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The past year has been a period of much excitement and speculation among the people of this county and neighboring districts. The primary cause of this excitement has been the discovery of gold on the Upper Peninsula. Many of the latter have been engaged in the search for this precious metal, and many have been successful in finding large quantities of it. The season has been one of great prosperity, and the people are looking forward to a bright future.

The year has also been marked by a number of deaths. Among the most prominent of these were the deaths of Mr. J. P. Smith, of the Board of Trade, and Mr. W. H. Brown, of the Union Mining Company. Mr. Smith was a man of great influence and ability, and his death was a great loss to the community. Mr. Brown was a respected member of the company, and his loss was also felt.

The year 1849 will be remembered as one of great change and development. The people of this county are determined to make the most of the opportunities that are presented, and they are confident that they will be successful.

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