

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

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The Iron County Board of Supervisors has unceremoniously lowered the salaries of County officials. Treasurer: \$1,800 per year to \$1,500; Prosecuting Attorney (\$1,200/\$850); Clerk (\$1,200/\$800); Probate Judge: (\$800/\$450); Judge (\$600/\$300); the Sheriff's salary remained unchanged at \$1,200 per year. The County officials are very much displeased with the action of the Board and the public in general believe that the compensation attached to the officials is still large enough and in keeping with that paid by other counties in the Upper Peninsula.

Fred Velguth has suspended operations at his "Freidrich's Ruhe" at Chicagon Lake. Velguth began construction of his planned grandiose new town site including a hardwood sawmill and distillery on over 1,600 acres of land on the east side of Chicagon Lake in March of this year. The boilers and a portion of the machinery for his sawmill are already in position. It is said stringency of the money market has compelled him to retrench. Future plans for the enterprise is unknown at this time.