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WHAT PROMPTED IT?

Letter Causes Query "Is the Anti-Liquor League in the Market For Sale?"

"We have been shown a letter from R. N. Holsapple, who will be remembered as one of the leading speakers and workers in the late local option campaign in this county and district. From the letter we glean the fact that he is after other worlds to conquer, and while the letter is very mild in its language, one can read between the lines and locate the nigger in the woodpile. Mr. Holsapple is evidently out for Covell, as his candidate for Congress, and is and will use his influence in Covell's behalf. Just why Covell is more interested in temperance than Mr. Dodds, he does not state, or how Covell would assist in Congress in maintaining the local option law in this district, he also leaves us to guess. The fact is that Mr. Dodds is just as good a temperance man as Covell, and would do as much for the enforcement of the law, still neither could assist or injure the same if elected, aside from their personal influence. If the leaders of local option in this district propose now to make local option a political issue instead of a moral one that appeals to the better sentiments of the people instead of the political side they will make a mistake that will injure the work for years to come. These letters booming Covell and sent out by R. N. Holsapple, assistant superintendent of the Michigan Anti Saloon League, have been received by several of our leading citizens, who are pretty indignant that officers of this League should attempt to use the influence of the order to assist Covell or any other man, in a political manner. If the League does not squelch this man Holsapple and his new departure with the order he represents, the good the League might do and its influence with the people it has had, will have reached its end, and the League will die the ignominious death it willful deserve."—St. Louis Independent.

In the death of Hon. J. W. Milliken, notice of which appears elsewhere, Traverse City and the Eleventh Congressional District have lost one of their foremost citizens. A man whom to know was to admire. In politics a republican, in religion, a congregationalist, in business a dry goods merchant. Identified with every public improvement in his home city, yet never too busy to lend aid and influence to help any deserving young man get a start. He stood for clean politics and his influence has long been a prominent factor in the Eleventh Congressional district. Mr. Milliken has held many offices of trust, and will be greatly missed, not only in his home city but throughout the state. J. W. Milliken is dead yet his influence exerted as it has been for the betterment of his fellowmen will live and the citizens of Michigan will be greatly benefitted thereby.

CONSUMPTION OF PULPWOOD

A preliminary report of the consumption of pulpwood and the amount of pulp manufactured last year has just been issued by the Bureau of the Census. The advance statement is made from the statistics collected by the Census Bureau in co-operation with the United States Forest Service.

Many of the figures bring out interesting facts which show the rapid growth of the paper making and allied industries during the last decade. Nearly four million cords of wood, in exact numbers, 3,982,660 cords, were used in the United States in the manufacture of paper pulp last year, just twice as much as was used in 1899, the first year for which detailed figures were available. More than two and one-half million tons of pulp were produced. The pulp mills used 300,000 more cords of wood in 1907 than in the previous year.

The amount of spruce used was 68 percent of the total consumption of pulp wood, or 2,700,000 cords. The increased price of spruce has turned the attention of paper manufacturers to a number of other woods, hemlock ranking next with 576,000 cords, or 14 percent of the total consumption. More than 9 percent was poplar, and the remainder consisted of relatively small amounts of pine, cottonwood, balsam and other woods.

There was a marked increase last year in the importation of spruce, which has always been the most popular wood for pulp. For a number of years pulp manufacturers of this country have been heavily importing spruce from Canada, since the available supply of this wood in the north central and New England states, where most of the pulp mills are located, is not equal to the demand. Figures show that the amount of this valuable pulp wood brought in this

country was more than two and one-half times as great in 1907 as in 1899. In 1907 the importations were larger than ever before, being 25 percent greater than in 1906. The spruce imports last year amounted to more than one-third of the consumption of spruce pulp wood. Only a slightly greater amount of domestic spruce was used than in 1906.

Large quantities of hemlock were used by the Wisconsin pulp mills, and the report shows that the Beaver State now ranks third in pulp production, New York and Maine ranking first and second, respectively. Poplar has been used for a long time in the manufacture of high grade paper, but the supply of this wood is limited and the consumption of it has not increased rapidly.

Wood pulp is usually made by either one of two general processes, mechanical or chemical. In the mechanical process the wood, after being cut into suitable sizes and barked, is held against revolving grindstones in a stream of water and thus reduced to pulp. In the chemical process the barked wood is reduced to chips and cooked in large digesters with chemicals which destroy the cementing material of the fibers and leave practically pure cellulose. This is then washed and screened to render it suitable for paper making. The chemicals ordinarily used are either bi-sulphite of lime or caustic soda. A little over half of the pulp manufactured last year was made by the sulphur process and about one-third by the mechanical process, the remainder being produced by the soda process. Much of the mechanical pulp, or ground wood as it is commonly called, is used in the making of newspaper. It is never used alone in making white paper but always mixed with some sulphite fiber to give the paper strength. A cord of wood ordinarily yields about one ton of mechanical pulp or about one-half ton of chemical pulp.

LIST OF GRADUATES.

List of graduates June 18, 1908 From the College— Harry Bastone, Caro. B S Francis Waldron Cobb, Elsie, B S Edith Louise Cook, Alma, A B Helen Beatrice Cook, Alma, A B Robert Craig, Jr., Sault Ste Marie, B S Harry W Helmer, Parma, B S Elvena G Hoover, Harbor Springs B S George Philip Horst, Detroit, B S Herman Nelson Morse, Ludington A B Gladys Nelson, Ithaca, B S Ruth Ogden Peirson, Wellesley Hills.

Mass— Ralph Ely Raycraft, Alma, A B Lester Whyland Sharp, Alma, A B George Douglass Sutton, Caro. B S From the Academy— Frank Bartholomew, Pioneer Eleanor Bittner, Alma Vinnie Booth, Alma Laura Brown, Alma Robert H. Cook, Alma Grace Ellis, Flushing James Hogg, Le Mars, Iowa David Inglis, Bay City Francis I Mason, Blanchard Carrie L Rowland, Hesperia Mary E Sharp, Alma Florence Smith, Roscommon Ralph O Von Thurn, St. Louis Edward H Wyatt, Rudyard

From the Kindergarten Training School— Enla Merle Ableson, Sault Ste Marie Myrtle M. Hazerman, Carson Stella M Rowena Laing, Boyne Zaidée Markham, Sault Ste Marie Belle E Wallace, Saginaw

From the Commercial School— Earle M Ackerman, Traverse City, Bus George M Ackerman, Omena Herbert J Allen, Alma, Bus & S H Minnie Bower, Manistique, S H Harold Brown, Mulford, S H Moses O Champney, Elk Rapids, Bus Glen Fisher, Alma, Bus Bert A Hayes, Alma, S H Walter L Karkeet, Virginia, S H Mabelle Miller, Manistique Minn., S H Mabelle Monaghan, Rose City, S H Ralph McNitt, Lake City, Bus Fern Role, Alma, Bus & S H Francis H Steele, Cincinnati, N.Y., S H Mabelle G Strong, Alma, S H S Dudley Tucker, Alma, Bus D Ross Tibbitts, Alma, Bus Ora Udelle, Alma, Bus

From the School of Music— Dora L Alexander, St. Louis, Vocal Lillian M Jackson, Minden City

POISONOUS REPTILES.

Last week, Hicks, the Elm Hall merchant brought to this office a tarantula that he caught from a bunch of bananas he was offering for sale, that measured five inches across. In the can with the tarantula was a nest which contained an innumerable number of young tarantulas. The whole outfit was sent to the college, where curiois of this kind are appreciated. Later the same day, F. S. Dudeney, who recently purchased the McLaughlin farm south of the city, brought to the office a centipede that is said to measure seven inches in length. The bite or sting of this reptile means death to any human being. Mr. Dudeney secured the centipede near his former home in Monroe, Louisiana. The office force give the centipede the right of way and wonder what the next poisonous curiosity will be.

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MISS MINGIN'S SPEECH

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that he had spared no effort to give the audience his best. At this point in the program the Misses Kirby and Ransom gave the "Serenade," arranged for two pianos, nothing but praise and commendation can be said for the work on this occasion as on all others in which they had a part.

Miss Elvena Hoover gave an essay on "Imagination and Mirth." This was an essay of surpassing worth and interest and did full justice to Miss Hoover's exceptional ability. Mr. George Horst followed Miss Hoover with an oration on "The Cry of the Child." This was an oration of great power, as indicating the forceful and oratorical ability of Mr. Horst. Mr. Morse spoke on "Revolution" and in a faultless manner unfolded his subject in all its phases and pointed out how all true progress is revolution.

The program of orations was broken at this point by a vocal solo given by Mrs. Sidebotham, whom all Alma people and students were again glad to welcome back to the college. Her "Elsa's Dream" was well sung, surpassing even her former record for her beautiful voice and manner of expression.

This selection was followed by the essay, "The Public Library, a Factor in Education" delivered by Miss Edith Cook. Miss Cook gave an interesting development of this subject and did not fail to please at any time.

The last oration, and the valedictory, was given by Mr. Francis Cobb. Because of the unusual excellence of this concluding speech it deserves special mention and notice, and a synopsis is therefore given for the fitting tributes paid to Alma College, Trustees, Dr. Bruske, Faculty and Students.

Just before the conferring of degrees Miss Ansbury gave the "Spanish Caprice" and rendered the selection in her usual charming manner. Those to receive diplomas from the College department were: Harry J. Bastone, B S; Francis Cobb B S; Edith Cook, A B; Helen Cobb, A B; Robert Craig, B S; Harry Helmer B S; Elvena Hoover, B S; George Horst, B S; Herman Morse, A B; Gladys Nelson, Ph B; Ruth Pierson, A B; Ralph Raycraft, A B; Lester Sharp, B S; George Sutton B. S.

Those to receive state teachers' certificates were: Miss Nelson, Mr. Raycraft, Mr. Sutton. After the conferring of degrees Mr. Cooper, of Detroit, presented to the College a Bible for the Chapel, the gift of his son, William Cooper, of the class of '06. The gift is very beautiful one and fills a long felt want. After the selection of the chorus which was another evidence of the wonderful work accomplished by Mrs. St. Johns in her department, and with the singing of the hymn of praise the program was ended and all were ready for the bountiful feast that awaited them at Wright Hall. The dinner was an unusually good one and all were ready to do ample justice to it. After this a program of toasts was also given with Rev. Louis S. Brooke, of Howell, as toastmaster. Mr. Brooke came up to his usual standard of ability and the toasts given served to indicate the growing feeling of all concerned for the advancement of Alma College in every way. The interest of all was with Alma and nothing but the best will be good enough for her.

The activities of the week were concluded Thursday evening by the reception at Wright Hall. This occasion was taken up with extending congratulations, best wishes and bidding farewell to friends and the college. Thus ended one of the most eventful years in the history of the college. There is no department but has made its advancement and all feel a special pride in having a part in this progress and who witness the development of this, one of the best, if the youngest institution in the state.

The graduating exercises of the academy took place on Wednesday morning and proved to be the most interesting in the history of that department. In addition to the orations and essays of the graduates, beautiful selections both in voice and piano were rendered.

The orations delivered surpassed in quality and interesting variety anything that has been given by our former graduating class. There was no speaker but held his audience from the beginning to the conclusion of his speech. The high class work done by each one of the class services to indicate what may be expected by them as college students and those who had the pleasure of listening to the program will watch with interest the development of each one.

Those who received diplomas from this department are Frank Bartholomew, Eleanor Bittner, Vinnie Booth, Laura Brown, Robert H Cook, Grace Ellis, James Hogg, David Inglis, Francis Mason, Carrie Rowland, Mary Sharp, Florence Smith, Ralph Von Thurn, Edward Wyatt.

On Wednesday evening occurred one of the many pleasing events of commencement week. The occasion was the Senior Promenade and Illumination of the campus. Heretofore this event has fallen rather flat, and has been made use of as an opportunity for "skipping" etc. But this year the current changed and everything went off with surpassing zeal and interest. Music and singing were given

at the beginning of the program after which the different classes formed in line for a grand march led by the Seniors. Each building was visited in turn and a farewell given to each, the speeches being made by members of the Senior class. The conclusion of this part of the program took place in front of Administration Hall where a final word of farewell was given to the building, faculty and students. After this each class indulged in some amusing stunt, not the least of which was the burying of the hatchet by the Freshies and Sophs. Immediately after this solemn occasion an unexpected turn of affairs was given to the situation by the Freshies-to-be, who unburred the hatchet against the Sophs.

The program was one of unusual interest and what was done this year only indicates what may be done in the future on this occasion. It may be made, as on this instance, one of the most enjoyable evenings of commencement week.

Monday night June 15th, the Alpha Theta Literary Society of Alma College held its annual midnight banquet in the Society Room at Wright Hall. At half after ten o'clock, the guests began to gather and within an hour the Alpha Theta Room had welcomed thirtyone of its members, past and present. Among the "Old Alpha Theta Girls" there were Mrs. Kate Bair Ronald, of Plymouth; Miss Edna Allen, of Ithaca, the Misses Beryl Keftzen and Minnie Kinnaird, of Cass City; and Miss Helen Strange, now of the Froebel Society. The guests of honor were Professors Houghawort and Muhlenbach.

After a brief social intercourse the "Daughters of Wisdom" sat down to the long banquet table, beautifully decorated with fern-brakes and blue flags. The banquet was furnished by Gloyd White and served by four girls from the Philomateon Society—the Misses Theresa Kirby, Carrie Rowland, Ruth Cook and Ite Wyatt. The delicacy of the dinner and the ease with which it was served are worthy of mention.

The menu was as follows: Strawberries, Wafers, Creamed chicken en Caisse, Potato Chips, Asparagus Tips, Pickles, Radishes, Olives, Brown Bread, White Bread, Fruit Salad, Cheese, Ice Cream, Anzel Food, Coffee.

At one o'clock the Toastmistress rose and with the pushing back of chairs, the program began.

Toasts: "Ad quem non ceno, barbarus ille mibi est." Elvena G. Hoover, Toastmistress. "The Pillar of Salt, Gladys Nelson, '08. "Praising what is lost. "From a Mansie Window," Mrs. Kate Bair-Ronald, '04. "Experience joined to commonsense. "To mortals is a Providence." "Piff! Paff! Puff! Mary Hughes, '11. "Be to her virtues very kind, Be to her faults a little blind." "The American Girl Abroad" Miss Muhlenbach. "I profess not talking, only this. "Let each man do his best." "Angels unawares," Lois L. Fraker, '09. "There's a language in her eye, her cheek, Her lip, nay, her foot speaks." "Good night! good night! Parting is such sweet sorrow That I shall say good night Till it be tomorrow."

Miss Nelson told many interesting reminiscences of the past of Alpha Theta. To the members who will retire next year, she said that the future of Alpha Theta depends upon the character and attitude of "The Old Girls." She urged them to throw their hearts into their work, with the assurance that their ability would follow, and as this year has seen the membership limit raised from twenty to thirty, so next year and the succeeding years would see great advances in the literary achievements of the society.

Mrs. Ronald spoke very appreciatively of her pleasant return to the annual banquet of Alpha Theta and of the memories which it brought back. Her words represented a glimpse, as it were, of the types of woman's clubs, and showed that although these clubs were interesting and pleasant to attend, they were not the source of so critical a training as was such a college society as the Alpha Theta. Furthermore a college girl must, when she goes among people of the world, forget, in a measure, that she is a college girl in so far as to adapt herself to the people with whom she is placed. Several apt illustrations were dispensed with pleasing effect.

On account of illness, Miss Hughes was unable to attend and the third toast was omitted. Instead of Germany, as many anticipated, Miss Muhlenbach sketched a scene of Italy—the land of music, sunshine and poetry. She took her hearers out through the Grand Canal on a gondola with her, past many famous and beautiful spots. But it was not all sunshine in Italy—six bright days in six weeks. She spoke of the misfortune of being obliged to accommodate oneself in foreign quarters with people of queer customs and without many of those things which Americans consider necessities. A picture of life in Venice was especially interesting. She closed with the wish that each Alpha Theta girl might enjoy an Italian journey.

Miss Fraker's toast took the form of poetry and was a charming surprise. She expressed for the Society, the regret that the five seniors would not be

with them next year, and mentioned each by name with a personal hit. It was a clever piece of literature and duly appreciated.

The active members of the Society are: Elvena Hoover '08, Edith Cook, '08, Helen Cook, '08, Ruth Pierson, '08, Grace Brown, sp. Inez Pollard '09, Lois Fraker '09, Emma Swigart '09, Hazel Fraser '09, Florence Bateson '10, Elsie Bond '10, Agnes Redman '10 Pearl Huber '10, Ione Peacock '10, Mabel Francis sp, Winifred Markham '11, Ethel Carey '11, Hazel Blair '11, Lulu Allen '11, Kathleen Gillard '11, Mary Hughes '11, Adele Bavy '11, Mildred Burns '11, Theo Ansbury '11, Lilah Tanner '11, Florence Hood '11, Mrs. Seabring '11, Isabel Stevens '11 Bessie Seaver '11, Lile Fellows '11.

The officers for the ensuing year are: President, Inez Pollard '09; vice president, Grace Brown '09; recording secretary, Lois Fraker '09; corresponding secretary, Emma Swigart '09; treasurer, Hazel Fraser '09; first critic, Ione Peacock '10; second critic, Elsie Bond '10; sentinel, Lile Fellows '11; guard, Adele Bavy '11; Almanjan reporter, Isabel Stevens '11; janitors, Hazel Blair '11, Mildred Burns '11.

Mr. George D. Sutton who graduates from the college next week and Miss Grace Messinger gave a recital of vocal music in the Chapel. Tuesday evening with Miss Sadie Messinger at the piano. Mr. Sutton sang Elgar's "War Song" and Cöleridge Taylor's "Hiawatha's Vision." Miss Messinger sang Elgar's "Sea Pictures" and two German songs Grieg's "Mit Einer Wasserlilie" and Hammond's "Im Wunderschönen Monat Mai." As a duet they sang Woodforde Fildan's setting of the lovely cycle of songs written by the late Lawrence Hope and entitled "On Jelum River." As an expression of Oriental passion both the music and its interpretation were adequate. Mr. Sutton's strong baritone in the song "Will the Red Sun Never Set" took one far into the east of revenge and hatred, and crime while in "Aslao at Her Lattice" Miss Messinger gave expression of the oriental woman's longing for her lover. The recital in its way was nearly as great a treat as the opera the week before.

The term election held last Monday evening let loose a surprise or two for some of the members. The usual plan of putting the vice president into the chair was abandoned and Mr. Harry Craig was elected from the ranks to that responsible position. Hario Whittemore was put in the vice president's chair while Graves and John Campbell will do what criticizing there is to be done as first and second critics. Mr. Sayles will keep the minutes while "Sandy" Duncanson as treasurer will collect the delinquent fines. Mr. Theron Chapel was unanimously elected janitor. This is the first time this important office has not been the cause of woeful strife and political intrigue and Mr. Chapel is to be congratulated upon his successful campaign and his accompanying victory.

GROWING ALL THE TIME.

Supt. of Schools Ellsworth reports that the school census just completed shows 791 school children in the city of Alma. This is an increase of 123 over last year's census. On the basis of the regular census estimate of one school child to every four adults this would indicate an increase in Alma's population for the next year of about 400 people. A few such years will make outside towns and cities sit up and take notice.

MARKET REPORT.

Corrected June 24, 1908. Wheat..... 85 @ 87 Oats..... 52 Rye..... 60 @ 70 Corn, shelled..... 68 Buckwheat..... 60 Straw, per ton..... 5.00 Rye straw..... 6.00 Beans, per bu..... 2.25 Clover seed..... \$7.00 Timothy seed..... 2.25 Potatoes..... 60 Butter..... 18 Eggs..... 13 @ 15 Honey..... 18 Green hides, per lb..... .04 Dressed pork..... .07 Dressed beef..... 7 @ .08 Live Beef..... 03 1/2 @ .04 1/2 Mutton dressed..... .06 Lambs, live..... .05 Mutton live..... .03 Veal, live..... .05 Veal dressed..... .07 1/2 Chickens, live..... .07 Ducks and Geese, live..... .09 Bread Flour..... 6.20 Holiday Blended..... 6.00 Patent Flour..... 5.80 Straight Flour..... 5.20 Graham Flour..... 5.20 Corn Meal..... 4.00 Rye Flour..... 5.50 Clear Flour..... 4.80 Buckwheat Flour..... 6.00 Wool..... 13 @ 20

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