

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

December 26, 1896

The local merchants of Crystal Falls have taken the matter of forcing the limitless credit system which has been in vogue here for many years into reasonable bounds. The agreement reads: "We, the undersigned merchants of Crystal Falls, Michigan, who have heretofore furnished and are now furnishing supplies to the men employed in the different mines on credit, agree that we will not furnish such supplies hereafter unless payments are received by us for such supplies not later than twentieth day of each month, for the preceding month."

Ore shipments from the reopened Mansfield Mine have begun at the rate of 100 tons per day. The original Mansfield Mine was opened in 1890 and closed after the greatest mine disaster in the area happened on September 28, 1893 when the mine collapsed and was flooded by the Michigamme River resulting in 28 miners being killed. After the rerouting of the Michigamme River the new mine operations are by the open-cut method on a deposit recently discovered.