Diamond Drill Out of the Past April 18, 1896

Ike Monroe and his crew of river drivers were encamped on the Fence River waiting for the spring break-up to commence driving the logs on that stream. Wednesday night while the Monroe crew was putting in their best licks at sleeping, they were awakened by the sounds of rushing water and arising from their bunks found themselves knee-deep in cold water. In the mad scramble that followed the crew managed to carry their belongings to higher ground and with great difficulty moved the excited horses from the stable to safety.

A tennis club was organized for the purpose of generally introducing that invigorating game in Crystal Falls. Excellent grounds for a court have been secured on Fifth Street.

The new Commercial House at Amasa will soon be opened for accommodation of the traveling public. The building has been completely renovated throughout with an addition of a feed stable. Mr. Albert Drake, the veteran hotel man, will be in charge. No further guarantee of competent management is necessary and will be a credit to the enterprising little town of Amasa.