

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

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An "open air" school room for children was the proposition made by Dr. C.F. Larson, Crystal Falls Health Officer to Crystal Falls School Board. For justification Dr. Larson pointed to several cases among children where the child is on the verge of tuberculosis and if given proper care and treatment the disease may be averted. An open air room is designed to care for undernourished pupils as well as those with TB tendencies. In the open air room the pupils are fully dressed with open windows letting in fresh air freely. The students are permitted to study and go through the entire school while heavily clad in winter garments.

In connection with the 38<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Mr. Obrien's ownership of the Iron River Reporter Newspaper, which he purchased from the late E.P. Lott on December 7, 1887, comes to mind the historical fact that Mr. Lott started the Reporter in Crystal Falls. It was brought into existence in the early 1880's on the lot where the present Diamond Drill Building stands (229 Superior) and moved to Iron River in 1885 with the establishment of the Iron County seat in 1885.