

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

February 8, 1896

The J.W. Watson Company gave two very clever performances in Crystal Falls under the auspices of the Modern Woodmen of America. The Japanese performers, Prince Ogowa and Frank Kamekiechi, were a whole show in themselves well worth the price of admission. Ogowa mystified the audience with some astounding feats of magic only surpassed by his mastery of top-spinning accomplishing seemingly impossible feats with the whirling cones. As a hand balancer and contortionist, Kamekichi probably has no superior in the country. His feat of supporting a man on his abdomen while touching the floor with his head, backward, demonstrated remarkable strength. Mr. Watson entertained with assembled crowd with a number of demonstrations of the sciences of mesmerism and hypnotism in addition to several vocal solos.

Fred Velguth of Milwaukee was in the local area attending to final details for the transfer of 1,673 acres of land purchased from Vernon Wakefield. The land lies on the east side of Chicagon Lake being equally divided between Mastodon and Stambaugh Townships. Velguth proposes to use the property for agricultural development and harvesting of the hardwood timber to be milled into lumber.