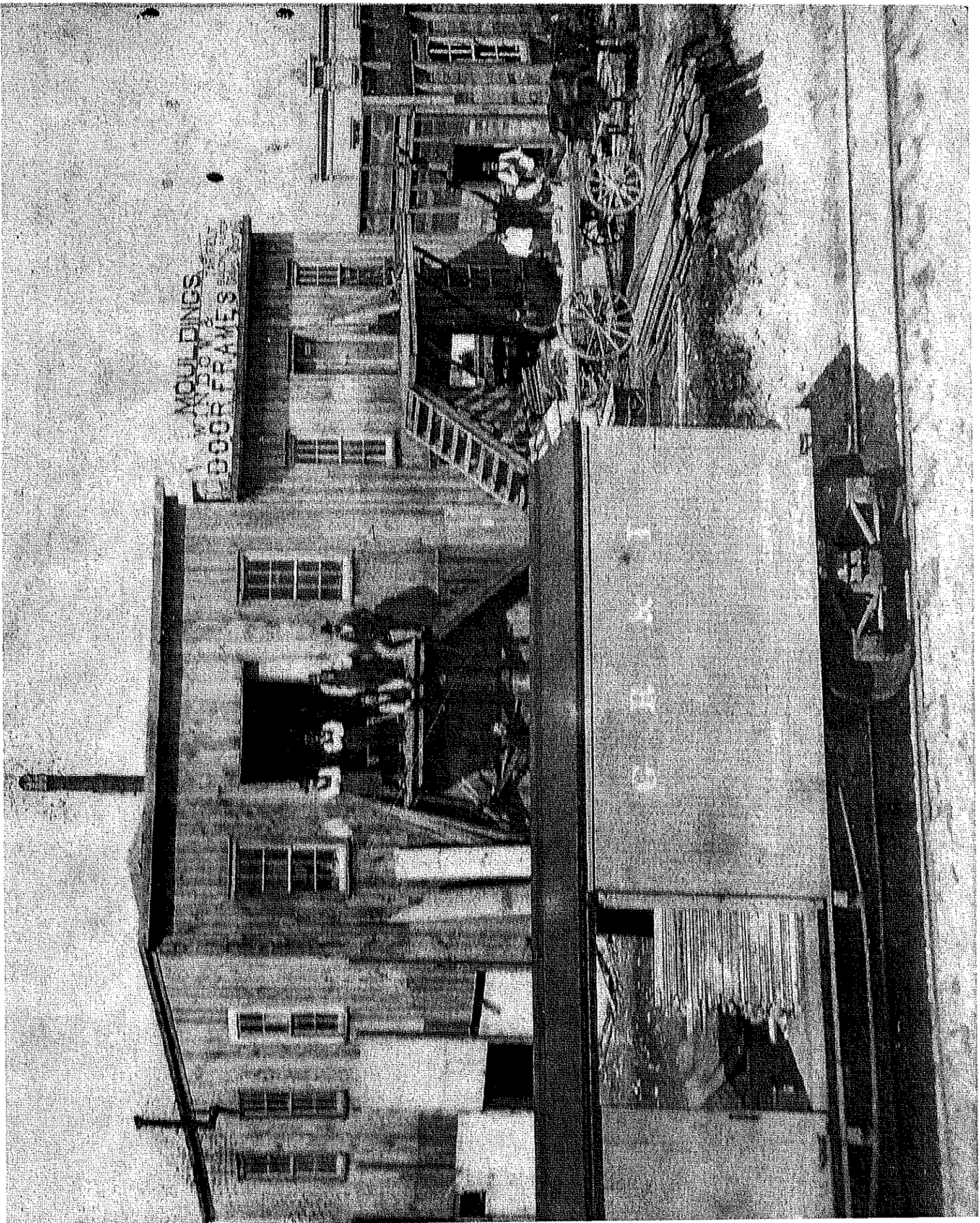
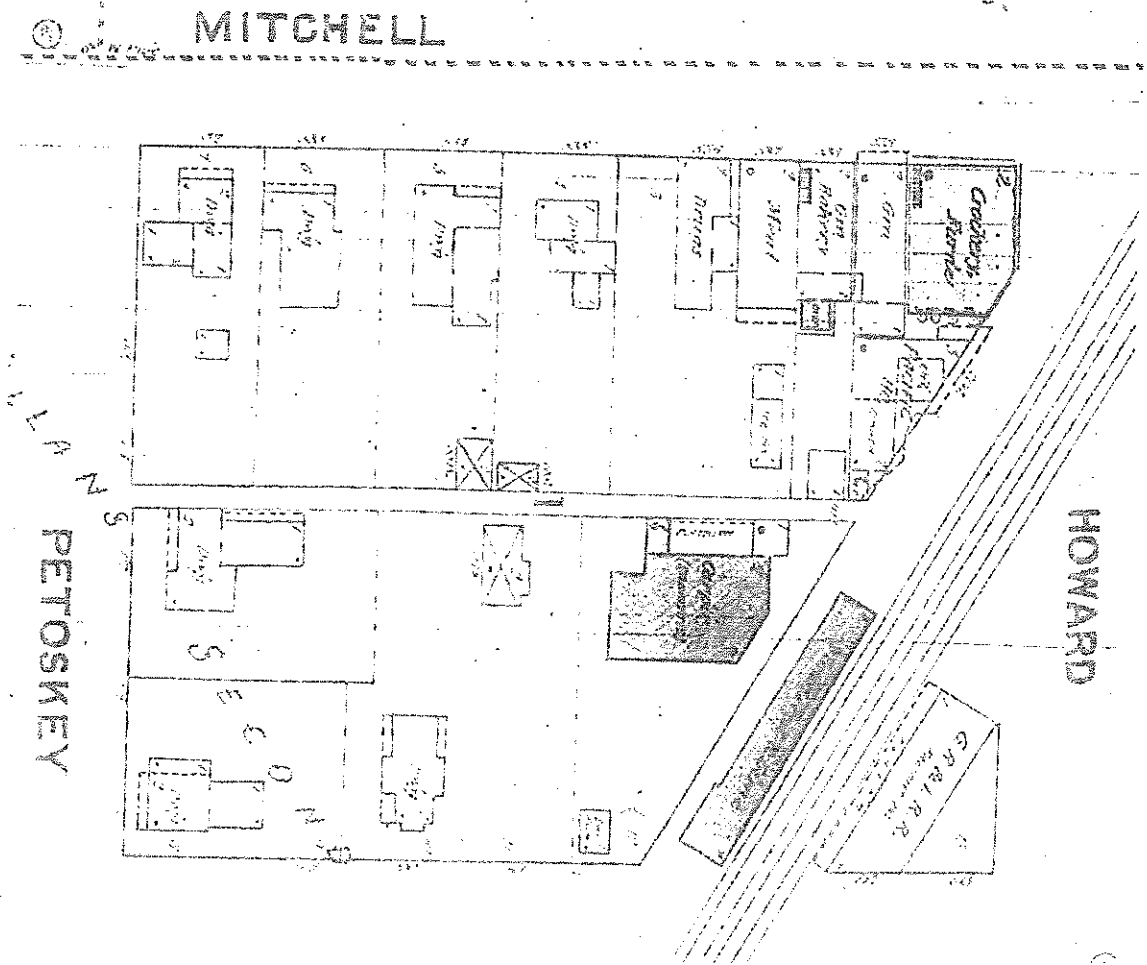
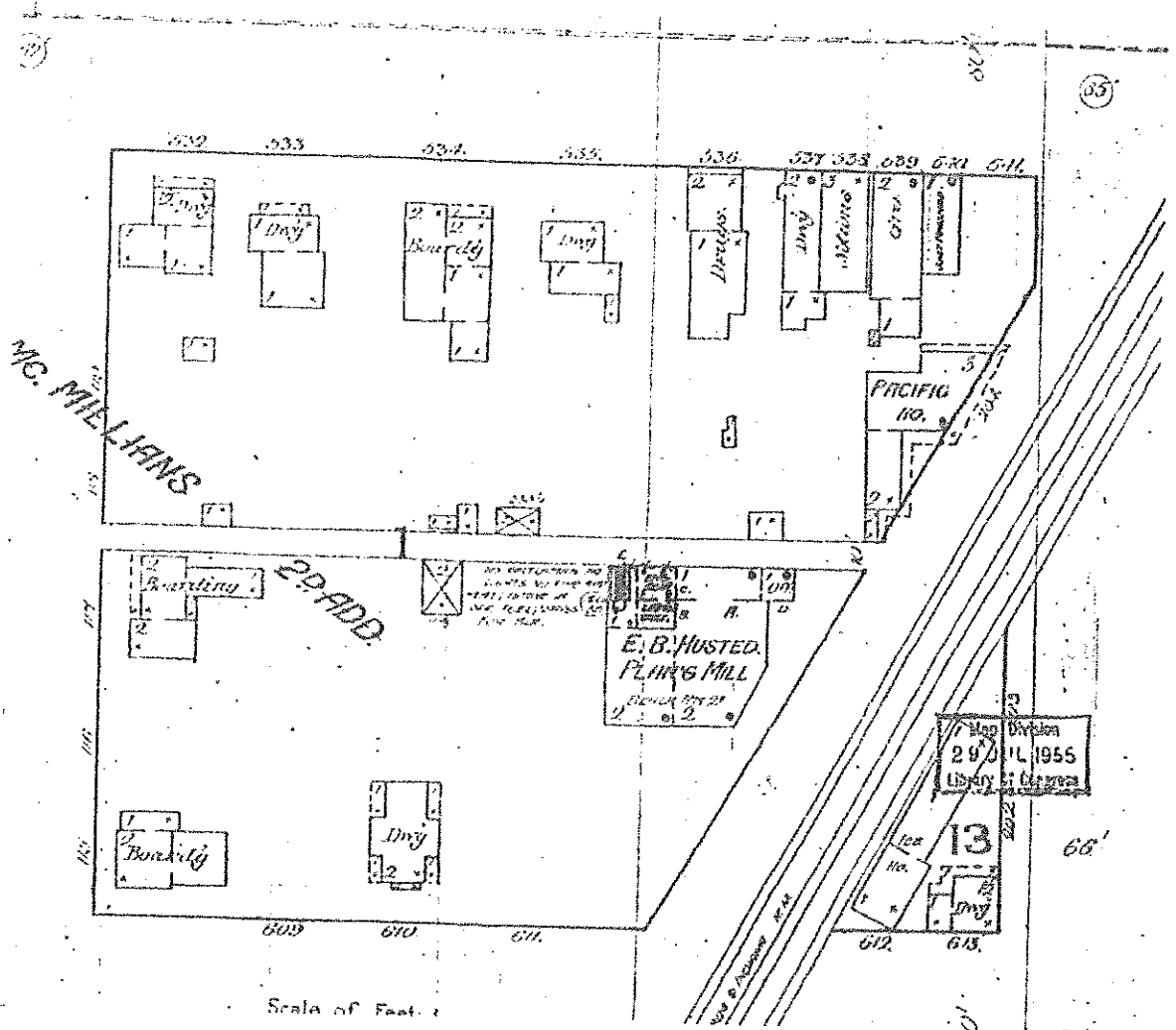


**ELMER B. HUSTED, MURDERED 1892**

**PETOSKEY, EMMET COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

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# ELMER B. HUSTED MILL

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E.B. Husted proprietor of the steam planing mill and turning works at Petoskey, is a native of Castile, Wyoming County, N.Y. In 1875 he located in Petoskey, having previously been a resident of Grand Rapids. He engaged in business as a contractor and builder. In 1875 he started a steam planing mill in connection with his other business, and afterward added a turning works. He has built up a large business and gives an employment to an average of 30 men. His family consists of a wife and one daughter.

1875.	E. B. HUSTED,	1880.
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DEALERS SUPPLIED AT MANUFACTURING PRICES. --Fine or Hardwood lumber taken in exchange for goods or work.--		
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# A DASTARDLY MURDER! ELMER B. HUSTED CLUBBED AND KICKED TO DEATH ON HIS OWN PREMISES.

It Was Done on Thursday Night

On last Thursday evening E. B. Husted, one of our best citizens, and a most inoffensive man, went out to his barn to bed down his horse, and on leaving the barn was assaulted and so brutally beaten that after lingering in great agony for two days, he died on Saturday evening at 6 p.m.

A gang of drunken roughs employed on the railroad contract of Breen and Hutler, have had their headquarters at the house of Joe Handwerker on Lake Street hill for some time past. Every few days kegs of beer and jugs of whiskey were carried up Lake St., and people living in the vicinity of the Handwerker ranch have been living in a state of terror for two months past. These fellows ran through and over the premises of Mr. Husted, entered his barn at will, tore down the stalls and partitions, and made themselves generally obnoxious. Their lawlessness ought to have been suppressed with a strong hand long ago, but it was not.

On Thursday evening, as stated, Mr. Husted went to the barn carrying a lantern. Three of the toughs, with a jug of whiskey and sack of eggs, saw the light on their way up to Handwerker's and went over the lot meeting Mr. Husted as he came out of the barn. What followed is only to be known by the confession of one of the gang, Sanders, and his stories are conflicting. At all events Husted was assaulted, and after having his skull fractured by a blow from a stick of wood, was stamped and kicked until his face bore little semblance to a human being. They left him for dead, but he revived enough to crawl on his hands and knees to the house, and a neighbor brought the news down town. Mr. Pratt and Nightwatch Gix went immediately to Joe Handwerker's house and arrested Alfred Brown, Charles Carlson and Ralph Sanders, the two former with the bloody evidences of the assault upon them.

On Saturday morning it being evident that Mr. Husted could not live, Mr. Pratt took Brown and Carlsen to the jail in Harbor Springs for safety, as public feeling was in a dangerous state. On Sunday Dr. Oven was charged by the authorities with the duty of conducting a post mortem examination, and was assisted by Dr. Calkins, Farnsworth and Obetz of Ann Arbor. His report as made under oath before the coroner's jury showed that death resulted from fracture of the bones in base of skull, and consequent rupture of brain tissues.

On Monday a coroner's jury consisting of W.L. Curtis, D.N. White, M.F. Quaintance, C.C. Hamill, A.M. Coburn and A. Pettis, after considering the evidence of Dr. Oven, Sheriff Pratt and Sanders, brought in a verdict of death caused by willful murder on the part of Alfred Brown and Charles Carlsen. Yesterday afternoon funeral services were held at the residence of Mr. Husted, conducted by Rev. Wiley K. Wright, and were largely attended. The

remains of the murdered man were taken south on last night's train for interment at the old home of the family in Albion. Mrs. Husted has been greatly prostrated by the shock, but now seems to be improving.

The Record sympathizes fully with the public feeling in connection with this matter. Yet it counsils patience, and hopes that justice may be administered by the regularly constituted machinery. It believes in lynch law, but only as the last resort of an outraged people. When courts and justice fail to protect the community then, and then only, are the people justified in extreme measures.

Some things however can and should be done. The resort of these toughs on the hill should be suppressed, and it should be made possible for a man or woman on Lake Street hill, to step across the street without feeling in terror of their lives or honor. If it cannot be done by red tape, it can be done in some other way. Another thing that might be done is for respectable citizens to be so prepared as to make an assault like that which ended in the death of Mr. Husted, much more dangerous to the toughs than the citizens.

The prosecuting attorney informs us that his charge against Brown and Carlsen will be murder, and that the examination will be held as soon as Mr. George, who has been retained as attorney for the prisoners, is able to appear.

On February 2, 1892, the above story appeared on page 5 of  
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# THE MURDER CASE

## A Jury Is At Last Secured

### THE TRIAL COMMENCED LATE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

#### The Court Room Packed With Interested Spectators

Circuit court convened Tuesday with Judge Pailthrop presiding. This term of court is one of the most interesting which has ever been held here on account of the important criminal cases to be tried.

The first case called was that of the people vs. Carl Carlson charged with the murder of E.B. Husted at Petoskey last January. It has been found necessary to try Carlson and Brown separately owing to the latter's mental condition.

It has been a most difficult matter to secure a jury for this case, nearly all Tuesday afternoon and until about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon being consumed for that purpose.

When the case commenced the court room was crowded with interested spectators, many ladies being present, and all anxious to get a glance of the prisoner who sat next to his attorney, seemingly unconscious of the curiosity he excited. He was perfectly composed and showed no signs of anxiety or emotion of any kind.

In stature Carlson is short and rather stoutly built. He has reddish hair and moustache and his complexion is light. He is very quiet in his manner. In fact he would create a favorable impression at first sight.

Dr. Oven of Petoskey was the first called upon the stand to give his testimony as to the nature of the blows and bruises found on Husted's person at the post mortem examination. As the doctor took the stand all whispers were immediately hushed and those in the rear of the room craned their necks to hear every word of his testimony.

Dr. Oven said that the principal injury inflicted upon Husted was a blow on the forehead slightly to the right and just over the right eye. This, in his opinion, he said caused a fracture at the base of the skull which in turn caused the inflammation of the membrane of the brain. The doctor was called upon to explain the transmission of force which caused the fracture at the base of the skull which is composed of thin, delicate ones while the frontal bone on which the blow was received remained unbroken owing to its being so much thicker and stronger.

At six o'clock last night court adjourned after an objection made by attorney George to one of the prosecuting attorney's questions. This morning Dr. Oven was again called on the stand to continue his testimony.

Dr. Oven also stated the number of other injuries which he found upon the head and body and their nature, none of which could have caused death. The doctor also stated that there was a hemorrhage of the ears and nasal passages which before Husted died led him to believe that the base of the skull was fractured.

Dr. Calkins was next called on the stand and gave his testimony. Beginning with the afternoon session Mr. Farnsworth was called upon and is giving his testimony as we go to press.

It is likely that the case will last for some time. Much interest is being taken in it and this afternoon the court room is more crowded than it has been since the trial began.

If, after Carlson's trial is over, Brown's condition is improved he, also will be tried but at the present time the physicians think it would not be advisable to attempt it as he would very likely lose his mental balance. He will very likely be held until the next term of court or tried at an adjourned term.

On April 7, 1892, the above article appeared in the "Artesian Well"  
A Harbor Springs newspaper.

## COURT PROCEEDINGS

After a long session circuit court adjourned Tuesday afternoon until tomorrow when a few more cases will be disposed of. The Husted murder case was the most important case on the calendar and all through the trial the court room was packed with interested spectators of both sexes. The case was given to the jury Saturday forenoon but a verdict was not rendered until twelve o'clock that night. The prisoner was found guilty of manslaughter and the judge passed sentence on him Tuesday afternoon giving him thirteen years in Marquette prison.

On April 14, 1892, the above article appeared in the "Artesian Well"  
A Harbor Springs newspaper.