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Pure Maple Syrup per qt.	30c
Bulk Olives per qt.	25c
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3 lbs Prunes	25c
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**HOME AND VICINITY.**

FRIDAY, JAN. 3.

J. L. Miller says that if the party who stole a pair of slippers from his store will come back, he will give them a pair that are mates, in place of the odd ones which were stolen.

The following have been elected officers of the Baptist Young People's Union for the ensuing year: President, Bertha Struble; vice president, Alton Clum; secretary, Erna Rush; treasurer, Miss Louise Hood.

J. M. Hopkins of the Barney & Smith Car Co. of Dayton, Ohio, and H. E. Barker of Saginaw, master car builder of the E. & P. M. railroad company, were here yesterday, and satisfactorily adjusted the insurance on the private car "Alma."

The Gilt Edge Social Club was delightfully entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Ely Brewbaker last evening. Eleven games were played, and at the "wind up" J. T. LeMessurier and Miss Sarah Ward were in possession of first prizes, and Miss Mand McCullough and Tom Pringle of the booby prizes.

Louis Gosline has made a neat little sum out of his warfare on the English sparrow. In the five months beginning June 1, 1895, he shot, and received orders from the township clerk for 10,417 sparrows. During the very few days he was out in December he shot 1,700. He will go to Orosco next Monday and begin a crusade against the sparrow in Shiawassee county.

The annual business meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. was held in the Presbyterian church last evening, after the prayer meeting. The reports of the officers show that the past year has been a prosperous one, numerically and spiritually, and the finances are especially gratifying. The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: President, Winnie Griffin; vice president, Winifred G. Trapp; recording secretary, James Garrett; treasurer, W. J. Padelford.

SATURDAY, JAN. 4.

Best cigars at C. E. Mahan's. Township treasurer Rush collected \$1475 in taxes yesterday.

Fred Avery returns to Wheeler, and Miss Avery to Doyle, today.

J. F. Schwartz made castings for gang saws for a Mt. Pleasant firm today.

Lost:—Between Alma and Elm Hall, a Paisley shawl. Finder please leave at this office.

W. T. Knowlton of Saginaw, secretary of the A. W. Wright lumber company, has been here on business today.

Mrs. D. R. Sullivan has returned from Ionia, where she was called by the sickness of her sister, Mrs. J. L. Sweaney.

The Clarence Lumber Company began hauling logs again last Wednesday. There are 30 men at work in the camps, and seven teams hauling.

A. Meddaugh, at the table factory, is hard at work on a contract for 200 tables for Bert Woodward. He expects to have 100 of them finished next Wednesday night.

About one hundred Oddfellows and Daughters of Rebekah gathered in the Oddfellows' hall last evening. Emerson lodge came in and the Rebekah degree was conferred. Refreshments were served, and a pleasant social time enjoyed.

John Mates, residing in the township of Bethany is doing a good business this winter in the shipment of ash burl for veneering purposes. Mr. Mates is no novice in handling this product of nature. He was the first man to ship burl from this section of the state, and for twenty-six years has regularly supplied one firm in Cincinnati, and one of the largest manufacturing firms of New York has for fourteen years looked to him for its supply of veneering.

MONDAY, JAN. 6.

Clarence Church spent Sunday in Bay City.

H. M. Hall of Eaton Rapids is visiting relatives here.

L. B. Quick and wife of Coe were guests of E. N. Chadwick and wife yesterday.

Rev. G. S. Hickey, D. D., conducted chapel exercises at the Sanitarium this morning.

Dr. S. R. Slaymaker who has been spending the holidays in Evanston, Ill., returned today.

Alva Cagle, Edgar Church and N. F. McClinton return to their studies in Ann Arbor today.

Two new members were received into full membership in the M. E. church yesterday morning.

B. W. Ellison has sold his stock of patent medicines to J. A. Bassett, who will move the stock to Cadillac.

L. H. Hayt is moving the Vermeulen bazaar stock, which he purchased recently, into his store next to the post-office.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Emsley, who have been spending the holidays in Alma and vicinity, will return to Saginaw tomorrow.

Some time ago J. M. Montigel & Co. purchased a second-hand threshing machine engine, which had seen its best days. They have repaired the same and made an A No. 1 engine of it, and today sold it to parties living near St. Louis.

The classes in the Training School for Nurses are hard at work on the subject of anatomy. Dr. Pettyjohn has had charge of the classes in Dr. Slaymaker's absence, and has given them some very practical talks on subjects outside of the regular course of study.

Last Saturday was the fifth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rollin. About forty of their friends surprised them at their home, bringing with them a generous supply of good things to eat, and several presents, the latter being left as souvenirs of the joyous occasion.

The Industrial school met in Adams building Saturday afternoon. There are 38 names enrolled, and nearly this number were present. There is a scarcity of teachers, and it is hoped that ladies who can, will volunteer their services for this work. Money is also needed to purchase supplies and for other necessary expenses. The ladies are planning to give a supper or some entertainment in the near future for the purpose of raising funds, and rely on the generosity of our citizens to help them carry on this work. A visit to the school any Saturday afternoon will convince any one of its usefulness.

The week of prayer opened auspiciously in the Presbyterian church last evening, where union services were held. Rev. A. H. Beaver of Saginaw preached an excellent sermon from the text: "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" Services will be held in the Presbyterian church this evening, and Rev. J. W. McAllister will preach. Tuesday and Wednesday evenings the services will be held in the Baptist church. Rev. W. F. Jones will preach Tuesday evening, and Dr. Bruske Wednesday evening. Thursday and Friday evenings, the services will be held in the M. E. church. It has not been decided who will preach Thursday evening. Friday evening Mr. Beaver of Saginaw will preach. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these services.

TUESDAY, JAN. 7.

I. E. Mills is visiting in Perrinton. H. J. Vermeulen went to Toledo this morning.

Cagle & Hall have commenced wiring their new building for electric lights.

The newly elected officers of the G. A. R. will be installed Saturday evening.

Tinker & Laneshire are making the inside furnishings for Cagle & Hall's new store.

Bert Woodward went to Detroit this morning on business connected with his recent purchase of real estate.

Kellogg's imported Galway bull was killed in Hooper & Co.'s yard yesterday. The animal weighed 2,000 pounds.

The Sanitarium Co. yesterday shipped large quantities of the Alma Bromo water to Syracuse, N. Y., Poland, Ohio, and Chicago.

The Holton case has been taken to the circuit court on certiorari proceedings. It will probably not be called until the next term of court.

Orson Briggs was returning to his home between here and St. Louis yesterday about noon, when his horse became frightened and ran away. Mr. Briggs was thrown out, sustaining a severe scalp wound and some very painful bruises.

The report of Referee Mathews had been filed in the case of Whitwell vs. Patterson & Sullivan. He fixes the value of all sheep converted by the defendants belonging to the firm of Whitwell & Patterson at \$5000.00. January 15th the matter will be argued and final decree entered.

Theodore Nelson expects some time to enter the United States navy. He has been working hard with this end in view, expecting there would be a vacancy the coming spring. A letter received from Congressman Avery yesterday, states that there will not be a vacancy until 1898—three years hence. Theodore is somewhat disappointed, but not discouraged.

January 28, 29, 30 are the dates of the farmers' institute to be held in Alma. Aside from well known gentlemen of this county, addresses will be delivered by Hon. William Ball of Hamburg, Hon. R. L. Taylor of Lapeer, Lieut. C. F. Schneider of Lansing, Hon. C. H. Morse, W. L. Rossman, R. L. Hewitt, Profs. Woodworth and Beals of Lansing. The program as arranged is one of unusual attractiveness, and a rich treat is in store for our people.

Mr. A. J. Whalen has shown us Continental money, printed in Philadelphia, by Hall & Sellers in 1776, a three dollar bill and a bill for seven dollars. On one side is the denomination of the bills, and on the reverse side the inscription: "This bill entitles the bearer to receive three (or seven) Spanish milled dollars or the value thereof in gold or silver, according to act of congress passed at Philadelphia May 9, 1776." Mr. Whalen has also a large handkerchief, on which are illustrated in red ink, some of "Poor Richard's" maxims; also a number of pieces of wild-cat money.

The regular monthly meeting of the Gratiot County Ministerial Association was held in the Presbyterian church yesterday afternoon. There were present, Revs J. S. McGreaham of St. Louis, J. A. Hulsaple of St. Louis, H. B. Jefferson, W. F. Jones and J. W. McAllister of Alma, and Rev. Geo. S. Hickey, D. D., of Lansing. Rev. J. H. McGreaham of St. Louis read a very able paper on "Conditional Immortality," and the discussion which followed the reading of the paper was helpful and interesting. The next meeting of the association will be the first Monday in February in this place.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 8.

John C. Ross of Bay City is registered at "The Alma."

Commissioner Tuttle visited Alma school yesterday.

Miss Gussie Nitz returned from Saginaw last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wright went to Saginaw this morning.

W. S. Lowe of Toledo is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Sarah Taylor.

Robert Cravens of Madison, Ind., has returned to "The Alma."

Hooper & Co. shipped dressed beef and pork to Saginaw today.

WANTED:—A load of bright wheat straw. Inquire at this office.

The Clarence Lumber Co. is moving its office furniture to Ithaca today.

The Sanitarium Co. shipped Park Spring Mineral Water to Chicago yesterday.

The poles for the Gratiot county telephone line are being erected within the village limits.

Call on Whalen at VanDenBerg's house, for fine crayon portraits, or leave orders at Peters and Dean's. 878-3p.

The members of the fire department have commenced rehearsals for the minstrel show to be given February 22.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Ward have accepted an invitation to spend several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Turck in Dunedin, Florida.

Miss Schenck's Bible class will be omitted this week, on account of the union meetings. Announcement of next meeting of the class will be made in due time.

Rev. Peter Wallace, D. D., of Chicago, who is to assist in the revival in the M. E. church, is expected to arrive this evening and will be the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Pettyjohn.

Dr. E. S. Pettyjohn's article on Rheumatism: Its Pathology and Modern Treatment, has been published in the Dominion Medical Journal of Toronto, Ont., and the Medical Herald of St. Louis, Mo.

The Enterpe Club met with Miss Whiting last evening and had a very pleasant and enjoyable meeting. C. E. Scott read a paper on German opera. Misses Whiting and Messinger rendered selections from Beethoven's sonatas, and Prof. Beckner sang a solo from the opera of Orpheus and Eurydice (Gluck's). The next meeting of the club will be held in Ladies' Hall.

The colors of the Alma Training School for Nurses are maroon, white and gold. The badge given at graduation is a complete circle in gold, enameled in white, with a Roman cross in the center enameled in maroon. The name of the school and the year of graduation are enameled in white. This dainty badge was designed by Dr. Pettyjohn.

At the meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. church yesterday afternoon, the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Clark Beebe; Mrs. S. Wagstaff, first vice president; Mrs. Geo. Smith, second vice president; secretary, Mrs. G. M. Eldson; treasurer, Mrs. Sarah Taylor. The society has, in the past year, collected \$175, and this amount has been added to the church building fund.

The social given by the junior branch of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, given in St. John's rectory last evening, was a decided social success, if one may judge by the merry laughter, happy voices, and bright faces which greeted the visitor, and a success financially, if the number in attendance be an index. Progressive games were played, refreshments served, and a very pleasant evening enjoyed by all.

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**The New Year**

INAUGURATES A

**Reduction in Prices**

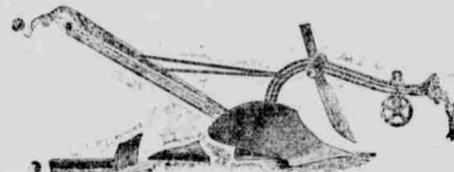
On all Winter Goods.

- MEN'S HEAVY JERSEY OVERSHIRTS worth 50c and 60c, now 35c and 40c.
- MEN'S HEAVY WOOLEN SOCKS worth 25c and 30c, now 20c.
- MEN'S UNDERWEAR worth 25c, 35c, 50c and 75c, now 19c, 25c, 35c and 62c.
- MEN'S LEATHER GLOVES AND MITTENS, all styles, all kinds, of cost, and below.
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