

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

November 16, 1895

The Honorable John W. Stone, presiding in the 25th Judicial Circuit Court, has requested from the Iron County Board of Supervisors that the amount allowed him by the County be reduced from \$1,000 per year to \$600 per year. The action by Judge Stone is somewhat extraordinary and surely without a parallel but he is well aware of the sad condition of the County's treasury and undoubtedly feels like contributing all that he possibly can to alleviate the stress of poverty.

Things have become so desperate in parts of Michigan that on a recent journey down the rural roads no less than 20 horses were observed roving unattended. Several of the equine had tags around their necks which read "Take me and I am yours". Since farmers could not realize more than \$5 apiece for their workhorses and it would cost \$20 to winter them over, they had allowed the animals to become wanderers.

A local homesteader was shot by set gun and sustained injuries from which death may result. The weapon had been placed along a well-travelled deer trail.