

Portage Lake News.

What May Have Been a Disastrous Con- flagration

Promptly Nipped in the Bud

Fire in the Strohle Block at Houghton, Extinguished With a Few Buckets of Water.

Yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock the fire alarm at Houghton was sounded, fire having been discovered in the Strohle building on Main street, occupied on the ground floor by Ed Haas & Co., clothiers, and the Carlton Hardware company. The second floor being used for office and dwelling rooms. The hall upstairs was noticed by occupants of the building to be full of smoke and on investigation found flames issuing from a closet at the back of the building. An alarm was turned in and it was but a few moments when a line of hose was stretched from the hydrant at Dillon's corner to the scene of the fire, but it was not found necessary to turn on the water, for a few buckets of water put the fire in the closet out, but not before it had worked its way between the partitions and there was considerable trouble in locating the remaining fire, but it was finally done and the fire put out with a few buckets of water. The fire is supposed to have started in the closet by someone lighting a match and throwing it on the flooring, thus starting the blaze. The damage to building will not be great and was fully covered by insurance. The members of the fire company are to be congratulated in getting their hose laid in such short time.

The clever hands of a woman will keep the house from becoming cheerless and stupid, if she has even half a chance. It does not take much money, but it does take some. This also depends upon your keeping posted as to where you can buy the best goods for the least money. It is our business to get them for you and we repeat the invitation for you to visit our store, if only to walk through and see the fine display of parlor suits, easy chairs, large upholstered rockers, divans, sofas, couches, lounges, mahogany parlor suits, early birch chairs, chamber suits, sideboards, extension tables, china closets, buffets, combination cases, book cases, ladies' desks and in fact, everything in the line of furniture to make the home comfortable and pleasant. One of the best things you can do is to buy your wife or sweetheart a nice piece of furniture for the parlor for Xmas gift.

J. N. MITCHELL,
Quincy Street, Hancock, Mich.

As soon as the ice is strong enough on Portage Lake to work on, operations will be started in building a new and larger dock near the Mineral Range depot at Hancock. The old dock will be enlarged and will extend out into the lake for a considerable distance, and when completed will be large enough to transact all the business of the road without crowding. At one end of the dock will be erected a large coal shed, in which will be stored all the winter supply of coal used on the three roads. Early in the spring the old Hancock depot will be torn down and a new one built near the hay sheds upon Hancock street, and the space occupied by the old depot will be used as a freight yard. These improvements will greatly facilitate the handling of the increasing business of the roads.

Another accident is reported from the Mineral Range yards. This time William Tarbox, a brakeman on a coal train, being the unfortunate. Tarbox was in the act of coupling some cars on Thursday evening and when the drawheads came together they slipped, catching the brakeman sideways and squaring his thighs severely. Tarbox was removed to his boarding house at Henry Norton's at West Hancock, where his injuries were attended to by Dr. Dodge, when it was found that he had sustained serious though not fatal injuries. Tarbox is suffering intense pain, and it is found necessary to keep him under the influence of opiates. It will be some time before Tarbox will be able to about.

Deputy Sheriff McNamara arrived home on Thursday evening train from Iron Mountain, having in charge Goldman and Mendelsohn, the two men arrested there as being implicated in the securing of Stark's goods, and they are now occupying cells in the county jail, awaiting the adjustment of Stark's affairs. A few more boxes of goods were received Thursday night from the Entry, which were inventoried yesterday morning. It is reported that enough goods have been recovered to fully pay the charges of the various lawyers, officers, etc., interested in the case.

Lincoln Bargano, assistant superintendent at the Tamarrack mills, expects to leave for Ann Arbor shortly, but not to attend the university, for he has already finished that institution. He will return to his native home, but not alone, for he will bring with him one of Ann Arbor's fairest daughters, in the person of Miss

Ladies ..

Allow Us To Say

A few words to you. We spend the greater portion of the year talking to the men folks, but from now until Christmas we want to talk to you and to have a personal visit from you. We therefore extend a

Special invitation to visit our store. A superb collection of rich and handsome merchandise, among which are many novelties, especially suited for holiday presents now ready for your inspection.

In addition to a Suit, Overcoat or Ulster, which are always acceptable, we append a short list of articles from which many presents suitable for gentlemen may be selected:

GLOVES, HANDKERCHIEFS, NECKWEAR, SUSPENDERS,
MUFFLERS, UMBRELLAS, HOSIERY,
DRESS SHIRTS, FUR LINED GLOVES.

W. A. WASHBURN CO.,

Hancock, Michigan.

Fine Furnishers.

Anna L. Reed, daughter of George Reed, a well known resident of that city. Mr. Bargano will be married next week and after a brief trip will take up his residence at South Lake Linden.

"Othello" and "The Merchant of Venice" are the titles of the plays to be presented by the William Owen dramatic company at the Armory Opera House on Monday and Tuesday evenings, December 20 and 21. In these two plays Mr. Owen is said to be especially fine and he is well supported by a strong company. It is seldom theatre-goers have an opportunity of witnessing such a presentation as the Owen company are giving, and it is hoped they will take advantage of it and turn out in large forces.

John W. Hagerty, the popular clothing salesman who has represented a Milwaukee house in this district for the past ten or twelve years, is on his way to the copper country. In the future Mr. Hagerty will work in the interest of Kuhn, Wawpold & Co., of Chicago, one of the largest clothing houses in the west. Mr. Hagerty enjoys a large trade in this district.

For fine wines, cordials and liquors for table use for the holidays call on Dan Pearce at "The Latest." He has the largest assortment of bottle goods ever shown in the copper country. When passing look in his display window. Orders by mail promptly attended to. Your patronage is solicited.

Mr. G. Rohrer, the jeweler of Hancock, will have the finest display of diamonds ready for inspection at his store next Saturday evening, and hopes that those who are thinking of presenting their fiancées or friends with a fine diamond will not purchase elsewhere until they see his exhibition.

The attendance at the Armory opera house last evening when "The Pirates of Penzance" was presented, was very good considering the inclemency of the weather. The performance is spoken of as being highly pleasing and each member of the cast played his or her part in a first class manner.

George H. Nichols has for the Christmas trade a line of books such as never seen in the county before. They are all the latest, most popular and at city prices. Do not send away, but buy of him and get better satisfaction and see what you are buying.

Remember the lecture by Captain Hans Anderson, the last survivor of the Monitor, in her eventual encounter with the Merrimack, will be given next Monday evening at the Germania hall. Admission adults, 25 cents, children, 15 cents.

Ticket Agent Finch has received orders to issue tickets to teachers wishing to spend the holidays at home at the rate of a fare and a third. These rates are good for points in Michigan and Wisconsin, and as far south as Chicago.

The "stock exchange" business. M. Sackrider has passed into the hands of R. J. Langberg & Co., a Chicago firm, the new firm claims to be a member of the board of trade at Chicago, but we will not vouch for this.

Mr. Dan Pearce, of "The Latest" wishes the attention of the public called to the fact that he has had in a large stock of case goods suitable for the holiday trade, or fine wines, cordials and liquors, etc., give him a call.

The noon train yesterday had quite a time making the grade going north. It got up as far as the hay sheds and then had to back up and get a better start.

Copper spoons and book marks make a very appropriate gift to send to a distant friend. Mayworm, the Hancock jeweler has a beautiful line of them.

What nicer present could a gentleman friend receive than a box of cigars? All brands at all kinds of prices at "The Latest."

Paul P. Boehm of Calumet, was a business visitor on Portage Lake yesterday.

Mr. Ernst Bollmann of Opechee, was on Portage Lake yesterday afternoon.

Venetian glass, the latest novelty at George H. Nichols.

Mr. Lewis Brown, of the Hancock Mercantile Co. is now going around with his right hand tied up. The other day while at work putting apples into his cellar he tried to stop a barrel that was being run down on a plank and when the barrel struck his hand his fingers were bent back touching the back of his hand. The injury is extremely painful and it will be some time before Mr. Brown will have the full use of the injured members.

Messrs. Michael Kemp and Ed Merz of Calumet, attended the regular meeting of the order of Elks Thursday evening and helped make it interesting for the two new candidates that were put through that evening. A movement is on foot to start a lodge of the order of Elks at Calumet and it is meeting with much encouragement.

A diamond inspector from New York will arrive at Hancock on Saturday and will display the finest selection of diamonds ever shown in the county at Rohrer's jewelry store on Saturday evening. Be sure you call and see them.

The large heating apparatus put in the Northwestern Hotel when Mr. Culvert took hold of the house is proving very satisfactory, and the proprietor states he has heat enough to warm the whole block if necessary.

Mrs. Youngs, under whose instruction the "Gilded Fool" was so ably presented by Houghton talent, left on yesterday's afternoon train for her home in the south.

A. J. Ruhl & Co., commission merchants, have sent out a very neat calendar to their customers in the copper country.

The condition of Mr. Michael J. Finnegan, who has been ill for some time past, is said to be somewhat worse this morning.

If you haven't seen George H. Nichols' line of novelties, do so at once, as you cannot fail to be pleased.

Mr. Roger Williams, an attorney of L'Anse, was at the county seat yesterday transacting business.

Mr. Henry Baer was a Calumet visitor yesterday on one of his occasional business trips.

Mr. John H. Mitchell was busy yesterday opening up furniture for the holiday trade.

China, hand painted and French, at George H. Nichols.

A Friendly Sound.

"For several years," said a commercial traveler to a Star reporter, "I had never been away from home overnight when I got my present position and was compelled to travel about a great deal. At first I found it extremely difficult to go to sleep nights. I stopped at the best hotels and usually had fine rooms and good beds, but there seemed to be something the matter. I couldn't tell exactly what, and I found it very hard to get a fair night's sleep."

"One day I mentioned the fact to a friend, who said, 'Get a clock.' I always have a clock in my room at home, and I am accustomed to the sound of its ticking. It is curious how silent and strange a room may seem without it. That was what I wanted, a clock; and I bought one. Now when I go to my room in a hotel usually the first thing I do is to put my clock on the mantelpiece or table. It ticks away bravely, a friendly and familiar sound, and I go to sleep without any trouble whatever."—Washington Star.

A Polite Thief.

An American lady lost her purse the other day. The next morning she received by mail several samples of silk, her card to a circulating library, a key, a memorandum of "dressmakers' addresses" and several other articles that had been in her purse. They were inclosed with a note, which read as follows:

"Dear madame, I return all of the contents of the purse which you lost yesterday with the exception of 35 francs, which I need more than you, and I hope you will pardon a poor devil for keeping the purse to carry it in."

The note was written in excellent French and with good penmanship, which indicated that the thief was an educated man.—Paris Letter in China Record.

Another Masterpiece.

"Have you seen Pegram's new painting?"

"No. What's the subject?"
"Dash on a High Grade Whisk!" a companion piece of "Dash on a Pale Horse."—Philadelphia North American.

HAVE YOU? HAVE YOU?

Have You Seen Our Dolls?

We Have Them In All Sizes And At All Prices, From One Cent Upward.

Headquarters FOR Christmas Presents

A Larger Stock Of Holiday Goods Has Never Before Been Shown To Portage Lake People Than Can Be Now Seen At Our Store. Our Stock Consists Of

Toys - Of - Every - Description

Suitable For Holiday Presents And The Prices Have Been Marked At The Lowest Possible Figure, Which Defy Competition. All Our Goods Are New. No Shelf Worn Goods.

BRING THE CHILDREN ALONG

And Let Them Look Over Our Grand Display Of Articles That Will Please Them. Our Clerks Are Always Ready To Show and Explain Goods.

Do You Need A Winter Wrap If you do, call and inspect our large assortment of jackets, Sarques, Capes, etc. All garments of the latest styles. We can save you money. Call and inspect goods.

LORENZO BREE,

QUINCY ST., HANCOCK,

GENERAL STORE

. HOLIDAY .

Announcement.

Rohrer the Jeweler has his large stock of Holiday Goods open and on display, and respectfully solicits your inspection of the same. The stock consists of

Watches, Clocks, Diamond Jewelry,

BRIC-A-BRACK, CUT GLASS AND FINE ART WARE.

Pianos And Musical Instruments.

Give us a call before purchasing elsewhere and be convinced that our stock is not only the largest, but the most elaborate in the Copper Country.

WE CAN SAVE YOU MONEY!

Calumet Readers: Visitors from Calumet and other towns will be received courteously. We are always pleased to show goods even if you don't purchase. Call and look over our holiday goods.

Quincy Street,
Hancock, Michigan.

G. Rohrer, Jeweler.

Cut Glass. To our already large stock of goods suitable for the holiday trade we have added a neat assortment of Cut Glass and Bohemian Glassware. Call and look them over. New designs.

ED WAARA,
Hancock, Michigan.

A New

Novelties. Our line of Novelties in sterling silver cannot be equalled by any dealer in the copper country, and our prices are the lowest. They are just the articles for holiday gifts. We are always pleased to show goods.

ED WAARA,
Hancock, Michigan.

CUT GLASS

Silverware. Our assortment is large and varied. We are sure we can please you both in designs and prices. We can save you money in this line of goods. Look our stock over before purchasing elsewhere.

ED WAARA,
Hancock, Michigan.

Departure

Jewelry. In this line we are in a position to undersell all other dealers. Our line of gold and silver watches, diamonds and other jewelry is handsome and of the latest styles. We solicit your patronage.

ED WAARA,
Hancock, Michigan.

DETROIT HOUSE

LAKE LINDEN MICHIGAN.
MRS. C. O. HORTON, PROPRIETRESS
Rates—\$1 Per Day.

Special rates for weekly and monthly boarders. First-class accommodations. The house has recently been refurbished and placed in good condition. A share of your patronage solicited.

The Tacoma Cafe..

OPEN DAY AND NIGHT.

The above restaurant is now open for business. All the delicacies of the season can be found on our bill of fare. We cater to the better class of trade. Your patronage respectfully solicited.

Cafe Near Hancock P. O.

J. F. HOCKING & CO.