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Brides no longer wear gloves; their sleeves are quite long and very close fitting with a ruffle that falls to the tips of the fingers, and no matter how many or how handsome the rings they possess their fingers are ringless ready for "the ring."

A very pretty idea is the one in vogue for the last few years of having the marriage certificate bound in white silk with a silver or gilt edge, pages appended for each guest to sign his name. It makes a very interesting thing to have and to hand down.

The latest style wedding invitation is much larger than formerly, rather longer than it is wide, on unglazed paper, in paragraph form, with every detail, even the dates, written out. It is of sufficient size to make them very clear and "requests the honor of your presence" and "hall after six," instead of half-past six, is the accepted fashion.

A square veil from the item of the gown in front to the edge of the train in the back is considered more the thing than one with a short, removable piece to the knees in front. The opening is left on the left side and is thrown back by the maid of honor before the bridal party leaves the altar. This looks very billowy and is very becoming but hard to

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Mary Marks, colored, who resides in Brenham, Tex., was born in the West Indies in 1776, and is therefore 129 years old.

Albert E. Faust of Havre de Grace Md., has been appointed professor in the Wesleyan university at Middletown, Conn.

Lady Logdonderry has a vast knowledge of agricultural matters and manages an estate better than many professional farmers.

Rev. J. C. Plumb has recently become pastor of the Congregational church in Joplin, Mo. for the third time since its organization.

# A WONDERFUL ESCAPE.

## Related by a Keeper of the Michigan State Prison at Jackson.

*(From the Jackson Citizen.)*

Mr. A. E. Wing resides at 612 N. Jackson Street, Jackson, Mich. He is a keeper in the Michigan State Prison, a man of unyielding integrity, and whose word is beyond dispute. He tells the following story of a wonderful escape, and the incidents connected with the dangerous position in which he was placed. He says, some months ago my attention was attracted to a swelling of my groins, which, began to increase in size to such an extent that I was alarmed. My feet and limbs also began to swell, and I was bloated from my waist down, so badly that I could not pull my pants, over my legs, and I had to wear shoes fully two inches before I could get them on. Even my face became puffed up and the swelling under my eyes was such I could hardly drag myself upstairs to unlock my men. I consulted a physician, one of the best in the city. He said the swelling was caused by an irritation of the kidneys, and I commenced treatment with him. But I seemed to be getting worse, and was strongly urged by a friend to try Doan's Kidney Pills, and I finally consented. After the first box had commenced to see a change, and felt much better. This was encouraging, and I continued their use. I took five boxes in all, with the happy result that I was completely cured. I have never heard of any medicine which had such a pronounced and radical effect, and yet not affect the system unfavorably and leave it in such a good condition. I feel better now than I ever did. After the effect was once established the swelling gradually disappeared until it was entirely gone. I regard Doan's Kidney Pills as a most wonderful agent in the curing of any form of kidney disorder.

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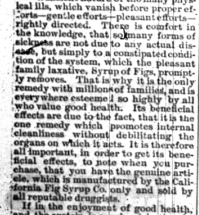


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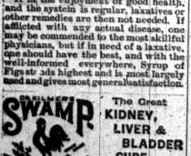


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# WITHIN OUR WALLS.

## MERE MENTION OF MICHIGAN MATTERS.

**Union Veterans' Union at Battle Creek.**

**A Woman and Her Babe Burned to Death near Jackson—Lumber and Railroad Property Destroyed by Fire.**

**Union Veteran's Union.**

The ninth annual encampment of the Michigan department, Union Veterans' Union, was held at Battle Creek last week, Tuesday and Wednesday. The following officers were elected: department commander, George Sherry, of Bay City; senior vice, Alfred Hall, of St. Louis; chaplain, Charles R. Davis, of Camden; surgeon general, Dr. S. S. French, of Battle Creek. St. Louis will be the next place of meeting. The next move 65,000 members of the order in the United States.

The encampment of the Woman's Veteran Relief union was also held and the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Lydia Sprague, of Greenville; senior vice-president, Mrs. Hettie Platt, of Bay City; junior, Mrs. Maggie Morse, of Holly; treasurer, Mrs. Ida Sophia Webster, of Jackson; secretary, Mrs. Alice Spaulding, of Greenville; treasurer, Mrs. Jane Hedden, of Greenville; aide, guard, Mrs. Fancy Hall, of St. Louis; outside guard, Mrs. Barbara Waller, of Bay City.

**Mother and Child Roasted to Death.**

Mrs. Albert Robinson, aged 35, and her 5-year-old daughter, were burned to death in their home in Sanford township, Jackson county. There is little doubt that kerosene oil used to start a fire in the living stove caused the explosion. Nothing is left but a pair of drawer from the dead wife. His neighbors discovered the house on fire, and succeeded in getting all out, but Mrs. Robinson and little child were dead. The husband and father was so badly burned that it is thought he will die.

**The Gasoline Can Exploded.**

Jacob Miller, two miles south of Warren got up early to build the fire and used gasoline to hurry things up. The can exploded completely scaring Miller. He ran out doors screaming. When his wife appeared Miller was a mass of flames. Most of his clothing was burned off and Mrs. Miller was badly burned. Miller suffered great agony for several hours when he died. He leaves three children.

**Railroad Property Burned.**

The principal business of the Quinnesec logging railroad, five miles from Iron mountain was totally destroyed by fire. There were three locomotives in the round house at the time and they are damaged beyond repair. The loss will exceed $15,000 with no insurance. Logging operations had just commenced along the line. The fire will undoubtedly cause a suspension of operations throwing 100 men out of work.

**Lumber Fire at Ingalls.**

Ira Cosley's lumber yard, at Ingalls, three miles south of Stephenson with 2,000,000 feet of lumber, is now in ashes. Cosley's planing mill had been broken into, the lumber piles saturated and then ignited. The hand engine at Stephenson went down and saved the factory, the lumber yard of the mill yard, and the buildings west of the depot. The loss is about $50,000; insurance $18,000.

**Died From Hydrophobia.**

William Matchelor, aged 35, died at the Saginaw hospital after suffering great agony for 24 hours from hydrophobia. He was bitten last June while feeding a dog afflicted with distemper, but paid no attention to the wound. While at work the day before his death he became violently ill, and was removed to the hospital. He leaves a widow and three little ones.

## NEWS FOR MICHIGANDERS.

President Fisher, of Albion college, is seriously ill with bronchitis.

The annual convention of the W. C. T. U. of the Fourth district was held at Decatur.

In a saloon fight at Thompsonville, Ole Janson bit off and swallowed Andy Thompson's thumb.

Henry Lewis, of near Shelby, fell under a freight train north of Dalton and received fatal injuries.

Fire did $1,000 damage to the main building of the Northern Michigan Children's home at Traverse City.

Al T. Patterson, a printer, received the appointment of customs collector for the port of Benton Harbor.

Dr. Mary Green, of Charlotte, has been made president of the National Household Economic association.

James Read, aged 17, son of Deputy Sheriff Charles H. Read, of Delray, committed suicide by hanging himself.

Emil Hahn was killed while at work in the 13th level of the Calumet & Hecla mine by being hit by a falling rock.

John Carter, a prominent business man of Carsonville, died suddenly of blood poisoning, the result of pulling a tooth.

Willie Sadebeck, aged 10, of Marine City, had one of his eyes destroyed by the explosion of a toy cannon which he was firing.

An Indian named Wanle was drowned while duck hunting, near Bay City, and his companion, Charles Smith, had a narrow escape.

The grain and stock barn on the farm of D. Kenning, near Deerfield, burned together with their entire contents. Loss $2,000.

The large farm team of Wm. Lakey, who lives near Utica, ran away throwing Mr. Lakey from the wagon, and very severely injuring him.

The Central school building at Benton Harbor was struck by lightning during an electrical storm and several hundred dollars damage resulted.

The flax mills at Crosswell, Donnington, Berne, Fargo, Yale and Brown City, have closed down indefinitely, 1 h rowing 150 men out of employment.

Charles Hahn, a young Swedish miner in the Wolverine mine at Calumet, was riding up on the back of the skip, and when he reached the surface his head struck a timber and doubled him up and crushed him, breaking his back. He died in a few hours.

Mike Lukaszewix, a Manistee Pole, was lowered in a bucket to clean out a well. When near the bottom the sides caved in. The men began to haul him up, but when 35 feet from the top the well filled in with sand. The man was buried and he was dead when the body was recovered.

Truman Smith, 15 years old, was killed while hunting near Hartford. The gun was accidentally discharged, blowing the whole side of his head off.

Frank Batchelor, of Pontiac, is under arrest on a charge of attempted criminal assault on Maggie Seeley, the 11-year-old daughter of Clarence Seeley, near Utica.

A pulley seven feet in diameter burst at the Power and Electric Co.'s plant at Buchanan and demolished the switch board. Ralph English barely escaped being killed.

"Kid" Lavigne, of Saginaw, Mich., won a 24-round fight at New York, with Jack Everhardt, of New Orleans, to decide the lightweight championship of the world.

The new farm residence of Samuel Lemon near Indian lake, Kalamazoo county, burned together with its contents, involving a loss of $7,000, with an insurance of $1,200.

William Pelett, a grand larceny convict at Jackson prison, from Port Huron, was struck on the head by a flying piece of metal and his skull fractured. He may die.

The Sixteenth Michigan Veteran Volunteer infantry reunion at Grand Rapids was attended by about 50 members. Alfred M. Apted, of Grand Rapids, was elected president.

A out of 10 per cent has been made in wages by the Port Huron City electric railway, to go into effect next month. The old rate of $10 per week is promised as soon as traffic pi ks up.

Martin Labinski, a resident of 11th Dubois street, Detroit, attempted to kill his wife and two children with a butcher knife while suffering from temporary insanity, caused by starvation.

The large Bailey house livery barn at Ionia, burned to the ground. Loss $2,500, insured for $1,000. All the horses and carriages were taken out, but Frank Montgomery, the lessee, lost all his sleighs.

Henry Balsley, a railroad, man, was swept off the deck of the steamer Frank Woods by a huge wave while returning from Manistique to Escanaba at 8:30 Joseph to vote. He leaves a widow and two children.

A bald eagle tried to carry off the little child of Mrs. P. Corrother who was walking with the baby and Mrs. A. Stewart near Benton Harbor. The women kept the bird off by yelling and throwing clods of dirt at it.

A wagon, harness and blankets were discovered hacked to pieces and burning in the woods near Charlotte. Two horses were gazing near by, but no human being was in sight. A murder suicide is suspected.

Things knocked down and seriously injured Frank Wand, a farm hand, at Benton Harbor, but failed to find $30 in a pocket. Neighbors, hearing his call for help, rushed out, firing three shots after the robbers, who escaped.

A hunter returning home with a party carelessly discharged his shotgun at Marion City and the bullet struck Mrs. C. received five shot in his body and Albert Sturgis, aged 4, one shot squarely, between the eyes. The boys will recover.

A tremendous explosion in the Elks' lodge rooms at Muskegon startled the people for half a mile around. Carpets and furniture were destroyed, one partition wall was blown out as well as many of the windows. The cause of the explosion is a mystery.

Chief Justice Long, of the Michigan supreme court, who was counsel for the against ex-Pension Commissioner Lochren was dismissed by the U. S. supreme court will at once commence a similar action against Lochren's successor, Bloomer, and will endeavor to bring it to a final hearing before the commissioner has time to either die or resign.

Will Pickel, manager of the Charlotte pin works, while assisting in the building heard a noise in an adjoining room and stepped in to investigate. Two men confronted him and gave him a stunning blow on the head. When they the engineer returned 15 minutes later Pickel was still unconscious. When he revived he found he had been robbed of $60.

Ben Keenan, a young theological student at Hillsdale college, was discovered in the organ loft of the college church by one of the janitors, and on being questioned he confessed to having stolen a large amount of wearing apparel, jewelry, silverware, etc., which he has since confessed to having stolen. Most of the goods have been identified by students and citizens who had been robbed.

By the payment of $8,000 S. Dessan, president of the Dessau Co., of New York, has secured a 20-year extension to his lease of the Millie mine at Iron Mountain. The new lease calls for the mining of not less than 10,000 tons of first grade ore and not less than 5,000 tons grade ore annually which will necessitate the employment of a largely increased force of men.

The Bicentennial County Savings bank at Big Rapids has closed its doors and assigned to M. Brown, of Big Rapids, and the Michigan Trust Co., of Grand Rapids. Inability to raise money on collateral to meet the exhibitions of the depositors is the alleged cause of the failure. There has been a run on the bank for some days. This was the only bank of its kind in Big Rapids.

At an early morning hour flames burst from under the main stairway in the Franklin house at Manistee, and rapidly made their way upwards cutting off all communication with the street. Fifteen guests were compelled to jump from the second story, in their night clothes, and several were severely burned. Mrs. Clark threw her baby into the arms of a spectator below and then jumped.

Mrs. Alice Lawrence, who is serving a 20 years' sentence in the Detroit house of correction for the murder of her husband, Enos M. Lawrence, at Holland, has made another confession and declared the innocence of Dr. J. D. Wetmore, who was arrested as an accomplice in September on the testimony of the woman and her brother, Ray Coates, who is in Jackson prison for life as the confessed perpetrator of the deed.

Thieves broke into D. H. Barrows' store at Argyle and blew open the outer door of the safe. The noise of the explosion aroused citizens in adjacent houses, who rushed out into the street only to find the thieves in retreat. A large number of shots were exchanged between the citizens and the burglars, but in the darkness marksmanship was poor, and no one was hurt. The thieves carried off about $40 worth of clothing, shoes, etc.

John Jeffery, a shoe man and real estate dealer, of Ionia, through his attorney, has laid claim to 40 acres of land in the heart of the city of Mt. Pleasant, on which is situated the Central normal school and about 50 of the finest residences in the city. The property was in litigation for many years and it was thought that the title had been settled, but John and Ira Jeffries claim an error and will reopen the case in the Isabella county circuit this fall. The land is worth over $100,000, the property which belongs to the Central normal school alone being worth $60,000.

# FROM MANY POINTS.

## NEW ITEMS OF VARIOUS KINDS BRIEFLY RELATED.

**The Cuban Insurgents Show the Spanish They can Cross the Famous Trocha Almost as They Please—Advance Upon Havana Has Begun.**

**Cuban Insurgents are Winning.**

A Key West, Fla., dispatch says that passengers from Havana confirm advices received by mail that Maceo has crossed the trocha at Artemisa and joined other insurgent forces in Havana province.

Maceo first made a feint toward Guanajaxbara and succeeded in drawing the attention of the Spanish generals to that point, and then by forced marches he made a detour to the southward and suddenly appeared at Artemisa, the central point on the line of the trocha. While giving his men a short rest the insurgent chief informed the occupants of the town that he intended to sack and burn it, but the commandant refused to allow anyone to leave. Maceo opened fire upon the town with his artillery, and 30 shots were fired into the town