

THE MINING SCHOOL.

Students at Work in the New Building—Cost of Board and Its Effect Upon Attendance.

THE SNOW SHOE CLUB OPENS WHAT PROMISES TO BE A GOOD SEASON.

Sudden Death On Rock Street—Almost a Centennial—Lecture Course Announcements—The New Clifton's Light.

The Mining School.
A reporter of the MINING JOURNAL last evening had a conversation with Mr. J. M. Longyear regarding the state mining school, located at Houghton. Mr. Longyear is a member of the board which governs that institution, and attends its meetings regularly. He is a staunch and enthusiastic supporter of the school.

Mr. Longyear says that the school is now well established in the magnificent new brownstone building erected at a cost of about \$75,000. It is almost completely furnished with the most approved furniture and appliances. One of its practical features is a real stamp mill on a small scale. Many portions of the machinery, were made by the students, and with that mill, actual stamping operations will be carried on. A better device for imparting practical knowledge could not be made.

The attendance is not up to the desired mark and it is the conviction of the board of control and faculty of the school that the high rate charged for board is accountable for the fact. Since the institution of the school, the price of board has been raised from \$20 to \$25 per month. One of the first enquiries made by those who write for terms and particulars concerning the school, is the price of board. Dr. Wadsworth, the principal, receives scores of letters from young men who desire a mining education, and is obliged, of course, to state the facts regarding board. Many of those persons are not heard from again, and the cost of living is believed to be the deterring matter.

The people of Houghton have adopted a very shortsighted policy in this matter. They are not reaping any advantage by it and they work harm to the school. It was not instituted by the state on the "you tickle me and I'll tickle you plan," and the board will be driven to provide some special accommodation for students or see the school crippled by the over-reaching greediness of the boarding house people. It is sincerely hoped that the citizens of Houghton will look at this matter in the right light and change their tactics accordingly.

The Lecture Course.
The series of lectures to be given under the management of the young people of the Methodist church, will begin February 3rd. Hon. Geo. R. Wendling will deliver the first lecture instead of Hon. Will Cumback, whose date has been cancelled. Col. L. F. Copeland, another popular public speaker, has been added to the list of orators and he will be here about March 28th. Seats will be reserved without extra charge three days before each entertainment, at some convenient place which will be made known in a few days.

The First Tramp.
Not the first of the genus tramp that infests the highways and byways and frightens lone women and children, but the first snow shoe tramp of the season was taken by the Marquette Snow Shoe Club last night. A scarcity of snow was the cause of the late inauguration of the season. The prevailing distemper was the cause of a scarcity of members at the initial tramp last night, a large number being loath to risk the exposure to colds at such an unsettled season.

Only ten members of the club rallied at Hodgkin's livery at the appointed hour. Four guests were present by invitation. The party contained the locally famous male quartet, two members of which are also members of the club.

The party divided about equally, half the number going to the club house by conveyance and arriving there only a few moments in advance of those who preferred the more vigorous method of locomotion by tramping. Parker, in his search for short-cuts, oddly enough came in as the tail-end man.

At the club house a fine luncheon, comprised mostly of oysters served in all styles, and prepared by Heppner, was in waiting. Through the illness of Mr. Palmer, who usually attends to that matter, Stewart had not received timely notice and therefore did not feel prepared to tackle the job of providing for an indefinite number of hungry trampers.

The evening passed off very pleasantly, though not in the rollicking style that would doubtless have characterized a larger gathering. The quartet rendered several selections in splendid voice while others amused themselves by various athletic feats.

A business meeting was to be held but no quorum was present. It is proposed to revise the constitution by eliminating the age qualification of membership, to permit the admission of a number of desirable applicants who are under 23 years of age. An invita-

tion to the Ishpeming club was intended as a portion of last evening's business. The next meeting of the club will be on Wednesday night of next week. The ladies will grace the occasion by their presence and an entertaining program is already in preparation. The weather will doubtless, by that time, have assumed a settled condition and the general health will be greatly improved. A very large attendance is anticipated. Several improvements in the arrangement of the club house interior will, in the meantime, be made.

Very Sudden Death.
Death came last evening with very startling suddenness into the family of Mr. Jolibois, a Frenchman who lives on Rock street. The family took supper together in a room on the second floor of the house, every member being in apparent good health. After supper, the members of the family repaired to the first floor, except Mrs. Jolibois, who remained to clear the table and wash the dishes, promising to join the rest in a short time.

Some time elapsed and Mrs. Jolibois failed to appear. After further waiting, one of the family was sent to call her and was startled to find her lying apparently lifeless upon a bed. The time was about eight o'clock. Dr. A. Desjardins was immediately summoned and, upon his arrival, he pronounced the woman dead. Mrs. Jolibois was a woman of about middle age and apoplexy is believed to have been the cause of death.

Died of Old Age.
Perhaps the oldest citizen of Marquette county was Michael Day, for many years a resident in the city, and latterly residing with his son, Oliver, at Collinsville.

The venerable gentleman died peacefully early on Tuesday morning. His death was due to extreme old age, as he had reached the 98th year of his life.

Michael Day was of Irish nativity. Until within a very recent period, he was in possession of clear faculties. Like all old persons, his memory was especially strong and he often related incidents of the old times. The excitement in Ireland and England after the battle of Waterloo, he remembered well.

The interment will take place this forenoon at the Catholic cemetery. The funeral services will be conducted at St. Peter's cathedral at 10 A. M.

Electric Light in the New Clifton.
Landlord Volk, of the New Clifton, had the satisfaction last evening of seeing his hotel brilliantly illuminated, for the first time, by the electric light. The light was such a perfect success that, in order to secure the full effect, every lamp in the house was lighted and left burning until the usual retiring hour.

The electric light supplants the gas throughout the house. Every bed chamber contains a 16-candle-power lamp without shade, while the corridors are lighted by lamps of the same power, with pink and blue shades. The office lamps are 32 candle power. There are twelve lamps in the dining room, one over each table. Altogether there are ninety-two lamps throughout the house.

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