

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

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Fred Velguth of Milwaukee who recently purchased over 1,600 acres of land on the east side of Chicagon Lake is developing a new town site to be named Freidrich's Ruhe. Work has been done with the construction of a boarding house for his crew which will total a hundred or more men by the end of the summer. Future plans include erection of a sawmill, wagon hub factory and distillery where local farmers can bring their barley and rye. The question arises as to whether a road from Iron River or Crystal Falls will be developed to serve the new settlement.

Owning to the continual decrease in the receipts of the Mastodon Post Office it was discontinued last Saturday.

Some local boys wanted gum and decided that they could manufacture some on their own. They gathered a quantity of pine pitch and put it on a kitchen range to boil. When it did boil it boiled in earnest and expanded all over the range instantly filling the room with flames and smoke. Luckily the woman of the house was able to put out the fire which was not an easy thing to do.