

IMPORTANT NOTES.

Catlin, Decorator.
 Finnegan, Valentines.
 Zekil, cabinet maker.
 Valentine's at Finnegan's.
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 Apples; lots of them. Atkins.
 Catlin, Painter and sign writer.
 Whitefish, nice fish, at WALTERS'.
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 Leave your watches and clocks that need repairing at Kirstine's.
 Oranges and Lemons fresh and sour and sweet, at J. G. Walters'.
 Nice things to eat. Sage Cheese, fresh bulk Oysters at Atkins'.
 A car load of doors and windows received to-day. W. J. Wallace.
 Staple and fancy hay, flour, feed, and grain, at Bittner, Wickert & Co.
 Drop in at Kirstine's and take a ticket on the fine music box to be raffled off.
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 Cutlery, a large and well assorted lot, at Godley's. Come and see the bargains he offers.
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Pile driving begins on Monday.
 The camps for the men here are in course of constructing and there is already quite a settlement here.
 The efforts of the engineers to find a crossing on the Escanaba above the mill dam is likely to be successful. A practicable line has been run at a point which takes the Sault road under the Northwestern at the big fill south of Carpenter's cut.
 Mr. W. D. Rumsey is buying ties for the Coolidge Fuel and Supply Co. The quantity of ties required on the road is about as follows: from Rhineland to Minnewasca, 360,000; from Minnewasca to the Sault, 420,000. Besides these several hundred thousand will be used between Turtle Lake and Minneapolis. A large number of the ties has already been contracted for.
 Minneapolis Journal, Feb. 7: "Gen. W. D. Washburn returned from the East this morning where he has been for some time in the interests of the "Soo" bridge. In conversation about his journey and its results, he said: "The bridge matter is practically settled. The commerce committee was not willing that two bridges should be built at that point, and for that matter I was not, either. A Detroit company already had a charter granted in 1882, but we have arranged now so that everything is satisfactory to all parties. We have made an arrangement by which the "Soo," the Canadian Pacific and the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic are to build the bridge together, and when the Grand Trunk gets its line to the Sault it is to be taken into the company. The Soo and the South Shore each own a quarter at the start, and the Canadian Pacific a half; but it will divide with the Grand Trunk, so that finally all will own equal shares. This agreement has been made with the Detroit, Mackinac & Marquette as a party and is satisfactory to them. We wired Mr. Van Horn from New York several days ago to get out the material and go to work at once. It will be a steel structure and will cost \$560,000."

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Delta—First publication Feb. 12, 1887.
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 County of Delta,
 Notice is hereby given, that by an order of the Probate court for the county of Delta, made on the 7th day of February, A. D. 1887, six months from that date were allowed for creditors to present their claims against the estate of Rose M. Brotherton, late of said county, deceased, and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said Probate court, at the Probate office, in the city of Escanaba, for examination and allowance, on or before the 1st day of August next, and that such claims will be heard before said court on Monday the 4th day of April and on Monday the 5th day of September next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of each of those days.
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 45 **EMIL GLASER,** Judge of Probate.

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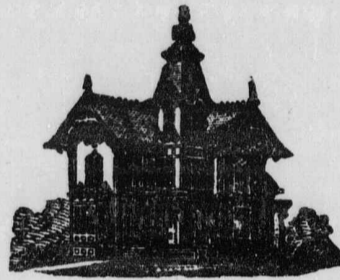
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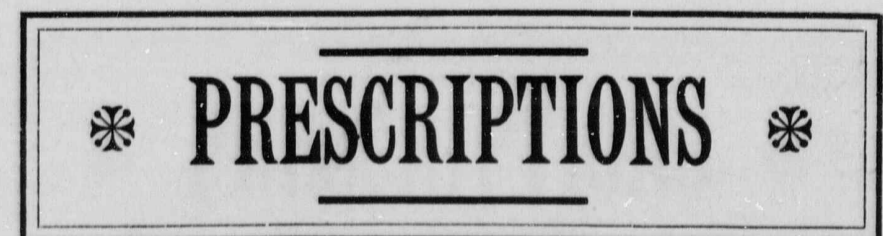
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WELLS.

Peter Semer and Peter Seigal of Escanaba were in town Sunday.
George Pease was in from the N. L. Co.'s camp Sunday and spent the day with his family.
Mrs. Peter Neiber of Flat Rock, became the mother of twins on Monday, Feb. 7. Mother and children doing well.
Monday Feb. 7 was the coldest days of the season, the weather instrument registered 33 degrees below zero in the morning.
Xavier Sherbineau passed through town last week with a lot of fine looking sheep; they were taken to Joe Lemay's farm near Bark River.
Work on the N. L. Co.'s new mill is being pushed rapidly. Part of the frame is up, and the building begins to look something like a mill. It will be one of the finest mills on these shores.
A party of young folks enjoyed a sleigh-ride out in the country one day last week. They had a jolly good time, and now that the roads are fine, we expect that this mode of enjoyment will be more largely indulged in.
Charles Duranceau has purchased of his brother Peter his hotel property at his place. Our friends when they drive out in the country would do well to give Charley a call. They will ever find him ready to cater to their wants.
The rain of Monday night had the effect to settle the snow in the woods hereabouts, so that the snow is only about 10 inches deep. But there is plenty of snow for all business and everybody is happy.
Report of school Dist. No. 4: No. of pupils enrolled during the month, 28; average daily attendance, 24; average daily absence, 4; pupils enrolled on the Roll of Honor, Josie Lavigne and Mary Dausey; highest average scholarship Josie Lavigne.

NELLIE LYMAN, Teacher.

NAHMA.

Ramsy has 2,000,000 feet on the ice. Supt. McGee went to Oconto last week. Mrs. Walter Stratton is visiting at Garden.
Tom Millea was down from camp Sunday.
Workmen will soon begin fitting up the mill.
Jas. McGee and Ed. Goldberg went to Garden Monday.
The thaw and rain of Monday made the roads very heavy.
Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas St. Peter, a son, January 24.
Jo. Lando has been banking logs this week for the boom.
Dr. McMahan made his regular round of the camps last week.
John Larson, the coxey cook at Ramsey's spent Sunday in the village.
Millea is cutting a new road to the river where he will make a new landing.
The Bay de Noquette Co. will have about 7,000,000 feet ready for the drivers.
Isidore, the cook at Millea's camp, has returned from a visit to his aged mother at Oconto.
Mr. Conant, the photographer, passed through town on his way home from Day's River Monday.
Billy Cunningham brought a yoke of steers down from Mallman's Saturday, and reports the roads A. No. 1.
Invitations have been received here to a social hop given under the auspices of the Favette Cornet Band, Friday evening.
Nat Ingraham of the upper camp has 1,200,000 feet of pine in the river, and a correspondingly large amount skidded.
Several of the boys have been enjoying the pleasures of metropolitan life as exhibited in Escanaba by special invitation of Judge Grant.
Mallman has moved Sandy Hamilton's camp two miles further up the river. The crew consists of twenty men and they expect to get out 50,000 ties before spring.
The veteran hunter and trapper of this section, known as "old Reed," left last week for Kansas, where he will make his future home with his brother. A purse was made up at the various camps amounting to eighty dollars and presented to the old man as a mark of the donors' esteem.
The name of Frank Manson, one of the survivors of the Jeannette arctic expedition, has been placed on the roll at the Chicago pension agency for thirty dollars a month. Manson's home is in Manistique, and he has a number of friends in Nahma.
A rather peculiar accident occurred at Ingraham's camp recently. A horse whose disagreeable traits of character has long since procured him the title of "Balky Jack" in one of his customary playful moods, bit off four inches of his own tongue.

The Verdict Unanimous.
W. D. Sult, druggist, Bippus, Ind., testifies: "I can recommend Electric Bitters as the very best remedy. Every bottle sold has given relief in every case. One man took six bottles, and was cured of rheumatism of 10 years' standing." Abraham Hare, druggist, Belleville, Ohio, affirms: "The best selling medicine I have ever handled in my 30 years' experience, is Electric Bitters." Thousands of others have added their testimony, so that the verdict is unanimous that Electric Bitters do cure all diseases of the liver, kidneys or blood. Only a half dollar a bottle at Geo. Preston's drug store.

FOSTER CITY.

Mr. Brotherton went south Saturday. J. E. Sullivan went to Escanaba Monday.
Ulrich Stanton's little daughter Mamie is quite sick.
A. J. Foster returned from Cleveland last Wednesday.
A. M. Sutherland passed through our village Thursday.
The tie mill one day last week cut 804 ties in eight hours.
Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson and Mr. Lillie went south Saturday.
The cut of the shingle mill is on an average 20,000 per day.
The Harman Lumber Co. is taking an inventory of stock on hand.
A. L. Foster went south Saturday on business for the A. M. H. L. Co.
Mr. Lillie of Kankakee Ills. of the Metropolitan Lumber Co., is in Metropolitan.
Mr. Northup of Escanaba was in our village last Wednesday looking after insurance.
A. L. Foster was up to the lumber woods last Friday and reports everything in excellent order.
There are five saloons in Metropolitan and it is rumored that two more will start in the spring.
John Nelligan again went to the woods Monday to relieve Mr. Flannigan who has gone to Escanaba.
Miss Jennie Hunting who has been visiting in Escanaba for the past two weeks returned home last Tuesday.
Mose Jerome had his finger nipped last Tuesday on the shingle saw. Mose says he didn't know the saw was there.
Our old friend Barney McLaughlin of Metropolitan has gone on a trip to the Gogebic Range to visit old friends.
Wolves are as thick as hair on a dog up this way; we think that this would be an excellent country for the E. S. A. to try their luck.
Miss McKenna of Quinnesec is in Metropolitan and will take charge of the new school near the Metropolitan Lumber Co.'s Mill. There are now about 16 pupils.
J. E. Sullivan of Fond du Lac was in our village last Saturday and left on the 2:30 train for Metropolitan with John Nelligan to visit the camps of Nelligan & Flannigan.
Work is being pushed forward as rapidly as possible on the Milwaukee & Northern railway (says a Ford River lumberman) and they will have trains running into Republic before fall.
The Harman Lumber Co., will saw this season between ten and twelve million feet of logs; the scaler says that no better logs ever were banked on the Sturgeon and that the logs are running from 1 to 1½ to the thousand.
The Harman Lumber Co. are changing some of their machinery in the big saw mill under the management of the popular mill-wright D. S. Kysar when any of the boys see this they are sure then that spring is not far off.
The Harman Lumber Co. has changed the time of going to work; in the future will begin at 9:30 a. m. instead of 6 a. m. and quit at 6:30 instead of 6 p. m. This is done in order to have more light in the morning for the mill crew especially.
Watson Aldrich who has been under the weather for the past two months is now on the gain and doing finely; doctor told Wat to let up on smoking so much Lime Kiln Club; he took the doctor's advice and now don't smoke at all; tobacco has come down. Thanks, W. A.
A man by the name of Frazer employed by the Ford River Lumber Co., passed through our village Saturday going to Marinette hospital he was hurt so badly that his recovery is doubtful, a log, it is said, having rolled over him. No further particulars were learned.
John Doyle employed by C. T. Pendleton & Son was quite badly injured last Thursday; the stay chain broke striking him so that it broke his leg and injuring him otherwise. Ira Pendleton took him across to Norway by team where they will go by train from there to Marinette, his home.
We have a toboggan slide now, but up to this time it is pretty rough but we think if we could hold Henry Oliver here for about two days the slide would be in good condition (to kill people); the last ride he had we had just time to see him at the foot of the hill sliding on his vest pocket and smoking a corn cob pipe. Come again, Henry.
The Metropolitan Iron Co., at Metropolitan will commence some time this week another shaft near the pit where they are now working which will be a great benefit to the miners as they claim that the air is bad in the bottom of the pit where they are now at work so that the shaft which is soon to be sunk will answer for two good purposes, supplying pure air to the miners and in taking out ore.
L. W. Flannigan of Nelligan & Flannigan was hurt last Friday afternoon. It seems that in some way while helping to load logs on the sleigh his canthook was jerked from his hands and at the same time threw him to the ground in such a way that the cant hook pierced his face

breaking off one of his teeth; last accounts he was doing well and will go to Escanaba Monday for treatment.
There are five lumber companies on the west branch of the Sturgeon putting in logs and three companies on the east branch; the coming driving season will see more logs on the Sturgeon river going in to Menominee than was ever known of before. Some of the timber on the west branch will be that which was scorched somewhat by forest fire last fall; the timber it is claimed is not harmed in the least and that the lumber will be just as clear as that of any other pine.

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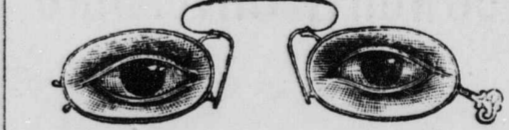
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AT THE OLD HOMESTEAD,
Dec. 26, 1886.

MY DEAR SON: Your first letter written since you started your paper at Bolony was received yesterday. I do not know why you call it the Retina. Still, the Bolony Retina sounds kind of fulsome and didactic.

I like the tone of your editorial piece on the inside of your paper which is entitled Salutory. I like it where it goes on to say as follows:

"We shall strive in season and out of season to advocate the resources and liabilities of New Bolony as a healthy resort and county seat. Our voice will ever be heard in clarion tones, putting its shoulder to the wheel of progress and tramping on oppression with both feet.

"It is true that the editor of this paper has just emerged from college and is still young, but he has had some experience in writing for a college paper, and he knows what the needs and wants of the people are. He is aware that the class of readers who will peruse the Retina will not be so refined or cultivated, perhaps, as his college readers were, but he will try to make himself understood, and we think we will be successful.

"We shall constantly improve the Retina as growing business and patronage may warrant, so that in a few years our readers will look back on this first copy with ill-concealed mirth. We are already figuring on a dark-blue job press and a rubber door mat for the office, bearing the legend, 'Welcome' in large, Gothic extended letters.

"We shall espouse the cause of no party or faction for the present, preferring to remain neutral for the time being, hopping on to the erroneous, ever and anon, however, as circumstances may arise, which will seem to call on us for a word of reproof, admonition or encouragement. We shall not make any boasts or fill the air with bombast at this time, but when hydra-headed wrong emerges from its hole the casual observer will see us knock 17 distinct varieties of tar out of said hydra-headed wrong, and those who carefully observe our course while conducting the Retina will notice that there are no flies on it.

"We have quite a number of our best essays and orations prepared while we were attending school and college, which will appear from time to time in these columns. They are carefully and exhaustively written, and entirely cover the ground. Among these we may name the following titles:

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- "Demosthenes as an Off-Handed Speaker.
- "How to Reclaim Giddy Parents—Where is Your Parent To-night?
- "Criticisms on the Present Imperfect Plan of Salvation.
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