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BRAINARD T. JUDKINS, a cultured Boston journalist, has accepted the editorship of the Portage Lake Mining Gazette.

PRESIDENT CHAMBERLAIN has our thanks for a complimentary ticket and a cordial invitation to attend the thirty-ninth annual fair of the Michigan State Agricultural Society, to be held at Jackson on September 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23.

A NEAT little pamphlet has been received at this office entitled, "Soo." The little work describes Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., as a manufacturing city, as a railroad and commercial center, as a great water way and as a health and summer resort. It is well gotten up. C. S. Osborn is the editor.

THAT Crystal Falls hotel keeper is likely to become a beautiful corpse if he does not quit visiting the servant girls' room at the Jenkins house at three o'clock in the morning, when he comes to this city. There is a well sharpened axe under the pillow now.—Menominee Range.

The above is one of editor Tuten's peculiarities. If a hotel keeper of this city is guilty of unbecoming conduct, why not give his name, so that we may know who he is, and not beat about the bush in that manner. There are several hotel keepers in Crystal Falls and the way in which Tuten tells of it, all of them are placed in a queer position. If the occurrence was worthy of mention, he should certainly have given the whole story and not cast suspicion on some of the best people in the town.

The London Ironmonger gives the somewhat startling statement, "from a German source," that the existence has just been discovered of a detestable microbe, which feeds upon iron with as much gluttony as the phylloxera upon the vine. Some time ago the greatest consternation existed among the engineers employed on the railroad at and near Hagen by the frequency of accidents occurring at a certain point, which seemed to prove that some serious defect must exist either in the material or construction of the rails. The German government ordered that strict inquiry be made, and a commission of surveillance be formed for the purpose of keeping close watch at the spot where the accidents had taken place. It was not, however, until six months had elapsed that the discovery was made. One of the trackmen had observed that the surface of the rails seemed to be corroded, as if by some acid, for a distance of about 280 feet. The rails were taken up and were found to be in a very bad condition, several of them breaking into three or four pieces when the men tried to lift them. When these rails were carefully examined, it was found that they were literally hollowed out by a thin, gray worm, to which the qualification of "Rilloverous" was assigned; by this name it will be known in natural history. This worm is from six to nine millimeters in diameter, and from twenty to twenty-five millimeters in length. It is of a light gray color, and has on its head two glands filled with a corrosive secretion, which it ejects at intervals of five or ten minutes, and which has the effect of making iron soft, spongy and of light red color. It is then devoured greedily by the insect, which seems to have an insatiable appetite. These worms, it is stated, destroyed no less than thirty-six kilograms of rails in a few days; how many of them it took to do this is not stated. Further careful investigations into the origins, habits, etc., of this terrible worm are to be made.—Cleveland Iron Trade Review.

DIAMOND DRILL CORES.

A brass band was organized here on Thursday evening. The officers are: Lou Clapp, manager; Capt. Thos. Bosanka, leader; Geo. Swartz, treasurer; C. M. Atkinson, secretary. An effort will be made to get all the instruments that are in town together and also to raise money to procure any instruments that may be lacking. The band will go into practice at once. This is an addition to the town that should be encouraged by every business man not only by words of praise but by a liberal contribution to give the boys a starter.

Look out for him, he will abscond; he is collecting all the money he can and after searching inquiries it has been learned in time to let all know that A. Linstead, of "The Fair," has selected a day of this week to make his departure to the eastern cities for the sole and only purpose of buying the remainder of his winter stock. He says it will be a Jumbo.

The committee appointed to see to securing suitable grounds for a cemetery,

made a report at the last meeting of the township board. The committee, Dr. H. C. Kimball and Supervisor Wm. Douset, recommended that a certain parcel of land lying east of the ball ground be secured for the purpose. The land is owned by the Kirby-Carpenter Co., and a committee was appointed to wait on them. The ground in question is a level piece and an attractive place could be made of it.

Little Annie Widstrand, aged nine years, was kicked in the face by a horse on Monday afternoon. The injuries received were quite serious. There should be a reform organ; many horses roam the streets and present there is nothing to be done. A village ordinance would be quite the correct thing, but, as we have no village, it must necessarily follow that there is no village ordinance.

The Mastodon Amateur Dramatic Association rendered the pleasing drama, "Among the Breakers" at the Mastodon opera house Tuesday evening. The parts were all well carried out and the audience was highly pleased with the efforts of the amateurs. The association contemplate a visit to our town. They will be well received.

Wm. Scaulon, who at one time conducted Uren's meat market here, returned on Monday. He has let the contract for a store building 26x60, two stories high, on the lot next to the Felch hotel.—Labor's Voice.

A six-month's old girl baby of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. James, died on Thursday and was buried at Florence yesterday. This is the second little one taken from this family within a year.

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