

# The King Comes to Petoskey

King Bartell,  
Human X-Ray and Magnetic Healer  
Comes to Petoskey, 1900

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At the beginning of the Twentieth century, in addition to the established local doctors, many towns were visited for a few days or weeks by a variety of traveling doctors and healers. Some had degrees from legitimate medical schools but many assumed the title of "Doctor" or called themselves "healers".

One such character was King Bartell, "Human X-Ray and Magnetic Healer", the second of his kind to visit Petoskey in the spring of 1900. During the month of April local citizens had been treated by Albert Lester, "The Boy Wonder", who according to a local newspaper had "...made some very interesting demonstrations of his wonderful powers in this city..."

King Bartell had set up shop at the Occidental Hotel and went about making himself known in town. He managed to get enough free publicity in *The Independent Democrat* so that there appeared only one obvious paid advertisement during his three months in Petoskey. A small item in "Local News" on 13 April 1900 had announced that:

Olin Searle's many friends will be pleased to learn that he is apparently receiving considerable benefit from his treatment with King Bartell the human X-Ray and magnetic healer who is stopping at the Occidental.

On 20 April the front page of the *Democrat* carried an advertisement for Bartell's appearance at the Opera House on 23 and 24 April.

### KING BARTELL

#### **The Human X-Ray and Wonder of the Nineteenth Century is Permanently Located at the Occidental Hotel.**

This wonderful man has visited the capital of almost every kingdom and empire in the world in search of knowledge pertaining to occultism and the effect of animal electricity or magnetism on the human system, until at the present time he has no equal or peer on this or any other continent. Disease yields under his magnetic touch as readily as snow under the summer sun in a southern clime.

Parlor and rooms 1, 2, 3 and 4.  
Office hours 9:30 to 12; 1:30 to 5  
Consultation Free. Lady Attendant  
Telephones; Bell 133, Swaverly 98.

The following Friday, the *Democrat* reported on the two evenings of demonstrations following the regular program at the Opera House:

...special demonstrations were made by Bartell, treatment being given W. J. McCune and F. J. Belknap to restore their hearing, some apparent benefit being received at the time by simply touching the ears of the patient. They were told that nearly three weeks would be required to complete their cure.

The gold watch King Bartell promised to give to the member of the Catholic Dramatic Society doing the best acting and appearing the most natural in the representations of their parts in the play, as shown in a picture taken after the

entertainment, was presented by Father Columbian, in behalf of Bartell, to Miss Ella Friend, she being the one chosen by the judges as most entitled to receive the same.

In the same issue there appeared a report of a horse shoeing contest between a team from Cheboygan, which had won an earlier contest, and the Petoskey team of Wells and Pfeffer, who won the second match. Bartell used the occasion to announce that he would award an opal ring worth \$125 to the winners of a tie-breaking third contest. The paper commented that "...King's generous offer has certainly added spice to the event and it will be eagerly looked forward to."

During the following weeks almost every issue of the *Democrat* carried a laudatory news item or testimonial regarding Bartell's powers and healing touch. "Mrs. J. W. Cook, of this city, who has used crutches for two years as a result of an injury three years ago, April 18, 1897, is now greatly relieved. In fact, she walked home without the aid of her crutches after her first treatment." King was also reported to have cured Mrs. Keeps, Olin Searle and a Mr. Gillman.

An anonymous "Citizen" had this letter printed on the front page of the *Democrat*;

**Citizen Writes Regarding the Marvelous Work of King Bartell.**

Editor Democrat:

The good people of Petoskey and vicinity are fast waking up to the fact that at least one man in this community is capable of proving his faith by his works. Was it not said that "These signs shall follow them that believe. The blind see, the lame walk, the deaf hear, the sick find relief?" King Bartell is doing this work right here in our midst. Come to the Occidental hotel and investigate for yourself. The good work is going on continually and testimonials from leading and influential citizens are kept on file. Don't let skepticism or superstition keep you away from this man. He has been here in our city nearly three months and many are the cures that have been effected by the touch of his magnetic hands, Truly he does prove his faith by his works.

Mrs. Lindell, one of the most respected ladies of the city, is helping Mr. Bartell. And those who are his attendants are citizens whom we all know year in and year out; in fact no time in the history of Petoskey have we ever dared even to dream of the possibilities of witnessing daily at the hands of this wonderful man. King Bartell and his attendants are located at the Occidental hotel, Lake street, Petoskey.

Tell your friends and neighbors. Come yourself. Take advantage of the healing touch of this wonderful man and be well of your infirmity.

(signed) Citizen.

It appears that not everyone was as enamoured of King's "powers". There are no existing copies for 1900 of *The Petoskey Record*, the other newspaper of the time, but King had the following printed in *The Independent Democrat*;

**King Bartell Will Give \$100.00.**

Friends and neighbors: I observe an article in the Petoskey Record headed "Peculiar Freak of Nature." referring to me as being the "freak". I would like the gentleman who wrote that article to call at my rooms at the Occidental hotel and receive \$100 from me, providing I have the privilege of looking at him just five minutes. I have been around the world and spent thousands of dollars looking into the deep mysteries of nature and I cannot let this peculiarity go by at any price. (signed) King Bartell.

On 1 June it was reported that Mrs. Clara Bartell, who had been visiting her husband, had returned to her home in Waukesha, Wisconsin. Later that same week, the census takers in Petoskey and Waukesha enumerated the Bartells as follows:

433 Lake Street (The Occidental Hotel), Petoskey, Michigan.

Bartell, King, White, Male, born May 1840, age 60, married 2 years, born in Georgia, father born in Scotland, mother born in Georgia, occupation-magnetic healer.

308 Park Place, Waukesha, Wisconsin.

Bartell, Clara J., daughter, White, Female, born February 1855, age 45, married, born Wisconsin, father born in Scotland, mother born in Scotland, no occupation. (Clara was living with her widowed mother, Elizabeth, and her brother Chauncy)

Clara and her family can be documented in census records from 1850 through 1930, but there seems to be no similar records for Bartell, except for the lone 1900 census record. He and Clara were married on 28 June 1899 in Waukesha, a few months after his first appearance there. *The Waukesha Freeman* had first mentioned him on 2 March 1899 as having cured a Mrs. Rogan of her deafness and described him as "...the peculiarly gifted knight of the road who has been sojourning in this city for the past fortnight."

After two months in Waukesha, King Bartell set up regular hours in Stevens Point through the fall of 1899. In both towns he had received the same kind treatment by the local newspapers as he was to experience in Petoskey. An ad in the *Stevens Point Daily Journal* proclaimed:

#### **KING BARTELL**

Magnetic Healer Cures nervous and muscular diseases such as rheumatism, neuralgia, St. Vitas dance, hysteria, deafness, chronic catarrh, early stages of consumption, cancer and all diseases of long standing, He straightens stiff and distorted limbs.

A year later in Petoskey, on Friday, 22 June 1900, *The Independent Democrat* reported that:

We are informed by King Bartell that he will begin the erection of a sanitarium on Kalamazoo avenue within a few days. The cornerstone is to be laid on Monday. It is to be of modern construction and is to contain 40 rooms, all of which are to be on the ground floor. Interior will be finished in hardwood, the entire cost aggregating no less than \$30,000. When all is completed, King with his usual generosity will turn the institution over to the state, to be used in the interest of magnetic healing.

Unfortunately, on the following Monday, 25 June, King Bartell was dead in his rooms at the Occidental. On 28 June *The Waukesha Freeman* carried a lengthy front page obituary captioned:

## DEATH OF KING BARTELL.

**Bite of Pet Squirrel Proves Fatal to Magnetic Healer. Singular Life Ended.  
Body Brought Here and Cremated at Milwaukee.**

**F. A. Louk, His Business Manager, Tells of His Career.**

The next day, 29 June, *The Independent Democrat* carried a very different story:

### VERY SUDDENLY.

#### **King Bartell Died at the Occidental Last Monday morning.**

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King Bartell's passing was as sudden and contradictory as his life and appearance in Waukesha. His death record in Emmet County listed the cause of death as "cerebral meningitis". The story in *The Waukesha Freeman* may have been concocted by Francis A. Louk, his business manager, to protect Bartell's reputation and to spare Clara and her family embarrassment.

Unknown to his supporters in Petoskey, and probably Stevens Point, King Bartell had been convicted of an assault charge involving a young lady in Waukesha in March of 1899. It had been reported in the *Freeman* only briefly and with the announcement that the conviction was to be appealed to the Wisconsin Supreme Court. There are some gaps in the remaining copies of the *Freeman*, but it appears that the paper did not publish the

news in March of 1900 that King Bartell's appeal to the Supreme Court had been rejected and the conviction affirmed.

In mid-February of 1899, King Bartell seemed to appear out of nowhere and set up shop as a "magnetic healer" in Waukesha, Wisconsin. It was claimed that he had been born in Georgia, served in the Confederate army during the Civil War, fought Indians in the west in the 1870's and traveled the world seeking healing knowledge. His business manager, Francis A Louk, claimed that Bartell had also studied medicine and received a diploma from a Canadian college, and that he was a cousin of Sam Jones, a famous evangelist of the time. Jones did have roots in Alabama and northwest Georgia. He was once described as "...a drunken ex-lawyer and ex-schoolteacher who got converted at the age of 24 and who went on to become the greatest Methodist evangelist since the Wesleys..."

Within a few weeks of his appearance in Waukesha, Bartell was arrested on charges brought by one John Schaefer, alleging that he was practicing medicine without a diploma. The first jury could not agree and was dismissed. The charge was amended to assault upon the person of Schaefer's daughter and on 25 March 1899 Bartell was convicted. He announced that he would appeal.

Within a month, Bartell had moved his operation to Stevens Point, Wisconsin and then on 28 June it was announced that he had married Miss Clara Patterson in Waukesha. The notice of their marriage in *The Stevens Point Daily Journal* had this description of Clara, "The young lady is one of the prominent young women of that city and is connected with one of its wealthiest families." Her father, John Patterson, died in 1891 and his obituary noted that "He came to this town in 1844 where he engaged in business and accumulated a considerable property." In spite of his conviction on the assault charge, King had found a well-to-do bride.

King Bartell held regular hours two days a week in Stevens Point and then seems to have disappeared from the public record until his appearance in Petoskey in April of 1900. It may have been a coincidence, but this was shortly after the Wisconsin Supreme Court finally heard and denied his appeal of the assault conviction.

On 20 March 1900 the court issued its' opinion in the case of *Bartell vs. State*, (1900) 106 Wis. 342. The case was described as "...a prosecution for an assault and battery alleged to have been committed by a 'magnetic healer' upon a female patient, to whom he was giving massage treatment, by fraudulently inducing her to expose her person to him for his lewd personal gratification..." and that "...he needlessly caused the patient to submit her body to him for the gratification of his evil desires."

One of Bartell's attorneys, Charles E. Armin, a former District Attorney, had argued that the expert medical witnesses were not competent to judge Bartell's methods of treatment; that evidence of his successful treatment of other patients should have been allowed; that the present District Attorney should not have taken part in the prosecution and; that the jury had been improperly instructed.

The court summarized the original case:

Bartell claimed to be a magnetic healer, in the regular practice of his profession. He treated a young girl, about eighteen years of age, the person upon whom the offense was committed, at her request and with the sanction of her father. The girl was ignorant of what was necessary on her part in receiving the massage treatment which was *Bartell's*

method of operating. She was afflicted with some nervous trouble. *Bartell* went into a room alone with her, caused her to remove all of her clothing, and then, while her naked body was wholly exposed to his view, he gave her a massage treatment lasting some fifteen minutes. The evidence tended to show that after the treatment aforesaid *Bartell* caused the girl to sit on his lap and that he took some indecent liberties with her. The theory of the prosecution was that it was not necessary to the massage treatment that the girl should have exposed her person to *Bartell's* view, as she did under his direction; that she submitted to such direction solely because of her ignorance; that *Bartell* caused her to do so, not from the reasonable necessities of the case, but for his lewd personal gratification. The court submitted the case to the jury to find a verdict of guilty or not guilty, according as they should determine the question of whether *Bartell* fraudulently caused the girl needlessly to expose her person to his view for his lewd personal gratification, charging them that any touching of her body under such circumstances satisfied the requirements of the charge of the offense of assault and battery. The result was a verdict of guilty and judgment accordingly.

The court rejected all of the objections and affirmed the original decision of the local court. Two weeks later King Bartell appeared in Petoskey. His advertisement in *The Independent Democrat* did note that he had a "lady attendant".

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## Francis A. Louk

In 1902 and again in 1903 Francis A. Louk, the former business manager for King Bartell, appeared in Petoskey selling a patent medicine called "Laxatone" In 1902 he was staying at "The New Petoskey" Hotel on the corner of Lake and Petoskey Streets. In 1903 he was staying at the boarding house located at 314 East Mitchell Street which was located on a part of the site of the present Fifth Third Bank.

F. A. Louk remains as elusive as his former employer. Except for his enumeration in the 1900 Census for Petoskey and mention in several news item related to King Bartell, I have so far been unable to locate any additional information on him.

# LAXATONE

A perfect Blood and Nerve Tonic. Laxatone is not a patent medicine, but a Restorative Tonic. This preparation is for the purpose of enriching the blood and imparting a healthful tone to the Nervous System. It does this by arousing a normal appetite, stimulating digestion and assimilation, and thus supplying the tissues with the proper food. It is also useful in all conditions of Physical Debility, caused by exhausting diseases and mental depression. Unequaled as a Nerve Tonic for over worked business men and weak nervous women.

**Laxatone**

It is not a cure-all, but is especially adapted for All Stomach Troubles caused by indigestion. Laxatone Cures Liver, Kidney troubles and Nervous Prostration. All mail orders and correspondence promptly attended to. Laxatone is sold exclusively by

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For 60 Days from February 20th, I will sell \$1 bottles of Laxatone for 50c.

You ask what "Laxatone" will cure. It will positively cure Stomach, Liver, Kidney and Nervous Diseases. Read what our home people say of "Laxatone":

"I have used Laxatone and can conscientiously recommend it to others."  
W. Z. Searle,  
Little Will, Optician and Jeweler.

To Whom it May Concern:

"It affords me great pleasure to testify to the superiority of Prof. F. A. Louk's treatment by inhalation and also to the value of his Laxatone. I have received great benefit from both and freely recommend them to all others."  
Sincerely yours,  
Rev. J. W. Armstrong.

"My stomach has been bad for the last five or six years, part of the time so that I could not work, but since I tried F. A. Louk's Laxatone I am well. The first bottle worked to perfection. I recommend Laxatone to all sufferers from stomach, kidney and bladder trouble, nervous debility, etc. I used four bottles and am as sound as a dollar."  
Matthew E. Kaufman,  
448 Lake St., Petoskey.

"I have tried Prof. Louk's Inhaler, and can say that it is the best thing for treating catarrh I have tried in thirty-five years, even with bad stopping up of the eustachian tube, with which I have been troubled very much for years."  
J. B. Jordan.

For want of space we are unable to give the testimonials of the following:  
Mrs. Helen Beckham, Miss Ella Onstead, Mrs. Jennie Webb, Mrs. D. B. Webb, Mrs. Wm. Lucker, Miss Francis Babcock, Mrs. M. P. Babcock, Leonard Otto, Neil McDuffie, Mrs. Mary Theisman, Miss Millie Davis, Mrs. F. J. Ballenup, Levi Shea, Dell Onstead, Miss A. Garmire, Charles N. Sayles, D. J. Cushman, F. Benson.

Laxatone has cured hundreds and will cure you. Mrs. Annie Fitzgerald of Troy, Ohio, writes: "I have been sick for 18 years and Laxatone cured me of kidney trouble." Her daughter was sick with bladder trouble for 3 years and she thanks God that they have found something that cured her at last. She praises Laxatone.

All mail orders promptly attended to by.

# F. A. LOUK

314 Mitchell St., Petoskey  
Phone 308.

# Bartell

King Bartell - Obituary

## DEATH OF KING BARTELL

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SINGULAR LIFE ENDED.

Body Brought Here and Cremated at Mil-  
waukee. F. A. Louk, His Business  
Manager, Tells of His Career.

King Bartell, widely known as a magnetic healer, and whose career in this city two years ago was the occasion of much personal and newspaper controversy, died at Petosky, Michigan, early Monday morning, June 25, from the effects of the bite of a pet squirrel. He had been ill only three days. His body was brought to this city to the home of his wife, formerly Miss Clara Patterson, on Tuesday, and funeral services were held at 10 o'clock on Wednesday at the Patterson residence. Rev. J. G. Blue officiating. The remains were then taken to Milwaukee by carriage and at two o'clock were cremated in the Milwaukee crematory, disposition of the body being made according to the expressed wish of the deceased.

King Bartell was a singular character. He first appeared in Waukesha some two years ago, and attracted attention by tricks of legerdemain at a north-side hotel. Then he put forth his claims as a magnetic healer, and patients flocked to consult him. The medical profession and a large part of the public scoffed at his pretensions, but many people claimed to be helped or cured through his ministrations. One of his cures resulted in a scandal, which he carried to the supreme court, the final decision being against him.

Since mid-winter he had been away from Waukesha and F. A. Louk, his business manager, who is, now, by this city, states that since February they had visited Burlington, Milwaukee, Prairie du Chien, La Crosse, Grand Rapids, Mich., and Petosky. In all these places King Bartell practiced and had many patients. The newspapers of every town wrote him up generously and Mr. Louk's scrap book of clippings contains accounts of miraculous healings of all descriptions. At Petosky he was busy from morning till night and Mr. Louk thinks that worry and anxiety over his patients hastened his death.

Mr. Louk seems to have had the most absolute faith in the mysterious ability of his chief and says he has with his own eyes seen Bartell perform amazing cures. He told of a man absolutely helpless from paralysis whom Bartell restored to health and vigor with a word and said he could relate hundreds of similar cases. "His eye was an X-ray," said Mr. Louk. "He could see right through your head or body and at once ascertain the cause of the disease. Then by simply touching the patient he could cure it; it was animal magnetism or electricity. No, it was not like that practiced by Christian Scientists. Mr. Bartell was better posted on the Bible than any other man in this state, but he was a Buddhist and drew his inspiration from that religion. He had wonderful natural power and had studied occultism in India. He met Madame Blavatsky in India and thought her something of a fraud. He also met a man there whom he knew to be 400 years old. Bartell himself was 61 years old and did not look over 40. He had wonderful control over himself, could run his pulse up to 140 or could make it practically undetectable."

King Bartell was born in Rome, Ga., of Scotch-Irish descent and was a cousin of Sam Jones, the evangelist. His friends here know little otherwise of his family. He served in a Georgia regiment all through the war. Most of his life had been spent in travelling and he had traveled all over the world. Mr. Louk said he had studied medicine and received a diploma from a Canadian college. He did not ordinarily charge regular fees for professional services, and yet he made a good deal of money. "But he never kept it," said Mr. Louk. "You know what he was. He gave to everybody that asked. Whenever he heard of a poor or needy family he told me to go and buy what was necessary and I did. He was very fond of animals and had a number of pets. It was while playing with a pet squirrel that he received the bite which resulted in his death."

Mr. Louk is evidently in deep grief at the death of his chief, who, whatever his other qualities, certainly had that of inspiring confidence, and belief to an extraordinary degree, in his associates.

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SAGINAW MAN WINS THE MACHINES RACE AT GRAND RAPIDS

### Republican Lamb to be Leas Slaughter in November

GOODLY MACHINES WERE AND WOULD NOT WASTE

Complete List of the Nominations Were Made Yesterday.

After a battle-royal which the greater part of two days delegates to the republican convention at Grand Rapids, a Col. Aaron F. Bliss, of Saginaw party's candidate for governor elicited and enthusiasm the lion deserves to be crowned the stirring tustou convention Bay City, where Chas. R. Grand Rapids, was nominal democrat, populist and Ir parties to head the state the week's gathering was round account of the number of cast the field, and the unwavering given to the major candidates final break.

Each of the three leading Dext-r M. Ferry, of Detroit, St. Arns, of Ludington, and Co. Saginaw, received more than dard votes on the first ballot ballot gave Bliss 720, St. Arns 206, Chas. S. Oshor Ste. Marie, 27; James O'D Jackson, 25; and Milo D. C Cahw der, 13. Osburn, O'D. Campbell held their small t hunds of supporters together eighteenth

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# Bartell

## Bartell-Patterson marriage

WARNING: IT IS ILLEGAL TO REPRODUCE THIS CERTIFICATE ACCORDING TO THE STATUTE OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN  
**STATE OF WISCONSIN**  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY - DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS  
**Waukesha County Register of Deeds**  
 No. *1005*

1. Full name of husband	<i>King Bartell</i>
2. Name of the father of husband	<i>King Bartell</i>
3. Name of the mother of husband before marriage	<i>Agnis Bartell</i>
4. Occupation of husband	<i>Magnetic Healer</i>
5. Residence of husband	<i>Frankish - Wis.</i>
6. Birthplace of husband	<i>Georgia, U.S.</i>
7. Full name of wife previous to marriage	<i>Olona J. Patterson</i>
8. Name of the father of wife	<i>John Patterson</i>
9. Name of the mother of wife before marriage	<i>Elizabeth Patterson</i>
10. Birthplace of wife	<i>Frankish - Wis.</i>
11. Time when the marriage was contracted	<i>June 28th 1899</i>
12. The place, town or township, and county, where the marriage was contracted	<i>Frankish - Wis.</i>
13. The color of the parties	<i>White</i>
14. By what ceremony contracted	<i>W. J. Patterson</i>
15. Names of subscribing witnesses	<i>Rebecca Patterson Mary A. P. Patterson</i>
16. Name of person procuring marriage	<i>John J. Patterson</i>
17. Residence of person procuring marriage	<i>Frankish - Wis.</i>
18. Date of recording of this certificate	<i>June 28 1899</i>
19. Date of certificate	<i>July 16 1899</i>

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Name: **King Bartell**

Life Range Cal 17 May 1839-  
25 Jun 1900

Cal 17 May 1839 **Birth:** Georgia. Born in Georgia according to his 1900 Census enumeration and Emmet Co. death record. Informant was probably Francis Louk.<sup>1</sup>

Feb 1855 **Spouse:** **Clara Patterson (1855-1932)**. Born in Wisconsin. Died on 18 May 1932 in Waukesha, Waukesha Co., Wisconsin.<sup>32</sup>

2 Mar 1899 **News Item:** Waukesha, Waukesha Co., Wisconsin.. **HEARING CURED BY MAGNETISM.**  
Friends of Mrs. Rogan are greatly interested in a partial cure that has been affected in her defective hearing by King Bartell, the peculiarly gifted knight of the road who has been sojourning in the city for the past fortnight. Mrs. Rogan has been very deaf, so much so that she could understand talking only by watching the movement of the lips. Bartell stood behind her and gently rubbed her head behind the ears. Almost immediately she realized that she could hear better than formerly. Mr. Rogan says that she is not cured but her hearing is decidedly better than it was. Bartell will give her another treatment.  
Mr. Rogan is a dispatcher at the Wisconsin Central office. Mrs. Rogan is a writer of graceful verse.<sup>2</sup>

4 Mar 1899 **Arrest:** Waukesha, Waukesha Co., Wisconsin.. Arrested on a charge of practicing medicine without a license.<sup>3</sup>

9 Mar 1899 **News Item:** Waukesha, Waukesha Co., Wisconsin.. **King Bartell's Troubles.**  
Saturday afternoon King Bartell, the character who claims to have power to heal and who has created considerable interest by his actions, was arrested on a warrant sworn out by John Schaefer, charging him with practicing medicine without a diploma. The warrants were placed in the hands of the officers by Schaefer, who claimed that his daughter had been maltreated by the defendant when she had called to see him professionally. Bartell was found at his office on Broadway and taken to jail, but was subsequently released on bail furnished by Messrs. W. S. Parsons and C. E. McCumber. The hearing was set for Monday morning and at that time adjourned to Friday, the bail being fixed at \$250.<sup>3</sup>

16 Mar 1899 **News Item:** Waukesha, Waukesha Co., Wisconsin.. **Jury For King Bartell.**  
King Bartell, who calls himself a magnetic healer, was arrested for practicing medicine without a license, and upon the first trial the jury disagreed. The case will come to trial again Friday, March 24, and the jury to try it was drawn yesterday morning.<sup>4</sup>

17 Mar 1899 **Trial:** Waukesha, Waukesha Co., Wisconsin.. Jury disagreed, second trial set for 24 March 1899.<sup>4</sup>

25 Mar 1899 **Trial:** Waukesha, Waukesha Co., Wisconsin.. Convicted of assault, he will appeal to the Supreme Court.<sup>5</sup>

25 Mar 1899 **News Item:** Ft. Wayne, Allen Co., Indiana. **Strange Cure of Deafness.**  
King Bartell recently cured Mrs. R. J. Rogan of deafness. Mr. Rogan, who is a dispatcher in the employ of the Wisconsin Central road at Waukesha, Wis. heard of Bartell and requested him to treat Mrs. Rogan. He agreed to do so and effected the cure by placing his hands one on each of Mrs. Rogan's ears. - Chicago Record.<sup>6</sup>

30 Mar 1899 **News Item:** Waukesha, Waukesha Co., Wisconsin.. **Bartell Convicted.**  
In the municipal court Saturday, King Bartell, the so-called magnetic healer, was found guilty of assault. Argument was made for a new trial on Monday but the motion was denied. Bartell will appeal to supreme court.<sup>5</sup>

26 May 1899 **Advertisement:** Stevens Point, Portage Co., Wisconsin. **KING BARTELL**  
The magnetic healer, will be in Stevens Point for two days only, Monday and Tuesday....May 29 and 30.  
The professor cures nervous and muscular diseases of all kinds by what is known as animal magnetism. Successfully treats Rheumatism, Neuralgia, St.

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- Office hours 9:30 to 12; 1:30 to 5.  
Consultation Free. Lady Attendant.  
Telephones: Bell 133, Swaverly 98.<sup>14</sup>
- 27 Apr 1900 News Item: Petoskey, Emmet Co., Michigan. Article titled "Wells and Pfeffer Win. Horse Shoeing Contest Results in Victory for Petoskey's Mechanics." -last paragraph- "King Bartell, the wonderful x-ray and magnetic healer who is stopping at the Occidental, occupied a box during the contest and was very much interested. At the close of the contest he announced that inasmuch as each had now won a victory, and that the matter was a tie, he would give an opal ring worth \$125 to the winner of the third contest. The ring was given Mr. A. L. Hamill to be awarded the next lucky man. Messrs. Wells and Lancaster have not yet decided when the contest will be pulled off. King Bartell's generous offer has certainly added spice to the event, and it will be eagerly looked forward to."<sup>17</sup>
- 27 Apr 1900 News Item: Petoskey, Emmet Co., Michigan. KING BARTELL  
His Demonstrations at the Opera House-Presentation of Gold Watch.  
The work and demonstrations of King Bartell at the Opera House Monday and Tuesday evenings are still further proof of the wonderful ability of this very peculiar man. The very strongest of recommendations were given him by well and favorably known citizens who have been receiving treatment. At the close of the program given by the Edison Moving Picture and Concert Company each night, special demonstrations were made by Bartell, treatment being given W. J. McCune and F. J. Belknap to restore their hearing, some apparent benefit being received at the time by simply touching the ears of the patient. They were told that nearly three weeks would be required to complete their cure.  
The gold watch King Bartell promised to give to the member of the Catholic Dramatic Society doing the best acting and appearing the most natural in the representations of their part in the play, as shown in a picture taken after the entertainment, was presented by Father Columbian, in behalf of Bartell, to Miss Ella Friend, she being the one chosen by the judges as most entitled to receive the same.  
Free demonstrations were given by King Bartell in the Opera House Thursday and Friday nights.<sup>16</sup>
- 18 May 1900 News Item: Petoskey, Emmet Co., Michigan. King Bartell continues in his calm and mysterious way and is exerting his powers for good. While much criticism is being heaped upon King, yet the fact remains that he is "getting there just the same". The many marvelous cures which he has accomplished here in Petoskey speak for themselves.<sup>18</sup>
- 18 May 1900 News Item: Petoskey, Emmet Co., Michigan. King Bartell's business manager, Mr. F. A. Louk, left here Thursday morning for Milwaukee on a short business trip.<sup>19</sup>
- 25 May 1900 News Item: Petoskey, Emmet Co., Michigan. When an individual claiming extraordinary power puts in an appearance there are always those who are skeptical, and herald their skepticism and unbelief without so much as making an investigation. King Bartell has been in Petoskey several months, located at the Occidental. He did not come and go in a week, but remains here so that his great healing powers may speak for themselves. In that, as well as in everything else, he is unique, for we have been used to having healers come, remain a few days and then fold up their tents and steal away. Mrs. J. W. Cook, of this city, who has used crutches for two years as a result of an injury three years ago, April 18, 1897, is now greatly relieved. In fact, she walked home without the aid of her crutches after her first treatment. She says, "The bridge that carries me over safely is the one I should speak well of." And then, the wonderful change for the better which King has accomplished in the cases of Mrs. Keeps, Olin Scarle and Mr. Gillman. These alone are the highest kind of recommendations. Mr/ F. A. Louk, King's

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Vitus Dance, hysteria, Partial Deafness, Chronic Catarrh and Consumption in its first stages, straightens Stiff and Distorted Limbs; cures cancer, and treats successfully all diseases of long standing.

JACOBS HOUSE PARLOR

and rooms 1 and 2. Office hours 9 to 12; 1 to 4

Consultation Free

After all other methods and means have failed do not be discouraged but call on KING BARTELL.<sup>7</sup>

17 Jun 1899

News Item:

Stevens Point, Portage Co., Wisconsin. A WONDERFUL POWER.

The Sick Are Cured And the Lame Throw Away Their Canes.

- A lengthy description of the healing of Miss Lou Bacon of 116 Center Street, Stevens Point. Also mentions the cure of J. R. Sawtell, proprietor of the Model Hand Laundry.<sup>8</sup>

28 Jun 1899

Marriage:

Clara Patterson (1855-1932). In Waukesha, Waukesha Co., Wisconsin.  
<sup>31, 32, 33</sup>

Children:

5 Jul 1899

News Item:

**This couple had no children**

Stevens Point, Portage Co., Wisconsin. Married at Waukesha.

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On the evening of Wednesday, June 28, Mr. Bartell and Miss Clara Patterson of Waukesha were married by Rev. Dr. Blue at the Presbyterian parsonage in that city. The young lady is one of the prominent young women of that city and is connected with one of its wealthiest families.

8 Jul 1899

News Item:

Stevens Point, Portage Co., Wisconsin. Wednesday

King Bartell will hereafter visit this city only on Mondays and Tuesdays.<sup>9</sup>

15 Jul 1899

Advertisement:

Stevens Point, Portage Co., Wisconsin. KING BARTELL, Magnetic Healer Cures nervous and muscular diseases such as rheumatism, neuralgia, St. Vitus dance, hysteria, deafness, chronic catarrh, early stages of consumption, cancer, and all diseases of long standing. He straightens stiff and distorted limbs. At Jacobs House Parlor, Every Monday and Tuesday. from 9 to 12 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. Consultation Free!<sup>10</sup>

16 Aug 1899

Advertisement:

Stevens Point, Portage Co., Wisconsin. Identical to 15 July 1899 advertisement.<sup>11</sup>

20 Mar 1900

Court:

Madison, Dane Co., Wisconsin. The Wisconsin Supreme Court rejected his appeal and affirmed the lower court conviction on an assault charge.<sup>12</sup>

13 Apr 1900

News Item:

Petoskey, Emmet Co., Michigan. Olin Searle's many friends will be pleased to learn that he is apparently receiving considerable benefit from his treatment with King Bartell the human X-Ray and magnetic healer who is stopping at the Occidental.<sup>13</sup>

20 Apr 1900

News Item:

Petoskey, Emmet Co., Michigan. King Bartell, the human X-Ray and magnetic healer who is doing such wonderful things, and making so many astonishing cures in this city, will give a demonstration of his powers in the Opera House, on the evenings of April 23rd and 24th.<sup>15</sup>

20 Apr 1900

Advertisement:

Petoskey, Emmet Co., Michigan. KING BARTELL  
The Human X-Ray and Wonder of the Nineteenth Century is Permanently Located at the Occidental Hotel.  
This wonderful man has visited the capital of almost every kingdom and empire in the world in search of knowledge pertaining to occultism and the effect of animal electricity or magnetism on the human system, until at the present time he has no equal or peer on this or any other continent. Disease yields under his magnetic touch as readily as snow under the summer sun in a southern clime.  
Parlor and rooms 1, 2, 3 and 4.

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- business manager, only asks that proper consideration and investigation be given the matter and there will be no doubt as to the verdict in the minds of the people.<sup>20</sup>
- 1 Jun 1900      **News Item:**      Petoskey, Emmet Co., Michigan. Mrs. Clara Bartell who has been visiting her husband, the renowned King at the Occidental, has returned to her home at Waukesha, Wis.<sup>21</sup>
- 2 Jun 1900      **Census:**              Petoskey, Emmet Co., Michigan. King Bartell, W, M, born May 1840, age 60, married 2 years, born Georgia, father born Scotland, mother born Georgia, magnetic healer.<sup>22</sup>
- 8 Jun 1900      **News Item:**      Petoskey, Emmet Co., Michigan. COMMUNICATION.  
Citizen Writes Regarding the Marvelous Work of King Bartell.  
Editor Democrat:  
The good people of Petoskey and vicinity are fast waking up to the fact that at least one man in this community is capable of proving his faith by his works. Was it not said that "These signs shall follow them that believe. The blind see, the lame walk, the deaf hear, the sick find relief?" King Bartell is doing this work right here in our midst. Come to the Occidental hotel and investigate for yourself. The good work is going on continually and testimonials from leading and influential citizens are kept on file. Don't let skepticism or superstition keep you away from this man. He has been here in our city nearly three months and many are the cures that have been effected by the touch of his magnetic hands, Truly he does prove his faith by his works.  
Mrs. Lindell, one of the most respected ladies of the city, is helping Mr. Bartell. And those who are his attendants are citizens whom we all know year in and year out; in fact no time in the history of Petoskey have we ever dared even to dream of the possibilities of witnessing daily at the hands of this wonderful man. King Bartell and his attendants are located at the Occidental hotel, Lake street, Petoskey. Tell your friends and neighbors.  
Come yourself. Take advantage of the healing touch of this wonderful man and be well of your infirmity. (signed) Citizen.<sup>23</sup>
- 8 Jun 1900      **News Item:**      Petoskey, Emmet Co., Michigan. King Bartell returned Wednesday from a short visit at his home at Waukesha, Wis. (6 June)<sup>24</sup>
- 15 Jun 1900      **News Item:**      Petoskey, Emmet Co., Michigan. Page 1 - Testimonial letter from Mrs. E. A. Wyatt, 937 Clark Street, Stevens Point, Wis. titled " Account of an Interesting Wisconsin Case In Which King Bartell Figures."  
Stevens Point, Wis., May 24, 1900.  
King Bartell,  
Waukesha, Wis.  
Dear Sir:- Perhaps by taxing your memory a trifle you can recall having on your trips to this city treated my sister Mrs. Ostrander, who is a great sufferer from rheumatic difficulties. Were she not a person possessed of a most remarkable amount of what is called "grit" she would have been either dead or a hopeless invalid long ago. She was for almost two years previous to your treatment subject to a very disagreeable and most persistent cough but since then has been entirely free from it until very recently she took a severe cold and now it has returned in an aggravated form and nothing we can do for it seems to be of the least avail. I am so anxious for you to treat her again. Do not expect you can cure such a complicated and chronic case but she must have relief and you are the only one. So if there could be arrangements made by which she could come to you for treatment would be so glad Of course her husband is a laboring man and consequently they haven't as much money as some people but would be willing indeed to pay a reasonable sum and from your kindness in that respect before, feel confident it can be arranged all right. Mrs. Webster is well and as for Mr. Shawtelie he just ought to worship the very ground you walk on. He was a physical wreck when you took him in hand and today he is as lively and



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well as anyone, and health is what only those who have suffered can fully appreciate. The world and all its slippery dross cannot for one moment be exchanged for health.

Pardon the length of this communication from a stranger and trusting you may be able to grant me a speedy reply I am most respectfully yours.

Mrs. E. A. Wyatt  
937 Clark St.<sup>25</sup>

- 15 Jun 1900      **News Item:**      Petoskey, Emmet Co., Michigan. King Bartell Will Give \$100.00.  
Friends and neighbors: I observe an article in the Petoskey Record headed "Peculiar Freak of Nature." referring to me as being the "freak". I would like the gentleman who wrote that article to call at my rooms at the Occidental hotel and receive \$100 from me, providing I have the privilege of looking at him just five minutes. I have been around the world and spent thousands of dollars looking into the deep mysteries of nature and I cannot let this peculiarity go by at any price. (signed) King Bartell.<sup>25</sup>
- 22 Jun 1900      **News Item:**      Petoskey, Emmet Co., Michigan. We are informed by King Bartell that he will begin the erection of a sanitarium on Kalamazoo avenue within a few days. The cornerstone is to be laid on Monday. It is to be of modern construction and is to contain 40 rooms all of which are to be on the ground floor. Interior will be finished in hardwood, the entire cost aggregating no less than \$30,000. When all is completed, King with his usual generosity will turn the institution over to the state, to be used in the interest of magnetic healing.  
NOTE: A search of the deed and mortgage records of Emmet Co. from April 1899 through June 1902 revealed no transactions for Bartell. A news item on 8 June 1900 mentions that Mrs. Lindell is assisting Bartell. Of all the local names mentioned only the Lindells owned property on Kalamazoo Avenue. They were still living at 315 Madison Street in 1900. The parcel, as shown on the 1902 plat map was approximately 300 ft. square, large enough to accommodate a structure of the size mentioned by Bartell.<sup>26</sup>
- 25 Jun 1900      **Death:**              Petoskey, Emmet Co., Michigan. <sup>1</sup>
- 28 Jun 1900      **Obituary:**          Waukesha, Waukesha Co., Wisconsin.. DEATH OF KING BARTELL.  
Bite of Pet Squirrel Proves Fatal to Magnetic Healer.  
Singular Life Ended.  
Body Brought Here and Cremated at Milwaukee. F. A. Louk, His Business Manager, Tells of His Career.  
<sup>27</sup>
- 29 Jun 1900      **News Item:**          Petoskey, Emmet Co., Michigan. King Bartell's remains left here via the Pere Marquette Monday afternoon for his home in Waukesha, Wis., accompanied by his manager, Mr. F. A. Louk.<sup>28</sup>
- 29 Jun 1900      **Obituary:**          Petoskey, Emmet Co., Michigan. VERY SUDDENLY.  
King Bartell Died at the Occidental Last Monday morning.  
King Bartell is dead. He passed away at 1:30 a. m. Monday morning after a severe illness. For several days he had been suffering intensely as a result of over exertion in relieving the pains and distress of his patients and numerous physical conditions. While in this flighty state of mind he took a dose of morphine in order to relieve his suffering, unfortunately it proved too much and in a few moments afterwards he was unconscious. Dr. H. T. Calkins and G. W. Nihart, two of our ablest physicians, were immediately called and antidotes administered. Although traces of morphine poisoning were soon removed, cerebral meningitis remained and was the ultimate cause of his death. He regained consciousness once or twice but soon lapsed into an unconscious state again. The remains were taken to his home at Waukesha, Wis. Monday afternoon accompanied by is business manager, Mr. F. A. Louk. Short services were held at the Occidental parlors by Dr. J. L. Countermine and Rev. L. Grosenbaugh. A detail of Lombard Post No. 170 in

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charge of Past Commander A. Worden, acted as pall bearers and escort to the Pere Marquette depot. King was a confederate soldier and his body plainly showed the effects of some severe battles, while fighting in the Sioux war of 1875-6 in the regular army. He was, therefore, entitled to all the honors that comrades could bestow.

That King Bartell was a remarkable man no one will dispute. He may have had grievous faults - who of us has not? He was probably one of the best students of human nature ever in our city. A tour of the world and the study of the art of magnetic healing had brought him into contact with all classes and conditions. He was kind-hearted and generous to a degree, which resulted in is own injury. Many cases are known where he not only treated a patient free but also paid their expenses while undergoing the treatment. A few days before his death he told the Democrat that he had contracted for 100 tons of coal to be distributed among the needy poor of Petoskey next winter.<sup>29</sup>

6 Jul 1900

News Item:

Petoskey, Emmet Co., Michigan. DEATH'S RECORD.

Ray A. Gray, son of Joel E. Gray and brother of Eli Gray, of this city, died of consumption at his home in Springvale township yesterday morning. He will be buried in the Curtis cemetery this afternoon. Mr. Gray had been taking treatment from King Bartell for some time past.<sup>30</sup>

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33. Waukesha, Wisconsin Register of Deeds, *Waukesha Co. Marriage Records*, (Waukesha Co., Wisconsin), 1899, record 103. Surety: 3 Husband - King Bartell, husband's father - King Bartell, Husband's mother - Agnes Sortell, occupation - magnetic healer, res. - Waukesha Wis., birthplace - Georgia, U. S. Wife - Clara J. Patterson, father of wife - John Patterson, mother of wife - Elizabeth Aitken, birthplace - Waukesha Wis. Date of marriage June 28th 1899. Place of marriage - Waukesha Wis. Color - white. Ceremony - Presbyterian. Witnesses - Oakalla Begelun Blue, Mary A. Blue. Official - J. G. Blue, Pastor, Presbyterian Church, Waukesha Wis. Date of certificate - June 28 1899. Recorded July 6 1899.