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## MINING MATTERS.

A CHAPTER OF CAREFULLY CULLED MINING NEWS.

*News from the Blaney Mine—The Matt Gibson sold—Shipments from this District Commenced—The Quincy Mine to be Cleared—The Lincoln Mining Co., Working on Section 24, 43-32. The Crescent Iron Mining & Exploring Co.—Other Interesting Notes of a Mineral Tone.*

We have no change to record in the condition of the iron ore market, with the exception that there has been less business transacted and fewer inquiries; but in the face of these facts no unhealthy symptoms are apparent, and sellers are firm in their ideas of prices with no apparent disposition to make concessions in order to effect sales. Shipments to furnaces show a considerable increase over last week, however, which is explained by the fact that the settlement of the late strike on the N. Y., P. & O. railroad has enabled that corporation to resume its carrying trade. The ore now on docks will be nearly all cleaned up between now and the opening of navigation, which is expected to be about May 20, and new ore will be somewhat later than last season in reaching port; and as the largest amount of ore which ever reached here is expected during the coming season, lake vessels will have their hands full, and plethoric wallets will swell the pockets of lucky vessel owners at the existing rate. The American Iron & Steel Association is directing its attention to the heavy importations of iron ore which are admitted because of undervaluation, and the association claims that these continued heavy importations of iron, steel and iron ore would not exist if they were honestly invoiced. It has already resulted in a decreased demand for the home product, and is a subject which should, and probably will, be called to the attention of Secretary Fairchild in a way that will result in thorough investigation and expurgation. We quote:

No. 1 Specular and magnetic Bessemer ores per ton.....	\$7 00@7 50
No. 1 Specular (non-Bessemer) ores per ton.....	6 00@6 50
Bessemer Hematites.....	5 75@6 00
Non-Bessemer Hematites.....	5 00@5 75

—Cleveland Iron Trade Review.

"You will not find better ore than that on the Marquette or Gogebic Ranges," said Superintendent Swain to a DIAMOND DRILL representative, as he broke a beautiful piece of blue ore on the stock pile, at the Blaney mine, on section 27, 43-32, one day this week. It has been deemed advisable not to lower the main shaft beyond its present depth—120 feet—at present, but drifting and cross-cutting will be carried on vigorously. Drifts are now being driven along each wall with cross-cuts at intervals. The main shaft is located on the east end of the property, but just as soon as the true course of the vein is determined to a certainty, a working shaft will be commenced at a point about 300 feet to the west and drifts driven east to connect with those from the present workings. A trestle has been constructed and two tram cars will soon be placed thereon when the ore will be carefully sorted and placed in stock pile. Every analysis of this ore seems to improve; it becomes higher in metallic iron and lower in phosphorus as the work of development goes on. The property is being cleared of timber and rubbish and with the new buildings presents a taking appearance. There is not much doubt now of this property getting a spur track this year.

The Lincoln Mining Co., recently organized, began work on section 24, 43-32, on Monday. The indications are said to be very promising and the company will unearth the ore if it is on the section. The officers of this company are: Joseph Bach, president; H. J. Fitzgerald, secretary and treasurer; J. H. Abel, Joseph Bach, H. J. Fitzgerald, John McDonald and George Roupp, directors. Messrs. Bach, Abel and Fitzgerald are of Milwaukee, John McDonald of Iron River and George Roupp of Iron Mountain.

Explorations east of the Kimball are looking well. Frank Scadden has taken an option from Raber & James, who have several pits down just over the Kimball line. Mr. Scadden will carry on exploratory work and give Raber & James \$12,000 if he finds the ore. The prospects are the most flattering.

Preparations are being made to further develop the Quincy property, situated west and near the Youngstown mine. The present working consists of one shaft which is sixty-five feet deep and shows up a considerable ore body. This

shaft has been allowed to fill with water, but it is learned that a boiler and pump will be put in and the mine cleared at once. C. T. McElroy, of Norway, one of the owners was in Milwaukee last week, making the necessary arrangements to commence operations.

The Crescent Iron Mining and Exploring Co., has been organized in Chicago, and have taken an option on section eight, 43-35. The officers and directors are: George R. Sterling, president, Chicago; H. H. Rose, secretary, Chicago; Frank Burman, treasurer, Chicago; John McDonald, Frank Burman, Thos. B. Ackers, H. H. Rose, George R. Sterling, directors. The company is a solid one.

Matt Gibson mine, near Champion and twenty miles west of this place, has been sold for a large sum to a Negaunee syndicate, of which Capt. George Mitchell is at the head, and Hoskin & Wambold, of Milwaukee, are largely interested. The price paid is supposed to be \$50,000. Capt. Thos. Ball, of the Youngstown mine is a part owner in that property.

The Range says: "At the Alpha mine drifting has been commenced. We are informed by a competent mining man that the ore being raised is of the very best quality, and the prospects at this mine are very encouraging." Capt. J. B. Schwartz is authority for the statement that no work other than keeping the mine dry, is being done, at present.

The docks in this harbor are in better condition at present than ever before. Bridge-builder Rowell drove the fender piles to the merchandise dock this week and that dock is now ready to stand several seasons of business and lively business at that. Ore will begin to come in next week and preparations are making to receive.—The Delta.

E. M. Luce, of Milwaukee; E. D. Nelson, of Janesville and others have secured an option from Angus Smith, Guido Pfister and others of Milwaukee, on land adjoining the Kimball mine on the west. They will commence exploratory work at once, in the hope of finding the western continuation of the ore body.

The Range has it on good authority that, "they have struck a fine vein of ore at the Blaney mine." They have had a fine vein of Bessemer ore there for a long time, which is continually being developed by the energetic superintendent, Mr. Swain, and which is constantly improving in quality.

Capt. C. T. Roberts, of the Mastodon mine will do considerable exploring this season, in the vicinity of the Alpha property, having options on eight forties adjoining. The captain is a very practical man and will no doubt unearth a mine before he gets ready to quit.

The bulk of the work being done at the Caledonia mine, just now, is drifting. Much of the silver bearing rock is hoisted, but it appears not to be as rich as was at first supposed, and therefore it is placed on the rock dump.

C. T. McElroy, of Norway, Mich., was in the city during the week, endeavoring to place the Quincy property, adjoining the Youngstown mine, at Crystal Falls, on the west.—Miner and Manufacturer.

The boiler and pumps for the Kimball mine were received on Monday and the work of placing them in position is going on rapidly. The remainder of the plant is looked for next week.

The stock pile at the Shelden & Shafer is rapidly increasing and contains not much less than 10,000 tons. The mine is in excellent shape for rapid and economical mining.

The Paint River Iron Co., has sold 4,000 tons of ore to the National Furnace Co., of Depere, and the shipment thereof will soon be commenced.

The Youngstown sent out its first ore for this season on Thursday. Twenty-five cars to Escanaba.

The machinery at the Youngstown mine will soon be in running order.

A working force of eighteen men is now employed at the Blaney mine.

Much exploring will be done on lands adjoining the Kimball mine.

Building at the Dunn mine is being pushed vigorously.

Iron Mountain began sending out ore on Tuesday.

### Building Notes.

Mr. Galbraith is building a barn.

Joseph Champaign has his dwelling enclosed.

Dr. Metcalf began plastering his neat dwelling, on Monday.

Casper Aberle has commenced the erection of a building, the dimensions of

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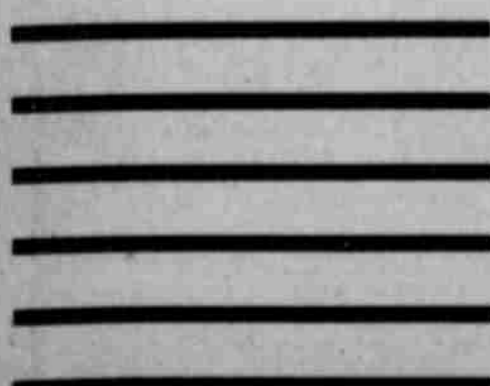
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which is 24x40 feet, on a lot directly opposite the Bannerman house.

John Larson has a dwelling under way on Marquette avenue.

Wm. Holmes has commenced the finishing of his house on Third street.

Gil. S. Main has purchased a lot on the south end of Fifth street and will erect a residence thereon.

Lars Lundgren is fast completing his building on the east end of main street. It will be used as a saloon.

Thos. Gallavin is building a residence on the rear end of the saloon lot and is pushing it to completion as rapidly as possible.

Mr. Olmstedt is making the old unfinished house on Marquette avenue tenable, by lath and plastering the interior and siding the exterior.

It is rumored that Fred H. Johnson, the barber, will erect a building for a shop on the piece of ground between Bower's drug store and the railroad track.

Chas. S. Henry began his building on main street on Monday, but has discontinued work to await the decision of the town board, as to the purchase of Doucet's opera house.

Wm. Doucet has made the township an offer and the board is now considering the advisability thereof. Three thousand dollars has been provided for the purpose of building a town hall and Mr. Doucet has offered his building for \$2,800, and agrees, if they purchase of him that he will erect a building to cost upwards \$7,000 on the corner opposite.

Should the board accept Mr. Doucet's offer, he will be joined by Messrs. R. Dawson, C. S. Henry and H. McGlinchy in the erection of a brick block. The board is undecided what to do and has taken time in which to consider.

### DIAMOND CHIPS.

Considerable snow in the woods yet. The season of muddy roads is at hand.

A. Lustfield is after you again. Read his advertisement to-day.

The marshal of Ontonagon has been ordered to kill all dogs found on the streets without a master. With such a

rule here there would soon be a great scarcity of dogs.

A fine, large brick opera house will add much to the beauty of the city.

Lou Clapp will remove his family hither from Escanaba in a short time.

The exterior of THE DIAMOND DRILL office is receiving a coat of paint.

D. Bannerman took care of the Beach & Bower's Co., during its stay here.

"Six men killed in a mine," says Max, the clothier. He substitutes it, too.

Judge C. B. Grant will deliver an address at Escanaba on Decoration day.

Mr. and Mrs. Gribble, of the Fairbanks location lost a three-year-old daughter last Saturday.

There is no lack of public entertainments now days—three here this week and more coming.

Logs began going over the falls on Thursday morning, though in small lots. The water is very low.

A Vandandague will make "just a taste" of maple sugar this year. He is operating in the forest east of the Youngstown mine.

Austrian & Co., are not exactly painting the town red, but M. Buskirk is putting a coat of red on the front of their popular emporium.

The work of cleaning house has been inaugurated already and the season of new carpets and cold dinners promises to be a brisk one this spring.

Medda Villeneuve is the proud father of a new boy that weighs twelve and one-half pounds. The young gentleman arrived on Wednesday evening.

Rev. Father Edward Chapuis has succeeded Father Andree, as pastor of the Catholic church. Regular services will hereafter be held in the Catholic church.

Joe Beattie had everything all arranged to go to Crystal Falls, where it is alleged he was going to open a livery stable and had his goods and stock all ready to ship. But some of his numerous creditors got wind of his movement and swooped down on his traps to secure their claims, which amount to several hundred dollars, and Joe will now have to delay his departure until the Circuit court decides the question or he settles and gets his goods released.—Marinette Eagle.

GREAT REMNANT SALE AT "THE FAIR," MONDAY, MAY 2.