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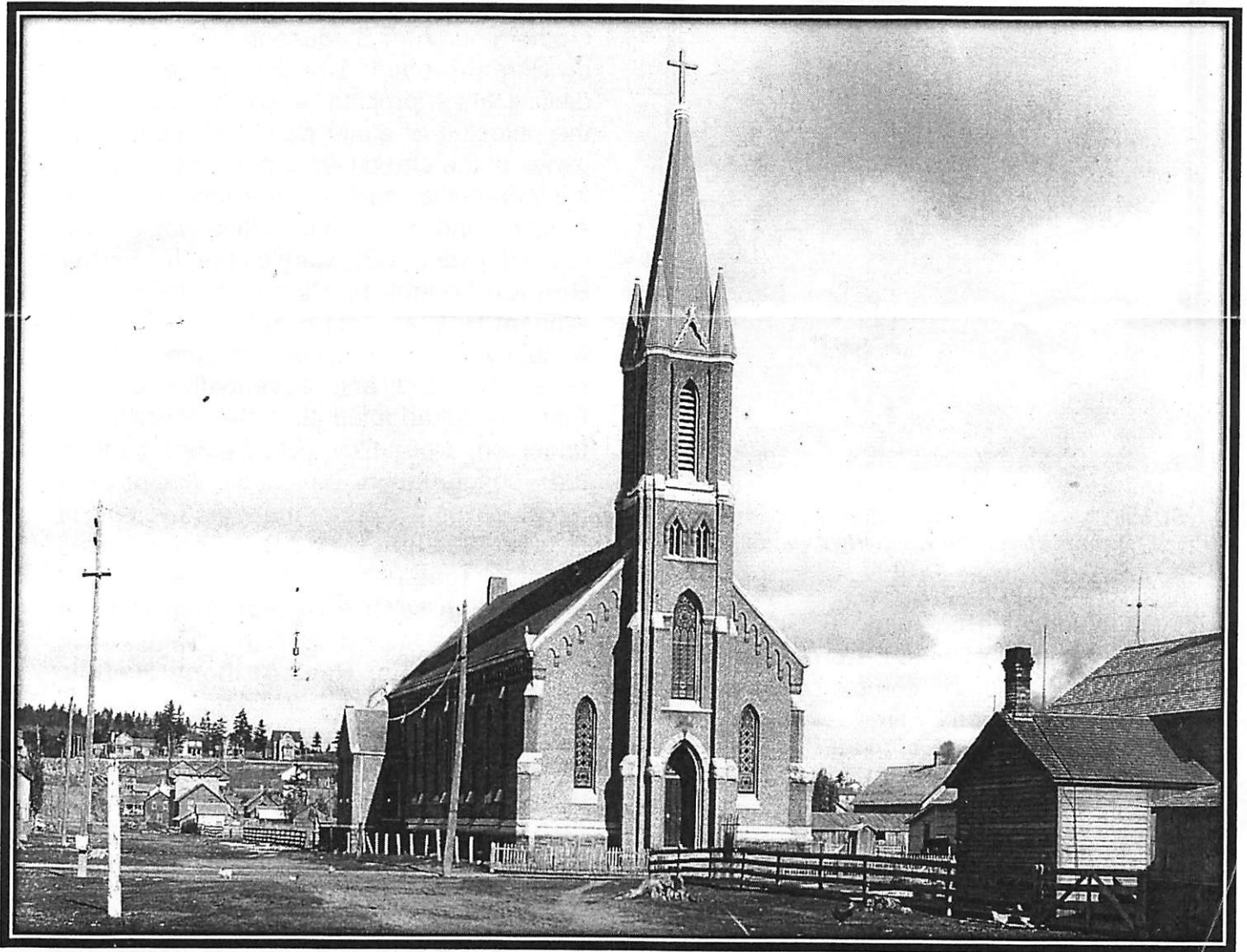
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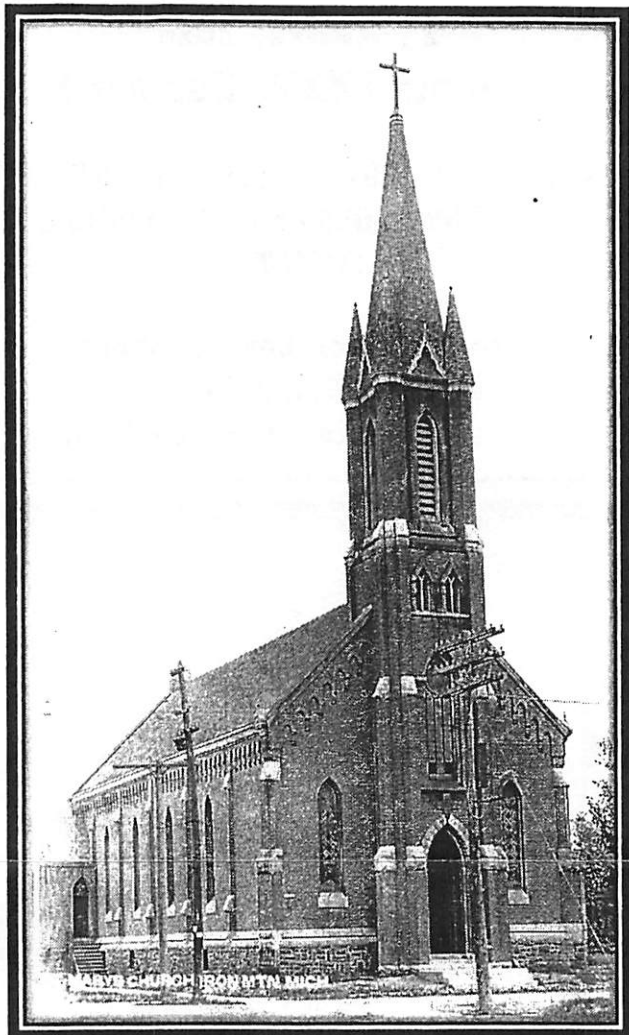
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Following the destruction of the first St. Joseph's Catholic Church by fire on December 6, 1891, the parish divided and St. Mary's Church was established to serve Catholics of Austrian, German and other nationalities. Built in 1893, St. Mary's Catholic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

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*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

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in which the church is situated were for sale and **Father Nobsisch** 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 Nobsisch**, 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 Nobsisch** 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. Nobsisch**. 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.

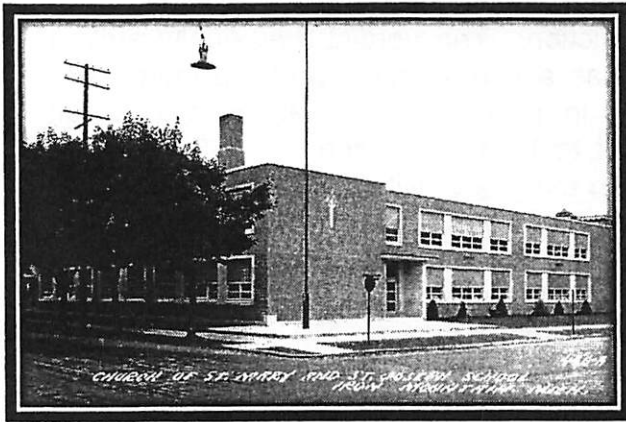
At a meeting of trustees of both parishes held in October, the merger of the two parishes was approved. At that time Bishop J.C. Plagens also approved changing the name of the church to St. Mary and St. Joseph Catholic Church.

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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## May, 1889

*The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 6 [Thursday, May 2, 1889], page 1, column 1*

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.

# DICKINSON COUNTY HISTORY – NEWSPAPERS – *THE CURRENT, NORWAY – 1890-1892*

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

*The Current*, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume VII, Number 2 [Saturday, February 14, 1891], page 8, column 1

## **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.

*The Current*, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume VII, Number 3 [Saturday, February 21, 1891], page 1, columns 1-3

## **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.

# DICKINSON COUNTY HISTORY – NEWSPAPERS – *THE CURRENT*, NORWAY – 1890-1892

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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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## MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS FROM IRON MOUNTAIN'S THE RANGE-TRIBUNE

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*The Range-Tribune*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVII, Number 27 [Saturday, October 26, 1895], page 1, column 3

### 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.

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**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**.

*The Range-Tribune*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVII, Number 28 [Saturday, November 2, 1895], page 1, column 1

### THAT ISHPEMING MURDER.

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#### 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 additional 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](http://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

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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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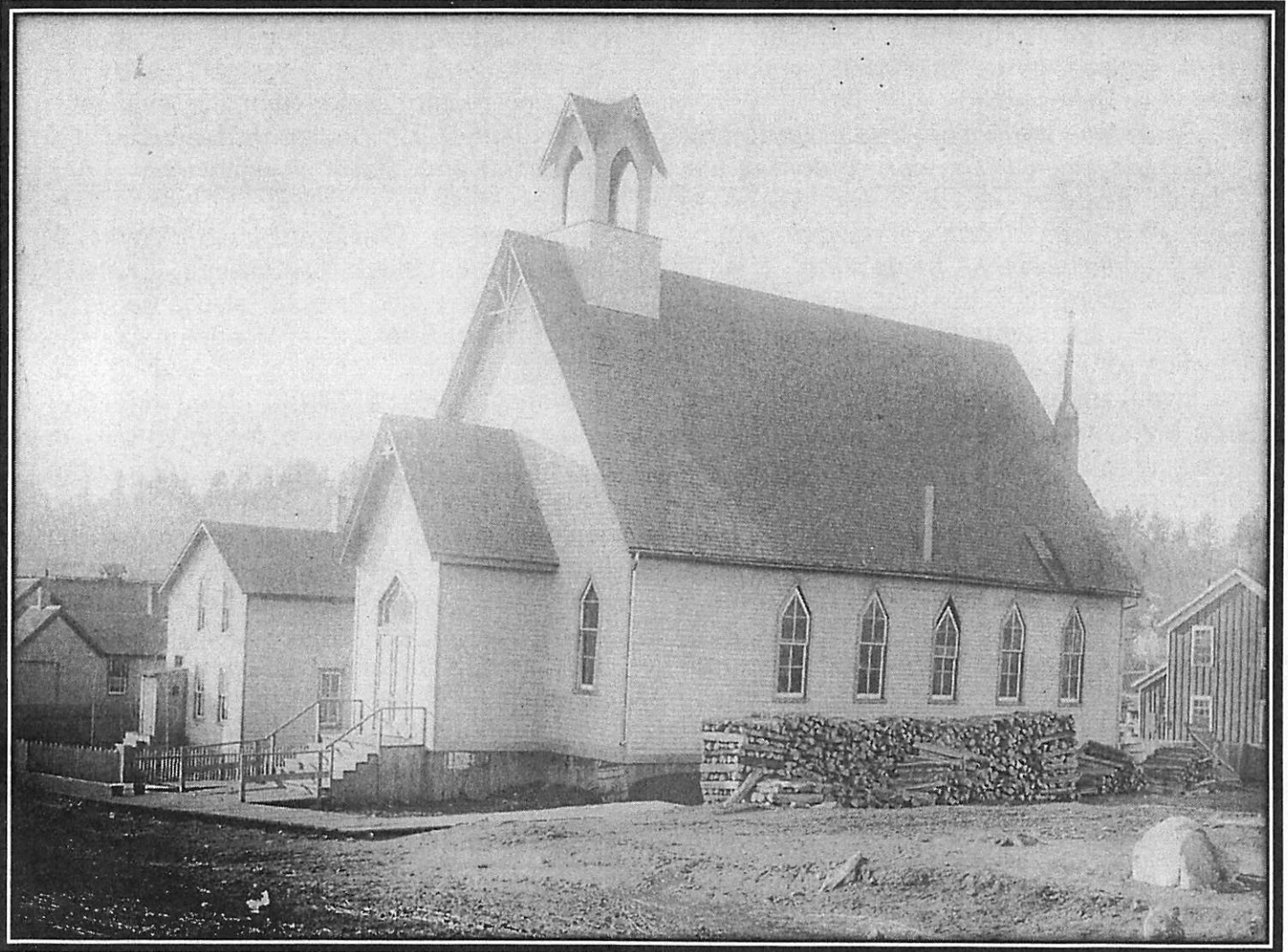
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The First United Methodist Church, erected in 1881, was originally situated on land where the East Chapin Pit is now located, but was moved to its present site on the northwest corner of Fourth Street and Chapin Street on Iron Mountain's North Side in 1887, when gradual caving began to occur due to mining operations at the Chapin Mine. The 135-year-old structure is the oldest surviving religious building in Iron Mountain. This photograph was probably taken between 1890 and 1900. [Menominee Range Historical Museum Photo]

## FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 106 FOURTH STREET, IRON MOUNTAIN

In celebration of the First United Methodist Church's 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 1991, a booklet titled *History of Heritage of the First United Methodist Church, Iron Mountain, 1881-1991: The Church Built by Cornish Miners* was compiled by Dorothy Davey, lifelong church member and charter member of the Dickinson County Genealogical Society.

Most of the history which follows has been abstracted from this booklet which thoroughly outlined the development of the First Methodist Episcopal Church.

In *History of Iron Mountain* compiled by the Iron Mountain Women's Club and presented to its members February 20, 1914, an entry in the 1878-1888 section by Mrs. A.D. Styles noted:

*For a time the gospel was preached by a Cornish miner, in the dining room of the Chapin boarding house. This volunteer evangelist was shortly afterwards killed. The first fatality in the Chapin Mine.*

This information has not been verified, but has appeared in a number local newspaper articles and publications.

In an article in July 1, 1976 edition of Iron Mountain's *The Daily News* under the headline "Methodist Church was first to be built in Iron Mountain," the opening paragraph appeared as follows:

*In the earliest days of Iron Mountain, the need to gather and worship was cared for by a Cornish miner, Richard Cudlip, who preached the gospel in the dining room of the Chapin Boarding House. This volunteer preacher was the first to be killed in the Chapin Mine.*

Another article appearing in the May 21, 1981 edition of Iron Mountain's *The Daily News* under the headline "Plans announced for centennial of First United Methodist Church," the information was again reported, but with a different first name, as follows:

*In the earliest days the need to gather and worship was cared for by a Cornish miner, Samuel Cudlip, who preached the*

*gospel in the dining room of the Chapin boarding house. This volunteer preacher was the first to be killed in the Chapin Mine.*

To date there is no record of the first fatality of the Chapin Mine being a miner named either Richard or Samuel Cudlip.

However, information contained in the aforementioned centennial history supplied the probable identify of the evangelist who preached the gospel to those seeking a corporate worship experience in the dining room of the Chapin Mine's boarding house.

The following information, taken in part from a letter written by Catherine (Cudlip) Bonner, a granddaughter, and an interview with Genevieve (Cudlip) Howe, another granddaughter, then a resident at Hyland Nursing Home, stated that the evangelist was James H. Cudlip, a Methodist lay preacher and stationary engineer at the Chapin Mine.

James H. Cudlip was born April 29, 1847, in Tavistock, Devonshire, England. He married Ann Luxmore, also a native of Devonshire, England, in Houghton County, Michigan, where James worked in the Calumet & Hecla Mine. They had four children: Samuel, born in 1873 in Houghton County; William John, born August 6, 1874, in Houghton County; Sidney J., born July 28, 1878, in Houghton County; and Laura May, born April 22, 1880, in Calumet, Houghton County.

According to family tradition, James Cudlip and his family traveled from Calumet by train to Quinnesec sometime in 1879, and then rented a buckboard wagon to travel to the Chapin Mine in Section 30, later called Iron Mountain. Work at Chapin Mine began in the summer of 1879, and there were no permanent residences available until sometime the following spring. It is more likely that the family came in 1880, sometime after the birth of daughter Laura May on April 22 in Calumet.

James served as a Methodist lay preacher, and may have been involved in

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the formation of the First Methodist Episcopal Church.

Working as a stationary engineer in the Chapin Mine, 34-year-old James was killed when he was struck by a piece of steel on July 11, 1881, and is buried in Quinnesec Cemetery, Breitung Township.

James' widow, Ann (Luxmore) Cudlip, was listed as among the earliest members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church.

Contemporary evidence exists regarding the erection of the First Methodist Episcopal Church in 1881.

Reprinting news from Iron Mountain's newspaper *The Menominee Range*, the April 16, 1881 edition of Escanaba's *The Iron Port* reported under its "Range Items" column:

*—The Methodists will have a \$1,500 church at the Chapin location as soon as it can be built. The mining company gives half the cost. —Condensed from the Range.*

This brief news item helps to clarify the information in the May 21, 1981 edition of Iron Mountain's *The Daily News* under the headline "Plans announced for centennial of First United Methodist Church," which appeared as follows:

*According to the best information available, the church was built by the Chapin Mining Company on land owned by them but largely paid for by the miners' money held back from their pay envelopes to pay for the buildings and also for the pastor's salary and current expenses. This used to be a common custom in such company towns. The title deed to the property was held by the mining company for over half a century. No one seems to know what was the original cost.*

Many mining companies provided land for church construction. The news item also verifies that the Menominee Mining Company, operating the Chapin Mine at that time, provided half the \$1,500 estimated cost of the church.

Deducting money from the miners' meager pay envelopes for church buildings,

pastors' salaries and current expenses is doubtful, as miners would not necessarily all be of the same denomination and all churches wouldn't be under construction at the same time. Miners were paid in cash monthly.

The site selected for the First Methodist Episcopal Church in the spring of 1881 would have been on what became Second Street on Iron Mountain's North Side, definitely within the lands leased by the Menominee Mining Company from Henry A. Chapin, who owned the fee.

Another contemporary item appeared in the September 22, 1881 edition of Iron Mountain's *The Menominee Range*, and was included in the September 24, 1891 edition of *The Iron Range* under the headline "TEN YEARS AGO: Items from the Range Files Briefly Chronicled" as follows:

"The new M.E. church building begins to look like a meeting house."

When Dickinson County was formed in 1891, the editor of *The Menominee Range* changed the newspaper's name to *The Iron Range*.

The first mention of Iron Mountain's First Methodist Church in the Detroit Conference minutes appeared in the fall of 1881 when R.C. Lanning was appointed to the Quinnesec and Iron Mountain churches for one year. The 61-year-old pastor lived in Quinnesec and received as his total salary of \$837.15 from the two churches.

The first membership book lists the names of twenty men received into full membership by Rev. Lanning, all by letter from their home church. All but three were married, but evidently they did not bring their wives with them when they came to Iron Mountain. In several cases the wife's name was entered a year or two later.

The charter members of the church were listed as: Robert Ash, James Bryant, John Blackney, William Bennet, James Buzzo, Joseph Benny (single), Daniel Collins, James Davis, Edward Harvey, W.H.

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Harvey, Phillip Martin, William Phillips, Thomas Polglaze, Oliver Symons, Richard Stoten, William Stevens, Thomas Weeks, William Williams (single), Samuel Wilcox, and Charles H. Waddleton (single).

In 1883 Rev. D.A. Perrin was appointed to First Church for one year, after which he was transferred to Champion and Michigamme. The 1883 Detroit Conference minutes reported First Church with a membership of 114 as paying the pastor a \$1,000 salary. Only three churches in the Lake Superior District reported a larger pastor's salary.

Rev. Perrin kept very careful dated entries in the church membership book during that year. He received 61 into full membership by letter from their home church and 17 members from probation. He also listed 26 currently on probation.

Three classes met weekly as follows: Class 1 met at 9 a.m. at the church, led by Oliver Symonds with 46 men and women members; Class 2 met at 9 a.m. on Sunday morning in Miners' Hall, led by Phillip Martin with 38 men attending; and Class 3 met at 3 p.m. Sunday at Miners' Hall, led by Ann Curtis, with 30 women members.

While anyone who had "a desire to flee from the wrath to come and to be saved from their sins" could be admitted to a Methodist Society, it was easier to be admitted than it was to stay a Methodist. Six months of probation were required for full membership. Church doctrine forbade card playing, dancing, drinking intoxicating liquors, theater attendance, travel on the Sabbath, elaborate dress and fancy jewelry.

Indulgence in any of them could result in expulsion from the Methodist Church. In First Church's old membership book there was a "Record of Probationers." Most were taken into full membership, but here and there entries were noted such as "Dropped," "Withdrawn," "Backslider," "Fallen," "No Good," and even one entry read "Married and could not stand."

In the fall of 1883 Rev. J.S. Mitchell began a three-year pastorate. A drop in both salary and membership during his first year may have been due to labor unrest among the miners due to local conditions in the Chapin Mine and the Ludington Mine which resulted in a two-week strike which began November 15, 1883.

The Menominee Mining Company wanted the miners to work until 11 p.m. on Saturday night, instead of being done at 6 p.m., thus adding a night shift. Over 1,000 miners walked out in the Menominee Iron Range's first strike. About 130 Pinkerton policemen from Chicago, armed with Winchester rifles, and a company of state militia from Marquette were called into the service to protect the property of the mining companies.

During Rev. Mitchell's second and third years as pastor he also preached at Quinnesec, and the two churches were reported as a single charge.

In 1885 underground mining operations at the Chapin Mine caused the ground where the East and West Chapin Pits are now located to begin sinking. George Irving, later serving as the first superintendent of the Iron Mountain Electric Light & Power Company, came to Iron Mountain at that time and was employed by a professional building mover from Milwaukee.

The company had a contract to move all the buildings off the Chapin Pit area which was accomplished gradually over a period of five years. First Church was moved two blocks north to its present site on the corner of Fourth and Chapin Streets. The mining company provided the site which was over a solid rock ledge. This rock ledge underneath the church led to the motto later used on the church bulletins - "The Church Built on Solid Rock."

In a random surviving edition of *The Menominee Range*, Iron Mountain's newspaper, published on Thursday, June 24, 1886, the following information



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regarding services of First Church was noted:

*M.E. Church – Rev. J.F. [sic] Mitchell, pastor.*

*Sabbath services: 10:30 A.M. and 7 P.M.*

*Sunday School: 2:30 P.M., O.H. Chamberlain, Supt.; James Martin, Ass't Supt.; P.J. Jewell, Sec.*

*Class conducted by T.J. Bennets meets in the church at 9:00 A.M.*

*Ladies class conducted by C. Oliver meets in Miners Hall.*

*William Bice's class meets in Miners Hall at 9:00 A.M.*

*James Harris' class at W. Bennets Thurs. evening in the church at 7:30 [sic].*

*Bible class in the church Saturday evening at 7:30, conducted by O.H. Chamberlain.*

*All mining time.*

Rev. A.W. Wilson, who received a \$1,000 salary, served as pastor for one year (1886-87), reporting only 53 members, although Sunday School enrollment was recorded at 247 members.

Rev. G.C. Squires followed with another one-year pastorate, reporting 137 members in two churches, including the Central Methodist Episcopal Church congregation which was being organized to serve the rapidly growing residential section south of the mines. On September 12, 1887, 19 members were transferred from First Church to the new church, and many more moved later.

Rev. Squires conducted two services – one for each congregation – in what was known as Scandlings' Hall on the Sabbath. Since the First Church congregation was meeting there, it is probable that the church building was being moved from Second Street to Fourth Street at this time. W.H. Scandling's grocery store was listed at 521 South Stephenson Avenue in Iron Mountain's 1892 city directory. Most stores had large rooms called "halls" on the

second floor which they would rent out to various organizations.

During the summer of 1888, the floor was laid and a rough frame put up for the Central Methodist Episcopal Church on the north side of the 200 block of West B Street. Charter members worshipped in these primitive conditions during that summer.

In September 1888, the Detroit Conference appointed Rev. G.H. Whitney to Iron Mountain with Rev. Sauerman serving as an assistant. Rev. Sauerman remained only a few months and was followed by A.R. Johns, then a divinity student. Rev. Whitney and the assistant preached alternately in the two churches.

In September 1889 Rev. Whitney was again assigned to the Iron Mountain churches with Rev. W.S. Passmore serving as his assistant. Methodism was growing rapidly during this period. In 1890 the two churches had 219 members and paid \$1,750 for the pastor's salary and \$271 for benevolences. After three years of sharing a pastor, the Central M.E. Church became independent of First Church in 1890, and Rev. J.M. Shank became its first independent pastor.

Following this Rev. S.R. Williams began his three-year pastorate (1890-1893) in 1890, when First Church was again a station charge. Then Rev. William S. Passmore (1894-1895) was pastor of First Church and Quinnesec together for one year.

The Panic of 1893, a national depression, was reflected in the church report, for Rev. Williams received only \$650 of the \$1,050 salary he was promised. This was the first deficit in ministerial support in the life of First Church. Rev. Passmore only received \$750 of the \$900 the circuit promised him, although there was a substantial increase in membership.

At the 1895 Detroit Conference First Church was "left to be supplied," and the next year First Church was merely

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mentioned in the statistical report by name without any appointments. From that time until September, 1901, there was not a single line recorded either in the local church records or in the Detroit Conference minutes for First Church.

During this period First Church was known as "The People's Church," and the pulpit was supplied largely by men sent out by Chicago's Moody Bible Institute. Sam Jenkins remembered the following names: Conn or Kahn, Dyer, Martin, William Hoag, and a Mr. McKinney (or MacKenzie). Of these men, Mr. Dyer served the longest, about three years beginning in 1898. Mr. Conn was pastor for about two years.

Although First Church was not in the list of conference appointments for 1901, Rev. John Bettes served as pastor for practically a full year, receiving a salary of \$651. At the close of the year he reported a membership of 57, most of whom were received on Confession of Faith in September, 1901, when he organized the church again as a Methodist Episcopal Church.

The following handwritten account appeared in the First Church record book:

*This church was incorporated Dec. 27, 1901. Date of incorporation begins Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 1902. Signatures to the incorporation: S.R. Morcombe, Wm. J. Perkins, John Mitchell, John Burt, Wm. Bennett, Abe Bennett, and Jos. H. Hicks.*

*Signed before Harry Soady, Notary Public; John Bettes, Minister; C.M. Thompson, Presiding Elder.*

During Rev. W.J. Harper's pastorate (1903-1906), a basement was constructed under the rear part of the church and a furnace was installed. Dorothy Davey remembered that the little girls in the congregation "loved to stand over the big square floor registers, one in front between the altar rail and the first pew on the right hand side, and the other between the last pew and the back wall of the same side, to

watch our full dress skirts billow out around our waist."

Rev. John Murdock (1906-1907) resigned after a year and a half to go to Saskatchewan, Canada, and the presiding elder appointed Rev. William Roberts on April 1, 1907. Rev. Roberts withdrew from the Methodist ministry in 1910 to become pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Iron Mountain.

Roberts made the following entry in the church record: *In April 1909 work was begun on repairing the church as follows: Stone wall under church, steel lining on walls; new hardwood floor, new windows, new chandeliers, and painted on the inside at a cost of \$1,356.00. Church was reopened Sunday, June 20, 1909 by the Rev. V.B. Coombs of Ironwood. The Sons of St. George attended the morning service. In July work was begun on repairing the Parsonage as follows: raising the house 2 feet, digging basement and building wall, connecting with sewer, adding three rooms, and new porch, taking off all siding and underlaying with tarred felt, new roof also underplayed with tarred felt, and building two new chimneys. Total cost about \$725.00. Almost all the carpenter work on the Parsonage was donated by the Pastor and members and friends of the Church.*

During Rev. J.J. Strike's pastorate (1911-1912), First Church and the Central Methodist Episcopal Church were again joined for nearly two years due to hard times.

Rev. S.T. Bottrell was appointed pastor in June, 1914, and while here married Miss Lydia Jenkins, one of the girls of the congregation. His successor, Rev. Joseph Talbot, also won his bride in Iron Mountain. Rev. Joseph Oatey reported First Church joined with Central M.E. Church in 1919 and 1920. Then followed – in rapid succession – Rev. W.P. Nicholas, Rev. John A. Hughes and Rev. William Prisk.

In 1924 the Quinnesec church was again combined with the First Church

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charge, and William C. Combella (1924-1930) started his six-year pastorate here, then the longest in the church's history. This was a prosperous period for the community as the Ford Motor Company opened their plant south of Iron Mountain in 1920. Before long the circuit was paying a \$1,900 salary to the pastor and gave as high as \$325 for benevolences.

There was a very large and active Epworth League during Rev. Combella's ministry here, and a dozen or more campers each year attended Camp Michigamme.

Rev. Paul Barnhart served for one year, and Rev. W.S. Hubbard for three. The closing of the Chapin Mine in 1932 was reflected in a deficit of \$330 and a further reduction the following year.

The Iron Mountain charge was without a settled pastor for several months until Rev. E.C. Parlin, a missionary who had returned from China with his family, was appointed early in 1934, serving until the conference session of June 1937. The Great Depression made it impossible for the Methodist Conference to keep their missionaries in China, and the only alternative was to bring them home to America. Rev. Parlin's salary was \$60 per month with no fringe benefits.

The circuit was again divided, and the Quinnesec church was combined with the Norway and Vulcan charge. Rev. Rex Reed, pastor at Hermansville, was asked to supply the First Church pulpit for one year (1937-1938). Then, at the request of the Quarterly Conference, the two Iron Mountain churches were again united under one pastor, Rev. H.A. Manaham, but only for one year (1938-1939).

The need of having a resident pastor was felt, and with help from the Minimum Salary Fund of the Detroit Conference and extra effort on the part of the local congregation, enough was raised to make the church one of the minimum salary

charges. Rev. Merle Townsend was appointed in June 1939.

During his pastorate here the basement of the church was enlarged and completed, largely by labor donated by the men of the congregation. This provided much-needed space for social activities.

At the Detroit Conference held in June, 1941, Rev. Townsend reported "the largest number of active members in its sixty years of history, with all bills paid and money on hand to start the redecoration of the Sanctuary."

Rev. Otto Steen served as the pastor for one year. Then the two Iron Mountain churches were again united for one year, 1945, with Rev. S.D. Kinde and an assistant, Rev. Vander Hart. At this time the Central Methodist was building its new church, Trinity Methodist. The goal was to join the three Iron Mountain congregations – Central, First Church and Swedish Methodist – but First Church wanted to keep its independence as the only Protestant church on the North Side.

Rev. Ernest Brown, a retired pastor formerly of the Central Methodist Episcopal Church, filled the pulpit from 1945-50.

Rev. John Grenfell served First Church from 1950-55. Then Rev. Albert Terwilliger pastored the church for two years (1956-1957), followed by Rev. Ralph Guilliat (1957-1960).

Rev. Harold Wallis (1960-1967) and wife, Iris, arrived in 1960 and served the longest term of any pastor in the history of the church. The church and parsonage needed many repairs. In August, 1960, the parsonage was renovated, the old rotted front porch removed and a new front entrance put in along with the large picture window in the living room.

In 1965 the whole front entrance to the church was replaced with a new addition, enclosing the front steps, providing a church office, large foyer, and a new inside stairway to the basement on the street level and two new Sunday School classrooms on

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the upper level. The front of the sanctuary was paneled, and a new altar rail, pulpit, altar table and baptismal font, built by Gordon Hicks and Warren Lidbeck, were added.

Late in 1967, the Detroit Conference moved Rev. Wallis to Lake Linden. During the pastorate of Rev. Richard Reese (1967-1971) new memorial stained glass windows were installed in the sanctuary.

Rev. Monroe Frederick (1971-1976) spent much time helping the Quinnesec congregation move their church from its highway location on U.S. 2 to River Street. Rev. John Moore was appointed pastor in June of 1976, serving until 1980.

Rev. James Hall came to First Church in 1980. In 1981 new steel siding was put on the exterior of the church and the church basement and two bedrooms in the parsonage were paneled. Early in his third year a disagreement over some Conference policies caused several families to leave the church. Although Rev. Hall took no part in the disagreement, he resigned his pastorate.

Rev. Paul Doering (1983-1984), a retired pastor from Wisconsin, helped to heal the congregation and hold it together. He would only accept half pay which helped the financial problems.

Rev. Jim Mathews (1984-1989), came to help a hurting congregation. Through his great friendliness and love for people the church began to grow. During his pastorate the lot in back of the church was bought and with the efforts of the men of the church it was cleared of trees and made into a large, paved parking lot.

Rev. Douglas J. McMunn (1989-1995) brought life and youth to the church. He brought order and efficiency into the administration of the church itself.

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Rev. R.C. Lanning.....1881-1882

Rev. D.A. Perrin.....	1883-1883
Rev. J.S. Mitchell.....	1883-1886
Rev. A.W. Wilson.....	1886-1887
Rev. G.C. Squires.....	1887-1888
Rev. G.H. Whitney.....	1888-1889
Rev. S.R. Williams.....	1890-1893
Rev. William S. Passmore.....	1894-1895
Mr. Conn or Kahn.....	two years
Mr. Dyer.....	1898-1901
Rev. John Bettes.....	1901-1901
Rev. W.J. Harper.....	1903-1906
Rev. John Murdock.....	1906-1907
Rev. William Roberts.....	1907-1909
Rev. V.B. Coombs.....	1909-1910
Rev. J.J. Strike.....	1911-1912
Rev. S.T. Bottrell.....	1914-
Rev. Joseph Talbot.....	
Rev. Joseph Oatey.....	1919-1920
Rev. W.P. Nicholas.....	
Rev. John A. Hughes.....	
Rev. William Prisk.....	
Rev. William C. Combellack.....	1924-1930
Rev. Paul Barnhart.....	one year
Rev. W.S. Hubbard.....	three years
Rev. E.C. Parlin.....	1934-1937
Rev. Rex Reed.....	1937-1938
Rev. H.A. Manahan.....	1938-1939
Rev. Merle Townsend.....	1939-
Rev. Otto Steen.....	one year
Rev. S.D. Kinde.....	1945-1945
Rev. Ernest Brown.....	1945-1950
Rev. John Grenfell.....	1950-1955
Rev. Albert Terwilliger.....	1956-1957
Rev. Ralph Guilliat.....	1957-1960
Rev. Harold Wallis.....	1960-1967
Rev. Richard Reese.....	1967-1971
Rev. Monroe Fredrick.....	1971-1976
Rev. John Moore.....	1976-1980
Rev. James Hall.....	1980-1983
Rev. Paul Doering.....	1983-1984
Rev. James Matthews.....	1984-1989
Rev. Douglas J. McMunn.....	1989-1995
Rev. William R. Seitz.....	1996-2004
Rev. David P. Snyder.....	2004-2009
Rev. Margaret A. Paige.....	2009-2012
Rev. Walter Reichle.....	2012-present

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Things of that make are scarce, thank goodness. –Drill. [The Diamond Drill, Crystal Falls, Mich.]

*The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 6 [Thursday, May 2, 1889], page 1, column 3*

OUR reporter witnessed a little set to at Hansen's livery stable yesterday that made one of the combatants very tired – and he got tired very quick.

Mrs. Lawrence Ambrose, an insane woman who was temporarily lodged in the county jail last week, attacked Mrs. Stiles, wife of the sheriff, and bit her severely on the arm.

THOMAS RUNDLE has two bill boards put up, one on the corner opposite his store and the other opposite the Chapin shops, which will be used to advertise troupes that are to appear in his opera house.

In another column appears the advertisement of Frank E. Crocker, announcing that on the first of next week he will open his store and be ready for business. Mr. Crocker has purchased a full line of fine family groceries, and the public will be welcomed and well treated at the old stand of Lilly & Richardson. Mr. Crocker has lots of friends in this city who will be glad to give him their patronage.

THE new system of fire alarm bells will be ready for use after to-day. Residents should lose no time in ascertaining where the nearest alarm box is located, and in case of fire in their vicinity run to that box, get they [sic – the] key, which will be found in the house nearest the box, or if that would occasion delay, break the glass in front of the box, and pull the cord as far as it will go once, and no more. Having done this you can rest assured that the fire companies will be promptly on

hand, and you can occupy yourself in the meantime seeing what you can do toward extinguishing the fire or saving property.

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### Hello!

At last a movement has been started to have Iron Mountain supplied with a telephone exchange. J.T. Jones and Dr. Crowell started a list of subscribers last Saturday, and when we put down our name for an instrument every business man who had been seen had signed without the least hesitancy, some of them taking two or three instruments. It is proposed to put in the Bell telephone, and it is a natural consequence that as soon as the exchange is established here it will rapidly grow, and soon put us in communication with all the principal towns along the range. It has been a matter of surprise to us for a long time that our business men have been so slow in moving toward securing this public convenience, but it is better late than never.

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### A Well of Water and Not a Drop to Drink.

Are the members of the board of education aware of the fact that the scholars at the central school house are sometimes nearly famished for water to drink? They must certainly be aware that the well at the school house has become contaminated, and the water is unfit to

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use; in fact, we are informed that the use of the water has been forbidden. Under these circumstances certainly some provision should be made to supply the school house with good water. Probably the best thing to do would be to have a barrel of water drawn to the **school house from the Chapin location** every day, until the city is supplied with good water. It is nothing less than cruelty to compel the children to go without water during school hours. THE RANGE believes this matter has been overlooked by the school board, and at the request of several parents calls their attention to the necessity of something being done.

This item was hardly in type before the school board had placed **water coolers in every room of the central school building** and made arrangements to have them filled from the Chapin hydrant. Another instance of the power of the press.

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### **Why Not a Public Library.**

The **Marquette Journal** of last Monday contains an interesting description of **Ishpeming's public library**. That institution contains 3,405 catalogued books, comprising works of fiction, historical, biographical, scientific and poetical works, besides a generous supply of works on government, politics and political economy. Here is a library that is able to satisfy every seeker of knowledge or amusement, and accessible to the public every day and every evening. Besides the library of books a reading-room has also been recently established in connection with in, and these public conveniences are thoroughly appreciated by the residents of Ishpeming.

We gather from the article that this is all done through the liberality of the city.

**Iron Mountain had a very excellent library before it was set off from Breitung township but with the division of township property this public luxury was of necessity turned over to the township authorities at Quinnesec.** Since then a small school library has been obtained, which is accessible to the public certain days, but is designed more especially for the accommodation of our public schools. The patronage the old township library had when located in this city is sufficient assurance that it was appreciated, and if there is a way for the city to provide this public convenience we believe it ought to be done, and if a reading-room could also be added it would undoubtedly be the means of doing much good. There are young men in this city who would be glad of a public place in which to spend their leisure time, and it would have a constant tendency to draw them away from places of evil associations.

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### **Personal and Social.**

**Mrs. W.W. Hendricks** and little son spent Sunday in **Crystal Falls** visiting her husband.

**Sam Shields** has accepted a **position with G. Kloeckner & Co.**, so we shall not lose him after all.

**H.G. DeVere** visited his old home, Ripon, Wis., last week, and is enthusiastic over the fresh beauty and gentle spring breezes of that delightful little city.

**Mr. Tyndall** and family went to **Escanaba** last Monday to attend a special

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meeting of the Presbytery called to release Rev. C.H. Tyndall from his pastoral charge. Rev. C.H. Tyndall has accepted a call to a mission church in New York.

Wm. Dingman has been employed by us as solicitor, collector and reporter, and will shortly interview the patrons of **THE RANGE** and add as many new ones as possible. Any courtesies extended to him will be appreciated by the writer of this.

J.B. Sweatt, the contractor who has put up so many fine buildings in Menominee, Marquette, Houghton and Sault Ste. Marie, was in this city last Friday interviewing the city officials in reference to the new school building to be erected at the Chapin location. He will put in a bid, and if he secures the contract the city will be sure of a good job.

M.R. Goldsworthy, former manager of the **Standard Oil Company's** business in the upper peninsula, and who skipped to Canada a few weeks ago just as an investigation of his books was revealing the fact that he was considerably short in his accounts, returned to Hancock last week and is now employed in Wright & Stringer's insurance office. Goldsworthy's friends made up his shortage to the company and they will not molest him.

James R. Dee, peninsula superintendent for the **Bell Telephone Company**, was in this city last Monday, having come to investigate matters in reference to putting in a telephone exchange here. He does not think an exchange here will be an immensely profitable investment for the company but still will strongly recommend its being put in. Some of his figures surprised us a little. For instance, he says that on fifty instruments his company will have to pay a royalty of \$700 a year, and after all other expenses are figured in the rental of an

instrument seems to be low enough. The concern that gets the [sic – gets the] royalty, like all royalty owners, takes the cream.

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### CATHOLIC CHURCH FAIR.

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**The Most Successful Church Fair  
Ever Given in the Upper Peninsula.  
Nearly \$3,000 Realized.**

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During the past week, commencing Tuesday, April 23, and ending Monday, April 29, the ladies' Catholic fair has been in progress in the Polka Dot club room, and while it was in session it was the all absorbing attraction in the city. This large hall has been crowded to its utmost capacity, and the earnest work done by the ladies and their gentlemen friends has been rewarded by a rich harvest that will enable the Catholics to make their church building one of the handsomest and most imposing on the upper peninsula. Much credit is due to Father Keul and the leading ladies and gentlemen among his parishioners for the great success, financial and social, of this most successful fair ever given by the ladies of St. Joseph's church. The contests between Ella Langis and Minnie O'Hara for a large doll; Misses Cassie Sheerin, Josephine McDermott and Perigny for a diamond ring; Miss Aggie Anderson and Miss Gertie McCormick for a pony; Masters Lambert, Clarke, Sweet and St. Arnauld for a bicycle, enlisted the interest of their friends,

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[Saturday, March 7, 1891], page 1, columns 1-2

## CURRENT NOTES.

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

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

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

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## Ramblings.

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

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

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

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

**At Mastodon the fad now, seems to be fast horses, and nearly every day someone**

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

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## PERSONAL POINTERS.

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

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

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

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## CURRENT NOTES.

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

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

–**I. Massie is improving the appearance of his sample room by painting and papering. The room has**



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been painted throughout and very tastily papering has been done back of the bar. Monsieur Massie is doing a good business.

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

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

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## Ramblings.

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

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

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## PERSONAL POINTERS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## CURRENT NOTES.

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

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—Our print shop has been in the hands of **Charley Hall** this week, and when he gets done **papering and painting** it we shall have as pleasant a newspaper factory as there is on the range, and as to its comfort, one has only to take a look at the houseplants with which the boy and girls have filled the windows to feel assured that it isn't cold.

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

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

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

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## Ramblings.

**La Grippe [influenza – “flu”]** is making considerable trouble at Iron Mountain, and thirty to forty new cases a day are reported by the physicians.

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

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## PERSONAL POINTERS.

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

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

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## Counterfeiters Caught.

Some days ago the rambler was shown at **Seibert's drug store, Iron Mountain**, **four counterfeit five cent coins** which, with one other, had been passed in payment for twenty-five cents worth of goods. It was also said that there were many in town and that counterfeit dollars were also afloat. **Thursday a man was arrested on suspicion and considerable**

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hospital, where he is receiving treatment pending an examination of the case.

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### Wants Her Clothing.

Dr. E.E. Hutchinson, of Marinette, who recently married Mary Larson, of Sagola, contrary to the wishes of her parents, who claim that the girl is not of lawful age, has asked the assistance of the Dickinson County officers to recover his wife's clothing. This is another case of winter and summer, the groom being about twice as old as the bride.

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### Sorely Afflicted.

The Fragel family of West Ludington street are sorely afflicted these days and deserving of the warm sympathy of the community. The mother and two children are critically ill and the father, not being able to provide a nurse, has to remain from his work and administer to their wants. One little boy was buried last week.

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THOMAS PARENT, superintendent of the Menominee River Boom company, was a guest of the Commercial Hotel last Monday. Interviewed by the saw log reporter he stated that work at the sorting gap would be concluded in about ten days

for the season. The company, according to Mr. Parent's figures, has handled 386,000,000 feet of timber this year. Of the total cut of last winter less than 8,000,000 feet failed to reach [sic - reach] the sorting gap. Mr. Parent says quite a number of men will be employed this winter in making repairs and the building of a new dam at a point below Grand Rapids. He estimates the winter's cut of timber at 400,000,000 feet.

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MOLL & COWLING will establish two camps in the Randville neighborhood and will cut 500,000 feet of pine and one thousand cords of pulp-wood.

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### A SAD FATALITY.

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#### Curtis McKinstry Killed by the Cars at Bay City.

Curtis McKinstry, brother of Mrs. Dr. J.D. Jones, of this city, was run over by a locomotive on the Michigan Central railroad at Bay City last Friday night, and received injuries from which he died the following day. Mrs. Jones was visiting at Prairie du Chien, Wis., at the time and immediately left for Canton, Wayne Co., to attend the funeral. This makes the second brother she has lost within a few months, George having been scalded to death at the Palmer House in Chicago.

The Detroit Free Press says that Curtis McKinstry was a brakeman on the

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Michigan Central, and was returning to his boarding house in Bay City from his train on the west side. He was walking on the south track near the passenger station, and hearing the train coming stepped over to the north track. Unknown to the deceased, the train took a "cross-over" switch to the north track and struck him. Both legs were run over below the knees. He leaves a wife and one child.

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### Obituary.

**Mrs. William T. Hosking**, beloved wife of **Capt. Hosking**, died last Wednesday afternoon about four o'clock at the home of her daughter, **Mrs. E.F. Brown**, East B street, of pneumonia, after an illness of about ten days. Mrs. Hosking was a highly esteemed member of the community and her death will be mourned in many a home circle. She was the mother of five children, viz: **Mrs. E.F. Brown** and **Mrs. Dr. Bangs**, of this city; **Mrs. Robert McRae**, of St. Paul; **Henry Hosking**, of Ishpeming, and **James Hosking**, of Milwaukee. All the members of the family circle were in attendance at the bedside. The funeral services were held at the **Central M.E. [Methodist Episcopal] church**, of which she was a member, yesterday afternoon at 1:30, **Rev. Mr. Polkinghorne** preaching the sermon. There was a very large attendance of sympathizing friends.

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**J. Parke Channing**, of New York, was a guest of his brother, **R.H.**, of the Norman, over Sunday. -Virginia, Minn., Enterprise.

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**M.E. Gleason**, of Loretto, and Miss **Josephine**, daughter of **Captain Harry McDermott**, formerly of this city, are to be married in Marinette in about ten days.

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**Gunner Norberry** now has a position with his brother-in-law, **Chas. L. Anderson**, of Ishpeming.

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**E.E. Brewster** has moved into his new home on East C street.

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**John R. Wood**, who has been quite ill at his home in Appleton for a number of weeks, is now convalescent, and has been spending the week in town.

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**Thomas J. Jones**, assistant superintendent of the **Biwabik** mine, arrived down from the **Mesaba** mine Tuesday morning and is the guest of his brother, **John T. Jones**.

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Invitations were issued on Monday last for the dancing party to be given at the opera house on Wednesday evening next by the **Bachelors of Iron Mountain**. The Bachelors have the reputation of being splendid entertainers and the chances are that the invitation will be quite generally accepted, with a goodly attendance from neighboring towns. The Superior orchestra of Marquette has been engaged to furnish the music, and the following active committees have been appointed: Arrangements – **Ike Unger, Albert Levy, E.G. Bush, W.J. Cudlip, Fred Hicks, H.M. Levy**; reception – **W.G. Monroe, Rob't Sherman, L.B. Sutton, A. Holt, Fred C. Cowling, Tom Touhey**; floor – **John U. Sheerin, Dr. J.D. Jones, Edward N. Lepper, Edward G. Kingsford**.

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**Prof. O.H. Chamberlain** and family, who have resided here for a number of years, left Thursday for Green Bay, their future home. Mr. Chamberlain was **superintendent of Iron Mountain schools** several years, and the family take [*sic – takes*] to their new home the kindly wishes of many friends.

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**Mrs. Oliver Symons** and daughter, Miss **Cora**, left last Tuesday morning for **Negaunee**, where the Captain has provided a home for them.

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**J.S. Morrison**, of **Calumet**, was the guest of his daughter, **Mrs. Jas. MacNaughton** last Saturday and Sunday.

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**Mrs. Dr. J.D. Jones** was in Wayne county this week attending the funeral of her brother, **Curtis McKinstry** – the second she has lost within a few months.

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**Joe Rayome** has moved his family from **Norway** to Ravenswood, a Chicago suburb town.

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The Current says it is whispered that **M.E. Gleason**, of **Loretto**, will join the ranks of the benedicts next Wednesday. The prospective bride, the Current says, "is an estimable young lady of Marinette, and who formerly resided in Iron Mountain."

## SOCIETY NOTES AND THE EDITOR'S CORNER

**Thursday, February 25, 2016**

The DCGS met in the Main Reading Room of the Dickinson County Library at 1 p.m. with President Bill Cummings calling the meeting to order. There were 65 members and guests present.

Minutes for the January 28, 2016 meeting were approved as read. Treasurer Miriam Belding reported a beginning balance on January 28, 2016 of \$3,642.61. After deposits and disbursements there was a remaining balance on February 25, 2016 of \$3,770.56.

President Bill Cummings illustrated types of information available without charge from the State of Michigan on the website Seeking Michigan ([seekingmichigan.org](http://seekingmichigan.org)). Death records are available, ranging from 1897 through 1952, as well as State of Michigan census records from 1827-1874, 1884 and 1894.

The Historic Photo Wall Display approved by the Dickinson County Library Board has been ordered from Baker Sign Company to be installed in the Local History and Genealogy Room. Four separate 4' x 8' panels will feature historic photographs from the townships and the cities of Iron Mountain, Kingsford and Norway. An additional smaller panel will feature a detailed map of Dickinson County and the court house.

Members and guests present had the opportunity to place prepublication orders for *Iron Mountain Ford Motor Company Plant, Kingsford, Michigan 1920-1951*, a new 110-page book written by Bill Cummings which will be available for pick up in early June at the Cornish Pumping Engine & Mining Museum. Books are \$15 each with an additional \$5 each for shipping and handling. All proceeds will be used for the maintenance and improvement of the Menominee Range Historical Foundation's three museums and additional displays.

The meeting adjourned 1:20 p.m.

Following the meeting, Bill Cummings presented "Early Norway and Vulcan Views – Part 2," featuring early photographs of Vulcan and Sturgeon Mill.

Kay Carlson, Acting Secretary

**Thursday, March 24, 2016**

The DCGS met in the Local History and Genealogy Room of the Dickinson County Library at 1 p.m. with President Bill Cummings presiding. There were 4 members present, following a late snowfall.

Minutes for the February 25, 2016 meeting were approved as read. Treasurer Miriam Belding reported a beginning balance on February 25, 2016 of \$3,770.56. After deposits and disbursements

there was a remaining balance on March 24, 2016 of \$3,845.74.

The meeting adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

Members shared articles showing family traditions, stories, unidentified objects and heirlooms.

Kay Carlson, Acting Secretary

**Thursday, April 28, 2016**

The DCGS met in the Local History and Genealogy Room of the Dickinson County Library at 1 p.m. with President Bill Cummings calling the meeting to order. There were 24 members and guests present.

Minutes for the March 24, 2016 meeting were approved. Treasurer Miriam Belding reported a beginning balance on March 24, 2016 of \$3,845.74. After deposits and disbursements there was a remaining balance on April 28, 2016 of \$3,869.74.

Members noted the Historic Photo Wall Display in the Local History and Genealogy Room, featuring an early map of Dickinson County with and 24 photographs of various settlements in the townships on one side of the room and 24 photographs of Iron Mountain, Kingsford and Norway on the other side.

Members were reminded that the May and August Dickinson Diggings quarterlies will be distributed at the May 26 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:26 p.m.

Kathy Falls, a retired professional photographer who is an expert in photo restoration and retouching and now lives in Iron Mountain, presented the program.

Kathy holds four degrees from the Professional Photographers of America, including master photographer, master artist, master electronic imagine and photographic craftsman. She is the only female master photographer in the Upper Peninsula, and one of eight women in the world to have the distinction of earning all four degrees, and has given workshops and lectured throughout the United States and Canada.

Beginning as a negative cutter in downtown Detroit 49 years ago, Kathy began printing photographs in a professional photography laboratory in Dearborn. Graduating from an amateur photographer to a professional photographer, she had her own studio in the Detroit area, doing commercial and portrait photography. She excelled in photograph retouching.

Using examples, she discussed various types of photography, including daguerreotypes, ambrotypes, tintypes, cabinet cards, cartes de visite, early color photographs and digital prints. She spoke about the historic and intrinsic value of old photographs.

Kay Carlson, Acting Secretary

# DICKINSON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 2016

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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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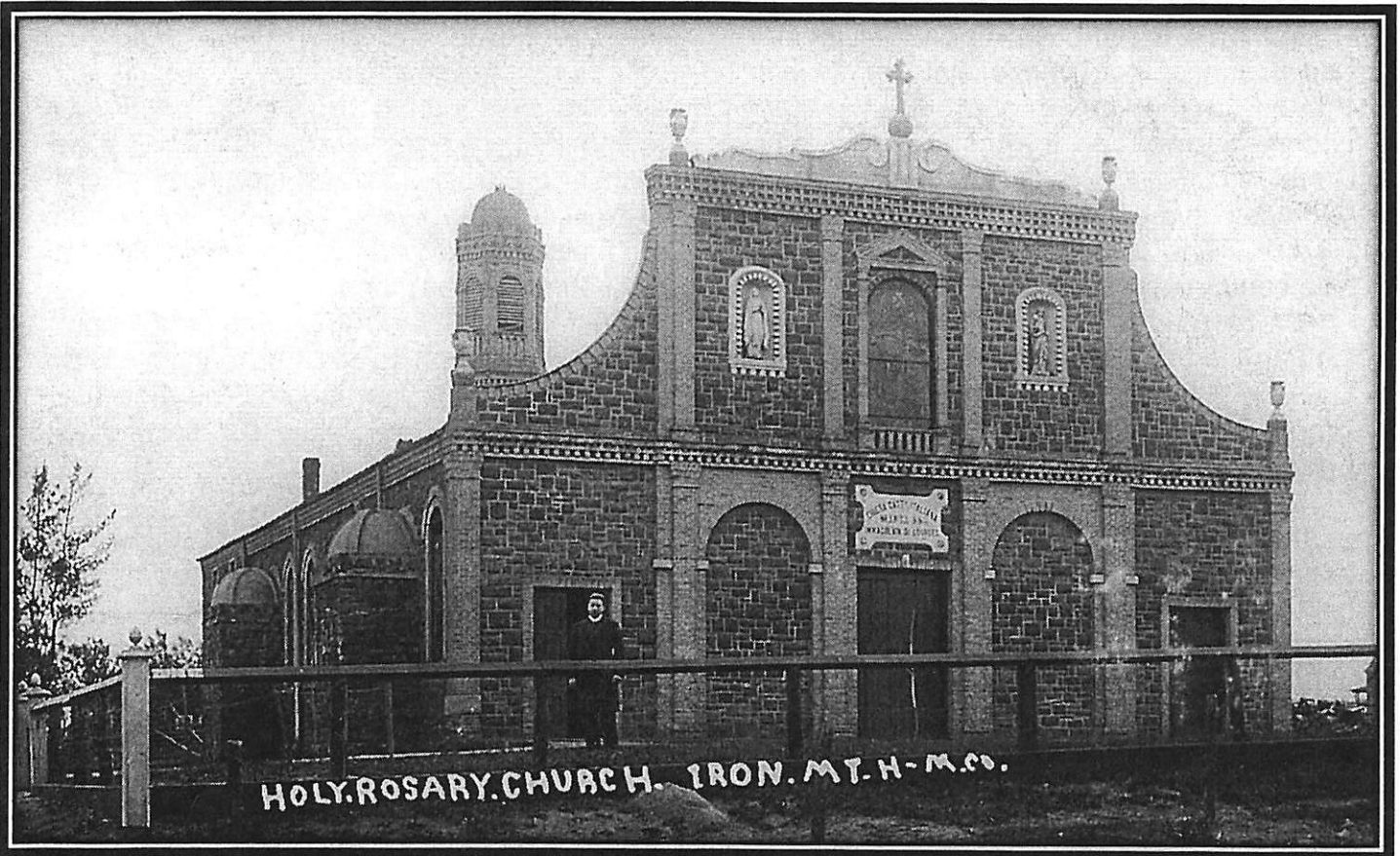
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Postmarked May 2, 1914, this postcard view shows the Holy Rosary Church, located on the 500 block of East Blaine Street on Iron Mountain's North Side with Father Aloysius "Luigi" Lango, who served as pastor from April, 1903 to December, 1911, standing at left. In April, 1902, Father Giovanni Sinopoli di Giunta, a native of Sicily, Italy, arrived in Iron Mountain to serve as the parish priest. He soon organized a building committee to fund the construction of a new church, drawing up plans for the building himself. A donation drive quickly netted nearly \$4000, and in June 1902 Father Sinopoli began digging the foundation himself, later acting as engineer, architect, and building foreman while numerous men from the parish volunteered their labor. The cornerstone was laid in July, 1902, and the construction of the red sandstone church was completed in December. On January 1, 1903, the church was dedicated to Mary Immaculate of Lourdes. [William J. Cummings Photo]

## HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC CHURCH – IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH, 506 EAST BLAINE STREET, IRON MOUNTAIN

In the late 19th century, a flood of Italian immigrants arrived in Iron Mountain to work in the nearby iron mines. These Italian Catholics first worshipped at St. Joseph's in downtown Iron Mountain.

In 1889, the Rev. Raphael Cavicchi was sent by Bishop John Vertin to assist Father A.O. Pellison in caring for the Italian Catholics of Iron Mountain. Because their homes were located quite a distance from the center of Iron Mountain, Bishop Vertin gave the Italian families permission to build a church of their own in the neighborhood near Lake Antoine.

Father Cavicchi was made their pastor and put in charge of the building project. Started in the spring of 1890, the new church, located at the corner of Blaine Street and Millie Street, was finished that fall, dedicated as the Holy Rosary Catholic Church. The pastor's living quarters were also contained in the frame structure.

On November 2, 1893, the Holy Rosary Church, locally referred to as the Italian Catholic Church, burned to the ground. When discovered, the rear portion of the building was a mass of flames.

Rev. Father Cavicchi, who occupied a portion of the second story of the building as a study and sleeping apartment, was badly burned about the face and arms while endeavoring to save some money and papers from his rooms. He succeeded in getting the money, but the papers and his valuable library were lost.

The estimated loss on the building and contents was \$4,000, with an insurance of \$2,000. It is the intention of the society to commence work at once on a new church.

Deeply disappointed, Father Cavicchi was sent to Spalding temporarily from where he supervised the rebuilding of another church on the ruins of the first and dedicated under the title of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

During the next eight years, the pastorate of the parish was held by the

Rev. Joseph G. Pinten and the Rev. Benjamino Berto, successively. Father Pinten, later Bishop of Superior and then Grand Rapids, had been educated in Rome and spoke Italian fluently.

In April, 1902, the fourth pastor of the Immaculate Conception parish, Father Peter Sinopoli, arrived in Iron Mountain. A week after his arrival, Father Sinopoli preached a mission that lasted until April 26 with singular success.

Father Sinopoli was successful in reforming the abuses and reawakening the faith and devotion among the feuding members of the parish which was made up of different Italian societies.

The next month he set up a building committee for a third, larger church, as the parish grew and came together. Each province of Italy was represented on the committee, and within a very short time of \$4,000 was subscribed.

On June 24, 1902, Father Sinopoli personally began to dig the foundation for the new church. He became the architect, director, and worker while still serving as priest.

Italian parishioners, inspired by this man's example, donated their labor along with some workers from the near-by mines. The red sandstone was obtained from nearby Millie Hill on Iron Mountain's North Side.

By this time, four additional and adjoining lots had been donated to the parish by Carmine Gaudio, a local businessman. The parish was also aided in building its new church by the generosity of E.F. [Elwin Fayette] Brown, then superintendent of the Pewabic Mine.

This energetic priest also personally decorated the interior of the church in 22 days. The church was completed on December 8, 1902, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This remarkable feat was accomplished in little over five months.

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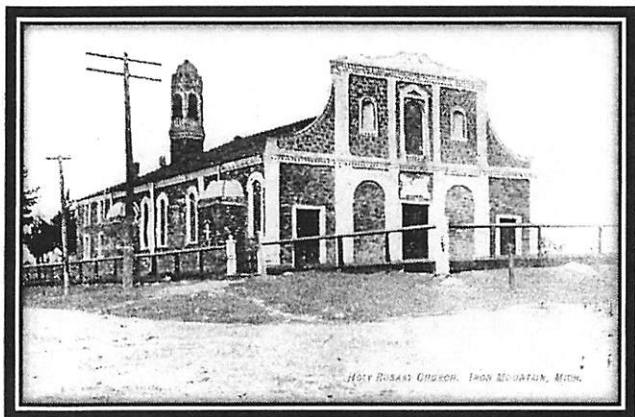
On January 1, 1903, the church was dedicated under the title of the Mary Immaculate of Lourdes in an elaborate ceremony. The name, in Italian, is on the marble slab over the front center entrance. The church eventually became known as simply Immaculate Conception.

The cost of the construction of this church amounted to only a little over \$13,000 due to the donated labor and materials. At that time it was appraised at \$40,000.

About 250 families were members of the parish at this time – primarily Italians. The church was often referred to as “The North Side Italian Church.”

A rail fence surrounded the property which included four lots donated by Carmine Gaudio, a local businessman. The cross now on the bell tower was given to the church by Scarvada Brothers, who had a hardware and lumber business on the North Side.

The stained glass windows were donated by various Italian societies and by Father Aloysius Lango, who replaced Father Sinopoli.



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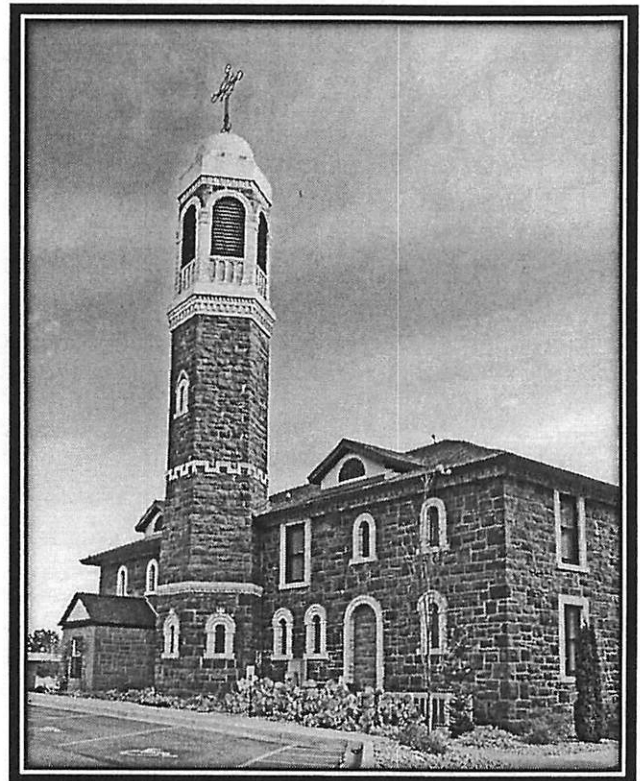
### Description

The Immaculate Conception Church, similar to Renaissance parish churches in Italy, echoes the architectural traditions of the Italian immigrants who built it. It is a rectangular plan church with a central nave, constructed of random coursed sandstone. The main church has a gable-end pitched roof, with a two-story hipped-roof section at the rear.

Unusual timber trusses support a wooden barrel-vaulted ceiling. Stained glass windows, at least three of which were created by the Menominee Stained Glass Works, are set in bricked arched window wells and light the nave.



The front facade has two blind arches, flanked by pilasters, framing the central entrance. Shorter side bays on each side are joined to the main facade with curved walls which obscure the gable end of the roof. Two niches hold statues of saints.



A striking octagonal bell tower, fashioned after a campanile and topped with a pierced belfry, is also located at the rear of the structure.

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506 Blaine, Iron Mountain Michigan**

The inscription on the Michigan State Historical Marker reads as follows:

*In the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, Italian immigrants came to Iron Mountain to work in the iron mines. In 1890, Italian Catholics from the community's north side organized what was popularly known as "the Italian Church." That year they built a frame church near this site. The church burned in 1893 and was rebuilt. In April 1902, Father G. Pietro Sinopoli arrived here. Within two months he formed a church building committee. Four thousand dollars was raised and in June, Father Sinopoli began excavating the foundation. The church was completed in December and dedicated to Mary Immaculate of Lourdes on January 1, 1903.*

The following paragraphs are from the National Register of Historic Places.

In 1902, a subscription drive was started to raise funds for a new church. This was accomplished by arranging the families of the parish by their native provinces in Italy. In hardly an hour, \$3,655.00 was subscribed. On June 24, 1902, ground was broken for the construction of a new church by Father Sinopoli himself when he began to dig the foundation. The workers worked on the church even after their already hard days in the iron mines of the area.

Father Sinopoli, always present, served as an inspiration and guide. He was the engineer, the architect, manual bricklayer, parish pastor and priest always on the site to direct, assist and design. While construction was in progress, Elwin Fayette Brown, superintendent of the Pewabic Mine, sent laborers to the church to help build it and paid them himself. Although he was not Catholic, he donated many timbers for the church from the mine. Carlo Novara and Domenic Brosio donated much of their labor as masons. Most of the workers, men of the parish, would donate a day or two of work each week.

Mostly miners, the men quarried and hauled sandstone with horse and wagon for the walls from a nearby site almost a mile south. They erected unusual timber trusses which support the barrel-vaulted ceiling, and the wooden roof. The overall effect of the church building, which has not changed significantly since its original construction, is that it is well made and created with loving care. The site in town where the stone was quarried is still recognizable.

In five short months, came a beautiful and magnificent House of Worship! Many hands and hearts labored to make a dream a reality. What was to be a simple parish church to meet the spiritual needs of the Italians living in Iron Mountain became a building that was to become a monument demonstrating the civility and pride of the Italians to their neighbors, while reminding them of the old country.

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**1961** – Sisters of Holy Spirit leave. Replaced by Sisters of St. Joseph.

**1970** – First Parish Council elected.

**1971** – Immaculate Conception and St. Mary-St. Joseph school systems combine. School board elected.

**1977** – CCD program started.

**JUNE 18, 1979** – Church listed in State Register of Historic Sites.

**1980** – Rest rooms constructed in church.

**1981** – Sharing Room in basement of rectory built.

**1982** – Stained glassed [*sic – glass*] windows repaired and protected with a Lexon material.

**1983** – Church building sandblasted and waterproofed. New front doors installed.

**1984** – Church bell computerized. Rear parking lot blacktopped.

**1985** – Shrine to our [*sic – Our*] Lady erected in rear of church.

**1987** – Side entry constructed along with ramp and planter. Ramp in front of church was built earlier.

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January, 1914 – March, 1917

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April, 1917 – April, 1919

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July, 1920 – April, 1943

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May, 1943 – December, 1945

**Father Glen E. Sanford**

December, 1945 – September, 1948

**Father Joseph H. Seifert**

October, 1948 – November, 1951

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December, 1951 – October, 1966

**Father Gino S. Ferraro**

November, 1966 – July, 1970

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**Father Donald L. Shiroda**

July, 1980 – July, 1985

**Father Gary A. Jacobs**

July, 1985 – November, 1988

**Father Darryl J. Pepin**

January, 1989 – June, 1998

**Monsignor James A. Kaczmarek**

July, 1998 – Present

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**IRON MOUNTAIN.  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, CHURCH –  
ITALIAN.**

*This congregation is exclusively Italian. From the beginning of the Chapin Mine Italians were favorite employes [sic – employees] of the company. Becoming numerous **Bishop Vertin** gave them in the fall of 1889 a priest in the person of **Rev. Raphael Cavicchi**. Under his supervision arrangements were made for the formation of an Italian congregation. In the spring of 1890 they purchased lot 3 in Block 4 in Gay's subdivision to Iron Mountain and commenced the erection of a frame church with rooms over the sacristy for the accommodation of the pastor. In the fall it was blessed under the title of the Holy Rosary. On November 2, 1893 this structure burned and **Father Cavicchi** was sent to Spalding from where he directed the re-building of it. At the dedication the title was changed to that of the Assumption.*

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*The second church was practically the same as the first, as it was rebuilt upon what was saved from the fire. Hence, the scarcity of room was felt as soon as the attendance increased, which it did through new immigration as also by renewed practice of religion inspired by preceding pastorates. The idea of a commodious church therefore easily gained the minds of people who were anyway desirous of having a substantial church, such as they*

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who left no stone unturned to win the several prizes. The receipts the first evening amounted to \$79.34; second, \$57.59; third, \$869.07; fourth, \$246.46; fifth, \$1,614.37; and sixth, \$367.60; making a total of \$3,234.43. The total expenses will amount to about \$300, leaving a net profit of nearly \$2,900, which sum will pay off the indebtedness of the church and leave about \$1,500 in the treasury. The rivalry engendered by the several contestants and their friends, naturally resulted in the articles disposed of netting handsome returns. The sharpest contests were over the pony and ring, **Gertie McCormick** winning the former and **Cassie Sheerin** the latter. The total receipts on the pony were \$532 for Aggie Anderson, and \$974 for Gertie McCormick, making a total of \$1,506. On the ring Cassie Sheerin's friends voted \$353 worth, Josephine McDermott's \$215 worth and Miss Perigny's friends \$44. **Bert Sweet** won the bicycle, his friends contributing \$86 out of \$128 that was realized on it. **Minnie O'Hara** plays with a \$158 doll, which her friends secured for her at a cost of about \$86. About \$144 was realized on the splendid picture of Father Keul, and **F.E. Kramer**, who is now in Washington territory, is the fortunate possessor of ticket No. 24, which won the picture. A beautiful chair goes to **J.E. Crowley**. The members of St. Joseph's church have reason to feel highly gratified over the notable success of their fair, which places them on a solid financial basis.

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### No Great Celebration but a Quiet Display of Patriotic Reverence for the Father of his Country.

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The centennial of the inauguration of **President Washington** following so closely upon Good Friday, which was made a general holiday in this city, was not so generally observed as it otherwise would have been. The national colors were flying from nearly all the flag staffs in the city all day long, and the store fronts of our prominent merchants were appropriately draped and ornamented with bunting and national emblems. The city hall was draped with bunting on the north and east side. The day was unfavorable for a general parade, as a cold, disagreeable wind prevailed all day, but the fire department turned out at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon, and headed by the **Iron Mountain city band**, proceeded down Stephenson avenue to B street, thence west to Carpenter avenue, then north to Hughitt street and east to Carpenter avenue, whence they turned north again, and apparently headed for the Chapin location. Reaching Brown street, however, **Fire Marshal Sweet** ordered the column to halt, the engineers to get up steam and the companies to prepare to put out a brush fire that was rapidly spreading at the west end of Brown street and threatening some of the residences in that vicinity. **Engine No. 2** was placed at the top of the hill and **No. 1** at the creek near **Hastings & Hancock's** butcher shop. The latter engine pumped water into the former, and **No. 2** sent it rushing through its long line of hose to do its work in drowning out the fire. In this way water was pumped for a distance of over half a mile, two thirds of the distance up a steep hill, and even at this long distance from its

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source a stream of water was poured upon the burning debris that plowed up the ground, knocked over stumps, and scattered the brush in all directions. **The fire had started near the fence along the west boundary of G. Kloeckner's property.** The fence had been torn down to save it from burning. There was another large pile of brush a little further away, that it was thought advisable to burn while the fire companies were there to keep it within bounds, so it was fired, and in a few minutes was reduced to ashes.

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## SHADOW SOCIAL.

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### The Episcopal's Centennial Celebration.

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The large number of people who attended the shadow social given by the **Episcopals** in **Baptist Hall** last Tuesday evening were highly entertained by the pleasing program presented. **W.C. Kennedy**, the president of the evening, first introduced **Dr. J.M. Mead**, who gave one of his popular addresses. 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 bidden [*sic – bidder*], by the auctioneer, Mr. Kennedy. We use this term in its technical sense. We would 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 Beckey 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.

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## CRYSTAL FALLS.

**Wm. McCourt** has sold his team again.

**Ray Kimball** has moved to his new home at **Fortune Lake**.

**J.N. Olenson** has gone to **Watersmeet**, where he will open a **jewelry shop**.

**Mrs. W.E. Hendricks**, of **Iron Mountain**, spent Sunday here visiting her husband.

**Mrs. M.R. Berlowitz** departed Monday for her old home in **Oneida, N.Y.**, accompanied by her sister who has been visiting here.

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## QUINNESEC.

Joe Gereau is engaged putting pigs in clover.

Miss Martha Neudert, of Menominee, is visiting her brother Antone.

Hugh Morrison is appointed night guardian of the township of Breitung.

Ben. Merchand, Mat. Bryngelson and Tom. McKenna will take out saloon licenses.

Mrs. Lizzie Carvis arrived here last week from Douglas, Isle of Man, and is visiting Mrs. P. Wildman.

Charles Moerbitz sent an application to the county clerk for a marriage certificate and through mistake came near marrying himself to one of the witnesses.

Mrs. Erickson, of Iron Mountain, was here last week visiting Mrs. Bryngelson. She attempted to drive a cow out of Bryngelson's yard; the cow attacked her knocking her down, broke her leg and she is also seriously injured about the body.

Ben Merchand, John L. Buell and Antone Neudert, went a fishing on Wednesday morning, to Pine Creek. Returned at 6 p.m. with three strings of speckled beauties. It is rumored that Ben Merchand will open the Quinnesec hotel in the near future.

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ICE cream at Catlin's.

WM. KING, a brakeman on the M. & N. railroad, had one of his fingers smashed last week, while engaged in coupling cars.

ELSEWHERE we publish the card of Paul Bros., who have opened a general

store of Hughitt street, in the building formerly occupied by Thos. Buzzo.

THE new building which has just been erected on Carpenter avenue, two doors south of THE RANGE office is occupied by St. Arnauld & Fisher as a blacksmith shop.

ELSEWHERE our readers will find in this issue Mrs. W.E. Richards' advertisement. When you want a good square meal, or a nice dish of ice cream, call on her.

LAST Friday Dr. Mead, our health officer, devoted his spare time cremating the bodies of dead horses and other offal at the dumping ground, that had become dangerously offensive.

FERD. SMITH has the contract to remodel the Rahr building, formerly occupied by Hathaway & Flatt, so as to make it suitable for a saloon and boarding house. Grossbusch & Wenzel will occupy it as soon as it is ready.

YOUNGS, of the Florence News, suggests the organization of a Menominee range base ball [*sic - baseball*] association. The suggestion is a good one and comes from a man who has made good suggestions before. Let it be done and the sooner the better.

A GAME of base ball [*sic - baseball*] was played in this city last Sunday, between the Florence club and the Iron Mountains, whereby our boys deliberately knocked the Florence pitcher clear out of the box, although there was some good base work done on both sides. Score 16 to 26 in favor of the Iron Mountains.

THE Newberry Independent is the latest addition to the upper peninsula press, and is published by Wright & Hecox. Mr. Wright was one of the publishers of the late Munising Breeze. We hope the Independent has started on a long and useful career, and that its proprietors will grow rich in publishing it.

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of the bad money found in his possession. He was taken to his home which was the house of his brother, and here the whole counterfeiting outfit was discovered and the brother also taken into custody. We did not learn any further particulars only that the men are Italians.

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## CURRENT NOTES.

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

–J.E. Bergeron broke up his Hay Creek, [sic] logging camp, Monday.

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

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

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

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## Ramblings.

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

The employes [sic – employees] of the Chapin were paid for January labor, Tuesday.

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

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## CURRENT NOTES.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Teachers’ Examination.

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

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

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## Change of Firm.

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

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

For Supervisor – **F.A. Janson**,

“ Clerk – **H.J. Colwell**,

“ Treasurer – **W.M. Ramsdell**,

“ Commissioner of highway – **H. Nancarrow**,

“ Overseer of highway – **Joseph Bouche**,

“ Justice of peace – **Thomas Hay**,

“ member of Board of Review – **Isaac**

**Wilkinson**,

“ School inspector – **D.A. Stewart**,

“ Constables – **Jas. Cantrill**, **Jas.**

**Bush**, **Jerry Bennane**, **Thos. La Forge**.

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## Vulcan Notes.

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

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

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## Ramblings.

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

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

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## PERSONAL POINTERS.

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

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

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

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## CURRENT NOTES.

## MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS FROM IRON MOUNTAIN'S THE RANGE-TRIBUNE

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**Frank Hammond**, brother of **R.L. Hammond**, of this city, is president of the **Ashland Mills Men's Union**. He has gone to Indianapolis to consult **Pres. McBride of the Federation of Labor**, relative to sending organizers to the **lumber camps of northern Michigan and Wisconsin**.

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**Mrs. A.A. Flint** and daughter left last Saturday for Spencer, Iowa.

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**Charles Vincent** will soon leave **Norway** for South Africa.

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**Mr. and Mrs. Orrison** have moved to West Brown street.

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### Skull Fractured.

**George Stratton**, a woodsman employed in **Richard Hosking's camp near Lake Antoine**, was struck on the

head by a falling limb last Wednesday morning resulting in a fractured skull. He was conveyed to the **St. George hospital** where **Drs. Cameron and Crowell** performed the operation of trepanning, to relieve the pressure on the brain, but it proved unavailing, the injured man dying the following noon. Stratton was a married man and leaves a wife and one child in poor circumstances. The funeral was held yesterday.

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### IN BUSINESS CIRCLES.

**A.I. LeVEQUE** has opened a **branch millinery store in Florence**.

**THE London Store** has been greatly enlarged by the removal of a partition. **Rusky Bros.**, the proprietors, are doing a fine business.

**NEEDHAM & EVANS** propose to engage in the **manufacture [of] sleighs, wagons, etc.**, on an extensive scale.

**THE** question of a **first-class hotel**, centrally located, is again being agitated in business circles, and there can be no doubt as to its paying good interest on the money invested. **The Wood stone block on East Ludington street** is admirably situated for such purpose, and with another story added could be made the model hotel of the peninsula. Two years ago **Mr. Wood** seriously considered the question of converting the building into a hotel and had plans prepared by a leading architect of Oshkosh. These plans show that, with a few comparatively inexpensive alterations, and the addition of a third story, Iron Mountain would have a hotel second to none in the upper peninsula. In conversation with Mr. Wood last Tuesday the fact developed that, while he was not

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disposed to undertake the task of giving our city a first-class hotel single-handed, he certainly could be depended upon to contribute liberally toward the enterprise. With the revival of business on this range the needs of another hotel, centrally located, is becoming more manifest every day, and the subject is one that should receive the earnest consideration of our business men.

**C. GROSSBUSH** has opened a **branch furniture store in the Blackney building**, corner of Stephenson avenue and B street, with "**Uncle John**" **Blackney** in charge.

ONE of the needs of the hour is an **organization of our legitimate business men** [*sic - businessmen*] of the city. Such an organization could bring about a decided reformation in many things of which the business men [*sic - businessmen*] now complain. For instance, if such an organization should adopt a resolution requesting the council to adopt an ordinance for the suppression for transient traders, the chances are that the aldermen would promptly comply. Then, too, such an organization could do much to promote the general welfare of the city. A case in hand is the need of a shorter route to the **Lower Quinnesec Falls**, where four or five hundred men will be employed within a year in the **manufacture of paper**. There is no good reason why Iron Mountain merchants should not capture the bulk of it, but unless we bestir ourselves the Norway people will get it. The organization could be made powerful in other directions, politically and socially. It is high time petty jealousy and differences of opinion were relegated to the rear, and the business men [*sic - businessmen*] all pulled together.

**M. LEVY & CO.** have taken possession of the new **addition to their store**.

THE **water power known as the "Horse Race,"** located about one mile from the city, is the property of the **Patton Paper company**, of Appleton. This information

becomes interesting when taken in connection with the pointer The Range-Tribune has received to the effect that a well-known hydraulic engineer has been commissioned to make an estimate of the cost of improving the power. Paper mills promise to be numerous hereabouts, and the prospects are bright that every water power in the vicinity will be improved within the next three years, or sooner.

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### May Prove Fatal.

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#### A Woodsman Mistaken for a Deer and Shot in the Right Eye.

A woodsman named **Fafrenier** [*sic - Lafreniere*] employed in **Sol Fraser's camp on the Balsam river**, was taken to Menominee last Monday night on the **Chicago & North-Western train** fatally wounded. Having a day off last Monday **Lafrenier** [*sic - Lafreniere*] concluded to employ his time in hunting. He had shot a large deer and was stooping over it in the act of removing the skin, [*sic*] when the accident occurred. Another hunter, seeing the deer carcass but not the man, and thinking it was a live deer lying down, banged away with his rifle. The ball struck **Lafrenier** [*sic - Lafreniere*] over the eye, tearing out the optic, then passed through the cheek, through the knee, and lodged in the calf of the leg. The wounded man was moved to the camp where the flow of blood was checked and he was made as comfortable as possible. Menominee physicians pronounced his wounds fatal, but he was still alive at last accounts. It is a great wonder there are not more fatalities to chronicle. There are hundreds of hunters in



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the woods and a moving bush is sufficient to call for a storm of bullets.

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### A Bad Fracture.

**Matt. Cook** fractured his right arm at the wrist last Wednesday evening while hastening for a physician for his mother, who had been taken suddenly ill. He was **speeding along on his bicycle** when he struck an obstruction and was thrown to the ground with great violence, fracturing both bones in the wrist and bruising himself considerably. The fracture is a bad one and it will take some weeks for the bones to knit.

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### Typhoid Fever.

**Health Officer Crowell** informs *The Range-Tribune* that there are now **fifteen cases of typhoid fever** in the city, and that the disease seems to be gaining ground slightly. He is of the opinion that all of the cases are directly chargeable to the use of well water.

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### Adjudged Insane.

**Henry Cartier**, who was found wandering around the streets last week suffering from a bad attack of alcoholism,

has been adjudged insane, and has been conveyed to the Menominee jail for safe keeping. **Sheriff Catlin** has two other insane persons in charge and they will be taken to the asylum as soon as the necessary papers have been signed by the judge of probate.

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### Lost Two Fingers.

**John Moloney**, a brakeman, had his right hand badly smashed while coupling cars at **Pembine** last Wednesday. He came to this city for treatment and **Dr. Crowell** found it necessary to amputate two of the fingers.

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### Eighteen Hundred Hunters.

*The Range-Tribune* has reliable information to the effect that the several railroad companies have landed **eighteen hundred hunters in Northern Michigan and Wisconsin** during the past two weeks. There are probably more hunters than deer in the woods at present, and it will be surprising if a number of lives are not lost before the season closes.

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### A Burglar Proof Car.

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**Charles Ingalls**, of **Waucedah**, has patented a burglar proof express car that is said to be really burglar proof. Representatives of the leading express companies have examined the model, and say that it meets all the requirements. It is understood that Mr. Ingalls has received an offer of \$20,000 for the invention.

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### Two Miners Killed.

Two miners, **Samuel Kent** and **Samuel Polkinghorne**, were instantly killed in the **Tamarack Junior mine**, **Calumet**, Thursday morning. The men were preparing to blast when an explosion occurred which literally tore them to pieces. We understand the victims have relatives here.

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**Matthew E. Gleason**, of **Loretto**, and Miss **Josephine McDermott**, formerly of this city, were married at Our Lady of Lourdes church, **Marinette**, in the presence of a large number of friends. Many Iron Mountain acquaintances of the bride and groom extend congratulations.

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**T.J. Jones** departed this week for Iron Mountain and other points in the east. It is probable that he will not return and that

Mrs. Jones and family will go east shortly. Mesaba Range.

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**Capt. Arthur H. Stevens**, formerly of this city, is now superintendent of the **Ohio mine**, on the **Mesaba range**.

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**Charles LeVeque**, now of Iron Mountain, was in the city Monday, having rode [*sic – ridden*] from the Mountain on his wheel [*bicycle*]. Charles expects to make a trip to Paris next year. He resided for nearly two years in the gayest city on the globe. – Marinette Eagle.

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**Dr. George Wright** has moved from **Wausaukee** to **Amberg**, where he has established a hospital.

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**Mrs. William Scott** and children, of Iron Mountain, visited relatives here this week. She was accompanied by her sister, Miss **Nellie McNamara**. –Iron River Reporter.

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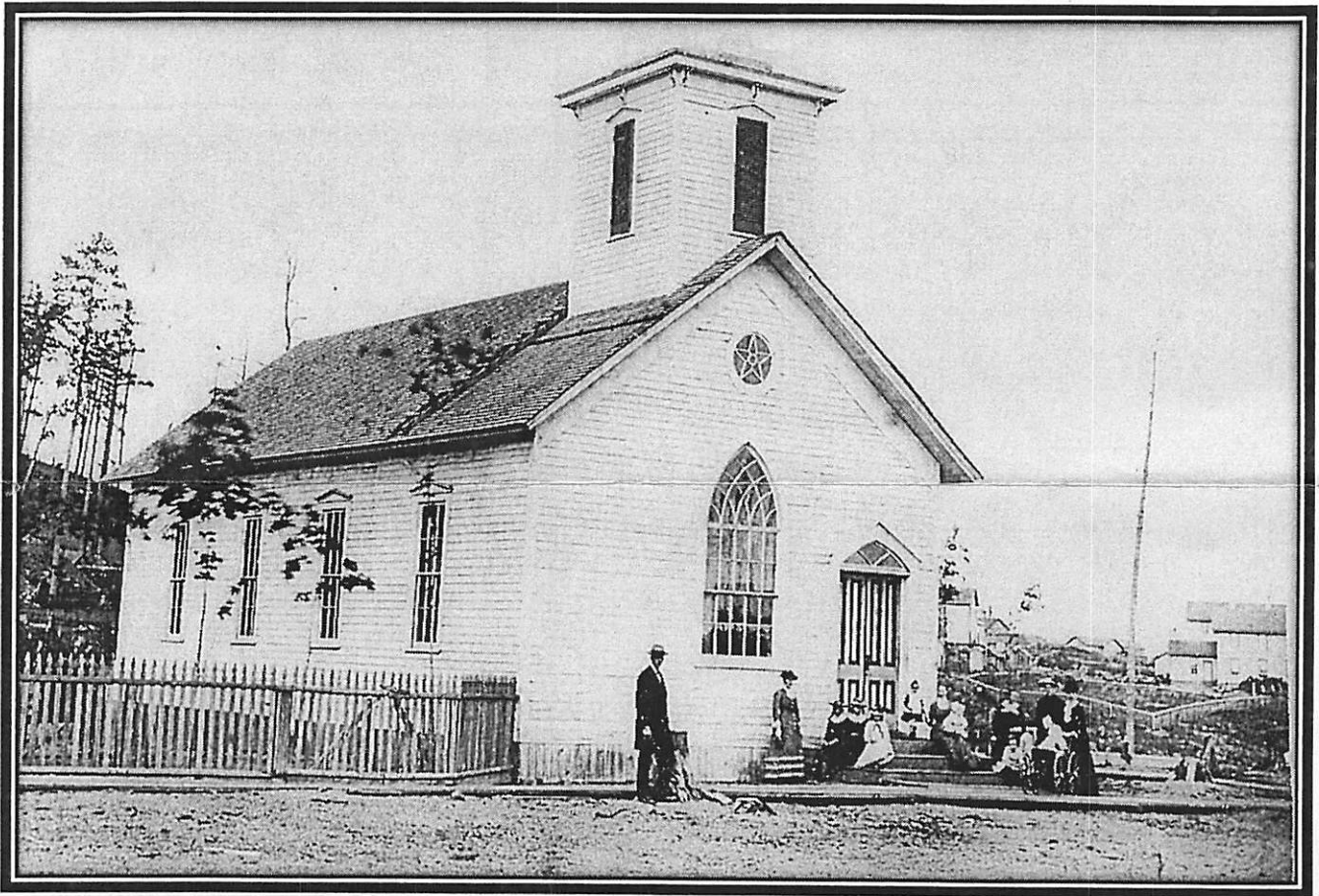


The Swedish Mission Church congregation erected a new church on the southeast corner of East Ludington Street and Iron Mountain Street in Iron Mountain in 1890, about the time this photograph was taken. In 1942 the congregation changed its name to the First Covenant Church. This building was destroyed by fire on January 18, 1950. A new church was constructed at 125 East H Street and dedicated May 13, 1951. [Menominee Range Historical Museum]

## SWEDISH MISSION CHURCH – FIRST COVENANT CHURCH, IRON MOUNTAIN

Iron Mountain's Swedish Free Missionary Church was founded in August, 1882, when the six charter members – N. Velin, O. Frykholm, Lars Pilgren, Emmanuel Hansson, Theodore Falk, Ellias Rapp and Andrew Lundin – met at the Lundin home in the young settlement's North Side. The small congregation met in the Lundin home for two years with N. Velvin, a layman, serving as the lay preacher.

By 1884 private homes proved too small and inconvenient to accommodate the growing congregation, so a school on Iron Mountain's North Side became the meeting place. The Rev. Otto Hogfeldt, the first permanent pastor, began his ministry in August, 1884. In 1885 the congregation began meeting at the Brown Street School, located on the northeast corner of Brown Street and Iron Mountain Street.



Swedish Free Missionary Church was built on the southeast corner of East Brown Street and Iron Mountain Street in 1887. In 1892, the old Swedish Mission Church was purchased by the Swedish Methodist Episcopal Church which had been organized by Dr. C.G. Nelson on May 15, 1890. The church's first pastor was the Rev. F. Soderman. Members of Iron Mountain's Jewish community purchased the church from the Swedish Methodists in 1909, and moved it to the northeast corner of Kimberly Avenue and West A Street, where it became their synagogue. *[Menominee Range Historical Museum]*

The congregation recognized the need for a permanent place of their own, and their first church, capable of seating 250 worshippers, was built across from the Brown Street School at the southeast corner of East Brown Street and Iron

Mountain Street in 1887. A parsonage was also built. In May, 1889, the Rev. Otto Hogfeldt left and the Rev. Axel Melander began serving as pastor the following month. The Rev. Melander taught the English language to many immigrants in

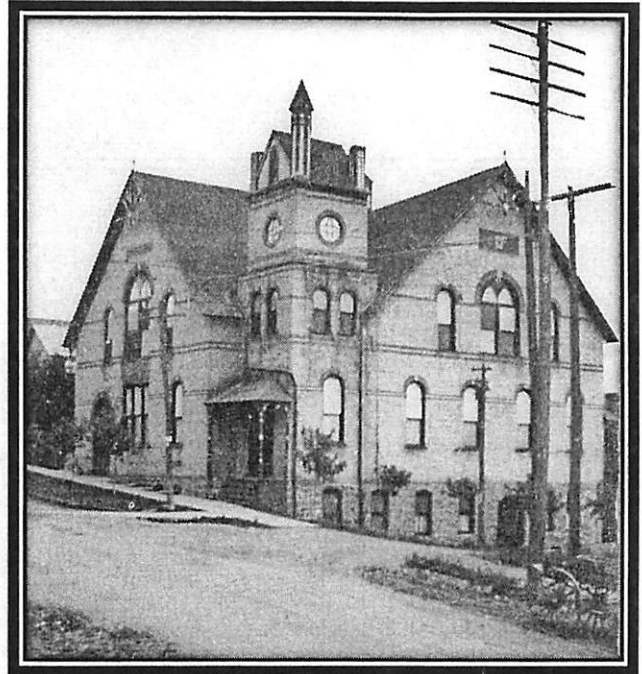
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addition to his regular church duties. In 1890, during the Rev. Melander's ministry, a new church was built just a block away on the southeast corner of East Ludington Street and Iron Mountain Street. The wooden structure with brick facing had a seating capacity of 650, including the balcony and the choir loft.

The church was built mainly through the efforts of the members, who contributed both their time and money. Several members who worked the night shift at the mine worked on the church during the day. The seats, which were of the opera type, were auctioned to the members, and many of them bought several.

In the fall of 1896, a male choir was organized. On February 3, 1914, a chorus choir was formally organized.

In the 1930's Sunday School was held in the Westwood School with over 100 pupils. Sunday Schools were also held in the Pine Creek School and in Merriman.

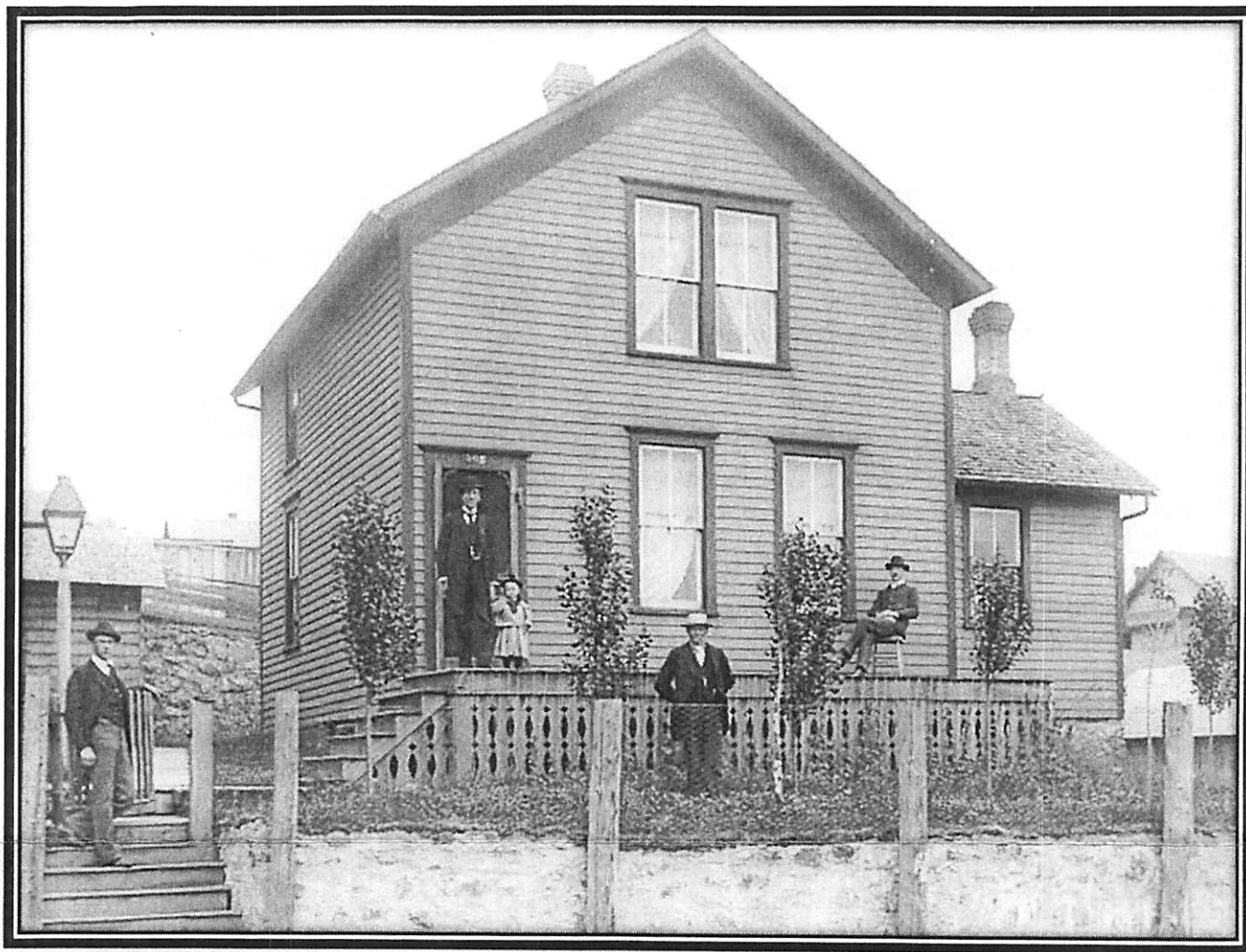


This view shows East Ludington Street in the foreground with the intersection of Iron Mountain Street, circa 1910-1915. [William J. Cummings]



This interior view of the Swedish Mission Church was taken in 1903 during a celebration. Note the large "Valkommen" – "Welcome" – sign. The arches on either side marking the side aisles denote two fraternal societies – the S.K.M.F. (1883-1903) and the N.M.U.F. (1897-1903). [Martha Nagel]

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The Swedish Mission Church Parsonage was located at 305 Iron Mountain Street. Dating from about 1894-1895, individuals pictured, left to right, are Bill Pearson, Rev. J.A. Berg, Joe Franson (little boy), Bob Lindberg and Mr. Runquist. *[Menominee Range Historical Museum]*

In 1942, the congregation changed its name to the First Covenant Church of Iron Mountain. The Swedish service was held at 9:45 a.m., Sunday School was at 10:30 a.m. and the English service was held at 7:30 p.m. Beginning that same year a radio program – “Your Friendly Church Hour” – was broadcast on Sundays from 12:15-12:30 p.m. and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:45-1:00 p.m.

In April of 1948 extensive church remodeling began with a dedication in November. The \$20,000 remodeling project was carried out in the church proper and included a new choir loft, a lowered vaulted ceiling, new wall board, an entire new indirect lighting system and the

renovation of the pastor's study which was equipped with new steel office furniture. Work was also done in the adjacent Youth Center

On January 18, 1950, the First Covenant Church, formerly known as the Swedish Mission Church, located across from the Carnegie Public Library, was destroyed by fire.

Fanned by a cold west wind which sent the mercury to 17 below zero, fire, breaking out at 6:30 p.m. in the basement, razed the 60-year-old structure at a loss estimated by the pastor, the Rev. Phillip Frykholm, as close to \$200,000. Nothing was saved.

The roof of the church fell in at 7:30 p.m. – only an hour after the fire was first



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reported – and one section of the upper north wall crumbled in a fiery shower at 8 p.m. By 10 a.m. the following morning, only the shell of the building remained standing.

After careful consideration the congregation purchased a new site from William D. Cochran, consisting of 120 feet of frontage on East H Street and 750 feet along Cedar Avenue.

On Sunday, August 6, 1950, the congregation, together with a large host of friends, gathered for the ground-breaking ceremonies. The corner stone of the new First Covenant Church was laid with

impressive ceremonies on November 5, 1950.

While the new church was being built, the congregation met in a variety of places, including the Iron Mountain High School Auditorium on Sunday mornings, and Sunday evening and other services were held at the First Presbyterian Church. In addition, some services and gatherings were held at the Immanuel Baptist Church, the Trinity Methodist Church, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church and the First Lutheran Church.



The First Covenant Church, located on the southwest corner of East H Street and Cedar Avenue, was dedicated on May 13, 1951. This postcard view is postmarked July 25, 1951. [William J. Cummings]

The First Covenant Church was dedicated on May 13, 1951. The following description was written at the time the new church opened:

*The church is of a modified Gothic design. In order to economize on the cost, the single roof type construction was decided upon rather than an L-shaped or T-shaped type structure. The building is 37 feet wide at the front, then widens to 56 feet*

*at the east and west transepts and has an overall length of 100 feet. It is modernly constructed of reinforced concrete, cement blocks and face brick, making it practically fireproof throughout. The interior walls are unpainted Waylite cement blocks and the exterior of buff and tan face brick.*

*The main floor is a solid reinforced concrete slab 7" thick with supporting concrete beams and steel columns. The*

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church is well oriented on a lot facing 120 feet on West H Street and extending 750 feet south on Cedar Avenue.

One enters from sidewalk level into a front corridor then up double stairs into the front hall or narthex. The narthex is separated from the main auditorium by a partition of oak paneling and plate glass. The main auditorium has a center aisle and two side aisles.

The choir loft with a seating capacity of 50 and the speaker's platform are located at the front of the auditorium. To the right are the pastor's study and an outside exit. To the left is another outside entrance and the choir assembly, robe and music rooms. There is a corridor back of the choir loft so that choir members may enter the loft from both sides simultaneously.

The ceiling of the auditorium is of exposed, stained wooden Oregon Fir trusses and acoustic panels. Large cathedral lanterns hang from the trusses, whereas the choir loft, speaker's platform and balcony are flood-lighted. The wall above the choir loft is also flood-lighted to accommodate an artist's painting already contracted for. The windows are tall and of rectangular sections of varied colored antique art glass. Each window has a ventilator. The speaker's platform is covered with red carpeting and will contain the organ and piano.

There is a spacious balcony which can be entered from stairways at each end of the narthex. Adjacent to the stairways are a cloak room and an office or nursery. The church has a full basement, access to which may be had from either the front corridor or the rear outside entrance.

There is a spacious auditorium with a seating capacity of 250, modern kitchen, boiler room, two large assembly rooms, storage room, supply room, janitor's closet and three restrooms. The lighting in the auditorium is concealed in troughs. The kitchen is well equipped with cabinets, double sink and electric range and

refrigerator. There is a large double serving window for luncheons and banquets.

All doors and millwork, including pews, are made of native red oak with a natural varnish finish. Wood paneling is of the modern striated design.

The main auditorium and choir loft will seat 388 people and the balcony 103, making a total seating capacity of 491.

The "artist's painting already contracted for" is *The Ascension of Christ*, painted by Walter Elias Sallman (April 30, 1892-May 25, 1968), son of Elias and Christiane (Larson) Sallman, immigrants from Finland and Sweden.

The painting measures 23 feet high and 20 feet wide and was done in one of the large meeting rooms on the campus of North Park College (now North Park University) in Chicago. The painting was shipped in two large rolls to Iron Mountain, where it was installed by the men of the church on the wall above the choir loft.

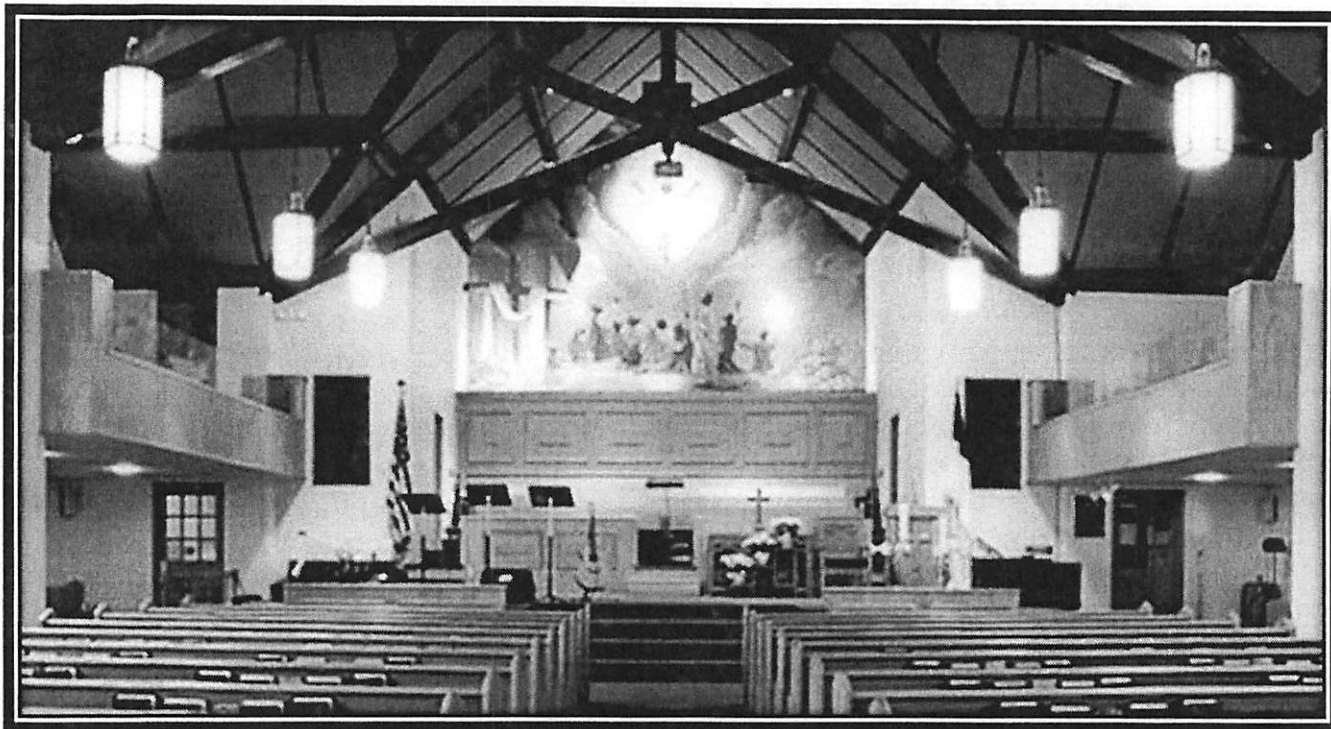
Sallman came to Iron Mountain to put finishing touches on the painting and attend the dedication of the painting at the First Covenant Church in May, 1952. The full figure of Christ can be seen from any elevation when entering the church.

An educational unit and fellowship room addition was built and dedicated in 1959. The new parsonage on Wells Street was dedicated following an open house in 1965.

In 1973 the gym, youth lounge and additional Sunday School rooms were dedicated. In 1980 the church received a bequest of property at Spread Eagle from the Hustad Estate. A new home was constructed there in 1987 and used as a home for youth pastors. In 1987 the new church addition providing handicapped access, restrooms, office space and a music room was dedicated.

In 1994 the church parking lot was expanded. In 2002 work on the Memorial Garden at the northeast corner of the church began through funds provided by Alice Erickson.

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The focal point of the nave of the First Covenant Church is Walter Sallman's *The Ascension of Christ*, measuring 23 feet high and 20 feet wide and located above the choir loft. [*First Covenant Church*]

### PASTORS

**N. Velin**  
August 1882 – July 1884  
**Rev. Otto Hogfeldt**  
August 1884 – May 1889  
**Rev. Axel Melander**  
June 1889 – Spring 1892  
**Rev. K.J. Bloom**  
June 1892 – October 1893  
**Rev. J.A. Berg**  
November 1893 – Spring 1896  
**Rev. J.E. Bjorklund**  
September 1896 – September 1902  
**Prof. Carl Hanson**  
October 1902 – Fall 1905  
**Rev. Isaac Skoog**  
December 1905 – August 1914  
**Rev. J.J. Johnson**  
December 1914 – April 1919  
**Rev. K.K. Jacobson**  
May 1919 – August 1927  
**Rev. J.H. Lundgren**  
September 1928 – April 1940  
**Rev. K.K. Jacobson**  
(served as interim pastor)  
**Rev. Paul E. Johnson**  
December 1941 – November 1947  
**Rev. Albert Lundberg**  
(served as interim pastor)

**Rev. Philip G. Frykholm**  
August 1948 – February, 1954  
**Rev. K.K. Jacobson**  
(served as interim pastor)  
**Rev. Robert L. Erickson**  
November 1954 – December 1960  
**Rev. Robert Carlson**  
(served as interim pastor)  
**Rev. Edward G. Johnson**  
July 1961 – February 1969  
**Rev. Paul E. Johnson**  
(served as interim pastor)  
**Rev. Lloyd Tornell**  
February 1970 – December 1986  
**Rev. Worth Pearson**  
(served as interim pastor)  
**Rev. Richard Allnutt**  
July 1987 – June 1998  
**Rev. Robert Brunko**  
(served as interim pastor)  
**Rev. David Noreen**  
(served as interim pastor)  
**Rev. Bruce Linscheid**  
September 1999 – December 2002  
**Pastor Larry Neargarth**  
(served as interim pastor)  
**Rev. J. Peter Erickson**  
September 2003 – present (2016)

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THE fears entertained when the log driving season opened, that because of low water many logs would be hung up and the cost of driving be very great, appear to have been unfounded. It is reported now by those who are well posted in such matters, that the entire drive will be down earlier than usual, and at a less cost.

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## **Neighbor Gareau.**

**Dr. Gareau has purchased the vacant lot opposite THE RANGE office, and is having it cleared of stumps and graded. He will erect as soon as possible a handsome office and residence thereon.** The doctor is fortunate in securing this lot, as it is one of the most desirable locations obtainable in the city.

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**MESSRS. TURSELL & CO.** wish to inform their patrons and the citizens of Iron Mountain, that they **keep constantly on hand at their bakery on Brown street, a full supply of bread, pies, cookies, and cakes and such delicacies as are usually found in a first class bakery.** Give them a call and convince yourself that they mean just what they say.

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## **Wisconsin is Willing.**

**The bill authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Menominee river west of Iron Mountain, has passed the Wisconsin legislature, and this removes the last obstacle in the way of the work being done.** Menominee county has already voted to appropriate its share of the expense, and Florence county officials have signified their approval to the project. Now we hope to see the bridge built in the shortest time possible.

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WE are sorry to learn than [*sic – that*] **O'Callaghan Bros. & Co.**, of Norway, have recently learned that they were made the victims of a snide fire insurance company, and after paying a round figure to have their mill property insured against loss by fire now have to stand the loss themselves. The name of the concern is the **Continental Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Indiana**, and if any of our readers hold policies written by this concern, they had better save their money, as it is a fraud of the first magnitude. The Current suggests that a list of these snide concerns be made up and published for the benefit of the public. We should take pleasure in assisting to give such a list the widest possible publicity.

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THE following transfers of real estate in this city have recently occurred:

**Wm. P. Vincent to Henry White, et al,** land in the City of Iron Mountain, \$200.00

**Samuel Langdon to Harry DeVere,** land in the City of Iron Mountain, \$700.00.

**Peter Malignoni to Peter Calvi,** land in the City of Iron Mountain[,] \$300.00.

**Sadie Lieberthal to Aretus D. Dumville,** land in the city [sic] of Iron Mountain[,] \$3,554.00.

**James O. St. Clair to Wm. Hocking,** land in the City of Iron Mountain[,] \$125.00.

**Susanna Bitterly to Stein & Elboygen,** land in the City of Iron Mountain[,] \$400.00.

**Jas. O. St. Clair to John E. Stranberg,** land in the City of Iron Mountain[,] \$150.00.

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WHILE making our trip to Chicago last Saturday we **breathed an atmosphere laden with smoke after leaving this city until we reached Menominee. The whole country appeared to be almost literally a mass of smoke, cinders and fire. In some places tall trees were ablaze to their very tops, and everywhere the grass and underbrush was being licked up by the rapidly spreading flames.** A little rain is badly needed to moisten the parched earth, clear the atmosphere of its dingy haziness and saving many thousands of dollars worth of valuable timber. On the line of the **M. & N.** the country is all afire from **Ellis Junction to Oconto Junction,** and it is reported that the freight train last Monday was in such imminent danger that

the crew had to turn out and fight fire before it could proceed.

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## **Don't Monkey With the Wires.**

Either some person is laying himself liable to the penalty made and provided by the ordinance relative to **tampering with the fire alarm system,** recently passed the council, or there is still some defect in the system. The bell placed in our residence has several times started to ring a meaningless clatter, and last Saturday forenoon kept it up until we disconnected one of the wires, as we had been instructed to do, in such an emergency. We don't like to do that, however, as an alarm may be turned in at any time and while the circuit is broken the system cannot be used. If we are to have the benefit designed when these alarm bells were put in the wires must not be tampered with, and we shall not hesitate to report any person we know to be guilty of such misdemeanor. Let everybody do likewise. The ordinance fixes a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$100, or imprisonment in the county jail not less than ten days nor more than ninety days.

**Investigation finally showed that a kite wire lying across the alarm wires was the cause of the trouble.**

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## **Important Business Change.**

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For several days past negotiations have been going on between **W.H. Jenkins** and **V.C. Chellew** looking toward the purchase of the **Commercial hotel** by Mr. Jenkins, and it is a pretty nearly settled fact that Mr. Jenkins will assume control of the business in a few days. The new landlord is so well and favorably known to the people of our city and the traveling public in general that he needs very little commendation at our hands. **For years he was the proprietor of the Jenkins house, until he sold that property to Mr. Wood, who removed the building to make room for his handsome brick block. The old Jenkins house was destroyed by fire the 5th of last July, while it was being fitted up for business.** As long as Mr. Jenkins was proprietor of the Jenkins house it was one of the most popular hotels in this part of the state, and the cuisine department, under the excellent management of Mrs. Jenkins, never failed to supply the table with all the delicacies of the season prepared in the most delicious manner. Mr. Jenkins is sure to do a good business at the Commercial House.

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### **The Appointments.**

The city council, at its meeting last Monday evening, appointed **T.B. Catlin**, city marshal; **Eric Hager** and **Alex. Millman**, patrolmen; **F.E. Crocker**, city clerk; **Arthur Stevens**, street commissioner, and **H.M. Pelham**, city attorney. These are all excellent appointments, and cannot fail to give satisfaction in their several stations. In fact all have proven their eminent fitness for the positions assigned them in former official

capacity, except Mr. Millman, and that he will make an excellent police officer is not doubted by any one *sic – anyone* who knows him. Mr. Catlin as deputy sheriff displayed those qualities that are necessary to make a fearless and faithful city marshal, and Mr. Hager has already served the city a year as police officer, and his reappointment is but a just recompense for the faithfulness that has characterized his past years' service. Mr. Crocker has also served the city a year as city clerk, and has performed the responsible duties of that office so well that his reappointment was conceded by all. Mr. Stevens has served as highway commissioner under the township government, and has shown that he knows how to do a good job at making and repairing streets, and our excellent city attorney has discharged his duties with such ability the past year that the city council very properly retained his services for the year to come.

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AT the **meeting of the business men's association** last evening, the question came up as to **who should be employed to sprinkle the streets**. There were two applicants – **John Rule** and **Langdon & Eslick**. It was decided to give the job to John Rule by an almost unanimous vote. Rule has agreed to do the work one month on trial, and guarantees satisfaction, or he will be willing to stand aside for some one *[sic – someone]* who can.

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## Crystal Falls Victorious.

The official canvass has at last been had to decide the county seat question in Iron County and shows that 1,051 votes were cast in favor of removal, and 1,142 against, leaving Crystal Falls victorious by a majority of 91 votes. The vote of Stambaugh township was not handed in, which would have reduced the majority to 36. As might be expected, the vote in the two sections of the county was almost unanimous one way or the other, Crystal Falls and Mastodon, of course, voting against removal, and Iron River, Stambaugh and Bates voting for it. Felch township was a tie on the question, casting 34 votes for and 34 against.

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## Reynolds & Collins Secured the Job.

The following are the bids for erecting the brick school house in the first ward opened by the board of education at their meeting last Friday:

J.B. Sweatt	\$10,500	\$8,266
Wilson & Moore	11,000	8,770
N.B. Parmelee & Son	8,953	7,674
Reynolds & Collins	8,005	6,405
Meyers & Auld	9,275.50	8,075

Reynolds & Collins' bid being the lowest the contract will be awarded to them, if they give bonds acceptable by the board. We shall be glad to see the job let to Iron Mountain parties, so that our city may receive all of the benefit of the money expended.

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## FIRE AT VULCAN.

### 20 Houses and 3,000 Cords of Wood Destroyed. Opportune Rain Storm. Brush Fires Cause Anxiety.

The high wind that prevailed last Tuesday swept the blazing cinders from the forest fires surrounding the East Vulcan location, [sic] into the village and started a conflagration that bid fair to wipe out all before it. Men, women and children fled before the advancing flames, and the little village of East Vulcan was the scene of the wildest excitement. The miners hurriedly gathered together their household effects and carried them to places of safety, to be guarded by their wives and children, while they hurried back and worked bravely but almost hopelessly in their efforts to stay the progress of the devouring element. It was a desperate time. The wind was blowing a hurricane from the south, and the air was filled with the scorching breath, smoke and cinders of the conflagration, blinding the eyes and nearly suffocating those who attempted to combat the flames. The Norway fire engine, manned by a volunteer company, was soon on the ground, but in the face of such difficulties the efforts of any one fire company would be puny indeed. A telegram was received at this city asking that one of our fire engines be sent to their aid, but at that time this city was also threatened from a forest fire to the

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–**Bob Henderson and his broncho** [*sic – bronco*] are becoming almost inseparable companions. The broncho objects but Bob insists.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

–**The waiting rooms and offices of the C. & N.W. station** here have had several layers of mud removed from the floors, and a few more scrapings will render the rooms clean enough to be habitable. **Agent**

**LaComb** proposes to have them clean if it takes all summer.

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

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

–**The Jewish ceremony "moel"** [*circumcision*] was **performed for the first time in Norway** on Monday morning last at the home of **S.J. Schwartz, merchant**, and was witnessed by a number of Jewish church members and others. **M. Levine**[,] of Republic[,] performed the ceremony. Those besides the relatives who witnessed the ceremony were Messrs. **A. Leiberthal and M. Oppenheim, Iron Mountain; M. Taylor, I. Zuckermann, Dr. Wright, Jos. Cox** and the junior of this paper. After the ceremony the party were [*sic – was*] joined by Mrs. Leiberthal, Mrs. Oppenheim and others who partook of a collation of cakes and wine.

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## PERSONAL POINTERS.

**Mrs. Capt. John Perkins**, after a few days visit with her daughters at Albion and a shorter stay at Lansing, returned with the



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Hon. Capt., Saturday, but was taken down with La Grippe [*influenza*], Monday, and thus delayed the Capt.'s return to Lansing.

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

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## CURRENT NOTES.

–Supt. Jouno, of the M.R.L. Co's [*Menominee River Lumber Company's*] farm has about 100 horses for sale.

–Ground is being cleared up at the foot of Main St. for a lumber yard.

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

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

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

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

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

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

–Capt. Skewes, of the Aragon, has begun the building of a house on the shore of Lake Mary at Frederickton. The Capt. has one of the prettiest sites in the city.

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

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

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

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

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

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Miss **Jessie Laing**, of Ottawa, Ont., niece of **W.S. and H.H. Laing**, is in the city and will remain a number of weeks.

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**Dr. Elmere** left the city, bag and baggage, last Saturday. He informed friends that he was going to Germany to continue his medical studies.

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Married on Wednesday evening last at six o'clock, at the home of the bride, 318 East C street, **Rev. Donald Morrison** officiating, **Edward N. Lepper** and **Mrs. Jennie M. Rundle**. No cards. Immediately after the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Lepper took the Chicago & Northwestern train for an extended southern and eastern tour. They will visit the Atlanta exposition, the national capital, New York and other points of interest and expect to be absent about weeks [sic]. The marriage, while in the nature of a surprise to many of their friends, does not lessen the heartiness of the congratulations and *The Range-Tribune* hopes their voyage on the sea of matrimony may be cloudless.

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**Rev. Mr. Cone**, pastor of the **People's church**, was recently married to a Chicago young lady. The happy couple reached here this week and have been receiving the congratulations of many friends.

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**Charles Sjoquist**, of Homestead, Florence county, and **Mrs. Carrie Peterson** of Iron Mountain were married at Florence last week.

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### AN ENGINEER KILLED.

#### Alfred C. Mortag Meets Death in a Wreck Yesterday Morning.

**Alfred C. Mortag**, one of the most popular young engineers on this division of the **Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road**, was killed in a wreck at the **Summit**, about five miles from **Iron Mountain**, at an early hour yesterday morning.

The wreck was caused by two freight trains – No. 66 and an extra – colliding. No. 66 left here yesterday morning with orders to sidetrack at the Summit for the extra. The collision occurred about one hundred feet south of the siding. It is the opinion of railroad men that Engineer Mortag ran past the siding with the intention of backing in on it, but the extra was closer than he anticipated, and the collision occurred which cost him his life. **Engineer Stoerk**, of the extra[,] and a fireman were somewhat bruised, but no bones were broken.

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The two locomotives and half a dozen cars were derailed and the track was torn up for some distance, necessitating a transfer of passengers and mail and express matter, which were taken north by an extra in charge of **Conductor Jones**. The loss in damage to the engines and cars will amount to several thousand dollars.

Engineer Mortag was an unmarried man and resided with his parents in Green Bay. The remains were taken to that place on the noon train. He had many warm friends in Iron Mountain and his untimely death has called forth many expressions of grief.

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### DAD RYAN DEAD.

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#### A Noted Menominee Range Character Cashes His Chips.

"Dad" Ryan, a character well-known to the sporting fraternity throughout the length and breadth of the land, died at the home of his sister-in-law, **Mrs. J.E. Hooper**, Ala., on October 23. Ryan was a resident of the **Menominee range** for many years and during the boom season of 1890-91, made **Crystal Falls** his temporary base of operations. While Ryan's occupation was not of an elevating character in the eyes of society, being that of a gambler, he possessed certain qualities through which he commanded a measure of respect from those with whom he came in contact. Like others of his class, Ryan thrived upon the crumbs from the table of prosperity and no sooner did the stain conditions of age fasten themselves upon a community than would the festive "Dad" betake himself to the wild and woolly frontier. This disposition very naturally resulted in his

removed to the **Mesaba range** early in the present decade. While there he was stricken with cancer in the throat and was subsequently compelled to seek refuge in the home of his only known relative, Mrs. Hooper, where he died. Ryan was at one time, early in his career, a "bright, particular star," among the sporting fraternity. His most noteworthy experience was probably his connection with the mill between **John L. Sullivan** and **Paddy Ryan**, in which he acted as referee. —Diamond Drill [*Crystal Falls*]

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#### Good for Powers.

Marinette dailies are giving out the news that the **Railway-Eating House** in **Marinette** is to be transferred to **Powers** in the early spring, and six trains a day will stop there for meals. This will certainly give Powers a considerable boom.

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#### Committed Suicide.

**John A. Taleen**, brother-in-law of ex-**Secretary of State Jochim**, of **Ishpeming**, committed suicide in Grand Rapids last Wednesday by shooting himself. He was well-known to many Iron Mountain people.

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#### Victim of a Set-Gun.

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**Joseph Besnar**, a homesteader residing twelve miles north of **Iron River**, was shot Thursday forenoon by a set gun which had been placed in position for deer. He may die from his injury.

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THE question as to what shall be done by western railroads in the matter of transporting **bicycles, baby cabs and that class of wheeled articles** has been practically settled, and on and after December 1st all persons wishing to transport such vehicles over any line of road will be charged regular excess baggage rates. That means that the transportation of bicycles, etc., will be charged for at the minimum rate of twenty-five cents on a basis of fifty pounds for each wheel. The greater the distance traveled the greater the greater [sic] the cost for the wheels, but all trips of 100 miles or less will be charged for at the twenty-five cent rate.

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### A Brakeman Killed.

**Sylvester Walker**, a **Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul** brakeman, was instantly killed at **Republic** last Thursday night. He fell under the train and twenty-four ore cars passed over him, cutting the body to pieces.

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There appears to be an unusual amount of **sickness among the small children** of the city at present.

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**VanStone**, the **photographer**, is arranging to leave Iron Mountain. He intends locating in California.

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**Charlie Watson** was down from **Crystal Falls** last Tuesday and disposed of the defunct **Clipper** [*Crystal Falls newspaper*] printing plant to the **News-Herald** folks.

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**Edwin Stockley**, of Chicago, was shot and killed near **Ironwood** last Monday. His brother-in-law, **Jesse Morgan**, mistook him for a deer.

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**Truant Officer Cudlip** is of the opinion that "for ways that are dark and tricks that are vain" the average Iron Mountain small boy is unequalled.

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**Alonzo Harding**, the **Chicago and North-Western brakeman** who was injured in [a] wreck near **Crystal Falls** recently, died on Tuesday. He was injured internally.

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The **United States Express company** has handled **several hundred deer carcasses** during the past week. **Escanaba** and **Menominee** must be pretty well stocked with venison by this time.

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The extension of the **Chicago and North-Western road** from the **Pewabic** to the **Millie** and **Walpole** mines, [sic] has been fully decided upon, and the survey was completed this week. This will give the company a loop line around the eastern part of the city.

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**Charles Hatch**, the **Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul baggageman**, telegraphed to **Justice Bergeron** that he was guilty of the charge of **accepting deer for shipment without coupons attached**, and he was assessed ten dollars and costs. **J.M. Clifford** paid the assessment.

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It is believed that the **road to the paper mill** can be shortened several miles, and if this is done the trade of the three or four hundred employes [sic - employees] will come to **Iron Mountain**. The business men [sic - businessmen] should meet and devise ways and means to build that road. Otherwise **Norway** merchants will get the trade.

*The Range-Tribune*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVII, Number 30 [Saturday, November 16, 1895], page 1, column 6

We learn that at the next meeting of the board of supervisors a resolution will be introduced for the submission of a vote of the people the question of bonding the county for the purpose of erecting a **courthouse and jail**, and we hope the measure will receive the required number of votes. The people are in favor of the erection of comfortable, inexpensive the county buildings, and the county is in good shape to undertake the work. Dickinson is about the only county in Michigan that has not comfortable county buildings.

*The Range-Tribune*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVII, Number 30 [Saturday, November 16, 1895], page 4, column 3

Up to last Thursday noon **County Clerk Browning** had issued **433 deer licenses**.

*The Range-Tribune*, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XVII, Number 30 [Saturday, November 16, 1895], page 5, column 2

**S. Mortensen**, the **photographer** who recently moved from here to **Marinette** was

## SOCIETY NOTES AND THE EDITOR'S CORNER

**Thursday, May 26, 2016**

The DCGS met in the Local History and Genealogy Room of the Dickinson County Library at 1 p.m. with President Bill Cummings calling the meeting to order. There were 15 members and guests present.

Minutes for the April 28, 2016 meeting were approved as read. Treasurer Miriam Belding reported a beginning balance on April 28, 2016 of \$3,869.74. After deposits and disbursements there was a remaining balance on May 26, 2016 of \$3,711.02.

An update on the publication for *Iron Mountain Ford Motor Company Plant, Kingsford, Michigan 1920-1951*, the new 110-page book written by Bill Cummings, noted the preordered books will be available for pick up in early June at the Cornish Pumping Engine & Mining Museum.

The Dickinson Diggings quarterlies for May and August were distributed.

Miriam Belding and Kay Palmcook recommended that the names of Pam Foster and Shirley Nelson be added to the plaque honoring their years of service as officers (treasurer and secretary, respectively) this fall.

The meeting adjourned 1:45 p.m.

Following the meeting, Lola Johnson gave an informative presentation tracing voting rights legislation from the American Revolution to the present. Lola's talk also touched on the history of democracy from Athens to the Roman Empire to Europe during the Middle Ages.

Bill Cummings, Acting Secretary

**Thursday, September 22, 2016**

The DCGS met in the local history room of the Dickinson County Library on September 22, 2016 at 1 p.m. with Vice-president Kay Carlson presiding. There were 8 members and 2 guests present.

There were no minutes available for the May 26 meeting. Treasurer Miriam Belding reported a beginning balance of \$3,711.02 on May 26, 2016. After deposits and disbursements, the ending balance on September 22, 2016 was \$3,466.50.

Pat Bunt and Sue Knutson reported on their work organizing obituaries and marriages from the Iron Mountain and Norway papers into the new binders and protective sleeves. They have been working a full day each week and there is still much work to be done. The treasurer stated the bill for cost sharing with the library for the binders and protective sleeves was just received and a check for \$653.82 will be paid to the library today.

The purchase of a new book, *Birds of Passage: A Study of the 19th Century Cornish Miners of the Keweenaw Peninsula of Upper Michigan* for \$30.00 was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Vice-President Kay Carlson introduced guest speaker Don Dabb, an enthusiastic collector of antique tractors. He discussed the history of the development of the tractor for agricultural use and the characteristics of different brands and models.

Miriam Belding, Acting Secretary

**Thursday, October 27, 2016**

The DCGS met in the local history room of the Dickinson County Library on October 27, 2016 at 1 p.m. with President Bill Cummings presiding. There were 12 members and 2 guests present.

The minutes for the September 22, 2016 meeting were approved as read. Treasurer Miriam Belding reported a beginning balance of \$3,466.50 on September 22, 2016. After deposits and disbursements, the ending balance on October 27, 2016 was \$2,780.68.

The DCGS achievement award was presented to Pamela Foster and Shirley Nelson for their years of service as society treasurer and secretary, respectively.

The new book, *Birds of Passage: A Study of the 19th Century Cornish Miners of the Keweenaw Peninsula of Upper Michigan* by Betty Bellous has arrived and was reviewed by the members.

Bill Cummings provided the members with some examples of labels for the marriage and obituary binders. Members discussed which format to use.

Nominations for vice-president, treasurer and secretary were opened. The election of these officers will take place at the November 17 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Vice-president Kay Carlson introduced the guest speakers Sally and Russ Westfall of Crystal Falls. Sally gave a brief history of her uncle, an immigrant carpenter seaman from Finland with a special talent for wood carving. After sailing around the world and fighting on both sides in the Boer War in South Africa, he settled on Long Island and worked in the shipyards. He married and had one daughter. In 1914 he made a wooden vase from teak, using intricate chip carving. In 1919 he carved a large frame from teak in the same manner. His daughter inherited the items and gave them to her cousin Sally before she died. Russ, a wood carver himself, described how difficult it is to carve such items and how unusual they are. The Westfalls discussed their efforts to preserve the wooden carvings and considerations for their future home.

Miriam Belding, Acting Secretary

# DICKINSON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 2016

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

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