

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

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The ongoing battle between the Metropolitan Lumber Company and Atkinson (nka Gibbs City) area homesteaders was ratcheted up a notch when a dam on the Paint River operated by the lumber company was blown up by dynamite on Sunday night. The dam was situated at the river siding where the company is loading logs onto railroad cars to be hauled to their sawmill at Atkinson. The damage done was not as great as first reported and only part of the structure was damaged and in short time operations resumed. The deed was undoubtedly the work of the homesteaders of the vicinity who have a grievance against the lumber company on account of the company's cutting of timber on the homesteaders land. In a related item Iron County deputies arrested a suspect Tuesday afternoon for shooting at the men employed by the Metropolitan Lumber Company on lands claimed by the homesteader.

The latest fad in the fashion world is to carry a purse made from the skin of a beloved friend or relative. The tanned skin is very finely grained and unusually soft and pliable.