

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

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Anthony Davis and son, of the Dunn Location, were working inside a root house when the structure collapsed and buried both under the load of dirt and timbers. The boy's head was above ground but his father was buried completely. Fortunately assistance was near and enough dirt was cleared to give the elder Davis a supply of air to breathe. Both were dug out quickly with the lucky pair suffering no ill effects from the experience.

Not to be outdone by the foot race held between contestants from Iron River and Crystal Falls, an ice cream eating contest was held matching Oscar Westenberg of Stambaugh who prides himself on his ability to consume more ice cream than anybody at the annual Iron County Fair and Christ Hanson of Crystal Falls. The two combatants faced off at LaChapelle's Restaurant (234 Superior) and how the cream did fly. Hanson attacked his dish with a voracity that would put a July 4th pie eating contest into the shade while Westenberg pitched into his dish with the same effort. They both ate until each had "consumed" eight dishes when they agreed to call it a tie.