

# Looking Back

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accepted the gift. Any man can do a big business in this city in almost any line, in the same way.

Henry Comstock wants the public to believe he is insane. Last Saturday he told a prisoner named Stone that he was to be examined by the doctors on Monday and didn't know how to act to play the insanity dodge. He finally decided that he would hang himself in his cell on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock and made arrangements with Stone to cut him down before he was too far gone. Stone told the jailer of the scheme early on Sunday morning and begged of him to keep away and let the boys have some fun, and he did so. About 10 o'clock the fun took place and all the prisoners (except Stone) were terribly frightened. Comstock had made a rope out of an old dress and hung himself to the side of his cage. A prisoner named Wheeler was the first to lend assistance. He held the suspended body up as well as he could and after Comstock became black in the face, Stone cut him down. We understand he was very much annoyed at Stone for letting him hang so long. Quite a scheme for an insane man to concoct.

## 125 YEARS AGO September 26, 1884 The St. Ignace News

Born. — In his city, Thursday, Sept. 26, to the wife of Wm. H. Hombach, a fine boy, 10-1/2 pounds. Congratulations, Will.

Last evening Marshall Ryerse run in "Billy" Smith for being drunk and disorderly on the streets.

Wm. Sullivan, of the Island, returned from a trip to Kansas City on Tuesday. While there he was introduced to the notorious Frank James.

Any person wishing to see a curiosity in the way of a "pure white" black bird, can do so by calling at Charley Londraville's. J. Vanderzee shot it on the bluff a few days ago.

At the Conference recently held at East Saginaw, Rev. G. C. Squire was transferred to the Marquette District and will be stationed at Negaunee. His place here will be filled by the Rev. O. Whitmore.

The steamer May is laid up for the season at Cheboygan. Engineer N. M. Bowen returned to the city this week, and after spending a few days hunting in the woods, will settle down and winter here.

Miss Rachael McCarl didn't go to the Soo this morning, because she missed the boat.

Capt. Ryerse's hole in the ground is now 350 feet deep. The drill is working in something as hard as flint and dry as a chip.

The schooner Fame ran into the railway lumber dock yesterday about noon and done considerable damage to the same. The boat was not damaged.

At Mackinac Island on Wednesday evening, Ned Cadotte struck a soldier across the forehead with a cordwood stick, and the injured man

still lies in an insensible condition. Cadotte was arrested, and as lynch law was threatened, he was brought to the jail here last evening, to await the result of the soldier's injuries.

A pole raising took place at Mayor Foley's residence yesterday. When the pole was placed in position, the top of it was ornamented with a 30-foot Cleveland and Hendricks flag. The third warders are never behind in election matters. The pole is 75 feet long.

By the News at the postoffice store. Only three cents a copy.

## 90 YEARS AGO September 25, 1919 The St. Ignace Enterprise

That portion of the Dixie highway between St. Ignace, the Snows and the Soo will be completed early next year so that the drive may be enjoyed by motorists throughout the season. With its completion, the matter of driving to the Soo will be but a matter of a couple of hours and it will be possible to live in St. Ignace and take one's meals at the Snows, if one desires, or vice versa.

Contractor Eugene Brown, who has the contract for the construction of the highway from the St. Ignace town hall to the Feltus cut, informs The Enterprise that the work is coming along fine and he is now covering 200 feet daily. This will be increased shortly to 300 feet a day as he expect to be able to increase his force at once. The loader has been installed and a yard and a half of gravel can be put on a wagon in two minutes. Mr. Brown expects to be able to continue the work the greater part of the winter, until February at least, and will finish up the sand road this year.

Contractors Fogelsonger and Madison have their work on the Meridian well under way, and this portion of the highway also will be completed early next season. They would have finished up this year had they been able to secure the necessary men.

The popular steamer Algoman plying between Mackinac Island and Mackinaw City made her last trip of the season Saturday, going into quar-

ters at Cheboygan Sunday. "It has been a good season with us," Manager Jas. F. Keightley informed The Enterprise, "equal to 1916, which was our banner year. We expect to have several more good seasons if the strike conditions are more settled and the country gets on a normal basis," he said.

A Swede came down from the woods, and entering a saloon, asked for a drink of good old squirrel whiskey. The bartender said: "We have no squirrel whiskey, but we have some good Old Crow." "Oh, Yudas Priest!" said the Swede. "I don't want to fly; I just want to hop around a little."

That Engineer Pulver and Fireman Mercer, driving the big mogal [Mogul] engine 711 ahead of No. 22 freight, arriving in the upper yards at 8:45 Sunday evening, were not crushed into shapeless pulp is one of the miracles talked about in South Shore railroad circles this week.

When the engine, which weighs 110 tons, struck the stub switch in front of the roundhouse she left the tracks and went over on her side, a freight car loaded with flour following suit and the next car with copper leaving the tracks. So quickly did the accident take place that neither the engineer or fireman had time to jump and went over with the engine. The miracle is that neither of them was injured.

The wreck so blocked the main line that it was necessary for the No. 2 passenger to go around by way of the turntable, necessitating a delay of a couple of hours. Passenger trains 1 and 9 also had to take the turntable route Tuesday morning. The accident was either caused by an open switch or a broken rail, the railroad officials being unable to assertion which owing to the track being so badly torn up and the rails twisted out of shape.

Wrecking Master John Bone and Crew arrived on the scene at 7 o'clock Tuesday morning and by 5 in the afternoon had the big engine on the tracks, the wreckage cleared away and the track in shape for the resumption of traffic. It was a quick and thorough job, such as Bone and

his crew have a reputation for doing.

Wm. McLeod, for the past several years in charge of the plumbing department of the Hoban hardware, has decided to branch out for himself and has arranged to open a shop at Les Cheneaux. Residents there will build him a shop, furnish a residence and promised him sufficient work to keep him busy. He expects to leave for the Snows the first of the month, but his family will remain here until spring. Eddie Tromblay will take over the plumbing department at Hoban's.

At a meeting of Grant Post, No. 62, American Legion, held at the city hall last Friday evening, permanent officers for the ensuring year were elected, as follows:

Post. Com. - Edward Tomblay.

Vice Post. Com. - Wallace Seward.

Post Adj. and Fin. Sec. - Aلسed Latondress.

Post Hist. - Earl Adams.

The Michigan Public Utilities Commission has established a schedule of rates and charges to apply to all exchanges of the Michigan State Telephone Company temporarily, until the Commission is able to fully investigate the property and services of the company and after such investigation to establish a more permanent rate.

The St. Ignace exchange is listed as "Group 2, Mg." the group designation being that for cities with population between 3,501 and 10,000, and the "Mg." meaning a magneto type of exchange, which is the more polite way of saying that subscribers

have to "crank" to raise central instead of merely lifting the hand phone from the hook and thereby automatically notifying central, as is possible in the more modern type of "common battery" exchanges.

For communities which fall in the "Group 2, Mg." class, the Public Utilities Commission has established the following temporary schedule of monthly rates, which because of the long-winded process attending any government investigation is likely to continue in effect for a considerable period:

Residence Service — one party line, \$1.50 four party, \$1.25. Business Service — One party, \$2.50; four party, \$2.00.

Extension sets (not over 600 feet) Business, \$1.00; residence, 50 cents.

The public domain commission has not as yet officially acted on the proposition to close Mackinac county for the hunting of deer for five years. The board of supervisors voted unanimously for a closed season at a recent hearing, and the order putting it into effect is expected soon.

From Mackinac Island:

During the severe electrical storm Saturday evening the steeple on St. Ann's church was struck by lightning. The steeple was badly damaged but fortunately the loss is covered by insurance. The church was struck by lightning nineteen years ago and damaged in almost the same way.

There were nearly a hundred disappointed people here [Mackinac Island] Saturday. They had pur-

chased D. & C. tickets for Detroit, but on the arrival of the Boat it was found there was accommodations left for but a small percentage of the number. The few at the head of the line were the only ones allowed to board the ship.

## 50 YEARS AGO The Republican-News and St. Ignace Enterprise September 24, 1959

Circuit Judge Edward H. Fenlon, who will face a docket of 32 cases when the September term of Mackinac county circuit court convenes here on Monday, also may seek to appoint a board of commissioners to hear damage issues in respect to condemnation of land in St. Ignace and neighboring townships for the inter-state by-pass highway.

By unanimous resolution Monday night, the city council renamed Front street at Graham's Pte. in honor of the late Charles J. Mulcrone, former mayor of St. Ignace.

The street will be known as Charles Mulcrone Boulevard. It runs parallel with the Straits waters south of the extension of Graham avenue.

Voters in Les Cheneaux school district on Monday defeated a proposition to raise three mills additional for school operating expenses.

The vote was close, 251 against, 235 in favor.

Three Mackinac county young men will leave here October 6 bound

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