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The directory has a complete list of all of the lakes and streams in Michigan. It is a comprehensive reference guide to every lake and stream of consequence in the state.

Considered alphabetically, **Lake Antoine** heads the list for Dickinson county. It is described as in "Breitung township, near U.S.-2, in Iron Mountain. It comprises 650 acres; a good road touches the lake; no resort development; no boat livery; good swimming and beach; sparse weeds; one island; hilly land; lake much frequented. Large-mouth bass and perch."

Others In County.

Others in the Dickinson county list, with their descriptions, follow:

Badwater – Breitung township, near M-45 north of Iron Mountain; 400 acres; part of Menominee river; road touches lake; no resort development or boat livery; swimming no good; marshy beach; sparse woods; hilly land; lake much frequented; large-mouth bass, perch and wall-eyed pike.

Bass – Breitung township; near M-45; near Iron Mountain; 75 acres; road touches lake; no resort development or boat livery; good swimming; sparse woods; hilly land; lake much frequented; large-mouth bass.

Benton – Norway township; near U.S.-2, north of Norway; 30 acres; road six miles away, with tote road into lake; no resort development; no boat livery; good swimming; sand and much beach; woods; mostly swampy land.

Bradford – Breitung township, near M-45; west of Granite Bluff; 35 acres; perch.

Brown's – Waucedah township; near M-69 south of Foster City; 100 acres; township road touches lake; no resort development; no boat livery; swimming not good; marshy beach; sparse woods; swampy land; lake not much frequented; perch.

Carney – Norway township; near M-45; near Norway; 100 acres; county road five miles away; tote road into lake; no resort development; no boat livery; good swimming spots; woods all around lake; hilly land; not popular; pike.

Cowboy lake – Breitung township, near M-45, west of Iron Mountain; 100 acres; road touches lake; no resort development; swimming not good; marshy beach; no woods; hilly land; lake not popular; large-mouth bass, perch and wall-eyed pike.

Crescent Pond – Sagola township and Iron county, Mansfield township; near M-45, at Channing; 40 acres; road touches lake; no resort development; swimming not good; mud and gravel beach; sparse woods; flat land; lake not much frequented; perch and pike.

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Crystal – Breitung township, near M-45, in Iron Mountain; 90 acres; road touches lake; slight resort development; good swimming; sand beach; woods; hilly land; lake much frequented; large-mouth bass, blue-gills, perch and pike.

Doans – Sagola township, near M-45, near Floodwood; 35 acres; perch and pike.

East – Breen township, near M-69, 12 miles from Foster City; 80 acres; road touches lake; no resort development; good swimming; land hilly and swampy; good lake for camping.

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Fumee – Breitung township; near U.S.-2; between Iron Mountain and Norway; 400 acres; road one-half mile away; no resort development; swimming not good; sparse woods; hilly land; perch.

Gages – Sagola township, near M-35, and M-69; northwest of Randville; 60 acres; road touches lake; no resort development; swimming not good; marshy beach; dense woods; flat land; perch.

Gene – Felch township; near M-69; near Felch; 40 acres; road touches lake; no resort development; swimming not good; dense woods; hilly land; perch.

Gestner – Sagola township, near M-45 and M-69, west of Randville; 50 acres; road touches lake; no resort development; lake not much frequented; perch.

Hamilton – Waucedah and Norway townships, near U.S.-2, between Loretto and Waucedah; 110 acres; road touches lake; extensive resort development; boat livery; good swimming; sand beach, woods, islands, land nearly flat; lake much frequented; large-mouth bass perch and wall-eyed pike.

Hanbury – Norway township, near U.S.-2, near Vulcan; 125 acres; road touches lake; no resort development; good swimming; large-mouth bass and perch.

Kates – West Branch township, and Marquette county; near M-45, near Gwinn; 80 acres; old supply road touches lake; no resort development; swimming not good; mud beach; lake not much frequented; perch.

Lost – Sagola township, near M-45, near Randville; 50 acres; road two miles away; no resort development; swimming not good; flat land; perch.

Louise – Waucedah township, near U.S.-2, south of Loretto; 100 acres; road touches lake; extensive resort development; boat livery; good swimming; sand beach; woods; nearly flat land; lake much frequented; large-mouth bass, perch and wall-eyed pike.

Lyons – Norway township, near M-69, near Vulcan; 30 acres; road four miles away, with corduroy side-road to lake; no resort development; good swimming in places; woods all around; mostly swamp land; perch.

Marshes – Breen township, near M-69, 10 miles from Foster City; 30 acres; road touches lake; farm on north side; no resort development; lake much frequented; perch; deer are plentiful.

Mary – Waucedah and Norway townships, near U.S.-2, south of Loretto; 120 acres; road touches lake; extensive resort development and all facilities; lake popular; large-mouth bass, perch and wall-eyed pike.

Moon – Breitung township, near M-45, near Iron Mountain; 80 acres; road touches lake; slight resort development; swimming not good; lake not much frequented; sunfish.

Norway – Felch township, near M-69, near Felch; 100 acres; road touches lake; slight resort development; good swimming; large-mouth bass and perch.

O'Neil – Felch township, near M-45, east of Floodwood and north of Henderson; 30 acres; bullheads.

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Pickerel – Felch township, near M-69, near Felch; 85 acres; road one-half mile away; no resort development; lake popular; perch and pike.

Powder – Breitung township, near U.S.-2, south of Iron Mountain; 25 acres; road touches lake; lake not much frequented.

Pronto – Breen township; no road near lake; no resort development; swimming not good; popular for brook trout.

Railroad – Sagola township, near M-45, near Channing; 30 acres; road touches lake; no resort development; not popular; perch and pike.

Rock – Norway township, near U.S.-2, north of Norway; 40 acres; perch.

Sawyer – Sagola township, near M-45, near Channing; 25 acres; road touches lake; extensive resorts development with all facilities; good swimming; large-mouth bass, perch and wall-eyed pike.

Silver – Sagola township, near M-45, near Channing; 160 acres; road touches lake; slight resort development; boat livery; good swimming; large-mouth bass and perch.

Six Mile – Felch township, near M-69, near Metropolitan; 60 acres; road touches lake; no resort development; good swimming; large-mouth bass.

Solberg – Felch township, near M-45 and M-69, near Metropolitan; 20 acres; road one mile distant; no resort development; swimming not good; lake not much frequented.

Spring – Breitung township, near U.S.-131, near Iron Mountain; road one-half mile away; no resort development; lake not popular.

Sturgeon – Norway township, near U.S.-2, near Loretto; road touches lake; no resort development; lake not popular.

Trout Streams.

Trout streams in Dickinson county are listed as follows:

Badwater Creek; Big Brook; West Branch of Escanaba river (Flat Rock stream); Ford river; north Branch of the Ford river; Menominee river; Michigamme river; Mitchell creek; Pine creek; Schwartz creek; Sturgeon river; East Branch of Sturgeon river; West Branch of Sturgeon river; West Branch of the West Branch of the Sturgeon river, and the Two-Mile creek.

Fred W. Henshaw, East Lansing, president of the Magazine of Michigan company, in a foreword to the book, gives some interesting information relative to the lakes and streams of Michigan.

“There are at least 4,167 lakes with names in the state,” he said. “If a person visited one lake a day, it would take him more than 11 years to make the rounds.

“Oakland county has the greatest number of lakes – 270, Marquette, in upper Michigan, is third with 159; Gogebic, fifth, 130. The record for the number of lakes in one township is held by Watersmeet township, in Gogebic county, with 89.

Six With None.

“Six counties in Michigan have no lakes at all. These are Arenac, Bay, Monroe, St. Clair, Saginaw and Sanilac. Wayne county has only three, Huron two and Midland one – the latter an artificial body formed by a dam in the Titabawassee river.

“The largest inland lake in Michigan is Houghton, in Roscommon county, with 18,950 acres. Torch lake, in Antrim county, covering 18,000 acres, is second in size, but the greatest in length, extending 18 miles.

“The number of lakes that are termed ‘popular’ is found to be 1,869. In addition, 1,577 are good for swimming, and boat liveries are operated at 1,067, but of the total of 4,187 in the state only 491 have been developed for the tourist and resort trade.

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"Almost all of Michigan's lakes contain fish, mostly large and small-mouth bass, bluegills, perch, pike and wall-eyed pike.

"A relatively small number contain trout, muskellunge and whitefish. Bullheads, suckers, sunfish, carp and other undesirable specie *[sic – species]* are too common, and are not listed.

Duplication of Names.

"Perhaps the most interesting fact developed in the list is the great number of name duplications. Forty-six names account for 1,252 of the lakes. Altogether 2,771 lakes share their names with others, leaving only 1,416 with individual names.

"The most common name of all is Mud, which with its variations of 'Big' and 'Little' is applied to 197 lakes. Oakland county alone has 13 Mud lakes. The Long lakes are second, with 91; Bass, third, with 66; Twin Lakes, fourth, 60, and Round Lakes, fifth, with 59

"The names of the lakes, taken in the aggregate, provide material for a fascinating study. Apparently the early settlers, who must have named them, were influenced by similar considerations, no matter in what part of the state they happened to live.

"Animals, birds, trees, fruit, color and physical characteristics provide the theme for the naming of most of the lakes, although a few are derived form nicknames and other even more fantastic sources. For instance, there is a Doc and Tom lake, and a Magician, Angelus, Sylvan, Sunrise, Sunset, Rainbow, Avalon, Echo and Lake of the Clouds.

Lakes For Meals.

"Still others suggest eating – such as Breakfast lake, in Keweenaw; Lunch lake, in Presque Isle; Meal lake, in Marquette; Picnic, in Montcalm, and Dinner in Gogebic.

"Then there are the dishes – Crockery, Kettle, Pitcher and Dipper.

"And back to food again there are the Pea Soup; Pork Barrel; Lamb; Liver; Oyster; Egg; Goose Egg; Goose Neck and Chickenbone. Again, there are Cucumber; Pepper; Coffee; Sugarloaf; Milk; Buttermilk, and Big, Little and Middle Guernseys."

"Badwater, in Dickinson county," the editor jokingly comments, "is not recommended in this list."

"The only finger-bowl available is Hannah's Wash Basin, in Kent county. All of which may help one to avoid Starvation lake, in Kalkaska," the article continues.

"In the romantic field there are Valentine, Two Heart, Happy, Lonesome, Honeymoon, Paradise and Farewell. For the confirmed maiden ladies, however, there are No Man's lake, in Ogemaw, and Petticoat, in Baraga.

Indian Names.

"The Indian language also accounts for a long list, and in the movement for improving the names of Michigan's lakes, it would seem that a great opportunity lies in drawing upon the wealth of unusual Indian words and names. These are varied and distinctive, and suggest the wild and unspoiled country which the red man roamed at will and which he was once pleased to call his own."

The forward also includes a word of appreciation to the men – mostly supervisors – in each county who furnished the necessary information. The Dickinson county list consists of Anton Buttler *[sic – Butler]*, P.A. Carmichael, Amos Dishaw, Fred Langsford, P.J. Milligan, A.A. Wells and Edward Wickman.

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The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume IX, Number 43 [Saturday, September 28, 1878], page 3, column 4

BASS LAKE, near Iron Mountain, on the new road from Quinnesec to the Twin Falls, is described as a beautiful sheet of water, completely framed in with a pebbly beach. It is full of fish that are anxious and willing to take a bit provided that the opportunity is offered them. This will be another attraction, among the many, with which that region abounds. –It is only five miles from town and you can either ride or go afoot. Owing to a heavy rain while we were there, we missed the chance of gazing on its crystal contents.

Brown's Lake

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The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume III, Number 28 [Saturday, August 13, 1887], page 1, column 4.

WAUCEDAH.

The **King-Fisher party**, from **Ohio**, arrived here a week ago, to fish **Ruprecht**

lake, but failing to find any gamy fish, they pulled up stakes and moved to **Brown's lake**, where they are having lots of sport with the wiry black bass.

Crystal Lake

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The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume ___, Number ___ [Thursday, June 16, 1892]

Should Be Stopped.

Crystal lake is becoming quite a popular resort summer evenings and Sundays for promenades by ladies and gentlemen, driving, etc., and it would be still more popular but for the crowds of boys who go down there bathing. It is not pleasant for a lady and gentleman who may be walking or driving along the Crystal lake boulevard to meet a crowd of boys from 12 to 20 years [old] capering about perfectly naked, neither is it decent for the boys nor creditable for the city officials that such things are allowed to occur. A public natatorium properly constructed and properly conducted at this point would be no doubt a public luxury, but decency demands that boys and young men should not be permitted to expose themselves in so public a place.

The Daily Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Second Year, Whole No. 581 [Wednesday, May 25, 1898], page 3, column 5

NARROW ESCAPE.

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A Boy Nearly Loses His Life While Floating a Raft on Crystal Lake.

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Late yesterday afternoon Roy McPhee, the nine year old son of Mr. George McPhee, of Carpenter avenue, concluded to take a ride on a small raft on Crystal Lake. He pushed the raft around the lake for some time enjoying the fun and finally got into deep water. In an unguarded moment his feet slipped and he fell overboard into water, considerably over his head. He struggled in the water trying to regain the raft, but failed to do so and sank beneath the water. Two companions hearing his cries came to his rescue. They

were Joe Schoskey and RayOates [sic – Ray Oates]. The boys hastily secured a long pole and waded into the water. Young Schoskey seeing that his companion was going down for the last time swam to him and kept his head above water until helped by the Oates boy. Together they succeeded in getting their companion to the shore, all being very much exhausted by their efforts and contact with the cold water of the lake.

The McPhee boy had swallowed considerable water and some alarm was felt for him. Dr. Menestrina was summoned and brought the nearly drowned boy around all right. He is confined to his bed today but will be all right in a short time. It was a very narrow escape for him, and his parents and friends are thankful for his timely rescue.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 3, Number 9 [Thursday, July 21, 1898], page 1, column 5

A POOR LITTLE WIDOW.

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Would Drown Self and Children.

Mrs. Carlson, a widow, who resides in a small house near the corner of Carpenter avenue and G street, tried to drown herself and four small children in one of the little lakes near the south dumping grounds last Sunday, while in a demented condition caused by hardship. The attention of some men, who were passing near, was attracted by the cries of the little ones, and the crazed mother was compelled to desist from her purpose of ending her earthly troubles. At the time of the rescue, the woman was in the water up to her waist. A little babe, hardly a year old, was in her arms, and the three other children, the eldest of which is about six years, were clinging to her dress, sobbing most pitifully. The scene was a heart-rending one, and one that the rescuers will remember as long as they live.

The case of Mrs. Carlson is one of the most heartrending that has ever come within the notice of the writer. Left a widow less than a year ago with four small children to support, her life has been one continual struggle to keep the wolf from the door. Her efforts were almost in vain and she was completely discouraged. Her husband, a hard-working man, died of typhoid fever and his sickness and funeral expenses consumed all the ready cash in hand. Mrs. Carlson is a frail, delicate little woman, unable to perform much labor, and her struggle to provide her little ones with clothing and the necessities to sustain life, *[sic]* has been an awful test. It has finally resulted in the weakening of her mind, and to-day *[sic – today]* the circumstances of the family are more pitiful than ever. To be sure the little woman has received some assistance from the county, but what is a miserly pittance of seven or eight dollars a month in a case of this kind? It is hardly sufficient to provide milk for the children, to say nothing of more substantial food and clothing. It is a case that ought to make every heart in Iron Mountain ache and cause us to hang our heads in shame, that in the midst of our plenty, we have been so neglectful as to the welfare of our immediate neighbors.

Prior to the attempt at self-destruction and the silencing of the cries of her babies for food, Mrs. Carlson had gone to the home of a Mr. Larson, a contractor residing on Prospect avenue, and left her few remaining valuables and a letter addressed to relatives in Sweden in which she recited her troubles, and told of her intention. The letter was not read until after the attempt was known, and it was thought that she had

only gone out for the day and left the articles for safe keeping.

The immediate wants of the family are now being provided for, and the good people of this city should, and we believe we will, see that the wolf is kept from the door hereafter, and that the poor little mother will not again be driven by grim want to such an extreme that she will be tempted to destroy herself and little ones. If troubles have destroyed her mind, she should be relieved of the care of the little ones and placed in some safe resort. But it is probable that, when others show a disposition and willingness to shoulder a portion of her burden, her mind will recover its balance and a little sunshine will again find its way into the poorly furnished home on Carpenter avenue. Let us hope so. And let us all contribute a little sunshine.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume ___, Number ___ [Thursday, May 15, 1905], page ___, column ___

Crystal Lake.

Speaking of public improvements, The Press desires to remark that H.M. Pelham is deserving of a vote of thanks for his strenuous endeavors to beautify Crystal Lake. Last season Mr. Pelham planted several hundred shade trees around the shores of the lake. During the summer nearly a third of the trees were destroyed by vicious boys. Undaunted by this despicable and wanton destruction of property, Mr. Pelham is this spring planting an additional one hundred and fifty maple and willow trees. It is to be hoped that the city authorities will take steps to protect the property and prosecute vigorously the vicious lads who take delight, seemingly*[,]* in destroying improvements of this nature. In addition to the planting of trees, Mr. Pelham has been instrumental in improving the highway around the lake and it is now possible to make the circuit in carriages. At the inlet between Crystal Lake and Mud Lake a substantial bridge has been constructed at a considerable expense and some of the low places in the road have been filled and the roadbed width *[sic – widened]*. Crystal Lake is a beautiful sheet of water – one, too, that is not fully appreciated by our citizens. However, it is growing in popularity and would become decidedly more so if the authorities would abolish the dangerous practice of the small boy *[sic – boys]* – and some older boys – in making a shooting park of the surroundings. And, then, there is the bathing in the nude question, which should receive attention. It has been suggested, and the suggestion is an excellent one, that the city council appropriate a small sum for the erection of a public bathing-house at the lake.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 25, Number 27 [Thursday, November 18, 1920], page 8, column 3

DROWNS IN CRYSTAL LAKE

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Ten-Year-Old Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. LaHaie, Falls in Air Hole.

While playing on the ice at Crystal Lake late last Sunday afternoon, Archie, the ten-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph LaHaie, 614 West Hughitt street, broke through and met death by drowning. The water was about twelve feet deep where the unfortunate lad went down. The boy was alone at the time of the sad affair.

The boy let his home yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock and went to the home of some other boys to play. Not finding them at home he went to Crystal *[Lake]* and went out on the ice. The place where the lad went down is an air hole and it is thought that while he was running along he did not notice the hole and stepped into it.

A son of Harvey Baril, *[sic]* and another boy saw the LaHaie boy coming to ward *[sic – toward]* the lake while they were going in another direction to their home. When the lad failed to put in an appearance for supper his parents became alarmed and upon learning that he had gone to the lake they summoned some of their friends and wnet *[sic – went]* there to make an investigation. The Rev. Fr. J. Beauchene notified Undertaker J.A. Payant that the boy was missing and had probably been drowned. Coroner MacDonald was also summoned. Mr. Payant took charge of the work in recovering the body. He and Chief of Police Gibeault organized about twenty men and boats were procured and the work of dragging the lake was started at once. At 8:30 o'clock the boy's cap was found floating in the water. The party worked diligently until 11 o'clock last night to recover the body, but it proved in vain. This morning Iver Carlson, who is employed by Mr. Payant, and Fred Luckman and Officer Corey went out in a boat, again dragged the lake and located the body at about 9 o'clock.

The boy is survived by his parents, five brothers and four sisters. The funeral will be held Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock at St. Joseph's church, the Rev. Fr. J. Beauchene officiating. Interment will be made at Cemetery park.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 212 [Friday, December 18, 1925], page 3, columns 5-7

CRYSTAL LAKE RINK WILL BE READY SUNDAY

Plan Flooding Tomorrow To Provide Smooth Surface

Preliminary steps for the preparation of the municipal skating rink on Crystal Lake will be taken tomorrow when a crew of men from the city engineer's department will flood a considerable area of the ice, so that skating may be provided for Sunday. The work to be done tomorrow, however, will not constitute the plans now in progress for the Crystal Lake rink.

At present, about eight inches of ice have formed on the surface of the lake. Much of this is heavily crusted with snow, which will require the use of a motor grader to removed and level. A light grader tried out a few days ago by the Ford Motor company, which is co-operating in the plans, was not heavy enough to do the work. Consequently, the city engineer will use the city's heavy road grader for that purpose, but the equipment cannot be used until a heavier layer of ice has been formed. About ten inches of solid ice will be required for the use of the heavy grader, Fred Hartmann, city engineer, said this morning.

The Antoine Rink

Relative to the other municipal rink at Lake Antoine, the city engineer declared this morning that the flow of water from the Chapin mine pipe at the north end of the lake has already provided a wide, smooth area for skating and the surface requires no further flooding.

The flow of water from the Chapin at that point has been stopped temporarily to permit the formation of sufficient ice for further work on the new intake to the city's filtration plant northeast of the city. Consequently, the smooth ice already formed will not be flooded again for some time and is now available for skating.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Year 7, Number 16 [Thursday, April 28, 1927], page 2, columns 3-4

IMPROVEMENT AT CRYSTAL LAKE TO BE STARTED NOW

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City to Proceed With Extensive Beautification Plan

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Work on the improvement and beautification of Crystal Lake park, fronting the east shore of the lake, will begin this week on a day-labor basis, under the supervision of a landscape architect to be named by City Engineer Fred H. Hartmann, according to *[a]* decision of the city council in *[a]* special session last night.

With approximately $2,500 available for the improvement of the park, the council has for some time been considering a definite plan of beautification. The plan was crystalized at a recent meeting when Stanley Malewski, florist and landscape architect, submitted sketches detailing his suggestions for the improvement. Final action was delayed.

There had been some discussion previous to last nights *[sic – night's]* meeting of letting this year's share of the job out on contract. However, City Engineer Hartmann, after describing the proposed plan of the landscape architect's sketch, recommended that the work be done on a day or hour-labor basis, the city furnishing as much of the labor as possible. This was advisable, he said, because of the unusual nature of the work involved, including various types of improvement which it would be difficult and uncertain to figure on a single contract.

Again, the engineer said, the city is enabled, through the day-labor basis, to go as far as the money will permit and then halt until another year without the necessity of being tied up in a contract.

Improvement of North Half.

The plan suggested involves the improvement of only the north half of the park site this year, including a cement walk skirting the north side of the park, winding cinder paths, a considerable amount of shrubbery, a baseball diamond, benches, a 30-foot beach and other improvements.

The ultimate plan involves the added features of two tennis courts, two bath

houses, an extension of the cinder paths, lily ponds, more shrubbery, "bleachers" along the rise back from the shore, shaded picnic grounds, recreation equipment and various other features. It was agreed that the best plan is to go as far as possible with the funds available this year and to continue each succeeding year with whatever funds may be available for the purpose.

It is likely that Mr. Malewski will be employed on a day basis to supervise the improvement.

M.J. Fox, of the von Platen-Fox Lumber company, has offered to furnish teams when they are necessary in the work, the city to feed and otherwise care for the animals while they are in use.

Extension water lines will be run throughout the area to keep the lawns and shrubbery in trim.

The proposed plan, when completed, will make Crystal Lake park one of the attractive scenic spots of the district.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Year 7, Number 50 [Wednesday, June 8, 1927], page 2, column 1

AREA AT CRYTAL LAKE IS DEEDED TO CITY BY FORD

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In Accordance With Agreement to Make Improvements

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Various items of minor business were transacted at this week's meeting of the city council.

The first progress estimate for work on sewer construction, recently authorized and awarded to the Phelps-Drake company, was submitted by City Engineer H.L. Senseman, totalling *[sic – totaling]* $6,827.47. The estimate was approved.

Of the total $4,515 is already available in the city treasury. A note will be given for the balance.

Deed Acepted *[sic – Accepted]*.

A deed from the Ford Motor company to the city for a part of what is now known as Crystal Lake park and covering the property north of Detroit avenue and the eastern shore of the lake, to be used strictly for park purposes, was accepted.

It was specified by H.A. Brennan, in charge of the Ford Motor company's land department here, that according to a former agreement the city must spend $2,000 a year for a period of five years as its part of the improvement of the park site. The city has, for the past two years, lived up to that agreement and improvements are already in progress this year.

A New Plan.

Hereafter, and until further specified, petitioners for sewer lines and other similar improvements must deposit 75 per cent of the estimate cost of that improvement with the city before the work is begun. That measure, it was emphasized, is necessary

because of the city's serious financial condition.

The action followed the reading of a petition for a sewer from property owners on Cedar avenue between E and H streets.

The balance of 25 per cent, for all such improvements, will be spread on the succeeding tax roll.

Want Arc Light.

The petition of Arthur J. Carlson and 11 others for an arc light at the intersection of Carpenter avenue and West F street was referred to the street lighting committee.

Mayor Sutherlund asked the committee to also look into the advisability of installing one or more lights in St. Paul park.

Committees To Meet.

Within the near future a committee including the president, village attorney and general manager of Kingsford will meet with a similar committee from Iron Mountain to make final plans for covering a portion of Sewer creek in the village.

Vacating of the alley in Block 64, Lawndale addition, between lots one and two and nine and 10, upon the petition of the Caspian Realty company, was approved, the latter concern agreeing, in return, to deed to the city the north 20 feet of lot eight of block 64, of Lawndale addition.

Similarly, the council approved the vacating of all streets and alleys in what is known as Athletic park, upon the application of the Iron Mountain board of education. It is planned, the board stated in its original application, to make improvements at the park.

License Plumbers.

Seven licenses for plumbers and drain layers were approved, and will be issued to William Trembath, Swanson Brothers, Iron Mountain Plumbing and Heating company, Branz Brothers, Hans Peterson, Arthur Bourgeois and Walter D. Firme.

Permission was granted the Standard Oil company to install four new gasoline pumping stations at Stephenson avenue and B street; three at Carpenter and Ludington and three at Stephenson and Fifth.

To Build Spur.

Approval was given the Worden-Allen Construction company petition to lay a sidetrack across that portion of Merritt avenue beginning eight feet south of the southline of Flesheim *[sic – Fleshiem]* street and running southwest across Merritt avenue, and south along the east side of the sidewalk to a point 20 feet from the north line of Brown, or near the company's building known as the Northern garage and ballroom.

The track will be used only by the owners of the building, who took over *[the]* structure recently from Jacksin and Davish, former owners.

Steep price to restore Crystal Lake

April 28, 2010

By LINDA LOBECK, Staff Writer, The Daily News, Iron Mountain-Kingsford, Michigan

IRON MOUNTAIN – There are three recommendations on what the residents of Iron Mountain can do to help Crystal Lake, but each will come with a big price tag.

DICKINSON COUNTY HISTORY – GEOGRAPHIC FEATURES

[Compiled and Transcribed by William John Cummings]

Restoring Crystal Lake could cost between $4 million to $6 million.

Finding that funding is the next step in a process that began in 2008 when Dr. Martin Auer and students from Michigan Technological University's Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering came to town, taking on Crystal Lake as a senior design project.

Under Auer's direction, they studied the history of Crystal Lake and presented a 63-page report noting that the 50-acre lake was once a popular bathing beach and fishing lake.

Since that time, one of the students, Jarron Hewitt, investigated further what remediation could be done at the once pristine lake. The research evolved into Hewitt's master's thesis.

At a meeting in Iron Mountain Tuesday night, both Dr. Auer and Hewitt were present to talk with members of the ad hoc committee on Crystal Lake, city officials and residents.

Gene DuCharme, a member of the Crystal Lake Committee, told the group they "have a monumental task ahead of them, but that they have to start some place."

Auer told the group that what they were presenting was a "shovel ready" design that has been brought along to a point where residents can use the plan when applying for funding.

"We've taken the project and moved it along, but if the project is going to go forward, you have to take advantage of funds out there. We will leave it with you to see if you can return this resource to Iron Mountain," Dr. Auer said.

Hewitt's presentation was to show a restoration plan for Crystal Lake. He again explained that the water from the lake, which is considered a seepage lake, comes from groundwater that moves across from north to south. Water comes from the regional groundwater table. The lake is also influenced by rainfall/precipitation as well as the storm water that enters.

When the group of 16 students along with Dr. Auer spent two days at the lake in the spring of 2008, they conducted 100 tests to determine the depth of the lake and sediment. They recorded up to 14 feet of sediment in the lake.

Despite the sediment and algae and plant growth, swimming, fishing and boating on the lake are realistic goals, according to the MTU researchers.

Hewitt said the remediation includes getting rid of the storm water that goes into the lake and diverting it; developing the fish population again by restoring oxygen levels through aeration; and dredging the lake to get rid of some of the sediment.

"Whatever has gone into the lake is in there now. It's more like a wetlands," Auer said.

The first solution is to have a storm sewer diversion program, which Hewitt noted "is the most significant thing to do with the lake or it will never improve and continue to degrade."

His plan is to have a new storm sewer pipe that leads to the Menominee River at a cost of $4 million to $5 million.

The aeration plan calls for a compressor on shore with tubing going into the lake to recharge it with oxygen.

A total of 15 diffusers could be placed throughout the lake. The basic cost for this remediation plan is $66,000 to $67,000, which is a lower cost solution, Hewitt said.

Sediment dredging is the final solution, which could be done in stages. The hydraulic dredging costs range from $250,000 where there is five feet of sediment, to the deepest area, which would cost about $1 million.

"If you want to reclaim the beneficial uses of Crystal Lake, the storm water's got to go. Then dredging and aeration could be done in stages, or only in certain sections," Dr. Auer noted.

Ducharme said that the committee is seeking every avenue, both public and private, to get funding for these efforts. "It's going to be a long, ongoing process and we need to explore ways we can find money. We need to lift rocks to find these funds."

In addition to DuCharme, the ad hoc committee includes Virginia Feleppa, Ann Hruska, Paula Shapy and Harry Kleiman.

Dead Man's Lake (Silver Lake)

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Lake Antoine

Lake Antoine, a lake located near Iron Mountain in Dickinson County, Michigan, was named for **Antoine Le Beau**, a **French fur trader** who settled at the lake shore. On page 37 in the book *A History of the Origin of Place Names Connected with the Chicago & North Western and Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railways*, published in 1908 by the Chicago and North Western Railway Company, the following entry appears:

***Antoine**, Dickinson County, Michigan, was named from the adjacent lake, which*

was named for ***Antoine Le Beau***[,] *an early* ***French-Indian hunter and trapper*** *who lived on the lake shore.*

To date no specific information is known about Antoine Le Beau.

The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XIII, Number 16 [Thursday, July 9, 1891], page 1, column 4

ON Monday, while Dick Flaherty was taking a party around Lake Antoine in his small steam yacht, the rudder became detached and it was not without considerable difficulty that he reached his boathouse, as the wind was strong and when the accident happened he was on the north side of the lake. The damage has been repaired and the little steamer is ship-shape once more. Mr. Flaherty now has a very pleasant place at the lake and has fourteen small boats which he rents to picnic parties and others. His enterprise at Lake Antoine is becoming quite popular and is proving a lucrative business. Parties wishing good boats should not fail to call on him.

The Iron Range, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XIII, Number 36 [Thursday, November 26, 1891], page 1, column 4

A Swede boy 14 years of age named Peter Swanson, *[sic]* was drowned in Lake Antoine while skating last Thursday.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 9 (Thursday, July 23, 1896), page 8, column 4

BRIEF CITY NEWSITES.

"Shady Island" is the name of a beautiful resort which Theodore Firme has fitted up at Lake Antoine for picnic parties. It is convenient to the city, the street cars running within a few hundred feet of the entrance. There has long been a demand for such a resort, and it is to be hoped that Mr. Firme's enterprise will be appreciated by the various organizations in the city.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 10 (Thursday, July 30, 1896), page 8, column 4

BRIEF CITY NEWSITES.

The People's church Sunday school held their annual picnic at Shady Island, Lake Antoine, last Saturday afternoon and had a delightful time. Early in the forenoon the children paraded *[down]* Stephenson avenue, from the church to B street, returning to Ludington street, where they took the street cars for the Island. The procession was headed by the City band and attracted much attention.

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The German Singing society is picnicking at Shady Island to-day *[sic – today]*.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 52 [Thursday, May 20, 1897], page 1, column 3

LITTLE FISHES GALORE

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John T. Jones Arranges for One Million Whitefish for Lake Antoine.

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The enterprise and persistency of John T. Jones has finally resulted in a determination on the part of the government fish commissioners to stock Lake Antoine with whitefish. Mr. Jones has had considerable correspondence with the board in the premises and the commissioners have decided that whitefish would undoubtedly thrive better in Lake Antoine than almost any other variety. The commissioners have accordingly notified Mr. Jones that he will be supplied with 1,000,000 whitefish for planting in this lake. Whitefish are the very choicest of our fish, mature rapidly, and if properly guarded from the assaults of dynamiters, will undoubtedly thrive finely in Lake Antoine.

Other nimrods are in correspondence with the state fish commission and will endeavor to secure a supply of brook trout for the streams hereabouts.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 20, Number 1 [Thursday, May 20, 1915], page 8, column 5

James Mitchell, while in Green Bay recently, concluded a deal for a pretty little pleasure steamer, which he will employ on Lake Antoine. It has comfortable accommodations for twenty passengers. The boat was received here last Monday.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 20, Number 48 [Thursday, April 13, 1916], page 1, column 6

Boat Livery.

James Mitchell has purchased a dozen small pleasure boats and will start a livery at Lake Antoine in connection with his steamer service. If the necessary arrangements can be made, Mr. Mitchell will also build a large bath-house at the east end of the lake, where there is a beautiful beach. Lake Antoine will be a popular resort this season.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 21, Number 49 [Thursday, April 19, 1917], page 5, column 4

IRON MOUNTAIN LOCAL.

Bortollo Carollo has purchased a new 18-foot launch, which he will use in carrying passengers on Lake Antoine this summer.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 212 [Friday, December 18, 1925], page 3, columns 5-7

CRYSTAL LAKE RINK WILL BE READY SUNDAY

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Plan Flooding Tomorrow To Provide Smooth Surface

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Preliminary steps for the preparation of the municipal skating rink on Crystal Lake will be taken tomorrow when a crew of men from the city engineer's department will flood a considerable area of the ice, so that skating may be provided for Sunday. The work to be done tomorrow, however, will

not constitute the plans now in progress for the Crystal Lake rink.

At present, about eight inches of ice have formed on the surface of the lake. Much of this is heavily crusted with snow, which will require the use of a motor grader to removed and level. A light grader tried out a few days ago by the Ford Motor company, which is co-operating in the plans, was not heavy enough to do the work. Consequently, the city engineer will use the city's heavy road grader for that purpose, but the equipment cannot be used until a heavier layer of ice has been formed. About ten inches of solid ice will be required for the use of the heavy grader, Fred Hartmann, city engineer, said this morning.

The Antoine Rink

Relative to the other municipal rink at Lake Antoine, the city engineer declared this morning that the flow of water from the Chapin mine pipe at the north end of the lake has already provided a wide, smooth area for skating and the surface requires no further flooding.

The flow of water from the Chapin at that point has been stopped temporarily to permit the formation of sufficient ice for further work on the new intake to the city's filtration plant northeast of the city. Consequently, the smooth ice already formed will not be flooded again for some time and is now available for skating.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 11, Number 41 [Thursday, May 28, 1931], page 3, columns 1-7

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Considered alphabetically, **Lake Antoine** heads the list for Dickinson county. It is described as in "Breitung township, near U.S.-2, in Iron Mountain. It comprises 650 acres; a good road touches the lake; no resort development; no boat livery; good swimming and beach; sparse weeds; one island; hilly land; lake much frequented. Large-mouth bass and perch."

Moon Lake

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Moon – Breitung township, near M-45, near Iron Mountain; 80 acres; road touches lake; slight resort development; swimming not good; lake not much frequented; sunfish.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume 13, Number 52 [Saturday, November 25, 1882]

Range Items.

–**The man who shot Lind is in jail at Norway.** His name is **Sam. Brummell**, and he alleges that he fired at **Lind** only after **Lind** or his companions had repeatedly fired upon him and when **Lind** was endeavoring to get another shot. He made no attempt at concealment or escape, but told his story at once on reaching home, and sent word to the sheriff where he could be found.

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–**John Lind, with two companions named Strom and Anderson, went hunting, taking a dog with them. When near Moon lake their dog was shot, and upon following the trail of the shooter until he was overtaken, or nearly, Lind was shot, by him, and instantly killed.** His body was brought to **Iron Mountain** and and *[sic]* an inquest held, the verdict being "death at the hands of a party unknown." **Strom** and **Anderson** describe the man who fired the fatal shot as "a tall man, dressed entirely in gray and wearing moccasins or pacs *[shoepacs]* and a cap." – Range.

Ruprecht Lake

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume III, Number 28 [Saturday, August 13, 1887], page 1, column 4.

WAUCEDAH.

The **King-Fisher party**, from **Ohio**, arrived here a week ago, to fish **Ruprecht lake**, but failing to find any gamy fish, they pulled up stakes and moved to **Brown's lake**, where they are having lots of sport with the wiry black bass.

Sawyer Lake

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Sawyer – Sagola township, near M-45, near Channing; 25 acres; road touches lake; extensive resorts development with all

facilities; good swimming; large-mouth bass, perch and wall-eyed pike.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 11 [Thursday, August 4, 1904], page 5, column 4

CHIPS FROM CHANNING.

A company of prominent business men *[sic – businessmen]* of **Channing**, among whom are **John Harvey**, **O.L. Keyes**, **John Dunn**, **W.J. Ball *[sic – Boll]***, **Fred Gage**, **Wm. Kerr** and **James Hart**, have purchased a piece of land adjoining Sawyer Lake and will **build a summer resort**. They have already cleared up a portion of ground, which they intend for a park, and have built a boat-house, and the lumber for the club house is expected to be on the ground this week. The place will be equipped with every convenience necessary for the comfort and pleasure of parties who wish to spend a few days at this beautiful lake.

Silver Lake

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RIVERS

Menominee River

On the **twelfth of June 1838**, there was passed by Congress "An **Act to ascertain**

and designate the boundary line between the state of Michigan and the Territory of Wisconsin."

A second act of Congress, dated the **twentieth of July, 1840, placed the superintendence of the survey of this boundary under the War Department**. **Captain Thomas J. Cram of the Corps of Topographical Engineers** was placed in charge by his superior officer, **Lt. Colonel Kearney**, who handed **Captain Cram** his letter of instructions. Explicit directions were communicated with reference to the place of commencing the survey. The description of the boundary set by Congress read as follows in **his letter of instructions, dated July 30, 1840**:

"To the **mouth of Montreal River *[Lake Superior]***, thence through the middle of the channel of the said **River Montreal**, to the middle of the **Lake of the Desert**, thence in a direct line to the nearest head of the **Menominee River**, thence through the middle of that fork of said river just touched by the said line, down the center of the main channel of the same to the center of the most usual ship channel of **Green Bay**, to the middle of **Lake Michigan** thence etc." It also carried an appropriation of $3,000.00 made by the Act to defray the expense of the survey and also specified in the law, "that the whole expense of surveying, marking and designating the said boundary line should not exceed that sum."

June 15, 1846, William Austin Burt, United States surveyor, began to survey the Iron County area.

Geographical Survey of Michigan, Upper Peninsula, 1868-1873, Volume I (New York, **1873**) [Map appears as Plate II in the atlas volume accompanying the *Geological Survey of Michigan, Upper Peninsula*.]

Report of the Geology and Topography of a Portion of the Lake Superior Land District in the State of Michigan by **John W. Foster** and **Josiah D. Whitney**, House Executive Document Number 69 (31 Congress, 1 session – two volumes and atlas – Washington, **1850-51**) [Plate II in the group of plates that follow page 224 in this report is a view of **"Big Bekuenesec Falls, Menominee River"**.]

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, March 15, 1917 – **Reminiscences of the Menominee Iron Range by the Honorable John Longyear**

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, May 3, 1917 – **Reminiscences of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan by F.W. Hyde, Clintonville, Wis.** [Also reprinted in the *Proceedings of the Lake Superior Mining Institute*, Volume XXI (1916-1917), Ishpeming, Mich.: 1917, pp. 300-307.]

My Reminiscences by **Raphael Pumpelly**, New York: Henry Holt and Company, 1918

"A Trip up the Menominee River in 1854" by Alanson Forman Lyon, *Michigan History*, Volume 47, Number 4 [December, 1963], pp. 301-311

[Trip from Monday, September 4, through Thursday, September 28, 1854]

Page 307: **Wednesday 13th.** Got to the foot of **Sand Rapids *[Sand Portage Falls, about four miles southwest of Norway, Dickinson County]*** about noon. Cannot see why this is called **Sand**

Rapids, for the bed of the river is a perfect bed of boulders without any regular channel among them, the whole river white with foam as far as you can see it, say 80 or 100 rods. We took the portage trail and walked to the head of it about 1 ½ miles, at the head of the trail is **a very considerable falls *[Little Quinnesec Falls, site of Niagara, Wisconsin]***, while looking about here we discovered a trail leading around this falls only, and concluded that the **Indians** sometimes make a short portage, only when they are on the descending route. I observed fresh barefoot tracks on this short trail and on our return to the foot of the rapids **found an Indian and squaw landed with their bark canoe which they had turned up in the sun to dry, in order to mend a hole which they had broken in it coming through the rapids**. We exchanged a little bread and pork with him for some dried venison and some potatoes. He soon mended his canoe and went on probably as far as **Sturgeon Falls** that night. On our way this morning, we ran our boat up a small still run a few rods where we **found a fine little lake** of 50 or 60 acres. We soon discovered a fine **deer** feeding, or rather standing in the grass at the margin of the water. I paddled the boat directly for him and he stood and looked at us as careless as an ox, until we were within 12 or 15 rods, when he walked away. **Morgan** did not shoot at him wishing to get a little closer.

We concluded not to make this portage, but to camp here and examine as far as **Quinnesec** on foot. We find on the **island** here where there has been a camp of men for some days, and a **tree marked with pencil "Green Bay & Lake Superior R.R. survey Aug. 15, 1854," no name**, two leaves from a work on astrology pinned to a tree. The company*[,]* whoever they were*[,]* had evidently spent some days here. I presume **timber hunters**, their railroad story to the contrary notwithstanding.

Page 308: **Thursday 14th.** Took all day tramp in the woods following Township line between **T.39 R.29 and T.39 R.30**, and on Section lines starting ½ mile above our tent and coming to the river again some miles below. Got home tired as usual, cooked and ate our supper and laid down to rest.

Friday 15th. Started for **Quinnesec Falls *[Big Quinnesec Falls, about a half mile southeast of East Kingsford, Dickinson County]*** and reached there about ½ past 10 o'clock. The falls is a splendid one of about 80 feet, nearly perpendicular, the river is narrow and the water a perfect mass of foam and spray with rainbows in every direction, the place is well represented by the picture you have seen of it in the geological report of Mr. _____ *[**Foster & Whitney**]*. Returned to camp and got a late dinner, and removed down the river to some timber we had observed yesterday, a little more than a mile. Pitched our tent where there has been **a large lodge, or rather 2 or 3 lodges of Indians and a great deal of venison dried**. Made our bed, got plenty of food, ate our pork and bread and laid down for the night and had a good sleep.

Saturday 16th. Examined the lots we came here for and find them good. While on this examination, **Morgan** has shot a **duck** and a **partridge**, which will give us a fine relish for two meals. Got back to camp about noon, ate a little and went down the river with boat near a mile to make some preliminary observations on the **Wisconsin side**.

Traveled 3 or 4 miles among thick pine and hemlock woods, found what we were anxious to find, a line and figures, returned to our boat and up to camp, cut wood for the night, ate a **duck** and laid down for Saturday night. **Deer track fresh with well**

beaten trails in all directions. While we were away from our boat today, there was a **deer** to it and tracked all around, so that he must have been there some time. We have spent no time hunting or watching for them, but should like to get one.

Sunday 17th. A rainy morning, got breakfast about 8 o'clock and shall probably lie in camp all day. Ceased raining about noon, and we had rather a fine afternoon, amused ourselves with whittling.

Monday 18th. Broke up camp and moved down river a little over a mile, and left all in the boat and went on a line west on the **Michigan side**. Traveled till 5 o'clock P.M. Then we got back to our boat and pitched our tent on the **Wisconsin side** and got things as comfortable as circumstances would permit. Today is the first that we have seen a **deer** in the woods, we ran upon him when he was asleep sure, for he could not have been more than 50 feet from me when he bounded up and was off. **Morgan** was not in a position to get a shot at him, which he much regretted.

Tuesday 19th. Examined timber and decided locations all day and came home satisfied with my day's work, at all events satisfied that I was very tired and a little shower just after noon had made the woods rather wet. We have killed no game since last Saturday and begin to want something fresh.

Wednesday 20th. Soon after we were up this morning we heard a **flock of wild geese**, got our breakfast and pork, bread and coffee. Struck our tent and started for the **mouth of the Sturgeon River**.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume IX, Number 45 [October 12, 1878], page 3, column 4

THE work of improving the upper Quinnesec Falls so that logs can be safely got over is at length completed. It spoils the wild beauty of the river but will put thousands of dollars into the pockets of the lumbermen. As this was one of the worse places on the stream and it **became necessary to build a pier 156 feet long by 12 feet wide, which acts as a breakwater and makes a safe channel 20 feet wide on the Wisconsin side**. The rocks had previously been blasted out of the channel, so that logs can now come through with perfect safety.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume X, Number 1 [December 7, 1878], page 3, column 3

THE new iron bridge across the Menominee River at the Twin Falls is completed, and will probably be open for travel this week. This will be a great convenience to the large lumbering firms operating on the river and its tributaries.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 9 [Saturday, February 26, 1881], page 3, column 2

IMPROVEMENTS are being made in the **Menominee river**, by the **Menominee River Boom company**, at the **big and little Quinnesec Falls**. The **Pine**, **Paint** and **Michigammi *[sic – Michigamme]* rivers**, *[sic]* will also receive a share of attention.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 26 [Saturday, August 1, 1885], page 1, column 2

A man named **Thomas Hughitt**, a resident of **Iron Mountain**, was **drowned in the Menominee river, near Twin Falls**, Saturday last. His body was re- recovered

[sic] the following day. He leaves a wife and three children.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 52 [Saturday, January 30, 1886], page 1, column 4

QUINNESEC QUOTUM.

Burleigh Perkins has brought his crew of men here to work at the Little Quinnesec Falls.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume II, Number 5 [Saturday, March 6, 1886], page 1, column 5

QUINNESEC QUOTUM.

Burleigh Perkins has a crew of 35 men at work on the little Quinnesec falls. He has built a cofferdam to to *[sic]* shut off from one half of the falls, and will blast it out 18 feet deeper.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume II, Number 10 [Saturday, April 3, 1886], page 1, column 5

QUINNESEC QUOTUM.

Last Sunday, **Mr. F. Carney**, **Mr. Sam Stephenson** and a number of other **Marinette and Menominee lumbermen**, *[sic]* were here **looking over the work at the falls**.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume II, Number 19 [Saturday, June 5, 1886], page 1, column 4

QUINNESEC.

There is a big log-jam in the river about three miles below town, and the drivers are busy trying to break it. Later – the jam has been broken and **some 40 or 50 million feet of logs** will find their way down the **Menominee**, with more to follow.

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Wm. Holmes, of Menominee, has been here for some days, looking after the great log jam.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume II, Number 24 [Saturday, July 10, 1886], page 1, column 6

QUINNESEC.

The Menominee river has not been so low for 20 years.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume II, Number 27 [Saturday, July 31, 1886], page 1, column 6

QUINNESEC.

The Menominee Manufacturing Co. has just completed a fine road to the Little Falls.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume II, Number 43 [Saturday, November 20, 1886], page 1, column 5

WAUCEDAH.

Burleigh Perkins is building a camp on the Menominee about 13 miles from here, and will put in a crew to build a large dam this winter. About 75 men will be employed, and they are coming by rail every day.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume III, Number 13 [Saturday, April 30, 1887], page 1, column 2

–About **50,000,000 feet of logs were "hung up" for several days at the mouth of the Sturgeon river**, and a large crew of drivers *[were]* at work there. The jam was successfully broken on Thursday, and the way is now clear for the many **millions more that will soon float down the Menominee river**.

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 1 [Thursday, March 28, 1889], page 1, column 6

A Fight for Life in the Menominee.

Bill Davis, alias "Liverpool Bill," had an experience on Thursday afternoon which came pretty nearly *[to]* putting an end to his existence. He had been employed **cutting a channel across the Menominee river near Bennett's house**. In the morning he had found the slush ice to be strong enough to bear him, and in the afternoon he thought he would use the same track, when crash he went down in ten feet of water a dozen yards from the shore. He grasped floating pieces of ice, but they slipped away from him again and again. Then commenced a terrible fight for life. He went down three times, as the elusive masses of slush left his grasp and his mits *[sic – mitts]* were soon torn to pieces and his hands lacerated badly. He yelled for help, but nobody appeared to be near. He was just going to give up, when he fortunately caught hold of a branch. To this he clung *[a]* quarter of an hour, still calling for help, his cries growing fainter and fainter. Fortunately **Bennett** at last heard his cries, and with the aid of a long pile pulled **Davis** out of his perilous predicament. The poor unfortunate was not only three-quarters drowned, but was almost frozen to death. He could not have lasted two minutes more, but for **Bennett**'s timely arrival the Englishman would now have been living beneath the icy waters of the **Menominee**.

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Negotiation for a Power.

A.W. Patton, the **Appleton capitalist and paper manufacturer**, was in the city last Friday, accompanied by **A.S. Bray**. **Mr. Patton is the owner of the water power known as the Horse Race, two miles from this city, and it is his intention to improve the same at an early date. Mr. Patton** is negotiating with local capitalists for **another valuable water power on the Menominee river**, and it is thought the deal will be closed in a few days. He was here for the purpose of conducting the negotiations.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 4 [Thursday, June 17, 1897], page 1, column 4

BUYING A WATER POWER.

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A.W. Patton, of Appleton, Buys a Controling *[Interest]* in the Sand Portage Power.

A.W. Patton, the extensive paper manufacturer of Appleton, Wis., has concluded a deal with John Marsch, of this city, for his interest in the water power at Sand Portage, a few miles below the Quinnesec Falls papermills. Mr. Patton owns the **Wisconsin side** of the power and has acquired by this purchase a half interest in the land on the **Michigan side**. **John Stovekin, Sr.**, of **Milwaukee**, owns the remaining half. It is the expectation that **Mr. Patton** and his associates will improve the power at an early date and erect a large paper manufacturing plant. **Mr. C.B. Pride**, the **hydraulic engineer**, made a survey of the power early this spring and made a report to the effect that several thousand horse power could be generated at that point. He states that the power can be improved very cheaply.

Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 4 [Thursday, June 17, 1897], page 1, column 4 *[This is the citation for the above article; the citation for this article was not copied and needs to be found.]*

NOW OWNS IT ALL.

A.W. Patton Purchases the H.M.L. & M. Co. Interests in Sand Portage Power.

A.W. Patton, the millionaire paper manufacturer of Appleton, is now the sole proprietor of the splendid water power at Sand Portage, a few miles below the Lower Quinnesec Falls. As was stated in these columns sometime *[sic – some time]* ago, **Mr. Patton** has acquired the **Stovekin** and **Marsch** interest in the power, and this week he concluded a deal for the **Houghton Mineral Land & Mining company**'s interest. The consideration was $2,500, and it is his intention to improve them at an early date.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 17 [Thursday, September 16, 1897], page 1, column 3

AT QUINNESEC FALLS.

Some Large Addition to the Paper Manufacturing Plant Contemplated.

C.B. Pride returned from **Marinette** this afternoon and left for the **Lower Quinnesec Falls**, where he has an appointment with the officers of the **paper manufacturing plant**. While **Mr. Pride** declined to state the object of the meeting, it is learned that it is called for the purpose of adopting plans for some large additions to the plant. It is pretty well-known that the **Vilas-Frambach syndicate** has no interest of rebuilding the mills recently destroyed by fire at **Kaukauna**, and the insurance money will undoubtedly be employed in enlarging the plant in this county. Another rumor, which we print for what *[it]* is worth, is in circulation to the effect that the company is considering an offer for the purchase of the plant.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2,

Number 24 [Thursday, November 4, 1897], page 1, column 3

A LARGE ADDITION.

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The Capability of the Quinnesec Falls Paper Plant to Be More Than Doubled.

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Last week the gentlemen comprising the **Quinnesec Falls Paper company** were paid the sum of $150,000, the same being the amount of insurance carried on the plant of the company recently destroyed by fire at **Kaukauna**. This large sum is to be utilized in the very near future in **enlarging the mills at Quinnesec Falls to more than double their present capacity**. Indeed, **Architect Pride**, of **Appleton**, is at present engaged in preparing plans for the enlargement. The company has sufficient water power under control at present to drive almost ten times the amount of machinery now in service. There is also a **probability of the company platting a townsite *[Niagara, Wisconsin]* in the immediate vicinity of the mills**, but it has not yet been decided definitely.

The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 30 [Thursday, December 16, 1897], page 1, column 5

Paper Mill Magnets *[sic – Magnates]*.

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Col. H.A. Frambach, of **Kaukaunee**, president of the **Quinnesec Falls Paper company**, **F.A. Shattuck**, of **Neenah**, a partner in the **Kimberly-Clark company**, **P.A. Thom**, of **Appleton**, and **W.A. Stewart**, of **Neenah**, who are heavily interested in the manufacture of paper, spent yesterday at the **Falls** inspecting the mills, dining last night at the **Wood *[Hotel Wood in Iron Mountain]***. The gentlemen were non-commital *[sic – committal]* as to their errand, but The Press learns from another source that a plan is on foot for a **re-organization of the Quinnesec company with greatly increased capital stock**. If this is done the capacity of the plant will be more than doubled.

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The Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 40 [Thursday, February 24, 1898], page 1, column 3

A New Superintendent.

W.H. Ryan, formerly in charge of the **Kimberly-Clark company's mills at Kimberly**, near **Neenah**, will act as **superintendent of the Quinnesec Falls mills** just purchased by that company.

Sturgeon River

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 29 [Saturday, August 22, 1885], page 1, column 4

THE CURRENT is informed that the **inhabitants of Breen township are anxious to have Norway township build a bridge across the Sturgeon river a short distance north of the railroad**. They say that if this were done they would have a **much better and shorter route by which to reach Norway** than they have at present. As there is considerable trade that might be secured from that direction*[,]* it might not be amiss for our business men *[sic – businessmen]* to look into the matter a little.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume III, Number 13 [Saturday, April 30, 1887], page 1, column 2

–About **50,000,000 feet of logs were "hung up" for several days at the mouth of the Sturgeon river**, and a large crew of drivers *[were]* at work there. The jam was successfully broken on Thursday, and the way is now clear for the many **millions more that will soon float down the Menominee river**.

CREEKS AND STREAMS

Fumee Creek

The Menominee Ranger in *The Mining Journal*, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 573 [Saturday, July 12, 1879], page __, column __

QUINNESEC.

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The fourth *[sic – Fourth]* passed off very quietly here. A number of our people went to Escanaba to attend the celebration there,

and the only thing in the way of celebration which occurred at home was two picnics, one at **Little Fumee falls** *[sic – Falls]* by the Catholic society and the other south of the railroad track by a few of the villagers. Both were enjoyable affairs, the one by the Catholic society netting them something over $75.00 clear of expense. But little drunkenness was visible, though of course some of it had to be indulged in, as well as a little fighting, both of which are very necessary adjuncts of the fourth *[sic – Fourth]* of July.

Popple Creek

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 5 [Saturday, March 7, 1885], page 1, column 5

IRON MOUNTAIN MELANGE.

The merchants of this place should make an energetic movement toward obtaining a **bridge across Popple creek**. There are **some 35 farmers – with good prospects of that number being doubled in the spring – located on the other side of the creek, who will be compelled to go to Florence to do their trading** as soon as the ice becomes too poor to permit of traveling over it.

WATERFALLS

Upper Quinnesec Falls (Hydraulic Falls)

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume IX, Number 45 [October 12, 1878], page 3, column 4

THE work of improving the upper Quinnesec Falls so that logs can be safely got over is at length completed. It spoils the wild beauty of the river but will put thousands of dollars into the pockets of the lumbermen. As this was one of the worse places on the stream and it **became necessary to build a pier 156 feet long by 12 feet wide, which acts as a breakwater and makes a safe channel 20 feet wide on the Wisconsin side**. The rocks had previously been blasted out of the channel, so that logs can now come through with perfect safety.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 9 [Saturday, February 26, 1881], page 3, column 2

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Twin Falls

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume X, Number 1 [December 7, 1878], page 3, column 3

THE new iron bridge across the Menominee River at the Twin Falls is completed, and will probably be open for travel this week. This will be a great convenience to the large lumbering firms operating on the river and its tributaries.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 26

[Saturday, August 1, 1885], page 1, column 2

A man named **Thomas Hughitt**, a resident of **Iron Mountain**, was **drowned in the Menominee river, near Twin Falls**, Saturday last. His body was re- recovered *[sic]* the following day. He leaves a wife and three children.

The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 23 [Thursday, August 29, 1889], page 1, column 2

THE **Methodist Sunday school** held a **picnic at Twin Falls** yesterday; two cars *[railroad cars]* were needed to convey the party to their destination.

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QUINNESEC QUOTUM.

Burleigh Perkins has brought his crew of men here to work at the Little Quinnesec Falls.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume II, Number 5 [Saturday, March 6, 1886], page 1, column 5

QUINNESEC QUOTUM.

Burleigh Perkins has a crew of 35 men at work on the little Quinnesec falls. He has built a cofferdam to to *[sic]* shut off from one half of the falls, and will blast it out 18 feet deeper.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume II, Number 10 [Saturday, April 3, 1886], page 1, column 5

QUINNESEC QUOTUM.

Last Sunday, **Mr. F. Carney**, **Mr. Sam Stephenson** and a number of other **Marinette and Menominee lumbermen**, *[sic]* were here **looking over the work at the falls**.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume II, Number 27 [Saturday, July 31, 1886], page 1, column 6

QUINNESEC.

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Quinnesec Falls Paper Company

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WATERFALLS – DAMS AND HYDROELECTRIC PLANTS

Upper Quinnesec Falls (Hydraulic Power Company)

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume III, Number 42 [Saturday, October 20, 1883], page 4, column 1

Mr. Conro informs the NEWS that the **hydraulic machinery** being put in for the purpose of **furnishing motive power for the Chapin and Ludington**, *[sic]* will be up and running in about two weeks. It is reported that **Gustav Tollen**, formerly of the **Florence mine**, has been **offered the superintendency of the Hydraulic Power Co's machinery**. **Mr. Tollen** is a valuable man and thorough machinest *[sic – machinist]*, but the NEWS cannot vouch for the truth of the report. Neither can it say whether **Mr. Tollen** would accept, as he has a generous offer to go to **Chicago**, *[sic]* in the employ of the **Chicago & North-Western Company**.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 4 [Saturday, February 28, 1885], page 1, column 5

IRON MOUNTAIN MELANGE.

The **Hydraulic Power company** are *[sic – is]* making new improvements every day. Some machinery which the company has been expecting for some time arrived this week. As soon as time permits*[,]* we will give your readers a full description of the works.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 31 [Saturday, September 5, 1885], page 1, column 4

IRON MOUNTAIN MELANGE.

T.W. Orbison*[,]* superintendent of the Hydraulic Power company, has departed from our midst. Future abiding place unknown.

The Current, Norway, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume IX, Number 24 [Saturday, July 15, 1893], page 1, column 3

Fatal Accidents.

Chas. Jacobson, an employe *[sic – employee]* of the Hydraulic Power company, was killed last Sunday while attempting to clean an engine valve. He neglected to shut off the air pressure from the engine, and when he had loosened the the *[sic]* valve it was blown out and he was hurled backward with such force that his neck was broken. The deceased was a steady, industrious man and possessed of many friends who sincerely regret his untimely death. – Range-Tribune.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 6, Number 20 [Thursday, October 10, 1901], page 1, column 4

New Residence for Supt. Tollen.

The **Chapin Mining company** has accepted plans for an elegant **new residence to be erected for the accommodation of Supt. Tollen, of the Hydraulic Works**. The residence will contain ten rooms and will embrace all the modern improvements. It is probable that the contract for the erection of the house will be let in a few days.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 7, Number 42 [Thursday, March 12, 1903], page 1, column 3

THE HYDRAULIC WORKS.

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Contract for the New Flume Has Been Let – Concrete Dam.

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The contract for the **new steel flume at the Hydraulic Works of the Oliver Iron Mining company** has been let to the **American Bridge company**, and it is expected that the work will commence in June. **This work will necessitate the closing down of the works for several months and during this time the air needed in operating the Chapin mine will be supplied by three large compressors to be erected at C shaft engine-house.**

The **Oliver Iron Mining company** will also improve *[sic]* the opportunity to **build an immense concrete dam across the Menominee river at the works**. The wheel wells will also be deepened, so as to generate more power.

A large electrical generating plant will also be installed. This plant will furnish motive power for the electric haulage system of the new twelfth level at the **Chapin** and will also, it is expected, be transmitted to the **Aragon**, **Cundy** and **Forest mines** for various purposes.

In fact, the **entire plant at the Hydraulic Works is to be overhauled and remodeled** and the cost will aggregate several hundred thousand dollars.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 8, Number 6 [Thursday, July 2, 1903], page 1, column 2

Hydraulic Works.

It is expected that the **Hydraulic Works of the Oliver Iron Mining company will close down in a few days to permit the enlargement of the flume and the installation of much new machinery**. It is expected that the work will take three months and sixty men will be employed, a boarding-camp having been erected for their accommodation.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 8, Number 9 [Thursday, July 23, 1903], page 1, column 5

Hydraulic Works.

The **Hydraulic Works of the Oliver Iron Mining company closed down last Monday for extensive repairs and improvements** and will remain closed for about ninety days. The improvements will consist of a new concrete and steel flume considerably larger than the present one and the installation of much electrical machinery.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 29 [Thursday, December 8, 1904], page 1, column 2

Hydraulic Plant Fire.

The work of repairing the fire damage at the Hydraulic works *[sic – Works]* of the Oliver Iron Mining company is progressing rapidly. One compressor was started this morning and it is expected to have the entire plant in operation in about ten days. A new steel roof has been ordered for the building and it was shipped from the factory yesterday. The management is confident that the total loss will be considerably less than $10,000. The mining operations are being conducted without a hitch.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 32 [Thursday, December 29, 1904], page 1, column 6

Hydraulic Works.

The work of repairing the damages inflicted by the recent fire at the Hydraulic plant is progressing rapidly. Three compressors are now in operation and repairs to the fourth will be complete as soon as some castings are received. The new steel roof is now being placed.

MINERAL RESOURCES

Gold and Gold Mining

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 5 [Saturday, March 7, 1885], page 1, column 5

IRON MOUNTAIN MELANGE.

A company is about to be organized here for the purpose of mining gold. The parties interviewed have their eyes on some land situated **about fifteen miles from this place, from which some good gold quartz has been taken**, and as soon as the snow leaves the ground the company will commence work.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume IV, Number 49 [Saturday, January 5, 1889], page 4, column 1

Recent **analyses of the gold and silver bearing rock found near Iron Mountain**, *[sic]* give from $105 to $125 per ton. This will pay big, if there is enough of it.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume IV, Number 50 [Saturday, January 12, 1889], page 4, column 1

From a gentleman who recently visited the **Buell gold find near Iron Mountain**, we learn that there is no doubt as to the value of the find. A stock company has been formed and the working force will be doubled, at once.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 14 [Thursday, August 27, 1896], page 1, column 5

THE YELLOW METAL.

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Promising Gold Discovery on Canal Lands in the Pine Creek Region.

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Capt. James Dickie, the **veteran explorer**, was employed this week in **locating Louis Paul and a number of other Scandinavian gold finders on five forties of Canal company lands in the Pine Creek country**.

Paul and others have secured options on the lands, and claim to have discovered rich gold bearing rock on the property. The men are very close-mouthed about their find and decline to give any information about their find beyond the fact that they have found the yellow metal in paying quantities.

On Tuesday last **S. Dessau, president of the Dessau Mining company, and Benjamin Levy, a capitalist from New York, visited the "gold region,"** and if satisfactory proof is given them that the find is a bona fide one they will no doubt find the necessary capital to develop the properties.

Capt. Dickie tells The Press that **eleven years ago James Elwood, Capt. Pease, Bartley Breen and himself discovered gold in that same section**, but the rock carried such a small percentage of the precious metal they did not deem it worth well *[sic – worthwhile]* investigating the find at that time. He thinks this may be a continuation of the same vein, and is

inclined to believe that the men have a good thing.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 16 [Thursday, September 10, 1896], page 1, column 5

PINE CREEK GOLD FIND.

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Fourteen Forties in Town Thirty-One Are Now Under Option to Different Parties.

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Much that is unreliable and sensational has been printed in the papers anent the discovery of gold in the Pine Creek. The Press has endeavored to secure something reliable in the premises and the result of our investigations only serve to confirm what has long been known to mining men, that **there is gold in that region, but whether in sufficient quantities to warrant the expenditure of a large sum of money for a plant of machinery yet remains to be proved**.

The first discovery of rock supposed to be gold bearing was made upon two forties in **town thirty-one** now under option to **Arthur Holmes, a young attorney of Menominee**. These forties, we believe, are owned by the **Robert Stephenson** estate. **Since then the remaining forties in the town have been optioned from the Canal company by citizens of Iron Mountain and Pembine, the agreement requiring the parties to employ not less than twenty-one men in exploratory work.**

While there is much street talk and newspaper gossip of the wonderful richness of some of the rock found in that region, persistent inquiry on the part of The Press fails utterly to unearth anything to establish the truthfulness of the highly colored reports. As near as can be learned but three lots of rock have been submitted to the tests of a chemist. One lot, analyzed by a Milwaukee chemist for **Mayor Clifford** and associates showed $48 to the ton. Anther taken from the same property and analyzed by a Minneapolis chemist did not contain a trace of gold. A third lot, submitted to a Chicago chemist, by **Charles Shields**, showed $8 in gold and some silver.

Mr. Holmes, who has already spent considerable time and money in the territory, left last Tuesday for Chicago with another bag of samples, which he will submit to a well-known chemist of that city. If the showing is a satisfactory one, **Mr. Holmes** will undoubtedly invest a large sum of money in developing the property. **Until then it is safe not to believe everything you hear regarding fabulous finds of gold in that region.**

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 23 [Thursday, October 29, 1896], page 1, column 4

PINE CREEK GOLD COMPANY.

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Organized With a Capital Stock of Fifty Thousand Dollars – Shaft to be Sunk.

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The **Pine Creek Gold company was organized this week** in accordance with the laws of Michigan, and articles of

incorporation will at once be filed with the secretary of state and county clerks.

The capital stock of the new company is $50,000, divided into 10,000 shares of $5.00 each. The directors are **William Sundstrom**, **Edwin Freeman** and **Charles Shallman**, of **Iron Mountain**, and **James McGuire** and **Andrew Shallman**, of **Pembine**, each holding 2000 shares.

In conversation with **William Sundstrom** last evening The Press learned that it was the **intention of the company to immediately sink a shaft one hundred feet in depth and crosscut the formation north and south**. Mining operations are in charge of **Capt. Burt**, an old gold miner, who considers the prospect a most promising one. Work on the shaft will *[be]* pushed day and night.

Mr. Sundstrom, while inclined to be conservative, thinks the prospects of developing a gold property that will pay rich dividends is particularly promising, and he has good reasons for his faith. **Samples taken from this property show $373 in gold.** This, of course, is the most favorable analysis received, but the gentlemen believe that they will find still richer rock under ground. *[sic – underground]*.

Should their expectations be realized, it is the intention to immediately erect a modern stamp mill. It is to be hoped that the enterprise of the company may be richly rewarded.

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John Ronan has now discovered a gold mine in the Spread Eagle neighborhood. John should now turn his attention to the **diamond fields** which the United States geological experts tell us are to be found in this neighborhood.

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Explore for Gold.

Messrs. Burton, Scott, Lalonde *[sic – LaLonde]* and Byrnes have secured an option on two forties in the Pine Creek region and will explore for gold. They commenced operations on a shaft yesterday. The showing is said to be an excellent one.

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IS THIS A CANARD?

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An English Company to Explore For Gold in Florence County.

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The Milwaukee Sentinel of last Tuesday says that **H.R. King**, of the **King, Fowle, McGee company**, of that city, is authority for the statement that **a company has been organized in London, England, capitalized at 5,000,000 pounds sterling, for the purpose of developing gold fields along the Menominee river east of Florence**. **Mr. King** also stated that the company now has experts on the way to this country, and if their report confirms the representations that have been made to the English capitalists*[,]* they will purchase the property and develop it. "The property where the gold has been discovered," said Mr. King, "is **three miles east of Florence**,

and **belong *[sic – belongs]* to the Midway Iron Mining and Land company**. To be more definite, it is in **town 40, range 19, east, just north of Spread Eagle lake**. Last fall a cruiser named **Nels Anderson** was prospecting in this district, and discovered what appeared to be small particles of gold in the gravel. After washing and 'panning' a quantity of this gravel, using his coffee pot for the purpose, he **discovered a true placer mine**. He confided his find to several persons in **Florence**, and continued his work, after a crude fashion, until he was stopped by the snows of winter. Assays were made of the gravel and it was found to run from $1.25 to $8 to the ton in free gold, the average being $5.50," **Mr. King** says, the company has 1,250 acres of land in that vicinity, and has already had some thirty applications for options from men and companies who desire to mine gold thereon. **Samples of the gravel have been sent to placer experts in Utah and at Juneau, Alaska**, and it has been pronounced from the latter place to be identical with the gravel found at the **Klondyke *[sic – Klondike]* placer washings**. It is made up of decomposed rock and gravel.

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FLORENCE COUNTY GOLD.

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The Mining News Says the Outlook for a Paying Mine Is Very Good.

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A Mining News reporter paid a visit to **M.J. Harris' gold exploration on lot 1, section 18, 40-19, four miles northeast of this city**, Thursday afternoon. They have three or four well-defined veins of quartz gold-bearing rock, with average widths of from nine inches to two feet, and this rock is similar in character to that in the **Rainy Lake and British Columbia gold districts** which is at present yielding rich returns of the precious metal. Mr. Harris says as he progresses in his work of blasting the rock is gradually changing from a hard*[,]* flinty quartz to a soft granulated quartz. He is now working on a nine-inch vein and after Thursday's blast a large quantity of this sugar quartz was uncovered, which is considered a good indication of the presence of gold. In fact, **Mr. Harris** confidently expects to encounter native gold in this vein. Considerable work has been done on one of the wider veins, where many tons of quartz heavily coated with oxide of iron have been thrown out. This pile of rock, it is estimated, will easily average from $5 to $6 in gold per ton, and some specimens, in which the metal can easily be distinguished by the naked eye, it is believed will go as high as $20 to the ton. Indeed, the showing so far made by **Capt. Harris** is very encouraging, although testing operations are as yet hardly begun. **If a paying gold mine is opened up on this property, many others will be discovered along the Menominee River, between Badwater and a point near Florence**, as other true fissure veins are known to exist along that stream.

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FLORENCE COUNTY GOLD.

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Dr. Hulst Impressed With Showing Made by Capt. Harris.

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Dr. Nelson P. Hulst, of **Milwaukee**, who is an **expert mineralogist**, visited the **Harris gold exploration** near this city last Wednesday, and made a critical examination of the quartz taken a few feet below the surface in the gold veins. **The Doctor was much impressed with the quartz which he said was unquestionably gold-bearing. Just how much gold the rock carries, he was, of course, unprepared to say, without investigation by assay.** He declared, however, that if quartz of a similar character were found in **Colorado**, gold miners out there would become enthusiastic over it. But here it was different, because no one was looking for gold in **Florence County** and never expected the precious metal would ever be discovered in this region.

In **vein No. 2 at the Harris gold mine**, rich rock was discovered on Saturday five feet below the surface, containing native gold, which was plainly to be seen with the naked eye. The gangue of the vein is precisely similar to that of the **Foley mine in the Seine River region north of here**. The quartz is of a greyish blue, soft and brittle and of the nature of a loaf of sugar. **Mr. Harris** left a few days ago for **St. Paul** to submit the same for assay. Two more veins have been discovered on the property, making six in all. The sound of the drill hammers can continually be heard at the mine from early morn until late in the evening. The vein now being worked is gradually widening as depth is attained. – News.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 19 [Thursday, September 30, 1897], page 1, column 3

Pine Creek Gold.

Messrs. Sundstrom and Freeman expect to resume operations at their Pine Creek gold claim in a short time now. The shaft, which is now down about thirty feet, will be sunk an additional thirty feet and some cross-cutting will be done. Several new claims have been located within the past few weeks and many explorers are investigating the region. **John Peterson***[,]* who recently returned from **Alaska**, visited the Creek last Tuesday with **A.J. Sundstrom**, and he is very confident that the country is rich in gold and silver. As a result of the visit he and **Mr. Sundstrom** will probably locate a number of claims.

MARBLE AND MARBLE QUARRYING

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 1, Number 21 [Thursday, October 15, 1896], page 1, column 5

The Plan Not Abandoned.

The statement that the plan for the establishment of a marble industry at Foster City had been abandoned was not true. Difficulties have arisen and work has been suspended but there is reason to believe that the difficulties will be surmounted and (after the election of **McKinley**) work resumed. It is earnestly to be hoped that such may be the case at all events. – Escanaba Iron Port

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 2, Number 36 [Thursday, January 27, 1898], page 1, column 5

At Sheriff Sale.

On March 15th and 16th next, **Sheriff Anderson** will sell the personal property and real estate of the **Northern Michigan Marble company*[,]* situated in the township of Breen**. The personal property will be sold at the workings of the company near **Foster City** on the 15th and the real estate at the front door of the court-house in this city. The sales are to satisfy judgments obtained in the circuit court by **National Union Bank, of Oshkosh**, against the company and **A.L. Foster**. This will wind up the affairs of the concern. The enterprise looked very promising at one time and **Mr. Foster** was very sanguine of success – so much so that he spent considerable money in the project and labored early and late to prove that the marble was of superior quality and could be handled at a profit.

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Michigan Marble.

Many people supposed, when the personal property of the **Northern Michigan Marble Co.** was sold at **Foster City** a few weeks ago that this would wind up the marble industry in the u.p. *[Upper Peninsula]* for a long time at least, but this supposition was erroneous and there is reason to believe that a new company will be organized with ample capital to insure the placing of the business of a playing *[sic – paying]* basis. **Michigan marble will yet be a successful competition in the markets of the world**, and the so called expert who claimed that it cannot be properly dressed was talking of his tile. – Current.

FORESTS AND TIMBERLANDS