

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

August 8, 1896

The long drought from which this section of the country has been suffering was broken Tuesday by one of the severest storms that has ever visited the local area. The elements seemed to have combined to strike terror to the hearts of timid men and weak-nerved ladies. The rain came down in torrents and the lightning was as frisky as an old maid on a bicycle and thunder made more noise than a gang of Indiana pot deer hunters with a lot of shot guns. Joe Poronto an employee at the Channing railroad depot was struck by a bolt of lightning while walking on the track and instantly killed. The severe wind knocked down and destroyed most of the corn planted in the vicinity.

The Iron County jail has had but three lodgers since January 1<sup>st</sup>. Two of the prisoners were in for disorderly conduct and one for violating the game laws.

Iron Mountain is a wicked town due to charges that two of the City's policemen were spending Sunday fishing instead of going to church.