

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

May 29, 1897

A.W. Graves the renowned one-armed painter highly respected for his artwork throughout the Upper Peninsula has presented Michael Moriarty with a combination of painting and mechanical "Automaton". The work is enclosed in a show case, 24" long, 18" high and 12" deep, depicting a marine scene showing the steamer "Hudson" with miniature crew and passengers plying its way through painted waves on the river. The waves can be set in motion and the steamer seems to rock to and fro in addition to a small sail boat a short distance behind the steamer tossing about on the waves. In the background may be seen the shore featuring a lighthouse. A.W. Graves is a prisoner at the Marquette Branch Prison where he has been confined since being convicted of manslaughter for the 1893 killing of Crystal Falls saloon keeper Frank Scoblaske. Note: Property of the Harbour House Museum, the masterpiece is on display at Charlie's Emporium (308 Superior).

