

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

April 25, 1896

The relocation of the Michigamme River at the Mansfield Mine site has begun with the hope of reopening the mine by the end of the year. On the night of September 28, 1893 the mine roof collapsed allowing the Michigamme River to flood the mine resulting in the deaths of 27 miners. A channel will be constructed to divert the course of the river to the east. The channel will be 2,300 feet in length being 95 feet wide on the top and 50 feet wide on the bottom. A dam and dike will be constructed 1,000 feet upstream from the current shaft and to prevent the stream from "backing up" into the workings another dam and dike will be constructed 1,000 feet downstream from the shaft. After the original contract was abandoned by the M.J. Peppard Company, Campbell, Dennis & Co. of Joliet, Illinois has been given the task of completing the project. Preparations for mining are now in progress with the erection of the boilers and hoisting plant in the brick engine house. The mining operations will be under the general supervision of Frank Scadden, assisted by E.J. Schager.