

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

October 23, 1897

An unknown prankster set the clock ahead about two hours at the Lockwood Hotel (400 Superior). Railroad Boss Wallie Pierce arose at what he thought was 5:00AM and routed out of bed his switch crew to have breakfast. The entire crew failed to consult their own watches until after breakfast and found out they still had two hours before they had to report for work.

E.J. Bregger and Matt Posesky were coming down the hill on the east side of the Paint River Iron Bridge when the wagon tongue broke letting the wagon along with its occupants run down the bank and overturning into the river trapping the pair under the wagon. Fortunately the wagon had a high seat which prevented the men from being trapped under it and they were able to crawl out unharmed but thoroughly drenched. The incident brought back an old timer's memory of when Iron River did not have a jail and authorities used to confine prisoners under a heavily weighted overturned wagon in Andy Boyington's barn.