

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

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P.S. Gratton has confirmed that the firm of Dunn & Gratton has been dissolved for far as any future business transactions are concerned. The sawmill on the Michigamme River, opened in 1895, which produced shingles will not be operated by the company in the future and will not harvest any timber this winter.

A number of railroad employees employed on the new spur of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company at the Mansfield Mine narrowly escaped serious injury, if not instant death recently. During the progress of the work of constructing the switch, it has been the practice of the company to carry the workmen to the mine in a boxcar from Crystal Falls. After reaching the mine a brakeman accidentally unhooked the boxcar at the top of a steep grade before setting the brakes. The boxcar sprinted down the track at a lively clip and its occupants soon discovered their predicament whereupon three men existed into the darkness only suffering slight injuries. The remainder who "held to the ship" were uninjured when the boxcar crashed upon a pile of rock just at the brink of the great yawning open pit.