

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

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Eli Poutinen visited Amasa on Sunday and organized a branch of the Finnish Temperance Society which is so strong in the Upper Peninsula. The organization was founded in 1853 in Helsinki as a part of the Finnish Teetotalism movement to combat alcohol abuse by the public.

Rail service to Amasa is intermittent and in definite improvement. One may go north or south once a day at no given time as the train is usually one to four hours late. The passenger service consists of a single coach hitched onto the end of a log train of twenty or more cars.

Manager A.S. Hillhouse has announced the beginning of operations for the new Michigan Telephone Company. The Crystal Falls Telephone Exchange has a total of twenty five "instruments" subscribed for at a cost of \$12 per year. Miss Minnie Harbour is the central switchboard operator and provides a much superior service than the previous telephone service organized in 1892. The company has placed an advertisement for 5,000; 7" top; 25' cedar poles to complete a line to connect with Iron Mountain.