

HANCOCK

FIRE LOSS OVER \$28,000 IN HANCOCK DURING 1909

Number of Calls by Department Was About Thirty-six, and Included Church and Several Dwellings—One Fatal Fire.

The aggregate amount of fire damage to property in Hancock for the year 1909 was in the vicinity of \$28,000, the estimated damage running somewhat over that amount.

There was also during the year an alarm sent in which called the department to the York store, where some escaping steam from the boiler led to a supposition that the place was on fire.

- Jan. 4, Stringer block, Quincy street, loss about \$50
Jan. 8, Dr. Steinbach's house, Reservation street, 6,000
Jan. 9, Wern's house, Water St., 25
Jan. 12, Wibben's house, West Hancock, 200
Jan. 29, Mrs. M. Scott's house, Summit street, 500
Feb. 5, Charles Taper's house, 800
Feb. 5, Charles Taper's house, Second alarm, 1,000
Feb. 14, Kivilie's house, 900
Feb. 27, Italian Butcher shop, near car barn, 200
Mar. 14, Finnish Lutheran church, 7,000
Mar. 23, Pellow's house, 200
Apr. 26, Finnish bath house, Summit, 10
Apr. 29, M. Quayles' building, Franklin street, small loss
May 18, Mrs. Ryan's house and barn, 800
May 21, Mineral Range caboose, loss 5,000
May 27, Mack's on hillside, West Hancock, 100
June 3, False alarm, Reservation, 100
June 24, County bridge, 125
July 1, Mrs. Hendrickson's, W. Hancock
July 4, Pile of ties, Mineral Range yards
July 19, C. Mette's house, Tozcuco street, 200
August 1, Shifven's house, 500
Aug. 1, Mineral Range "dog-house"
Aug. 11, Dionne house, Ripley, five lives, 4,000
Aug. 14, Pryor's sawmill, 100
Sept. 12, false alarm
Oct. 13, false alarm
Oct. 15, false alarm
Dec. 3, House, West Hancock, Corey & Fourth, 1,000
Dec. 4, McGrath's house, chimney, Franklin street
Dec. 18, Stehlin barn, no loss.

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There were twenty men enrolled in the department, some of whom have been in service for a long period. J. N. Mitchell, the present chief, and Paul Exley, assistant chief, are among the oldest members, having been in service almost since the department was started in 1871.

The city owns five fine horses, two of which, known as Jim and John, are the well known and famous team of blacks which are the pride of the department. Joseph McGrath is the chief of the drivers, and the other two are John Schneider and Ira Priet, each of whom thoroughly understands the handling of horses and is ready to turn out promptly on the receipt of an alarm coming either through the Game-well indicator system from any one of the seventeen fire alarm boxes placed at advantageous points throughout the city, or by telephone.

Andrew Petaja, the undertaker, is spending a few days visiting with friends at Otter Lake.

CHRISTMAS MORNING BATH.

Ripley Man Breaks Through Ice While Crossing the Lake. Erik Erickson, a resident of Ripley, started Christmas day by taking a cold plunge in the waters of Portage lake. Medical authorities affirm that a cold bath in the morning is beneficial for the health, but Erickson didn't take his plunge from hygienic motives. His bath was accidental. He was returning from Houghton to his home in Ripley at an early hour Christmas morning and took a short cut across the ice. He managed to get nearly across but when just a few feet from the shore near the old Franklin sands, a wide fissure in the ice, allowed Erickson to break through. He began to scream lustily, and James Tobin, a watchman at the Quincey smelter, heard the cries and hastened to the struggling man's assistance. Seeing help shouting Erickson gained hope and shouted the louder, "Trow me a plank," he cried in his imperfect English. "Trow me a plank mister, I'm rowning." Mr. Casey secured a plank, or as the man in the water called it, a "jank," and got Erickson ashore in a few minutes. This is the third instance in a few days of persons breaking through the ice, which, while apparently strong enough in spots to sustain the weight of pedestrians, has a number of weak places, making great caution necessary.

WEEK OF PRAYER.

Will Begin Next Monday Evening at Hancock Methodist Church. Rev. W. E. Marvin, pastor of the Hancock Methodist Episcopal church announces a week of prayer to begin on Monday evening next, in which he will be assisted by pastors of neighboring churches. The holding of these services is an annual event and generally takes place the second week in the new year.

Representative John O. Maxey of Baraga county, who was a Houghton visitor Christmas morning, stated to a representative of The News, that he would not be a candidate for reelection next fall, as his duties in Lansing take too much time away from his business. He said that he could not afford to neglect his affairs and that he has fully decided to retire when his term expires. Mr. Maxey is in the timber land business and also president of the Baraga county National bank.

FORGOT THE BABY.

Hancock Man Leaves Child in Express Office After Sending Package. A resident of Hancock was so excited over Christmas that he left his baby in an express office last week. He had been sending an express package to distant relatives, and while making out the bill he had placed the child, a three-year-old boy in the window. There was a big rush of patrons by the time he had been attended to. He immediately left the office and went across the street to the postoffice, going from there to various other stores. After completing his holiday purchases he returned home. "Where's the baby?" asked his wife. John was horror-stricken and dropping his bundles he hastened down town again, visited in turn each of the stores that he had been in. Finally he arrived at the Western Express office. The child had been sitting quietly in the window meanwhile, watching the passing throng and cooling with pleasure at the winter scene outside. The agents in the office had noticed the child and had thought it belonged to one of the women who had been in the office. "Have you seen my baby," demanded John, breathlessly. "I've lost my baby, and can't find him." The youngster in the window was pointed out to him, and he frantically seized his forgotten and he exclaimed, "Yes that's him," he exclaimed and added, "I won't ever again bring the kid when I go shopping for Christmas." Several muffs, purses and packages were left behind by other patrons, but this was the only instance of a baby being forgotten in the rush.

FIRST MORTGAGE LOANS.

In the large "ad" of the Northern Michigan Building and Loan association, which appeared in this paper on December 29, a typographical error occurred. In the statement of assets on the ad read, "first mortgage loans on the ad read, \$1,840,000.00, while it should have read \$1,840,000.00. This amount represents but 50 per cent of the market value of the property upon which the loans have been made.

LEAVES FOR GRAND RAPIDS.

Dr. P. Scholler left this morning for Grand Rapids to attend a meeting of the state board of optometrist examiners, of which he is president. The principal purpose of the meeting is the examination of registration, the law exemption from registration, the law exemption from providing such exemption to optometrists engaged in practicing their profession in Michigan for a period of two years prior to the law going into effect on Sept. 1 last.

HANCOCK AND HOUGHTON IN HOCKEY GAME TONIGHT

Team From This City Will Meet Old Time Rivals—Indoor Baseball and Wrestling Match Among Week's Sport Events.

A hockey match this evening between the Hancock and Houghton teams, opening the season of 1909-10 at the Amphidrome; two evenings of indoor baseball with four games scheduled between the teams of the Hancock Fraternal league at Germania hall, on Tuesday and Friday nights; and a wrestling match at Germania hall on Friday night between William Demetral of Chicago and Chris Person of Duluth, constitute an assortment of sporting events provided for the diversion of Portage Lake people during holiday week, that could hardly be surpassed. These, with the various musical and dramatic programs at Germania hall and the Kerroge theater afford entertainment for every evening of the present week.

Hockey Season Opens.

The opening of the hockey season at the Amphidrome this evening will attract a big crowd and much interest is manifested in the outcome of the initial contest. Hancock plays Houghton and a match between these old time rivals is sure to prove fast and exciting.

Linder will captain the team and Monette will again play at goal. Linder will be at point and Rompf or Waara will play at cover point. Boggan, Salminen, Stroud and Exley will play on the forward line, and with these stars, of last season fighting under Hancock's colors, prospects of local team again winning championship honors, are of the brightest. "Combie" Shields and Ernie Westcott, both of this city and both former hockey stars of the old-time Portage Lake champion team, will act as referee and judge of play respectively.

Indoor Baseball to Resume.

After a suspension of games for a week during the period of the holiday rush, the indoor baseball games of the Fraternal league will be resumed tomorrow evening, with games between the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Naval Reserves and the Knights of Columbus and the Light Infantry. The superiority of the Hibernians over the sailors has so often been manifested that a victory for the boys in green is almost a certainty, which would restore to them the first honors in the league standing, which they now share with the Elks. The match between the Knights of Columbus and the Houghton Light Infantry will be a good one, both teams being strong and fast and ranking among the leaders in the league standing.

The indoor baseball game tomorrow night between the Knights of Columbus and the Houghton Light Infantry will be played first instead of second as scheduled. The change is made on account of the probability that it will be a better and faster game than that between the A. O. H. and the Reserves. On Friday night the Elks and Eagles and the Hibernians and Foresters will meet.

Demetral vs. Person.

On Saturday night Wm. Demetral, the Chicago Greek and Chris Person, of Duluth, champion of Minnesota, will appear at the Germania hall in a wrestling match, of which Richard Callahan of Hancock is the promoter. Demetral was substituted for Charles Cutler, who is unable to be here. There will be good preliminaries and the bout will be a good one. Lehto still refuses to meet Person, who he claims is the man Peterson, whom he defeated some time ago. He says that if Person will wrestle Gronlund or Wilrtanen he will take him on if he succeeds in throwing his man. Lehto is training at Germania hall daily for his match with Rowett at Calumet and declines to make any dates for matches before that is pulled off. Besides planning for a match with Person, arrangements are also being made by backers of Gronlund for a match with Collins or Adamson, who figured in local wrestling events several years ago when he came here and met Beeman, whom he defeated. Interest in the wrestling game is now at a high point in the copper country and it is probable that a number of high class matches will be arranged during the winter and Lehto and the other local champions will have opportunity of showing their strength and skill against some well known outsiders.

TEST IS SATISFACTORY.

The demonstration of the new tungsten lights that are to be used for the illumination of Quincy street, which was made Saturday evening at the corner of Ryan and Quincy streets, was very satisfactory to the city officials and others present. The temporary lights were placed on wooden poles with brackets made for the occasion, which are to be replaced by iron poles and ornamental brackets. A force of men has been brought here and others are expected next week to begin the work of taking down the poles and wires and stringing the wires through the conduits placed in Quincy street last summer.

John C. Shields, Jr., Russell Shields, and Miss Elaine Shields arrived home yesterday and will spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Shields at Phoenix.

ST. PATRICK'S OBSERVANCE TO BE AT LAKE LINDEN

County Board of A. O. H. Meets and Decides Place of Celebration—Officers of Hancock Division Elected and Installed.

The celebration of St. Patrick's day on March 17 next by the Hibernian societies of Houghton county will take place at Lake Linden. This matter was decided at a meeting of the county board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians held yesterday afternoon at the Emery block. This meeting was the first held in the new quarters, which have just been remodeled for the purposes of the society, and the furniture of which was installed last week.

There were members present from Division No. 1 of Hancock, No. 2 of Calumet, No. 3 of Lake Linden, No. 4 of Dollar Bay and No. 5 of Laurium. The officers of the county board, which are elected every two years and who were present at yesterday's meeting were: President, T. J. Dunlon of Dollar Bay; secretary and treasurer, James Copeland of Hancock and chaplain, Rev. T. J. Atfield of Hancock. The county board is composed of all the officers of the various divisions and the installation of these was one of the features of the meeting. The newly elected officers of Hancock division No. 1 are: President, Daniel Crowley; vice president, W. E. Madigan; secy, T. J. O'Neill; treasurer, James Copeland; financial secretary, J. A. McGrath.

County President Thomas J. Dunlon of Dollar Bay was elected delegate to represent the Houghton county divisions of the order at the grand national convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians to be held at Portland, Ore., next July.

A banquet was served after the meeting at the Germania hall dining room and was in charge of the members of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the A. O. H.

The athletic association of the A. O. H. did not meet yesterday as planned owing to the pressure of other business. The adjourned meeting will take place next Sunday, Jan. 2, at which time officers will be elected for the year and a bowling team will probably be organized.

Knights of Kaleva. Sotkan lodge, Knights of Kaleva, of Hancock, held their annual election of officers last week, the following being chosen to direct the destinies of the society for the coming twelve months: Elder, William Niemela; Chairman, Victor Waisanen; Vice chairman, Edward Nissila; Recording secretary, Charles Bartenen; Financial secretary, John Olson; Treasurer, John Kukula.

Sergeant-at-arms, Ivor Kempainen; Prophet, Eppu Tolonen; Quartermaster, William Nikkila. On Thursday evening next there will be a big social session in which both the Knights and the Ladies of Kaleva will participate. It will take place at the Kauth hall and there will be an interesting program of singing, recitations, music and refreshments.

E. R. Stiles Post, G. A. R. The officers of the E. R. Stiles post, No. 174, Grand Army of the Republic, elected to serve for the ensuing year are as follows: Commander, Graham Pope; Senior V. C., H. B. Rogers; Junior V. C., John Ralph; Surgeon, Matt Mertis; Chaplain, Charles Beatty; Adjutant, A. J. Scott; Officer of the day, George J. Johnson.

Officer of the guard, John Bogan; Quartermaster, Arno Jaehning; Quartermaster sergeant, W. H. Mason. Sergeant major, Charles Smith; Representative, W. H. Mason. Alternate, A. J. Scott. A committee consisting of W. H. Mason, Arno Jaehning, and A. J. Scott was appointed to meet with representatives of the George Millar camp of the Spanish War Veterans to arrange for holding a joint ball, the proceeds to be applied to the memorial fund.

Peter Sullivan of Butte, Mont., is in Hancock spending the holidays with relatives and friends.

HANCOCK BREVITIES.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fitzgerald of Ripley, are visiting during the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Maney in Duluth.

Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Pomeroy of Virginia are spending the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Condon. Mrs. Condon is their daughter.

Elmer Brun, a Chicago traveling man, and Mrs. Edith White, a well known trained nurse of this city, were united in marriage on Thursday evening at the Congregational church parsonage. Rev. J. S. Gould officiating. The bride and groom were attended by Mr. and Mrs. George Wern. Mr. and Mrs. Brun will make their home in Hancock.

Arrangements are being made for holding watch night services at the North Star temperance hall, when there will be luncheon, song, speeches and other diversions including the popular Finnish pastime of telling fortunes by the forms assumed by melted lead poured into cold water. Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Wargelin are spending the holidays at Republic and at Ishpeming. C. B. Ulrich arrived home yesterday from a week's trip to Ironwood on business.



at the fire station last week. The chemical engine, is being fitted with runners at the Exley blacksmith shop and is expected to be ready by the end of the week.

Ira E. Wight and Jay Pearce of the local branch of the Stone-Ordean Wells company, left yesterday for the headquarters in Duluth to attend the annual round up and convention of representatives of the firm.

Mrs. Ed Henner of Chicago, a sister of J. N. Mitchell of this city, is visiting at the homes of copper country relatives.

The teamsters at the city hall were presented with boxes of cigars for Christmas by Chief J. N. Mitchell.

Charles Sunquist entertained a number of his young friends at a birthday party at his home on Summit street last evening.

Officer John Wright is off duty on account of illness and his place is being filled by James Sanders.

J. E. McAllister, proprietor of the former Metcalfe drug store, left Saturday afternoon for Ypsilanti. He will be gone about a week or ten days.

Miss Helen Theobald of the Grinnell Brothers' Music store, spent Christmas at the home of her sister, Mrs. Nick Stein at Baraga.

Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Kimmell and child spent Christmas at the home of Mrs. Kimmell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Menard at L'Anse.

Principal C. R. Cobb of the Hancock high school and his family are spending the holidays at Mr. Cobb's former home at Escanaba.

The city is contemplating the erection of a new fire station in west Hancock, which will doubtless be built during the coming summer. There have been laid during the past season many thousand feet of new water mains, and numerous new hydrants have been added. Important buildings have been equipped with fire escapes, regulations regarding building safeguards and chimney fire flues are being strictly enforced, and all that can be done to reduce fire losses is being done in Hancock.

Chief Mitchell, besides being chief of the fire department, also holds the office of fire warden. For each of these he receives sixty dollars a year, a remuneration absurdly inadequate for the duties involved, and there is some sentiment expressed that the city might well provide a larger salary, sufficient to enable a man to devote his entire time to the two offices.

OLD TOMB A DEATH TRAP

In All Five Persons Were Caught and Suffocated One After Another.

A certain native discovered the entrance of a tomb in the floor of his stable, says A. E. P. Weigall, in Putnam's, and at once proceeded to worm his way down the tunnel. This was the end of the man. His wife, finding that he had not returned for two hours or so later, went down the newly-found tunnel after him. That was the end of her, also. In turn, three other members of the family went down into the darkness; and that was the end of them. A native official was then called, and, lighting his way with a candle, penetrated down the winding passage. The air was so foul that he was soon obliged to retreat, but he stated that he was just able to see the unfortunate occupants, all of whom had been overcome by what he quaintly described as "the evil lighting and bad climate." Various attempts at the rescue of the bodies having failed, we gave orders that this tomb should be regarded as their sepulcher and that its mouth should be sealed up. According to the natives, there was evidently a vast hoard of wealth stored at the bottom of this tomb, and would-be robbers had met their death at the hands of the demon in charge of it, who had seized each man by the throat as he came down the tunnel and had strangled him.

A FAMOUS PICTURE MATCHED

Companion Piece of a Painting in the Frankfort Museum is in America.

One of the most widely-known collectors of old masters in this country recently has acquired from the Ehrlich galleries two canvases for his collection. These are "Portraits of Frau Urmiller and Daughter," by a Sushian master of about 1525, and a "Portrait of a Venetian Lady," by Bernardino Licinio (about 1540).

Especially interesting in connection with the example of early South German portraiture is the fact that it is the companion piece to a painting in the Frankfort museum, representing Herr Urmiller and son. Until four or five years ago the Frankfort work was always attributed to and admired as a Holbein. The latest criticism, however, has attributed the painting to some unknown but extraordinary master who painted in the neighborhood of Augsburg in the first half of the sixteenth century.

Licinio, whose work consists principally of portraits and family groups, worked during the greater part of his life in Venice and indicates the influence of Titian. Examples of his pictures are found in the principal galleries of Europe. The delicacy of outline, richness of color and purity of condition make the picture recently acquired from the Ehrlich galleries a notable example of Licinio's work.

In Accordance with Scripture. A Boer had sold to a mission Kaffir the carcass of an ox that had died from lung sickness. The missionary, remonstrated with him, and threatened to report him to the authorities. The Boer expressed his surprise at such language from a missionary, saying he had acted strictly according to Scriptural precept. The missionary said he would not say another word if the Boer could justify his act from the Bible. The Boer thereupon asked for a Bible and, referring to Deut. 14:21, read as follows:

"Ye shall not eat of anything that dieth of itself; thou shalt give it to the stranger that is within thy gates, that he may eat it; or thou mayest sell it into an alien."

News Want Ads, bring results.

TORCH LAKE NEWS

RESULTS ARE PLEASING. The merchants of the Torch lake towns are much pleased with the extent of the holiday trade. They assert that the business this month has been in excess of any previous Christmas season.

There will be little doing this week until New Year's eve when three dances are to be held, two in Lake Linden and one in Hubbell. In Lake Linden, the Kaiser Wilhelm boys, headed by Christ Stark, will hold forth at the opera house dance hall, and promise their friends the best dance ever held under the auspices of that organization. The same evening the German Aid society will give a dance in the city hall, while in Hubbell the French Naturalization club will hold its first annual dancing party.

HAS NEW OFFICES. Dr. A. F. Fischer, of Hubbell, is now located in the First National Bank building of that town. The doctor has three large office rooms on the second floor of that new structure and finds them much more suitable than his previous quarters. The front room of his suite will be used as a sitting room, while just to the rear will be his office and laboratory. In the other room an electrical apparatus has been

installed. The decorators have just completed the work of tinting the halls and rooms and they are now ready.

ICE IS DANGEROUS.

Marshal Warns Youngsters Against Skating on Ice. Marshal William Kline of Lake Linden, issues a warning to the young people of that village against skating on the thin ice which has formed on Torch Lake. Although the ice has formed but a few days, and is still very thin, a large number of the young people have courted the danger of drowning by skating, and Marshal Kline urges them to exercise more care. He calls the attention of parents to the fact that the ice is yet untried and asks them to assist in preventing accidents.

The skaters include grown men and women, as well as children, and it is asserted that the example provided for the little ones is not a good one to follow. Torch Lake has almost annually claimed some victims, but the skaters persist in indulging in this sport before the ice is safe. Marshal Kline pointed out the fact that in some places it is still less than an inch thick and very dangerous. He requests that the young people wait a few days longer before skating.

TORCH LAKE BREVITIES.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bloch, Jr., of Moline, are spending a couple of days this week visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Pascoe of Tamarack City.

Axel Douanahine of Milwaukee called on friends at Hubbell today. Miss Joseph Schuotalla and sister, Miss Annie, who have been attending school at Valparaiso, returned on Sunday after visiting local friends on Christmas. James Trethewey of Virginia, Minn., is spending the holidays visiting his parents in Hubbell.

Mr. and Mrs. John Eddy and son have gone to Hibbing, Minn., to spend a few days visiting relatives and friends.

Fred Trogmanning and Lawrence Harrold, both of Ironwood, have arrived in Hubbell to visit with their parents.

A stock company is to be organized soon in Lake Linden to engage in the tanning business.

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