, made us a pleasant call on Tuesday last.

In my hurry, I had almost forgot to mention that we have been surrounded by fire for nearly a week, and it is still holding on to the dry earth in some parts of surrounding property.

With a special regard to the editor, we remain, as ever.

RACKETTY.

Escanaba Tribune, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume VIII, Number 24 [Saturday, May 19, 1877], page 3, column 3

Work at the **Breen mine** is progressing rapidly. **Captain Schwarts** [*sic* – **Schwartz**] with a force of 25 men, [*sic*] has stripped along the main vein, to a distance of 130 feet, which at that point presents a 28 feet [*sic* – *foot*] face. From this face, across the vein they have uncovered nearly 100 feet, which allowing for the curvature on the surface, would make it about 90 feet in a horizontal line. The width of the vein is not yet ascertained. Docks and side tracks are being built, and buildings for the miners. As soon as the road is completed, a cargo of ore will be shipped to Cleveland.

Escanaba Tribune, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume VIII, Number 25 [Saturday, May 26, 1877], page 3, column 3

Your Likeness for 35 Cents.

I beg to announce that I have fitted up my Gallery with a set of first-class instruments and propose to do good work

or no pay. I will take pictures in any style at prices to suit the times, give me a call and see for yourself. Will open up Monday, April 9th, in **F.O. Clark's Gallery**, opposite **W.J. Wallace's hardware store**.

JOHN BRAITHWAITE.

Escanaba Tribune, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume VIII, Number 26 [Saturday, June 2, 1877], page 2, column 2

Our Correspondence from the Menominee Range Railway.

SEC. 42, May 23d, 1877.

MR. EDITOR. – A severe, if not fatal **accident** occurred on the new line on Saturday of last week. **Michael O. Connell** [*sic* – **O'Connell**], while working on a cut some three or four miles up the road, was seriously injured by the sudden caving of the bank, which threw him against a car truck with such force that his collar bone was broken and his head cut in a frightful manner, besides giving him serious internal injuries.

On Sunday, the 20th, our townspeople were called upon to witness the **first wedding** on the new line. The contracting parties were Mr. **Warren L. Benjamin** and Miss **Clara M. Essington**, both of this place. **Rev. N. Green**, of Escanaba, was called upon to officiate, and we give him credit for doing the work in good style. Previous to the marriage ceremony, Mr. Green delivered a short but very interesting discourse. The bride and groom tarried until Tuesday, and then left to seek fortune in some more congenial clime. We wish them much happiness in their doubled-up condition.

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smoke that she was unable to enter. After being badly burned in attempts to get the little one out, she gave an alarm and returned to the upper story of the house to again attempt to save the child. Help soon arrived but the room was found to be a furnace and the flames spread rapidly and the house and much of its contents was soon in ashes. Many heroic attempts were made by those present to reach the room in which the child was, but without avail. It is supposed that he was under the bed in the room when Mrs. Hind first opened the door as she could not see him. Of course the origin of the fire is unknown. Mr. Hind[,] the father of the child[,] was returning from Florence when he learned of the fire and reached the scene as quickly as possible, but after being nearly suffocated he had to abandon the attempt to get into the burning room. The members of the unfortunate family are being kindly cared for by the ladies of the location. Mr. James Anthony, father of Mrs. Hind[,] was visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Hind, but had gone out to call on a friend.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume VI, Number 50 [Saturday, January 17, 1891], page 1, column 5

Ramblings.

Wednesday and Thursday the long expected pay for November was distributed at the Chapin, and it made a noticable [sic] stir in Iron Mountain.

Some of Iron Mountain's police officers have been figuring in an affair of very questionable character, viz: taking or demanding bribes to conceal the existence of houses of ill repute.

A stick of dynamite was found under one of the boilers at 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.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume VI, Number 51 [Saturday, January 24, 1891], page 1, columns 1-3

CURRENT NOTES.

–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 the 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 the rear 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.

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–**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 [sic – 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 youngsters 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 [sic – 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.

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PERSONAL POINTERS.

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.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume VI, Number 52 [Saturday, January 31, 1891], page 1, columns 1-3

CURRENT NOTES.

–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.

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–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 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- has] 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 – eight-hour] 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.

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Ramblings.

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.

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The **Cyrstal 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 any one.

February, 1891

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume VII, Number 1 [Saturday, February 7, 1891], page 1, columns 1-4

CURRENT NOTES.

–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 [sic – 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.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume VII, Number 2 [Saturday, February 14, 1891], page 1, columns 1-3

CURRENT NOTES.

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

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

–The 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

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our esteemed contemporary, favored the perpetuation of prostitution in their vicinity. Elsewhere we publish an interesting statement made by Mr. Bennett to THE RANGE. Iron Mountain may chew it. We shall make no other comment upon it than that it has surprised us.

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GEO. REUTER thinks that the engineer of the fire department should be provided with suitable living rooms in or adjoining the engine house, and he gives some very good reasons for his belief. He is practically on duty 24 hours a day, and although he owns a house only two blocks away, he has found it impracticable to live there, because should an alarm be sounded while he is at home it would occasion delay in getting the fire apparatus out. It is unsafe for him to be absent even a few minutes for another reason. Instances have occurred in other cities and are liable at any time to occur here, of fires being set for the sake of plunder, and as the engine house is never locked, such evil disposed persons could enter, unless the engineer is always there, and in a few minutes disable the engine so that it could not be used for hours. Of course Reuter does manage to put up with the poor quarters that are now to be had in the engine house, but it is almost a presumption to ask a man to live as he has to, and in case of sickness in his family he would be compelled to seek other quarters. Why not put up a building along side of the engine house that would serve as city jail and also provide suitable living apartments for the engineer? Wouldn't that be a good scheme, gentlemen of the council?

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An Enormous Ore Hoist.

The biggest hoist ever made out of one shaft (**C shaft**) in the **Chapin** mine since it was opened was made on Tuesday, with **Billy Simms** at the engine. During ten hours 628 tons were hoisted, or an average of about 62 1/2 tons an hour, which is considered the largest lift during the same period in any mine in the state of Michigan.

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Capt. E. Morcom.

One of the old landmarks of Tower, **Capt. Elisha Morcom**, left on Saturday last for **Cuba**. He goes there to take charge of the large iron interests of a company, with whom the **Elys, Geo. C. Stone** and others, are connected. **Capt. Morcom** is a thorough iron man, and well known to the gentlemen who have given him this important position. His family remain [*sic - remains*] in Tower for the present, as the Cuban business is an experiment with the captain. He has not disposed of his interests here, as in case he does not like the country he doesn't care to be without business interests here. The brick yard will be in charge of **Capt. Nick Cowling**. **D.T. Denton** went several weeks ago, **A.L. McDermid** went yesterday, and several others will leave later. These gentlemen will all meet in New York the latter part of this month, and sail together for Santiago

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de Cuba, the point of destination. They are all good men, and experts in their several positions. Good luck go with them, is the wish of the entire population of the range, who are their friends. – **Vermillion Journal**.

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Sound and Forcibly Expressed.

“Citizen,” writing to the **Menominee Herald**, expresses himself so forcibly and to the point, on the same line of thought in referance [*sic – reference*] to the mistaken methods of Florence county officials in dealing with [*sic – a*] **bawdy house keeper** as were expressed in THE RANGE two weeks ago, that we cheerfully copy his utterances [*sic – utterances*] below:

MENOMINEE, MICH., April 15, '89.

MR. EDITOR: – A newspaper states that the prosecuting attorney and sheriff of Florence county, Wis., have given “public notice” to the notorious **Mina Mudge** and other den keepers, who have so long disgraced that county and state, “to leave and remain out of Florence county after May 1st” or they will be prosecuted. Suppose there was a den of thieves and robbers infesting that county whose depredations were known and proof thereof easily obtained, and a proclamation was issued by those offices to them to leave the county or they would be prosecuted! What would the people say? Which ought the officers to do, arrest, prosecute and convict or give them notice to quit the county and ply their vocation in other places? Is it the policy of the law to drive the criminals from one county to another or is it to arrest and punish them? Every man, woman and child above the age of 15 years in Florence, has

known for years that these dens were run openly and instead of prosecuting, the authorities coolly turn these dangerous criminals loose upon other communities and then openly boast of it as a sudden awakening to virtue and reform. The paper that publishes those proclamations says that the criminals are going to other places to continue their course of crime. It also says that “**Gov. Hoard** will lend a hand” if the sheriff and his deputies are not sufficient. Sufficient for what? To arrest or to drive them out of the county? Which? Will Gov. Hoard send up a company of the state militia to assist the sheriff in this “great undertaking?” Bosh! The sheriff and prosecuting attorney both know that they can get out warrants and have every one of the keepers and the inmates of their dens in the county jail within five hours, that they can try them at the next term of court, can convict and send them to the penitentiary where they belong. Has Gov. Hoard been consulted and does he, as the executive of the great state of Wisconsin, sanction the policy of driving criminals from one county into another, or from one state into another rather than having them arrested and punished?

Just on the Wisconsin side of the river, opposite Norway, one of those vile dens has existed for the past two years, a nuisance and menace to the town. Its existence has been known to the Wisconsin authorities and yet no effort has been made even to drive its inmates away.

The disclosure made by those proclamations of the officers and the comments of the newspaper thereon show that the story of the rottenness [*sic – rottenness*] along the northern border of Wisconsin has not been half told. But let every good citizen rejoice that the officers of one county have advanced so far as to issue a proclamation and pray with all his might that the spirit may spread both up

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and down the river. Drive them into Michigan and her officers will jail them within twenty-four hours.

CITIZEN.

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A Bronco Invasion and A Circus.

Some enterprising Texan brought to Iron Mountain, last week a big carload of bronchos [*sic – broncos*], which very soon showed some of our citizens the devilment of which they are characteristic when their foot is upon their native heath. The horses were sold at all prices, from \$25 to \$60. Jim Kinnifick bought one of them, and immediately proceeded to take steps to break it in. Half-a-dozen riders undertook on Saturday to do the business for him, but Mr. Broncho [*sic – Bronco*] evidently thought the whole affair was a circus gotten up specially [*sic – especially*] for his benefit. First Paddy got on the pony's back after being dragged on one foot half around the block. Then the fiery untamed steed got fairly down to business. Up flew its heels, and the next instant the rider was floundering in the mud, while the broncho [*sic – bronco*] was galloping along Stephenson avenue as if the old gentleman himself [*the devil*] were after it. It was captured and brought back, and Mike Hughes undertook to ride it. The broncho [*sic – bronco*] at first stood on its head, then it stood straight upon its hind feet, then it arched its back, jumped up, came down on all fours, and Hughes flew head foremost, into a dust heap. He tried to mount again, and the same performance was repeated. The "doctor" next said he

would ride that broncho [*sic – bronco*] or perish in the attempt. Away went the steed down the alley at full speed, with the doctor holding on manfully. Turning a sharp curve, and giving a playful little buck, off went the rider and off went the horse. It was recaptured and brought back to the stable. From the forenoon until late in the afternoon rider after rider tried his hand at the fun of "breaking in," and all kissed the earth more or less violently, until, when a good deal of the freshness had been work out of it, Mike Tierney came along and mounted the horse. He succeeded in riding up and down the avenue on it several times in safety. Then it was declared broken in sufficiently for one day, and was locked up in the stable, while Hughes and the others went somewhere to nurse their bruised and battered bones. At last account Jim's broncho [*sic – bronco*] was trying to get out of the barn by kicking a hole through the roof.

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"The Course of True Love," &c.

That the course of true love never did run smooth was illustrated on Sunday forenoon, when a nicely-dressed young man was taking out his very best girl for a buggy ride. The farther he drove along the avenue the more he became enchanted with the fairness of his companion, until at length, forgetting horse and everything else except his great love, he slipped his arm around her waist. Just when the pair arrived opposite White's market, near the C. & N.W. crossing, the young man was rudely recalled to his senses. The horse had been gradually swerving nearer and

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nearer to the sidewalk, until at least it smashed the buggy against the tall electric light post. The young man immediately withdrew his arm – in fact, the shock drove it from its position – and the maiden only saved herself from being thrown to the ground by grasping the dashboard with both hands. Of course, she screamed a little, while the much-surprised young man yelled “Wo!” to the horse, which had now slewed completely around and was preparing to make a bolt of it. The ludicrous affair was witnessed by a group sitting in front of the hotel, and when the young fellow heard their shouts of laughter he gathered in the reins and let the horse out to do its very best trotting. The springs of the buggy were badly dislocated, but worse might easily have happened to the ardent young lovers.

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What Bennett Says.

EDITOR OF THE RANGE:

DEAR SIR: -- With reference to recent articles which have appeared in THE RANGE, I beg to inform you that most of the statements made with regard to myself are falsehoods. In the first place, I was not, and never have been, the proprietor of the house [house of ill repute] across the river. That place has been run for six months by Alice Bigelow, and, as far as I know, there has never been a fight in the house, nor has a man lost one single cent it. So far as that house being a harbor of refuge for criminals is concerned, I have to say that your informants are liars. I made no escape from that house on the night it was visited by Sheriff Parmenter. I came

across here voluntarily and went up on the same train as the prisoners, and never had the slightest idea of shirking the law in any way. Men have been slugged and robbed here; there are, to my knowledge, eight houses of prostitution running in this city; and there are four gambling houses swinging along in full blast, and I should like to know why I should be singled out for persecution by so-called officers here when, if they have enough sense to attend to their duties, they would have more than their hands could hold to clear off the stench that lies immediately beneath their noses.

FRED BENNETT.

Iron Mountain, April 20.

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An Atrocious Case of Cruelty.

A good many citizens who were on Stephenson avenue on Sunday afternoon were horrified at seeing a man driving a horse which was literally traveling on the stumps of its fore feet. The horse was old Gray Billy, and the man in the sulky was James Peters, better known as “Jesse James.” Peters had been down to Keel Ridge, and on the way back Gray Billy broke one of its fore legs at the fetlock. As the driver continued to urge it on the bone gradually worked through behind the pastern until at last the poor brute was actually on the bleeding stump. When it arrived in Iron Mountain several people saw its terrible condition, but Peter’s [sic – Peters] only reply was an application of the lash to Gray Billy’s back. The spectacle aroused the greatest

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indignation in every one who saw it, and among these were several of our most prominent citizens, who were not only willing but anxious to give witness against the author of this atrocious treatment of a poor dumb brute. They made complaints to **City Marshal Martin**, who found out that **Peters had driven the horse into Joe Pascoe's yard, where it fell down in helpless agony.** Either Peters or somebody else around the place next got hold of an axe and smashed poor Gray Billy over the head with it until he was dead and had made his last journey. Peters then had sense enough to run and hide himself. Summoning **Jack Eslick** to his assistance, so that Peters might not escape, the marshal searched Joe Pascoe's house from top to bottom four times. At last Martin and Eslick found their man in the garret squeezing himself behind a chimney, and at once placed him under arrest. Peters spent the night in the cooler, and next morning was placed before **Justice Wicks** charged with gross cruelty to animals. He pleaded guilty, and instead of receiving the full benefit of the law he was let off with a fine of \$6 and costs – \$10 altogether. Probably such a case was never before known in the whole of Menominee county. The only possible excuse for Peters is that he was so much the worse for liquor that he really did not know what he was doing.

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Easter Services.

Easter, the day that Christians commorrate [*sic – commemorate*] the resurrection of their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, was appropriately observed by the

Episcopals [*sic – Episcopalian*s] of this city last Sunday. Fifteen devout Episcopalian were in attendance at early communion. Mr. **John James** preached the morning sermon, assisted by Mr. **Edward Hawtre**y. The church was beautifully decorated with floral offerings and the singing, both morning and evening, excelled any that is often heard in Iron Mountain churches. The bass solos sung by **John Jenkins** were particularly fine. Mr. Jenkins possesses a rich bass voice, that it is a real pleasure to listen to. The evening services were conducted by **Rev. C.M. Stanley**, at which time an infant and an adult were baptised [*sic – baptized*]. A beautiful communion service has been provided for the church through the instrumentality of John James, **W. Kennedy** and others, who are also active in their endeavors to have a suitable church building erected this summer. An Episcopal Sunday school was organized last Sunday by the election of John James, superintendent; Miss **Mamie Parent**, assistant superintendent; John Jenkins, secretary, and **George Yelland**, treasurer.

The impressive services at **St. Joseph's church** were conducted by **Father Keul** and **Father Chebul**, of **Ontonagon**. There was [*sic – were*] full choral services, the interior of the edifice and the altar were beautifully decorated with flowers and evergreens, and the attendance of worshippers and Easter rejoicers was remarkably large at every service. Father Chebul left this city Monday for France.

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Built at a cost of \$4,000 in 1889-1890, the newly-constructed Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, located at 221 West B Street, on the southeast corner of West B Street and Prospect Avenue in Iron Mountain, held its first service on Easter Sunday, April 6, 1890. This photograph dates between 1890 and 1900. This church burned on December 21, 1950. [Menominee Range Historical Museum]

HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 221 WEST B STREET, IRON MOUNTAIN

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1931–1937**

**Rev. George C. Weiser
1937–1945**

**Rev. Cannon J. William Robertson
December 15, 1945 – October 1, 1978**

**Rev. Charles E. Piper
February 11, 1979 – December 31, 2010**

Although the first church building was not erected until 1890, Episcopal services were held in the Brown Street School in Iron Mountain as early as 1884. The Rev. E.J. Eichbaum, of Saint Stephen's Church, Escanaba, was the missionary in charge.

An item in "Iron Mountain Melange" in the March 7, 1885 edition of Norway's *The Current* noted: Over \$60 were subscribed last Sunday night at the Episcopal church toward buying an organ."

On April 9, 1887, the drama "Joseph and his Brethren" was presented at the Norway Opera House by the ladies and gentlemen of the Iron Mountain Episcopal Church. The article in *The Current* noted: "The costuming is said to be elegant and the acting far above the generality of amateur performances." The Iron Mountain Cornet Band accompanied the dramatic troupe to Norway on a special railroad car and played on the city's streets.

On Sunday morning, November 20, 1887, Rev. W. Macauley Tooke, of Iron Mountain, held Episcopal services at the Norway Opera House. A large congregation attended, and the possibility of establishing an Episcopal Society in Norway was a possibility.

On Easter Sunday, April 21, 1889, fifteen Iron Mountain Episcopalians were in attendance at early communion. John James preached the morning sermon, assisted by Edward Hawtrey. Bass solos were sung by John Jenkins. The evening services were conducted by Rev. C.M. Stanley.

A beautiful communion service was given to the church through the efforts of John James, W. Kennedy and others, who were also active in having a suitable church building erected that summer. An Episcopal Sunday school was organized with John James elected as superintendent; Miss Mamie Parent, assistant superintendent; John Jenkins, secretary; and George Yelland, treasurer.

The ladies of Iron Mountain's Episcopal Church held a Shadow Social on Tuesday, April 30, 1889, in Baptist Hall, celebrating the Centennial Celebration of the Episcopal Church. Admission was ten cents and supper was available for a quarter.

In the May 2, 1889 edition of Iron Mountain's *The Menominee Range*, the affair was described as follows:

"W.C. Kennedy, the president of the evening, first introduced Dr. J.M. Mead, who gave one of his popular addresses.

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This was followed by the novel feature of the evening – the shadow sale. The young ladies retired behind a screen, and after disguising themselves as much as possible their shadows were thrown upon the screen and the young ladies were knocked down to the highest bidder by the auctioneer, Mr. Kennedy. We use this term in the technical sense. We would not have our readers understand for the world that Mr. Kennedy could possibly do such a cruel thing as to literally knock a young lady down. The purchaser had the privilege of taking his prize to supper. A delicate feast had been prepared by the shadows, but was a feast of the most delicious substance. After supper Misses Hawley and Wicks sang a duet, Miss Becky Flaherty a solo, and Miss McLelland gave one of her well rendered recitations. A gentleman whose name we failed to learn also entertained the audience with a reading. A prize ring cake was also one of the features of the evening and Miss Etta Minnis is now the fortunate possessor of the ring. The affair was not only a very pleasing one to those who attended but netted the church a handsome return."

A brief item in the May 2, 1889 edition of *The Menominee Range* stated: "The Episcopal society will commence the erection of a church on their lots near Seibert's and McClintock's residences next week."

In the October 3, 1889 edition of *The Menominee Range* the following article announced construction was to begin:

"Work will be begun at once on the new Episcopal church, corner of B street and Prospect avenue, which is to be 30 by 66 feet, and will be one of the handsomest church edifices in the city. This leaves only the Baptist society unprovided with a church building, and we understand they will build next summer."

In the December 12, 1889 edition of *The Menominee Range*, the announcement of the contract for the construction of the church was published as follows:

"The contract to build the Episcopal church has been let to Andrew Berg, who is to have it ready for service during the Easter season. The building is to be 30 by 60 with 14 foot studding, and is to be built in Gothic style and finished inside with Norway pine with oil finish. There is to be no plaster on the interior of the building. From the floor to the apex of the roof the space will be 21½ feet, and with beams, rafters and panels highly finished, the interior, seen in the softened light from stained glass windows, will be most beautiful. The building of this church has been the pet project of Supt. Kennedy ever since he came to this city, and his efforts, enthusiastically seconded by John James and other earnest church members, not excepting the ladies who have worked faithfully toward this object, has made this final step toward its consummation possible. When Episcopal services were first held in this city, in the Brown street school house, there were, we believe, six persons present. With such a small beginning the building of a beautiful and costly church edifice within the space of three years must have seemed like a stupendous undertaking. Probably it was not dreamed of at that time, but that only serves to show more strikingly what patient and persistent endeavor will accomplish."

Built at a total cost of \$4,800 by funds raised through the efforts of John James, of James & Croll, the Chapin Mining Company, and C.W. Kennedy, of the Millie Mining Company, the first service in the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church was held on Easter Sunday, April 6, 1890. The Rev. W. Ball Wright, rector of Grace Church, Menominee, was the visiting missionary in charge. John James and Dunbar Scott were lay readers, Harry DeVere was a church warden and George Buzzo was the organist.

Among those who were members of Holy Trinity Church when it was organized in 1890 were C.C. Cargil, John W. Davies,

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Thomas Flaherty, Charles Frickelton, Edward Hawtry, John James, A.P. King, Albert McDonnell, Samuel Merritt, William Mitchell, William Oliver, Mrs. Ellah Parent, Herbert Quick, James Scott, Richard Tucker and William W. Welch.

The first baptisms in the church were celebrated on October 5, 1890, when Robert Edward Nankivell, Frederick Charles Southcombe and James Merritt were accepted into membership.

The first confirmations recorded were administered by the Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Davies, Bishop of Michigan, in July, 1890. George Buzzo, Mrs. John James and Christopher Lane were in the class.

The first marriage recorded in the register was that of Peter Strongman and Annie Thomas, solemnized on September 20, 1890. The first marriage in the church was celebrated on February 25, 1892, when Jennie Hussen was wedded to Henry Sampson.

The first burial was that of Dr. J.M. Mead on August 31, 1890.

In August, 1894, a new porch for the west entrance of the church was given by Mrs. Charlotte G. Breitung.

The Women's Guild of the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church held Martha Washington's Daughters' Colonial Vaudeville at Rundle's Opera House on September 22, 1910. "One hundred and twenty-five talented dames of Iron Mountain in attractive colonial costumes" as well as "a chorus of one hundred dames, assisted by the best soloists to sing the old plantation melodies and catchy tunes from the popular operas" were the featured entertainment.

A pipe organ was installed and used for the first time on October 16, 1913.

On Wednesday morning, December 8, 1920, the Rev. Robert F. McDowell was ordained to the priesthood at the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. Rev. McDowell came to Iron Mountain in October, 1918, as a lay reader. He was ordained deacon in

1919. With his ordination he became rector of the local parish, empowered to celebrate Holy Communion, pronounce absolution and give the blessing. Since his arrival in Iron Mountain, the membership had doubled and the contributions increased considerably. Two missions under his supervision at Vulcan and Norway were also progressing.

The rectory, built to the east of the church shortly after the church itself was constructed, was destroyed by fire in 1923, and was replaced a year later with a new structure.

In 1924, as an Aided Parish, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church was incorporated under the laws of the State of Michigan as a non-profit corporation. Members of the vestry signing the Articles of Association were George H. Boyce, Leslie Coffin, Thomas W. Gander, Fred S. Harmon, Joseph Hicks, John Maynard, George C. Newton, Frederick J. Oliver, Simon J. Shada, Arthur W. Thompson, Samuel Trethewey and Charles D. Symonds.

From the time of its organization in 1890 until 1947, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church was classified as either a mission or an aided parish, receiving some financial aid from the Diocese, usually in the form of a portion of the clergyman's salary. By 1948, the congregation had grown to the point where it was able to pay the minimum salary scale set by the Diocese, and in that year, full parish status was achieved.

A fire, discovered in the church at 11:15 a.m. on Thursday, December 21, 1950, by the Rev. J. William Robertson, the rector, caused approximately \$50,000 damage before it was brought under control shortly before 1 p.m.

Shortly before noon, when it appeared that the fire was out of control, scores of spectators — including women — volunteered to enter the basement to carry out tables, chairs, drapes and other furnishings. The piano was taken out shortly before 12:10 p.m., when it was

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reported by Chief M.J. Scolatti, who directed his men in fighting the fire, that everything movable had been saved.

A short time later the fire chief entered the building wearing a gas mask, and, directed by H.K. Wilson, lay reader of the church, removed and carried to safety the sacraments, Bible and other altar furnishings.

The baptismal font, the chest containing altar linens and other smaller items of equipment were likewise saved.

Furniture removed from the ruined church, including the pews, were taken by truck to Russell Kesler's garage, for storage in the showroom.

Further inspection of the ruins the day after the fire revealed that the costly organ in the church was wrecked – much of it a molten mass – by heat and water. Most of the flames were confined to the walls, and damage to the interior consisted largely of heat and water. This damage was so extensive that the building was considered a total loss.

Arrangements were made to conduct Christmas services at the Kingsford City Hall auditorium at 10:45 a.m. and 11:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 24. An altar and appointments with other equipment salvaged from the fire were moved to the auditorium on Saturday. Both the Sunday school and church altars were salvaged, although the latter was damaged by heat and water.

Shortly after the fire, the basement quarters of the church, comprising the Guild Hall, kitchen and accessory facilities, were renovated and used for the Sunday School classes, weekday services, early Sunday services and meetings. The late Sunday morning service was held in the Mount Olive Lutheran Church.

Later, the main floor of the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church was partially restored and made suitable for temporary use.

At first the plan was to completely renovate the old structure and then begin

building a new structure around it, completing a unit at a time as money became available.

It was finally decided, however, that the old frame structure, then 60 years old, would still offer a considerable fire hazard, no matter how much work was done on it, and that renovation and rebuilding would require increasingly large amounts of money over the years.

On Monday, August 13, 1951, parishioners voted to build a new church on the site of the old church with a decisive vote of 73 to 11.

Plans were to offer the damaged church building to salvage dealers to raze and remove the structure to make room for the new building. Some accessories which were not too critically damaged by the fire, particularly the memorial windows, were to be retained for use in the new church.

At this time, Menominee Architect Harry W. Gjelsteen prepared tentative plans for the new church with seating for 200 people, including 170 in the nave and 25 to 30 in the choir. A revised plan by Gjelsteen was noted in the June 3, 1952 edition of *The Iron Mountain News*, when bids were also solicited to be opened June 25.

The estimated cost of the new church was between \$85,000 and \$90,000. Approximately \$50,000 in cash and pledges was on hand, and a campaign to raise \$25,000 or more to meet the cost of the building was already underway.

The new building was to be constructed of cement blocks with Lannon stone facing. The ground floor included a properly-proportioned chancel; a nave, seating about 160; sacristy, choir room and parish office. The basement included a large parish hall, church school chapel – arranged so it could be used for meetings of small groups – kitchen, boiler room, storage space and two restrooms.

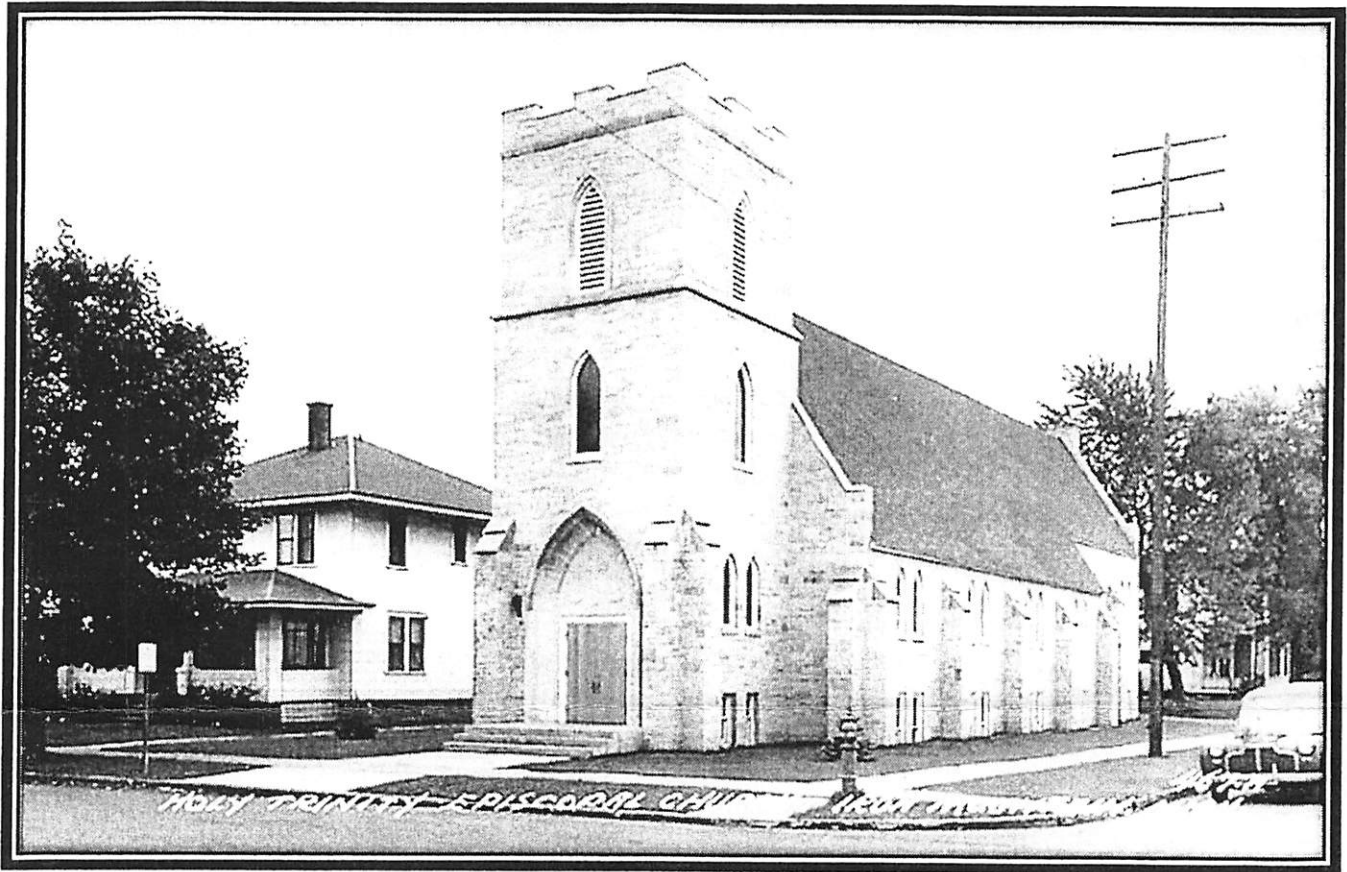
The large parish hall would seat nearly 200, being ample for all parish functions. Through the use of folding partitions, the

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hall would be divided into several classrooms.

The low bids totaling \$91,118 were awarded to Novara Brothers, Iron Mountain,

general construction work, \$77,166; Miller Plumbing, plumbing and heating, \$9,590; and V. & M. Electrical Company, Menominee, wiring and fixtures, \$4,362.



The cornerstone of the current Holy Trinity Episcopal Church which replaced the original wooden church which burned December 21, 1950, was laid November 2, 1952. On Trinity Sunday, May 31, 1953, the church was dedicated. The first service held in the new church was on Maundy Thursday, April 2, 1953. This unused postcard view dates between 1953 and 1960. [William J. Cummings]

The cornerstone was laid by the Rt. Rev. Herman R. Page, D.D., Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Michigan, on November 2, 1952. He was assisted by the Rev. Joseph Dickson, rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Escanaba; the Rev. John Alford, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Marquette; and the Rev. J. William Robertson, rector of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

A sealed box containing religious documents, duplicate church records and other material, was placed in the cornerstone during the ceremony. S.E.

Bracegirdle, senior warden of Holy Trinity, placed a wooden cross in the sealed box; Ernest Horngren, lay reader, the *Book of Common Prayer*, Miss Gladys James, the record of the founders.

Also placed in the box were a copy of *The Iron Mountain News*, for Saturday, November 1; a list of Holy Trinity vestrymen and members of the building committee; a copy of "The Living Church," a weekly publication of the Episcopal church, and other documents.

The cornerstone was inscribed simply "Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, A.D., 1952."

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During the construction of the new church, services were held in the Seventh Day Adventist Church on the northwest corner of West C Street and Carpenter Avenue.

On Trinity Sunday, May 31, 1953, the new Holy Trinity Church was dedicated by the Rt. Rev. Herman R. Page, D.D., Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Michigan, assisted by the Rev. Canon J. William Robertson, rector, the Rev. James G. Ward, former rector, of Escanaba, and the Very Rev. William Burrett.

The ceremony was opened with the congregation facing the door, on which the officiant knocked three times while saying "Open me the gates of righteousness, that I may go into them, and give thanks unto the Lord." The clergy entered while Psalm 122 was said responsively.

While the congregation knelt the officiant and other ministers proceeded along the aisle to the chancel, saying the Litany for the Church, with the congregation joining in the responses.

Special gifts, acknowledged during the ceremony, were the nave lights and aisle carpet, given by St. Elizabeth Guild; the kitchen furnishings, Holy Trinity Guild; \$1,000 in contributed labor by members of the Men's Club, and the chancel arch, Mr. and Mrs. William Kell.

Memorials recognized were the altar and dossal and the dossal cornice, in memory of Margaret and William A. Robertson; hanging cross, Marie Milliman; altar rail, Jane Goldsworthy; credence table, Victor Engblom; hymn board, the Henderson family; hymn board, Keith Andrews; and the church tower, Frank J. Russell.

Memorials transferred to the new church were the processional cross, in memory of Selina Seal; the Lectern Bible, Amelia James; chancel prayer book, Luis Yuhasey; silver cruets, Robert Johnson; the altar candelabra, Raymond and George Juth; the alms basins, Frank Stickney Goodrich,

Victor and Elizabeth Anderson and Ella Bradford Parent; the pew prayer books, Elizabeth Flatt; the pew hymnals, Alice and Henry Plow; the tower windows, Amelia James, John James and Welcome Hyde, and the church school cross and candlesticks and the red pulpit and Lectern hangings, Robert Johnson and Cecelia Horngren.

Following the service, supper was served in the parish hall.

The first service in the newly constructed church was held on Maundy Thursday, April 2, 1953.

The worship area is divided into three areas on the main level of the building. Besides the nave, which boasts a brick interior and steep, antique wooden ceiling, there is a choir area and sanctuary. The main level also features a choir room and pastor's office. In the basement there is a large fellowship hall, kitchen, nursery and chapel. There is a storage area upstairs.

On Easter Sunday, April 6, 1980, when Holy Trinity Episcopal Church celebrated its 90th Anniversary, there were some 170 households, 391 baptized persons and 169 communicants in good standing. A number of the families traced their roots to the first generation of church members, several families having four generations still active in the church.

In 1989 Holy Trinity Church joined St. Stephen's Church in an innovative plan to provide clergy leadership to Grace Church in Menominee.

In 1995 the rector moved to his own residence, the former rectory becoming an income-producing property.

A major renovation of the St. Nicholas Chapel was completed in 2006, and the Elevator Addition was completed in 2007.

On Sunday, October 18, 2015, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church celebrated its 125th Anniversary with a special Eucharistic service at 9 a.m. Bishop Rayford Ray, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Michigan, was the celebrant.

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[Compiled and Transcribed by William J. Cummings]

The people are on the lookout for Bruin, as he has been of late making very earnest demonstrations of war upon their pig pens.

The new road has up to date seven and one-half miles of rail.

Interesting news being scarce, we will close. Yours, & c.,

RACKETTY.

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Our Correspondence from the Menominee Range Railway.

SEC. 42, June 5, 1877.

MR. EDITOR. – Everything in our surroundings seems of late to have put on a lively appearance. Railroading business is in full bloom, and **Messrs. Wells & Co.**, are now running three construction trains on the new line. Our little village of **Powers** is beginning to look up rapidly, and if we understand correctly, a **post office** will soon be established here; this latter-named institution will be a great convenience, as there is considerable amount of mail for this place, daily. Our nearest post office is at **Spaulding Station**, distant one mile. The petition to the department calls for Miss **Carrie Brooks**, as **post mistress**. The **new tank** just completed, and which is intended to supply both lines, is an ornament to the road. **Morris H. Kelly, Esq.**, late of Escanaba, presides behind the counter at the fine **store of Wells & Co.** Mr. **Cheney**, the general manager of the **Breen mine**, made us a call a few days since; he reports business very brisk at the Breen. We have been favored with a light fall of rain of late, but not quite enough to satisfy our appetite for moisture. **Michael**

O'Connell, the man who was injured up the line some two weeks since, has returned, and is mending rapidly. **Asa Dodge**, the old pioneer boot and shoe builder, of Escanaba, is in our village, and has his hands busily employed.

Truly yours,

RACKETTY.

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Our Correspondence from the Menominee Range Railway.

SEC. 42, June 13, 1877.

MR. EDITOR. – Circumstances will not permit us to write up much of the doings in this locality the present week. With a cold in our cranium, and corns on our gunboats, we are severely distressed.

It has been raining almost incessantly since our last writing, and calked boots are getting quite numerous here. The **saw mill at Spaulding** is in full blast, and Mr. **Murphy**, the superintendent of said milling business, has caused a **new side track** to be built from the main track to the mill, which will greatly improve their facilities for getting their lumber to the main track, as it has heretofore been conveyed on wagons, a distance of nearly one-fourth mile.

The work on the new road is progressing finely, and we understand that more iron will be laid immediately. Fresh hands for the new road are arriving daily, and the force of **Wells & Co.**, now exceeds 600 men. On Tuesday of this week, a man named **Richard Jones** had his **foot crushed** in a serious manner by the violent slacking of one of the construction trains.

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We would suggest that the engineer fraternity be a little cautious in the future.

Peter Reegan [Reagan – ?], a man in the employ of **Wells & Co.**, had his leg broke by the caving of a bank.

Yours truly, RACKETTY.

P.S. Since writing the above, I have received intelligence that a man named **Dennis McCarthy** working on the upper end of the road, was killed on the 14th by the caving of a bank on the work.

R.

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Mining and Furnace News.

The **Menominee Herald** gives the production of the furnace at that point, for last week, as 243 tons.

The **Smith mine** commenced operations again last week and are [sic – is] now shipping ore. This is gratifying intelligence after a rest of several years.

The **Spurr iron mine** is looking remarkable well and they are landing about 150 tons of ore a day. We shall look for a good record from this mine at the close of the season.

The **Fayette furnace** during the week ending June 9th, turned out 149 1/2 tons of pig iron. The week before, 13 tons. Now that it has fairly got to work, we will expect to soon record big yields again.

At the **Breitung iron mine**, 12 miles west of the **Breen**, work is progressing lively. **Capt. Whitehead** has stripped nearly 100 feet in length along the vein, and has commenced the building of docks, &c. He expects to have everything ready to commence shipping by the time the track reaches him.

The **Breen Iron mine**, 34 miles west of Escanaba, has been pushing operations for the last few weeks, and have [sic – has] now got everything ready to ship several train loads of ore each day, if required, as soon as the railroad is completed to that point. Their pocket dock is finished and filled, and an immense face of ore is uncovered along the main vein, sufficient to meet all demands upon them for the present.

THE COMMONWEALTH. – **H.A. Tuttle**, Esq., President of the above Company[,] came down from the mine a few days since. He reports everything progressing satisfactorily there. The vein has been stripped for a distance of 125 feet in length and 30 feet in width and shows well the entire distance. **Mr. Wright** spent some three or four days on the location and appeared to be well pleased with the appearance of the ore. **Capt. Tobin** has been to Lake Superior for his family and to secure another horse and cart to assist in his work. –*Menominee Herald*.

For the following items we are indebted to the *Negaunee Iron Herald*:

The **Smith mine** will ship a 1,000 ton cargo of ore from Escanaba this week, which indicates that business is assuming considerable activity about the mine, work having been commenced thereon Friday last.

On Saturday last five hundred and seventy cars of ore, averaging seven tons each, were dispatched by the **C. & N.W. Company** from the mines to Escanaba. This is the largest number forwarded by the company in a single day since 1873.

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Our Correspondence from the Menominee Range Railway.

SEC. 42, July 5, 1877.

After a lapse of two weeks we proceed to enlighten you with the news of the week. On Friday last, **Joseph Goetz**, a laborer in the employ of **Wells & Co.**, was somewhat injured by the falling of a bank on the new road; he was taken to camp No. 1, and **Dr. Fortier**, of Menominee, was summoned, who pronounced the man out of danger. Goetz was sent to his home near Green Bay, the following Sunday. The iron is laid within a short distance of the **Breen mine**, on the new line.

Sheriff Ruprecht, of Menominee county, was in this place a few days since hunting illicit liquor dealers; they say that Joe had fifty dollars for the person that would point out the guilty parties, but it appears that his labors were not crowned with success.

The glorious 4th passed by us with nothing in the way of excitement except some six or half dozen exhibitions of fistic exercise, after which the wounded were, with few exceptions, carried off the field dead – i.e. dead drunk – and, indeed, your humble correspondent, Racketty, had instruments of various makes (principally Old Rye seven shooters), placed in unpleasant proximity to his smeller, but as he has long since shook the gang, he of course retreated in good order.

One of the enthusiastic citizens succeeded in getting away with a pint of kerosene oil, property of Mr. **Duncan McMillan**; we would propose that he now proceed to light himself.

As our time is short, and confusion great, we will proceed to stop.

Yours, &c.

RACKETTY.

Escanaba Tribune, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume VIII, Number 32 [Saturday, July 14, 1877], page 2, column 3

Our Correspondence from the Menominee Range Railway.

SEC. 42, July 12, 1877.

MR. EDITOR. – The glorious **Fourth** has come and gone, the jug has been buried, and once more peace and quietude reign supreme in 42. You may think the above expression wholly uncalled for, but had you been at this place on the Fourth, you would have remarked without hesitation, “Why is this thus?” Last Wednesday, that glorious one hundred and first anniversary of our national independence, when every loyal citizen of this enlightened country should have been offering a tribute of respect to the star spangled banner, the boys at 42 were whooping it up lively. The day was occupied in the usual manner, and in the evening a fair display of fire works [*sic – fireworks*], together with the firing of an anvil [*sic*], and a genuine dynamite explosion, after which the people were addressed by Mr. **J. Hoose**, of this place, who made some very appropriate remarks. He was followed by **Hon. Garry Forrest**, who hails from the south of Ireland, and is recruiting [*sic – recuperating*] his health in this place.

The **postoffice** [*sic – post office*] at **Powers** of which we made mention in a previous number, has been decided on, and Miss **Carrie Roberts** of this place has been appointed post mistress, with the necessary bonds signed and approved; this will be a great convenience to the citizens of this place.

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Two gentlemen from **Negaunee**, [sic] were in this village last week, who stated their intention of building a **drug store** at the **Breen mine**.

John Skogel, an employee with **Wells & Co.**, was run over by one of the construction trains, and almost instantly **killed**, on Tuesday of this week. It appears that Skogel attempted to jump off the cars, while in motion, and struck against some obstruction, which threw him under the train. The deceased is of Swedish origin, and has a brother lying ill at Menominee.

The **Breen mine** can now be reached by rail from this place.

Yours, & c.
RACKETTY.

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Our Correspondence from the Menominee Range Railway.

POWERS, MICH. July 19, 1877.

MR. EDITOR. – The present week being **pay week** on the road has been one of unusual excitement in this place. The latest excitement is a **stabbing affray** between two natives of **Poland**, the same taking place at **camp 4** on the new road. One of the parties received a severe knife cut on the right side, almost directly under the armpit; he was sent to camp and his wound dressed, and is now in fair shape to recover. The perpetrator of this foul deed has since escaped. The name of the injured man is **Joe Blitskie**, and it is said the deed was done without provocation on his part. Work on the new road is still rushing. Our new **postoffice** [sic – *post office*] is doing a fair business under the

supervision of **postmistress Brooks**. And now we are beginning to feel like a business community.

Yours, &c.
RACKETTY.

Escanaba Tribune, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume VIII, Number 36 [Saturday, August 11, 1877], page 2, columns 2-3

Our Correspondence from the Menominee Range Railway.

POWERS, MICH. Aug. 7, 1877.

We have of late been taking a short holiday in the **iron district**, and although we do not feel exactly competent to give a fair description of what we beheld on our tramps, still we will endeavor to do justice to the country surrounding us. Your correspondent started on the 6 A.M. construction train and arrived at the **Breen mines** [sic] [,] a distance of about 13 miles, at 7 o'clock and thence on foot to headquarters of **C. Lipe & Co.**, about 6 miles further up the grade.

We did not tarry long here, learning that there was a heap of **brook trout** to be had for the catching, in **Pine Creek**, we went and did considerable fishing, but no catching before sunset. As we, like veteran sportsmen, took no grub along, we dined on **woodchuck** and **wild pigeon**, and after a night of warfare with gnats and mosquitos, retraced our steps to the **Breitung**. This mine is located in a beautiful spot, and from what we saw of it, appeared to be doing a smashing business.

After leaving the mine, we proceeded to take in **Lake Hamburg** [sic – *Lake Hanbury*], situated about one quarter of a mile from the mine. This little lake is a marvel of beauty, being about one mile long

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and one-half mile wide, having no visible outlet. It is perfectly alive with large **bass** and **pickerel**, which can be seen at a depth of 30 feet, in its transparent waters. On the opposite shore from the mine and railroad grade, are huge boulders of rock which rise some 40 to 50 feet above the level of the water; these rocks are seemingly one compact mass, but are of various colors. On a close examination of this country, we observed a quarry, or bed, of splendid **American marble**, and another of **variegated slate**, either of which would pay some enterprising man to examine.

The work of the railroad is still on the move, and without doubt but little time will be taken to complete the same. The bridge over the **Sturgeon river**, is seemingly a grand affair, and we opine that it will eclipse anything of the kind, on the **C. & N.W. R'y**, between Marquette and Chicago.

On Saturday of last week a man named **Larson** was run over by one of the construction trains, and had his knees badly crushed. The accident was caused by the man's carelessness in jumping from the train while under motion. We report weather in this part, very fine.

RACKETTY.

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We take the following from the *Menominee Herald*:

The **Menominee Mining Company** has taken a lease of the forty acres adjoining the **Breen mine** on the east, and has decided to commence explorations upon it immediately. The property belongs to **Judge Ingalls** and the **Breen Brothers**, and undoubtedly contains the same formation and mineral deposits which are found on the Breen Mine.

The **Menominee Mining Co.**, [sic] is very anxious to get an ore train out from the **Breen Mine**, and preparations are being made to effect this as soon as possible, certainly before the close of next week.

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The probability now is, [sic] that the **Menominee Range Railroad** will be extended twenty miles further west. The deposits of iron seem to be full as good on the other side of the **Menominee river**, as on this, and in the case of the **Commonwealth mine**, it is supposed to be better.

It is proposed to call the new paper to be started at **Quinnesec**, "**The Iron Center**." That name will be very appropriate, as the town will be about in the center of the iron ranges, on both sides of the river. Should everything prove as favorable as is anticipated on the range, **Quinnesec** must from its proximity to the magnificent water powers close by, make in the future a manufacturing town of importance. The diversified natural resources in the vicinity will induce the establishment of manufactories other than iron.

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Breen Mine Ore.

The first train of iron ore from the **Breen mine** on the **Menominee Range**, [sic] arrived here Aug. 17th, since then one

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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.

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The Last Before Lent.

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.

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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; 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, George Wright, Will Keating, Dr. O.M. Sattre, George Roche, Thos. O'Callaghan and Geo. O'Callaghan.

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Ramblings.

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

Fred Flatt is now on the reportorial 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.

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PERSONAL POINTERS.

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. [NOTE: Spear has built a new house in Ironwood and is coming to Norway to get a wife.]

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.

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Mrs. McGillan, nee **Friederichs**, of **Metropolitan**, is visiting in this city this week.

Mrs. O.H. Chamberlain returned with her husband from Grand Traverse last Thursday.

Meyer Kramer returned to **Iron Mountain** from Chicago yesterday, and left his wife there.

Mr. Omar Spencer has arrived here from Chicago to work in the **Journal** office. We wish him luck.

Mrs. Zack Scott went yesterday as far as **Stephenson** with her father, who was returning to his home in Wisconsin.

Mrs. Joe Pascoe has almost entirely recovered from the effects of the spill she had out of her buggy on Sunday [of last] week.

Billy Sims, the night watch, is hustling around in great shape, and if there is a civic prize around anywhere he means to get it.

Fred Flatt left for Chicago yesterday, where he has accepted a position with a mercantile firm. His family will follow in a few days.

Miss Emma Hook has left this city permanently for her home in Illinois. Rumor has it that she is soon to be the mistress of a new home.

Miss Rose Hubbard, who has spent the past winter with her uncle, **E.E. Brewster**, returned to her home in Toledo, Ohio, Tuesday evening last.

Felix Laurent, formerly of **Iron Mountain**, and now street commissioner of **Florence**, was in the city visiting friends at the beginning of the week.

E.A. Woodward, a young attorney, of **Adrian, Mich.**, was the guest of **C.T. Crandall**, on Wednesday. He will locate at **Iron Mountain**. A pleasant call is acknowledged. – Drill [The Diamond Drill, Crystal Falls, Mich.]

Albert Larson, formerly one of the proprietors of the **Iron Mountain Journal**

but now an honored judge of the police court in **Menominee** and a merchant prince, was in this city last Sunday.

John Bigelow, ex-champion wrestler (Cornish style) of the state of Michigan, was in **Iron Mountain** an [sic - on] Friday, visiting friends he had not seen for a long time. His home is now in **Florence**.

J.J. Eskil, of **Florence**, is building a photograph gallery in **Iron River**, and will run it in connection with his **Florence** establishment. **Olof Hanson** is to have charge of the new branch establishment.

Jim Moriarity says that the water near **Badwater lake** is alive with small perch, and that therefore the prospects of good fishing are splendid. Jim is a fisherman and knows whereof he chooses to talk.

Ed. Ridgely, who has been cooking within this circuit, is highly indignant because he was charged before **Judge Grant**, at **Menominee**, with being insane, and therefore incapable of being a proper witness.

Fitzgibbon, late of the **Negaunee Advocate**, is now handling seeds, and appears to be doing a good deal of business in and around **Iron Mountain**, judging by the hustle of his bustle or the bustle of his hustle.

Johnny Rundle has been "all around," as he expresses it, but has not yet fixed upon a permanent camping ground. He has heard of something, however, up at **West Superior**, and thither he went on Monday.

Loel [sic - Noel] Laurent, of **Holmes siding**, was in town on Monday arranging for extra help, as he has just entered a new contract for taking cedar, etc., out of the woods for an important lumbering firm, **Armstrong & Kingsford**, of **Iron Mountain**.

City Clerk Frank Crocker is now rejoicing the hearts of his many friends by being seen around on the streets again. It

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is quite evident, however, that his recent illness gave him a pretty severe shaking, as he looks thin and careworn.

Dave Reiche left **Iron Mountain** on Monday for **Green Bay**, which latter gains a thorough good fellow at the expense of this city. As **Dave**, however, means to better himself, **Iron Mountain** has no business to particularly object to his departure.

Mr. Tom Montaigne, of **Marinette**, arrived in **Iron Mountain** on Tuesday, to visit **Charley Parent** and a number of other old friends. And, oh, what yarns they swapped! **THE RANGE** has some of them all right. **Mr. Montaigne** left yesterday for **Florence**, in the vicinity of which he has important pine land interests.

John L. Buell was in the city last Sunday, and while here showed us some of his gold and silver bearing rock, taken from his find at the "Horse Race" mine on the **Menominee**, a few miles from **Iron Mountain**. The rock is rich in the precious metals and we trust that the energetic "prospector" will find "millions in it." He deserves success. –**Menominee Herald**.

James Reynolds is now engaged in building a nice residence for **Ed. Harvey** on **A street**. It will be 23x29 feet veneered brick, substantial, and handsome. The last building **Mr. Reynolds** built was the office at the **Millie mine**, which was 24x20 feet. **James** has been doing quite a large building trade, has been doing it excellently, and, we presume, has the car of fortune now on the way to fame.

On Tuesday forenoon **Pat McKenna**, of **Quinnesec**, bade good bye to this part of the world, and took the train on the **M. & N. road** for **Chicago**. He has tried **Alaska** for fortune, he has tried **Quinnesec** and **Iron Mountain**, and now he means to make a fresh start in the metropolis of the west, where he will take charge of the liquor store in a new hotel at the corner of **Canal** and **Madison street**.

John E. Collins, the builder and carpenter, has now finished **Pete Carigliotti's** handsome building on **Hughitt street**, and has taken several fresh building contracts. We are indebted to **Mr. Collins** for **Montreal** and **Toronto** papers, which, though they contain nothing that would particularly interest **Iron Mountain**, nevertheless they contain some very interesting reading about the affairs of the world in general.

Joe Bitterly, the popular watchmaker and jeweler of **Iron Mountain**, intends to leave here, with his wife on the first of the month, for **Ottawa, Ill.**, where he will take up the care of an important establishment. **Mr. Snyder** will take charge of **Mr. Bitterly's** old store here, and he hopes that **Mr. Snyder** will have the same support as he himself has had during the time that he was not unfortunately tied up by the heels of sickness.

Jim Dewees, known as one of the most popular book hustlers in the state, has gone back to his old business, and is now engaged in building a boiler house for the **Laing Lumber Company**, at **Holmes siding**, on the **M. & N. road**, twenty miles from **Iron Mountain**. It is to be 52.5 feet long, 26 feet wide, 31 feet or two stories high, including the basement. The building is now about completed, and will contain three large boilers when **Mr. Dewees** has finished it.

John H. Comstock left on Monday last for **Puget Sound**, where he and **Daniel McIntyre**, of **Wausaukee**, have a proposition to buy into a lumber concern at **Victoria**. **Mr. McIntyre** has been there some weeks looking the field over. If they decide to purchase each will take a quarter interest and the present owner will retain the remaining half. **Mr. Comstock** will attend to the selling of lumber, **McIntyre** will look after the woods part of the business, and the

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other partner will operate the mill. –
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A Dancing City – Mohicans and Polka Dots.

Dancing seems to have existed pretty
nearly since the world began, and
apparently the young men and maidens of
Iron Mountain do not intend to allow the
graceful art either to languish or die out. It
has now **two of the most important**
Terpsichorean clubs in the county, and if
the fashion keeps on spreading as it has
been doing lately Iron Mountain will soon
resemble a city of dancing dervishes, male
and female. The other night THE RANGE
representative looked in at the **Mohican**
club, and when he heard the music – now
the tender strains of the waltz, now the
more sprightly movements of the
schottische or quadrille – and saw the floor
of the brilliantly lighted hall swirling with
graceful girls and appropriately handsome
cavaliers, it was almost with something like
a sigh he re-called **R.T.W. Duke's** charming
but regretful lines in a ball-room –

“And in the music's laughing notes

· I seem to hear old voices ring

That have been hushed, oh! many a
spring,

And round me faintly floats

The echo of a melody

I used to hear in Arcady.”

The **Mohican dancing club** seems to be a
very delightful little coterie of young folks
meeting together regularly for purposes of
mutual social enjoyment, and doubtless it
has owed much of its success to the
committee, consisting of **W.B. St. John**,

president; **W.C. Teller**, secretary; **John A. Bruce**, treasurer; **S.H. Shields** and **I. Unger**, the committee on business arrangements. The other important club of the city is the **Polka Dot**, which has an organization of 106 members. These have secured complete possession of **Bordeau's hall**, which they have immensely improved by tearing out the galleries, repainting the whole of the interior, and making the floor just the kind of floor that the good dancer loves. On Monday night the members of the Polka Dot club, gave a **calico ball** – probably, the most successful ball it ever gave, over 150 couples, all appropriately and prettily costumed, being present. Under **Joe Preville's** supervision the walls were beautifully decorated with evergreens, while the roof was made a “joy for ever [*sic* – forever]” by a gigantic star of evergreens measuring 30 feet across. The lady members of the club provided an excellent supper shortly after midnight. The managing [*sic* – managing] committee were **R.T. Luke**, **J. Pyne**, **W. Webber**, **Herb. Smith**, and **J.L. Preville**; the reception committee were -- **S. Cudlip**, **S. Gribble**, **F. Cowling**, and **J. Cudlip**; the floor managers -- **L. Bouchard**, **Tom Carter**, **P. Rogers**, **E.J. Preville**, and **J.O. Rayome**; and the music was supplied by **Noble's excellent orchestra**, which also supplies the music for the Mohicans. Under such auspices, it is no wonder that “everything went merry as a marriage bell.”

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Wonders will Never Cease.

We learn that our most esteemed
citizen, **Jim Kinnifick**, has taken

SOCIETY NOTES AND THE EDITOR'S CORNER

Thursday, May 28, 2015

The DCGS met in the multi-purpose room of the Dickinson County Library on May 28, 2015, at 1 p.m. with President Bill Cummings presiding. There were 16 members and one guest present.

The minutes for the April 23, 2015 meeting were approved as read. Treasurer Miriam Belding reported a balance of \$3,716.82 on April 23, 2015. After deposits and disbursements the ending balance on May 28, 2015, was \$3,717.58.

Members Sue Knutson, Rita Bellmore, Mary Ann Koerschner, Patricia Bunt, Cynthia Fuller and Kay Carlson agreed to meet in the Dickinson County Library's Local History and Genealogy Room to assess the DCGS's collection, do some organizing and cleaning. The DCGS needs to establish a mission statement covering what materials will be gathered for genealogy locally.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Larry Zipp gave a Power Point presentation on "Mackinac Island and Records of St. Anne de Michilmackinac Parish Church." Larry not only traced the different locations of the church prior to being established on Mackinac Island, but he also described events recorded in the church registry between 1695 and 1888.

Kay Carlson, Acting Secretary

Thursday, September 24, 2015

DCGS met at the Local History and Genealogy Room of the Dickinson County Library on September 24, 2015, at 1 p.m. with President Bill Cummings presiding. There were 10 members present.

The minutes for the May 28, 2015, meeting were read by Kay Carlson, secretary pro tem, and were approved as read.

Treasurer Miriam Belding reported a beginning balance on May 28, 2015, of \$3,717.58. After deposits and disbursements, there is a balance as of September 24, 2015 of \$3,341.90.

Vice President Kay Carlson will give a program at our next meeting, October 22, 2015, about the Orphan Trains.

Hats are off to four of our members, Mary Ann Koerschner, Hazel Dault, Kay Carlson, and Cynthia Fuller, for the volunteer work they have done over the summer in our genealogy room. They have organized materials, alphabetized, sorted through, and arranged information, making our collection more useable.

The DCGS needs to formulate a mission statement about what materials will be gathered and maintained for genealogy locally.

Secretary Shirley Nelson is retiring from her duties at the end of her term which is at the end of the year. There is a need for a replacement.

There is a new display at the Cornish Pumping Engine & Mining Museum regarding Iron Mountain Ford Motor Company Plant in Kingsford.

On Tuesday, October 6, 2015, the premier of a new Power Point title "Early Norway and Vulcan Views" at the Norway City Hall Building will be presented by our President Bill.

Meeting adjourned 1:26 p.m.

Members attended "A Thousand Letters Home", a program presented by Teresa Irish, a Michigan author on tour through a grant. She talked of her father, a World War II soldier, who wrote letters to his parents and fiancée about his experiences from November, 1942, to December, 1945. She wove a poignant, historic story of life and loss, hope and perseverance, unwavering faith, and true love.

Shirley Nelson, Secretary

Thursday, October 22, 2015

DCGC met in the Local History and Genealogy Room of the Dickinson County Library on October 22, 2015, at 1 p.m. with President Bill Cummings presiding. There were 10 members present.

The minutes of the September 24, 2015 meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer Miriam Belding reported a beginning balance on September 22, 2015, of \$3,341.90. There were neither deposits nor disbursements and the total for October 22, 2015, remains the same.

President Bill brought up the subject of philosophy or mission statement again. President and secretary positions come up for vote next month. Bill was nominated for another term. So far there is no candidate for secretary.

There is a web site: Dickinson County MIGenWeb Site and another: Iron County MIGenWeb Site. All Michigan counties are to be on the MIGenWeb site but the site is not yet complete. There is a message board for queries.

The meeting adjourned 1:30 p.m.

Kay Carlson spoke about founding asylums in New York City and other big cities in the U.S. and how the orphan children were put on orphan trains and sent west to various states where they were taken into homes. Her grandmother was one of those children. While some of the children had it hard, her grandmother was lucky in that she was chosen by a good German family, farmers in Bagley, Michigan, who eventually adopted her. Her name became Rosa Maurus. In conclusion we watched the PBS movie "The Orphan Train."

Shirley Nelson, Secretary

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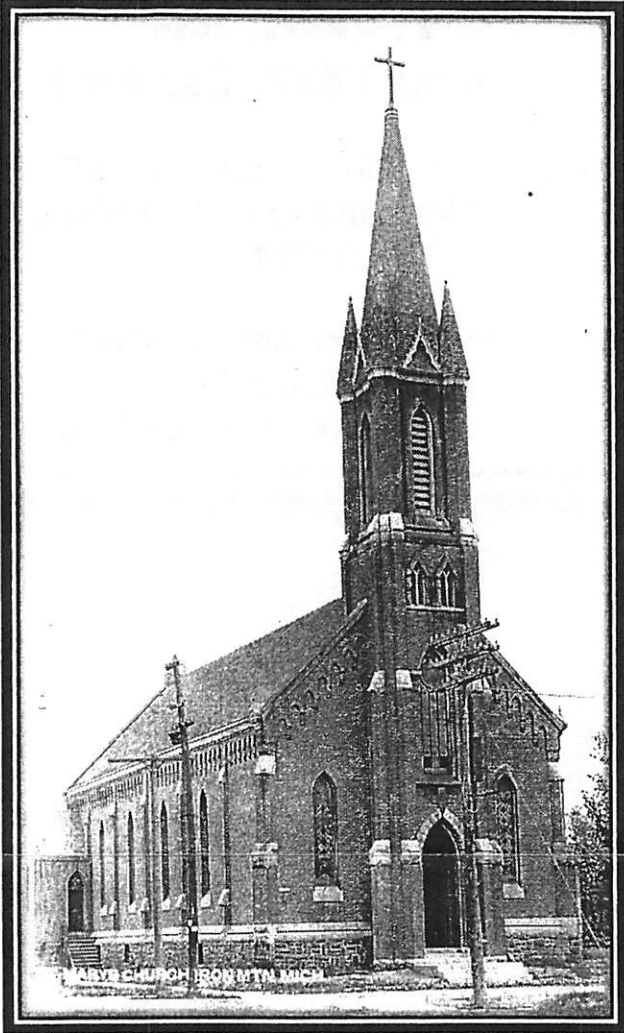
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Following the destruction of the first St. Joseph's Catholic Church by fire on December 6, 1891, the parish divided and St. Mary's Church was established to serve Catholics of Austrian, German and other nationalities. Built in 1893, St. Mary's Catholic Church was located on the northeast corner of West B Street and Kimberly Avenue. *[Menominee Range Historical Museum Photo]*

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, NORTHEAST CORNER OF WEST B STREET
AND KIMBERLY AVENUE, IRON MOUNTAIN



*St. Mary's Catholic Church, northeast corner of
West B Street and Kimberly Avenue,
ca. 1910*

On Sunday, December 6, 1891, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Iron Mountain's first Catholic church, completed in June, 1884, was destroyed by fire.

St. Mary's Catholic Church was erected in 1893. St. Mary's was known as the Austrian and German church during the parish's formative years, as the linguistic ability of the pastors to minister to the Slovenians, German Polish, Slovak, Irish and Hungarian families was considered.

The following account of the development of St. Mary's Catholic Church (bold type added to indicate various priests) is taken from Volume II, pages 341-343 of

Rev. Antoine Ivan Rezek's *History of the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie and Marquette Containing a Full and Accurate Account of the Development of the Catholic Church in Upper Michigan with Portraits of Bishops, Priests and Illustrations of Churches Old and New*, Houghton, Michigan: 1907.

**IRON MOUNTAIN.
CHURCH OF ASSUMPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN.**

"It is doubtful if St. Mary's church would be built had not fire destroyed the old mother church of St. Joseph. The terms of division of property would have been more difficult which problem would have deferred the outgoing of either party. However, the ashes of the church were not cold yet when it was a settled fact that the Irish, German, Austrian and other nationalities would have to build, [sic] the St. Mary's church. **Father Bourion** bought on March 14, 1893, from **William H. Clark** lots 6 and 7 in Block 17, Kimberly's First Addition, for the sum of seven hundred and seventy-five dollars. Plans were adopted and the church well under way when **Rev. F.X. Becker** came to the congregation as first pastor but remained only six months – till the end of August 1893. **Father John Cebul** served the congregation during September of 1893 and **Rev. Joseph P. Kunes** from October 10, 1893 to October 7, 1897. Then came, on October 11th, **Rev. Anthony Hodnik**. His term was brief. Yielding to popular demand, **Bishop Vertin** permitted him to return, December 10, 1897, to his former parish of Bessemer and his successor at that place, **Rev. A.J. Doser**, became his successor at Iron Mountain. He administered the parish one year, and was succeeded on December 18, 1898 by **Rev. N.H. Nosbisch**. Until 1900 the priest lived in a rented home in the rear of the church on W. A. street [West A Street]. Then, a house and lots 9 and 10 of the same block

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, NORTHEAST CORNER OF WEST B STREET
AND KIMBERLY AVENUE, IRON MOUNTAIN**

in which the church is situated were for sale and **Father Nobsch** bought them on the 17th of April for twelve hundred dollars from **Martin J. Hillerman** and his wife. Besides a new foundation and a new roof, speedily given to the new rectory, few changes were necessary. For the societies of the parish the basement under the church was converted into St. Mary's Hall.

"Ever since the birth of Iron Mountain the township cemetery at Quinnesec was held in common by the inhabitants of both towns. This seemed natural enough because most of the early settlers of Iron Mountain had first lived in Quinnesec. In twenty years the population has for the greater part changed, the small mining location of one hundred and fifty people has grown into a city (Incorporated as a city April 2, 1887) of over nine thousand inhabitants and the question was more than once raised, "Why couldn't we have our own cemetery?" Nobody seemed to know, really why, except that a common opinion prevailed that an available location was wanting in the neighborhood of the city. **Father Nobsch**, induced by the disagreeableness of long drives in winter to the cemetery, looked into the matter. He found suitable grounds adjoining the city limits and at once brought the subject to the notice of the mayor, the **Hon. Alfred Cruse**. The matter looked into, no one was more agreeable than the common council and the mayor. Purchase of the site was made on the 9th of June 1901. One-half was deeded to the Bishop of the Catholic diocese of Marquette, for the burial of Catholics and **Bishop Eis** deeded it back to the city of Iron Mountain with the proviso that no one shall be buried there without the permission of the pastor of Catholic Church in Iron Mountain, or the Bishop himself.

"The appointment of **Father Nobsch** to Ironwood terminated his activity. He was succeeded, August 4, 1901, by **Rev. John Kraker**, who, by the way of temporal

improvement in the parish did much for its welfare, but in particular may be mentioned the frescoing of the church, the purchase of the house and lot number 8, which stood between the church [for] the priest's residence. This property was bought on May 29, 1903 from **Sidney Mitchell** and wife for one thousand three hundred dollars.

"The work of the Ironwood parish proved too much for the none-too-robust health of **Fr. Nobsch**. At the Bishop's instant request he returned, November 4, 1904, to the pastorate of St. Mary's.

"St. Mary's parish is a fair sample of different nationalities. There are one hundred and sixty-three families in all; fifty-seven Irish, fifty-two Slovenian, forty German, seven Polish, four Arabian and three Hungarian.

"Besides Quinnesec where Mass is said regularly once a month on Sunday's there is the new mission of Pentoga, Iron Co., with nineteen families. Mass is being said once a month on a week day."

The following article appeared in *The Iron Mountain News*, providing a detailed account of the fire which destroyed St. Mary's Catholic Church on November 11, 1938.

"On Friday evening, November 11, 1938, a fire of undetermined origin destroyed St. Mary's Catholic Church at a loss of between \$60,000 and \$75,000.

"The church was unoccupied at the time that the fire, starting in the southeast corner of the basement, quickly spread. An eight-inch space between the plaster and outer wall of the brick veneer structure provided a flue up which the flames shot with lightning like rapidity and roared through the attic.

"The pastor, the **Rev. Fr. Frank A. Seifert**, was recuperating in Albuquerque, N.M., from a siege of pneumonia and the church was in charge of the **Rev. Fr. Robert Cordy**, assistant and an Iron Mountain young man who was ordained

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into the priesthood at Marquette in June. Fr. Cordy said his first mass in St. Mary's.

"The church rectory was located about 125 feet distant in the same block. Fr. Cordy was not at home when the fire was discovered, but he arrived within a few minutes and, donning a gas mask obtained from the fire department, he entered the church and removed the Blessed Sacrament. Others aided him in saving vestments, candelabra, sacred vessels and other appurtenances of the altar.

"Overhead flames were eating at the ceiling and altar as Fr. Cordy entered and melting wax from the altar candles dripped over his clothing. However, he succeeded in bringing out all of the altar essentials.

"The fire was brought under control about 2:45 a.m., at which time it was "smudging". The entire interior of the church had been eaten out, and only the four bare walls remained.

"Work of razing the bare, scorched walls was then started and by evening had been completed.

"One of the spectacular incidents was the toppling of the steeple, which occurred about 10 o'clock. With a spiral of flames licking about the cone, it fell inward with a resounding crash, taking with it the bell.

"Because of the nature of the fire and the construction of the building itself it was immediately realized there was little hope of saving the church, although in 1930 a fire in the rear was extinguished without substantial damage. Much repair work had been done on the building this summer, including installation of a new roof, but once the flames reached the aperture in the brick veneer there was no checking them.

"No one could ascribe a definite cause for the fire. **Mike Scolatti**, fire chief who was on duty throughout the night, said he was certain electrical wiring was not responsible as when the department arrived lights were still burning in the church. In

addition, the heating plant was in the rear, whereas the fire started at the front.

"Within recent weeks attempts have been made to rob the offering boxes in the church and one theory was that a prowler in an effort to find a key for the boxes may have dropped a match, or even a cigaret [*sic - cigarette*].

"The damage at St. Mary's was partly covered by \$25,000 in locally issued insurance policies on the building itself, but not the fixtures.

"At the time of the fire the congregation was composed of about 400 families."

Following the fire of 1938 a new era for the Catholics of Iron Mountain had its beginning. A duplication of Catholic activities was no longer found necessary due to the ethnic background of members of the two parishes. On September 25 the new assignment was made effective whereby Fr. Pelissier became administrator of both parochial groups.

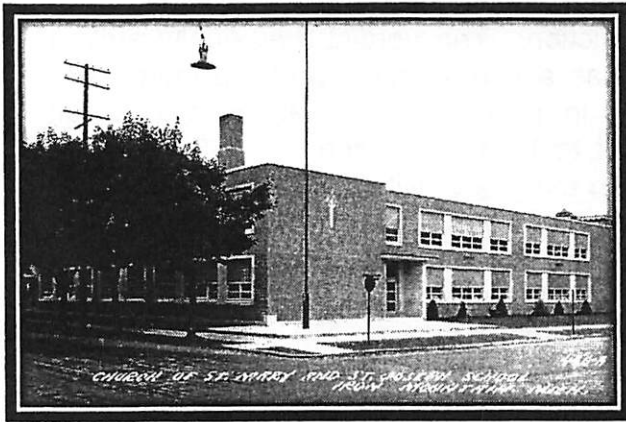
At a meeting of trustees of both parishes held in October, the merger of the two parishes was approved. At that time Bishop J.C. Plagens also approved changing the name of the church to St. Mary and St. Joseph Catholic Church.

On Sunday, January 7, 1940, a ceremony marking the merging of the St. Mary's and St. Joseph's Catholic Churches included a solemn blessing and first ringing of the bell by Most Rev. J.C. Plagens, bishop of the Diocese of Marquette.

The metal in the bell was originally cast for the first St. Joseph's Catholic Church, then in the village of Iron Mountain. After the fire of January 6, 1891 which destroyed that structure, the bell was salvaged and given to the new parish of St. Mary's, where it was used until the fire of November 11, 1938. The bell was salvaged from the ruins of St. Mary's and recast at the foundries of the Menelly Bell Company at Troy, New York, arriving in Iron Mountain on Friday,

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January 6, 1940. The new bell was hung in the north tower on January 8, 1940.



The Church of St. Mary and St. Joseph School was erected on the site of St. Mary's Catholic Church on the northeast corner of West B Street and Kimberly Avenue, opening in 1954. [William J. Cummings Photo]

The Sisters of St. Dominic of Adrian, Michigan, conducted summer vacation school for the children of the parish from 1940 to 1943 when a year-round catechetical school was opened.

Then, after decades of anticipation, the combined efforts of the new parish led to the erection of a parish school. St. Mary and St. Joseph School, located on the site of St. Mary's Catholic Church, opened with six grades in September 1954. The following year saw the addition of a seventh grade and, in 1956, an eighth grade.

The school operated under the St. Mary and St. Joseph Parish until 1970, when it merged with that of Immaculate Conception School to form the Dickinson Area Catholic School. From 1970 to 1989 the Immaculate Conception School housed first through third grades and the older students were taught in the St. Mary and St. Joseph facilities. Since 1989, in order to save money, all classes have been held at the former St. Mary and St. Joseph School.

In the summer of 2009 the school's name was changed to Bishop Baraga Catholic School.

Priests Serving St. Mary's Church

Father Francis Xavier Becker

February 1893 - August 1893

Father John Chebul

September 1893

Father Joseph P. Kunes

October 10, 1893 - October 7, 1897

Father Anthony Hodnik

October 11, 1897 - December 10, 1897

Father Adam J. Doser

1897-1898

Father Nikolas H. Nobsbisch

December 18, 1898 - 1901

Father John Kraker

August 4, 1901 - 1904

Father Nikolas H. Nobsbisch

November 4, 1904 - 1904

Father James Corcoran

(-)

Father John Mockler

(-)

Father Paul N. Fillion

(-)

Father Francis A. Seifert

1937 - August 1939

Father Albert C. Pelissier

1939-1942

Priests Serving St. Mary and St. Joseph Catholic Church

Father Albert C. Pelissier

1939-1966

Father Thomas Lester Bourgeois

1966-1970

Father James Donnelly

1970-1989

Father George Gustafson

1989-1996

Father Daniel S. Zaloga

1996-Present

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possession of **Pete Langis'** hotel and intends to run a **saloon** in the place, at the same time connecting with the **Adams House**, the dwelling of **Jim Moriarity**. From breaking in bronchos [*sic – broncos*] to running a saloon in the northern peninsula is a startling change, but we hope Jim will be entirely successful, as he is notoriously a law-abiding citizen.

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The Human Biters.

William J. Daw has had a narrow escape this time, and it will be entirely his own fault if he does not take advantage of it. In the circuit court, before **Judge Grant** and a jury, on Friday, he was charged with the crime of mayhem, and was defended by **Lawyer W.H. Hurley**. The circumstances which gave rise to the charge occurred so recently that it is unnecessary to recapitulate them in detail. After drinking freely in several saloons on election day he fetched up in **Thomas Buzzo's**, where he met another Cornishman named **Harry Sampson**, with whom he had had previous personal difficulties. Both went out to the rear of the saloon together, where they had words which led to a rough-and-tumble fight. Two witnesses saw the fight, but when Sampson rose up with a large portion of his lower lip bitten out, and Daw's upper lip lacerated and bleeding neither could swear which of the combatants had first done the biting or which had commenced the fight. **Judge Bergeron** sent the case down to the circuit court, where the jury found Daw guilty of assault and battery, at the same time recommending him to the mercy of the

court. At first they were equally divided, six being for acquittal [*sic – acquittal*] and six for conviction. The verdict they finally arrived at was a compromise, and the judge held Daw in \$500 to appear at the next circuit court to be held on the 3d of September, when the judge will inflict a fine if he thinks it necessary to do so. It is generally believed, however, that the verdict practically amounts to an acquittal during Daw's good behavior. Mr. Hurley rested his argument on the conflicting nature of the evidence, holding that if Daw bit Sampson in self-defence [*sic – self-defense*] he could not be held guilty of the serious crime of mayhem, which can be punished in this state with a sentence of ten years imprisonment in state's prison. There ought now to be an end of cannibalism in Iron Mountain for a considerable time to come.

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"Charley" and "Jessie."

Dick Flannigan defended "**Charley Ross**," alias **Williams**, and his paramour, "**Jessie Nomalini**," before **Judge Grant** and a jury at the circuit court in **Menominee** on Friday last. Dick's strong argument was that all parties to the charges made in Iron Mountain were too drunk to furnish any material and valid evidence upon which the state could convict either "Jessie" or "Charley." After hearing the evidence of all the witnesses as to what took place, or was alleged to have taken place, in the **Morrison building** here, the jury returned a verdict in favor of **Mrs. Nomalini**, who was discharged. She was immediately re-arrested, however, by the sheriff of Houghton on the charge of

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living in open adultery with Ross or Williams at Calumet, and she will have her next trial before the circuit court of Houghton county. As for Ross, his trial has not come off yet, as the court adjourned till next week, but it is probable that he will be made to follow his partner to Houghton county, where they will doubtless be convicted, as they were caught by Sheriff Stiles living together either in Calumet or Red Jacket. It is roughly estimated that the cost to Menominee county of [sic – for] prosecuting this pair, on the strength of the Iron Mountain evidence, which the jury refused to accept, as being practically worthless, will be \$2,000 – a very great deal more than they are worth. However, it will not be absolutely money lost if it rids this county forever of their most undesirable presence.

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A.L. DESPINS, the Brown street merchant, has just added immensely to his stock. In his store there are now over 200 sacks of Minnesota hard wheat, fancy patent, and gold leaf flours, besides one of the largest supplies of all kinds of garden and vegetable seeds in the city. During the coming summer season, Mr. Despins will make arrangements to keep a constant supply of all kinds of fruits and vegetables. In fact, as Mr. Despins says, he intends to have one of the best-equipped general supply stores in Iron Mountain.

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CRYSTAL FALLS.

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

John McGillis spent Sunday with his parents at Florence.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Notice.

The examination of teachers for a license to teach in the city schools will take place Saturday, April 27, in the High School room, central building, beginning at 9 o'clock a.m.

Examiners. E.E. BREWSTER.
E.F. ABERNETHY.
H.M. PELHAM.

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THE Cochrane mills were started in Escanaba last Monday, with a force of 40 men employed.

THE Episcopalian society will commence the erection of a church on their lots near Seibert's and McClintock's residences next week.

IS'NT [*sic* – ISN'T] it about time the various ash heaps and other piles of rubbish that disfigure our streets were removed to the dumping grounds?

GEO. SEIBERT is having his store thoroughly renovated, and when the painters and carpenters get through he will have one of the handsomest drug stores on the upper peninsula.

"ALLIE" Blom has received the appointment of mail clerk on the run between Powers and Florence, and has commenced his labor for Uncle Sam. Congressman Stephenson secured his appointment. –Herald.

COMRADES who were members of the defunct Major Belcher Post, G.A.R., are affiliating themselves with other Posts [*sic* – posts] so as to be ready for the Milwaukee reunion. The upper peninsula veterans will be strongly represented there on that occasion.

DIPHtheria is said to be raging in Barkville, and it will be well for our health officer to watch for the possibility of some one [*sic* someone] bringing the dread disease from that place to this city. The single case reported here this spring was

very light, and the patient is now fully recovered.

FLORENCE ladies propose to take cooking lessons of Miss E.M. Hammond, of Hurley, Wis., a graduate of the Boston Cooking School. The News thinks it is a splendid scheme to enable marriageable young ladies and even old maids to speedily procure desirable husbands. The News possibly is mistaken. What is the matter with Miss Hammond?

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WM. SUNDSTROM has men at work excavating a cellar and preparing his lot for a handsome solid brick building on the site of his old one that was destroyed by fire last December. He hopes to have it ready for occupancy in two months.

WE happened into Johnny Cole's clothing store last Saturday evening and found it packed with costumers [*sic* – customers], and the proprietor and all the clerks as busy as nailers selling goods. Cole appears to have gained the confidence of a large number of Iron Mountain patrons.

HE had fourteen dollars in his inside pocket, but somehow it happened to slip out, and as the honest chambermaid, employed at the Felch house, [*sic*] was making the bed, she found the money and gave it to the landlord, Mr. Felch, who promptly returned it to its rightful owner, a man in the employ of Mr. Johnson, the tailor.

GO UP on the top of the hill, take a look at the city and convince yourself of the fact that Iron Mountain is going right ahead. It would surprise one to see so many new buildings in course of construction,

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many of them a credit to the city. Let the good work continue and soon Iron Mountain will be the metropolis of the north west [sic – northwest].

CHAS. THOMBLAD has been creating considerable excitement among his neighbors in **Nadeau township**, the past week. He built a barricade across the road leading to the village, at his place [sic - place], and armed with a gun threatened to kill any one [sic – anyone] who passed that way. He is insane and has been taken in charge by the officers.

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How They do it in Tower.

Wednesday morning at the **notorious house of ill-fame at Tower**, kept by one **Bilstrom**, the fiddler and the bouncer of the place severely and brutally beat a man named **Kerrigan**. On hearing of the outrage the people of Tower went down en masse to the house, set fire to it and burnt it to the ground. –**Ely Iron Home**.

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Correction.

In giving the account last week of the Easter services at the **Episcopal church**, we should have said that the handsome communion service was provided by **Messrs. Kennedy** and **R.P. Helson**, and the table, altar linen and flowers by **John James**. Mr. Helson is very enthusiastic in

his labors for the church, and deserves much credit for what he has accomplished.

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AS an evidence of the increasing business being done by the Menominee range branch of the C. & N.W., it may be noted that they have been compelled to string a third telegraph wire from Escanaba to Watersmeet in order to transit their own telegraph messages. Two wires have heretofore been found sufficient, but the extension of the line to Watersmeet has added so much to the volume of business that the additional telegraph accommodation has been found necessary.

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All But The Meanest Man.

The meanest man on earth, outside of the wart who writes "refused" on a newspaper he is owing for, has been unearthed at **Iron River**. Last Tuesday he and a little daughter boarded a passenger train at that place. The conductor wanted a half-fare for the child and the father to avoid paying it, denied the child, his own daughter. At **Iron Mountain** the conductor told the little girl that her fare must be paid before the train reached **Norway** or she would be put off. The child went into the smoking car and with big tears swelling in her eyes told her brute-father of the conductor's orders. When he saw the game was up the money was paid over.

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Paul Schultz has gone to Germany for a visit. He will return in the Spring [*sic – spring*].

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Firemen's Masquerade Ball.

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.

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CURRENT NOTES.

–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** 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 [*sic – have*] been no improvements made on the lots.

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–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 [sic – 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.

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PERSONAL POINTERS.

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, [sic] 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 liliquid beverages behind the bar in Anton Odill’s saloon.

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CURRENT NOTES.

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

–The Aragon Co. have [sic – has] purchased the two lots belonging to the Ross estate, bid in by Capt. Colwell last week.

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–**Frank Ahlich** reports a very good business at his **meat market in Ingallsdorf**, and he expects to do much better when Spring [*sic – 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 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 **Pembin** 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 [*sic – employees*] (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. Hoeheisel, 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.

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Vulcan Notes.

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.

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Ramblings.

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.

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.

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 Dewildey** were in attendance. Messrs. Lenz, Molignoni and Dewildey 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.

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Death of a Noted Character.

Frank Scholtz, better known as "Thunder River Frank," died at **Ellis Junction [Crivitz]** last Saturday. For twenty-two years he had lived the life of a hermit and was well-known to the woodsmen, hunters and fishermen who visited that region. Schultz was a very eccentric character, a German by birth, and reserved in manners and behavior. Living by himself so long, he had become indifferent to the society of mankind and kept for his companions a few chickens and a dog.

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Death of Mrs. Larson.

Mrs. Larson, wife of **Alderman Eric Larson**, of the fourth ward, died last Tuesday of cancer of the stomach. She was thirty-five years of age and the mother of three children. The funeral took place from the **Mission church** on Thursday and was very largely attended.

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CUT TO PIECES.

Charles Dahl, a Lumberman, Horribly Mangled by a Train.

The remains of **Charles Dahl**, a lumberman, were brought to Iron Mountain last Thursday morning in a cracker box by the section crew of the **Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad**. He had been literally cut to pieces, and the head was smashed to a pulp. Dahl was employed in **Nelson LaPlant's lumber camp** at the **Summit**. He had spent Monday and Tuesday in town and left here Wednesday for the camp in an intoxicated condition. Arriving at the camp, he had some trouble with the foreman and was discharged. At two o'clock in the afternoon he left the camp to walk to Iron Mountain. He was intoxicated at that time and had a supply of liquor on his person. It is the general opinion that, by the time he reached this side of the river, he had become too intoxicated to navigate and went to sleep on the track, when he was run over by the south-bound passenger train. The remains were discovered by a couple of hunters. Dahl came here a short time ago from Marinette. **Coroner Cudlip** held an inquest yesterday and a verdict was rendered in accordance with the above facts.

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A Bad Fracture.

Louis Palmer, who is operating a camp near **Granite Bluff**, met with an accident last Tuesday that will confine him to his home for a number of weeks. He was at work on a skidway when several logs rolled onto him breaking the right leg twice below the knee and smashing his foot. He is being treated by **Dr. Elmore**.

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Johnson & Herschell were granted a **saloon license** by the city council on Wednesday evening.

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The **Norway exchange** of the **Menominee Range Telephone company** now has about twenty instruments in operation.

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Frank Bisonette, late lineman with the Chicago & North-western road, has gone to Kansas City, where he has a position.

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James D. Cudlip has been appointed **truant officer**, and the law will now be strictly enforced. This means a large increase in the attendance at the schools.

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Owing to the continued ill-health of his family **Arthur Flatt** has retired from the hotel business, and the lease of the **Blight House** has been transferred to the owners.

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Rev. E. Edman, who is also a graduate of Rush Medical college, will practice as **physician** besides attending to his pastoral duties. His office and residence is at 402 Vulcan street.

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A large party of **Indian hunters** passed through here last Wednesday on their way to Choate [*Langlade County, Wisconsin*], where they will pitch their tents. The chances are that none of them have a license, and here is an opportunity for some enterprising game warden to reap a golden harvest.

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Capt. Oliver Symons was in the city the fore part of the week arranging for the removal of his family to **Negaunee**. **General Manager Cole** recently transferred Mr. Symons from **Bessemer** to Negaunee, and we understand he now holds the position of assistant superintendent of the Buffalo mine.

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Mrs. W.E. Tyler, of Green Bay, is the guest of her sister, **Mrs. Jennie Rundle**.

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The new addition to the **Chapin school** will be occupied next Monday morning.

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Miss **Mary Owen**, of Bellevue, has been engaged to take charge of one of the new departments in the **Chapin school**.

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John P. Outhwaite will conduct services at Ishpeming to-morrow [sic - tomorrow] and **Fred Osgood** will take charge of the **Badwater reservation** during his absence.

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Richard J. Kneebone, a former retail meat dealer of this city, was in the city Sunday and Monday, his first visit for over a year. He is now engaged in the logging business near the old **Indiana mine**, two miles north of **Quinnesec**, and intends to cut a large amount of telegraph poles, railroad ties, cedar posts and pine logs during the coming winter, and has already started a camp with a crew of twenty-five men. Dick's many Florence friends are pleased to note his prosperity. — Florence News.

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Mr. and Mrs. **William Hooper**, of Dodgeville, Wis., who have been visiting their son, **Agent Hooper**, of the Chicago & North-Western, returned home yesterday.

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K. Wagner has rented **C.L. Raymond's bakery**, 411 Carpenter avenue, and is prepared to deliver bread, rolls, cakes, pies, etc., to his customers every morning before breakfast.

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Major G.S. Carpenter, of Fort Spokane, Washington, was the guest of his brother, **Dr. W.T. Carpenter**, a portion of this week, leaving for home on Tuesday. The Dr. accompanied him as far as Chicago, returning yesterday morning.

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Lawyer Flannigan has been engaged to defend **Charlie Wendel**, the fifteen-year-old **Ishpeming** boy who has been jailed charged with the murder of little **Eva Lafreniere**, aged five years. This boy is the son of **Carl Wendel**, an early owner of the Menominee Range, the predecessor of The Range-Tribune.

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William J. Tully has been appointed postmaster at **Crystal Falls**.

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THAT ISHPEMING MURDER.

The Coroner's Jury Orders the Arrest of Carl Wendel.

The holding of **Carl Wendel** was in line with what had been developed in the jury room, the officers thinking the circumstantial evidence against him being sufficient to hold him.

Probably the gravest evidence against him was the testimony of some of his companions to whom he had said that he had killed the little girl with an ax [*sic* - axe], and that he had her in the garret at his home. The way in which he had made the remark was this: He was talking with three boys about the disappearance of the little girl and said to one of them, **Oscar Sodergren** by name: "Oscar, you have that girl tied up in your barn, and are waiting for a reward, I guess." To this Oscar simply replied with a laugh, when Wendel said: "Oh, I know you haven't got her. I have her in my garret and have killed her with an axe." To this the boys paid no heed, thinking Wendel was joking, and it was not until the child was found and the fact of her being murdered discovered, that the boys recalled the conversation. We believe it was a sister of the boys who mentioned the former conversation between the prisoner and his companions. The finding of the axe

with blood on the handle was also in line with what the boys had said, but to this **Mrs. Boehm**, an aunt of the accused, says she had killed a chicken with the axe. The remark said to have been addressed to young Sodergren that he had the girl tied up recalled the fact that the arms of the murdered child had been tied, and with an old jacket of the accused. If the boys who claim to have been talked to in this way by young Wendel tell the truth it certainly was a remarkable coincidence, the finding of the body in the garret and bearing unmistakable evidence of the blows on the head from some blunt instrument. It certainly was sufficient to cause the holding of young Wendel.

There has been an examination of the clothes said to have been worn by the accused on that day, but the result of the examination has not been given out. The clothes, when called for by the officers, were found in a washtub with others, and were being washed by Mrs. Wendel. - Iron Ore.

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W.E. Davidson, the restaurant man, has leased the **Blight house** and took possession last Wednesday afternoon. He is an old hotel man and will no doubt do well.

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John Alfredson, a Scandinavian, became violently insane at the **German hotel**, Merritt avenue, Thursday morning, and was removed to **St. George's**

SOCIETY NOTES AND THE EDITOR'S CORNER

Thursday, November 19, 2015

DCGS met in the Genealogy Room of the Dickinson County Library at 1 p.m. with President Bill Cummings calling the meeting to order. There were 14 members and 3 guests present.

Minutes were approved as read. Treasurer Miriam Belding reported a beginning balance, October 22, 2015, of \$3,341.90. After deposits and disbursements there is a remaining balance today of \$3,353.90.

Bill Cummings was again elected president of the club and will hold that office for the next two years. The election for a new secretary was not so successful. No one was nominated and no one volunteered. The club will be without a secretary after the first of the year. Shirley Nelson has offered to continue as unofficial secretary, with the understanding that she will not always be in attendance.

The club adopted the following Mission Statement for the Dickinson County Genealogical Society:

The Dickinson County Genealogical Society, a non-profit group organized in 1977, seeks to gather and preserve genealogical information of importance to Dickinson County and the surrounding area for publication in its quarterly Dickinson Diggings, use at the Dickinson County Library and accessible through electronic venues. Funds from dues are used to purchase census microfilms, regional newspaper microfilms and other materials which are given to the Dickinson County Library for its permanent collection. The geographical scope of genealogical information gathered includes Dickinson County, Iron County, Marquette County, Delta County, and Menominee County, Michigan, and Florence County and northern Marinette County, in Wisconsin.

Miriam Belding asked about pest houses. Some members were aware of them. People who had contagious diseases were sent to pest houses which most communities had. There was one on Waucedah Road in Vulcan, one in Norway and one in Iron Mountain.

Meeting adjourned 1:25 p.m.

Dolly Cook, Dickinson County Clerk, who was the guest speaker, told us about the procedures governing the inspection of records. She said it is best to call in advance. There is a limit on how many people can do research at a time. Inspection hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There is a \$5 fee charged to registrants. Researchers are not allowed to search birth records. Researchers requesting copies of death, marriage, or divorce must pay \$10 for one certified copy or one certified copy of a vital record, plus \$1 per page. She mentioned several restrictions including not allowing copy machines,

cameras, cell phones, or tracing over vital records. Records and indexes must be handled with care. They cannot be leaned upon, altered, folded or otherwise handled in any way likely to cause damage to them. She says they have so many records that at some time in the future the records will be computerized and put in the cloud. Records begin in 1891. Anything earlier is in Menominee County, Iron County or Marquette County. Wills are filed in Probate Office. Adoptions are sealed in Probate Office. Naturalization papers were sent away to Northern Michigan University, and may possibly be in Lower Michigan.

Shirley Nelson, Secretary

Thursday, January 22, 2016

DCGS met at the Local History and Genealogy Room of the Dickinson County Library at 1 p.m. with President Bill Cummings presiding. There were 73 members and guests present.

The minutes for the November 19, 2015 meeting were approved.

Treasurer Miriam Belding reported a beginning balance on November 19, 2015, of \$3,353.90. After deposits and disbursements, there is a balance as of January 28, 2016 of \$3,642.61. Miriam also provided a financial report for the year 2015. There was a balance of \$3,292.24 on January 1 and a balance of \$3,584.89 on December 31.

The digitization of the tape of interviews from the North Dickinson Area done in 1976 has been completed through the efforts of Hazel Dault.

A new series will begin in the February 2016 issue of *Dickinson Diggings*, featuring articles from Iron Mountain's weekly *The Range-Tribune* beginning with the October 26, 1895. Hazel Dault extracted information of genealogical interest many years ago, and provided her notebook. Bill Cummings typed the notebook, using the original newspapers for complete citations, and added some addition items.

"Menominee Range Memories" is a bi-weekly column written by Bill Cummings which appears in *The Daily News* in a summarized form. The full-length articles are available on the Dickinson County Library's website (dcl-lib.org) under the Local History and Genealogy tab, and contain a fuller account of the topic with photographs. Hard copies are available at the Library at a cost of 10 cents per page.

Meeting adjourned 1:13 p.m.

President Bill Cummings presented Part 1 of the Power Point program "Early Norway and Vulcan Views" showing photographs of Norway's business district, schools, churches and mines.

Kay Carlson, Acting Secretary

DICKINSON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 2016

William J. Cummings, President
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MEETINGS: Regular meetings of the DCGS are held the fourth Thursday of January, February, March, April, September and October at 1:00 p.m. in the Local History Room of the Dickinson County Library. In November the DCGS meets the third Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the same place. No meetings are held in June, July, August and December. Visitors are always welcome.

MEMBERSHIP: Memberships in the DCGS run for the calendar year. Dues are \$12.00 per year for a single membership or \$15.00 per couple. Dues are renewable as of January 1. Membership includes the year's four issues of Dickinson Diggings. Back issues for Volumes I-XXXIV 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 enclose a S.A.S.E. for a reply.

RESEARCH POLICY: At this time, the DCGS does not undertake research projects for individuals.

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