

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

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Ice skating on the Paint River has been excellent this week and the young people of Crystal Falls have been taking advantage of it. However; a local youth was the victim of an unscheduled bath while skating on the river and found the waters of the Paint most disagreeable. Some of the boys are contemplating skating down the river to the Brule Falls and returning from Florence on the afternoon passenger train.

People wishing to see Crystal Falls in darkness can have their desire gratified when the electricity went out due to a burned out armature in the dynamo at the electric plant. A lively scramble for kerosene lights ensued with some of the "old timers" enjoying memories of the olden days before electricity. The Crystal Falls electric system was first turned on February 1, 1890.

Curfew now rings in Crystal Falls at 8:00 PM every night and all children under sixteen years of age are compelled to keep off the streets unless provided with reasonable excuses from their parents.