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Michigan Items

State Happenings Succinctly Told by Our Special Correspondents.

In Mississippi anything progressive is a crime, even progressive euchre.

To avoid the grave robbers drink boiled water and get vaccinated.

Balfour has a majority back of him that seems to authorize him to do things.

Really the Irish question has become so tame that Mr. Balfour is not afraid to pet it.

Lady Gordon is properly shut out from court. The king of England must not be contaminated.

Mr. Corbett is evidently extremely anxious to be the first one to profit by Mr. Jeffries' failing health.

At the Marquand sale a peach blow vase fetched $3,200. A vase that will bring that much must be a peach.

Red hair, it is said, denotes purity of thought and intensity of feeling. What does the white horse indicate?

For those Chicago old maids to admit married life is the happiest is like a teetotaler describing the taste of rum.

The late Dr. Gatling invented both a death-dealing gun and an automatic plough. But he never beat one into the other.

Another "get-rich-quick" concern has gone up in St. Louis, and the "get-ever-it-slowly" process begins for its "investors."

Brazil and Bolivia are getting ready to go to war. Evidently they are tired of fooling around with mere revolutions.

An American has been arrested at Milan, Italy, for throwing away money. Are the rich to be deprived of all their pleasures?

Cartoonist, isn't it about time to put away the David and Goliath idea? It's been in use for several years and really needs a rest.

It may be wise to keep a diary, but as the evidence in a recent divorce case shows, it is also wise to keep it securely locked up.

Beef is now just as cheap as pork. That seems to be the most cheerful way to state the fact that pork has risen to beef prices.

The King of Spain is to name the umpire between Mexico and Venezuela. Well, well, little Alfonso is getting to be quite a man.

Jan Kubelik married and accompanied by his wife is quite another box office proposition from Jan the possible hero of every matinee girl's romance.

Whole nations sometimes go to sleep. Mr. Balfour said that if the ministry did not suit, parliament could get another one easily. And it missed the chance!

Gen. Michailowski of the Macedonian committee is armed only with his name and a just cause, but the Turks have modern guns, even though they were bought on credit.

We are told that "real grandeur" is to distinguish the marriage of Miss Thaw and the Earl of Yarmouth. But we are old-fashioned enough to remember that all is not gold that glitters.

Count Robert de Montesquiou says the Empress Josephine was so lavish with musk in her boudoirs at Malmaison that the stones of these amorous retreats are still redolent of it. Whew!

It is estimated that a polar explorer can fit out an expedition for $200,000, but as this estimate does not include the cost of the rescuing expedition the figures are obviously misleading.

London literary men have organized a club to suppress superfluous books. It might have been foreseen that ten years of Hall Caine and Marie Corelli would lead to some such reaction.

English yachtsmen say that the half-measure in keel which the Shamrock III is to use "will enable her to spin like a top every time she goes about." Sith, for all her spinning she may not come out a-top.

There is a man in a Russian hospital who has papers to show that he is 200 years old. His age isn't as remarkable, however, as the fact that he doesn't claim to have smoked tobacco and guzzled whisky all his life.

Who'll respond to Brother Parkhurst's call for three or four million dollars to start the ideal newspaper? That money ought to start it all right. All that would then be needed would be a few million more to keep it going.

A new burglar alarm photographs the burglar, arouses the family and calls the police. All it needs in addition is an attachment that will handcuff the burglar and hitch him to one of the legs of the grand piano in the parlor.

Two Chicago lovers were bitten by a mad dog. It is not known what affect the two forms of madness may have when coming together. Possibly they may neutralize each other.

A New York preacher has produced figures to show how a minister can live on $12 a month. But why should he if he is fit to be a minister?

Prof. Griggs contends that fifteen minutes is enough time to devote to a newspaper. It's too bad that the professor reads that kind of a paper.

SURE SIGNS OF THE SPRINGTIME

Robins Make Their Appearance and Small Boys Play Marbles.

The days are warm and pleasant and the nights frosty clear—an ideal time for the making of maple sugar, and many are taking advantage of the opportunity, about Central Lake. Robins are drifting back, singly and in pairs; the neighboring hilltops have shouldered their way up through the glistening snow bank; the village is filled with lumber jacks returning from the winter's harvest among elm or pine; from street and alley resounds the imperious cry of "Fan, swift, knuckle down tight," and up to the present moment every indication points to the coming of an early spring.

MAN IS TOO POOR TO BE MAYOR.

Owosso Official Declares He Cannot Afford to Hold the Place.

Mayor V. M. White of Owosso has announced that he is a candidate for the Republican nomination for supervisor in his ward, the Fourth. "You can say I'm in the race for the nomination," said the mayor, "and that I'm in it to the finish. I told the boys I would not be a candidate for mayor again, told them so last July, and gave my reason. What is it? I can't afford to be mayor again; I'm a poor man."

Pay for Game Warden.

The matter of the raising of the $500 necessary to secure a deputy game warden to have special charge of Grand Traverse, Leelanau and Benzie counties, will be brought before the various boards of supervisors between now and the time for the April meetings in the different counties, and there seems not the slightest doubt but that the matter will pass in each of he three counties.

Hotel Changes Hands.

The Hotel Warren at Galesburg, erected some four years since by H. H. Warren and named in his honor, has been purchased by W. M. Hill, of that village, and will be enlarged by the addition of another story. The house is already one of the most modern of country hotels and with the proposed improvements, will border on the metropolitan, both in appearance and convenience.

All Are Willing.

The latest thing to develop in matrimonial lines is a bachelor girls' league, comprising over thirty young ladies in the vicinity of Mendon, who are more than twenty years of age. Each member has paid a membership fee of $1, and when a member gets married her membership fee becomes forfeited. As yet no member has had to forfeit the dollar.

Recovers His Diamond.

A Port Huron cigar dealer lost a valuable diamond pin and two days later found it on the floor of his store. It had evidently not only lain there ever since he dropped it, without being noticed by any of the men going in and out, but had been stepped on by enough feet to be ground right down into the planking of the floor.

Hotels at Reese.

Ground was broken at Reese for the new Colonial hotel. The Central House has changed fronts—the new one is plate glass; the Maine is completing a large addition, and the old Reese House, recently opened, was closed by the sheriff, as the proprietor had failed to procure more than a government liquor license.

Auto Has No Terrors.

Calhoun county horse dealers report sales little stock in the prediction that the automobile is putting the horse out of business. Things in their line have been liveller the past winter than for many years past, and there never was such a demand for good horses as there is to-day, they say.

Refuse to Plant Tomatoes.

Because the wet weather of last summer made a total failure of the tomato crop, farmers around Brown City are opposed to planting tomatoes this year, and they persist in their determination it will be hard for the canning factory established in the village last year.

Niles Man Is Embarrassed.

Joseph Goodman, who owns a shirt waist and garment factory at Niles, has become a bankrupt. A receiver took charge of the factory. Goodman also had large interests in Chicago. The receiver says the Niles plant will not be shut down, but that it will continue operations with a full force of hands.

Vote for Bonds.

After three unsuccessful trials the proposition to bond for $25,000 for electric lights and water works was finally carried at Bangor and the progressive element of the village's population is now looking forward to a healthy growth.

Many Have La Grippe.

The grip has got such a hold on the workmen of Battle Creek that some of the big manufacturing institutions of the city are considerably handicapped by the shortage of hands.

Train Hits Street Car.

A crowded Springfield street car was hit by a freight train at Yellow springs crossing and Mrs. James F. Graham had her left shoulder dislocated and Morce Lewis was cut and bruised about the body.

Has Paresis.

Dr. T. M. Sager, a Marysville dentist, is dangerously ill with softening of the brain. Recently he sold his residence for $500 less than its real value and to this transaction is attributed his demented condition.

STRIKE BIG OIL WELL AT NILES

Yield is Placed at Twenty-five Barrels of Fine Lubricator.

The people of Niles and vicinity are wild with excitement over the discovery of oil a mile west of town. The strike was made on the Baumann farm. A well was drilled by the Niles Gas and Oil company to a depth of 700 feet, and when the drill penetrated carboniferous limestone there was a showing of oil. The drill was sunk several feet deeper, whereupon the baller brought gallons of fine lubricating oil to the surface. A halt was called and a meeting of the directors of the company was held, and it was decided to shoot the well. C. H. Dadney, the contractor who is drilling the well, says a twenty-five barrel a day well is assured.

Building Boom at Cadillac.

Cadillac is looking forward to the biggest boom an record the coming summer. Four brick blocks will be erected on the business street, the Ann Arbor railway will build a stone depot, Williams Brothers will increase the output of their last block factory and build six warehouses, the Johnson & Meredith Novelty Works will be in operation, a custom flouring mill and three other factories will be built and a $10,000 race track, athletic and fair grounds will be constructed.

Fire Protection.

Muskegon Heights is expecting a boom as soon as it is incorporated as a city. One of the first things the new city will do will be to install a system of waterworks for fire protection, the lack of which has heretofore been a bar to the establishment of new manufacturing enterprises. Three large concerns have signified their intentions of locating there as soon as proper fire protection is provided.

Baby Suffocates.

Mrs. Jermeay, who lives at Adrian, bundled her baby up in a shawl and started for a visit with a relative by the name of Mrs. Baughey, quite a distance from her home. On arriving at the Baughey home she uncovered the child and found it cold in death. In her effort to keep the baby warm the mother had drawn the shawl too closely about it, and death resulted from suffocation.

Salary Too Small.

Superintendent Frank D. Haddock, of the Holland public schools, has notified the board of education he would not be a candidate for re-election, as the salary is not attractive, that it is below other Michigan cities with a much small population.

Do Away With Free Lunch.

Battle Creek saloonkeepers have agreed to cut out the free lunch feature of their business.

POOR REWARD FOR HONESTY.

Miserly Merchant Gives Lad Bad Nickel for Returning Wealth.

A Galesburg boy picked up a pocketbook on the street, which was found to contain $40 in currency, a New York draft and other papers by which the owner was easily identified as a merchant in a neighboring town. The telephone was called into requisition and the merchant was promptly on hand and after examining his recovered property and assuring himself that the contents were intact, he went down into his jeans and presented the boy with a bad nickel. In view of such generous encouragement of youthful honesty, it is interesting to know that a deputy sheriff was in Galesburg the next day and ordered all penny-in-the-slot machines taken out because of the temptation to dishonesty they indirectly offer.

Where Roads Are Bad.

There never was so much mud in the vicinity of Lansing, according to the solemn assertion of the oldest inhabitant. Teams bringing milk to the condensed milk factory in the capital city are composed of six and eight horses, and many of the farmers cannot get their milk to market at all. Gravel roads are in nearly as bad condition as the dirt roads.

Arm Is Caught in a Saw.

Bert Winslow of Easton township, nearly lost an arm while sawing wood on the farm of Roy Burger, two and a half miles west of Ionia. Winslow was taking the wood from the saw when his right forearm was caught at the rist and mangled to the bone.

Delay Is Dangerous.

Frank Parman of Fitchburg, slightly injured the end of one of his fingers, but the hurt seemed so trivial that he didn't bother to have it attended to. Now his arm must be amputated to save his life, blood poisoning having set in.

Ready for the Boats.

The stock piles at the iron mines on the Marquette range are the largest that have ever accumulated from a single winter's work, and as soon as navigation opens there will be something doing in the way of shipping.

Expensive Sidewalk.

A circuit court jury at Jackson gave Thomas Harlen, a tailor, a verdict of $2,750 for injuries received through a defective sidewalk. Harlen sued for $10,000 for what were claimed to be injuries resulting in total disability.

Mad Dog at Muskegon.

The epidemic of rabies has reached Muskegon and fifteen dogs have been killed. Chief of Police Knapp has issued orders that every dog in the city must be muzzled from now on until the abatement of the epidemic.

MICHIGAN GIRL TO GRACE A PALACE.

GEN. THEODORE LEUTWEIN. MISS ISABEL LEUTWEIN.

Miss Isabel Emanuella Wilhelmina Maurine Leutwein of Kalamazoo, who has left to become the social head of the palace of her uncle, George Theodore Leutwein, governor general and imperial commissioner of the German colonies in southwest Africa, has lived in Ann Arbor and Kalamazoo nearly all of her life. It will be a great change for Miss Leutwein to go from her modest home in the Michigan town to a great palace. The general's palace at Great Windhoek resembles that of the imperial palace in Germany and at his court diplomats and nobles are entertained frequently. The general has been an intimate friend of the emperor from childhood and Miss Leutwein has a note from his majesty to General Leutwein saying he will be pleased to meet her waenever convenient.

The general lost his wife some time ago and has no daughters, although he has two sons, graduates of Heidelberg. The household duties in German of Miss Isabel have attracted the admiration of the governor-general. The result is the invitation to go to Africa and preside over his establishment. Miss Leutwein on the journey is accompanied by her friend, Mrs. J. W. Bosman of Kalamazoo.

Holland's Gas Franchise.

A franchise granted Bascom Parker of Niles, to construct a gas plant at Holland, makes the price of both fuel and illuminating gas $1 and subject to 5 per cent discount and limits him to ten months in which to complete the plant.

Condensed Milk Plant.

Northville is to have a new condensed milk plant. Work has already begun on the plant, which will cost $4,500.

Pineapples Poison Family.

The family of Joseph Wilhelm, Charles Wilhelm, Phil U. Rice and Irving Wilhelm, wife and son of Wooster, have been desperately sick from the effects of eating pineapples that had been put up in tin cans. The fruit was eaten for dinner.

Agreement in Doubt.

No agreement between the Massillon miners and operators has been reached and a joint scale committee has been appointed. An amicable settlement is greatly in doubt.

Three Buried Beside Husband.

Mrs. Melissa Morrison, now dead in Galesburg, at the age of 85 years, is the third sister whose remains will rest at Albion beside those of the husband whose successive wives they were.

Abandon Pure Food Plan.

The pure food company which was organized in Leslie some months ago has been dissolved, the stockholders deciding that the enterprise would not be a paying one.

Wise Endowment Fund.

The Isaac M. Wise endowment fund committee of the Hebrew Union college, Cincinnati, has tendered the position of director general of the fund to Dr. Joseph Krauskopf of Philadelphia and it is believed that he will accept.

Children Elope.

Earl Oates and Miss Blanche Doll, each 15 years old, eloped from Kenton to Monroe, Mich., and were married. On their return they were forgiven and a serenade given in their honor.

Cutting Out Convict Labor.

The E. Bronk Co., manufacturers of shirts, who employ a larger number of Jackson prison convicts than any other single contractor, has taken a step towards employing only free labor. They have a contract with the state for the work of 250 convicts at 35 cents a day, but at the expiration of the six months' notice which they have served upon Warden Vincent, they will cancel their contract, which has two years to run. The Withington-Cooley Company, another large employer of convict labor, has, for some time, been increasing its free-shop product, and decreasing the number of its convict workmen and this company dropped 25 convicts from its employ. The managers say they find free labor cheaper than convict labor.

Flooded the Country.

The Saginaw river was spreading over a wide area on Wednesday. North of the city toward Bay City the country for miles is a vast lake. Much inconvenience has been caused and some damage has resulted, but it is believed the limit has been about reached. Cass river came up five inches since Tuesday, but the ice is all out and no inconvenience is caused except from the flooding of low lands. The Riverside coal mine was drowned out and is full of water, caused by a big leak in the air shaft. At Frankenmuth, Cass river has fallen four inches. In the lower part of the town many houses are flooded.

Beets and Alcohol.

The Michigan Chemical Co's distillery No. 1, of Bay City, is shut down for the season, after a short but successful run. The scarcity of beets last fall made the supply of sugar beet molasses considerably less than expected. The distillery, the only one of its kind in the country, began operations Jan. 1, 1902, closed down last July and reopened Sept. 10. The government is said to have received over $1,000,000 in revenue thus far on the alcohol produced the past season.

Yaple Declines to Run.

Judge George L. Yaple notified the Democratic state central committee Thursday night that it would be impossible for him to accept the nomination for justice of the Supreme Court. This, it is said, leaves the matter of a nominee to make the run to the choice of the committee and they will probably be called together to make a selection.

CONDENSED NEWS.

Monroe druggists are engaged in a cut rate war.

Apples poisoned to kill rats caused the death of two children of James Weldon at Bridgeport, Conn.

The first rural mail delivery in the upper peninsula of Michigan has been established in Menominee county.

W. Godfrey Hunter, Jr., the murdeer of Wm. Fitzgerald, of Grand Rapids, has been tendered a banquet by his friends at Louisville, Ky.

After burning 50 years, an effort will be made by the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Co. to extinguish the fire in the old Greenwood mine, near Tamaqua, Pa.

Chidlel for infanacy with other women, Joseph L. Gibbs, of St. Paris, O., shot his wife dead and killed himself with the same weapon. The couple seemed on the best of terms shortly before the tragedy. Both enjoyed an excellent reputation.

AMUSEMENTS IN DETROIT.

Week Ending March 21.

DETROIT OPERA HOUSE—"Kyrle Bellew" — Wed. and Sat. Matinee at 2. Evenings at 8.
LYCEUM THEATRE—"The Volunteer Organist" —Sat. Matinee 2. Eve. 1-c. 25c. 50c. 75c.
WHITNEY THEATRE—"On the Stroke of 12" — Mat. 10c. 1 and 2c. Eve. 10, 20 and 30c.
TEMPLE THEATER AND WONDERLAND—Attractions 1-c, 10c to 50c. Evenings 8-c, 10c to 50c.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit, cattle—Choice steers, $4.65@4.90; good to choice butcher steers [and heifers, 70c to 90c, $3.50@3.85; mixed butcher and fat cows, $2.75@3.75; canners, $1.75 @2.00; common butcher stock, $2.50@3.00; snippers, bulls, $3.50@3.50; common feeders, $2.50@2.90; good well bred feeders, $2.50@4.00; light stockers, $2.75@3.75; milch cows steady, $30.00@55.00. Veal calves—Common grades about steady; good calves, 50c higher, $5.50@7.00.

Sheep—Best lambs, 6.50@6.60; 10 good lambs, $5.85@6.00; light to common to fair lambs, $5.00@5.75; yearlings, $5.00 @5.50; fair to good butcher sheep, $4.75@5.25; culls common, $3.50@4.00. Hogs—Light to good butchers, $7.37@7.45; pigs, $7.40@7.45; light yorkers, $7.25@7.30; roughs $5.50@6.75. Stags, 1-3 off.

East Buffalo, cattle—Steady; veals, steady, $5.50@7.50; common to good, $5.50@6. Hogs—Heavy and medium, $7.30 @7.40; yorkers, $7.35@7.40; pigs, $7.50@7.60; roughs, $6.75@7.25; stags, $5.00@6.00. Sheep—Western top lambs, $6.67@6.75; natives $6.50 @6.60; culls to good, $3.50@6.50; yearlings, $6.60@6.75; ewes, $5.75@5.90; sheep, top mixed, $5.65@5.90; culls to good, $3@5.50.

Chicago, Cattle—Good to prime steers, $5.00@5.75; poor to prime steers, $3.60@5.75; poor to medium, $3.50@4.80; stockers and feeders, $2.75@4.80; cows, $1.60@4.40; heifers, $2.25@4.60; canners, $1.75@2.50; bulls, $2.00@4.25; calves, $3.00@7.00; Texas fed steers, $4.00@4.90. Hogs—Mixed and butchers, $7.20@7.65; good to choice heavy, $7.60@7.80; rough heavy, $7.30@7.60; light, $6.80@7.35; bulk of sales, $7.30@7.60. Sheep—Good to choice wethers, $5.00@5.75; fair to choice mixed, $4.25@5.00; native lambs, $4.75@7.00.

Grain.

Detroit, Wheat—No. 2 white, 74c; No. 2 red, 74c. Corn—No. 3, 47c. Oats—No. 3 white, 10,000 bu at 77½c, 5,000 bu at 78 c, closing with sellers at 77½, July 10,000 bu at 35½c, closing 35c asked and 34½c bid. No. 2 rye, 1 cars at 72½c per bu.

Corn—No. 3 mixed, 1 car at 46c; No. 3 yellow, 1 car at 46½c, track.

Oats—No. 4 white, 32c bid; No. 4 white, 36c per bu.

Rye—No. 2 spot, 54½c; No. 3 rye, 52½c per bu.

Chicago (cost) wheat—No. 2 spring, 77½c; No. 3, 76@76c; No. 2 red, 75@76c. Corn—No. 2, 45½c; No. 2 yellow, 45½c. Oats—No. 2, 33½c; No. 3 white, 34½@36½c. Rye—No. 2, 56c.

The stock piles at the iron mines on the Marquette range are the largest that have ever accumulated from a single winter's work.

King Edward will soon receive a barrel of Kentucky rye. It has just been shipped to Baltimore. This is the fourth barrel to be sent to Windsor castle since Edward ascended the throne.

After heroically rescuing his invalid wife and two days' old child from his burning house, John McLaughlin, of Hibbing, Minn., risked his life again to save his six-year-old son, and both met death in the ruins of the house.

Two Texas farmers, J. T. Coker and Wm. Leopard, met in the village of Hutchins and fought with their fists. Friends separated them. Later they were seen to come together, each carrying a shotgun. When within about 50 yards of each other they opened fire almost simultaneously. After the second round Leopard reeled in his boat and fell into the water dead.

Mixed marriages of blacks and whites constitute the only solution of the race problem, according to Rev. Robert C. Bryant, a leading clergyman of Rockford, Ill. He says. "This intermingling of the races is going on."

THE MICHIGAN NEWS

What is Doing in All Sections of the State

Bigamist and Thief.

Claimed by three wives and alleged to be an embezzler in the sum of $600, Cashier Arthur R. Chisholm, of the United States Express Co., in Grand Rapids, has become suddenly notorious. Chisholm is 28 years old and came last from Fort Wayne, Ind., to enter the employ of the express company. He soon impressed the local officers of the company with his polished manners and refined appearance and his advance was rapid. During the past few months losses have been noticed daily at the local office but the leak could not be traced. Suspicion at last pointed toward Chisholm and a warrant for his arrest followed an examination of his books.

The Parson Caught On.

Bay City, west side, "went dry" Sunday for the first time in that many moons. The reason was the accidental discovery by Rev. W. B. Pope, of the Methodist church, that at least one saloon was doing business on the Lord's day. He tried the back door. It was locked. Just then a man came round the corner remarked that the gentleman must be a stranger there, and proceeded to show him a "blind entrance." Inside, the reverend gentleman found a dozen men drinking. He talked with the proprietor, and the place was closed and the screens removed.

Pistols and Jealousy.

Two women met late at night near Shaughnis & Co.'s carriage shop, in Camden, two revolver shots were heard, and one of the women ran away. The other woman went into Potter's livery stable, and it was found that she was Minnie Bennett, who has been working for Mrs. John Croxton. She had a bullet in one of her lips, and another in one of her legs. She asked Mr. Rathbun to go for Job McGrey, who took her away and provided treatment for her. The bullets are said to have been fired by a jealous married woman.

Flushing's Fire Loss.

Fire broke out in Flushing at midnight Thursday, which destroyed the double store building of Niles & Kennedy, dealers in general merchandise. The furniture and undertaking establishment of Cameron & Shannon, adjoining, was completely gutted. The People's bank building was also damaged several hundred dollars and the offices of the grain elevator and J. B. French's store were completely wrecked. Niles & Kennedy sustain a loss of $7,500, covered by insurance; F. A. Niles, $3,000, no insurance; Cameron & Shannon, $2,500.

Roasted the Mayor.

The whole city of St. Joseph, apparently, went Sunday to the funeral of John Wells, the hack driver murdered by the proprietor of a tough hotel. Rev. D. P. French offered prayer and called for help in the city, where crime has been rampant. Rev. Dr. H. S. Robloe, who preached the sermon, roasted the city government, laying the blame for the existing conditions upon the mayor and the police department. Mayor Nelson C. Rice, who is a deacon of Dr. Robloe's church, was present, and occupied a conspicuous seat.

The Millie Mine Disaster.

All miners in the Millie mine disaster have been accounted for. Four men were drowned. The fourth level was completely filled with water from an old mine under which the men were working and into which the water broke. The bodies of four men drowned in the disaster have been recovered. The public opinion condemns the company for not keeping a civil engineer in map out work. The men did not know they were on dangerous ground. The feeling is very great against the company.

The Bill Was Needed.

Gov. Bliss signed the bill of Rep. Francis, of Alpena, which the physicians of the legislature fought, giving boards of supervisors the power on auditing claims of physicians for the care of indigents ill with contagious disease. Previously the boards of supervisors had no alternative but to allow the claims at the amounts approved by the local boards of health, but under the new act, which takes immediate effect, the supervisors can do some cutting, if they think it justified.

Married and Expelled.

Bert Van Horn and Miss Cynthia Foley, students of Albion College, went to Marshall Monday and were married. Van Horn had just left the college and gone to work in a Lansing barber shop. President Dickie heard a rumor of the wedding, and questioned Mrs. Van Horn. She confessed, and he expelled her. Her home is in Lexington, Mich. Two students who were at the wedding have been suspended.

In Place of Yaple.

Judge Yaple, of Mendon, having declined the nomination for supreme judge, which was unanimously given by the recent Democratic state convention, the state central committee met at the Normandie Hotel, in Detroit, Monday night and selected James H. Pound, of Detroit, to fill the vacancy on the ticket.

School Teachers' Union

An agitation has been started among Port Huron's school teachers for the organization of a union and then to make a demand on the city administration for an increase of 10 per cent in salary. Most of the teachers were employed received an increase at the beginning of the present school year, but they claim to still be the lowest paid staff of instructors of any city of like size in the state.

The telephone linemen are again at work on the local exchange in Bancroft.

The salt production in March was 91,771 barrels, divided thus: Wayne, 31,434; St. Clair, 28,459; Manistee, 10,066; Saginaw, 9,589; Mason, 6,938; Bay, 4,335.

Edward Norton, of Vernon, has been pronounced insane by Dr. Fiechenstein, of Corunna, and will be sent to an asylum. He is 29 years of age and single.

The dead body discovered in an unoccupied house just outside of Reed City, and at first supposed to be that of a negro has been positively identified as that of Ephraim Johnson, a foundryman, unmarried, who disappeared several months ago.

AROUND THE STATE.

Newport is to have a canning factory.

Menominee is to have a new public library.

Caro is going to have a health food factory.

Footpads held up three men in the streets of Grand Rapids Monday night.

Leon Weber and his wife Maud are behind prison bars in Detroit on suspicion of making and passing counterfeit coin.

The school savings system, which has proven so successful in Adrian and several other cities of the state will be tried at Ludington.

Leslie Geary, 18 years old, of Sanford, lost both legs below the knees through being run over by a Pere Marquette train. His recovery is doubtful.

The lumber camps along the Menominee are rapidly breaking up, and if the present warm weather lasts there will not be a camp left inside of ten days.

August Shultz, section foreman for the Grand Trunk, at Drayton Plains, was accidentally shot at his mother's home while trading revolvers with his brother Fred.

Laird Hinkle and Morris Berry are under arrest for aggravated assault, the charge being preferred by Benjamin Cole, a farmer living five miles southwest of Hillsdale.

A chance for recovery is enjoyed by Wm. Nicolay, of Jackson, whose skull was crushed in a fight with a fellow employe in the Michigan Central shops Friday night.

The suit of Gov. A. T. Bliss' lumber firm to collect a judgment of $500 against S. L. Fox and the furniture manufacturers, Fox & Mason, of Corunna, has been discontinued.

Willie Hawkins, the 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hawkins, of Mason, died Monday morning from blood-poisoning, the result of a gunshot wound received Saturday.

Lawton has three or four grape juice factories, and now another one is to be built at Lake Cora, in that same section, which will use up the product of 1,200 acres of the fruit.

Commissioner Atwood reports that the Michigan earnings of railroad companies for January this year were $3,720,723.53. This is an increase of $374,427.26 or 9 per cent over the same month last year.

Merritt Mason, who is charged with the attempted murder of Edward Stewart for his money at Niles six weeks ago, has confessed and been sentenced to 20 years in Jackson prison at hard labor.

The ice in Saginaw bay is rapidly becoming worn away, yet the daring fishermen still ply their precarious trade on the immense ice floe extending from Bay Port on the east to Point Lookout on the west.

John Kubelak, of Bay City, aged 14, ran away from school and rather than be taken back by the truant officer, he jumped into the Saginaw river and swam among the chunks of ice to the other shore.

A. H. Buck, the young Paris township farmer who confessed having burned his barn for the insurance, was sentenced to one year in Jackson. A light sentence was imposed because of Buck's wife and child.

Two years ago the city of Jackson issued $25,000 bonds to improve the Grand river. The other day the council paid $875 interest on the bonds, but as yet there has been nothing done toward improving the river.

Mrs. Ida Berg, whose home is in Saginaw, Mich., committed suicide by taking carbolic acid at the home of her sister, Mrs. Jennie Cresser, in Chicago. Mrs. Berg was 45 years old and had been in ill health some time.

Because they didn't like the rations, two youths deserted from the navy a week ago last Thursday. They were Bennet H. Moran, aged 18, and Walter A. Nash, aged 16, and both claiming Bay City as their home. They were caught in Detroit.

Rev. Fr. Van Stralen, of the Catholic parish in Sebewaing, has become violently insane, choking and otherwise abusing his aged housekeeper. Bishop Foley has ordered the demented priest to be removed to a retreat in Detroit, where he can receive proper treatment.

Glenwood, the little village to the north of Wyandotte, had a fire scare Friday morning, and for a time it looked as though a good part of the town would be destroyed. As it was, a damage of about $7,000 was recorded before the flames were finally extinguished.

Arthur S. Chisholm, the United States Express Company cashier, of Grand Rapids, who is charged with the embezzlement of $600, and who has to have three wives, will be provided with a strong defense by wife No. 1, who says she will spend every cent she has for his bail.

To correct recognition of their union, the officials of the Chicago Amalgamated Association of Sheet Metal Workers have ordered a strike on all work being done by Chicago contractors in Grand Rapids and Battle Creek, Mich., Jackson, Miss., Memphis and Cincinnati.

John Helhorst, charged with the murder of John Wilmerding, will be held for trial despite a long petition for his release, signed by many prominent citizens. At his preliminary examination in the Grand Rapids Police Court, he told the story of the shooting, and attempted to justify his plea of self defense.

A strange state of affairs in the officeholding line exists in Oscoda county. A lawyer named McMahon is prosecuting attorney, and has been for over ten years, notwithstanding the fact that he lives in Sault Ste. Marie and comes down to Oscoda county but six weeks every year.

The annual salary increases and allowances for postoffice clerks to take effect July 1 have been made public by the postoffice department. The offices at Adrian, Albion, Cheboygan, Fenton, Holland, St. Clair and Three Oaks each get an additional clerk at $500. Grand Rapids gets four at $600 and Bay City, Grand Haven and Jackson one each.

With a clothesline about his neck, Henry Pike, an Englishman, aged 57, leaped from a window on the third floor of a boarding house at New York. The rope broke and he fell to a stone sidewalk and was killed.