

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

November 6, 1897

Sunday night a couple of Amasa's citizens, who have managed to keep their identity well hidden, started out to create a little "excitement". That they succeeded in doing so is evidenced by the number of broken windows that now adorn the town. The fracas began when a fellow named Arvoid and a companion Benson threw the inside of Bloomquist's Saloon out through the front windows. Things quieted down until after midnight when the fireman and pumpman eating their meal at the Hemlock Mine were showered with stones entering through the window. The victims went outside to investigate and the shower of stones redoubled and that the better part of valor is discretion and started for their homes to get their guns. After chasing the rock throwers they returned to the engine house to discover that the vandals had stopped the pump which feeds water to the boiler and also demolished the remainder of the windows in the building. Leaving the mine the troublemakers returned to town where they demolished the glass front of the W.J. Horder Store and the vacant building next door.