

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

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The Michigan Secretary of State has sent out a notice to the Probate Judges with the provision of a new law that any marriages require strict secrecy. They are not to be talked about by the judge, their deputies or the attending physician endorsing the applications. The law is intended for the protection of the reputation of certain females.

As of July 1st the Federal Government owned 330,213 acres of land in the Upper Peninsula open to entry. Iron County totals 12,880 acres, Dickinson (8,804) with Chippewa County (80,814) and Marquette County (68,268) having the most acres available. A large part of this land is "worthless" being composed of pine barrens or ridges of rocks. The good old times of ten years ago when homesteads with \$10,000 worth of pine on them have passed away forever.

Mrs. Harriet Ming, the lady doctor who has been at the Lockwood Hotel (400 Superior) for the past two weeks has departed for Iron River. Dr. Ming has made many friends here in both in a business and social way.