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GAFFNEY WINS BIG MAJORITY

CARRIED EVERY PRECINCT IN CITY
WITH PLURALITY OF 215

ROBERTS WON IN A WALK

Pioneer Resident Gets a Splendid
Testimonial From His Many Old
Neighbors In The City

James J. Gaffney won out in the city primary by a majority of 217 over Axel Axelson in last Monday's election. Mr. Gaffney won a majority in every precinct in the city, his vote in the second ward surprising everyone.

The vote last Monday was a record for a primary. A total of 819 votes were cast and all but ten of that number were counted for mayor. The size of the vote was a surprise for the day was not one calculated to bring out voters. It was dull and cold and a sheet of glare ice covered the entire city, making walking dangerous in many places. Automobiles were out to convey the voters to the polls. As a result a large number of women voted.

Second Ward a Surprise

The surprise of the day was the result in the second ward where Gaffney beat Axelson by a majority of 50 votes. The second is Mr. Axelson's old home and it was thought that he would get his big vote there, which he did. It was far from a majority, however.

The first ward gave Gaffney a majority of 24 and the third gave him a majority of 143 so that he went into the second ward with a sufficient majority to overturn anything probable that Mr. Axelson might pull out in that ward. It was not necessary to write off any of his majority in that precinct for when the votes were finally tabulated it was found that Gaffney was the favorite.

Campaign Was Gentlemanly

The campaign between Mr. Gaffney and Mr. Axelson was one of the cleanest that has been carried on in Crystal Falls. Both gentlemen are well known business men and well thought of. Personalities were entirely tabooed by both sides. The campaign was based primarily upon the question of a change in present city affairs and it would seem from the result that the people want a change.

Mr. Axelson intends to go into the election determined to organize and make a better showing. If he continues in his determination it means a lively election for the 4th day of April when the final test comes.

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BADLY INJURED

Falling Glass in City Hall Theatre
Injured Chester Nettell.

Last Saturday night at Chester Nettell was calmly sitting in the City Hall Theatre, watching the show, a piece of glass fell from the sky light above and struck him on the nose, cutting a bad gash in that organ. Had the glass fallen a few inches toward his body it would have struck him on the head and killed him. The glass was a piece of the heavy stained window in the ceiling and was triangular in shape.

The cause of the glass falling was due to the action of some small boys who stole into the show and climbed into the attic of the hall. They were watching the show and one of the boys in moving about misjudged his step and put his foot through a pane of glass.

The names of several of the lads have been secured and it is quite probable that their parents will have a pretty bill to pay as Mr. Nettell's injury is directly attributable to them. In addition there will be a damage to the window which is considerable.

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STATE NEEDS FUNDS

From present indications the state of Michigan will have an empty treasury about September 1 unless some action is taken to stave off that condition. The state administrative board has been busy during the past week or two devising ways and means to avert this condition.

The latest proposal, and one that seems to be in favor, is to levy a special corporation tax designed to raise about \$6,000,000 dollars, the amount necessary to carry the state through until next year's taxes are available.

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The W. R. C. will meet with Mrs. Hensky next Friday afternoon at 2:30

WRECK NARROWLY AVERTED

Farmer Near Amberg Saw Water
Wash Out Track—Flanged Train

Last Sunday morning as passenger train No. 3 was speeding along between Amberg and Pembine, Engineer "Bill" Karn saw a man standing in the middle of the track about 1,000 feet ahead frantically swinging his hands. The train was stopped and he told the crew that a wash-out had just occurred about a quarter of a mile further along.

The man was taken on the engine and they moved up to the wash-out, which was found to be as represented. The water was running so swiftly that all efforts to block up the track were of no avail so the train had to be backed to Ellis Jc., run to Marquette where it was switched onto the North-Western tracks and sent around via Powers to Iron Mountain where it was switched over onto the North-Western again. The mail arrived here at 7:00 o'clock p. m.

Had the man not flagged the train Mr. Karn says he probably would have plunged into the hole as a freight train had just passed over the place and for that reason the track was supposed to be safe. The farmer, whose name is Stout, saw the freight pass over the place and immediately afterwards the bank gave away. He knew the passenger was about due so hastened down the track to stop it.

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LEGION NOTES

Tonight in the City Hall John Shemy takes on "Buck" Jackson of Minneapolis for ten rounds of fistcutta. This promises to be a very interesting fight for the reason that Jackson comes very highly touted and expects to repeat his performance of a year ago when he put Shemy away for the count in the fourth round of a scheduled ten round go. Shemy, however, thinks otherwise, and tonight will attempt to reverse the decision of their former encounter and feels confident that he can knock this Jackson person for a "goal." He has trained assiduously for this bout and if the manner in which he disposed of Ed Sharpe of Green Bay several weeks ago is any criterion of his fitness and ability to deliver the sleep medicine, then Mr. Jackson can prepare himself for a very, very rough evening of milling. It should be a whale of a battle. Two prelims between home boys are on the card to precede the main event. The first set-to is between "Al" Annear and Kid Carlson and in the semi wind-up L. Charron will mix with "Battling Joe" Dunn.

On April 4th, Election day, the people of the State of Michigan will have the opportunity to vote on House Joint Resolution No. 1. This measure provides for a constitutional amendment which calls for a bond issue of \$30,000,000 to pay a bonus to former service men and women.

The amendment will provide that every soldier, sailor, marine or enlisted nurse who served for the United States shall receive \$15 for each month or major fraction thereof spent in service between the dates of April 6, 1917 and August 2, 1919.

It is estimated that the average length of service of Michigan men and women was eleven months. There is approximately 180,000 men and women who will benefit by this amendment should it pass by popular vote. The amendment on the ballot will be worded in substantially the following form:

"Sec 20. The State shall borrow not to exceed thirty million dollars, pledge its faith and credit and issue its notes and bonds therefore, for the purpose of paying to each person who entered into the military, naval or marine forces of the United States between April 6th, 1917, and November 11th, 1918, and served honestly and faithfully therein during the late World War, and who was a resident of this state at the time of entering such service, the sum of fifteen dollars for each month or major fraction thereof, of such service, up to and including August first, 1919.

YES
NO

This measure passed both Houses of the Michigan Legislature with only one dissenting vote. This lone vote in opposition was cast by Representative William Case of Leelanau County, who stated that he believed the bonus should be paid by the federal government.

It should hardly be necessary to urge all Legion members and ex-service men and women to make sure that all voters who are friends of ex-service men and women to turn out in large numbers on election day and put this matter across. Let's Go! Vote "Yes."

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BLACK HAND WORKERS HERE

DYNAMITE AND WARNING POSTERS
DISPLAYED AT THE TOBIN MINE

WORKMEN DISPLAY SORENESS

Reports Are That These Underhand
Warnings Have Been Going
On For Some Time

It is reported that the pumpmen working at the Tobin mine found two sticks of dynamite embedded near the collar of the shaft recently. The finding of the dynamite was followed by the posting, a few nights later, of warning signs at the shaft in which it is claimed that the writer gave notice, under skull and cross bone heading, that unless work was started soon something dire would result. Just how authentic these reports are or how much their tenor reflects the feeling of some of the workmen towards the company cannot be fathomed. It is claimed petty grievances against the local management are responsible for the display of force signs. It was known that the local management is in bad, both with the workmen and the community, but it wasn't suspected that the thing had reached such a degree.

The Tobin mine was closed down last fall along with the Dunn mine and many of the men put at work on half time at the Odgers. In the selection of those to whom half time work was doled out it is probable that hard feelings were engendered.

Nothing to Trifle With

However, the significance of the affair at the Tobin, if they were as drastic as it is claimed they were, ought not be passed over lightly by this community. Whatever may be one's feelings against persons, the lives and property of others ought not be put in jeopardy and that is certainly what would be the case if the crazy notions indicated by the reported findings were carried out. Neither will any such indications of terrorism bring a resumption of operations any sooner. The McKinney Steel Co. like all other independent mining companies, have found it necessary to curtail operations. They haven't done it through malice or because they are adverse to operating in Crystal Falls. It is because of general business conditions which they, as well as others, regret exists.

If, as it is claimed, the action was taken because of animosity to the local management it is certainly ill advised and will get nobody anywhere.

Is Disgrace to Community

The actions at the Tobin are a disgrace to a community that has heretofore borne a reputation of peace and orderly appeal in cases of grievances. It is the general opinion that the thing is the work of somebody who is not entirely right in his head. At any rate it should be a warning to our citizens and especially to the officers to be alert and put a damper upon such procedure.

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AS CLEAR AS MUD

The man had just informed the Pullman agent that he wanted a Pullman berth.

"Upper or lower?" asked the agent. "What's the difference?" asked the man.

"A difference of 50 cents in this case," replied the agent. "The lower is higher than the upper. The higher price is for the lower. If you want it lower, you'll have to go higher. We sell the upper lower than the lower. In other words the higher the lower. Most people don't like the upper, although it is lower on account of it being higher. When you occupy an upper you have to get up to go to bed and get down when you get up. You can have the lower if you pay higher. The upper is lower than the lower because it is higher. If you are willing to go higher, it will be lower."

But the poor man had fainted.—Ex.

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RANGE STANDINGS

Following is the standing of the Range basket ball teams. Only Range games were considered in figuring the percentages.

Team	Won	Lost	Perct.
Stambaugh	7	1	.875
Crystal Falls	8	2	.800
Norway	5	4	.555
Iron Mountain	4	5	.444
Florence	4	5	.444
Iron River	1	5	.166
Vulcan	0	7	.000

THE MARQUETTE AFFAIR

Conditions at Prison Bad But Not of
the Sensational Kind Reported.

The Marquette prison affairs, which have been given more or less airing throughout Michigan during the past two weeks are being given a rest this week, the legislative committee having completed its labors and gone back to Lansing.

From one in a position to know The Diamond Drill learns that the real bad feature of the affair is the relation of the prison management to the prisoners in a financial way. It seems that the most of the defalcation has been with the money which the prisoners earned and had on deposit with the institution. West, the defaulting bookkeeper, was supposed to have a record of every penny of this money but it develops that no entries were made in the books for several years. He kept the accounts on memos or in his head. The only record that the board had to go on was a stack of memos about a foot thick. These have been entered in the books and soon the prisoners will be given a statement of their account. It is expected that more or less friction will arise when this adjustment is being made as it is certain that many errors—shortages and overpays will be made.

We are told that the state will not in all probability, lose anything through West's operations as ample security has been turned over.

Contrary to reports the condition of the prison so far as general cleanliness is concerned is good—as good as can be expected with the overcrowded condition that exists. Last week there were 160 prisoners sleeping in the corridors of the prison and no another cot could be put in. Prisoners are being received daily so that the condition is fierce.

The board has made a demand for a cell block but so far they have received scant encouragement from the legislature. It is reported that unless relief is obtained the board will refuse to accept any more prisoners and thus the matter will be brought squarely up to the state.

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CONTEST WINNER

Miss Helia Peterson, daughter of Mrs. Mary Peterson, a former Crystal Falls resident, is the winner of the Penmanship contest which was held by Brown's Business Colleges, Bloomington, Ill. this month.

Miss Peterson is a graduate of the Crystal Falls High School and has the distinction of not only being the best student writer in the Brown organization at the present time, but has also made the wonderful record of not being absent nor tarry at any session for the past fourteen months.

Since going to Bloomington, Miss Peterson has made many friends, and is held in the highest esteem by her teachers and the student body of the College.

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ELECTION RESULTS

The results by precinct in last Monday's election is as follows:

Precinct	Gaffney	Axelson
1	39	15
2	217	167
3	256	113
	512	295

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EX-SERVICE MEN

Will all ex-service men who have received a war record blank or letter asking for information kindly attend to this at once as I have until the last day of this month to complete this work.

O. M. OLSON,
County Historian.

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TO THE PEOPLE OF CRYSTAL FALLS AND VICINITY

The importance and necessity for a Spring clean-up is recognized all over the country, and it is hoped that you will fall in line, clean up your property and urge your neighbor to do the same.

Every city and village accumulates piles of rubbish and dirt during the winter months and only the co-operative effort on the part of each individual will get the accumulations moved and the city put in a wholesome, sanitary condition.

The city officials have been urged and will do their part in making our town a clean, healthful place to live and attractive to the many vacation tourists who visit us during the summer months.

A. L. HAIGHT, M. D.,
Health Officer.

LOGGING WORK ALL FINISHED

VERY FEW LOGS WERE LOADED OUT
SO FAR THIS SEASON

MANY CANNOT SELL OUTPUT

Small Mills Will Be Pressed Into
Service This Year To Save
Logs From Spoiling

Logging operations in this vicinity are wound up. A few stragglers are draying out ties and small stuff which they were unable to get out while a blighting lasted but in the main there is little or no logging work now being done and the large number of men that were employed in the industry are idle.

Jacks are moving about freely seeking work which is mighty scarce and places that were logging centers are reporting a lot of idle men on the streets.

The past season has differed very much from others in that while there is a large harvest of woods products, but very little of the output has been put on cars for shipment.

High Rates the Cause

One reason for this condition with buyers who have contracts with loggers is the fact that the exceptionally high freight rates pile up money fast and with the present high money market the disposition is to allow logs to stand at the siding until the mill is ready for them, especially logs that must be shipped a long distance.

Jobbers who sold early and whose contracts were not cancelled, are in luck. Many small jobbers, who got out logs expecting to sell them on the general market are stuck—there are no buyers.

A great many of these men are figuring on using portable mills to cut the logs that are liable to spoil into lumber. Most of the hemlock will be carried over unless it can be sold at a price that will at least bring back a new dollar for an old one. The pulpwood men were here during the week and some small sales were made but at prices that are no attraction.

The lumber market is looking up if volume can be considered a symptom of improvement. Prices even in the retail end are away down, especially in the soft woods. The reason for this is that yellow pine is being thrown on the market at a scandalous price. This naturally effects the sale of other soft woods, especially the hemlock which has to compete with that wood in the big markets.

The increased freight rates are having their effect in stiffening the market, but it is reflected mainly in higher prices for construction work. Sales to the automobile interests are being made in fair sizes. A sale of about 80 cars of hardwood to the Ford interests was made by a Detroit dealer last week, the condition being that some of the lumber must be in the kiln in a short time. The bulk of the shipment comes from the copper country where it has been in pile a long time.

Prices are not the only difficulties that sellers of lumber are meeting with. New terms of payment, some of them being so severe as to impose a 60-day discount period are asked. Everyone is trying to avoid financing at the high rates that rule in money market so the manufacturer is passing the burden on to the raw material man.

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STOLE SHERIFF'S GUN

A raid was made upon the old Sullivan restaurant at Iron River one day last week. Nothing of an incriminating nature was found in the place but the raid left a sequel that is both amusing and serious.

One of the deputies, while making search on the premises, laid his gun down and when he came to look for it the gun had disappeared. It seems that one of the habitués of the place picked up the weapon and made off with it. The fellow sold the gun to another Iron River man for \$2.00.

When the deputy found that his gun was gone his ire was aroused so he set out in a still hunt for it and finally located it. He traced it back to the fellow who stole it and that man he arrested for stealing. He then returned to the fellow who bought the gun and arrested him for carrying concealed weapons. Hereafter the guns of deputy sheriff's will be left alone in Iron River, even though the deputy happened to lay his gun carelessly aside for a time.

THAT SEUL CHOIX OIL FIND

True Statement of Oil Exploration
Near Whitendale, in Schoolcraft Co.

At various times during the past winter articles have appeared in the press relative to an exploration for petroleum at Seul Choix (pronounced sish-wah) point in Schoolcraft county. Many of the statements are greatly exaggerated but all of them have more or less fact connected with them.

The Diamond Drill happens to know the inside of the affair but was pledged to secrecy until the operations commenced. The credit for the existence of petroleum being suspected to exist in this section must be given to the State Geological Department. In their report of the limestone areas of the state they cover, among other places, the point which juts out into Lake Michigan east of Manistique and is known under the name pronounced so differently from the way it is spelled.

The information given was seized upon by L. L. Linton, of Saginaw, a young man who was connected with the oil explorations in the Saginaw valley. He is a son of Tax Commissioner Linton, is an ex-service man and well known among the army men. He was employed in the state highway department at the time he ran across the geological report.

Anticline Exists There.

The notable thing about the formation is that an anticline exists in the Trenton limestone which is discernable on the little peninsula that juts out into the lake. The eastern end of the upper peninsula is one great field of limestone.

The anticline is to oil bearing formation what the fault or folding is to the iron bearing formation. It is a sort of folding which forms a reservoir at which the oil is caught and held in a sort of an underground lake, fed by the various arteries that radiate out through the Trenton layer to great distances.

The formation at the point contains the following layers: A top layer of dolomite, beneath that the Manistique limestone, then the Hendricks limestone, next a layer of Rochester shale, then Clinton limestone, next a layer of Medina shale followed by a layer of Medina limestone. The next is a thick layer of Utica and Lorraine shale and under that lies the Trenton limestone, the oil reservoir.

It is claimed by the geological department that the only place where the anticline exists so that it can be plainly discerned is on Seul Choix point.

The first thing Mr. Linton did after assuring himself that an anticline exists at the Point was to quietly tie up on option a lot of the most valuable lands in that vicinity. He intended to get all of them but his work leaked and some Manistique parties immediately got busy and brought Standard Oil representatives to the district. What their effort will amount to is not known.

Mr. Linton then associated with himself a practical oil driller who had an outfit and was at the time engaged in drilling in Canada. The outfit has been moved to the point and is now being made ready for work. It is expected that a determining hole will be down to the Trenton field by the middle of the summer.

Mr. Linton and his associates are selling stock in a corporation known as the Schoolcraft County Oil Development Co. When in Crystal Falls last fall Mr. Linton was very sanguine that he would show up oil in that place. His company is purely a development concern organized for the purpose of putting down the test hole. It costs a small fortune to rig up and sink a hole for oil.

Should they show up oil at the Point there is great possibility all along the anticline if it can be followed. The Point, however, seems to be the place most favorably located for getting a well of value if any oil exists in the rocks there.

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IN MANSFIELD

There is going to be a red hot contest in this township, as hot an election as has been held in a long time. At the primary John Gustafson beat Tom Corbett for supervisor by one vote. Corbett is now running on slips and every nose in the township is being counted in an effort to win on either side.

There were 113 votes cast in the recent primary. It is probable that close to 125 votes will be cast at the election. Mansfield people know how to use slips and they are all consummate politicians.

The contest in that township will be watched with interest by all sides to the controversy.

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I. W. Byers and George Bishop were Crystal Falls victors last Wednesday in attendance at a meeting of the Iron County Agricultural Commission.