

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

January 11, 1896

Charles Olin has announced the purchase of Thomas Gibson's mercantile business in Amasa. The new proprietors will conduct business under the name of Olin & Horder. Olin has a long history of business in the local area having for many years been associated with Sumner Hopkins in the Olin & Hopkins Dry Goods Store.

During December the Michigan State Board of Health had called attention to the fact that typhoid fever may be spreading to the local area arriving by railroad passenger cars from Duluth. An extreme outbreak of typhoid caused by drinking the Minnesota's City water contaminated by sewage had resulted in over 2,000 cases in the City. The Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railway Company fills the drinking water tanks on their passenger cars from the water mains in Duluth. The Railroad hauls many passengers to the Upper Peninsula but prompt action by Michigan Officials alerting passengers to not drink the contaminated water has resulted in only one case of the disease in Michigan. Action by the Railroad Company has assured the public that the hazard has been eliminated.