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**Including Background Information
on the Development and Growth of
the Village of Quinnesec Taken
from Surviving Contemporary
Newspaper Accounts and
Other Miscellaneous
Contemporary
Sources**

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PREFACE AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Village of Quinnesec had not yet celebrated its thirtieth birthday when the worst disaster ever visited upon that settlement occurred eighty years ago this past spring. In the decade that I have been involved with preserving and writing local history, questions pertaining to Quinnesec and the tragic fire which swept through its business district and beyond in 1906 rank among those most often asked.

This booklet has not been compiled merely to commemorate the fire. It commemorates a proud and independent community that reached its first zenith well before the turn of the century, rose from its ashes like the legendary phoenix after the fire and then persevered despite a decline in population and industry. In recent years Quinnesec's star has again risen as the community experiences a new growth cycle with more residents and a solid economic base.

Hopefully the first portion of this booklet will help the reader realize the vital role Quinnesec played in the early development of the Menominee Iron Range. This region

at that time was as much a frontier as the Old West, and most pioneers lived under rugged, demanding conditions, but were willing to do so in hopes of improving their lot through hard work and having a chance at staking their claim on the natural resources which abounded in this untamed wilderness.

The remainder of the booklet is devoted to newspaper accounts of the 1906 fire and the first efforts to rebuild. In addition, the Quinnesec section of the 1902-1903 and 1907-1908 directories have been included as a point of reference in regard to residents before and after the fire.

Interestingly, the weather conditions during the spring of 1906 were very similar to those experienced this year. The dry conditions in the woods were cause for alarm, and fires burned in many areas throughout the counties of Dickinson, Iron, Menominee, Florence and Marinette that same Friday, May 18, when Quinnesec burned. The accounts of these forest fires are also included.

This is the eighth historic tour produced in conjunction with the Dickinson County Festival of the Arts. The first seven tours, cooperatively produced by the Dickinson County Library and the Menominee Range Historical Foundation, were: *Three Historic Home Walking Paths in Iron Mountain*, 1979; *A Historic Path Through Downtown Iron Mountain*, 1980; *A Mining Trail on the Eastern Menominee Range*, 1981; *A Tour Past Some Historic Homes of Norway*, 1982; *Ford Comes to Iron Mountain: The Birth of Kingsford*, 1983; *The Evolution of the Public Library in Michigan's Dickinson County*, 1984; and *The House Atop the Hill: An Historic Home That Became the Chippewa Club*, 1985.

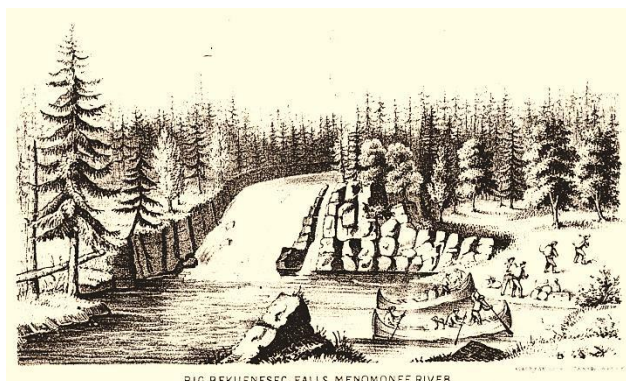
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[This lithograph, identified as “Big Bekuenesec Falls, Menominee River” is the oldest visual representation of any Dickinson County landmark known to date. Identified as Plate II in “Part I: Copper Lands” of the Report on the Geology and Topography of a Portion of the Lake Superior Land District, in the State of Michigan, the lithograph was produced by Ackerman Lithographers, 379 Broadway, New York. **J.W. Foster** and **J.D. Whitney**, United States geologists, submitted this report to the House of Representatives in Washington, D.C., in 1850.]

Long before the arrival of the white man, Indians living in what is now northern Wisconsin and Michigan’s Upper Peninsula were familiar with the two waterfalls between the bend in the river they called the **Me-ne-ca-ne Sepe**, a Chippewa word meaning the **Many Little Islands River**. The Indians referred to the waterfalls as

Be-kwe-ne-sec Se-je-won, another Chippewa term which meant **Smoky Falls**, referring to the fine spray or mist caused by the falling water dashing against the rocks below and then rising high into the air.

Traveling along the **Me-ne-ca-ne Sepe** in dugout and birch bark canoes, the Indians certainly used these waterfalls as geographic points of reference, just as the early white trappers, traders and settlers did, as they traveled the same waterway which they came to call the **Menominee River**, named for the Indians living at the river’s mouth who called themselves the **Omanominewok**, the **Wild Rice People**.

The first map to locate the “Big Quinnesec Falls” may have been The “Corrected Map of the Country Along the Proposed Boundary Between Michigan and Wisconsin” drawn by **Lieutenant J.D. Webster** to accompany a report to the United States Congress by **Captain Thomas J. Cram**, of the Corps of Topographical Engineers, in December of 1840, following a geographical survey from the mouth of the **Menominee River** to **Lake Superior**.

On June 12, 1838, almost a year and a half after Michigan became the nation’s twenty-sixth state, Congress passed an Act to ascertain and designate the boundary line between the state of Michigan and the Territory of Wisconsin. A second act, dated July 20, 1840, placed the superintendency of the survey of this boundary under the War Department. **Cram** was placed in charge of this survey and received the following boundary description as set by Congress in his letter of instructions dated July 30, 1840:

*To the mouth of the **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*

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*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.*

To describe the above boundary, Congress had consulted a map of the Wisconsin Territory drawn in 1838 which was quite inaccurate, as the land had not been surveyed except for the southern short of Lake Superior. The boundary description given **Cram** by Congress indicated the **Lake of the Desert** [*Lac Vieux Desert, French for Lake of the Planting Grounds, erroneously translated as Lake of the Desert by the English*] as a source for the **Montreal River**. **Cram** found this not to be true thus his "corrected" map.

The following summer **Cram** was commissioned to make a correct survey of the **Montreal River** and the **Menominee River** and the country in between the headwaters of those two rivers so Congress would be able to determine the boundary between those two points. **Cram** filed his report with Congress in the spring of 1842, recommending a third season to finish the work of establishing the boundary. Congress tabled his suggestion until 1846, when Wisconsin sought statehood, and then sent **William Austin Burt**, the inventor of the solar compass, of Macomb County, Michigan, to complete the survey.

Interestingly, Michigan and Wisconsin disputed their boundary lines until the U.S. Supreme Court settled the argument in 1936, including in its decision a clarification of the boundary through the **Menominee River**. All the islands in the river below the **Upper/Big/Great Quinnesec Falls**, today commonly known as **Hydraulic Falls**,

would belong to Wisconsin, while all islands above this waterfalls would be Michigan's.



James S. Dickie

The earliest recorded white residence in the Quinnesec area was the Indian trading post run by two brothers, **William and James S. Dickie**. Located to the north of the present Tri-City Drive-In, about a mile and a half west of the site of the Village of Quinnesec, the **Dickie brothers' trading post began operation in about 1871**. The following biographical sketch appears on page 498 of the *History of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan* [Chicago: The Western Historical Company, 1883] in the **Norway** section of the chapter on **Menominee County**:

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WILLIAM DICKIE, livery and feed stable, was born in New Brunswick in 1840; came to the United States in 1865; located at Saginaw for two years, in the lumber business; then went to Marinette four years; then to **Section 33**, buying fur from Indians for nine years, and came to **Norway** in 1880; here he has a livery stable and blacksmith shop; at **Iron Mountain**, Mich., owns 160 acres on Section 33.

Another account mentioning the **Dickie brothers' trading post** appears on page 17 of *Trouting on the Brule River, or Lawyers' Summer-Wayfaring in the Northern Wilderness* [Chicago: The Chicago Legal News Company, 1879], written by **John Lyle King**, one of three Chicago lawyers who, together with another friend, fished for trout in northern Michigan during August, 1875.

*We were tiring of the way, and longing for **Dickey's**, where we were to halt for rest and dining. The plodding along was wearisome, till the proportions of his cabin, in a patch of clearing, loomed into sight. Like the few and far between kindred structures of the woods, it was of the rude, primal, wooden style of architecture. It is a trading station, lonely in its isolation as a hermit's retreat, where the scattered few Indians repair to dicker their furs, skins and deer, for pork, flour, gawdy [sic – gaudy] trinkets and such commodities as suit their primitive wants and tastes.*

***Dickey**, his cook and dog, were sole occupants of the solitary ranch. It serves as a domicile, as a store in a rudimentary form, and as a hostelry or inn, in a legal sense, as a place where the traveler is*

furnished with everything he wants, provided the traveler has occasion for very little. The little we wanted was a dinner. Our lean and hungry look was hint enough of pans and the simmer of the fry, and, in our waiting eagerness, grateful and tantalizing foretastes of the meal, crept into our senses in savory wafts from the kitchen.

While the preparation was going on, some of us stretched on the bunks, or blanketed shelves, for ease.



George Frederick Seibert

George Frederick Seibert, a pioneer resident of **Iron Mountain**, recorded his visit to **Dickey's trading post** in his journal [*Journal of George Frederick Seibert 1879*, Iron Mountain, Michigan: Mid-Peninsula

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Library Federation, 1976, pages 8-9] under the entry for Sunday, May 6, 1879:

with other beds, but it was clean and we had clean blankets.

...Today we made twenty-one miles. Arrived at **Dickey's** at 6:30 and was not favorably impressed by the outside appearance, but found myself mistaken in my estimate of the place. We got a splendid supper and found a very pleasant woman in **Mrs. Dickey**. More anon...After supper one of the **Dickey Brothers** took us down to a spring. The water was ice cold and by all odds the best water I ever tasted. We found an eagle (baldheaded). It had been shot sometime. Had a smoke and was standing in the store – of which more later – when two **Redmen** came in and commenced talking with the **Dickeys**. The only thing I understood was “kee win” (no friend). The **Dickeys** being traders and buyers of furs **spoke the Indian dialect fluently**, and kept up a conversation for over half an hour with them. The **Indians** took some crackers and drank some – gin, I think it was, and then made as they would go, but they hung around for a long time even after we went to bed. The **Dickeys**, I think, are very nice people, but I don't think they would scruple at anything to make money. The selling of liquor to Indians is punished severely, but they did it. They have furs of all kinds in their store, fisher, otter, beaver, lynx, mink, fox, etc. They keep overalls, cigars, tobacco, pipes, whiskey, prints, and groceries. Store is small, but large enough to do all their trading with the **Reds**. Our bed was quite neatly made, of course in the large room



John Lane Buell

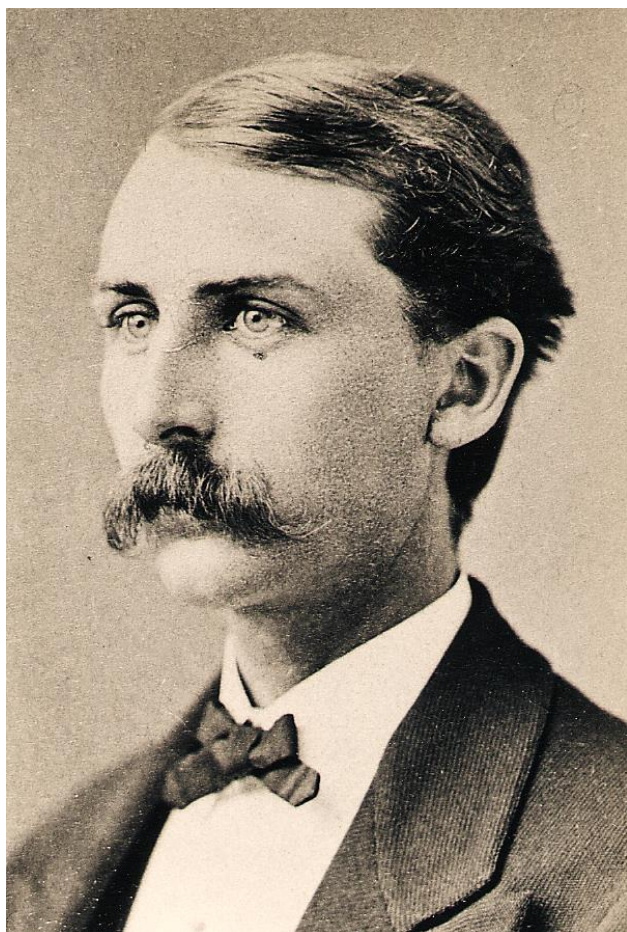
John Lane Buell, of Menominee, Michigan, who was the **founder of the Village of Quinnesec**, arrived in the area about the same time as the **Dickey brothers** established their trading post. Buell and **John N. “Jack” Armstrong**, woodsman and explorer, were camped at a spring on the site of what became the Village of Quinnesec in the **fall of 1871**. While Armstrong took his turn cooking supper, Buell strolled over the western bluff and found an outcropping of iron ore. Legal entanglements regarding the land [the **southeast quarter of Section 34, Township 40, Range 30, Menominee**

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County, Michigan] had to be resolved before further exploration began.

On May 20, 1873, Buell, then a member of the Michigan House of Representatives serving the counties of Mackinac, Schoolcraft, Delta and Menominee, **returned with a fifteen-man crew, and desirable blue ore was discovered August 2. During the spring and early summer of 1874, some 55 tons of ore were hauled to Menominee by sled and wagon to be smelted by the Menominee Furnace Company.** Shortly thereafter, the property was leased to the **Milwaukee Iron Company**, whose explorations on the new iron fields to become known as the **Menominee Iron Range** were headed by **Dr. Nelson Powell Hulst.**



Dr. Nelson Powell Hulst

Following the Panic of 1873, a severe nationwide depression, and default of the Milwaukee Iron Company September 1, 1876, the Menominee Mining Company, chartered in 1875, renewed the leases of the Milwaukee Iron Company which included the Quinnesec Mine.

Due to a lack of transportation, the rich explorations were not immediately developed into producing iron mines. **However, sometime in 1876 the officials of the newly-formed Menominee Mining Company were able to convince the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company to build a branch railroad, the Menominee River Railway, from Powers Station, sometimes called "42" because it was 42 miles from Menominee, westward to the iron mines.**

In the following excerpts from Marquette's *The Mining Journal* document the construction of the **Menominee Range Railway** of which **Quinnesec** was the terminus for three years.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 445 [Saturday, January 27, 1877], page 4, column 1

Work on the **Menominee Range Railroad** is being pushed rapidly forward. **The road commences at a point on the Chicago & Northwestern railway, twenty-three miles from Escanaba, and forty-two from Menominee, at which buildings to be used as offices, stores, boarding houses and dwellings have been erected.** Three hundred men are at present employed, which force will be increased as soon as arrangements can be made for their accommodation. It is intended to have the road built to the **Breen mine on section 22, township 39 north of range 28 west**, at the opening of

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navigation, when active work will commence at that time.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 449 [Saturday, February 24, 1877], page 4, column 1

Work on the **Menominee** [*sic* – **Menominee**] **Range Railway** is being pushed with great vigor, there being at present a force of not less than 600 men employed[.] **Clark, Lipe & Co.** have [*sic* – *has*] a sub contract for that part of the line west of the **Breen mine**, and there is no reason to doubt but that the track will be completed to the **Quinesaik** [*sic* – **Quinnesec**] early next fall – possibly in time for the shipment of some ore before the close of navigation. The building of this line is attracting a great deal of attention to the new iron field, and negotiations are now in progress looking to the extension of the railway from the **Quinesaik** [*sic* – **Quinnesec**] across the river to the newly discovered deposits in Wisconsin.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 453 [Saturday, March 24, 1877], page 4, column 1

By a letter just received from a member of the engineering corps on the line of the **Menominee Range railway**, we learn that work is progressing favorably to the completion of the road to the **Quinesaik** [*sic* – **Quinnesec**] **mine** by the first of August next. The frost is a hindrance rendering it necessary to use blasting powder in loosening the ground in grading. Arrangements were being made to commence work in the **Breen and Quinesaik** [*sic* – **Quinnesec**] **mines** during this week, to put them in shape to produce ore. There is a prospect of considerable work being done the coming

summer along the line of this road in the way of prospecting for mineral [*sic* – *minerals*].

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 460 [Saturday, May 12, 1877], page 4, column 2

THE MENOMINEE RANGE RAILROAD. – We are informed, by parties interested in the matter, that there is probability that this road will be continued this season to the **Menominee river**. This will be done if the parties owning mineral lands on the line of the proposed extension manifest enough interest in the matter to give the company suitable encouragement as to the development of the properties which are known to be rich in mineral [*sic* – *minerals*]. It would be a matter of considerable economy to the company to build the road now on the completion of the present contract, while the men and materials are on the spot, and while wages are low. We trust that the interested parties will arouse themselves on this subject.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 463 [Saturday, June 2, 1877], page 4, column 1

SOME 300 men are now employed on the western end of the **Menominee range rail way**, and the contractors expect to increase this force to 500 shortly. It is expected to have the grade completed to the **Quinnesec mine** before August 1st, and the proprietors of that mine visited the location last Monday and selected the route for the sidings to tap the openings. Everything is being made in readiness for the shipment of ore as soon as the track is laid.

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Once the Quinnesec Mine had been designated the terminus for the new railroad, John Lane and Ruth Belle (Ludlow) Buell commissioned surveyor John A. VanCleve to plat the Village of Quinnesec March 8, 1877, consisting of a forty of land in the NE/NE corner of Section 3, Township 39 North, Range 30 West of Menominee County. The plat was recorded on page 9 of Plat Book "B" in Menominee March 21, 1877.

An early visitor to the new iron fields on the Menominee Range, identified only by his initials – C.E.W. – at the end of the account he wrote to the editor of The Mining Journal on June 15, reported the following conditions at Quinnesec:

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 465 [Saturday, June 16, 1877], page 4, columns 2-3

THE MENOMINEE RANGE.

[To the Editor.]

...At the **Quinnesec mine**, the **present terminus of the Menominee Range railroad**, but very little has been done this season. **The location consists of one good log house, besides two or three other larger buildings in the course of construction, intended for hotels.** It is the purpose, however, of those interested to soon commence mining operations here.

...

C.E.W.

MARQUETTE, June 15th.

The following week, news under the heading "MENOMINEE RANGE ITEMS" noted:

The Mining Journal. Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 466

[Saturday, June 23, 1877], page 1, column 5

MENOMINEE RANGE ITEMS. –

...

The **Quinnesec mine** is being surveyed with a view to ascertain the best point for opening it.

SPAULDING, June 16, 1877.
WOLVERINE.

Sometime prior to July 10, 1877, the railroad finally arrived at the Breen Mine in Wauedah. Mining was actively being carried out at both the Breen and Breitung [Vulcan] mines at that time. The following accounts record the progress being made in opening the Quinnesec Mine.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 471 [Saturday, July 28, 1877], page 8, column 1

MENOMINEE RANGE ITEMS. –

...

Dr. N.P. Hulst, of **Milwaukee**, has been here for some time, making preparations to strip the **Quinnesec mine**. He is home now, but will be back soon and commence the work of stripping. I understand it's a very extensive piece of work, requiring a great deal of energy and perseverance, of all [sic – all of] which the doctor possesses a great abundance. No exciting news from this quarter this week.

WOLVERINE.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 472 [Saturday, August 4, 1877], page 8, column 1

MENOMINEE RANGE ITEMS. –

...

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They are going to commence work at the **Quinnesec** at once. **Dr. N.P. Hulst**, of **Milwaukee**, who is also a stockholder, will be in charge of operations.

WOLVERINE.

The Mining Journal. Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 479 [Saturday, September 22, 1877], page 4, column 1

We learn that work has been commenced at the **Quinnesaik** [*sic* – **Quinnesec**] mine, a contract having been let to a Milwaukee party. It is the intention to ship a cargo of the ore before the close of the season. The grading of the west end of the railroad has been completed, and the track will be laid into the mine before many days.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 481 [Saturday, October 6, 1877], page 4, column 1

MENOMINEE RANGE. – Our correspondent writes us that the iron is laid to within two miles of the **Quinnesec mine**.

...

A big show is being made at the **Quinnesec**, and mining will soon begin, in order to have a cargo ready by the time the road is finished to the mine.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 484 [Saturday, October 27, 1877], page 4, column 1

WE learn from the *Menominee Herald* that the iron was laid on the bridge across the river, near the **Quinnesec** mine, last Monday, and that trains are now running through to the end of the track.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 485 [Saturday, November 3, 1877], page 4, column 1

MENOMINEE RANGE ITEMS. –

The iron has finally been laid as far as the **Quinnesec**, and trains running through on time.

...

The spur was finished Friday last. The dwellings and other buildings are nearly all completed, and everything arranged for the winter's campaign.

Another early visitor to the Menominee Range wrote of his trip there at about the same time the railroad was completed to the **Quinnesec Mine**. His excerpted account follows:

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Number 485 [Saturday, November 3, 1877], page 8, column 1

A TRIP TO THE MENOMINEE RANGE. – Having just returned from a trip to the **Menominee iron range**, I herewith enclose you a brief outline of my experience in that important, but yet undeveloped region. Arriving at **Forty-Two**, or "**Powers**," as it is now called, I found everything in a flourishing condition. The place is laid out for a town, but the only buildings there as yet are a post-office and several boarding houses. The boarding houses are all full to overflowing. Leaving there next morning, I arrived at the **Quinnesec** during a heavy rain. At this place four buildings are going up, and are so much needed that they are being filled with merchandise while yet in an unfinished state. While here I called on John McKenna, of course, who is running a drug store at this place. John seems to be doing well,

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and is glad to see a Lake Superior man at any time. I then went over to **Dickey Brothers' place**, which is a mile and a half distant. The **Dickey Brothers** have kept an Indian trading post at this place for the last six years, and while there I examined some most magnificent furs procured from Indians and trappers.

...

The **Quinnesec** mine is doing a large amount of work, and are preparing for extensive mining operations next spring.

...

P.D.

The excitement of daily life in the new settlement at the end of the tracks is reflected in the **Quinnesec** column of *The Menominee Ranger*, a newspaper printed on one leased page of **Marquette's** *The Mining Journal* between March 29, 1879 and August 14, 1880. *The Menominee Ranger*, headquartered in **Escanaba**, focused on the new settlements in Michigan's **Menominee** and **Delta** counties, and later including the promising mining settlements of **Commonwealth** and **Florence** in **Marinette** County, **Wisconsin**. The following excerpts allow us to capture the flavor of the times. [NOTE: For those interested in reading the complete accounts, microfilms of these newspapers are available at the Dickinson County Library.]

[NOTE: In this updated version, additional early columns pertaining to Quinnesec from Escanaba's The Iron Port have been incorporated chronologically. Columns from The Mining Journal which appeared in The Menominee Ranger appear in their entirety in this version except for excerpted items dating between June 14, 1879 and April 17, 1880 which are as they appeared in the original version of this booklet. These entries bear a red

"QUINNESEC" title and the citations are incomplete. Complete columns may be found on the microfilms of these newspapers which are available at the Dickinson County Library. The majority of the photographs which have been added are not found in the original version of this booklet. – William J. Cummings, March 2014]

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 bite 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.

QUINNESEC.

Is putting in its best looks for the honor of being the first city in the **Menominee Iron Range**. Although the reporter of this institution has made numerous pilgrimages into that locality of late, yet he has without the aid of a field glass observed numerous improvements every time. The **residence of the Hon. John L. Buell**, on the eminence just as you enter town[,] is approaching completion. **Wendel**, of the **Quinnesec Hotel**[,] is not behind in fresh attractions. He has secured at a great expense a brand **new barber**, and has him safely penned up in one corner of the **billiard room**. A small admission fee is charged to view the acquisition. His **bar** is

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also adorned with a **newly coined tender**, who was imported directly from Sweden. Still further improvements are in contemplation. **John McKenna**, in the plate glass fronted structure, across the way has lately put in one of the finest **pool tables** in the country. It is supported by four lions who have been trained so that they are perfectly peaceable to strangers. He has also got hold of a **barber**, but has not got him caged up yet and lets him run round loose. The **mining company's store** is fast approaching completion and will soon be filled with molasses, dry goods, codfish, perfumery, pork, flour and other fancy articles: [sic] **Wright, Bros. & Co.** are doing a smashing business in the line of **general merchandise**, and are still trying to serve the Lord and the **post-office department** to the best of their knowledge and belief, so help them Bob. **Newberry & Jenkins** are still slashing up the **sirloin roasts and venison steaks** at a great rate. If business keeps on in this way with them they will soon have to put up an appendix with a cupola on top. **Tim Macnamara's hotel – the Central** – is doing finely, and internal improvements are going on in the neighborhood of its insides. Tim's **barber** has'nt [sic – hasn't] arrived yet, but when he comes he will be a nice one. **A. Surprise**, nearly opposite, is doing a surprising good business with a **billiard table** and all the necessary trimmings to go with it. **Maurice McKenna** has been improving his store very much of late and in addition to **pills and plasters**, has fitted up one side for **groceries** and other good things to eat. Maurice is bound to do well, and if he keeps on improving in good looks, will soon be able to get married and retire on a competency. **Hugh McLaughlin's** headquarters we believe are at the **Quinnesec Hotel**. – To his fatiguing [sic – fatiguing] duties as **township clerk** he has added that of **insurance agent**, and is prepared to insure anything from a store or

dwelling to a lightning rod peddler. His policies will cover all the mishaps and accidents of life – fire, brimstone, cholera, mad dogs and book agents. The **Hon. John L. B. [John Lane Buell]** is full of business as usual, and if **Quinnesec** is not a first-class suburban, hay fever retreat, it will not be his fault. Everybody else is well and happy.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume IX, Number 45 [Saturday, 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 worst 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 16 [Saturday, March 22, 1879], page 3, column 3

HON. JOHN L./] BUELL, of **Quinnesec[/]** is **starting a newspaper** in his thriving young town, under the management of **Mr. PENBERTHY**, formerly of the **Menominee Herald**. The name of the new paper will be the **Menominee Range**. It will be independent in politics and luke warm in religious matter. The **IRON PORT** wishes it all the success imanineable [sic - imaginable] and hopes that it may amass stocks o' wealth, as big

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as the hills, which surround the charming village.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 558 [Saturday, March 29, 1879], page 8, columns 1-4 [*The Menominee Ranger*]

QUINNESEC.

A Corliss hoisting engine, twelve inch bore and thirty-six inch stroke, built by **E.P. Allis, Milwaukee**, and two of Merritt's interior gear hoisting drums were laid down at the **Quinnesec mine** Wednesday.

A large crowd attended the **temperance lecture by Rev. Mr. Davis**, at the school house, Sunday, and it is thought he made some converts. But there's no telling how such a thing will take in a town like **Quinnesec**. For the last two years water has only been used for rinsing out glasses here.

J.H. Malloy, our trusty **station agent**, will give a postal card for information that will lead to the discovery of the **burglar who broke a pane of glass out of the depot window, raised the sash, entered and endeavored to unscrew the hinges to the door of the safe and get the treasure**. M. thinks that fellow could hardly steal away if he tried, let alone stealing anything else.

Buell has got a **new buckboard for his fast horse O'Leary** – the mineral right of both of which is reserved. A newspaper and a fast horse and buckboard – what more does a man want.

Ben. Marcha [sic – Marchand], saloon and boarding house keeper, formerly of **Ishpeming**, boasts of the largest custom [*patronage*] in town. In fact he and his wife are kept so busy attending to their customers that neither can take the baby when it cries.

The **first jewelry store** in town was started by **Charles E. Stellar, Jr.**, in **McKenzie's drug store**, last week. Mr. Stellar [*sic*] is from the leading jewelry house at **Calumet**, and what he dont [*sic - don't/doesn't*] know about jewelry can't be learned on earth. Repairing is one of his specialties.

Hugh McLaughlin, deputy sheriff of the county, has headquarters here, and a better or more trusty officer never wore the star. He is also about as strong as you find them anywhere, too.

Dr. T.A. McLeod, the able physician of the **Menominee mining company's mines**, is one of the favorite doctors of the range, and particularly at **Quinnesec**. Doc. secures a pile of births here and very few deaths.

The new **Catholic church** is going up as lively as a worldly building, and will be quite an imposing structure when completed. It is proposed by our good **Father Fox** to have the church completed for Easter Sunday services.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 559 [Saturday, April 5, 1879], page 8, columns 1-6 [*The Menominee Ranger*]

QUINNESEC.

J.M. Longyear, Esq., agent for the **Portage Lake Canal company**[,] was in town Tuesday attending to the business of the company and seeing the lumbermen fight.

All the camps of the **Kirby Carpenter company** have broke [*sic – broken*] up, and the men gone to Menominee to work in the mills. About fifty or sixty million feet of logs have been cut. The **Ludington, Wells & Van Schaick company** will do the driving of the Kirby Carpenter company on the Brule and Paint rivers this spring.

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The latest discovery of gold and silver bearing iron ore and quartz is on the Brule river. The discoverer, who is a reputable party, has had assays made of the rock by Thomas, of Chicago, which gives \$14.50 in gold and silver to the ton. He is laying low at present to secure the property.

Proprietors of saloons about town now close them up two hours on Sundays, leaving the back and side doors open, of course, for the convenience of the family.

About all the men who took the temperance pledge from Rev. Mr. Davis last Sabbath have broken out drinking again. It will be awful here in dry weather.

Mr. W.H. Wicks, shipping and billing clerk at the mine, and head man of the company's store, is rated the best singer in town, at least when all the other singers have a bad cold. He confines himself to hymns.

Capt. Smythe[,] justice of the peace and carpenter, says he has numerous orders for buildings to be put up the coming summer, mostly saloons, and that the Norway mill, John O'Callaghan proprietor, will furnish all the lumber that comes to town. Capt. is a level headed old temperance sufferer.

Ten pounds of hair was cut from the heads of ten lumbermen here the other day, and it wasn't a very close hair cut either that any of them rendered. When washed and strained, lumbermen's hair is good to mix with plaster. It's so long.

J.B. Maas, of Negaunee, was in town this week. He left for home Tuesday, intending to return again when walking was better. He is on the explore as big as a Durham.

In another month it is thought that the town will be full of speculators and prospectors, and the boarding house and saloon keepers expect to make enough out of them to buy their wives

and children new clothes all around. How much the speculators and prospectors expect to make out of the saloon and boarding house keepers is not known.

There are more captains in Quinnesec than there are on the great chain of lakes. The term Mr. is not known here.

The average receipts of our two principal saloons was a hundred dollars a day each last week. We'd just as soon discover a saloon as an iron mine here, with all due respect to the iron mine.

Quinnesec looks forward to a Sunday train on the railroad this summer, but we have it from good authority that there will not be a Sunday train put on.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 560 [Saturday, April 12, 1879], page 8, columns 1-4 [*The Menominee Ranger*]

QUINNESEC.

OFFICERS elected at the annual township meeting held in the township of Breitung on last election day: Supervisor, Elisha Murcom [*sic - Morcom*]; town clerk, Hugh McLaughlin; Treasurer, Wm. H. Jenkins; commissioner of highways, William Dickie; overseer of highways, Lewis Whitehead; superintendent of schools, James H. Knight; school inspector, Roscoe G. Brown; justice of the peace, Jerome B. Schwartz; constables, John Cumlin, Richard Harris, Richard Roach, Alphonse Surprise.

It must be remembered that Vulcan and Quinnesec are both in the same township, of which each forms a precinct.

We have had considerable to say about Quinnesec as a drinking place lately, but in this way we were only laying the foundation for an article intended to prove that Quinnesec is a

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lively go-ahead town. For, wherever there's lots of drinking done there you will find business without end. Yes, Quinnesec is the greatest town on the range, possessing natural advantages without number which must some day [*sic – someday*] make it an immense metropolis. The article referred to will appear next week. The foundation has been laid.

The lumbermen have nearly all come and gone.

Servant girls are very scarce here. A string of them could secure work.

The new **Catholic church** will be completed in time for Easter Sunday services as prophesied by our good **Father Fox**. It will no doubt be crowded on the first day.

The rivers hereabouts are rising and driving must soon commence.

The snow has gone,

The mud has dried.

And the corner upon

Stands the loafer – warming his hide.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume X, Number 19 [Saturday, April 19, 1879], page 3, column 3

AN express line was established last Wednesday, along the **Menominee River rail way**, by **WILL DALIBA**, general agent for the **American Express company**.

MR. **HOMER HUFF** has now the **Quinnesec Hotel** under his management and this popular house is kept full and running over. **Mr. WENDELL**[,] the proprietor[,] is turning his attention to outside operations.

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MESSRS. HARTEAU & BEBEAU of this place have determined to open a **dry goods store at Quinnesec** and for that purpose have already purchased the vacant lot on the main street, next to **WRIGHT BROS.**[,] & Co., and will immediately commence the erection of a building. They design to carry a heavy and complete stock of goods.

IT has been reported that the parties interested in projecting the building of a narrow gauge railroad along the **intermediate iron range to Escanaba** cannot get the right-of-way to our water front and consequently would have to seek some other outlet. This is not the case, and the IRON PORT is authorized to state, that on the contrary, every facility in that connection will be extended to them. [NOTE: The "intermediate iron range" is the **Felch Mountain Range**.]

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume X, Number 21 [Saturday, April 26, 1879], page 3, column 4

LAST Tuesday night a **burglar** broke a window in the **Quinnesec Hotel at Quinnesec** and stole a valise from the office belonging to **ED. GIRZIKOWSKY**[,] of Ishpeming[,] containing watches, jewelry, silverware &c. A young man of the name of **KELLER** was subsequently arrested at **Green Bay** as the supposed thief.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume X, Number 23 [Saturday, May 10, 1879], page 3, column 3

SEVERE ACCIDENT.

T.S. FORT, a well known [*sic – well-known*] citizen of this place, who removed to **Quinnesec** a few weeks ago, met with the misfortune of **breaking his leg**. It

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appears that he was building a scaffolding, last Friday, on the outside of **Maurice McKenna's drug store** and while in the act of raising a heavy green board to the staging above him, the one on which he was standing gave way and he was precipitated to the ground, a distance of about 15 feet. The board fell at the same time and the end struck him in the leg, below the knee, fracturing both bones in such a shape that they protruded through the flesh. The **surgeon of the Menominee River Mining Co., Dr. McLEOD**, reduced the fracture and he appears to be getting along as well as could be expected. We understand that he is in straightened circumstances, and it is a case where the assistance of the charitable would not be misplaced.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 562 [Saturday, April 26, 1879], page 8, columns 1-4 [*The Menominee Ranger*]

QUINNESEC.

On Thursday of last week **Ed. Girzikowsky, jeweler** from **Ishpeming**, gave a satchel containing some some [sic] sixty dollars' worth of jewelry to the bartender at the **Quinnesec hotel**, telling him to put it behind the bar. The bartender did as directed, not knowing what the satchel contained, of course, and no more was thought about it until next morning, when it was discovered that burglars had broken into the hotel, rifled the money drawer of its contents and stolen the satchel. Officers were immediately notified of the burglary and engaged to work up the case, their efforts resulting in the arrest of the thief at Ford Howard Wednesday last. He was taken to Quinnesec the same day to be identified.

Mr. Wendell, proprietor of the Quinnesec hotel, has given the place into the entire charge of **Omer Huff, Esq.**, an experienced hotel man. The house is first-class in every respect.

The construction of a number of new business houses is soon to be commenced.

Capt. Morcom, of the mine, paid Marinette a visit Saturday, returning home Monday morning. He brought with him a pan used in washing gold, which same was for a man named **Gould**, who thinks he has found some of the precious metal and wants to wash it.

It is reported that **Carney, of Marinette**, who owns the forty acres on the north side of the railroad track, will set the property off into a **town site**. It will make a beautiful one.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 563 [Saturday, May 3, 1879], page 8, columns 1-4 [*The Menominee Ranger*]

QUINNESEC.

The **dry goods firm of Harteau & Bebeau, of Escanaba**, is **building a large store on the lot adjoining Wright Bros.** The building will be completed in a few weeks and stocked with a full line of dry goods, clothing, etc.

Harry Kellar, the Quinnesec hotel burglar, who was captured at **Marinette** and brought to **Quinnesec**, waived examination before **Judge Smythe**, and was placed under bonds of \$800 for his appearance at the next term of the Menominee circuit court. Not being able to procure the bail, he was taken to the country jail at Menominee Thursday by **deputy sheriff McLaughlin**. Great credit is due **C.L. Wendel**, the proprietor of the hotel, for the great pains and expense

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which he incurred in ferreting out and securing the arrest of the thief, as he was not a loser by the robbery personally, the loss being that of **Ed. Girzikowsky**, the **Ishpeming** jeweler.

It is whispered that the **McKenna Bros.** will commence the **erection of a commodious hotel** soon.

W.W. Felch, Esq., has begun the **erection of a building 22x36**, which will be occupied as a **barber shop, restaurant and residence**.

See here **Bill Dickie**, you who was recently elected **highway commissioner** by a large majority, we don't know you personally, but would warn you against **John L. Buell**, the bull-dozer. He's trying to lead you by the nose into the construction of that pet new road of his by his soft-toned flattery. You are an honest man, we know, but bull-dozing is bull-dozing, and John L. Buell is John L. Buell.

Terry Hanley, of **Marquette**, has taken up his residence in Quinnesec, and though he was lonesome the first two or three evenings of his sojourn here, he is now happy and contented. With "Ted.," Quinnesec can boast of the first-class **bartender** and best fellow in the county.

Quinnesec is being built up rapidly. New buildings are springing up all over the town site as if by magic. Not a vacant house in town, but many crowded almost to suffocation. The streets are crowded with visitors, capitalists, prospectors and others, daily. **Quinnesec is the Chicago of the Menominee range, and must eventually be a large and prosperous city.**

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QUINNESEC ITEMS.

MR. FELCH is building a **dwelling house on Pine Street**.

MR. BUELL has been absent during the week in Chicago.

MR. OLESON has got a **new two-story dwelling house** almost finished.

JOHN McKENNA seems to have his hands full, with his **new mine** [*The McKenna Mine became the Keel Ridge Mine.*], and his other business.

MR. A.R. HARLOW of **Marquette** and **ROBERT NELSON** of **Ishpeming** visited the **Menominee River Range** on Tuesday last.

Flurries [*sic – Flurries*] of the "beautiful" were distinctly seen along the **Menominee River range** last Monday, and flowers were in bloom at the same time.

NEWBERRY & JENKINS are doing a fine business in the **meat line** and have all they can attend to and are now giving the citizens **beef from fresh slaughtered cattle**.

The **Quinnesec Hotel** is as usual crowded with guests and **Mr. C.L. WENDEL**, the host, sometimes has his ingenuity taxed to the utmost, to supply accommodations for all.

WRIGHT BROS. & Co., are prospering in worldly goods, which is evidenced by the large improvements on their store, and their increased stock, which made the enlargement necessary.

Our old friend **TIMOTHY MACNAMARA**, proprietor of the **Central Hotel**, has got the building in first-class shape and it presents a fine appearance and judging from his good natured looks, business must be well with him.

The town is lively with the hum of business and the sound of the hammer and the saw is heard from early morn to dewy eve and at the rate that new buildings are going up and people coming in, **Quinnesec** will have a population of a thousand in a short time.

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PATRICK McKENNA is commencing to **build a store** on the main street, second lot south from his **brother's drug store**. The building will be 24X50 feet on the ground and two stories high. The lower part is intended for a hardware store and the upper portion for a dwelling.

JOSEPH PECARD[.] of **Menominee**, the **owner of the Quinnesec Hotel**, was in town during the week. Joe looks as young as ever and seemed as though the world went well with him. We understand he **offers the Quinnesec Hotel building for sale**, which is a very desirable property.

WRIGHT BROS. & Co., are **building a new addition to their store**, two stories high. It is 22X85 feet on the ground. As soon as they can shift their goods a little into the new part they will raise the present store another story, which when completed will give them a commodious store 75 feet in length, with a ware- room at the back.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 564 [Saturday, May 10, 1879], page 8, columns 1-4 [*The Menominee Ranger*]

QUINNESEC.

The town is chuck full of strangers, and the hotel and boarding houses are filled to overflowing.

Supt. Lindsley, of the **C. & N.W. R'y**, was in town the fore part of the week. He came by special car, and paid a visit to the explorations of **Robert Stephenson** and others on section 25, before returning.

Patrick McKenna, formerly of **Negaunee**, has begun the **erection of a neat residence adjoining his brother's drug store**.

Deputy sheriff Hugh McLaughlin, the "tall sycamore of the range," has commenced the **erection of quite a**

pretentious frame building, which will be used for a residence.

The Quinnesec school has now over a hundred pupils in attendance.

"When will the log jam occur at **Quinnesec Falls**?" is the question residents are bored with now by strangers. We say bored, because residents are tired of telling them that there ain't going to be any log jam at Quinnesec Falls this spring, to the best of their knowledge and belief.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume X, Number 24 [Saturday, May 17, 1879], page 2, columns 2-3

PERSONAL MENTION.

MR. THOMAS HAY and family have **moved to the Norway Mine near Quinnesec.**

DR. J.S. NORTH, of this place[.], removed to **Quinnesec** on Wednesday last. **He will practice medicine in company with Dr. J.A. McLEOD of Vulcan.** The citizens of the Range have reason to congratulate themselves that they have two such good physicians and surgeons as doctors **McLeod** and **North**. **Dr[.] North** will be located at the chief town of the range and both will attend to any and all calls promptly and satisfactorily. The Iron Port wishes the two gentlemen success.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 565 [Saturday, May 17, 1879], page 12, columns 1-4 [*The Menominee Ranger*]

QUINNESEC.

A public meeting was held at **Merchant's hall**, Thursday evening, May 89th, for the purpose of **making**

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arrangements to protect the village against accident by fire. It was decided to purchase an engine and hose cart.

Dr. C.A. Fortier, of the Emmett mining company, has opened up an office in town for the practice of his profession. The doctor is a good physician but doesn't know how to advertise worth a cent.

Patrick McKenna, Esq., left town Wednesday bound for **Negaunee**, whither he goes to **bring his wife and family back with him**. Mr. McKenna is "awfully gone" on Quinnesec.

Deputy sheriff McLaughlin's new residence is nearly completed, and is about as good looking as any in town.

Bob Barclay, the livery stable man, is raising a colt, born and bred in Quinnesec, which he thinks will be able to make pretty good time on the township road that **Buell** built, one of these days.

At the rate people are settling in and around Quinnesec we prophesy that it will have a population of two thousand by fall.

Tourists not having enough money to visit the holy land do the next best thing – come to Quinnesec. Quinnesec is a holy land. There are holes everywhere around here where they've been exploring.

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HARTEAU & BEBEAU of the one price establishment are receiving the reward of merit this spring in the large quantity of goods that they are selling. Their business has increased so, that they are forced to open a **branch store at Quinnesec**.

ROSE, the **artist [photographer]**, has got a brother and that brother has come here and the firm name is now **Rose Bros.**, and furthermore they have got a tent and one of them proposes to travel around the

country and take the likeness of every thing [*sic – everything*] animate and inanimate at moderate prices and in the very first style of the art. The objective place now is **Quinnesec** and the **IRON PORT** would advise the Quinnesecers to interview him. Headquarters will be here.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume X, Number 28 [Saturday, June 14, 1879], page 3, column 4

QUINNESEC.

Towards the shank of last week our reporter made a run to the future metropolis of the **Menominee river range – Quinnesec**. Everything in and around the town showed a fair business activity.

Building still continues to be lively. **Patrick McKenna's building** is almost as far as it was before the unfortunate blow-down. **Edward Smythe**, the **contractor**, keeps it securely braced as the work progresses, all ready for any more little frisky zephyrs which may take a notion to happen along that way.

Harteau & Bebeau's new store was almost completed, and their large general stock was fast arriving to fill it. **Samuel and John** looked as happy as two clams in one shell and were as busy as a horse's tail in fly time. They have got a handsome store, and no mistake. **Wright Bros. & Co.** were just putting the finishing touches on their mammoth building, and were gradually filling it up, from cellar to garret, with every thing [*sic – everything*], from eatables to dry goods. It is well arranged and everything is as neat as a new red wagon. The **postoffice [*sic – post office*]** in the store has also improved itself, and with its lock boxes looks quite metropolitan. As was before remarked, they keep everything that is generally called for, from saw mills to steamboats.

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Jenkins, of the firm of **Newberry & Jenkins**, was **slashing away the beef and pork steak** at the rate of a shilling a pound, and **Newberry** was trying to be sick, but he was going to be around in a day or two, as he could not afford to be sick very long when beef cattle are worth \$4.90 on foot.

Penberthy was off to Menominee buying a saw mill, seeing his girl, or attending to some other important business of that kind.

Buell was off in the woods for his health and was roaming around the romantic borders of **Lake Antoine** and occasionally catching a sucker by way of pastime.

John McKenna was in town on business, and reports the prospects of that **mine** tip top. **Maurice**, his brother, is constantly adding new goods to his already large stock. He says business is first—rate.

A sectional view was had of **Mr. T. Macnamarra** [*sic* – **McNamara**], **landlord of the Central**. We might be afraid to bet against **Tim** being one of the first aldermen of the new city.

Drs. McLeod, North and Fortier were all in town, and still the health of the place was reported to be very fair. No deaths occurred while they were there.

Captain Tobin had just returned from the virgin forest, weighted down with rocks for ballast, which he unloaded on **Wendell's** center table. Among them were some fine looking specimens of hematite ore, found either three feet under the surface or above it. It looked rich anyway. **Wendell** had his good clothes on and was going to **Menominee**. He says the hotel and iron mining business is running nicely.

Rose Bros., the **artists** [*photographers*], were enjoying themselves under a canvass tent, and taking first-class pictures at the same time. They will take the falls, the **Quinnesec mine**, and all the other valuable property around. A set of first-class views of

scenery in the Menominee region will sell like fire crackers on the 4th of July.

George Barclay and **Hugh McLaughlin** looked as though their **boarding houses** agreed with them.

Mr. Felch is hurrying up his **new building on Quinnesec street** as fast as the Lord and the carpenters will let him.

Surprise's billiard hall is as neat as a pin, and he complains of doing a very satisfactory business.

Omer Huff, the accomodating [*sic* – *accommodating*] **manager of the Quinnesec Hotel**, declares the business is first rate and prospects for the season good.

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QUINNESEC.

Hanley Bros., Terry and James, successors to **John McKenna**, have put their **billiard parlors and bar** in excellent shape. The tables are [*as*] good as any in **Marquette**, and the bar is stocked with as choice wines, liquors and cigars as can be procured anywhere. In fact, their place, taken altogether, is almost too fine for a town the size of Quinnesec, and it will have to be a very dry season in order for the Hanley Bros. to get back all the money they have expended in fixing it up.

Harteau & Bebeau, of **Escanaba**, have got in their stock of **dry goods, clothing, groceries and provisions**, and have begun cutting down the prices. **Mr. Harteau** and **Mr. Day** are in charge. The store and stock is one of the best in Quinnesec.

Monday afternoon last witnessed a scene at Quinnesec that its citizens will never forget. **Forest fires** had been raging

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all day but a short distance west of the town, and towards three o'clock in the afternoon were within only a couple of hundred yards of it, when a regular **tornado** occurred from the direction of the fire, sweeping chips, shavings, dust, and scantlings before it, and enveloping the town in a cloud of fiery smoke. The fire roared and swept onward toward the town, lighting up the sky with its lurid flame, trees were uprooted and everything betokened the sure and rapid destruction of the entire village, when lo! thanks be to Providence, suddenly the wind abated, the rain fell, the fires were extinguished, and Quinnesec was itself again. Several trees were blown across the railroad track, and the outgoing passenger train narrowly escaped running into them and being wrecked.

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QUINNESEC.

Quinnesec is to have another **hotel**. **Elisha Morgan [sic – Morcom], Esq.**, from Wisconsin, has leased the **Surprise building** and intends converting it into a first-class hotel.

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We understand **C.L. Wendel** has sold out his furniture stock and fixtures, in the **Quinnesec Hotel** to a man from **Marinette**.

MR. ED. McKENNA[,] of **Quinnesec**, met with a very severe accident at that place on Tuesday morning. He had been

sleeping in his room, in the second story of his brothers [sic – brother's] house, and it is supposed that he got up in his sleep, about 4 o'clock in the morning, and stepped out of the open window. His cries soon brought the family to his assistance, when it was found that he was severely injured. A physician was summoned, who ascertained that besides being hurt internally, that some of his ribs were fractured. He finally sank under his injuries and **died last evening**.

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QUINNESEC.

William Greece [sic – Gries], from **Menominee**, is here, and is **putting up a small building adjoining Hanley Bro's. [sic – Bros.] saloon**, to be occupied as a **fruit and vegetable stand**. Another step towards making Quinnesec a city.

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QUINNESEC.

Residences are very scarce here, people sometimes moving into and occupying houses when not more than half finished, and yet new buildings are going up every day. Quinnesec is growing very rapidly and will, ere long, be one of the most prosperous towns in this upper country.

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column 3

C.L. WENDELL, ESQ. has purchased a tract of land near the Norway and Cyclops mines, which he designs laying out into a town site. [NOTE: *Wendell laid out Norway.*]

IT would seem to an outsider, that the **C. & N.W.R.R. Co.** might afford to foster its passenger trade over the **Menominee River R.R.** to the extent of one coach. The Caboose on the **Quinnesec accommodation** is utterly inadequate to accommodate the travel on the route.

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OUR NEIGHBORS.

[Marinette Eagle.]

—A party of men under the charge of **Mr. Dow** are [*sic – is*] at work improving the **Menominee river**, at the **Little Quinnesec falls**. **Wing dams** will be built so as to confine the water to a narrow channel, and some rocks, at present a hindrance to log driving, will be blasted out. [Menominee Herald.]

—**Mr. Buell** has decided to erect a handsome brick building at **Quinnesec** a few doors north of the post office, the lower story of which will be used for a **bank**. It will be in charge of a gentleman experienced in the business. The upper story will be used for an **Odd Fellows Hall**.

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—We neglected to mention last week that **Capt. Whitehead**, of the **Vulcan House, Vulcan**, was running a 'bus line between **Vulcan and Quinnesec**.

—**Mr. J.L. Buell** has sold the option of a lease of what is known as the **Walpole property** to the **Menominee Mining Co.** for the consideration of \$11,000. The property is said to be one of the most valuable on the range. [NOTE: *The Walpole Mine was located on Pewabic Hill in Iron Mountain.*]

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ROSE, the photographer, has started a branch establishment at **Quinnesec**.

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[Menominee Range.]

—A **bank in Quinnesec**! Only two years old and about to have a bank established. Just think of it.

—It is with pleasure and gratification that we are prepared to announce to our readers, and the public generally, that the **Menominee Range** will be enlarged within the next sixty days.

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QUINNESEC.

[Menominee Range.]

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The **Catholic church** is being ornamented by the **addition of a steeple**.

A large pile of brick is on the street here, and rumor says it is to be used for the construction of a bank building by Mr. J.L. Buell.



**Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
Damaged by Lightning, ca. 1880**

The cross on top of the steeple was destroyed, a portion of the louvers was blown out of the bell tower and the front of the church and steps were damaged. The church was repaired and in use until destroyed by the Quinnesec fire in 1906.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Volume —, Number — [Saturday, August 30, 1879], page —, columns — [*The Menominee Ranger*]

QUINNESEC.

C.H. Gates & Co. is the name of a **new livery stable firm** about to open up and engage in business in Quinnesec. They are experienced liverymen. Their stable will be well stocked with open and top buggies, carriages, light wagons and buckboards, and some of the best horse flesh in the country. This is another big thing for Quinnesec.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume X, Number 43 [Saturday, September 27, 1879], page 2, column 2

SWAN OLESON was drunk and John Morrison was drunk. Swan Oleson was quiet and sleepy, John Morrison was unquiet and savage. **Swan Oleson is short an ear and fragments of cheek and nose which John Morrison bit off and ate.** Aall [*sic* – All] at Quinnesec on Sunday.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume X, Number 43 [Saturday, September 27, 1879], page 2, column 2

"RANGE" ITEMS.

QUINNESEC, Sept. 24.

[A volunteer correspondent sends us the following items from the Menominee range. Come again, Jeems:]

—**The woods are full of explorers, and you run across test pits in almost every direction.** Considerable mining property is changing hands, and some very fine strikes have been made.

—**Norway has already twelve buildings, seven of them business houses.** Robinson, of Marinette, is building one hotel and Thomas Hay another. A large livery stable is going up. A depot will be built there, as it is

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bound to be a large business point. C.L. Wendell, the proprietor, has built him a neat residence, and is busy improving the town by grading streets, etc. A number of other buildings are in contemplation. **Twenty lots were sold last week to parties intending to build.**

—Quinnesec is improving rapidly. Hon. J.L. Buell is going to build a large two-story building on a prominent corner of the main street. It will be 50x90 on the ground, divided into two rooms below, one of which will be a store and the other a bank, with a hall overhead. Mr. Buell has offered to give four lots and \$500 to the Catholic church to build an educational institution. The Sisters of Charity are soliciting additional subscriptions, and are very successful. The first building will be brick, to cost \$4,000 or \$5,000. **The railroad from here west will be commenced this week.** The contract of grading five miles was let to Mr. Conro, of the Menominee Mining Co. It will open up four or five new mines, and business here will be red-hot while it is building.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume X, Number 44 [Saturday, October 4, 1879], page 2, column 4

[Menominee Range.]

—The diamond drill still keeps at work boring for the **Quinnesec vein**, and has now reached a depth of about 675 feet; are still boring in limestone.

—**Work on the extension of the railroad west of this place commenced Monday.** Men have been arriving for the past few days, and are strung along the line for a distance of two or three miles.

[Menominee Herald.]

—A house of ill fame was burned at

Quinnesec on Friday night last. The fire was incendiary, and the party who started it was arrested and fined \$5 for assault and battery.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Volume —, Number — [Saturday, October 4, 1879], page —, columns — [*The Menominee Ranger*]

QUINNESEC.

The **Quinnesec Hotel** is being enlarged by the building of another story on top. This will give more room, but even that will not at all times accommodate the great rush of guests.

A large gang of men began work on the rail road at this point on Monday last.

The **Catholic church** is nearly completed, and a fine edifice it is, too.

Mr. Barclay is putting up a **new livery stable**. **This will make the fourth in the village, and yet there is business for all.**

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Volume —, Number — [Saturday, October 11, 1879], page —, columns — [*The Menominee Ranger*]

QUINNESEC.

Next week Mr. **John McPherson**, of **Menominee**, will open a **large furniture room** in this village, and hopes to be able to supply the people on the range with everything in that line that may be needed.

The work on the railroad extension is progressing finely, and a large number of men are employed.

Many of the **dwellings** lately commenced are approaching completion,

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and the place begins to look very much like a city.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Volume —, Number — [Saturday, October 18, 1879], page —, columns — [*The Menominee Ranger*]

QUINNESEC.

Over three miles of the new railroad have already been cleared, and grading has been commenced.

The **freight business at this station is immense**, and every train that arrives from the east is crowded with men for the lumber camps.

Hotels, boarding houses, and private residences are crowded with guests.

Messrs. Dickie and McDonald are about to open a **wagon shop** in their new building.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume X, Number 47 [Saturday, October 25, 1879], page 3, column 4

WE made a short visit to "the range" this week, but found little to remark that is not already known to our readers. **Quinnesec** grows, and must grow, as long as Menominee ores are in demand at present prices. The **hotel enlargement** is so far completed as to be in use, the **opera house building** begins to show above ground, **Barclay is in his new stable**, and **a dozen new houses are up and occupied**. Every man, boy and animal is busy, and others are constantly arriving. The **woods are full of explorers**, and all are hopeful and happy. **Norway** makes rapid progress. There are now **three concerns with stocks of general merchandize** [*sic* — *merchandise*]: **Johnston Bros. & Co., Crane & McElroy,**

and **Harteau, Bebeau & Co.** (Jas. F. **Atkinson** in charge); **Kimball, drugs; Robinson, hotel; Anderson & Co., hardware and stoves; Hay, restaurant; Krouse, boots and shoes; Miss Vaughn, milliner; Roberts, livery stable; and four or five saloons.** There is plenty of pluck and energy displayed in the little burg, and if it does not overtake **Quinnesec**, in point of population and trade, it will not be for want of trying. **Vulcan** holds its own; but we noticed one thing only of which to make an item, viz: that the present prices of ore had the company to hauling the stock pile from the **No. 1 pit**, in carts, to the branch, for shipment. It is stated, we know not upon what authority, that the shipments of the **Menominee Mining Company** for the season, to date, aggregate over 200,000 tons, which would make the total shipments from the district 250,000 tons, or more.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Volume —, Number — [Saturday, October 25, 1879], page —, columns — [*The Menominee Ranger*]

QUINNESEC.

The **school house** having become entirely too small to accommodate all the pupils, it is being enlarged by having another story put on.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Volume —, Number — [Saturday, November 1, 1879], page —, columns — [*The Menominee Ranger*]

QUINNESEC.

Watson Bros. have opened their new **hardware store**, and have a large stock on hand.

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Numerous wagon trains, with provisions and other supplies, leave here daily for the lumber camps.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Volume —, Number — [Saturday, November 8, 1879], page —, columns — [*The Menominee Ranger*]

QUINNESEC.

The RANGER learns that **the site for a new village [Iron Mountain]** has been selected some five miles west of this, and that it has already been staked off into lots. As the road progresses westward we may look for a number of towns to spring up, but where the chief city of the range is to be is yet a matter of conjecture.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Volume —, Number — [Saturday, November 15, 1879], page —, columns — [*The Menominee Ranger*]

QUINNESEC.

The **public school** is again in full blast, although the upper story of the building is yet incomplete.

Mr. Gries has opened a **tobacco and cigar stand next door to Hanley Bros. saloon.**

The **first brick building in the city** is going up rapidly.

The **Chapin mine** yields 50 to 100 tons per day, though only a small force of men are being worked.

The **new town [Iron Mountain]** recently laid out a few miles west of here starts off with bright prospects, and we learn that some lots have been sold already.

The material is on hand and framed for that **new round house**. It will soon be put up and finished.

The Iron Port, Escanaba, Delta County, Michigan, Volume X, Number 51 [Saturday, November 22, 1879], page 2, column 4

[Menominee Range.]

—The **Quinnesec mine is to be lighted by the Brush electric light**, soon.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Volume —, Number — [Saturday, November 29, 1879], page —, columns — [*The Menominee Ranger*]

QUINNESEC.

Town filled with explorers and lumbermen, and every train adds largely to their numbers.

The **railroad engine house** is finished.

A **skating rink**, under the management of **Walter Clark**, is the next thing in order. The rink, we learn, will be **located between the company's store and the Range office.**

The **repairs on the school building** are about completed.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Volume —, Number — [Saturday, December 13, 1879], page —, columns — [*The Menominee Ranger*]

QUINNESEC.

The **school house is finished**, and workmen are now **enclosing the grounds with a substantial fence.**

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The **opera house** is to be opened with a grand ball on the evening of the 30th, and it promises to be the grandest affair of the kind ever witnessed in this part of the state. The matter is in the hands of gentlemen who will spare no pains or expense to make it a success. Invitations are to be sent far and near.



**Pioneer School House and Library
Southwest Corner of Bluff Street and
Paint Street, ca. 1880-1895**

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Volume —, Number — [Saturday, December 20, 1879], page —, columns — [*The Menominee Ranger*]

QUINNESEC.

Work on the railroad west of this place is being crowded along rapidly, and in a few months the iron horse will pass here towards the setting sun.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Volume —, Number — [Saturday, December 27, 1879], page —, columns — [*The Menominee Ranger*]

QUINNESEC.

The **mine** at this place is now made light as day by the introduction of the **electric light**.

Next Tuesday is the day in which Quinnesec can witness an event that will be worth remembering; the **opening of the new opera house** is a thing of no small consequence to the residents of this part of the country.

Maurice McKenna has sold his stock of goods to **J. Schaller** and now has a **general variety store**, well stocked and well patronized.

This place at night, when the boys come down from the mines and camps, is very lively, and occasionally there is a small known down just to keep up the interest.

Prospecting, with the snow deep, is not the most delightful business in the world, but still the work in this vicinity goes bravely on.

Everything in the shape of a sleigh is pressed into service now.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Volume —, Number — [Saturday, January 3, 1880], page —, columns — [*The Menominee Ranger*]

QUINNESEC.

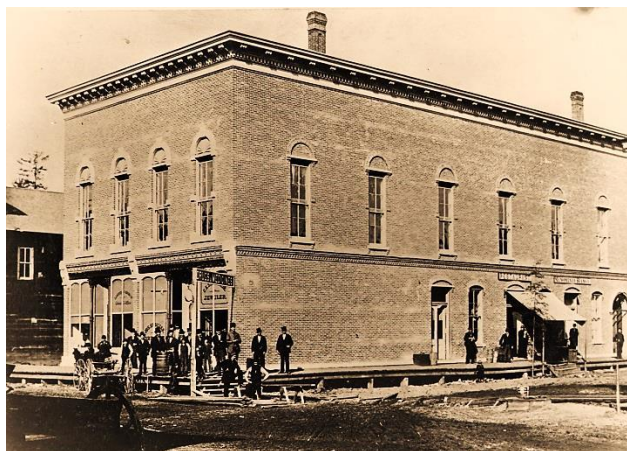
Parties are grading the road-bed across the river, and soon the two states will be united by another band of iron.

Through the kindness of a gentleman who was present we learn that the **opening ball** on Tuesday night, at the **opera house**, was a grand success, and, to use his expression, "the most magnificent affair of the kind he ever attended." The hall itself is one of the largest and best on the upper peninsula, and there had been no lack of preparation on the part of the committee. **Derago's band** was on hand, and of course the music could not be excelled.

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Upwards of one hundred couples (some place the number as high as 175) were present, and from nightfall until five o'clock in the morning took part in the dance. About midnight the company sat down to a **well filled table at the hotel**, and our informant says that this of itself was worth a trip from Escanaba to Quinnesec. From first to last there was nothing to mar the pleasure of the occasion, and all returned home next day loud in their praises of the manner in which the affair was conducted, and of their treatment by the managers and people of the village. **Marinette, Menominee, Escanaba**, and other towns along the line of the railway, [sic] were represented. It will [sic – will] be a long time before the occasion will be forgotten by those who were fortunate enough to be present.



Buell's Opera House
Northeast Corner of Quinnesec Avenue
and Paint Street, ca. 1880-1881

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Volume –, Number – [Saturday, January 10, 1880], page –, columns – [The Menominee Ranger]

QUINNESEC.

Work is progressing all along the line of the new extension between here and the Commonwealth. The road will be completed early in the summer.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Volume –, Number – [Saturday, January 17, 1880], page –, columns – [The Menominee Ranger]

QUINNESEC.

The mines hereabouts are accumulating **extensive stock piles**, and just as soon as the track can be laid to those west of this place shipping from there will be commenced.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Volume –, Number – [Saturday, January 24, 1880], page –, columns – [The Menominee Ranger]

QUINNESEC.

Prof. Rogers has been compelled, on account of ill health, to **give up the management of the public schools** here. Who will take his place has not yet been decided upon.

What is greatly needed here now is an effective **fire department**, with a good **engine and other apparatus** for combating the destructive element.

A few miles west of here is the new town of **Iron Mountain City**. It is located in the vicinity of the **Chapin and Ludington mines**, and already several buildings are up and a few branches of business represented. Early in the spring the railroad will be completed, and this embryo city will become a place of considerable notoriety.

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The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Volume —, Number — [Saturday, January 31, 1880], page —, columns — [*The Menominee Ranger*]

QUINNESEC.

The new town at the Commonwealth mine will probably be named after the location; another town, we understand, is being laid out near the Florence mine.

A stage line between this place and Florence is soon to be started. People will not wait for the railroad to be completed before visiting that wonderful locality, and consequently a stage line is bound to pay well.

What is needed here by the railway company is more side track to accommodate the immense freight business. We presume this much needed improvement will soon be made.

Lumber for buildings at the mines west of here is coming in quite freely, and is taken to its destination on sleighs.

The work of extending the track west will begin just as soon as the frost is out of the ground.

Hotel proprietors are reaping a rich harvest now; some nights they are compelled to close the doors against the admission of any more guests. What is wanted is more sleeping rooms, and it would pay to build them right away.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Volume —, Number — [Saturday, February 7, 1880], page —, columns — [*The Menominee Ranger*]

QUINNESEC.

The ginger ale factory is about finished, and the machinery will soon be in running order.

A building to be used as a photograph gallery is being put up as fast as workmen can do it.

The travel from here to the Commonwealth location is rapidly increasing.

The stage leaves for the Florence location immediately upon the arrival of the train from the east.

What is most needed here is better facilities for getting water; there are but very few wells or springs in the village, and most of the citizens have to carry or haul water from a distance. In an emergency it seems to us that it would be an impossibility to put out a fire of any considerable magnitude. This matter should be looked after at once, and now, while the village is new, some efficient system of protection against fire should be adopted.

Large quantities of lumber are being transported overland from here to the new town sites west of us.

Just as soon as the frost is out of the ground the work of putting down the rails west from this place will begin, and it is thought by many that before the first of June the iron horse will reach the embryo cities of Florence and Commonwealth.

Iron city [Iron Mountain] is getting to be a place of considerable note. The iron mines in that vicinity promise to be immense, the quality of the ore being equal to any found on the range.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Volume —, Number — [Saturday, February 14, 1880], page —, columns — [*The Menominee Ranger*]

QUINNESEC.

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There is a continued rush from here to the new locations west, and before this time, one year hence, both Florence and Commonwealth will be large villages, although as yet the sites are scarcely marked out.

The prospects are that the **Methodists** will build a church here early in the season.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Volume —, Number — [Saturday, February 21, 1880], page —, columns — [*The Menominee Ranger*]

QUINNESEC.

The number of strangers who stop at the hotels here now is almost as great as it was any time last summer. The fame of this region is becoming world wide [*sic* — *worldwide*], and from all parts of the country men come to see our wonderful mines.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Volume —, Number — [Saturday, February 28, 1880], page —, columns — [*The Menominee Ranger*]

QUINNESEC.

The **Ginger Ale** factory will be ready to run just as soon as the bottles, long since ordered, arrive[.]

The **stage line** from here to the **Commonwealth**, [*sic*] is well patronized and certainly must be a paying institution.

As we announced sometime since the **Methodists**, [*sic*] will probably build a **church here** next summer; they are fast making arrangements which will render the undertaking a success.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Volume —, Number — [Saturday, March 6, 1880], page —, columns — [*The Menominee Ranger*]

QUINNESEC.

The **Methodists** have had a lot **donated them** upon which they are making arrangements to **erect a church the present season**. The society here is not very large, but if the people outside of the organization lend a helping hand a building suitable for its use can be erected.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Volume —, Number — [Saturday, March 13, 1880], page —, columns — [*The Menominee Ranger*]

QUINNESEC.

The surveyor has completed the work of **layingout** [*sic* — *laying out*] the new town of **Florence**, and lots will soon be in market.

The **mine here** is sending out a good stock pile, and its output for next summer will not fall short of that of last season.

Miss Smith, of **Peshtigo**, is engaged as **teacher in one of the departments of the public school** here.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Volume —, Number — [Saturday, March 27, 1880], page —, columns — [*The Menominee Ranger*]

QUINNESEC.

Every stage that leaves here for Florence is loaded down with

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passengers going to the new eldorado [sic – Eldorado].

The iron is beginning to arrive for the extension, and the track layers will soon be busy laying the rails west of this place.

Ten or twelve men at work on the new road struck the other day for higher pay, but their places were soon filled by those who were willing to work for the going wages.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Volume –, Number –, [Saturday, April 3, 1880], page –, columns – [The Menominee Ranger]

QUINNESEC.

Jos. Schaller has transferred his stock to his elegant store in the opera house block. It is one of the finest drug stores on the peninsula, and yet he isn't satisfied; he says it isn't large enough. He ought to rent the Norway depot; that might fill the bill.

Quinnesec is becoming staid and sober, as becomes a metropolis.

Building is still being urged. Messrs. Paul & Reilly are building a wholesale liquor store on the corner opposite Schaller's and other buildings are being put up in various parts of the village.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Volume –, Number –, [Saturday, April 10, 1880], page –, columns – [The Menominee Ranger]

QUINNESEC.

Some unfavorable comment has been made concerning the location of the Miners' hospital at Quinnesec. Indeed, it has been asserted that those whose duty it

was to determine the site, [sic] did so locate it merely to further personal ends. This, to any one [sic – anyone] who will reflect, is an absurdity. The site was determined on, after mature deliberation, is likely to be nearer the center of the mines during the coming summer than any other point that could be selected. A great many men will be employed in the vicinity of Quinnesec, and to the west of it – far more than one or two hundred – and it is believed that no wiser choice could have been made, in view of existing circumstances.

The Mining Journal, Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, Volume –, Number –, [Saturday, April 17, 1880], page –, columns – [The Menominee Ranger]

QUINNESEC.

A bakery is to be added to the conveniences of this place.

Quinnesec certainly had grown into a bustling, thriving community, serving as the transportation hub for the rapidly expanding Menominee Iron Range, in the months since the *Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory 1879* was published by the R.L. Polk & Co., in Detroit. The following entry and business directory appear on page 919:

QUINNESEC.

This is a comparatively new place, being settled in the latter part of 1877, and the postoffice [sic – post office] established in 1878. The location is in Menominee county, near Quinnesec Falls, and western terminus of the Menominee River R.R., 24 miles west of Spalding (junction of the C. & N.W. R'y), and 47 from Escanaba. The place is growing rapidly, having at present

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quite 400 inhabitants, and visited in summer by large numbers of pleasure seekers. The river abounds with fish and the woods with deer and small game. An immense business is done in lumbering, and supplies for the various camps are furnished from this station. Large quantities of iron ore from the Quinnesec mine find an outlet here. The improvements in the village consist of good graded streets, large school building, and a number of commodious business and warehouses. Mail, daily. **Roscoe G. Brown**, postmaster.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

Barclay D, livery stable.
Black R E, meat market.
Brown R G (Wright Bros & Co).
Buell John L, lumber mnfr.
Desmer Alexander, shoemaker.
Dickey & McDonald, wagonmakers.
Hartley E, wagonmaker.
McDonald R E, wagonmaker.
McKenna Bros, Druggists.
McKenna John, saloon.
McKenna Maurice, drugs and notions.
McLaughlin Hugh, deputy sheriff.
McNamara Timothy, hotel propr.
Malloy J H, railroad agent.
Marchand B, barber shop and saloon.
Marchand Joseph, barber.
Menominee Mining Co., general store.
Molloy James H, station agent.
Newberry W P, shoemaker.
Newberry & Jenkins, cannoed goods and meat market
Smith Mrs M, propr Oconto House.
Smythe E, justice and wagonmaker.
Surprise A, saloon.
Wendel C L, lawyer and hotel propr.
Wilkins Clark, barber.
Wright Bros & Co, General Store.
Wynne Daniel, justice of the peace.

Although the railroad expansion in the spring of 1880 ended Quinnesec's reign as the terminus of the Menominee Range Railway, the village continued to flourish.

Buell's brick opera house, located on the northeast corner of Quinnesec Avenue and Paint Street [now U.S. 2], served as the social and cultural center of the community for many years. The second story contained a large dance floor and auditorium with a stage, described in the following article:

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 6 [Saturday, February 5, 1881], page 3, column 3

HON. JOHN L. BUELL, [sic] is fitting up his **Opera House**, at Quinnesec, in the most approved style. The stage, including the green rooms, will be 18x45 feet. The entire stage scenery is being made in Chicago and the drop curtain will represent a magnificent view of the **Lower Quinnesec Falls**. This painting, as we are informed, will be well worth the price of an ordinary admission ticket.



Interior of Buell's Opera House Showing Stage and Drop Curtain with View of Lower Quinnesec Falls, 1911

Florence (Terry) Hulst, the wife of **Dr. Nelson Powell Hulst** and the lady for

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whom the mine, town and later county of **Florence, Wisconsin**, was named, remembered the following about the opera house:

*In the autumn of 1879 the Menominee Mining Company built an opera house at Quinnesec, where creditable entertainments were occasionally given and where also the miners and their families might assemble for dancing and other social purposes. As no saloons were permitted, it seemed to Mr. Hulst very necessary to provide some gathering place for the men, some place in which to spend their evenings. In the summer of 1880 this building was used as a banqueting hall for the American Institute of mining Engineers. Entertainment at their annual gathering was furnished by the Menominee Mining Company. It was a most interesting meeting for the members of the institute, many of whom were geologists and metallurgists, and they were especially glad to examine the rock formations of the range and see what had been accomplished in three or four years. A caterer from Milwaukee took charge of providing meals for the guests, bringing with him not only the refreshments but all the table furnishings and several waiters. ["Pioneer Life on the Menominee Iron Range" by Mrs. Nelson Powell Hulst, *The Wisconsin Magazine of History*, Volume VII, 1923-24, pp. 406-416]*

In **1881** the opera house was the site of a **farewell banquet given in honor of Dr. Hulst**, and two years later, the following dance occurred there:

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume III, Number 6 [Saturday, February 3, 1883], page 1, column 4

HANDSOME invitations were out for a dance to be given by the **Quinnesec Fire Company**, at the **Buell Opera House**, in Quinnesec, last evening. The NEWS was not represented, but learns it was largely attended and passed off like a midsummer dream, as it was destined to do, **Messrs. Buell, John McKenna, Bob Barclay, Capt. Ross, Hugh McLaughlin, and Joe Schaller**, [sic] all being there, and all the belles of the place. The **supper at the Quinnesec hotel** was very inviting, too, and the firemen are said to be receiving congratulations on this their maiden effort along the line.

Although the opera house survived the 1906 fire, the building succumbed to flames thought to have been set by an arsonist late in the evening on Thursday, **August 20, 1925**.

An amusing account which almost serves as a business directory of Quinnesec appeared in *The Florence Mining News* early in the **spring of 1881**, when that newspaper was less than three months old. The casual tone and sprinkling of puns is typical of the editorial style found in newspaper columns a century ago.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 11 [Saturday, March 12, 1881], page 3, columns 4-6

DURING a few hours stay at Quinnesec, during the early part of the week, we were much impressed with the substantial steady growth of the town. It gives every evidence of prosperity, and its citizens anticipate an active summer. We note the following: The **Quinnesec Hotel**, under the management

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of **Clement & Blythe**, is doing a fine business and sustains its former well merited reputation. **Noe Belanger** is still at his post of duty, in the beverage department, and looks as happy as if he had married a widow with eleven children. **Hugh McLaughlin**, the Real Estate and Insurance man, solemnly declares that business was never better and we believe him. He is a hard worker and deserves success. **John Fredrich, Esq.**, the Teutonic **justice and druggist**, is doing first-rate dispensing law and medicines. We didn't get a chance to see him as he was out riding with his girl. **Sheriff Dave Barclay's livery stable**, under the management of his brother, **Bob**, is doing tip-top. Bob is always ready day or night to furnish a rig or joke, just as the market demands. **Joe Schaller**, Uncle Sam's post officer[,] has fitted the office up, in A No. 1 shape. In order to keep up with first-class offices, he contemplates getting a beautifully engraved silver salver to pass out the mail to his patrons, on. It will have his monogram in the center. His **drug store** is doing a strengthening business. **Gates** and his bear report the **livery business** flourishing. By the way, bruin looks a good deal thinner than when he commenced his nap. We missed seeing **Dr. D.M. Bond & Son**. They were both out attending to professional duties, which are getting so extensive as to keep them on the war path most of the time. We stepped into their neat, well filled **drug store**, and from the number of customers in, should judge that they have no cause to complain about quiet times. **C.E. Steller** and **A.G. Wood**, are both doing finely in the **watch and jewelry line**, and they report business active in their respective establishments, which are far above the average in new towns. **Wright Bros.**, are trying to serve the Lord and their customers, the best they know how, and we are pleased to state that in the latter line they are eminently

successful. They are the **pioneer merchants in this region**, and from a log store and limited trade they have built up a big business, a good reputation, and have as large and commodious [a] store as can be found in this region. They are associated also in the same general line of business at Marinette. "**Ans**," the big brother, attends to the business here. The **McKenna** brothers – **John, Patrick, Thomas** and **Maurice** – have been identified with the interests of the region, almost since its first development. John has been largely interested in mining operations, and we are pleased to note has been quite successful. His residence – recently built – is one of the finest and most complete in Menominee county. Patrick and Thomas are both engaged in business here and are doing well. **Tim. McNamara** looks as young as ever and twice as handsome, and informed us that his **hotel – the Central** – is doing a bang-up business. The first thing that Tim. Knows if he isn't careful, is, that he will die a rich man. **Hon. Jno. L. Buell**, the **founder and proprietor of the town**, was as full of business as ever. He moved around so fast while we were there, that like the man taking the reckoning of the pigs – we could hardly count him. To his tireless energy, the Quinnesecers are indebted, mainly, for the present prosperity of the town and surroundings. **Telin & Johnson** – the fashionable **merchant tailors** – are doing a rushing business; they are artists in their line and deserve all the good luck they have. **Benjamin Marchand** – "jolly Ben" – was as happy as a clam in high water, and reported business both here and at **Iron Mountain** as being first-rate. **Dinneen & Connell** were "popping" away as hard as ever. Mr. C., attends to the business here and has built up an extensive and important trade, in the line of **soda water, seltzer water, ginger ale, gingerette** and other similar refreshing and harmless beverages.

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Phil. Bender continues to practice the **tonsorial art** in all its ramifications. Phil. Is a genius in that line and after an hour or so of manipulation, can transform an old man of sixty, into a young man of twenty-five. **John McDonald** has made a successful combination of **groceries, steamboat tickets and foreign exchange**. He is doing a good business in all these lines. **Rod Burris** got into hot water a short time ago but has got out again and is now O.K. Says he is doing a smashing business. **W.J. Penberthy**, the manager-in-chief of the **Menominee Range**, was at home, behind a big dictionary on stilts. The new proprietorship, makes very little change in his duties and he is continuing to make his paper one of the best in the U.P. He complains that job work is numerous, which is all just as it should be. **John St. Denis** said "by gar, I sell you one of de best sewing machine, dat you ever saw;" as John is a man of undoubted truth and veracity, we saw no reason to disbelieve him. **Al. A. Hammond** expounds the law to justice **Fredrich**, free gratis and accepts a modest little fee from his numerous patrons for his dispensation of the same to them. He is building up a fine practice. **Louis Young** – the **boiler maker** – was hammering away so that we could not hear a word he said, but could see that he was doing a good business. **Casad & Co.**, – the proprietors of the **Quinnesec Foundry and Machine Works** – are doing a rushing business and have more orders than they can attend to.

Not all news about Quinnesec was good news in the columns of *The Florence Mining News* in 1881.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 24 [Saturday, June 11, 1881], page 3, column 4

THAT dread disease – **small pox** – has made its appearance at Quinnesec. Two cases have occurred which are said to be of a very aggravated virulent form. The authorities have been dealing with the matter promptly and had the two patients removed to a place of safety where they can receive prompt medical attendance. It is sincerely to be hoped that no more cases will occur, and that the loathsome disease will be confined to these two cases. The persons afflicted are a brother and sister who have lately come to this country from England.

However, news of a much more positive nature appeared in the fall as a reminder that Quinnesec was still a rapidly-growing settlement to be recognized and respected.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Marinette County, Wisconsin, Volume I, Number 38 [Saturday, September 17, 1881], page 3, column 3

THERE is a **veritable boom at Quinnesec**. Additions to the town are being laid out, and lots are going off "like hot cakes," and at good prices. There seems to be quite a concentration of interest all along the range at Quinnesec. The place is central and most delightfully located, and, in view of the immediate and surrounding attractions, may at no very distant day become the leading inland watering-place and pleasure resort of the Upper Peninsula. – *Marinette Eagle*.

Five short years later the editor of Norway's *The Current* hinted that the Quinnesec business was not as bustling as in the past, but far from dead.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume II, Number 45 [Saturday, December 4, 1886], page 1, column 5

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QUINNESEC.

A short visit on Wednesday revealed the fact that while business is not what it was in the palmy days when Quinnesec was the end of the road, – the jumping off place, still it is by no means a dead town, and should the extensive explorations now being carried on prove successful it would take but a few weeks to fill up all the empty business and dwelling houses.

Ans. Wright has all the business in the **Gen. Mdse. [General Merchandise]** line which he and his able assistant can handle.

John St. Denis was almost too busy to talk to a fellow, as he said: it was cold weather and his customers must have “good grub” to keep them from freezing.

H. Hartman was found trying to **swap a carload of meat for a carload of butter and eggs**, and it is safe to say that **Henry** did not get the worst of the bargain, if one was made.

Tom McKenna and **Paddy Wildman** both seemed well pleased with the world and themselves, and we believe that if the angel Gabriel should call for either of them, he would meet with the answer, “all right, take sumthin first.”

W.W. Felch, at the **Hotel**, still continues to furnish food and lodgings of the best, and it goes without saying that he and the estimable landlady know just how to keep a hotel, and that the weary wayfarer reaps the benefit of that knowledge. Mr. Felch is expecting soon to get up an “Old Folks” party and will expect all his friends to come and see him. He also says that parties out for a sleighride [*sic* – *sleigh ride*] and who may feel disposed to have a little dance, [*sic*] may have the use of his house at the shortest notice.

B. Gormley [*sic* **Gormley**] was here on Wednesday and measured some of the boys for new **clothes**. Gormley is now

located at **Norway**, and will without doubt find all the work his hands can do.

Station Agent McGraw also seemed well pleased with both himself and the world, and is probably the busiest man in town.

T.E. Dillon, of **Waucedah**, has been **taking men and teams across the river** this week, **to commence hauling logs**. He will put in about 2,000,000 feet.

Felix Labrook is doing a good business at his **livery**.



Quinnesec Mine
Postmarked October 11, 1906

Since Quinnesec was above all a mining town, when the **Quinnesec Mine** began to play out in the mid-1880's and was finally abandoned in 1889, more and more people began moving to the more active mining settlements on the Menominee Range. Note the early shipment figures for the Quinnesec Mine from 1878 through 1889:

1878.....	25,925 tons
1879.....	41,954 tons
1880.....	52,436 tons
1881.....	43,711 tons
1882.....	44,240 tons
1883.....	21,676 tons
1884.....	16,995 tons
1885.....	14,110 tons
1886.....	13,442 tons

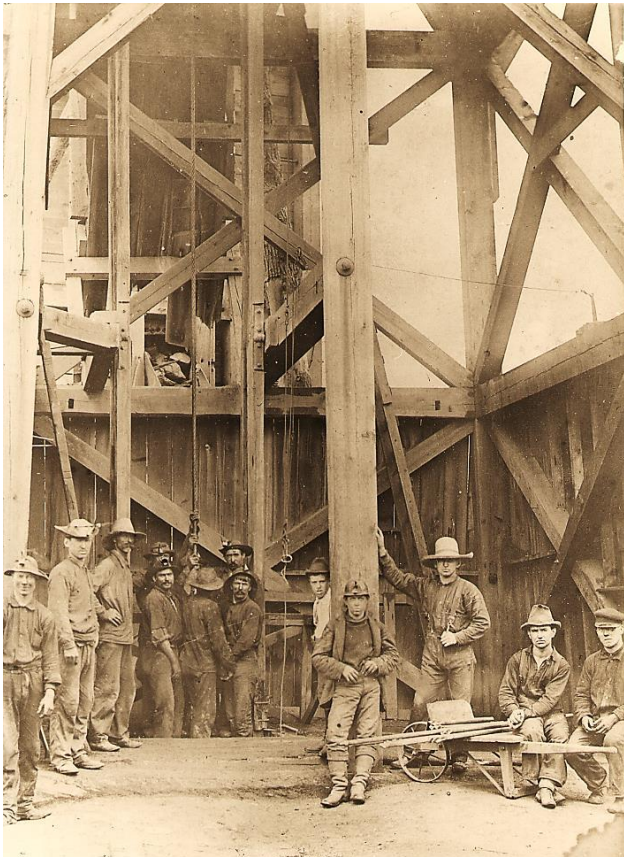
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1887.....	6,585 tons
1888.....	2,249 tons
1889.....	761 tons

Still confident that the Quinnesec area contained significant bodies of iron ore, **John Lane Buell** renewed his explorations as the Quinnesec Mine's production declined.

Using a diamond drill, a fine deposit of magnetic ore was found to the west of the Quinnesec Mine which was developed as the **Cundy Mine**. In conjunction with Iron Mountain's **Dr. Joseph Addison Crowell** and **John Tyler Jones**, of the **Hamilton Ore Company**, Buell established a two-cage working shaft known as the **Gray Shaft**, sunk in **1891**, and another shaft, sunk a little to the west of the first shaft, known as the **Foote Shaft**.



**Cundy Mine Shaft
ca. 1896**

Although shipments were made in 1896, 1897 and 1898, the Cundy Mine was officially opened up in 1899, shipping 715,754 tons between that date and 1903, when this mine closed. Small amounts were shipped in 1909 and 1913.

During the same five years the Cundy Mine shipped large amounts of ore the Quinnesec Mine was again worked, shipping 215,638 tons and then closing again in 1904 after shipping 33 tons. The Quinnesec Mine opened again briefly between 1908 and 1910, shipping 5,301 tons.

Opened in 1902, the Vivian Mine shipped 482,187 tons between that year and 1913, and was the only working mine in Quinnesec at the time of the 1906 fire.

As late as 1903, a stage ran between Quinnesec and Niagara. The following article from the Iron Mountain Press recounts an attempted hold-up.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 8, Number 32 [Thursday, December 31, 1903], page 8, column 4

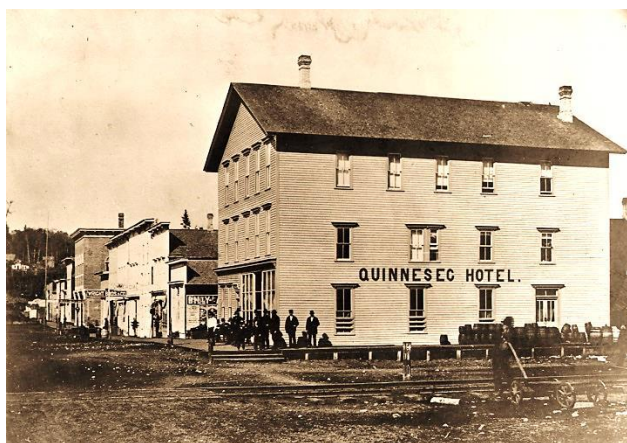
A bold attempt [*was made*] to hold up the stage between Niagara and Quinnesec, last Saturday. **J. Barry**, the driver, saw two men ahead in the road and thought they acted suspiciously. He started the horses up at a lively trot and just as he went by they attacked him. He was struck in the back of the head by some blunt instrument and was rendered unconscious. When he recovered his horses were on a wild gallop and he was entering the town of Quinnesec. All the valuables were still on the stage and the money he carried was intact. The horses had saved the day for him, the robbers being unable to overtake them. The driver had several hundred dollars on his person.

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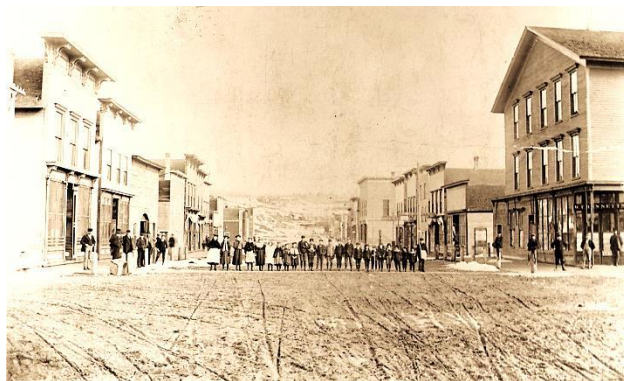
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By the middle of the first decade of the twentieth century Quinnesec was well into a severe economic slump. Miners and their families sought out the productive iron mines in other areas of the Menominee Range, the Gogebic Range and the iron producing regions of Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Indeed, when the Village of Quinnesec marked its twenty-ninth birthday in March of 1906, the bustle and excitement of the 1870's and 1880's was but an echo in the dusty streets. Business places and dwellings stood empty along Quinnesec Avenue and throughout the town.



Dating about 1880-1881, this view of the east side of Quinnesec Avenue looking north in the village of the same name encompasses the area between Pine Street on the south and Brule Street and beyond on the north. The Chicago & North-Western Railway tracks are in the foreground. The Quinnesec Hotel was managed by A. Clement around this time. A bit farther up the street is the Commercial Dining Hall which was run by W.W. Felch. Wright Brothers, a general store run by Jason K. and Anson W. Wright, is just up the block. The two-story brick building on the north side of Paint Street is Buell's Opera House.



This view of Quinnesec's business district was taken from Pine Street looking north on Quinnesec Avenue before the turn of the century and before the great fire of May 18, 1906. Buildings on the west side (left) were owned by Tom McKenna, saloon; James Malone, saloon; John Marsch, livery; Mrs. P. Smith, residence; Pat McKenna, two saloons; John McKenna, store; Charles Paquette, barber shop; and Robert Hancock. Buildings on the east side (right) were owned by John L. Buell, hotel; W.L. St. Denis, post office and store; John Crane, saloon and the Menominee Range Telephone Company Exchange; Matt Bryngelson, saloon; and Anson Wright[,] store. All buildings in this block south of Paint Street were destroyed in the 1906 fire.



This view of Quinnesec's business district was taken in about 1903. The photographer was standing at Pine Street looking north on Quinnesec

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Avenue. Buell's Opera House, the two-story brick building at the left, was located at the northeast corner of Quinnesec Avenue and Paint Street (now U.S. 2). All of the buildings south of Paint Street burned in the fire of May 18, 1906, with losses in excess of \$75,000 suffered throughout the village. Buildings pictured above which burned in the fire located on the west side (left) of Quinnesec Avenue were Thomas McKenna's saloon, James Malone's saloon, John Marsch's livery stable, Mrs. P. Smith's home, Mrs. Patrick McKenna's store and saloon, a store belonging to the estate of Mrs. John McKenna, Charles Paquette's barbershop and J.H. McKenna's store. On the east side (right) of Quinnesec Avenue were two stores owned by Mrs. John St. Denis, John Crane's vacant saloon, Matt Bryngelson's vacant saloons (two buildings on one lot), the Wright Brothers' vacant store and two vacant lots at the corner. The first sign at the right reads Miss L. (Luella) St. Denis & Co. Luella St. Denis was the postmistress and ran a small stationery and confectionery store in conjunction. The second sign identifies The Club which must have been a saloon in John Crane's building. Note the hitching posts in front of the buildings and the board sidewalks.

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On the following pages, articles from contemporary newspapers from Iron Mountain, Norway and Florence, Wisconsin, tell the story of the fires which swept the counties of Dickinson, Iron, Menominee, Florence and Marinette on Friday, May 18, 1906.

With the exception of the article reproduced below, photocopies of the original newspaper articles have been printed to add "flavor" to the telling of one of the most talked about events in the history of Dickinson County.

The Range-Tribune, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume ___, Number ___ [Saturday, May 19, 1906], page 1, columns ___ - ___ [This article was pasted into a scrapbook, and the original newspaper does not survive to give other data.]

QUINNESEC WIPED OUT

Demolition of Thirty Buildings By Flames.

WORST FIRE IN YEARS.

Thousands of Dollars of Property Go Up in Smoke, Many Left Destitute.

Flames, from logs in the rear of the **McKenna saloon building**, fanned by a high wind, estimated to be blowing at the rate of sixty miles an hour, razed to the ground the entire business portion of the village of Quinnesec, resulting in leaving hundreds destitute, the following buildings etc. burning.

Chicago and Northwestern depot, eight box cars, containing merchandise, three barrels of gasoline, and fifteen barrels of lubricating oil and one car of telegraph poles, the **Catholic church**[.] **Pierce's saloon**, **James Malone's saloon**, **John Marsch's livery and sale stable**, **Mrs. Smith's residence**, **John McKenna's**

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saloon, A.J. Trevarthan's confectionery store, Matt Bryngelson's saloon building and residence adjoining, Brussette's livery stable, Mrs. Kinsman's residence, Bony Dixon's dwelling, ten street telephone poles owned by the **Michigan State Telephone Company**, central station and switch boards saved, although building caught fire upon two occasions, **Consolidated Mercantile Store**, owned by John Swanson, of Iron Mountain, Charles Lavine's drygoods *[sic – dry goods]* store, stock valued at \$5,000, \$1,000 insurance carried, Charles Paquette's barber shop, John VanUssen's meat market and grocery store, saloon and hotel building owned by John L. Buell, post office, Levi Collette's general merchandise and groceries, store building, vacant, owned by John Crane[,] of Iron Mountain, store building owned by Mrs. Mary O'Connell, of Iron Mountain, Patrick Wildeman's *[sic – Wildman's]* dwelling, Robert Richardson's residence, and probably several other buildings, all frame structures.

STUDENTS' HEROIC EFFORTS.

Owing to the heroic efforts of the **sixty mining students of the Michigan College of Mines, of Houghton**, who are on their annual tour of the iron mining county *[sic – country]* studying mining methods in this vicinity, and who for the past two weeks have been engaged in the work of surveying the underground workings of the mines at Quinnesec, two buildings in the business district were saved, being the **St. Denis and Holmes' houses**. The **Wisconsin and Michigan depot** and **Louis Anderson's saloon building** are the only business places which the flames allowed to remain standing in the village.

A **stable** on the outskirts of the city, the property of **Thomas McKenna** and but recently constructed at a cost of \$750, was totally demolished.

The total demolition of the depot put the **Western Union** lines through Quinnesec out of commission for the time being and the burning of the telegraph poles, *[sic]* impaired telephonic service temporarily.

The horses and vehicles at the **Marsch and Brusette livery and sale stables** for the most part were saved, while the fire fighters succeeded in rescuing some of the furniture from the burning residences, but the furniture for the most part was consumed.

NO LOSS OF LIFE.

So far as is known, everyone was rescued from the burning buildings and loss of life did not result. With the exception of a few slight burns to the hands occasioned by fighting the flames the personal injuries received are conspicuous by their absence.

LITTLE INSURANCE.

Owing to the high rate of insurance charged, caused by the inadequate facilities of fire protection[,], very little insurance was carried on the demolished structures.

ORIGIN OF FIRE.

The fire broke out at 5:15 o'clock last evening in the rear of the **McKenna saloon building**, in the heart of the business district. Fire was started in an old log heap for the purpose of consuming the same. The person engaged in the work turned over one of the logs and the high wind carried the sparks to an adjoining shed, which was a dry frame structure. The shed igniting, the flames spread rapidly to the adjoining buildings, became unmanageable and were not under control until one o'clock this morning.

TO THE RESCUE.

As soon as it was discovered that the town was doomed, outside assistance was summoned. Hundreds from **Iron Mountain, Norway** and **Niagara** hastened to the scene of the conflagration. The hose cart was loaded on a flat car at the local **C. & N.W. station** and within twenty-three minutes from the time aid was dispatched

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for the **hose cart** was at Quinnesec, **Matt Brown**, engineer on one of the local switch engines, making Quinnesec from Iron Mountain in precisely four minutes, establishing a record, as sixteen minutes is the regular time of making the run. The **engine from the local fire department** was shipped to the scene at 7:30 o'clock last evening, with **Chief Cardinal** in charge. The **Norway fire department** was present.

EVERY RIG OUT.

As soon as the news was spread about town all haste was made for the several livery stables and every rig in town went into commission carrying people to the doomed village.

FIRE SMOULDERING *[sic]*.

This afternoon reports from Quinnesec are to the effect that the fire is smouldering *[sic – smoldering]* away, but practically beyond all danger of further damage. Some people are engaged in the work of picking up the metled *[sic – melted]* coin.

FOOD CUT OFF.

The burning of the stores leaves the people of Quinnesec cut off from food, but edibles must necessarily be supplied from **Iron Mountain** and the surrounding towns.

CARRIED \$13,000 STOCK.

The **Consolidated Mercantile Company**[,] it is learned[,] carried \$13,000 stock with but six or seven thousand dollars insurance.

LATER ADVICES.

The fire had its origin in a stump pile in the rear of the **John McKenna building**. A woman notified Mr. McKenna that the stumps were burning. He hastened out to check the flames, and pulled the stumps apart, when the sparks were blown to the ice house of **John Van Ussen**.

LOSES \$180 IN CASH.

A lady residing in the second story of the **Levi Collette building** lost \$180 in cash which she had placed in a pocket book a few moments before the flames reached the building.

The **Joseph Kenna** *[sic – McKenna]* dwelling is reported consumed and the property of **Wright Bros.** and the **Grenfel** *[sic – Grenfell]* dwelling.

SHORT OF CLOTHING.

Many of the victims lost their wearing apparel and are left with scarcely clothing sufficient to cover their persons.

WORKED LIKE TROJANS.

The fire gained headway just as the mining students were coming out of the mine. Upon seeing flames they rushed for the roofs of the burning buildings, threw blankets over their shoulders and with pails fought like Trojans. To their heroic efforts may be attributed the saving of several of the buildings which otherwise would have been demolished.

Following are those from the college:

Professors Sperr and Baxter;
Instructors Schubert, Rose and Hartness.

Students: Messrs. **G.A. Anderson, W.B. Andrews, R.H. Barclay, J.A. Barr, W.R. Bolley, J.R. Buchanan, L. Buchman, G.M. Burke, D.B. Cavan, J.R. Dallas, Dobbs, R. Downing, J.M. Drake, E.H. Edyvean, C.A. Fitch, A.C. Fox, W.H. Gage, A. LeGerry, C. Gibbs, I.L. Gilbert, E.R. Graham, W.H. Grant, R.C. Halter, H.W. Heine, P.R. Hine, W.R. Rodge** *[sic – Hodge]*, **M.W. Hotchkin, M.B. Huston, C.B. Kelly, C.B. King, C. Kumke, C.E. Langly, V.M. Lavery, C.O. Lindberg, R. McIntire, J.A. MacKillican, L.Z. Netzorg, V.M. Ortiz, I.G. Penberthy, J.B. Perry, B.O. Pichard, C.K. Quinn, G.O. Randolph, I.S. Roe, A.J. Rough, F. Royce, O.M. Schauss, W.A. Seaman, W.E. Segsworth, J.G. Sippreil, B.F. Sparks, J.B. Torbert, R.A. Tregonin, J.W. Van Ever, L.A. William.**

The Current, Norway, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume XXII, Number 16 [Saturday, May 19, 1906], page 1, column 4

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Quinnesec Wiped Out.

Fire Almost Completely Destroys Pretty Little Village.

Yesterday afternoon a dense smoke enveloped this city making it impossible to see buildings a block away. The cause was first attributed to the burning of the paper mill at **Niagara**, but telephone communication was to the effect that while two houses had been burned there and there was still danger, no general conflagration was feared. By this time word came that Quinnesec was burning and soon a call for men and fire hose came in and **mayor [sic – Mayor] Janson** responded by sending hose and enough men from the fire department to handle it and made a flying trip there on an Auto [sic – in an auto] to see if the city fire engine could be used. **Iron Mountain** also sent help, but the water supply was inadequate in the face of the terrible wind and the **whole business portion of Quinnesec**, the **C. & N.W. depot**, the **Catholic church** and **many dwellings** are in ashes. Late last night there was still danger of the destruction of the few remaining buildings. So far no attempt at estimating the loss has been made as everybody is busy with the demand of the hour.

The fire which worked such hardships to our neighbors is said to have been started from the burning of rubbish in the yard back of what was known as the “**McKenna building**.” In the meantime **Norway** people have been kept busy averting a disastrous fire and employes [sic – employees] of several mining companies have been doing picket duty all night. The wind is still high, there is no rain and “eternal vigilance” is the price of safety.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume XXVI, Number 24 [Saturday, May 19, 1906], page 1, column 3

YESTERDAY'S FOREST FIRES.

Farm Property Near Florence Narrowly Escape Destruction – Quinnesec, Saunders, Shafer and Talbot Nearly Wiped Out.

Florence people need to feel very thankful that this city and vicinity escaped a fire visitation yesterday, when so much damage was done by the fire fiend to the adjoining **counties of Iron, Dickinson and Menominee**. The forest fires, fanned by a fierce sixty to seventy mile gale of wind from the northwest, caused the destruction of thousands of dollars' worth of property and it is feared many lives were lost. The area burned over is said to cover a district thirty miles square.

A terrific woods fire raged along the **Brule River**, two or three miles north of the city, yesterday afternoon, and the buildings on the **poor farm** occupied by **W.L. Dennis** and family, and on **Louis Winkler's**, **William Judge's** and the mining company's farms were threatened with destruction, but large forces of volunteers from the city, who fought the fire all the afternoon and through the night, succeeded in saving them, although much valuable standing timber was burned.

The village of **Quinnesec**, twenty miles southeast of this city, was partially destroyed by forest fires yesterday afternoon, all the west part of the town, including the **North-Western depot**, the big

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hotel, M.E. church, stores, livery stable and many dwellings were burned.

Saunders, north of this city, was also a sufferer. The **Northwestern Lumber Co.'s saw mill** and a number of buildings were destroyed.

It is reported that the village of **Shaffer**, on the **Metropolitan branch of the North-Western railway**, in **Dickinson County**, was wiped out. No word received as to the loss of life there, if any. Shaffer is a **lumber town owned by the Cleveland-Cliffs company**. The village consisted of a **big mill** and a **couple of hotels**, with **warehouses** and **headquarters for the lumber camps**.

The village of **Talbot**, twenty-eight miles from Menominee, with 300 population, was damaged. The **North-Western depot** was destroyed, and the **mill with 2,000,000 feet of manufactured timber**, and the **hotel**. The scattered residences escaped.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 11, Number 1 [Thursday, May 24, 1906], page 1, columns 1-2

FIRES RUN WILD

THIRTY ODD BUILDINGS FEED THE FLAMES AT QUINNESEC.

The Loss Will Exceed \$75,000 With \$20,000 Insurance – Settlers Lose Heavily Near Foster.

The forest fire which raced through the timber slashings of **Dickinson and Delta counties**, and portions of **Menominee, Marquette and Iron counties**, last Friday and Saturday, was a particularly fierce one and the damage is very heavy, but not

nearly to large as portrayed by the wonderful liars sent out by the Chicago and Milwaukee papers to report the catastrophe. These reckless young men armed themselves with railway maps and with cruel thoughtlessness proceeded to wipe out of existence some dozens or more towns, together with the inhabitants thereof.

As near as The Press can learn, and we have made diligent and careful inquiry, not a single life was lost as a result of the fire.

The total property loss, reported in the Chicago and Milwaukee papers at from \$1,000,000 to \$10,000,000, will not exceed \$200,000 and much of this represents timber values.

Quinnesec people were the heaviest losers, but at this point the destruction was not caused by forest fires, but was communicated to the buildings by a stump heap, which had been set on fire. Sixteen families were rendered hopeless [*sic* – *homeless*], the greater portion of the business district was destroyed, and the loss will total \$75,000. Full particulars of the fire will be found on our county page. The sufferers are being provided for abundantly by the generous people of **Iron Mountain** and vicinity, not only with cash and provisions, but clothing and household goods.

In the northern tier of townships – **Breen and Felch** – the loss may reach \$10,000 to \$15,000. A number of settlers lost their homes, barns and contents, but no towns were destroyed nor railway bridges burned. The **Morgan Lumber & Cedar company** had considerable standing timber damaged, but the extent of the loss will not be known for some time. An account of the fire will be found on our county page in the **Foster City** and **Hardwood** departments. Our **Metropolitan** reporter has no losses to record in that vicinity.

To the north of **Iron Mountain**, along the **St. Paul road**, the losses are insignificant. **Sagola** had an exceedingly

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narrow escape, and but for a sudden change in the wind, from the south to the north, would have been wiped out of existence. The road from Sagola to Channing was rendered impassable for a time by falling trees. The **railway bridge at Ford river** was on fire several times, but was saved by the section men. At **Channing** the fire raced through the slashings in the vicinity, but no losses are reported. Fires were to be seen in all directions as far north as **Floodwood** and south to the **Menominee river**. We hear of settlers having close calls, and of having to work hard to save their homes; it is pleasing to record that they were successful. **Ader & Gray**, cordwood dealers, were reported to be heavy losers at **Granite Bluff** and near **Sagola**, but came through the fire safely and without loss. The **St. Paul bridge over the North-Western road at Antoine** was on fire and the southbound train was delayed several hours. The damage was trifling, a few ties and some cross timbers being burned. However, it served as an excuse for a dampfool [*sic – damned fool*] correspondent to wire his paper that “the **village of Antoine**, containing 700 people,” had been totally destroyed, together with a large mill and many business houses.

South on the St. Paul road the losses are small. At **Cedarville** several cars loaded with timber were burned on the track. This fire warped the rails so badly that it was necessary to send a relief train from **Iron Mountain** to repair the damage. Reports of trains running through miles of fire are all bosh. The train due here at 2:30 p.m. Friday, [*sic*] did not arrive until 1:00 a.m., Saturday, owing to the accident to the track.

On the North-Western, to the west and north, chief damage was done at **Saunders**, where the long idle **plant of the Hattenberg Veneer company**, a **boarding-house** and **several inexpensive**

dwelling-houses were burned. No lives were lost as reported. No damage was done at **Iron River**, **Stambaugh** or **Spring Valley** beyond the destruction of a small quantity of timber owned by the **Verona company**, although there was much fire in the woods surrounding the towns.

South on the North-Western road considerable damage was done at **Talbot**, where the **mill, store** and **a dozen dwellings** were destroyed. A number of other towns had narrow escapes, but the damage is not nearly so large as reported.

Niagara was reported wiped out. There was not even a fire in the town. Settlers in the vicinity are quite heavy losers, however. A report of the losses will be found in the Niagara department.

Along the line of the **Escanaba & Lake Superior road** a large territory was burned over. A dozen or more settlers lost their homes. The **Stephenson company** lost some timber and a number of cars, but **Supt. Wells** does not believe that the total loss in that section will exceed \$25,000.

In **Marquette county**, a number of homesteaders were burned out, losing their all, but not one-hundredth part of the damage and loss reported is real. No lives were lost.

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NORTHERN TOWNSHIPS

Do Much Damage in the Vicinity of Foster City and Hardwood.

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This place was encircled by forest fires last Friday, Saturday and Sunday that did untold damage to timber and property and it is a mystery how the town was not destroyed. The fire started at about noon Friday from a fire that had been started on **Axel Johnson's farm**, a quarter of a mile west of the town, on the other side of the river, and being fanned by the terrible swift wind, spread out over a territory three miles in length inside of three hours, destroying the houses, barns and cordwood of the farmers. The **Morgan Lumber & Cedar company** shut down their mill on Friday and Saturday afternoons and sent the crew out fighting the fire, to prevent it spreading into the pole yard at **Rideouts' Spur**, and to keep it back from crossing the river west of the town. Friday afternoon, at 4:30, the wind changed suddenly from *[the]* south and blew cold from the north and brought all the heavy smoke, in a dense cloud, with a rapid sweep, into the town, darkening the air and making it impossible to see more than one hundred feet away. Women screamed and fainted. The local train departed about then, but returned after supper, after having made the run to **Whitney**, to take aboard any of those who desired to seek a place of safety. Very few felt it necessary to leave, the fire then quieting down beyond the limits of the town. On Sunday a large force of men were *[sic – was]* fighting fire at **Hardwood**, which threatened the **school-house** and other buildings close by. The following is the loss by Friday's fire in this township:

Axel Johnson, barn and some stock and 100 cords of wood.

Fred Wheeler, house and all furniture.

John Conway, house and all furniture.

Sandy Massia, farm and stock.

Henry Charlebois, heavy loser, nice home and contents, barns and stock, valued at \$3,000.

Joseph Morrow, heavy loser, house, stock, valuable farm implements and barn.

Peter Blackhall, home and contents.

Wm. Blackhall, cedar products on landing at right of way, valued at \$650.

The **Morgan Lumber & Cedar Co.** is a heavy loser of standing and cut timber, but their loss can not *[sic – cannot]* be estimated at present.

The **Bell Telephone Co.** has a crew of four linemen here repairing the lines damaged by the fire. They report nine poles burned down between **Hylas** and **Section 22**.

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COUNTY NEWS

SAGOLA NEWS GOSSIP

Town Has a Close Call from Forest Fires Last Friday Afternoon.

L.L. Bon was the only one in this vicinity that suffered any loss in the recent forest fires. **His barn and some hay and lumber and 100 cords of wood were burned.** He estimates his loss at \$500.

The residents of **Sagola** are congratulating themselves on their escape from a threatened conflagration last Friday. The forest fires were on all sides of the town and gradually closing in on the village. The entire force of the town were out patrolling the fire lines and checking its progress as much as possible. A crew of men from the saw-mill, equipped with shovels, did very efficient work on the side of town where there was the most danger. Fortunately the fire did not reach the village or lumber yard and consequently no

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damage was done except to some of the standing timber.

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COUNTY NEWS

NIAGARA NEWS NOTES

Forest Fires Cause Losses Aggregating Several Thousand Dollars.

Last Friday, the village was nearly surrounded by forest fires, and it was only kept out of the town by hard work and constant [*sic* – *consistent*] vigilance. There were times when a general conflagration seemed imminent, but, fortunately, the worst fire was south of the town and the wind suddenly changed to the northwest thereby lessening the danger to the village. There were several losses among the farmers in the outlying district. **Jerre LaBeau** lost his **house, barn and one horse**. He estimates his loss at \$800. **Peter Bourasa** lost his **camps**, which are valued at \$300. **Jos. Provauctiere's barn and some hay** was burned, loss about \$500. **John McCoshem** saved his buildings with great difficulty, but lost about \$450, [*sic*] worth of wood. The **Summit school-house**, [*sic*] with contents was entirely destroyed, loss \$800. **Andy Shallman's camps near Summit** were entirely destroyed, loss at least \$1,000. **A.J. Barlow** lost a set of **camps and contents, a wagon, cordwood, logs and pulpwood** amounting to over \$1,000. In addition to the above there was

considerable standing timber killed by the fire which will necessitate the cutting of it within the next year.

Postmaster Prindle is at **Quinnesec** this week assisting in reorganizing the post-office at that place, which was burned last Friday. Miss **Helen Clavelle** is looking after the Niagara post-office during Mr. Prindle's absence.

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QUINNESEC FIRES

SIXTEEN FAMILIES BURNED OUT OF HOMES LAST FRIDAY

Two Squares of Business Houses in Ruins – Loss Exceeds \$75,000 With \$20,000 Insurance.

The business portion of Quinnesec and part of the residence district, covering in all about four blocks, was swept by fire last Friday night and every building except two in the area over which the fire passed was burned to the ground.

The total loss reaches over \$75,000 and less than \$20,000 of insurance was carried by the property owners.

The following is a conservative estimates [*sic* – *estimate*] of the several losses as obtained by a representative of The Press, who visited the scene of the fire and interviewed a number of those whose places of business and homes were devastated by the fire:

Mrs. I.M. Packard, store building and warehouse, loss \$3,000, insurance \$1,500.

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Consolidated Mercantile Co., merchandise, loss \$13,000, insurance \$7,000.

Matt Bryngelson, two vacant saloon buildings, one dwelling and barn, loss \$6,000, insurance \$1,600.

Jas. Malone, saloon building, fixtures, stock and household goods, loss \$3,000, no insurance.

John L. Buell, vacant hotel building, loss \$4,000, insurance \$1,000.

Thos. McKenna, saloon building, loss \$2,000, no insurance.

John Marsch, livery barn and rigs, loss \$2,500, insurance \$1,500.

Mrs. P. Smith, dwelling, loss \$500, no insurance.

Mrs. P. McKenna, store and saloon building, loss \$3,500, no insurance.

Chas. Paquette, barber shop, \$500, no insurance.

Mrs. John McKenna estate, store building, loss \$1,000, no insurance.

J.H. McKenna[,] store building, loss \$1,000, no insurance.

Wright Bros., vacant store building and barn, loss \$2,000, insurance \$1,000.

John Crane, vacant saloon building, loss \$1,200, no insurance.

Margaret O'Connell, dwelling, loss \$1,000, no insurance.

Patrick Wildman, dwelling and furniture, loss \$1,200, no insurance.

Robt. Richardson, dwelling and furniture, loss \$1,200, no insurance.

Mrs. Kinsman, dwelling and furniture, loss \$1,200, insurance, \$800.

Catholic church, loss \$3,000, insurance \$900.

Jos. Dixon, dwelling and furniture, loss \$1,000, no insurance.

James Kenney, dwelling, barn, wagon and furniture, loss \$1,000[,] no insurance.

L.N. Lanthier, damage to dwelling and furniture, loss \$400, insured.

Andrew Bryngelson, damage to house and furniture, loss \$100, insured.

P. McNamara, damage to house and furniture, loss \$100, insured.

Catholic parsonage, damage to building, loss \$100, insured.

Chicago & North-Western depot, office fixtures, freight and six box cars, loss \$7,000, covered by general insurance fund.

Jacob Haas, furniture, loss \$300, no insurance.

A.J. Trevarthen, merchandise, loss \$800, no insurance.

Chas. Levine, dry goods and clothing, loss \$3,000, insurance \$1,500.

Mrs. John St. Denis, two store buildings, loss \$2,500, no insurance.

Levi Collette, general merchandise, loss \$2,500, no insurance.

Mrs. J.B. Wasley, dwelling, loss \$600, no insurance.

Mrs. Thos. McKenna, farm house, barn, machinery, potatoes and grain, loss \$1,500, no insurance.

John McDonald, dwelling, loss \$800, no insurance.

John Jennings, barn, and contents, loss \$300, no insurance.

T. Bressette, livery rigs, loss \$500, no insurance.

Mrs. Will Grenfell, furniture, loss \$300, no insurance.

Peter Crete, furniture, and cash, loss \$500, no insurance.

John E. Oleson, furniture and clothing, loss \$600, no insurance.

James H. Cundy, dwelling, loss \$700, insurance \$600.

The fire originated in an old pine stump in the rear of Mrs. P. McKenna's building and soon spread to the ice-house and sheds in the rear of the building. In less than twenty minutes the entire two blocks comprising the business section of the town were burned to the ground. The wind was

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blowing a gale from the northwest, and, had it not been for the heroic efforts of the citizens, aided by the **mining college students**, and by **a hundred or more people from Iron Mountain and Norway**, much greater damage would have been done. The mining students are entitled to special mention for the systematic manner in which they fought the fire until it was fully under control. **Iron Mountain sent a fire engine and hose carts and Norway [a] hose cart, all of them equipped with experienced men, to assist in checking the fire.**

QUINNESEC ITEMS.

Frank Engstrand returned last Saturday from **Finland**.

Mrs. Thos. McKenna and son, **Thomas**, returned last Monday from **Chicago**.

Alex Biolo has reopened his saloon in the old boarding-house on the corner owned by **Jas. McKenna**.

R.C. Flanagan [sic – Flannigan] and son **Clement** and **Dr. E.P. Lockart**, of **Norway**, made a record as fire fighters last Friday night.

J.B. declares that he will never leave Quinnesec alone and a certain young lady seems to be of the same opinion.

The mining students were the heroes of the town the night of the fire. **L.N.** lost his maps and dinner pail, but saved the cake.

The telegraph office is located in the section car house, the freight and express office in the Cundy mine office and a box car is used for a warehouse.

Mr. S. went to the post-office every day for a week looking for a letter from his girl at home and finally found out that she had sent it to **Iron Mountain**.

J.H. McKenna will rebuild at once on the corner opposite the opera house. Lumber for the building was being delivered last Monday and a crew of eight men are now at work on the construction of the frame work.

A.J. Trevarthen has leased [a] portion of the old boarding-house from **Jas. McKenna** and opened a candy and notion store.

Jos. Malone has opened a saloon in the corner room of the opera house building and **Wesley Pierce** is located in one of the store rooms on the side of the building, in the same business.

The **Consolidated Mercantile** company bought the stock, tools and good will of **John VanUssen** and opened a grocery store and meat market in the store room at the rear of the opera house building.

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Helping Our Neighbors.

Iron Mountain people are contributing with their accostumary [sic – customary] generosity to the relief of the Quinnesec people who lost their homes and possessions in the fire last Friday. At a meeting of a dozen or more citizens held last Saturday evening cash donations aggregating \$700 were received. This amount will be easily increased to over \$1,000. **Capt. Cundy** was instrumental on Tuesday in making a collection of clothing and half a dozen large wagon loads were secured. Donations of bedding and furniture are now being received. If you desire to add your mite, please telephone **L.T. Sterling**, chairman of the relief

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committee, or **Capt. Cundy** and a team will call at your home.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XXII, Number 17 [Saturday, May 26, 1906], page 1, column 2

Conditions at Quinnesec.

The fire which consumed about all of the business portion of Quinnesec, [sic] Friday of last week caused an estimated loss of \$75,000 with little insurance, [sic – insurance. The] the number of buildings destroyed including the **C. & N.W. depot** and the **Catholic church** was thirty-three and sixteen families were rendered homeless. Subscriptions are being made in the various range towns for the immediate relief of the sufferers, and many have found shelter in the remaining homes of the village and in neighboring towns. It is not probable that the town will be rebuilt at once as the mining industry upon which the business depended has been almost dormant of late; but there is still great faith in the ultimate recovery of its former importance and of the growth of the town to greater dimensions than at any time in its history.

The Florence Mining News, Florence, Florence County, Wisconsin, Volume XXVI, Number 24 [Saturday, May 19, 1906], page 1, column 3

LOSS \$70,000.

Thirty-Eight Buildings Destroyed by the Fire in Quinnesec.

According to the **I. Mt. Tribune**, the big fire that swept the little village of Quinnesec

on Friday afternoon of last week dealt the community a blow from which it will probably never recover. Probably \$60,000 worth of property is a total loss, the entire business portion of the village, besides many of the finest residences, being destroyed. In addition there were several thousand dollars more loss covered by insurance. There was very little insurance carried in the village.

Many a poor family escaped with only the working clothes they were wearing on Friday and to day [sic – today] are absolutely penniless, being practically dependent upon the kindness of their more fortunate neighbors. The population is crowded into the few remaining buildings, while the usual activities of the village are practically suspended.

Thirty eight buildings were burned by the fire which burst over the town with the speed of a whirlwind. Within thirty minutes from the first alarm the business section was ablaze from one end to the other. Waterworks had just been installed, but the hose burned off at the hydrant and the service was completely cut off. There was nothing to do but save what few goods could be carried out and the work to save the outlying buildings.

The losses are about as follows, most of the buildings having no insurance: **Mrs. P. McKenna, two store buildings**, \$5,000; **J.H. McKenna, meat market and dwelling**, \$1,500; **Paddy Wellman [sic – Wildman], house and furniture**, \$1[,]500; **Mat Brngelson [sic – Bryngelson], two store buildings and one residence**, \$5,000, small insurance; **Charles Poquette [sic – Paquette], barber shop**, \$900; **Jacob Haas, furniture**, \$500; **St. Mary's Catholic Church**, \$3,500, \$800 insurance; **Tom McKenna, saloon building and new barn**, \$4,000; **John Van Ussen, meat market and stock**, \$600; **Charles LaVine [sic – Levine], dry goods stock**, \$4,000,

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insurance, \$1,500; **James McGraw**, house and furniture, \$1,500; **Camille Ivens**, furniture, \$300; **Mr. Wasly** [*sic* – *Wasley*], building, \$800; **Joe Dixon**, house and furniture, \$1,000; **Joe Kenny** [*sic* – *James Kenney*], house, furniture, machinery, \$2,000, has nine children; **Mrs. Kinsman**, house and some furniture, \$1,500, insurance \$800; **Bob Richardson**, house, furniture, barn, machinery, \$1,500; **Mrs. P. O'Connell**, house, \$800; **Ed. Pierce**, furniture, \$800; **Wesley Pierce**, saloon outfit, \$600; **John Marsch**, livery barn, cutters and buggies, \$3,000, insurance, \$1,800; **Mrs. St. Denis**[,] two store buildings, \$3,500; **Miss Louella St. Denis**, postmistress, store stock, \$200; **James Malone**, saloon building, stock and furniture, \$4,000; **C. & N.W. depot**, freight inside, \$400; six box cars on siding loaded with oils, kerosene[,] cedar, \$6,500, probably insured; **T. Brissette**, livery barn, stock and house, \$900; **Wright building**, \$1,200; **Wright livery barn**, \$300; **John Crane**, store building, \$900; **John L. Buell**, three story hotel, \$5,000, \$1,000 insurance; **Peter Crete**, furniture and \$185 cash, \$700; **L.N. Lanthier**, damage to house[,] \$300; **Andrew Bryngelson**, house damaged, \$200; **Andrew Anderson**, furniture, \$300; **John Jennings**, two barns, \$250; **Pat McNamara**, house damaged[,] \$150.

Besides all this there were many other houses and buildings damaged to the extent of from \$50 to \$100, numerous goods destroyed, sidewalks and fences burned, telegraph and telephone service disabled, fire apparatus destroyed, etc. **At present telephones are set up on the bare poles and on fences for use, three saloons have started up business in the same store building and there is no place to start a grocery store.** Telephone poles are being sent [*sic*] up and lumber is already being hauled for the rebuilding of a part of the town.



Although many photographs must have been taken following Quinnesec's fire in 1906, this postcard view, looking southeast, is the only such view encountered to date. The two-story brick building to the left is Buell's Opera House, located on the northeast corner of Quinnesec Avenue and Paint Street which runs east and west and is now U.S. 2. To the far right is the St. Denis home, one of the two buildings which survived the fire visible in this photograph. The other is the white building in the center of the photograph which was the Catholic rectory. The Catholic church, just east of the rectory, was destroyed in the conflagration. The structure under construction on the corner opposite the opera house was built by John McKenna. The lumber for this building was delivered Monday, May 21, just three days following the fire, and the carpenters finished it Monday, June 11. That evening a dance was held in the new building to celebrate, and then John Biolo opened his saloon in the structure. The vacant lots to the right of McKenna's new building and across the street contained Quinnesec's business district, pictured on the cover and on page 19 of this booklet.

Note the progress being made toward restoring the village to normalcy in the column "**Quinnesec Items**" on page 26 of this booklet as found in the *Iron Mountain Press* on Thursday, May 24, 1906. Additional items from this weekly column are reproduced below to help show how the

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townspeople reconstructed their village and their lives following the tragedy.

May 31, 1906

J.H. McKenna has his building nearly enclosed.

Thos. Polglaise [*sic* – *Poglase*] and his family have moved to **Iron River**.

Chas. Levine, whose stock of merchandise was burned in the recent fire, will start in business again at **Iron River**.

June 7, 1906

Matt Bryngelson has decided to build a \$3,000 **store building** at the corner of **Lake avenue and Paint street**, where his building was recently burned.

Mrs. John St. Denis has purchased the **LaMay building** and will have it removed at once to the site of the old **post-office building**, which was recently burned. The consideration was \$500. The building, when moved and repaired, will be used for a post-office and store and the second floor will be rented for a dwelling.

June 14, 1906

The local agent for the **North-Western railroad** has no intimation yet when the company will build a new depot, nor what the design will be. It is hoped that the company will see the necessity of providing some kind of shelter for the public at an early date. Quinnesec is not off the earth yet and should have a good, up-to-date depot.

J.H. McKenna's new building was completed last Monday and the same evening he gave an **opening dance**, which was largely attended. The building is now occupied by **Alex Biolo** as a **saloon**.

J.A. Caswell, of **Bark River**, has opened a livery barn in the rear of **P. McNamara's residence** with eight driving

horses and rigs. As soon as Mr. Caswell can secure a lot he expects to build a barn and conduct a livery, sale and feed stable. It is probable that he will secure the site from **John Marsch**, where his barn was recently burned.

June 21, 1906

John Marsch has a crew of carpenters at work building a new barn on the site where the old one burned. The new barn will be 40x70 foot [*sic* – *feet*] on the foundations and when completed will be rented to **J.A. Caswell** for a **livery barn**. **Dominic Hebert**, of **Iron Mountain**, has charge of the carpenter work.

The building recently purchased by **Mrs. St. Denis** has been moved to the site of the old post-office building and as soon as the necessary repairs and changes can be made will be occupied by Miss **Luella St. Denis** as a store and postoffice.

The material for the **new North-Western depot** has arrived and the work of construction will begin soon.

M. Bryngelson has the lumber on the ground for his **new building**.

July 12, 1906

The **post-office** was moved yesterday into the building recently purchased by **Mrs. St. Denis**, which has been moved on the site of the old post-office building and fitted up for that purpose.

The **Garfield school** was struck by lightning last Monday and damaged to the extent of \$500. The northwest corner of the building was badly damaged to some extent. **Robert Brown**, who had the contract for painting and kalsomining the building[,] was working inside the building at the time with two other men, but, fortunately, none of the three were injured.

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**Garfield School After Being Struck by
Lightning on July 9, 1906**

July 26, 1906

J.W. Lawson, of **Escanaba**, has the contract for building the **new North-Western depot**, and has a crew of men at work on the foundation, which will be completed to-night [*sic – tonight*]. It is estimated that the entire structure will be finished by the first of September. The building is to be a wooden one with stone foundation and slate roof. It will be twenty feet wide and ninety feet long with a bay window three feet deep in front of the office. The building is of modern design and will be divided into four compartments, a warehouse, office and two waiting rooms. The stone foundation and slate roof will greatly lessen the danger from fires.



**New Chicago & Northwestern Railway
Depot at Quinnesec
Postmarked December 23, 1910**

DIRECTORY ENTRIES FOR QUINNESEC BEFORE AND AFTER THE 1906 FIRE

[NOTE: The names appear exactly as written in the two directories and many probably were spelled incorrectly. Many names appear to be Italian and the spellings appear to be phonetic. Also, some Italians gave or wrote their name with the surname followed by the given or first name. Also, sometimes names appear out of alphabetical order, but have been transcribed exactly as they appear.]



A common mining occupation listed below is “trammer.” The word “tram” is of Scottish origin and referred to the small “trucks” or cars used in the coal mines which ran on rails. The trammer was the person pushing the tram car in the mine. The five trammers pictured above posed at the tunnel entrance to what was probably the Quinnesec Mine in this postcard view, postmarked July 27, 1908 in Iron Mountain.

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1902-1903

Directory of the Cities of Iron Mountain and Norway and Villages of Quinnesec and Vulcan, Mich. with a List of the Residents of Niagara, Wis., Containing An Alphabetically arranged list of business firms and private citizens in the Cities of Iron Mountain and Norway, Mich., and the Villages of Vulcan and Quinnesec, Mich., and Niagara, Wis.; a complete Street Directory of Iron Mountain; a classified list of business, trades and professions; a directory of National, State, County and Township officers, schools, churches, banks, fraternal, secret and beneficiary societies; postal, bank and express information; list of postoffices in Michigan; Iron Mines of Dickinson County, etc., 1902-1903, Vol. II – Price, Three Dollars; A.H. Storms, Publisher, Iron Mountain, Mich.

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QUINNESEC, MICH.

Is midway between Iron Mountain and Norway, on the line of the Chicago & North-Western Railway. The Wisconsin & Michigan Railway is now extending its line and will have its terminus in this village. The village was platted in 1875 by John L. Buell, and since that time it has grown to a pretentious little city of at least 2,500 people. Mining is the chief industry, the Oliver Mining Co., and Corrigan, McKinney & Co. working the Cundy and Quinnesec mines respectively, employing about 250 men. Many fine farms, in successful cultivation, lie roundabout the village. Quinnesec is not incorporated, being under Breitung Township organization. It has efficient fire and police protection, excellent schools, churches, etc. In succeeding pages we give such news of the village as is of everyday use, together with a list of the

people and their occupations as far as it was possible to secure it.

GENERAL INFORMATION

BREITUNG TOWNSHIP OFFICERS.

Supervisor – James H Cundy Sr.; clerk, Howard McNeil; treasurer, John H Carey; highway commissioner, William Hooper; justices of the peace, Luther M Packard, Joseph J Cundy, Thomas E Holmes, Isadore Quarnstrom.

CHURCHES.

Methodist Episcopal – Pastor, Rev R L. Hewson, Norway. Sabbath services: Preaching 3 and 7 p m; Sabbath school 2 p m. Week day services: Prayer meeting Thursday 7:30 p m
Saint Mary's Catholic – Rector, Rev John Kraker, Iron Mountain. Mass is said alternate Sunday mornings, 8 o'clock.

HEALTH OFFICER.

Dr H A Newkirk; office at Cundy Mine.

POLICE.

M Sullivan, day; Henry Brooks, night

MODERN WOODMEN.

Quinnesec Camp No 4859 – Meets alternate Mondays in town hall. Eugene St Peter, V C

POSTOFFICE.

Postmaster – Robert Barclay. Office hours, 7 to 12 a m, 1 to 6 p m, and 7 to 9 p m. Niagara mail received and dispatched two times daily except Sunday.

QUINNESEC CEMETERY.

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Under control of Breitung township. T E
Holmes, sexton.

QUINNESEC CITY BAND.

Harry Bennetts, leader; Jno [John] Pearce,
sec; J J Cundy, treas

QUINNESEC PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Principal – C A Sheppard; teachers, Mrs C
A Sheppard, Alice M Downs, Anna
Bryngelson, Fanny Roche

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF NAMES

with occupation as far as possible.

ABBREVIATIONS.

bag.....baggageman
bkpr.....bookkeeper
blks.....blacksmith
brk.....brakeman
btdr.....bartender
carp.....carpenter
clk.....clerk
conf.....confectioner
del.....delivery clerk
dri car.....drill carrier
dom.....domestic
eng.....engineer
lab.....laborer
mach.....machinist
mech.....mechanic
pkt.....pocketman
sec.....section hand
skip.....skiptender
tim.....timberman
tmster.....teamster
tram.....trammer
trk.....trackman
wid.....widow
ydm.....yardmaster

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Adams Ed, skip [skiptender], Cundy
Adolfson A, miner, Quinnesec
Alava Domenico, tram [trammer],
Quinnesec
Allegrezz A, tram [trammer], Quinnesec
Alleva Stephen, tram [trammer], Cundy
Alleva Giovani, tram [trammer], Cundy
Allen Robert, brakeman, Cundy
Alquist Aug, section boss
Alquist Gust, section hand
Anderson A, miner, Quinnesec
Anderson Andrew, miner, Cundy
Anderson Erick, section hand
Anderson Eric, miner, Cundy
Anderson Fred, tram [trammer], Cundy
Anderson H, tim [timberman], Quinnesec
Anderson Hans, miner, Quinnesec
Anderson Oscar, miner, Quinnesec
Anderson Jno [John], miner, Quinnesec
Anderson Pete, miner, Cundy
Anderson Victor, tram [trammer], Cundy
Anderson & Johnson, saloon
Andrews Fred, miner, Cundy
Attilo, Minn, tram [trammer], Cundy
Awera Matt, trackman, Cundy
Aronson Axel, sec hand [section hand]

B

Bachman A, miner, Quinnesec
Backman Andrew, miner, Cundy
Bagley Wm, blks shop [blacksmith shop]
BARCLAY, ROBERT, postmaster
Barkle C, miner, Quinnesec
Barkle J, miner, Quinnesec
Basso Valentine, tram [trammer], Cundy
Battesi Louis, miner, Cundy
Bazley Wm, miner, Cundy
Beaudette Fred, eng [engineer], Cundy
Beaudette George, drill car [drill carrier],
Cundy
Beckman E, miner, Quinnesec
Bellin P, miner, Quinnesec
Bennetts H, mech [mechanic], Quinnesec

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Benson Ben, miner, Cundy
 Benson Chas, miner, Cundy
 Bergeron H, miner, Quinnesec
 Bitsch Peter, tram *[trammer]*, Cundy
 Bjorkquist Joel, skip *[skiptender]*, Cundy
 Bodiato C, tram *[trammer]*, Quinnesec
 Boling J, shift boss, Quinnesec
 Bon Giovanni, blks *[blacksmith]*, Cundy
 Bongiovanni A, tram *[trammer]*, Quinnesec
 Bongravanni Jno *[John]*, tram *[trammer]*,
 Quinnesec
 Bougneit Geo, barber
 Brackett A J, bag *[baggage]* C & N W
 Bralski Jno *[John]*, tram *[trammer]*,
 Quinnesec
 Brassali F, tram *[trammer]*, Quinnesec
 Bray Jabez, lab *[laborer]*, Cundy
 Bray Richard, dryman, Cundy
 Brooks Arthur, lab *[laborer]*, Cundy
 Brooks Chas, pkt *[pocketman]*, Cundy
 Brooks Henry, night police
 Brooks Steve, lab *[laborer]*, Cundy
 Brown A, miner, Quinnesec
 Brown Chas, lander, Cundy
 Brown J, miner, Quinnesec
 Brown Robt, watchman, Cundy
 Bruccinski Jos, tram *[trammer]*, Quinnesec
BRYNGELSON A M, bookkeeper Cundy
 mine
 Bryngelson Mrs Anna, wid *[widow]* of And
[Andrew]
 Bryngelson Anna, teacher
 Bryngelson Martin, clk *[clerk]* Collette's
 Bryndelson Sophia, student
BUELL, HON JOHN L, real estate
 Bullock Geo, miner, Cundy
 Butler Steve, woodsman

C

Cagtarino Pietro, tram *[trammer]*, Cundy
 Calbuefe A, Lander, Cundy
 Callwai H, tram *[trammer]*, Quinnesec
 Campain C, miner, Quinnesec
 Campano Carlo, miner, Cundy

Caprossi Jno *[John]*, tram *[trammer]*,
 Quinnesec
 Caprossi Jos, tram *[trammer]*, Quinnesec
CAREY JOHN H, hardware, stoves, guns,
 etc. See ad
 Chopla F, lab *[laborer]*, Quinnesec
 Carlson Alex, tram *[trammer]*, Quinnesec
 Carlson B, tram *[trammer]*, Quinnesec
 Carlson Chas, miner, Cundy
 Carlson Frank, miner, Cundy
 Carlson H, miner, Quinnesec
 Carlson John, miner, Cundy
 Carlson John, lander, Quinnesec
 Carollo Martin, saloon
 Carlson Oscar, miner, Quinnesec
 Carolo P, tram *[trammer]*, Quinnesec
 Carter Chas, miner, Cundy
 Castaquo Felipio, tram *[trammer]*, Cundy
 Chaput J E, butcher for Collette
 Christnagel E W, miner, Cundy
 Cilla C, miner, Quinnesec
 Cilva P, tram *[trammer]*, Quinnesec
 Clemens John, miner, Cundy
 Coby Oscar, miner, Cundy
 Collette Levi, genl store and meat market
 Cominski John, tram *[trammer]*, Cundy
COX JOE, real estate and lumbering
 Cox John, cruiser
 Crabosha Ed, lab *[laborer]*
 Crothers R G, miner, Quinnesec
 Crownover H, miner, Quinnesec
CUNDY J R SR, supt *[superintendent]*
 Cundy mine
CUNDY JOS J, justice of the peace; asst
 supt [assistant superintendent] Cundy
 mine
CUNDY MINE, Oliver Mining Co owners;
 supt, J H Cundy sr, asst supt Joseph J
 Cundy, bookkeeper A M. Bryngelson,
 stenographer John Hill Cundy
 Curnow John, lander, Cundy
 Curtis Henry, miner, Cundy
 Curtis Wm, miner, Cundy

D

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Dakola John, tram *[trammer]*, Quinnesec
Dalmere Roderick, blks *[blacksmith]*, Cundy
Dalsanto Giacomo, tram *[trammer]*, Cundy
Davinson Ed, sec hand *[section hand]*
Day Mrs Joannah
De Julio Giovanni, tram *[trammer]*, Cundy
De Julio Carmine, tram *[trammer]*, Cundy
Delean M, miner, Quinnesec
Delphonso Alphonso, tram *[trammer]*,
Cundy
Demun Antonio, tram *[trammer]*, Cundy
Denis Mike, miner, Quinnesec
Denis V, fireman, Quinnesec
Dixon A, blks *[blacksmith]*, Quinnesec
Denlio Guiseppe, tram *[trammer]*, Cundy
Dixon Alex, blks *[blacksmith]*, Cundy
Dixon George, woodsman
Domenico A, miner, Quinnesec
Domenico T, tram *[trammer]*, Quinnesec
Domenick J, tram *[trammer]*, Quinnesec
Domenik C, tram *[trammer]*, Quinnesec
Douchelli R, lab *[laborer]*, Quinnesec
Doucette Thos, bartender J McKenna
Drasti D, tram *[trammer]*, Quinnesec
Duhaime Ed, miner, Cundy
Dunn Dan, miner, Cundy
Duyore Wm, brk *[brakeman]*, Cundy

E

English Mrs P, boarding
Engstrand A, carp *[carpenter]*, Quinnesec
Engstrand F, lander, Quinnesec
Erickson Ed, miner, Cundy
Erickson J, shift boss

F

Fabulio Jno [John], tram *[trammer]*,
Quinnesec
Ferrochi Jos, tram *[trammer]*, Cundy
Finì F, lab *[laborer]*, Quinnesec
Foldetti J, tram *[trammer]*, Quinnesec
Fontecchio G, tram *[trammer]*, Quinnesec

Forbes Mose, miner, Cundy
Fort Mrs O P
Frano Filippo, tram *[trammer]*, Cundy
Framein Pete, tram *[trammer]*, Quinnesec
Frankrist J, miner, Quinnesec
Frego Jos, miner, Quinnesec
Frigo Antonio, tram *[trammer]*, Cundy
Frigo Giovanni, tram *[trammer]*, Cundy
Frigo Matteo, tram *[trammer]*, Cundy
Frigo Pietro, tram *[trammer]*, Cundy
Frigo Tuenno, tram *[trammer]*, Cundy
Frizzi A, tram *[trammer]*, Quinnesec
Frizzi D, tram *[trammer]*, Quinnesec
Frizzi Jos, tram *[trammer]*, Quinnesec
Froucci R, miner, Quinnesec
Frucci Domenic, tram *[trammer]*, Cundy
Frigo Battista, tram *[trammer]*, Cundy
Fuelele Erama, tram *[trammer]*, Cundy

G

Gaskey M, tram *[trammer]*, Quinnesec
Gauda And, miner, Cundy
Geary W, fireman, Quinnesec
Genera P, tram *[trammer]*, Quinnesec
Generesso D Antonio, tram *[trammer]*,
Quinnesec
Gereau Joe, blks *[blacksmith]*
Gereau Laura, clk *[clerk]* St Peter's
Gereau Will, op *[telegraph operator]* C & N
W R R
Gerardini D, miner, Quinnesec
Giam Capuzo, tram *[trammer]* Cundy
Gill W, miner, Quinnesec
Gillis John, btdr *[bartender]* Jennings &
Rafters
Good Angus, miner, Cundy
Gray Richard, miner, Cundy
Greenfell John, lab *[laborer]*
Grenfell Wm, blks *[blacksmith]*, Cundy
Gribben Chas, blks *[blacksmith]*, Cundy
Griswold C M, lab *[laborer]*
Grudge S, miner, Quinnesec
Grutouni Jas, tram *[trammer]*, Quinnesec
Gueau E, pktman *[pocketman]*, Quinnesec
Guff C, miner, Quinnesec

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Gustantino S, tram [*trammer*], Quinnesec
Gustason A, lander, Quinnesec
Gusteson M, miner, Quinnesec
Guy Wm, miner, C H Heys

H

Haglund Andrew, miner, Cundy
Halls Wm, skip [*skiptender*], Cundy
Hammers George, miner, Cundy
Hammers Fred, miner, Cundy
Hammers Sam, miner, Cundy
Hansen Wm, fireman, Cundy
Hansen Claus, miner, Cundy
Harris Albert, miner, Cundy
Hawke Alfred, miner, Cundy
Hawke W, lander, Quinnesec
Hass Jacob, del clk [*delivery clerk*]
Packard's
Herbert Frank, clk [*clerk*] Collette's
Hegmund J, miner, Quinnesec
Hogglund I, miner, Quinnesec
Holm A, miner, Quinnesec
Holmes Kittie, clk [*clerk*] Packard's
HOLMES THOS, justice of the peace and
sexton Quinnesec Cemetery
Hooper Bert, skip [*skiptender*], Cundy
Hooper Fred, clk [*clerk*] Collette's
Hooper John, miner, Cundy
Hooper Wm, shift boss, Cundy
Hosking Wm, mach [*machinist*], Cundy
Hughes Edw, capt Bivian [*sic* – *Vivian*] mine
Hughes Tillie, dom [*domestic*] J F Steele

I

Isaacson Chas, miner, Cundy
Isaacson John, miner, Quinnesec
Isaacson Jos, miner, Quinnesec
Isaacson W, miner, Quinnesec
Ivens Carriel, miner, Cundy

J

Jackson Gus, miner, Quinnesec
Jackson R, saloon
Jacobson John, lander
Jacobson M, miner, Quinnesec
Jacobson Matt, tram [*trammer*], Cundy
Jacobson Nels, carp [*carpenter*], Cundy
Jancaín C, tram [*trammer*], Quinnesec
Jeffry John, miner, Cundy
Jenkins John, miner, Cundy
Jenkins Jos, miner, Cundy
Jennings John G, saloon, Jennings &
Rafter
Johns C, miner, Quinnesec
Johns Jos, miner, Cundy
Johnson Alex, miner, Quinnesec
Johnson Alex, tram [*trammer*], Quinnesec
Johnson Alf, tram [*trammer*], Quinnesec
Johnson C, miner, Quinnesec
Johnson Ed, miner, Quinnesec
Johnson Fred, miner, Cundy
Johnson Geo, lab [*laborer*]
Johnson J H, blks [*blacksmith*], Cundy
Johnson O, miner, Quinnesec
Johnson B, tram [*trammer*], Quinnesec
Jones John, miner, Cundy
Jungeld Alex, tram, Quinnesec

K

Kadlec F, boilermaker, Quinnesec
Kalishek E, tram [*trammer*], Quinnesec
Kautele J, tram [*trammer*], Quinnesec
Keeler Gregory, coal tram [*trammer*], Cundy
Kelly Mike, miner, Cundy
Kelly Pat, miner, Cundy
King Ed, Quinnesec Hotel
Kinney Jos, drl car [*drill carrier*], Cundy
Kinsman Mrs J C, boarding
Komenski J, tram [*trammer*], Quinnesec
Kuínick J, miner, Quinnesec
Kusenow Jos, tram [*trammer*], Cundy
Kuzalo Paul, tram [*trammer*], Quinnesec

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L

Laconne A, lab [*laborer*], Quinnesec
Langsford F, pufferman, Quinnesec
Langnese F, miner, Quinnesec
Lapoint Eyle, miner, Cundy
Larson Aug, tram [*trammer*], Cundy
Larson Gust, miner, Cundy
Larson L, miner, Quinnesec
Larson Oscar, saloon
Leder Giovanni, tram [*trammer*], Cundy
Lenacco Antonio, tram [*trammer*], Cundy
Leni V, miner, Quinnesec
Lerzo Vincenzo, skip [*skiptender*], Cundy
Lindgren Frank, miner, Cundy
Lispi Domenico, tram [*trammer*], Cundy
Lispi Giovanni, tram [*trammer*], Cundy
Luiji I, lander, Quinnesec
Luiji John, ship [*sic – skip – skiptender*],
Quinnesec
Luistrom C, tram [*trammer*], Quinnesec
Luke Albert, lander, Quinnesec
Luke F, lander, Quinnesec
Lundgren And, skip [*skiptender*], Cundy

M

MACNEIL HOWARD, bkpr [*bookkeeper*]
Quinnesec mine, Township clk [*clerk*]
Malone Jas, saloon (Malone Bros)
Malone Peter, saloon (Malone Bros)
Manizenki D, lab [*laborer*], Quinnesec
Manning Emma, dom [*domestic*], Cundy's
Manning John, tram boss [*trammer boss*],
Cundy
Marchand Adeline, wid [*widow*] of Ben
Marchand G, brk [*brakeman*], Quinnesec
Marchand J, dry man, Quinnesec
Marketti F, tram [*trammer*], Quinnesec
Marketti E, tram [*trammer*], Quinnesec
Marks John, clk [*clerk*] Collette's
Martin L, tram [*trammer*], Quinnesec
Massie Alphonse, pkt man [*pocketman*],
Cundy
Massie I, pkt man [*pocketman*], Quinnesec

Mattielle Guiseppe, tram [*trammer*], Cundy
Mattielle Valentine, tram [*trammer*], Cundy
Mattson Chas L, miner, Cundy
Mattson John, miner, Cundy
Mattson M, tram [*trammer*], Quinnesec
Mattson Wm, tram [*trammer*], Cundy
Mitchell B, blks [*blacksmith*], Quinnesec
Mitchell F, tim [*timberman*], Quinnesec
Moerbitz Mrs E
Mosowak Paul, skip [*skiptender*], Cundy
Moviski V, tram [*trammer*], Quinnesec
Moyle Fred, tim [*timberman*], Cundy
Muller A L, clerk, Collette's
Mundo S, miner, Quinnesec
McClelland John, farmer
McGraw J, pkt man [*pocketman*],
Quinnesec
McGraw J, shift boss, Quinnesec
McKenna Annie
McKenna Jas, brk [*brakeman*], Quinnesec
McKenna Jennie, student
McKenna J H, saloon
McKenna Loretta
McKenna Pat
McKENNA TOM, real estate, mining and
farming lands
McLeod Joe, fireman, Cundy
McNamara P W, team work

N

Naslund G, blks [*blacksmith*], Quinnesec
Nazarino M, tram [*trammer*], Quinnesec
Nelson G, miner, Quinnesec
Nelson J, miner, Quinnesec
Neudert Anton, boilermaker
Newman V, miner, Quinnesec
Nicolo M, tram [*trammer*], Quinnesec
Nold A, miner, Quinnesec
Nole Mike, miner, Cundy
Nora C, blks [*blacksmith*], Quinnesec
Nordman W, Lander, Quinnesec
Nylund Erick, miner, Cundy
Nylund Andrew, lab [*laborer*]

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O

Oates Wm, miner, Quinnesec
Oats John, miner, Cundy
Oats Richard, miner, Cundy
O'Donnell, btdr [*bartender*], Malone Bros
Olin E, miner, Quinnesec
Oliver F, tram [*trammer*], Quinnesec
Olson P, shiftboss, Quinnesec
Oman Wm, tram [*trammer*], Quinnesec
Orlander Alex, tram [*trammer*], Quinnesec
Orlander L. tram [*trammer*], Quinnesec
Oswald C, miner, Quinnesec

P

PACKARD I M, department store, general
mdse [*merchandise*] See lines
PACKARD L M, justice of the peace
Pagliaiato Aug, tram [*trammer*], Quinnesec
Palukinak Jno [*John*], miner, Quinnesec
Paquette Chas, barber shop
Pasqualla M, skip [*skiptender*], Cundy
Pau G, miner, Quinnesec
Pearce E, fireman, Quinnesec
Pearce Wesley, comp eng [*engineer*],
Cundy
Peeper Richard, btdr [*bartender*] P Wildman
Peterson J, tram [*trammer*], Quinnesec
Peterson N, miner, Quinnesec
Peterson P, miner, Quinnesec
Petrossi Guiseppe, tram [*trammer*], Cundy
Petrossi Jos, miner, Quinnesec
Penglase Thomas, miner, Cundy
Pietraties Josef, tram [*trammer*], Cundy
Polglase T, shift boss, Quinnesec
Polletti Joe, miner, Cundy
Polonga Luigi, tram [*trammer*], Cundy
Pombouro Domenico, tram [*trammer*],
Cundy
Ponnozi Giosef, lander, Cundy
Ponnozi Guiseppe, tram [*trammer*], Cundy
Ponnozzi Giacomo, tram [*trammer*] Cundy
Presturd G, trk [*trackman*], Quinnesec
Pritz Reno, miner, Cundy

Q

QUARNSTROM I, justice of the peace,
master mech [*master mechanic*], Cundy
Quinnesec Hotel, Mrs E King, prop
[*proprietor*]
QUINNESEC MINE, Corrigan, McKinney &
Co, owners, Cleveland, Ohio; supt
[*superintendent*] W J Richards, Crystal
Falls; capt [*captain*], W J Trevarthen;
bookkeeper, Howard E MacNeil;
timekeeper James L Wilder

R

Rafter J H, saloon
Rasmussen Peo, brk [*brakeman*], Cundy
Rasmussen R, miner, Quinnesec
Reynolds Sam, miner, Cundy
Richards Nick, blks [*blacksmith*], Cundy
Richards Paul, miner, Cundy
Richards Will, blks [*blacksmith*], Cundy
Richardson L, pumpman, Quinnesec
Richardson Robt, miner C H Heys. Sec 6
Richardson W, pumpman, Quinnesec
Rischal Frank, tram [*trammer*], Quinnesec
Roberts W H, miner, Cundy
Roos A, miner, Quinnesec
Rossi D, skip [*skiptender*], Quinnesec
Ruffaele C, tram [*trammer*], Cundy
Rundle S A, miner, Quinnesec

S

Sabastino Dalsanto, tram [*trammer*], Cundy
Sajodin Enk, tram [*trammer*], Cundy
Sagasti Lispi, tram [*trammer*], Cundy
Sandgren John, miner, Cundy
Sandow Thos, miner, Cundy
Sancza Paul, tram [*trammer*], Quinnesec
Scanlan M, miner, Quinnesec
Schmidt Jos, tram [*trammer*], Quinnesec

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Sefano Jos, tram *[trammer]*, Quinnesec
Severino Martin, lander, Cundy
Shaw C, miner, Quinnesec
Sigmund Jos, miner, Quinnesec
Sincok W, miner, Quinnesec
Smith Paul, tram *[trammer]*, Quinnesec
Snikio A, tram *[trammer]*, Quinnesec
Snowden Geo, blks *[blacksmith]*, Cundy
Sodergren C, miner[,], Quinnesec
Spera Giuseppe, tram *[trammer]*, Cundy
Stalsky Frank, tram *[trammer]*, Cundy
Stanaway E, brk *[brakeman]*, Quinnesec
Stanaway Ernst, lab *[laborer]*
Stanaway F, pipeman, Quinnesec
Stanaway John, janitor school
ST DENNIS JOHN, retired business man
St Dennis Luella, bkpr *[bookkeeper]*
Collette's
St Dennis Virginia, bkpr *[bookkeeper]*
Collette's
Steele H F, op C & W R R
STEELE JOHN F, agent C & N W R R
ST PETER EUGENE, mgr *[manager]* M St
Peter
Sullivan Michael, day police
Sullivan Tom, miner, Cundy
Sunderich C, miner, Quinnesec
Sunnions R, miner, Quinnesec
Symons Will, mason

T

Temly J H, tim *[timberman]*, Quinnesec
Terrill B, lander, Quinnesec
Terrill G, miner, Quinnesec
Terrill Jas, pumpman, Cundy
Terrill Richard, miner, Cundy
Tippett Mrs Wm
Tippett Wm, brk *[brakeman]*, Cundy
Thayer D, blks *[blacksmith]*, Quinnesec
Tomilo Marco, tram *[trammer]*, Cundy
Treloar Wm, miner, Cundy
TREVARTHEN A J, conf *[confectioner]* and
medicines. See ad
Trevvarthen Fred, miner, Cundy
Trevvarthen T, powderboy, Quinnesec

Trevvarthen, tr boss *[tram boss]*, Quinnesec
Trevvarthen W, lab, Quinnesec
TREVARTHEN W J, captain Quinnesec
Tricallo G, tram *[trammer]*, Cundy

U

Utteo Ponosso, tram *[trammer]*, Cundy

V

Valente Arthur, saloon
Vallorgigare Giovani, tram *[trammer]*,
Cundy
Vanessen John, farmer
Van Gorder F L, livery stable
Van Gorder, mngr *[manager]* Van Gorder's
livery
Vashaw Roderick, blks *[blacksmith]*, Cundy
Vercozzin P, miner, Quinnesec
Veruholm Chas, miner, Cundy
Vincent Arthur, miner, Cundy
Vincent F, miner, Quinnesec
Vincent H J, miner, Quinnesec
Vincent Thomas, miner, Cundy
Vincent tom, brk *[brakeman]*, Cundy

W

Wasley Harry, miner, Cundy
Wasley Joseph, miner, Cundy
Wenrick M, tram *[trammer]*, Quinnesec
Wenski Jos, tram *[trammer]*, Quinnesec
Whitford Wm, miner, Cundy
Whittmeyer Fred, tram *[trammer]*, Cundy
WILDER JAS L, timekeeper, Quinnesec
Wildman, blks *[blacksmith]*, Quinnesec
Wildman D, pufferman, Quinnesec
Wildman Pat, saloon
Wilcox Bert, lab *[laborer]*, Cundy
Wilcox Wm, miner, Cundy
Willette Isaac, lab *[laborer]*, Cundy
Wilson Ed, tram *[trammer]*, Quinnesec

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Wold Albert, lander, Quinnesec
Wold John, skip *[skiptender]*, Cundy
Wrilgosz Jos, tram *[trammer]*, Quinnesec

Z

Zakoski John, tram *[trammer]*, Quinnesec
Zakoski M, lab *[laborer]*, Quinnesec
Zaserato D, tram *[trammer]*, Quinnesec
Zaserato D, lab *[laborer]*, Quinnesec
Zavoni Joe, tram *[trammer]* Cundy

QUINNESEC BUSINESS DIRECTORY

BARBER – Charles Paquette
BLACKSMITHS – John Johnson, Wm Bagley
BOARDING HOUSES – Mrs P English, J C Kinsman
CONFECTIONER – A J Trevarthan
DRY GOODS – Packard's Dept Store, M St Peter, L Collette
FRUITS – A J Trevarthan
GENERAL MERCHANDISE – Packard's Dept Store, L Collette
GROCERS – Packard's Dept Store, L Collette
HARDWARE – J H Carey
HOTELS – Quinnesec, Mrs E King
LIVERY – F VanGorder
MEATS L Collette
MEDICINES – A J Trevarthan
OPERA HOUSE – Buell's
SALOONS – Jennings & Rafter, P Wildman, Malone Bros, J H McKenna, A Valente, O Larsen, R Jackson, M Cerello, Anderson & Johnson

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A

American Express Co. O.B. Pegg, agt.
[agent]
Anderson, Lewis J. (Ingborg) saloon keeper.
Anderson, R., bds. *[boards]* hotel.
Anderson, Swan, bds. *[boards]* hotel.

B

Baldwin, Oscar P., clk. *[clerk]* N.W.R.R. depot.
Battye, Ben (Mary), miner.
Beaudette, F.J. (Mary), carpt. *[carpenter]*

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Berg, Fred, bds. *[boards]* hotel.
Breitung Twp. Hall.
Brew, David, stu. *[student]*
Brew, James (Anna), capt. *[captain]* mine.
Brew, James C., jr. *[,]* miner.
Brew, John T., stu. *[student]*
Brew, Robt *[,]*, clk. *[clerk]*
Brew, Wm. J., stu. *[student]*
Brooks, Arthur (Josephine), wks. *[works]*
diamond drill.
Brooks, Bertha.
Brooks, Charles, wks. *[works]* section.
Brooks, Wm. *[,]*, wks. *[works]* section.
Brooks, Andrew, (Annie), wks. *[works]*
mine.
Bryngelson, Andrew, bkpr. *[bookkeeper]*
Bryngelson, Anna, teacher.
Bryndelson, Martin, time keeper Oliver
Mining Co.
Bryngelson, Mrs. (widow Andrew.)
Bryngelson, Sophia.
Buell, John L. (Ruth), farmer and explorer.
Butler, James S. (Grace), lumberman.

C

Campona, Maria, dealer, groceries and
candies.
Carey, John (Alvina), saloon keeper
Carter, Charlie, farmer.
Carter, Edith.
Caswell, J.A., livery and feed stable.
CHURCH, METHODIST, D.H. Yoekum,
pastor.
Collette, Levi, farmer.
Cundy, Joe (Alevitha), with Oliver Mining
Co.

D

Dennis *[,]* Charlie.
Dennis, Joseph, lab. *[laborer]*
Dennis, May.
Dennis, Victor (Mary), engr. *[engineer]*

Devine, Fannie.
Devine, John (Anna) carpt. *[carpenter]*
Ducharme, D. (Cordelia), lab. *[laborer]*

E

Engstrand, Frank, saloon keeper.
Engstrand, Mrs. (wid. *[widow]* Andrew.)

F

Farrell, John, wks. *[works]* paper mill.
Fort, Mrs. ----- (wid. *[widow]* O.P.)

G

Gabaurie, A.A. (Lillian), hotel.
Gereau, Eugene, wks. *[works]* diamond
drill.
Gereau, Joseph (Laura), blacksmith.
Gereau, Laura, cashier.
Granville, (Florence), farmer.

H

Hanson, Alfred B. (Inga), cashier N.W.R.R.
depot.
Hanson, Carl (Alice), agt. *[agent]*, Wis. &
Mich. R.R. station.
Hanson, Martin (Amanda), section foreman.
Holmes, Thomas, sexton.
Hooper, Frank (Lottie), miner.
Hughes, E.R. (Alice), with Vivian Mine.

I

Isaacson, Joe, clk. *[clerk]* saloon.
Ivens, Camiel (Bertha), wrks. *[works]* mine.

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J

James, Blanche.
James, Ethel.
James, Richard, mach. *[machinist]*
James, Richard, jr.
Johnson, John H. (Reaka), blacksmith.

K

Kinsman, Wm. (Jennie), miner.

L

Loren, S., bds. *[boards]* hotel.
Luke, James, Miner *[sic – miner]*.

M

McGraw, Alice.
McGraw, Florence.
McGraw, James (Emily), miner.
McGraw, James H., jr., miner.
McKenna, Anne.
McKenna, Cecelia.
McKenna, Edward B., stu. *[student]*
McKenna, Joseph, stu. *[student]*
McKenna, Margaret, stu. *[student]*
McKenna, Parnell G., stu. *[student]*
McKenna, Thomas (Mary), real estate and mineral lands.
McKenna, Thomas F., stu. *[student]*
Manning, Charlie, wks. *[works]* mine.
Manning, John (Bertha), miner.
Manning, John, wks. *[works]* timber.
Manning, Michael.
Massie, Adeline.
Massie, Alphonse.
Massie, Benjamin, miner.
Massie, Dora.
Massie, Eulalie.
Massie, Isadore (Evina), miner.

Massie, Lourinda.
Mejev, David, bds. *[boards]* hotel.
Mitchell, Ben (Eva), wks. *[works]* diamond drill.

N

Nichols, C., bds. *[boards]* hotel.
North, W.R.R. station, O.B. Pegg, agt. *[agent]*

O

Olson, John (Ida), merchant.

P

Pearce, Edward (Margaret), engr. *[engineer]* mine.
Pearce, Kezzie.
Pearce, Walter, stu. *[student]*
Pearce, Wesley.
Pegg, O.B. (Sadie), agt. *[agent]* N.W.R.R. station
POST OFFICE, Luella St. Denis, post mistress.

S

ST. DENIS, LUELLA, post mistress and dealer in stationery and candies.
St. Denis, Mrs. (widow John.)
St. Denis, Virginia, clk. *[clerk]* post office.
Scott, A.J. (Lizzie), bkpr. *[bookkeeper]*
Shelgren, Adah, stu. *[student]*
Shelgren, Charlie (Wilhelmina), wks. *[works]* mine.
Shelgren, Emil, stu. *[student]*
Sincock, Edward, retired.
Sincock, Harry (Rhoda), capt. *[captain]* mine.

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Snowden, George (Florence), blacksmith.
Snowden, Glen.
Sullivan, John (Ella), foreman lumber camp.
Sullivan, Wm. (Emma), miner.

T

Terrill, James (Elizabeth), mach. [*machinist*]
Terrill, Samuel (Pearl), miner.
Trevarthen, Alfred (Isabelle), general
merchandise store.

W

Western Union Telegraph and Cable Office.
Wilcox, Bertha.
Wilcox, Mrs. Wm., (widow).
Wilcox, Roy.
Wildman, Chester.
Wildman, Maud.
Wildman, Patrick,, bar tender [*sic –
bartender*].
Wis. & Mich. R.R. station, Carl Hanson, agt.
[*agent*]

Y

Yeter, L.E., bds. [*boards*] hotel.

