

HARPER IS PLEASED

A Review of the Football Situation Shows But Few of Alma's Stars Missing.

HILL EXPECTED TO RETURN

Davis Field will Witness Many Victories This Year as Baseball and Tack Teams are Strong.

Davis Field took on a familiar appearance Tuesday afternoon when sixteen candidates for the football squad donned their suits to go out and kick the pig-skin and slip around in the mud and rain, under the zealous and discriminating eye of Coach Harper. The result is that this little "burg in the northern wilderness" have the material for an eleven that will do much toward landing the pennant this year. The schedule has been arranged with but one open date, giving Alma three and a possible four games on the home campus. It is naturally difficult to get a good line on the team so early in the season, but within another week Coach Harper will know considerable about what the team's chances are. The material on hand is as good and believed by many to be better than last year. Some of the old team have failed to report for practice, among them Big Steve Hill whose place it will be difficult to fill. Steve is one of the best all around men that the college has ever had, and his failure to return will be deeply felt in athletics. However, it is rumored that he is to come later. Here's hoping.

The center will be strengthened by Wright, of Bad Axe, who tips the scales at 240 pounds, and who will undoubtedly be the heaviest man in the M. I. A. A. One can not yet estimate how his arrival will add to the strength of the team.

Ferguson, who was on the eleven two years ago, has reported for duty. He is a crack man and is larger and has had more experience than two years ago. He will be a valuable acquisition.

Earl Casterlain, who was a member of last year's graduating class and ex-quarter on the team, will not return, but he thoughtfully sends a younger brother to fill his position, and he has the experience and record to assure him of a place at quarter.

Monteith brings a brother from Port Huron, who it is reported, has played the game and can give a good account of himself. Magidson and Defore will not return this year. They were good men and helped greatly to strengthen the team last year. McCullom has played his limit and his loss is the

team. The fact that Alma College landed the M. I. A. A. baseball trophy last season has been a drawing card and has a tendency to bring good material to Alma in preference to other colleges.

The Record as well as the citizens of Alma join hands in wishing Coach Harper success with this year's eleven, and will give the same support that they tendered college athletics last Spring.

The schedule as arranged for the coming season is as follows: Oct. 5—Kalamazoo at Kalamazoo. Oct. 12—Hillsdale at Alma. Oct. 19—Ferris at Alma. Oct. 26—Open. Nov. 2—Olivet at Olivet. Nov. 9—Mt. Pleasant at Mt. Pleasant. Nov. 16—Albion at Albion. Nov. 23—M. A. C. at Alma.

EYE TAKEN OUT

Alfred Stone, of Perrinton, has been a sufferer for some time from a growth back of his right eye. He withstood the suffering until Tuesday, September 10th, when he had an operation performed and the eye removed. Dr. Hall of Pompeii, assisted by Dr. C. F. O'Neil of Middleton, performed the operation. For a man 85 years of age he withstood the operation well.

SHE KNOWS A GOOD THING.

Traverse City, Mich., Sept. 16, '07. ALMA RECORD CO.—Please find enclosed \$1.00 for one year's subscription to Alma Record. I am a former Almaite, now absent from my home, and want the very latest, freshest and best news, and former experience has taught me where to find it. Respectfully, MRS. ALICE WEBSTER, Traverse City, Mich.

PIONEER PICNIC

The Gratiot County Pioneer Association will meet on the court house grounds at Ithaca today at 10 o'clock.

The association will be called to order by Hon. William E. Winton, president, and a soliciting committee and a committee to collect dues appointed. After the election of officers for the ensuing year, a picnic dinner will be held on the court house grounds.

At 1:30 p. m. the regular program will be taken up. Invocation by Rev. J. H. Wilcox. Address of welcome by J. M. Eversden.

Report of committee on membership and dues.

Song by Mrs. Willard Monfort. Essay by Mrs. Nettie Todd of North Shade on the early history of the township from its first settlement until 1866.

Song by J. O. Peet. Paper by Mrs. Lydia Harter on "A Day in the Early Sixties."

Music by Mrs. Willard Monfort. Essay by W. W. Dalgeish on the early history of Fulton from its first settlement in 1866.

Short speeches by others. Papers and essays not to exceed fifteen minutes, short speeches not to exceed five minutes.

The county picnic should be the big event of the year. Gratiot is now more than half a century old and there should be a big turnout and a general renewal of acquaintance. Everybody is invited to come. Bring your children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Do not forget the well filled basket for the picnic dinner.

PRETTY HOME WEDDING

At the home of the Bride's Mother—A Two Course Dinner was Served

Wednesday morning at about 9:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Oscar Bentley, of Fulton, occurred a very pretty wedding when Miss Blanch Kinkert was united in marriage to Mr. Henry Baker, both of Fulton.

The bride was most tastefully attired in blue silk, while the groom wore the usual conventional black. Rev. O. J. Golden, of Perrinton, spoke the solemn words that made the happy couple one, in the presence of the bride's and groom's immediate friends.

At the noon hour a very bountiful two course dinner was served. The news did not learn as to the future course of the happy couple but for all that it joins with their many friends in wishing them many pleasant returns during life's journey.—Fulton News.

NEW HOMES IN THE WEST.

Send for free copy of pamphlet containing synopsis of the United States homestead laws and information how to secure a cheap irrigated farm or a quarter section of splendid free farming or grazing land along the new railway lines of the Chicago & Northwestern Ry. in South Dakota, Wyoming and other states. All agents sell special low rate excursion tickets to homeseekers via the Northwestern line. Full information on request. W. B. Kniskern, Passenger Traffic Manager, Chicago, Ill. 1489-1-2

ADVERTISED LETTERS

Letters remaining in the Alma P. O. or week ending Sept. 14th, 1907.

E. W. Anderson, Paul Carrier, Wm. J. Graham, Frank Groover, Floyd N. Hoag (2), R. D. Marble, Miss Nola Morse, Robert L. Reynolds, Albert Russell, H. M. Spooner, Harrie Tibbals, Oliver Tully (2).

The above if not called for will be sent to the Dead Letter Office September 30th, 1907.

C. F. BROWN, P. M.

ALMA CITIZEN HONORED.

The Michigan conference of the Methodist church, which held its annual session at Albion last week, selected seven delegates to represent that body in the national conference to be held in Baltimore, Maryland, next May, at which time important interests to the church will be discussed and acted upon.

There were several contestants for these positions, but our townsman, Frank L. Convis, who represented the Alma church, was unanimously selected as one of the seven delegates to represent the Michigan conference at Baltimore. The many friends of Mr. Convis extend congratulations.

A. W. Brock left this morning for western and northern Michigan for a business trip in the interests of the Brock Heating Company.

Burt Hayes left this evening for a few days business trip to Grand Rapids.

CALLS IT A SHAME

Rev. G. W. Gosling Hands the State's Executive Roast on Liquor Law

BUT HE IS NOT BACKED UP

Declines to Take Initiative in Present Resolution to M. E. Conference.

An Albion despatch to the Lansing Republican of Sept. 17th says: Rev. G. W. Gosling, of Edwardsburg, at the Michigan annual M. E. conference declared heatedly that the passage of the liquor security bonding law, is the shame of Gov. Warner and the Michigan legislature. He assured the ministers that they are simply a big round cipher in the eyes of his honor and the solons, and he wanted the committee on reforms to introduce a red hot resolution condemning the whole Lansing aggregation. But Dr. W. M. Puffer, chairman of the committee, did not see it that way, and said that Mr. Gosling had better introduce his own resolution.

Perhaps the memory of the fact that Bishop McDowell had recently termed Gov. Warner a "minister of righteousness," was fresh in the minds of the members of the conference. At any rate not one backed up Mr. Gosling, and he declined to take the initiative, remarking privately, that if the clergymen didn't care to go ahead, he wouldn't do it for them.

The committee on reforms brought in the usual red-hot temperance resolution. It threw a large vase full of flowers at the feet of Senator Burrows. "We highly appreciate the long continued and earnest efforts of the senior senator from Michigan to turn away from the United States Senate 'Red Smoot of Utah,' is the way it stands on the records."

The ministers agreed to make the Fourth of July a temperance holiday, or, as the resolution read, "a Christian birthday." They asked President Roosevelt and Secretary Taft to make the soldiers stop playing baseball on Sunday, to cut down the Sunday work in the postoffices, and to shut the doors of the Alaskan exposition on the first day of the week.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

James H. Doty et al to Philo O. Mills, et al of sec 17, sec 32, Waukegan, \$ 700. Elijah Bovee to Wm E and Mabel A Bunn, its 1 and 2, blk 7, Church's add, Ithaca, 150. Joseph O Kinney to Daniel J Mouser, w 1/2 of sec 1, sec 24, Newark, 1200. Retta Post Baker to Joseph O Kinney, e 1/2 of sec 1, sec 1, Fulton, 1300. Cornelia Young to John G Christopher, pt nw 1/4 of nw 1/4, sec 2, Arcadia, 110. Eliza C Rockwell to Jessie A Rockwell, sec 1, sec 2, Seville, 2000. Eliza C Rockwell to Edna G Clark, w 1/2 of sec 1, sec 2, and nw 1/4 of sec 1, sec 1, Seville, 2000. Fred H Rowland to Almon J Williams, its 8 and 4, blk 3, Adams' add, Riverdale, 750. Ellen A Gillo to David K Barras, pt E 77, Pompeii, 1000. Wm R Hamilton to Edw H Stowe, it 20, Pompeii, 650. Geo W Long to Leroy W Layman, it 3 and pt E 1/4, blk 1, Cheeseman's plat, St Louis, 105. Thos H Patterson to Dewitt Ellsworth et al, w 1/2 of sec 1, sec 32, Seville, 300. Jay Hill to Jas H Lawrence, pt E 1/2, Park Place east, Alma, 900. Maria Dossou to Adelbert C Giles, sw 1/4 of nw 1/4, sec 25, Bethany, 1400. Lionel E Snyder et al to John Nos et al, it 76, Pompeii, 1500. Geo E Siarnar et al to Winfield S Bangs, it 4, blk 4, Wm Case's ad Alma, 1000. Geo B Goodrich to Cornelius D Van Alstine, it 8, blk 3, Adams' add, Riverdale, 200. Robt S Gibbons to Mary Wheeler, n 50 ac of sw 1/4 and a 15 ac of sec 1 of nw 1/4, sec 2, Pine River, 3300. Coza A Rogers to Geo M Delavan, pt ne 1/4 of sw 1/4, sec 34, Pine River, 250. Lewell A Baker to Geo Davidson, sw 1/4 of nw 1/4 and w 1/2 sec 1 of nw 1/4, sec 22, Pine River, 3600. Pearl E Preeland to Emma J Alexander, pt it 6, blk 2, Smith's add St Louis, 1500.

FOSEST RESERVES

In these days when the axe is laid close to the base of the tree it is somewhat refreshing to learn of the attempt which is being made by some prominent capitalists to establish a forest reserve within a very short distance of Gaylord. For a considerable time there has been an effort on the part of one of the large Saginaw concerns to establish a reserve along the AuSable river. This concern, Mershon & Company, of Saginaw, has during the last year purchased a large tract of land comprising several hundred acres which it has decided to convert into a preserve and they contemplate in a very near future erecting a large club house and other appropriate buildings to make the preserve as complete as possible. The property is one of the very best sections of the valley.

Another important transaction in the same locality was that of the purchase some months ago by Boutelle & Co., of Saginaw, of the property from the ranch of Dan Four, including all except the Douglas property. This purchase is in some respects the more important of the two as the purchasers contemplate extensive improvements which will make it one of the most attractive preserves in the state.

It is stated that both of these concerns together at present control about fourteen miles of forest line along the river.—Otsego County Herald.

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ELECTED OFFICERS

An election of officers for Eastern Star lodge was held in this city on the first Friday of September and the installation took place last Friday evening. The ladies of the lodge were there as well as some of their invited friends. Mrs. Louise Turk, past grand matron, installed the officers, after which ice cream and cake were served by the ladies. The next meeting of the lodge will be the first Friday of October at 7:30 p. m. The following is a list of the officers newly elected: Mrs. Flora Day, worthy matron; Chan, Balmer, worthy patron; Mrs. Cora Smith, associate matron; Miss Arla G. Holliday, secretary; Mrs. Hannah Hall, treasurer; Mrs. Francis Howe, conductress; Mrs. Lillian Balmer, associate conductress; Mrs. Adah Holmes, Adah; Miss Anna Montgile, Ruth; Mrs. Mattie Parr, Esther; Miss Anna Balmer, Martha; Mrs. Martha Russel, Electa; Mrs. Lizzie Gargett, warden; Geo. Gulick, sentinel; Mrs. Carrie Montgile, chaplain; Mrs. Minnie Smith, marshal; Mrs. Pringle, organist.

A GREAT SUCCESS

The Perrinton cheese factory, which started a month ago, is now receiving upwards of 7,000 pounds of milk a day. Prospects for another year are exceedingly bright. The factory's great difficulty is that farmers are unable to procure desirable cows at a reasonable price. The company has a building built of cement and as nearly fireproof as is possible. President J. G. Carnes of the company has purchased the Ola elevator, having sold his elevator property at Perrinton to the Alma Elevator Company.—Michigan Investor.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolutions adopted by Rebekah Degree No. 101, on the death of Sister Nellie Coleman:

Whereas, Death has invaded our Order and removed from among us our beloved sister, Nellie Coleman, an earnest and efficient member of our Order, a member imbued with the spirit of integrity and unselfishness, we, the undersigned, submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That as members of the Rebekah Degree, we deplore our loss, while recognizing with reverence the hand that afflicts us, knowing that we, too, must soon pass into the great and silent beyond; be it further

Resolved, That to her family and friends we offer our deepest sympathy for the unspeakable loss; and, while knowing how feeble words are to lessen grief, we bid them remember Him in home and to trust and cherish the memory she has left; be it further

Resolved, That as a symbol of our loss, our charter be draped for thirty days and a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family and spread on our minutes, and also be published in the papers.

ALMA DIVORCER, EMMA FISHER, JOSEPHINE ALVBERSON.

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Mrs. and Mrs. Stirling returned this morning to their home in Chicago after spending one pleasant month with friends and relatives in this city. Mrs. Buckborough and daughter, Opla, left this morning for Virginia, which state they are to make their home in the future. Miss Thorp returned the first part of this week after a week's visit with relatives in New York. M. J. Woodward of Elwell transacted business in the city today.

GROWTH OF ALASKA

Over Twenty Newspapers Published in the 16 principal Towns.

HAS EIGHTY POSTOFFICES

Mails are Delivered Regularly from The Pacific Coast North of the Arctic Circle.

The census of 1900 gives Alaska 63 factories, with \$3,600,409 capital, \$263 wage earners (only one female), \$1,365,709 yearly wages, and \$4,250, 894 factory product.

Alaska has 80 postoffices, and mails are delivered regularly north of the Arctic Circle. Mails leave the Pacific coast daily for Alaska.

Outside of the schools in towns, Alaska has 35 public schools, 48 teachers and 2,357 pupils, costing \$56,211 yearly.

Since its purchase for \$7,200,000 Alaska has sent us \$10,000,000 Federal revenue, \$50,000,000 in furs, \$96,000,000 in fish and \$120,000,000 in gold.

Alaska's copper production in 1906 was 8,000,000 pounds, against 6,000,000 pounds in 1905.

Our shipments to Alaska consist of agricultural implements, animal books, breadstuffs, candles, cars, carriages, cement, chemicals coal (soft), coke, cocoa, coffee, cotton goods, earthenware, eggs, fibres, fish, furs, glass, gunpowder, glue, hay, honey, India rubber goods, instruments, iron and steel goods, jewelry, lead, leather, malt, matches, paints, paper, perfumery, plated ware, provisions, quicksilver, rice, seeds, silks, soaps, straw goods, sugar, candy, tin, tobacco, toys, trunks, varnish, vegetable spirits, wines and liquors, starch, fumery, plated ware, provisions, ables, vinegar, wood manufactures and zinc. The per capita (6,000 population) consumption of these goods is \$247.18, against \$78.16 per capita 154,000 population for Hawaii and \$20.17 per capita for Porto Rico, population 953,000.

Twenty-four newspapers, a magazine and a missionary paper are published in the 16 principal towns of Alaska. Four of these are published in Juneau, four in Nome, two in Fairbanks, two in Valdez and two in Rampart.

According to the city assessor the 1906 value of all property in Nome was \$2,163,528.

The Nome Nugget says: "The tin deposits of Seward Peninsula have now been so far developed that it is safe to say that within two years the world's supply of tin will be furnished from Alaska."

Mrs. Fred Lyons underwent an ab

METHODIST APPOINTMENTS

At the recent session of the Michigan conference the following appointments were made for the Lansing District:

Presiding elder, W. P. French, Lansing; Alma, J. H. Wolfe; Ashley, E. E. Chamberlain; Bannister, L. R. Alberts; Bath, Wellington Earle; Belding, G. F. Craig; Berlin and South Berlin, A. E. North; Breckenridge, W. L. Mann; Carson City, Geo. Bullen; Crystal, L. L. Smith; Delta, E. F. Newell; DeWitt, J. W. Hayward; Duplain, E. F. Sprague; Eagle, Elliott Bouck; Elsie, O. J. Golden; Emerson, to be supplied; Grand Lodge, W. E. Doty; Gresham, to be supplied; Hoyville, to be supplied; Hubbardston, Charles Hayward; Ionia, W. I. Cogshall; Ithaca, J. M. Wilcox; Lansing, Central church, J. T. Legear; First, I. T. Weldon; Lyons, H. E. Wylie; Maple Rapids, M. P. Mosher; Mason, J. C. Cook; Middletown, O. C. Farmer; Nashville, Alfred Way; Okemos, C. H. Kelsey; Orange, A. W. Simmons; Orleans, L. B. Kenyon; Ovid, R. J. Slee; Palo, J. W. Buell; Perrinton, W. A. Robinson; Portlaid, J. M. Wolfe; Pottersville, W. A. Exner; Riverdale, A. F. Hart; St. Johns, J. B. Pinckard; St. Louis, Arthur Trott; Shepherdville, J. C. Dietrich; Sheridan, E. R. Lyon; Sunfield, D. E. Birch; Vermontville, R. W. Merrill; Wacoona, D. A. Rood; Wheeler, J. E. Slater; Woodland, J. C. Dorris.

A. F. Hart, formerly of Alma, is assigned to St. Johns.

J. R. Wooton is assigned to St. Paul's church, Grand Rapids.

Rev. Dela Martar, formerly presiding elder of the Lansing district, is assigned to the church at Coldwater.

Rev. Carrell is assigned to Charlotte.

In speaking of the removal of Rev. W. P. French from First church Lansing the Lansing Republican says:—Rev. W. P. French, who for five years has been pastor of Central Methodist Episcopal church and whose return was asked by the official board with a guarantee of a salary of \$2,400 next year, becomes presiding elder in place of Rev. Louis DeLamarter, in the Lansing District. Rev. DeLamarter has been assigned to the pastorate of the Methodist church in Coldwater.

HOSPITAL NOTES.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Johnson Sept. 12.

Earl Taylor is rapidly convalescing from his recent severe attack of typhoid fever.

Mrs. Fred Lyons underwent an ab



REV. W. P. FRENCH ELECTED PRESIDING ELDER LANSING DISTRICT.

dominal operation at the hospital recently and is making a fine recovery.

Mrs. W. B. Remington, of Holly, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Brainerd at the hospital.

F. W. Hooper, who underwent an operation, is able to be about.

Geo. Hodgins, of Ashtrabula, Ohio, arrived the latter part of last week to take a course of treatment at the hospital.

Otto Adams is convalescing from his attack of typhoid at his father's home in Alma Heights.

George S. Youngs is now at his home and improving as rapidly as possible, considering the work he has been doing and the severe strain he has been under.

Mrs. S. E. Stalter has returned to her relatives in Shepard and is recovering nicely from her recent operation.

Mg. Studt is reported to be recovering rapidly at his home near Ashley. Mr. Studt is the man recently injured on the railroad near Forest Hill.

Judge Kelley S. Searl transacted business in Alma today.