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Copper Country Department

BONUS FOR MINE EMPLOYEES. CALUMET & HECLA STARTS THE BALL IN THE INCREASED WAGE LINE WITH THE EQUIVALENT OF A 10 PER CENT. RISE.

The Calumet & Hecla has notified its army of employes that, beginning with March 1 as a starting point, it will present each employe with a bonus amounting to one-tenth of his earnings for the month.

STOCKHOLDERS TICKLED. The enormous extra dividend declared by the Calumet & Hecla Monday was the universal subject of conversation throughout the copper country that afternoon.

BAKER'S INIQUITOUS BILL. PROPOSED SCHEME OF MINING TAXATION WOULD BRING CALAMITY TO THIS PENINSULA - SILLY FEATURES CRITICISED.

Fred A. Baker of Detroit continues to fabricate arguments in favor of his bill for the specific taxation of the mines of the upper peninsula, recently introduced in the legislature.

ANOTHER MINING FLOTATION. KAUKANNA, NEAR THE WINONA, THE LATEST TO BID FOR POPULAR FAVOR - CARNEGIE CAPITAL SAID TO BE INTERESTED.

The Kaukanna copper mine is about to be launched by R. Skiff Sheldon and will be financed by A. B. Turner & Bro. The property comprises 1,250 acres, located north of the Wyandotte.

INJUSTICE OF THE MEASURE. The average selling price of copper for the last eight years, 1891-1898 inclusive, has been about 11.176 cents.

BEIT MINE LITIGATION. The current issue of the Ontonagon Herald thus refers to the Beit litigation, recently noted in these columns:

When Attorney R. C. Flannigan of Norway was here in January last he filed a lis pendens in the circuit court giving notice of the commencement of a suit by W. L. Laffer, the Cleveland man, against the trustees of the Beit copper mine.

ing industry, the figures become all the more grotesque. The revenue last year alone would have amounted to several millions upon the 7,350,219 tons of iron ore produced in the state, even at the lowest rate suggested, which is 15 cents, or \$1,107,047.85; while at the rate first proposed, 60 cents, the amount would be \$4,410,131.40, or about 40 per cent of the value of the ore at the mine after it has reached surface.

Returning to the copper situation, it is suggested that should the Calumet & Hecla lose its stamp mills at Lake Linden by fire it would pay no tax for a year, while the Atlantic would go on contributing at the same old rate. Further, as none but producing mines could be taxed in this manner, the properties now in progress of development and valued at millions would entirely escape state taxes.

STATE AS A SIDE SHOW. Mr. Baker seems firmly imbued with the belief that the mines of the upper peninsula have money to burn or to run the whole state as a kind of a side show to the production of copper and iron.

DEATHS AT HANCOCK. Within the twenty-four hours ending yesterday afternoon five deaths were reported in Hancock, together with three others which proved untrue, mostly from grip and its attendant evils.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Laajala lost their three-months-old child Monday, the interment taking place yesterday afternoon, while the three-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Saviluoto, of the Quincy, died yesterday, the funeral to be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Finnish church.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell, mother of Thomas Russell, of Ryan's store, died yesterday morning at 5 o'clock from pneumonia, superinduced by grip. John Russell, another son living at Anaconda, Mont., has been telegraphed for and the funeral will be held after his arrival, either Saturday or Sunday.

Justice Court Jottings. A replevin suit for a sewing machine occupied Justice Fisher's attention at Calumet yesterday, Eric Abrahamson suing Martie Matson, the jury trial resulting in a verdict for the plaintiff.

Victoria Van Linden was brought before Justice Le Gendre on a charge of drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and was fined \$10 and costs.

Iron Mines Would Close. If the terms of the bill as introduced in the house be applied to the iron min-

COPPERDOM BREVITIES.

Fred Sackrider left yesterday for Milwaukee. A. F. Wikson of Marquette is doing the copper country on one of his regular trips.

E. C. Tagg, of Tagg Bros., the shirt men, is interviewing his copper country patrons. Attorney C. D. Hanchette of Hancock left Monday night on a flying trip to Munising.

County Clerk Richardson is again attending to the duties of his office after a siege with the grip. John E. Fitzgerald, the representative of the E. P. Allis company of Milwaukee, returned to Houghton yesterday.

David Cavan, manager of the Atlantic mine store, returned yesterday from Chicago, accompanied by Mrs. Cavan. Mayor P. W. Scott of Virginia, Minn., has been in the copper country recently on deals affecting some of the new Ontonagon mining properties.

The remains of Fred Loranger, which were expected to reach Houghton last night, will be shipped today to Detroit, where the bereaved parents live. John Connors, so long of the Nelson House bar, Ishpeming, was in Houghton at the beginning of this week looking the ground over with the possible idea of locating permanently.

A very fair house greeted Miss Clara Thropp in her presentation of "A Doll's House," by Ibsen, at Calumet Monday evening, all being greatly pleased by the little actress and her company. A special train was put on last evening to accommodate those at Houghton and Hancock who desired to take in the skating party given at the Laurium ice rink by the pupils of the Calumet High school.

Ezra Longline, until recently of Marquette, is lying dangerously ill with the grip at Nevill's in Hancock; his sister, Miss Nettie Longline, came up from the Queen City Monday evening to assist in caring for him and was encouraged by finding him able to recognize her. It is reported that, owing to the excessive cost of the improvements in Red Jacket's present opera house as planned by the architect, C. K. Shand, the recently exhibited plans will be abandoned and the architect will be asked to prepare plans for a new building to be erected on the vacant lot to the north of and adjoining the present city hall and opera house.

While the manager of a prominent Red Jacket drug store was out on the street to get a bill changed and the clerks were behind the prescription case Monday evening, a stranger entered the store and tried to do up the cash register. He went at it like a piano player and had rung up \$5.54 upon it before men who stood at the rear of the store could make out what he was doing and then, seeing the manager returning, he hastily decamped. The register contained a tidy bit of cash, as it was so near after pay day, and the crook undoubtedly suspected this and was attempting the Chicago racket.

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