

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

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Locals gathered at "Bags" Wilson Barber Shop in the new Crystal Inn (400 Superior) "testifying" to their coldest weather experience. Meade LaPlante started the discussion by explaining how the back of his overcoat got singed. After drawing a glass of water from the kitchen I returned putting my back to wood stove. All of a sudden my coat caught on fire and attempted to douse the burning material with the glass of water I was holding in my hand but I'll be darned if the water had frozen tight in the glass I was holding. That was cold alright chirped "Bags" and began to relate an episode about a visit to Dave Mendelson's Store in Alpha. After a walk up from the train station my left ear became frozen solid and I stopped at Dave's store to thaw it out. I parked myself in front of his red hot stove and began the thawing process. After about five minutes I began to get feeling back in the ear but happened to look in the mirror only to discover my right ear had become frozen while standing there.