

MINERAL WELL PARK

***Lake Street
Petoskey, Emmet County, Michigan***

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Tea Table Talk, page 3
Saturday, July 24, 1915

---This bee for the improvement of Mineral Well park looks like a mighty good thing for Petoskey and it is hoped that every person in the city will put their shoulder to the wheel and push the affair along and also that every man in Petoskey who is at liberty to do so, will give a day's labor there on Tuesday of next week. Petoskey wants the Mineral Well park, in fact it is to be the most beautiful attractive and the most used park in the city. It has the most naturally beautiful location and by the opening of next summer should have several tennis courts and other places of amusement as well as the regulation park features, with the mineral wells, pavilions, etc. Alderman Ditto and the members of his committee deserves much credit for the work they are doing there.

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Monday, July 26, 1915, Page 2, 1st column

**OX TEAM TO WORK ON
 BEE FOR MINERAL WELL
 PARK ON TUESDAY.**

Saturday afternoon Agent Martin, of the Pere Marquette issued a challenge to any man, not a regular workman with the pick or shovel, to a contest at the big Mineral Well park bee Tuesday, saying he could do as much work there as any two business or professional men here in Petoskey.

Mr. Martin, who is exalted ruler of the Elks' lodge here, one of the big boosters for Petoskey and Northern Michigan, besides being agent for the Pere Marquette, went on the Beaver Island trip Sunday and from all reports had a fine trip over, having spent much of his time "feeding the fishes." If this is true a number of his friends have today said they wish to withdraw the challenge as Mr. Martin will be in no condition for such a contest.

Anyway there is to be quite a contest at this Mineral Well park bee and if Mr. Martin is not in just the best of condition, the writer feels sure he will at least give a number of Petoskey men "a hard run for their money."

Alderman Quinlan says he is also going to be in the race for notoriety at this bee and will have an ox team on the job, and what is more will drive them himself. To fully enjoy this treat, the older men of the city, who well remember the days of the ox team should be on hand to aid in filling and dumping the wagons of dirt Alderman Quinlan and his oxen will draw. This team will come fresh from the Quinlan farm in the north part of the county and if the oxen do not get "scared at the cars" they are sure to do a big day's work.

Another feature of this big bee is reported this forenoon. Mrs. William L. Curtis, who is ever doing good things for the city in her usual quiet way, is to stand the expense of the dinner for the men who work at the bee. Dinner is to be served at Clark's Tavern and those who work can be sure they will get a fine meal and one that any working man will feel satisfied with.

Perry Fisher will be the official time keeper and the names of all men who work or who furnish men or teams will appear on the roll of honor Wednesday with proper credit for their efforts.

The men should be at the Mineral well at 7 o'clock sharp Tuesday morning and will be taken to the various dirt pits where they will be used. Automobiles will be furnished to carry the men. Men having teams should also be on hand promptly at 7 o'clock. Any person having an extra wagon should bring or send it for there will no doubt be a shortage of wagons. Men having shovels should bring them, but if you have none come anyway and the city will furnish you with one for the day.

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Monday July 26, 1915

—A crew of men are busy today with a fire hose undertaking to clean out the river bottom at Mineral Well park. One would hardly realize the amount of rubbish buried in the bottom of the river until they visit the scene of operations themselves.

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Monday, July 26, 1915

—Tomorrow is Mineral Well park bee day and it is hoped that a large number of men, and especially those who are employers and men who work for themselves, will be on hand to aid in the work of improving the park. The whole city should be interested in this park as it is centrally located and is the most natural location for such a park.

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Tea Table Talk, page 3
Tuesday, July 27, 1915

—A crew of men is still at work cleaning out the river bottom through Mineral Well park. The bottom is covered with logs and all kinds of rubbish, which when once cleared away will allow the use of scrapers in the work.

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Tea Table Talk, page 3
Tuesday, July 27, 1915

—Mineral Well park was the scene of considerable work all day today and about fifteen men were there leveling off the ground and the dirt hauled in by a number of teams.

Petoskey Evening News & Daily Resorter
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Tuesday, July 27, 1915

**SEVENTY-FIVE MEN AND
SEVEN TEAMS WORKING
AT MINERAL WELL PARK.**

Fully seventy-five men took part in the bee for the improvement of Mineral Well park Tuesday and Aldermen Ditto, Bohm and Snyder, of the special council committee having this work in charge feel their efforts have brought about much permanent good to the city in general.

Leon Hice loaded and delivered the first load of dirt alone Tuesday morning, having one of the teams of the McManus Lumber company on the job for the day. Mr. Hice deserves special mention for this bit of earnest work for the city.

More men and two or three extra teams reported for the afternoon and a fine showing has been made. Seven teams have been hauling dirt from Arlington hill and with plenty of men to do the loading and unloading quick time has been made. The park shows the effects of this work and will be in good shape for sodding.

Not half of the men went to dinner at Clark's Tavern and so the roll of honor cannot be given here. A complete list of the men and of those who furnished teams, wagons and hired extra men will be published in the Petoskey Evening News Wednesday.

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Wednesday, July 28, 1915

—A wench operated with a gasoline engine was used for a time Tuesday hauling dirt from the river bottom at Mineral Well park. The plan worked quite well and will probably be followed later when the logs and other rubbish will be removed.

Petoskey Evening News & Daily Resorter, page 4
 Tuesday, July 27, 2015

**THE NEW BUILDING AT
 MINERAL WELL PARK
 NEARING COMPLETION.**

Work of constructing the cement and wood building for Mineral Well park is progressing nicely. The building is now beginning to take shape and people can get some idea of how it is to look when completed. Without a doubt it will be the most handsome building of its kind in Northern Michigan when completed and will certainly be a credit to the city council and the city in general. Clarence Place is the contractor and appears to be doing some fine work there.

Petoskey Evening News & Daily Resorter, page 3
 Wednesday, July 28, 2015

**HERE IS THE ROLL OF
 HONOR FOR THE BEE AT
 MINERAL WELL PARK.**

There were a tired lot of men when work was stopped at the bee at Mineral Well park Tuesday afternoon. Some had blistered hands, most of them had exhausted muscles and all were ready to quit for one day at least. The men worked faithfully all day long and the evidence of their labors is shown at the park site today. A large number of loads of dirt were hauled to the site and placed where most needed and a crew of men leveled this down. One crew of men with the ox team supplied by Alderman Quinlan used a scraper in leveling some of the dirt and also to haul some of the heavy logs and rubbish from the river bottom. This team was driven by E. H. Cross and Prosecuting Attorney Sweeney and County Treasurer White handled the scraper and chains.

Petoskey can be proud that such a bee can be secured here in the midst of the summer season and that the men will work so faithfully as I did the seventy-five there Tuesday.

Here is the list of men who worked at the bee. It may not be complete as some may have been missed in the rush of the work: T. W. Wilcoxon, Irving Slack, T. Hutchinson, Melvin Shug, W. H. Jennings, E. E. Gilbert, James Niles, D. D. Miller, Norman Peathers, John H. Smith, W. W. Martin, Mr. Warren, M. R. Kent, Henry Bohm, Lewis White, Alexander Clark, E. A. Dunton, William Germond, Isaac Bartram, Mr. Sanders, William Ellis, Frank Densmore, Mr. Jones, Judd Shafer, Philip Braun, Mr. DeWard, Leon Hec, John Quinlan, Earl Badder, S. L. Wixson, Charles Ditto, Jay Bain, Watson Snyder, P. A. Fisher, Charles Peck, S. M. Winne, W. W. Williams, D. S. Barnes, Henry Green, M. B. Sanford, Neil McDuffee, Corbet Doherty, E. H. Cross, Charles Hanson, C. L. Crawford, C. C. Ashley, George Petty, N. J. Stone, W. A. Martin, George Rice. The following sent men to represent themselves or the firm: George Williams, Petoskey & Bay Shore Gas company, Bump & McCabe, E. E. Boss, W. Z. Searle, Rosenthal & Sons, A. B. Klise. The McManus Lumber company, Northern Lino company, James Wilcoxon, Clarence Place, W. W. Williams, A. B. Klise and John Quinlan furnished teams.

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 Friday, July 30, 1915

**TO HAVE COMBINATION
 OF FRESH OR MINERAL
 WATER AT NEW WELL.**

Work is progressing nicely today at the mineral well. Thursday a ten-inch drill was used at this well for the first time and was sunk to a depth of more than four hundred feet. An eight-inch pipe will be used for the fresh water flow and probably a four-inch pipe for the mineral water flow, giving two kinds of water from the same well.

This will be the only combination fresh and mineral water well in the United States and is expected to be the big drawing card for Petoskey after it is finished. The fresh water will be piped to a new concrete reservoir to be constructed near the water works plant in the near future. Mineral Well park will be the finest park in Michigan north of Grand Rapids when the work there is completed.

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Thursday, July 29, 2015

**ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS
 WORTH OF WORK DONE
 AT MINERAL WELL PARK.**

In addition to those mentioned Wednesday the following men hired men for the bee at Mineral Well park Monday: Howard Warner, Hicksville, O.; C. B. Truesdell, Homer Sly, B. H. Cook, W. G. McCune, J. L. A. Galster, John Amstutz, D. Burns and Edward Boss, of Petoskey. Teams were also furnished by George Rice, Samuel Wilson, C. Roburg and D. McDonald (mules). Wagons were furnished by C. A. DeArment (two), H. A. Easton, Northern Lime Co. Wood Martin furnished ice cream to loaders at Arlington pit. Alec Clark furnished mineral water to the diners at the hotel. Will Seibert was another of those who personally helped with the loading. One hundred and seven loads were hauled and leveled and other grading done. This work cost the city just five dollars. The entire amount spent for filling the park to date does not exceed ten dollars. The value of the work done Tuesday is conservatively estimated at one hundred dollars.

Petoskey Evening News & Daily Resorter, page 2
Monday August 2, 1915

—The new basin at the new mineral well at Mineral Well park was completed Monday morning and the water turned on in full force. Nowhere in this north section is there as fine a well as is now in full operation there. There are two drinking places and two places where water bottles can be filled. The water flows in terrible force. The surplus is carried from the basin to the city water works plant and pumped into the water mains, thus giving the city the additional water.

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Tea Table Talk, Page 3, 1st column
Wednesday, August 11, 1915

—The pavilion in Mineral Well park is now about completed and the fountain will be installed and the water turned into it some time Thursday or Friday.

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Tea Table Talk, Page 3, 1st column
Wednesday, August 11, 1915

—The work of improving Mineral Well park about the new building is progressing nicely and within a few days some pretty flower beds will appear there. More sidewalk was constructed near the building Tuesday and the front part of the park about the building is now about filled to the required level. People who come to Petoskey next summer will hardly recognize the place with its fountains, tennis courts, croquet grounds, play grounds and pretty flower beds.

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—Ten new seats were placed in Mineral Well park Thursday afternoon by Overhold & Co. Other Petoskey business houses might follow the example set by this firm and Mineral Well park as well as Pere Marquette park would soon be well supplied with seats

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Tuesday, August 17, 1915

—The shingles used on the pretty summer house at Mineral Well park were given the city by the manufacturers, Bird & Son, of Chicago, and are the famous Neponset brand of patented shingles.

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 Tuesday, August 17, 1915

**JUBILEE AT MINERAL
 WELL PARK THURSDAY
 EVENING AT 8 O'CLOCK.**

The Federation of Women's clubs is now planning to hold a jubilee and dedication at Mineral Well park Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. The jubilee is to be over the restoration of Mineral Well park and the fine new wells, and the dedication is to be for the fountain given by Mrs. W. L. Curtis, which has been placed in the summer house.

W. G. McCune is to make the address of the occasion and there will be special music by the Petoskey City band. Mrs. Alick Rosenthal will present the fountain to the city in behalf of the federation, which has already accepted it from Mrs. Curtis. Mayor Klise will accept the fountain on behalf of the city council.

Representative D. H. Hinkley has promised a suitable flag pole for the park and C. F. Hankey a beautiful flag. The members of both the present and past city council and city government and all residents of Petoskey and vicinity and summer tourists are invited to be present at 8 o'clock Thursday evening.

Petoskey Evening News & Daily Resorter
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 Tuesday, August 7, 1915

—The pretty bed of flowers at Mineral Well park was placed there free to the city by Sawyer & Methven, the well-known florists. The flowers add very much to the pleasant appearance of the place.

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Wednesday, August 18, 1915

—It has been suggested that to add to the beauty of Mineral Well park a pretty stone fountain in the middle of the pond there would be just the thing and would not cost over ten dollars. We believe a pretty spray fountain from a stone base these suggested would be a pretty thing and no doubt the park committee will think so too.

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Monday, August 22, 1915

**SUMMER VISITOR WANTS
 TO KNOW IF NEW WELL
 IS NOW THE OLD ONE.**

The old mineral taste and odor are being secured again at the old mineral well at Mineral Well park and the men hope to soon strike the former flow of strong black mineral water for which the place was at one time noted the country over.

The scene of operations at the park provides a place where many and varied questions are asked every hour of the day but the best one was asked by a well-known summer visitor, who failing to heed the old saying "look before you leap or think before you speak," asked concerning the handsome new well near the river, "Is not this the old well that years ago was over where the machine is working now?"

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Friday, August 2, 1915

MINERAL WELL PARK RESTORED

GIFT OF MRS. W. L. CURTIS FORMALLY DEDICATED

Pretty Bubble Fountain Graces Cen-
ter of Building—W. G. McCune,
Mrs. A. Rosenthal and Mayor
Klise Speakers.

An event of importance in the history of Petoskey occurred Thursday evening at Mineral Well park, the occasion being a jubilee in honor of the restoration of the park to something of its former beauty and popularity and also the unveiling of the bubble fountain in the new summer house at the park, the fountain being the gift of Mrs. William L. Curtis to the city, being made through the Federation of Women's clubs.

A much larger crowd than was anticipated gathered about the new building and fountain of the park to witness the events of the evening and to hear the addresses. The Petoskey City band opened the program with a selection of music and W. G. McCune made the opening address in which he recalled some of the events leading up to the drilling of the original well and mentioned some of the men who were connected with the original project in 1888. He also told of the events of a year or two ago leading up to the restoration of the park and well and of the wonderful results had through the efforts of the city councils of 1914 and 1915.

Mrs. Alick Rosenthal, president of the federation, presented the bubble fountain to the city in behalf of Mrs. William L. Curtis and the federation and the beautiful American flag with which the fountain was draped was taken down revealing the pretty gift to the city. Frederick Curtis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers Curtis and grandson of Mrs. William L. Curtis, unveiled the fountain.

Mayor A. B. Klise accepted the fountain in behalf of the city council and the city of Petoskey and gave a delightful talk lasting several minutes. There were more than a hundred automobiles parked along Lake street on both sides of the bridge and the sidewalks on both sides of the streets and the park grounds, summer house and every spot of ground about it was packed with Petoskey residents and summer visitors who enjoyed the occasion very much.

While the park is not yet completed nor is the work on the old mineral well yet completed, it was thought that Thursday evening would be the fitting and proper time for the jubilee and other events which were so successfully given. No better time could have been chosen nor is it likely that a large crowd would have attended at some future date or the exercises have been more interesting or better given.

All this whole region has talked about the fine work Petoskey has been doing this summer in restoring some of the beauty spots of years gone by and also restoring some of the natural attractions and fountains and wells which in the early days made Petoskey famous.

This park when completed will be much more beautiful and attractive. The old mineral well will be restored and another fountain will be seen there. The whole of the park will be sodded and filled with flower beds, tennis courts and croquet grounds for the day when visitors can say there is nothing to do in Petoskey is about passed and those who come next year can be directed to this beautiful spot for their various athletic attractions.

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Friday, August 20, 1915, page 4**

Mrs. Aliek Rosenthal, president of the federation, presented the bubble fountain to the city in behalf of Mrs. William L. Curtis and the federation and the beautiful American flag with which the fountain was draped was taken down revealing the pretty gift to the city. Frederick Curtis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers Curtis and grandson of Mrs. William L. Curtis, unveiled the fountain.

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—The State Geological society is about to receive from City Engineer Tripp a complete log on the drilling of the first mineral well here this spring and also samples of the earth, rock, etc., taken from the well at every eight feet of its depth. The society will make a complete record of this well, a copy of which will be sent within a short time to Mr. Tripp for the use of the city.

MINERAL WELL PARK

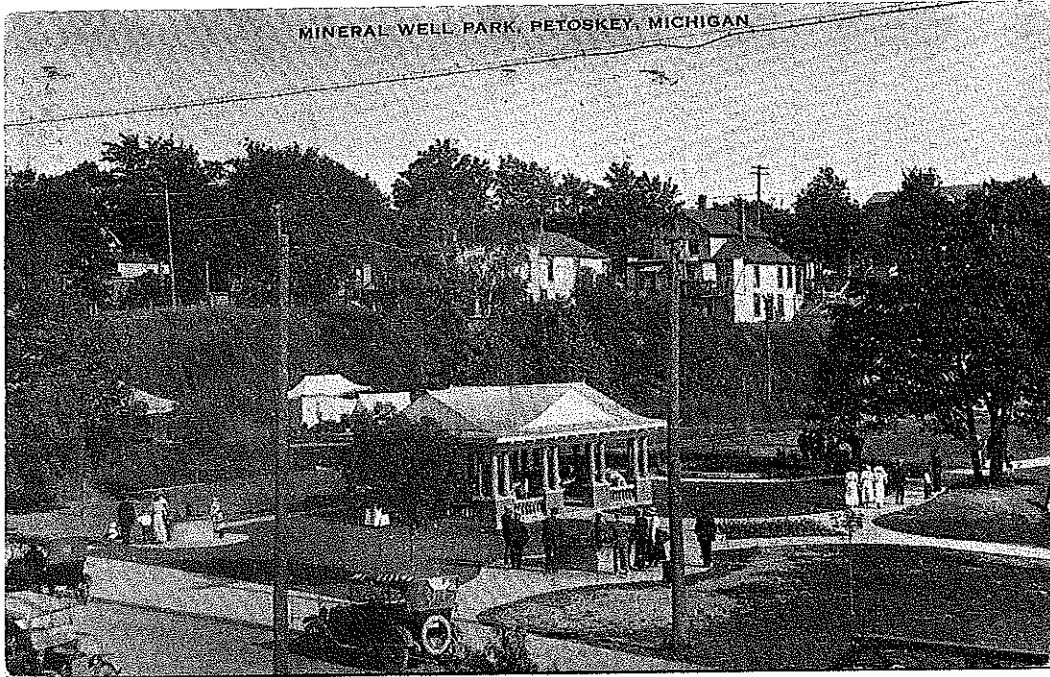
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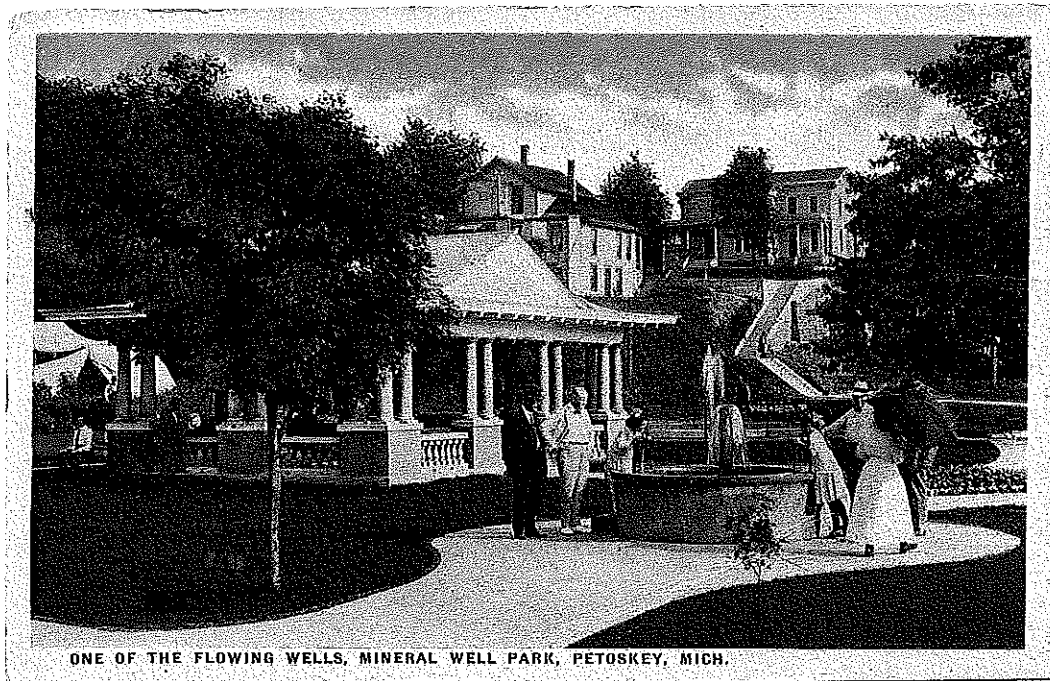


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Petoskey, Michigan

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