DICKINSON COUNTY HISTORY – ENTERTAINMENT – DANCES, BALLS, ENTERTAINMENTS

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A Dancing City – Mohicans and Polka Dots.

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

"And in the music's laughing notes
I seem to hear old voices ring
That have been hushed, oh! many a spring,
And round me faintly floats
The echo of a melody
I used to hear in Arcady."

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

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A BALL will be given in **Polka Dot hall** on the 24th inst. *[of this month]* for the benefit of **Noble & Hall's orchestra**. This, we understand, is the first of a series of parties to be given by these gentlemen, and we hope they will be well patronized. A good local orchestra is a desirable thing.

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First Party.

The first party at the **new club-house *[sic – clubhouse]* of the Pine Grove Park association** was held last Monday evening and was attended by over one hundred people. It was an informal affair and was held under the management of Messrs. Davidson, Hampton and Cole; and while informal, it can be said that it was one of the most thoroughly enjoyable parties ever held in the city. Music for dancing was furnished by the Italian orchestra band and was excellent.

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SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE

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Puts One Boy in the Hospital and Another in County Prison.

Herbert Stone is in the St. George's Hospital suffering from a knife wound that threatens to result fatally. Biaggio Ferzacca is confined in the county jail and may have to face a charge of murder.

The affray occurred lasts Saturday night near the Farragut school, and is directly chargeable to the Saturday night dance and the promiscuous selling of liquor to minors.

Stone, the victim, is about twenty years of age. Ferzacca is not yet seventeen. Stone is a telegraph operator, employed by the St. Paul road at Quinnesec Junction. Ferzacca is an Italian and has followed various occupations, recently returning to the city from Hurley.

Both boys had attended the usual Saturday night dance. Both had been drinking. Stone and another boy had become involved in a quarrel. Quarrels usually follow on the heels of such outings. Stone is alleged to have struck the other boy, knocking him down. The other boy was the friend of Ferzacca, who assumed the quarrel. Warm words followed. Stone is alleged to have struck Ferzacca. Ferzacca, enraged, pulled a knife and stabbed Stone in the right breast, the blade penetrating a lung.

Physicians were called and Stone was taken to the hospital. Ferzacca went to the home of his parents, where he was arrested by his own brother, Policeman Ferzacca.

Stone was reported dead several times during the week, but he still lives. His condition is very precarious, however. He has now been attacked by pneumonia.

The affray is one that is a disgrace to the community. It is chargeable to the Saturday night dances and the selling of liquor to minors. No other conclusion can be reached. The police claim they are helpless in the matter of suppressing the dances – that we have no law governing them. Well, we should have a law, and it should be enacted forthwith. And the police should make it their business to locate the liquor dealer who sold the boys their beer. Let this case be prosecuted vigorously. The parents of the city demand it.

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PARTIES PLANNED AT COUNTRY CLUB

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Program Provides for Dances and Card Functions. Program Provides for Dances And Card Function *[sic – subheadline repeated]*

The Pine Grove County Club under the direction of the Woman's *[sic]* Auxiliary, has arranged a fine program of social functions for the winter and spring season. The first was held on October 30th, and the second will be held this afternoon. Following is a list of the several functions, their character, and the committee in charge:

Saturday, Nov. 13th – Bridge and whist. Hostesses – Mrs. Charles M. Dillon, Mrs. Sam Cudlip, Mrs. Donald MacDonald, Mrs. G.P. Fugere, Mrs. O.C. Davidson, Mrs. William Kelly, Mrs. R.B. Wallace.

Thursday, Nov. 25th – thanksgiving Ball – Hosts and Hostesses – Dr. and Mrs. L.E. Coffin, Mr. and Mrs. Gustave F. Gensch, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Parmelee, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Baxter, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. Sol Beauparlant, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Murray.

Friday, Dec. 24th – Christmas Eve Ball – Hostesses – Misses Catherine Cudlip, Eleanor Brown, Helene Levy, Lorraine Parent, Catherine Brauns, Abbott Fox, Dudley Eiesle, Donald James. Chaperones – Mrs. E.A. Braus *[sic – Brauns]*, Mrs. Tom A. Hanna, Mrs. Richard C. Browning.

Friday, Dec. 31st – New Year's Ball – "Watch Party" – Mr. and Mrs. E.G. Kingsford, Mr. and Mrs. Billie Cudlip, Mr. and Mrs. L.M. Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. L.J. Will, Dr. and Mrs. Boyd Kelley, Mr*[.]* and Mrs. J.F. Corcoran, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Levy, Mr. and Mrs. Will J. Cudlip.

January 21st, 1921 – *["]*Informal Dancing Party" – *["]*Victrola" – Misses Jane Goldsworthy, Eva Cardinal, Evelyn Browning, Clara Olsen, Lillie Anderson, Catherine Thelen, Mary Martell, Athlyn Bangs.

Tuesday, February 8th – Dancing Party – Valentine and Fancy Dress – Mr. and Mrs. John M. Garvey, Dr. and Mrs. Henry A. Newkirk, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Levy, Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. Z.P. Rousselle, Mr. and Mrs. Will H. Jayne, Mr. and Mrs. George Laing.

Monday, March 28th – Easter Ball. Mr. and Mrs. John J. Flanagan, Mr. and Mrs. George J. Eiesle, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Kornelz, Dr. and Mrs. J.F. Crowell, Mr. and Mrs. S. Rex Plowman, Dr. and Mrs. C.L. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. M.E. Richards.

Thursday, April 28th – Informal Dancing Party – Dr. and Mrs. George H. Boyce, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fugere, Mr. and Mrs. Martin D. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Seaman, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Dan H. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Thompson.

Saturday, May 14th – Bridge and 500. Mesdames W.C. Gordon, E.F. Brown, C.H. Milliman, Herman Sturtz, S.J. Butler, Misses Jennie Brown, C.H. Milliman, Herman Foley, Barbara Dolf.

Thursday, May 19th – Informal Dance – Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Reeder, Mr. and Mrs. Matt King, Mr. and Mrs. M.B. Travis, Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Hoose, Mr. and Mrs. E.J. DeGaynor *[sic – DeGayner]*; Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Erickson, Dr. and Mrs. B.W. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Abbott.

Saturday, May 28th – Bridge and 500 – Mesdames Fred E. Parmelee, Morgan E. Leonard, S. Edwin Cruse, Charles D. Symonds, A.E. Brauns, F.E. Cole, W.E. Hallenbeck.

Saturday, June 11th – Election of officers and business meeting. Mesdames I. Unger, Henry L. Neuens, Harry W. Meyers, George H. Goodrich, R.C. Flannigan, M.J. fox, Stephen James, G.v. Carpenter.

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Following are the officers and house committee of the auxiliary:

President – Mrs. Frank M. Milliman.

Vice-President – Mrs. Otto L. Arnold.

Treasurer – Mrs. Ben Seaman.

Recording Secretary – Mrs. Edwin W. Sims.

Corresponding Secretary – Miss Belle Martin.