

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

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Michigan State Attorney General Maynard has informed local authorities of his ruling which may revolutionize the method of treating vagrants and other persons serving sentences in county jails. His opinion states that under the statutes there is ample authority to require inmates to perform manual labor during the full term of their imprisonment. In the past many authorities have been lax in enforcing this law with the resulting guilty offenders seeing jail time as merely a haven for rest with plenty to eat especially during the harsh winter months.

The Upper Peninsula Hospital for the insane at Newberry, Michigan will be opened on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Any donated material to make the wall of the cottages attractive and cheerful would be appreciated by the management. In addition citizens are asked to send to the institution any papers, magazines or books that might contribute toward the entertainment and comfort of those unfortunates who have lost their sense of reason and are confined there.