

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

August 31, 1923

Crystal Falls received a visit from Thomas Edison and Harvey Firestone. The fancy, Lincoln touring cars were on their way to Michigamme from Iron Mountain and got separated from the Henry Ford automobile tour near the Twin Falls area. The vehicles stopped at the Standard Service Station at the top of Superior Avenue and inquired of Henry Liberty who was on duty for directions to Michigamme. Graciously the driver introduced Liberty to Mr. Edison and Mr. Firestone seated in their respective cars. Before leaving town the group purchased a dozen sandwiches from Luck's Confectionery (232 Superior).

The hoisting of ore through the Balkan Mine shaft near Alpha has ceased. The ore remaining on the property will be handled through the Judson Mine shaft. The steel headframe of the Balkan will be taken down and re-erected at the Baltic mine in Gaastra with the machinery moved to other locations as needed.

What is probably the last large raft of white pine harvested in the Upper Peninsula was towed from Keweenaw point to Pequaming near L'Anse where in years past 25 to 30 million board feet of lumber was milled each season. An estimated 1.5 million board feet of timber was in raft.