



An event in our town June next.

The following will appear itself,  
Flint & Pere Marquette Railway,  
STATION AND TELEGRAPH OFFICE  
EAST SAGINAW, FEB. 13, 1871.

J. S. Lapham, Pres.,  
Northville, Mich.

Dear Sir: It may give you some comfort, as a step forward to know that I closed contract Saturday with the Wyandotte Rolling Mill Co., for 6500 tons rails for Holly, Wayne & Monroe Railroad, to be delivered 800 tons by April 15; 500 in May; 1000 each in June, July, August and September; and 1200 in October. The entire delivery to be completed by November 1st.

The intention of the company is to lay from Wayne to Northville as rapidly as possible, ballast and put in running order, and put on at least a daily train each way. This ought to be completed and ready to run in May, but Bennett must have the title.

We have contracted for spikes, bolts and cast iron; and for four Engines No. 1 H. W. & M. No. 3 "Plymouth," No. 4 "Northville," of the last word of Schenectady Locomotive works. They will be ready in May.

Our car shop will always be fit and boats in season; we shall contract for a few dozen for Cache. You will have a Rail-road, (earthquakes, war, pestilence and famine not interfering.)

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