

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

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The destruction of fish in the various local lakes is going on daily. Under-Sheriff Tromblay arrested a man who was found catching fish with nets from Chicagon Slough between Crystal Falls and Iron River. The violator had more than a barrel of recently captured fish in his possession and after pleading guilty was sentenced to thirty days in the Iron County Jail. There are several parties who peddle fish about the area weekly about which serious questions are raised as to the source of supply and the mode of obtaining it. Chicagon Lake is the scene for most of the violators but Fortune and Buck Lakes are also invaded.

A recent court case by a Justice of the Peace held that poker chips were the same as money and fined a man for playing cards for them. Thereupon the "criminal" offered to pay his fine with chips. The Court was in a quandary, but finally refused to accept the chips as payment and reversed the judgement and dismissed the case in disgust.