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### GREETINGS.

Joe Wilcox Sundayed at Edmore.

Best Jewelry stock in town at G. B. Porter's.

Buy your school books at Miller's Drug Store.

Rain fall for the month of August was 3.14 inches.

Carl Grover, with Spicer & Son, is on the sick list.

When you smoke, smoke the M. B. Porter's.

Editor Smith of the *Journal*, Ithaca, was in town Saturday.

Mrs. L. E. Leonard is visiting friends in Sheridan, this week.

B. F. Lane has purchased the Chas. Vought house near the Union school.

It is reported that one of the attractions of the fair at St. Louis, will be a Hose Co. race.

Rev. Monroe of West Bay City, will preach at the Congregational church next Sabbath morning.

We are under obligations to the secretary of Montecalm Co. Agricultural society for complimentary.

The date of the Edmore fair is Sept. 20 to 22, we are under obligations to the secretary for courtesy shown.

For Ladies and Gents gold filled case watches go to Pequegnat & Son's, Alma.

A handsome photograph of the Church block, was taken the first of the week, by E. W. Lyon, the photographer.

Geo. W. McCarty raised some Hungarian grass on his farm this season 5 feet and 11 inches high. Who can beat it?

If you have a neighbor whom you think would like to read *THE RECORD* send the name and we will gladly send a sample copy.

D. G. Smith the old Lake Shore R. R. conductor has sold his farm to J. F. Gott, of Detroit, and has taken up his home at St. Paul.

O. J. Stilwell returned Saturday night from his vacation, and is hard at work getting school affairs ready for opening next Monday.

The proceeds at the rink for Wright's Opera House band last Saturday evening was \$18. A large party of Ithaca young people attended.

The W. H. M. society of the M. E. church will meet at said church, Saturday, Sept. 3rd, at 2:30 p. m. A general turn-out will be appreciated by all.

The *Corner Local* published at Riverdale, that have been on wheels the past year, have at last froze out, and we are informed Meosta will suffer next.

Montigel & Co., have just turned out a hearse for St. Louis parties that they have been repairing; it is a beauty, and as usual, a first-class job was pronounced.

Miss Minnie McCarty had a narrow escape last Monday night while out driving. A dog ran out and bit her horse, he became frightened and ran away. In turning a corner she was thrown out of the carriage, but received no serious injuries. The horse took a circle around town and demolished the buggy.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Amsden of Alma spent Friday, Saturday and Sunday with friends in town. They had intended to spend the entire week here but Mr. Amsden received a dispatch to return at once as his services were needed at the offices. They enjoyed their visit very much but made a complete failure at frog catching. Art is not built right for catching frogs.—*Lyons Herald*.

To egg suckers! Yesterday afternoon while Miss Mable Trupp was breaking eggs for a cake she found in one of them a well developed snake about six inches long and about the size of a knitting needle. When shown to us his snakeship was alive and able to keep his head above the water in the phial in which he was contained. The query is how did it get into the egg.—*Ovid Register*.

Gale Davidson, for the last two years manager of the Wright House bar and billiard parlor, has resigned his position and has accepted a position in the Crowley House, Saginaw City, as head clerk. Gale is a gentleman and a straight forward fellow, and his departure from among us is universally regretted. The *Record* joins with his many friends in wishing him success.

Call and examine our new stock of lace pins with chain attachment for only \$1.00 at Pequegnat & Son's Alma.

E. J. Carell spent Sunday at Ionia.

A. R. Ronk left for New York Saturday last, on the T. & A.

W. A. Bahlke, was in Mt. Pleasant Wednesday night on business.

If you want a good smoke, you will find the M. B. Cigar the best.

Don't buy before examining goods at G. B. Porter's jewelry store.

Cort Rodgers, of Lyons, and Will Irving are members of the *Record* force now.

J. L. Topping and wife of Fentonville were the guests of their son J. F. Topping the first of the week.

Prof. Tuttle, the new principal of the Elm Hall school, was in town Wednesday, the guest of Prof. Stilwell.

Remember that T. A. Miller & Co. carry a full line of school books and stationery at the Central Drug store.

LOST—On Monday, near the Hicks flowing well one cashmere fall overcoat, finder will be rewarded by returning to this office.

Go to E. P. Shaffer, watch-maker and jeweler, for electro plating, gold and silver. All work warranted. Fine engraving a specialty.

H. H. Graves attorney for the T. A. A. & N. M. road is busy now securing the right of way for the branch from here to Big Rapids.—*Mt. Pleasant Democrat*.

Where in this world did you get those delicately roasted peanuts? Why, at Stevier's of course. He has a new gasoline Roaster you know.

Alma still to the front, last Monday our popular cigar manufacturer M. Bloomberg received a large order for cigars from Tyler, Texas. He is a hustler and believes in advertising.

Hiram Kirby of Arcada, dropped dead of heart disease last Tuesday while at work on the road. He was 30 years old and leaves a wife and three children in destitute circumstances.

There is a large demand from families from all parts of the state who are desirous of renting and buying residences with a view of locating here on the opening of the Alma College next month.

The fall meeting of the Detroit Driving Club will be held at Detroit, Sept. 22 and 23d, this will undoubtedly be the best meeting of the club. We are thankful for complimentary and assure Sec. Campau we will try and attend.

A young girl caught kissing her sweetheart a few days ago. Her mother took her to task for such actions, but the girl sulked her by this quotation: "What-soever ye would that men do unto you do ye even so to them." The old lady wilted. Memories old were brought forcibly to mind.

Geo. F. Hunting, president of the Alma College, who has been here the past week perfecting arrangements for the opening Sept. 14th, returned to Kalamazoo Thursday, to pack up, and move his family among us. Our acquaintance with the Doctor has proven to us that he is a hustler and the right man in the right place.

The printer's dollars, where are they? A dollar here and a dollar there, scattered over the numerous small towns all over the country, miles and miles apart, how shall they be gathered together? Come here, ye are wanted. Come in single file, that we may send you forth again to battle for him and vindicate his credit. Reader, are you certain you haven't a couple of the printer's dollars sticking about your clothes?

Shelly Bros., of the *Corner Local*, Riverdale, who have had a feeling for some time against E. M. Hopkins's, a prominent and highly respected young man of Elm Hall, well known to our citizens, took their last week's paper to satisfy their revenge and give Mr. H. a dirty sling, and on Monday they were arrested and brought before Esq. Yerington, of this place by Deputy Sheriff Smith, to answer to a charge of slander. They pled not guilty and their trial was set for Sept. 24th. If guilty they should pay for it which would perhaps learn the kids a lesson.

The finest line of silverware I ever saw is at Pequegnat & Son's Alma, new stock.

The new Presbyterian college is starting out as an extremely partisan institution, and proposes to slight all who said anything in favor of St. Louis last fall. Ministers preach forgive and forget, but do not always practice it.—*St. Louis Republican*.

What makes you think so Bro. Smith, because the other St. Louis papers each got a column ad. out of the college? You must not be so quick tempered. They wanted the people to see what they had to say; but in your statement you are off again. The college will start friendly toward a H. Your cause above is too thin; it is as usual, anything to club Alma.

A grand army post is to be organized at Perrinton.

Loon stock is selling at par, 10 shares were sold this week.

The M. B. Cigar is pure and delicious. Try it.

Second hand school books wanted at Miller's Drug Store.

Digging for gold has been resumed at the Elwell gold mine.

W. Kelley will spend Sunday at South Bend Ind., will return Tuesday.

Mrs. M. Gray, of Sheridan, spent Sunday with her daughter Mrs. C. F. Brown.

Bro. Smith of the *Republican*, St. Louis, made us a call while in town Monday.

Great improvements are being made this week about the College grounds in the shape of grading.

Call and examine G. B. Porter's new stock of Ladies' and Gents' Gold Watches and Jewelry before buying.

Geo. R. Brown, manager of the Sheridan *News* is at his brother's, C. F. Brown of this place, very sick with typhoid fever.

The finest lines of top rings in the county may be seen at Pequegnat & Son's Alma.

Harvey U. Button, for sometime with W. S. & S., has resigned his position, and accepted a position in the Wright House bar and billiard parlor. Harvey is a genial good fellow, and will do his best to please his customers.

John Day, for sometime with T. A. Miller & Co., has accepted the position as principal of the Union School at Blanchard. John is a first-class teacher and a genial good fellow. The *Record* joins in wishing him success.

This is the way a Dutch farmer advertises for a lost calf: Round away—I read and vite. His tube hind leg vork plack. He vas a she calf. Eihpottl vat prings him pack gives 5 tollars. Jacob Zuddering Clear Creek, three miles behind the bridge.—*Caro Jeffersonian*.

Who weeps with you when you are sad, and laughs with you when you are glad, and smiles at you when you are mad? The Editor. Who has to be both kind and wise, and never—well hardly ever lies, and when he does excites surprise? The Editor. Who owns as well as check, possessed of spirit proud yet meek, and lives on forty cents a week? The Editor.

Every one who reads a newspaper becomes familiar with the business houses whose names appear in it, and naturally they go themselves or send others to the one they know about, instead of hunting up others they never heard of. Merchants who advertise make many friends the columns of a newspaper, as their names become familiar household words; those on the contrary, who depend on casual customers who pass their doors, generally get left.

Mrs. J. B. Hughes, of St. Louis, aged 45, took chloroform at Dr. Goss's office Monday afternoon and had thirteen teeth extracted. Dr. Proper administered the anesthetic and Harry Denton, a student, pulled the teeth in Dr. Goss's absence. When taken from the chair, Mrs. Hughes was dead. The coroner's inquest before Justice Weller, Tuesday, gave as follows: "She came to her death by a dose of chloroform judiciously administered by Dr. Proper, for dental operations and caused paralysis of the heart,"—consequently no one was to blame.

Mr. B. S. Webb has just received a large shipment of Baxter Lucky Cigars from the famous Roper & Baxter Cigar factory of Chicago. This cigar was on exhibition at the Druggist convention at Patoskey, and was pronounced by all who smoked them to be the very best cigar for five cents that was ever shown in the society's history. It is a pure Havana filler and Sumatra wrapper and guaranteed to contain no poisonous or artificial flavor. It should be borne in mind that B. S. Webb, the reliable druggist, has the sole agency of this fine nicle cigar in this city, and all smokers should give them a trial. Ask for the Lucky Star Cigar. 432 2 m.

Perhaps the reason why Alma Hose Co. No. 2, did not drill for the prize on the day of tournament is not apparent to some. It was not because they were afraid to drill beside the Lakeview Co., whatever is said to that effect. It was because they did not have an opportunity. They were told by the President that they would drill immediately after the "Dry Race" and therefore the stores kindly gave their permission to be out from the time of the parade until four p. m. As we noticed they were all on hand at that time, but whether it was some mistake or they were omitted we do not know, but we do know that the programme went on omitting the drill, hence they could only return to their work in the stores and allow Lakeview the open field. The prize was given to Lakeview, but not captured by them. We hope to see the boys execute their drill on the street some time in the future. CITIZEN.

W. L. Hough, is visiting friends in Charlotte.

John Hough, of Charlotte, visited his brother Thursday.

Mrs. Fred Hamlin is visiting her parents at Reed City this week.

Wright's Opera House Band will go to Edmore next Monday to furnish music for Labor Day.

A game of bill was played in Elm Hall the other day that stood 70 to 25 at the end of the third inning.

Chas. Hutching's left last Thursday night for Denton Harbor, where he intends (we are informed) starting on the road with a troop.

The University Singers gave their entertainment last night at the M. E. church to a fair audience. They are pronounced first class.

I let the smokers know that the M. B. cigar is a substitute of the silver light. You can obtain the two brands at all dealers. M. Bloomberg.

Prof. Charles A. Davis, professor of Natural sciences, of the Alma College and wife of Chicago, arrived last Saturday evening, and are taking rooms at Mrs. Brewbaker's.

Found at Pollasky Bros., Bay Hive Store, a purse containing a sum of money, owner can have same by calling at Pollasky Bros., proving property and paying for this notice.

The T. A. A. & N. M. railroad will sell excursion tickets to the Tri-state fair at Toledo, Sept. 5 to 10th, rates from Alma and return, including admission tickets, \$4.75.

An Alma correspondent is not much of a liar. He says there were fourteen companies there last Thursday, when there were only six—a big number for a local tournament. *St. Louis Republican*. Let us see.—*Champion Hose Co.*, Ithaca Active Hose Co. No. 2, Night Hawk, No. 1, and Rescuer H. & L. Co., St. Louis; Clippewa Hose No. 1, Alton Hose No. 2, and Pioneer H. & L. Co., Mt. Pleasant, Lakeview No. 1, Alma No. 1, and No. 2. Who is the biggest liar? Bro. Smith as usual, anything to pop it Alma. Oh! the poor sick cat.

We are under obligations to Stiles Kenedy, one of the Directors of Northern Agricultural Society for complimentary. It will be held at Flint, one of the handsomest cities in Eastern Michigan, and will probably be equal to the State fair. The dates are Sept. 19 to 23. \$1,500 is hung up for speed premium. The Orchard Lake Cadets will drill and several of the best bands in the state will be secured, and a general grand time may be expected. Dr. Lancashire of this place, also a director has our thanks for a premium list. The Dr. is superintendent of the Plants, Flowers, Pictures, Paintings and Drawings.

J. C. Seymour, manager of the St. Louis Opera House, was in town Monday and perfected a plan whereby Alma people may attend the theaters there at a slight expense. He will save 25c of as good reserve seats as the house possesses for Alma people; those desiring to attend, leave orders for seats at Pequegnat & Son's Jewelry store and meet there at 7:00 o'clock, when W. G. Howland proprietor of the omnibus line, will meet you, and drive the party over and return for 25 cents. Parties taking the evening train will be brought back for 10 cents. Parties speaking to Pequegnat & Son for seats will receive their tickets at the box at their arrival at the Opera House. He has some of the best plays booked, all of which will be advertised in due time, in this paper.

TOO FAST.

The Saginaw Courier of Aug. 29, in giving the Hopping and Shelly Slander affair was the most injudicious anticipation of a criminal suit that we have ever been called upon to notice.

The etiquette that should encircle a first-class journal like the *Courier* dictates that in a criminal case yet to be tried, only the naked facts should be presented to the public and that all opinions, darts and criticisms should be left unexpressed until the court of justice has passed upon the charge.

Prof. E. M. Hopkins has always born an unassailable reputation, he is well known through Northern Michigan, having been principal of the schools at Elm Hall, besides being teacher in various normal classes, he was recently city editor on a daily in Saginaw and has been engaged to teach the ungraded department of the schools in that city, during the coming term.

For many years he has been before the public, and a journal should be slow to pass an opinion upon any such allegations until they are supported by evidence produced in a court of record. The correspondence in the *Courier* has the appearance of animosity for the item is dated from Elm Hall, the paper was published in Riverdale and as the proceedings were conducted here in Alma, we should naturally look for the report to come from the Alma correspondent.

Union School.

The Alma Union School opens again Sept. 30, never most favorably circumstanced. During vacation an additional room has been fitted up, and another teacher added to the former efficient corps, making the number of teachers and departments eight. The superintendent continues under the energetic and efficient management of Supt. Stilwell, who will teach the higher branches Latin Grammar, Botany, Zoology, Physiology, Book Keeping, etc. Mr. Adams, a graduate of the Vermont University, and a normal instructor, remains principal of the high school, teaching mathematics, geometry, history, etc. Remember the fact that High Schools are being organized in all directions, a special teacher in penmanship and music has been employed and the upper six grades re-organized, giving pupils more time for these essentials. Prof. C. W. Yerrington who taught penmanship at the Alma Normal during its entire existence, has charge of these branches. Few schools outside the large cities can offer pupils the advantage of instruction by a professional in these branches. The intermediate and primary departments are all conducted by successful teachers of wide experience. It is not claimed that the Alma Union school is a first-class school, but no other public school in this section has had so thorough and practical a course in Book Keeping, where the pupils learn the art by actual business transactions, gaining actual business in school currency and credits. Last year the commercial class numbered 62, many of whom attended school for the sole purpose of pursuing this business course.

Perhaps no other school in the state supports a class which regularly receives from its graduates more than the necessary papers. The tenability of our own and other governments, and the demands of our very advancing world are so important that the mind of the pupil is broadened, while his knowledge of history, geography and the sciences, is ever brought into play, and increased.

Few schools in the state, if any of its size, have so fine Zoological and botanical collections as does the Alma Union school, the former consists of about 250 stuffed birds and animals, the latter of an aquarium of 800 mounted specimens. Botany and Zoology are taught by directing the pupil how to study the living of dead plant or animal collections by much book memorizing.

The Alma Union School building has but few equals in elegance or completeness. The steam heating and system of ventilation are well nigh perfect. Upon arriving at school in stormy weather, the pupil is not obliged again to leave the building until the day's exercises are over, since a reading room, two large play rooms below and a gymnasium occupy the entire third story are provided for recreation and the water closets are situated in the basement. A fine artesian well furnishes the purest water.

Foreign pupils are not required to adhere strictly to the course of study, but may select such branches as they prefer. Board and rooms may be had at reasonable rates, and Supt. Stilwell will assist any foreign pupils in finding the money, who may wish to avail themselves of the advantages offered by the Alma School.

It may be hoped that Alma parents will not fail in sending their children the next day on this often depends the child's interest for the term.

SHORT HAND.

Since Prof. C. W. Yerrington, former teacher of penmanship and shorthand at the Alma normal, has been employed by the Union school, there have been numerous applications for instruction in shorthand—so many that a class will be formed in that branch. The course will be so arranged that it may be completed in one year, with no additional expense to the pupil, but students should enter the class at as early a date as possible. Short-hand reports receive from \$15 to \$40 per week for their services, and experts always in great demand. This opportunity of free instruction in practical art is something which we may not be able to offer our patrons again.

Here's a wishing the schools of Alma a prosperous year.

O. J. STILWELL.

Elwell.

Threshing is the order of the day.

Slight frosts in this vicinity, not much damage done.

Charles Taylor is quite poorly with rheumatism.

A. Houslen has commenced the cellar wall for his new house.

Mr. and Mrs. Drate Phelps has a new star boarder, it is a 19 pound girl.

Mr. Miller has taken possession of the ticket office in Eugene Timcomb's place.

Alma Way is going to ship another lot of 500 hogs to Buffalo, Thursday next.

Mr. Keller and wife from Breckenridge, visited their daughter, Mrs. S. Ansdary over Sunday.

Mrs. Flora Brown expects to start in a few days for Indiana, to make an extended visit with friends.

Deid, on the 21st, near Cedar Corners, Mrs. Stought in her 51 year of age, she leaves a husband and two daughters, Miss Lena Stought and Mrs. Geo. Mahery, who deeply mourn their loss.

Osage Orange Fence Strongly Endorsed.

KALAMAZOO, Mich., Aug. 14, 1887.

DEAR SIR: I am glad to give Mr. L. T. Goodnow a letter for some Osage Hedge fence. I was contacted by a gentleman, saying that there were many objectionable to this fence, mentioning several. Inquiring to what he said I hesitated about giving the order, being anxious to learn all I could and see all the improvements benefiting the farmer. I visited Kalamazoo, upon the invitation of Mr. Goodnow, agent of the company, to see what the Michigan State College is doing in the way of constructing Osage Orange Hedge fence. I saw a great deal of the company from this place, and to old Hedges, said to have been growing 30 years. I am pleased to say that what I saw convinced me that a handsome stock-proof, permanent fence can be made and is easily and rapidly made by the company. I saw all the fences, absolutely stock proof, made from old Osage hedge rows that to look at before being treated by the company seemed entirely worthless and a nuisance. The hedge set out by the company during the past three years are very young and promising and will undoubtedly possess a beautiful improvement upon which they are growing. The books and contracts made out by the company at Kalamazoo, showing the use of the very large logs, being done by the company, and showing that the farmers of Michigan are fully aware that something better than the old wood fences must be had, and that the plans and methods of the Kalamazoo Hedge Co. are a success and a farmer makes no mistake in putting in this fence. They are permanent, practical and handsome. The financial standing of the company is No. 1, and its obligations to build fences are good. I am now prepared to give the order.

L. H. TRBAT.

Arcada, Gratiot Co. Mich.

Alma Sanitarium.

Arrived since August 10: Miss Hattie Grover, Elwell, Peter Visner, Mrs. Peter Visner and daughter, Fishville, Miss Andrews, Elwell, F. W. Whitler and wife, Boston, Mass., Farrey and Edward Everett, Council Bluffs, Iowa, G. D. Hoyt, Geneva, Ill., Frank Green, Chicago, B. F. Tilly, Bluffton, Ind., Mrs. J. M. Ormsbee, Erie, Pa., Anna Johnson, Texas, F. L. Fray, Three Rivers, M. J. Whitman, Detroit, A. Sedy, Detroit, Isaac Pierce, Bay City, Miss J. Phillips, Stanton, Ed James and George Burt, Travun, Ind., Dan Wood, Howell, E. J. Lynn, wife and daughter, Bay City.

TO ALL.

All who wish to provide rooms or board for students for the term commencing Sept. 14th at ALMA COLLEGE, please send your names to the Steward of the College, Mr. James Legie, now to be found at the Dormitory buildings, and state the number of young men you can accommodate with rooms or board, and they will be referred to you upon their arrival in town. Will those who have rooms to rent, please attend to this matter at once, and greatly oblige the officers of the College, and the students as well.

Geo. F. HUNTING, President.

For Sale.

The large lot on Grant and Centre St. also house and lot on Grant St. Case addition. Inquire of H. B. Waddy.

To Rent.

The rooms over Kelso Bro's, store, also the rooms over H. B. Waddy & Co's, bank, Terms reasonable. Inquire of H. B. Waddy.

Beautiful and Useful.

These indestructible Caskets can be seen at Undertaker Loveland's, on State street, which stand far a head of the metallic caskets for preserving the dead; and at moderate prices. Call and examine them.

S. H. LOVELAND.

Alma, Aug. 13, '87.

OUR BUSINESS MEN.

Those under this head, five cents per line and ten cents more for each and every insertion, and will run until ordered out.

Intending to leave Alma, I am closing out my entire stock of Millinery at cost.

Mrs. Win. F. Hornig.

If you want a good Sewing Machine, buy the New Improved Singer with oscillating shuttle. Sold by

J. F. TOPPING.

I have under my control some choice farms and farming lands, also some valuable lots, in the most desirable location in Alma that I shall offer for sale during the next 6 months at prices that defy competition.

BERT WOODWARD,

400-3 m Alma, Mich