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BICYCLES

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole No. 478 [Monday, January 24, 1898], page 3, column 4

BICYCLE AGENTS HERE.

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Hibbard Wheel for This Year on Exhibition at Rundle's Hardware Store.

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Already the advance agents for the various bicycle concerns are beginning to make Iron Mountain. Samples of next year's wheel are coming on every train. The Hibbard man struck town last week and left a sample of a "98" model with the company's local agent, A.J. Rundle. The phenomenal success of Hibbard bicycles during their first year prove conclusively that riders appreciate an article built to suit popular ideas and fully abreast with the times. To maintain the leadership in this respect has been their constant aim, and during the past season numberless experiments have been tried to test the constant appearing new features. So thoroughly has this work been done that almost the only part unchanged is the name plate, to which they cling as to an old friend who has served them well.

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole No. 480 [Wednesday, January 26, 1898], page 3, column 5

LOOK FOR A BIG TRADE.

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Local Bicycle Dealers are Beginning to Order New Wheels for '98.

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All indications pint to a big bicycle trade during the 1898 season, and local dealers are beginning to order wheels with which to supply the local demand. Not the least important season *[sic – reason]* for such a prediction is the fact that prices will be more active than ever before. Many of the old riders will gladly buy new mounts next spring, who otherwise would have been content with old ones for another season. With road wheels and racers of reliable manufacture retailing at $50, and up-to-date tandems as low as $75, there need be no complaint of exorbitant profits for the makers.

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole No. 496 [Monday, February 14, 1898], page 2, column 3

GETTING IN LINE.

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Local Bicycle Dealers Look for a Big Business the Coming Season.

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The mild weather of late has caused a whole lot of wheel talk about town and if the soft weather would only keep up for a few weeks, the bicycle riders would not have to wait so long to again ride their silent steeds on the dry roads. As it is every indication points to an early spring and breakup. The

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local dealers are indulging in wheel talk and making preparations for the biggest season in the business ever known in Iron Mountain. They are all ordering large stocks of bicycles in advance and every one *[sic – everyone]* expects a big sale this summer in bicycles.

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole No. 514 [Tuesday, March 8, 1898], page 3, column 5

LIGHT WHEEL TO GO.

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Local Wheelmen will Ride Heavier Bikes This Year Than Last.

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FEW CHAINLESS WILL BE USED.

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The Latter is Heavier than all, Weighing Close to Thirty Pounds – Extreme Lightness in Wheels was Reached Several Years Ago.

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If the present weather continues for another fortnight the silent steed will again be brought into use.

The bicycle dealers expect business to open up in this line in good shape about the fifteenth of this month. It is predicted by Iron Mountain wheelmen that the average weight of wheels ridden this year will be considerable *[sic – considerably]* in excess of those in the market the past two years. The extreme of lightness in the construction of wheels was reached several years ago, when road machines were turned out with more regard to lessening weight than to obtaining stability, the result being that many were buckled. For the *[l]*ast year or two there has been a reaction, and now no wheel is put out at a weight so small as to impair its stabnchness *[sic – stability – ?]*.

This year the weight will be only a trifle heavier than last. Road machines weigh from twenty-four to twenty-seven pounds, racing wheels from twenty to twenty-one and one-half pounds, and ladies' wheels from twenty-six to twenty-eight pounds. The weight, of course*[,]* varies somewhat with the equipment, and can usually be lessened more or less by stripping some of the fixtures.

Some makers will claim less weights than these mentioned, but a well known *[sic – well-known]* dealer says the scales fail to substantiate their statements, and the weights given will be found right if an average is taken. If anything the '98 wheel is from a half pound to a pound heavier than the wheel of '97.

A new steed in the market this year is the improved chainless, but they will not be used to any great extent in this city. In fact, there is no firm here who has yet received a sample, and it's possible that none will be received.

They are, of course, heavier. The makers of the lightest assert that it weighs a trifle less than twenty-seven pounds, but as stated above the scale brings them all up to thirty pounds. This is necessary in the chainless in order to give sufficient rigidity to the frame at the hanger*[,]* as if there is play there*[,]* it is fatal. The consensus of opinion among bicycle men is that from twenty-four to twenty-five pounds is the best weight for roadsters, and the lowest that will insure perfect rigidity and durability.

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M. Swanson sells the Columbia bicycle, and it is a beauty. A $75.00 wheel for only $45.00.

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole No. 529 [Friday, March 25, 1898], page 3, column 5

CHAINLESS BIKE.

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First to Arrive in This City Received by W.H. Mitchell Today.

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HAS A NUMBER OF GOOD FEATURES.

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Is a Columbia Make and Will be Sold for $125.00 – Many Bicycle Enthusiasts Inspected the Strong Looking Machine.

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W.H. Mitchell, the Brown street bicycle dealer, is exhibiting a chainless wheel to the public, which was received by express this morning form the Pope Manufacturing company. The store has been crowded all day with people anxious to see the first chainless wheel purchased by a local bicycle dealer, and Mr. Mitchell has been occupied every minute since setting it up in explaining its merits and superiority over other wheels. No one could do this better than Mr. Mitchell.

The new machine is a twenty-four inch gentleman's wheel with a 72 gear. It weighs exactly 26 ¼ pounds and has the appearance of being very strong. There are many special features as explained by Mr. Mitchell.

For general riding they give a maximum speed for a minimum of effort. The mechanism is perfect. The parts are enclosed and the bevel gears are dust and water proof.

Life the machine free form the ground, give one of the pedals a sharp push, and the wheel spins with such ease, rapidity and smoothness that the spectator is always surprised. There is no swaying and jump and no noise, but the wheel runs and runs until the wonder is, "When will it stop?"

The cleanliness of a chainless, the absence of any need for a chain guard, and the impossibility of danger that the clothing may catch in the machinery make it ideal for women's use. Rain or mud or dust has no effect upon its driving mechanism. The sensitive and always degenerating parts of a chain bicycle are here so protected that they become the most durable in the wheel.

Mr. Mitchell confidently expects to sell several of these wheels this season. He will charge $125.00 and says the price is low.

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John Lawson, better known as "The Terrible Swede," has completely recovered from his much exaggerated indisposition and is riding in better form now than ever. His performance against all comers and records, in the great bicycle race in "Ole Olson," displays his excellent physical condition and demonstrates his wonderful speed. This feature alone is worthy *[of]* the packed houses which everywhere greet this popular and favorite comedy. At Rundle's opera house, April 1.

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole No. 530 [Saturday, March 26, 1898], page 3, column 4

MANY OUT ON BIKES.

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Spring Weather Draws Out The Bicycle Folk in Iron Mountain.

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Many people today trundled out their old wheels and shook the moth-ball oder *[sic – odor]* from sweaters and knickerbockers, skirts and cycling suits, and they began the season's onslaught on the luckless pedestrians who sought to amble across the streets as they had done in the anti-bicycle days of winter.

The wheelmen – men and women – rolled out smooth paths on one side of Stephenson avenue and the sticky side streets and pumped vigorously in an effort to do some rapid riding. The burst of speed and enthusiasm lagged as the muddy stretch grew longer on the down road towards Quinnesec and the riders walked because "they were tired." The "firsters" sore and tired and stiff, trundled their wheels homeward, and walked beside their tiresome steeds or came in at a speed that would make them winners at a slow race with a snail for a pacemaker.

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole No. 531 [Monday, March 28, 1898], page 3, column 4

ATTRACTIVE ATTRACTIONS.

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"Ole Olson" at the Opera House Friday Evening, April 1.

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The season's signal success, "Ole Olson," is the next attraction of note that will hold the boards of the local theatre, and if press notices are any criterion of the artistic merits of the performance, this revival is indeed a happy one, for its manager it must be a veritable Klondike, as the S.R.O. *[Sold Right Out]* sign is a common occurrence en

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route. The caste *[sic – cast]* is an especially important one, embracing as it does almost all the originals, all clever people. The bicycle feature with Lawson, "The Terrible Swede," has set the public thinking – where will stage realism end. This is indeed an attraction that attracts. At Rundle's Opera House Friday evening, April 1.

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole No. 532 [Tuesday, March 29, 1898], page 3, column 5

THE BICYCLE CRAZE.

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The Malady Will be at a High Pitch the Coming Summer.

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WHEELS HAVE COME DOWN IN PRICE.

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Local Merchants Say that Bicycle Dealers Everywhere are Trying to Get the Start of Their Competitors – Chainless Wheels Cost Too Much.

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A reporter was talking today to one of the leading bicycle dealers, and during the course of the conversation stated that the bicycle trade in Iron Mountain this year will exceed that of any previous year form what he can observe. He says the "craze" has seized people all over the country and by another month bicycles will be selling faster than ever.

The popular demand for a high-grade wheel at a reasonable price has its effect and the bicycles that are going to sell this year in large numbers are those which are being offered at good, fair prices. Nearly all the wheels have come down in their prices and the result is that those who formerly could not afford to purchase wheels at high prices are able to get them at a price they are now selling at.

The bicycle man says the way wheels have been purchased in advance discounts any previous season and each and every dealer is trying to get the start of the other, for they all realize that this season's business will be a hummer.

He does not figure that the chainless wheel will cut much of a show in the business this season, not because it is not practical and fully up to the chain wheels, but on account of the high price charged for them. He says people can't afford to pay $125 for a bicycle, simply because it is a chainless, when they can get another wheel at a much more reasonable price. Of course the new chainless has many neat and nice points about it, but the difference in price is too great.

All the manufacturers realize that a good wheel at a cheap price is what will sell this season and they are all turning them out. The fact that many of the patents have expired on bikes is the cause of the reduction in price.

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole No. 533 [Wednesday, March 30, 1898], page 3, column 2

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To say a bicyclist can ride a race against time for miles, covering every inch of the distance, and yet never move an inch, may appear preposterous, yet such is an actual occurrence at every performance of "Ole Olson," where John Lawson, "The Terrible Swede," by an ingenious contrivance, rides to defend his own and the world's indoor records against all comers. At Rundle's opera house April 1.

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole No. 534 [Thursday, March 31, 1898], page 2, column 2

ECHO ANSWERS.

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Grand Good Time Friday Evening at Rundle's Opera House.

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While it is claimed that the most wonderful echo in the world is in the castle of Simontte, two miles from Milan, Italy, which repeats the echo of a pistol shot sixty times, here in America we have an echo which is more remarkable, the universal echo that has been repeating for years the praises bestowed upon the favorite and popular comedy, "Ole Olson." It returns this year upon a more elaborate scale than ever before, and judging from the many nice things said about it elsewhere it is doing the banner business of its career. The cast is an exceptionally strong one – embracing all the old favorites – nearly all the originals. Ben Hendricks is again the "Ole" and Miss S. George Hussey "Mrs. O'Flannigan," Florence Willis, C.F. Lorraine and Harry M. Blake are in the important parts, and the rest of the cast are equally clever. The great bicycle feature which has set the theatrical world to thinking to what extent stage realism can be carried to is a pronounced sensation, for that wonderful bicyclist, John Lawson, better known as "The Terrible Swede," appears at every performance and contests against all comers in his thrilling effort to smash his own and the world's record for one mile. Friday evening, April 1.

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole No. 536 [Saturday, April 2, 1898], page 2 column 2

SIGNS THAT DIDN'T WORK.

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March Went Out Like a Lamb – Balmy Weather Brings Out Wheels.

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March is supposed to be represented by a nondescript middle part, a lion on one end and a lamb on the other.

According to superstition, if March comes in like a lamb it should go out like a lion, but last month persisted in being lamblike at both ends. The weather at the beginning of the month was soft and mild, while the past few days have not been exactly warm they have been bright and pleasant, utterly devoid of lionlike features.

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The sunny days prevailing the past week had the effect of bringing out the wheelmen in considerable numbers and few of the wheelwomen.

Riders of both sexes profess to find the sport enjoyable and scoff at others who declare it is too cold for riding yet. The roads are reported dry and good as far as Quinnesec.

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole No. 538 [Tuesday, April 5, 1898], page 3, column 2

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Corning & Barron are today distributing handsome booklets descriptive of the Crescent bicycle for which they are the local agents.

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole No. 539 [Wednesday, April 6, 1898], page 3, column 2

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The Boston girl learning the bicycle explains that it hit the post because of the "influence of concentrated attention, rendering the movements inco-ordinate *[sic]* so that the rider becomes the victim of perverted reflexes." The Iron Mountain girl simply says "darn it" and gets on again.

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole No. 540 [Thursday, April 7, 1898], page 2, column 2

HE WAS A FAKE.

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John Lawson, the "Terrible Swede" Hoodwinked the People of This City.

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The Cycle Age, one of the leading wheelman's papers, in the current issue takes a fall out of John Lawson, the "Terrible Swede," who is riding against time on a home trainer in the Ole Olson show which appeared at the local opera house last Friday night. The attack is made by the Minneapolis correspondent, who says:

"John Lawson, the terrible Swede, was in Minneapolis with the Ole Olson company last week, and secured a reputation for himself that is not of the very best. Lawson appears on a house trainer in races with local riders. The distance to be ridden is a mile. The distance is shown to the audience by a large dial. It is alleged by certain local riders that Lawson has a contrivence *[sic – contrivance]* on the wheel, which by the pulling of a bar

attached to the wheel, makes it run harder. It is said that he can easily regulate it without any one *[sic – anyone]* noticing it. Lyman Meyers, a local rider, went against Dawson Saturday. He knew of the lever, and when he started to ride he pulled it. He received a calling down from Lawson, but plugged ahead and made the fastest time of the week. It is hardly to be wondered at if the local riders where *[sic – were]* somewhat suspicious of Lawson, remembering the Fairmont-Lawson fiasco which occurred in this city two years ago. In the show Lawson is introduced as the champion long-distance rider of the world.

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole No. 541 [Friday, April 8, 1898], page 3, column 2

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Mrs. J.D. Jones and Miss Lottie Thompson rode their bicycles to Norway this morning and returned home on the afternoon passenger train.

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole No. 543 [Monday, April 11, 1898], page 3, column 2

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Cleveland bicycles $50 at Corning & Barron's.

Every Crescent bicycle is guaranteed and kept in repair for one year free of charge. Corning & Barron, agents.

Crescent bicycles. Popular wheels at popular prices, $35 and $50. Chainless $75. Corning & Barron.

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole No. 544 [Tuesday, April 12, 1898], page 2, column 3

CYCLISTS OUT IN SWARMS.

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The Season Was Inaugurated in Royal Style Monday Afternoon.

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The cycling season had its formal opening in the city Monday afternoon. Many wheelmen and wheelwomen in this city were out for the first time, and the say was given over to the knights of the pedals and cycledom inaugurated its new season with all due festivity and éclat. An imposing brigade of lady cyclists pedaled toward Quinnesec and returned through town making conquests wherever they rode.

The bicycle girl of the summer of '98 will ride forth much observed, approved and

admired, with a skirt of sensible length, although none too short, appropriately gloved, short waisted and booted, a graceful and pleasing picture of prosperity, gowned to satisfy the eye and sensibilities of the most fastidious critic.

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole No. 544 [Tuesday, April 12, 1898], page 3, column 4

PENALTY OF IGNORANCE.

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A Bicycle Dealer Gives a Very Interesting Example in His Line.

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An illustration of how expensive is ignorance is given by a cycle dealer, who says that he has frequently had men and women bring their wheels to him with complaint that the machines were running hard and they could not tell what was the matter. "After taking the wheel into the back room," he said, "I have found that nothing in the world was the matter except that the bearings were clogged with dirt that had become so gummy that they would hardly move. I simply squirted in a few drops of kerosene to cut the dirt, put in some fresh oil, spun the wheel around a little, took it out, and charged the dunces 50 cents. In such cases they go away delighted and give credit to me for being very clever. Well, I am."

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole No. 545 [Wednesday, April 13, 1898], page 3, column 2

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The Bicycle Girl.

She knows we'll be glad to see her,
And she's glad to make us glad, –
And there's less of her skirt than of any skirt
She has ever previously had.

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole No. 548 [Saturday, April 16, 1898], page 2, column 4

METROPOLITAN NEWS NOTES.

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The Going and Coming of the People in a Thriving Little County Village.

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A bicycle agent has been here during the week taking orders for the Arion wheel.

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole No. 549 [Monday, April 18, 1898], page 3, column 4

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HIS OWN PRODUCT.

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Part of Manager Catlin's Wheel is Made for Him to Order.

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Manager T.B. Catlin, of the Michigan Telephone company, is riding a new wheel which he received last week from Chicago. The forksides and rear forks were manufactured by the Standard Tube and Forkside Co., of Toledo, Ohio, in which concern Mr. Catlin holds a large amount of stock. This company is the one which Editor Charles Fairchild, formerly of the Marinette North Star, is the manager. Mr. Catlin states that the Toledo firm is doing a rushing business this season, and by January next a neat sum of dividends will be paid to stockholders.

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole No. 553 [Friday, April 22, 1898], page 3, column 6

A PATRIOTIC SHOW WINDOW.

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Display in Rundle's Hardware Store Attracts Much Attention.

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The show window in Rundle's hardware store in the Opera House block is attracting a great deal of attention just now. In the background is a grand and imposing display of "Old Glory," while the foreground is converted into a bicycle emporium. Perched astride a Hibbard wheel is a dummy dressed in a unique bicycle costume. An attachment to the wheel keeps the pedals in constant motion and Mr. Scorcher delights the spectators by rolling off a few centuries every day. The scheme is a novel one and as an advertisement ranks next to an ad. in the Daily Tribune.

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole No. 556 [Tuesday, April 26, 1898], page 3, column 2

CITY NEWS ITEMS.

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The ways and means committee of the House of Representatives are considering the placing of a war tax of two dollars on each bicycle in the United States. It is estimated that it will bring in a revenue of $20,000,000.

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole No. 560 [Saturday, April 30, 1898], page 2, column 2

Metropolitan Items.

Eugene Lull spots a brand new bike.

John Anderson held the lucky number that won a fine bicycle raffled by Gus Johnson Saturday night.

SAW LOG.

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole No. 564 [Thursday, May 5, 1898], page 3, column 2

CITY NEWS ITEMS.

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A beautiful new Hibbard tandem *[bicycle built for two]* is being displayed in Rundle's window.

Bicycle riding can be learned alone without the danger of falling by using a new English trainer, which has a pair of rollers set in a frame to support the bicycle wheels and revolve as the pedals are turned, a pair of rods preventing the wheel from overturning and yet leaving enough play to enable the rider to balance himself as he learns.

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole No. 568 [Tuesday, May 10, 1898], page 3, column 2

CITY NEWS ITEMS.

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Crescent chainless bicycles, $75 at Corning & Barron's. Call and see them.

When it comes to chainless bicycles Rundle has one in his window that takes the cake, and this is no ad. either. The machine in question is an old time ordinary wheel, one of those kind with a big wheel in front and a little one in the rear. On this kind of a machine your feet go around like a piston rod on an engine and the machine moves as slow as a dray. Mr. Rundle has a stuffed man riding his curiosity.

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Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 10 [Thursday, July 28, 1910], page 6, column 2

Mrs. Datson Is Injured.

Mrs. Fredrick Datson, wife of the Rev. Datson, rector of the Grace Episcopal church, was run into last Tuesday evening by a young man on a bicycle and thrown to the brick pavement near the home of M.B. Lloyd. She sustained several severe bruises and suffered a nervous shock. The bicycle on which the boy was riding was not lighted, it is said. – Menominee Herald-Leader.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 20, Number 6 [Thursday, June 24, 1915], page 7, column 3

QUINNESEC NOTES.

Leon Fraker was quite seriously injured last Monday while riding a bicycle. He tried to pass a team on the county road too closely and one of the animals became frightened and kicked him in the thigh cutting a bad gash. He was taken to Dr. Dockery at Iron Mountain and had the wound dressed.

MOTORCYCLES

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 14 [Monday, April 27, 1925], page 3, column 3

NAME OFFICERS OF CYCLE CLUB

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Parade and Stunt Program Follows Meeting Yesterday

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Elmer P. Bieck was elected president of the Iron Mountain Motorcycle club at a meeting of the organization yesterday.

Other officers selected were Harry Nelson, vice president; Roger Wood, secretary, and William Rhodes, road captain. Two candidates, Otto Thomsen and Alfred Hansen, were tied for the office of treasurer and will settle the election by drawing cards at the next meeting.

Following the meeting the cyclists paraded through Iron Mountain, Quinnesec and Norway and had a group picture taken at the Quinnesec camp site.

Following the parade the riders went to the Harley-Davidson station where they were served sandwiches and coffee. A novelty of the luncheon was the serving of a specially prepared cake, each piece of which contained a card on which was described a stunt that the receiver was asked to perform. One individual had to drive up the street with his shoes removed, another had to drive down Stephenson avenue with his coat on backwards, a third drove the a broomstick, a fourth sang a song, a fifth made a speech and a sixth swept a portion of Stephenson avenue.

MOTORCYCLE-RELATED ACCIDENTS