

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

August 13, 1898

The annual meeting of the Upper Peninsula Firemen's Association held at Houghton was one of the most successful ever witnessed. This is the first year that Crystal Falls' 14 member team has ever been represented in the race tournament. The local boys got their heads together early in the spring with training and were determined to make a good showing against teams that had been practicing for years. Our boys carried away the prize by winning the Coupler's Race and were given "no time" in two of the races when they were way ahead of their competitors but neglected to do some mandatory things required. Crystal Falls was also honored by the election of James E. Bower to the office of President for the Association. Bower, one of Crystal Falls' oldest and best citizens, stood sponsor to the organization and has been present at every meeting since the beginning and spent countless hours in making the association a success.