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## ERNEST A. CODDINGTON

Former Sup't of the Alma Schools Died Monday

AT HIS HOME IN DETROIT

Funeral Service Held Today at His Former Home City, Morenci

Ernest A. Coddington was born in Morenci, Lenawee county, Michigan, in 1866 and died in Detroit August 3, 1914.

Mr. Coddington grew to manhood in Morenci, where he graduated from the public schools, later going to Olivet College where four years were spent and diploma received. Not satisfied with the education acquired at the above educational institutions, Mr. Coddington took post-graduate work in the literary department of the University of Michigan. Following his studies at the U. of M., Mr. Coddington accepted the superintendency of schools in various Michigan cities, coming to Alma about the year 1896 as superintendent of our city schools for the ensuing two years. Upon the United States securing possession of the Philippines, Mr. Coddington entered the educational department of the government, later becoming superintendent of publication in the Agricultural department of the Philippine government.

In November, 1908, he was united in marriage to Miss Kate Carpenter of this city, who with her husband spent the next three years in the government's island possessions. Owing to poor health occasioned by the island climate, Mr. Coddington resigned his position in 1911 and returned to Michigan and has since made his home in Detroit.

Besides his wife, Mr. Coddington leaves his mother, two brothers and one sister, together with a host of friends to mourn his untimely death.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at Morenci and burial in the cemetery near that city. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bahke of this city are in attendance at the funeral services.

### DRAIN COMMISSIONER.

I wish to announce at this time that I will be a candidate for re-election at the August primary, for the office of County Drain Commissioner. I thank my friends for their support in the past, and if my record as County Drain Commissioner meets with your approval, I shall appreciate your support in the future.

Yours respectfully,  
E. W. REDMAN.

### RURAL CARRIERS SALARIES INCREASED

New Rate is Based on Length of Route and Amount of Mail Handled.

The Postmaster General has issued an order directing that on and after July 1, 1914, the compensation of rural carriers shall be based upon the length of routes and the number of pieces and the weight of mail carried as shown by the records of the department.

In accordance with the terms of this order, the salary of the carriers serving routes from Alma postoffice on and after July 1, 1914, will be as stated below:

Name	Annual Pay.
H. Becker	\$1164.00
George Ward	1152.00
Eli Brown	1140.00
John Becker	1100.00
C. Walker	1100.00

### FOR SHERIFF WILBUR B. ENNIS.

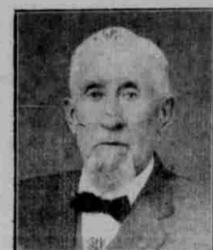
I wish to announce that I am a candidate for nomination for sheriff at Primary, August 25, on the Republican ticket. I have served one term as sheriff and have endeavored to discharge faithfully the duties of the office to which I was nominated and elected by the people of Gratiot county



two years ago. I ask the support of all Republicans for nomination to a second term.

WILBUR B. ENNIS.  
Political Adv.

### FOR COUNTY TREASURER.



I wish to announce to the Republican voters of Gratiot county that I am a candidate for the nomination for County Treasurer at the Primary Election. Your support will be appreciated.

WILBUR NELSON,  
Ithaca, Mich.  
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## SUMMER SCHOOL OUT

After an Exceptional Season of Excellent Work

Some fine speakers addressed the Ministers' Summer School at the College last week. The talks made by Dr. Zenos of the McCormick Theological seminary of Chicago were pronounced the finest talks of their kind ever made in the state. Twenty ministers attended the school the last week and nearly 50 the first week. Other lectures were delivered by Rev. Borley of Flint, Monday night, by Rev. Burchell of Jackson Wednesday night, by Rev. Fuller of Farwell, Mr. Hatch of Chicago and Miss Taft Tuesday night. The school closed Friday morning. Its complete success of this year has insured its permanent establishment.

### BAY CITY CANDIDATE

George L. Lusk was an Alma Visitor Thursday.

George L. Lusk, of Bay City, candidate for Secretary of State on the Republican ticket, was a caller at the Record office Thursday. Mr. Lusk has served his home city eight years as postmaster and represented the First District of Bay in the legislatures of 1897-1899. Bay county has been without representation in state officers for 28 years and feels that the time is right for them to present their favorite son.

## WM. A. EMSLEY DEAD

Brother of George Emsley and a Former Resident of Alma

The following is from the Bothell Sentinel, published in Bothell, Washington, July 25. Mr. Emsley to whom the item refers, will be remembered as a former resident of Gratiot county:

"Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." As in answer to the call, the spirit of William A. Emsley left his worn-out body and passed on to that bourne, the common destiny of man.

Death came at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. H. Severance, at six o'clock, Monday night, July 20, 1914. Thus ended a long and eventful life.

Deceased was born May 27, 1832 upon the Atlantic ocean while his parents were en route to America.

He resided in Canada till 1866 when he moved to Michigan. There his seven children were born and grew to manhood and womanhood.

Thirteen years ago he came to the coast and resided in California till a year ago, Mrs. Severance desiring to have him near her to make his last days as comfortable as possible brought him to her home. Here the loving care of herself and daughters did much to brighten his life to the very brink of his eternal existence.

Of his seven children, four reside in Washington—Mrs. Severance residing here, Mrs. S. M. Wiley at Sammamish, Mrs. W. P. Ferrall at Sedro Woolley and Jesse Emsley at Burlington, all of whom were in attendance at the funeral. George Emsley, a brother was here from California.

The funeral was held from the Severance home on Wednesday afternoon, Rev. A. W. Brown of the Methodist church officiating. Interment was made in the Bothell cemetery.

Mrs. S. N. Baker and son, Robert went to Grand Rapids Monday afternoon to visit friends. They will return Friday.

## INCREASE ENDOWMENT

College Committee Arranges for Such Work in Near Future

The endowment committee of the college met at Saginaw last Wednesday with Mr. Hatch of Chicago, Dr. Blaisdell and Mr. Sharp of Alma, and Mr. Tanner of Saginaw were present. Definite plans were made for the raising of an additional endowment of one hundred thousand dollars. At the same time the committee accepted the offer of the College Board of the Presbyterian church to send one of its secretaries to Michigan to raise thirty thousand dollars for a department of biblical literature and religious training.

At its annual meeting in October the committee will formally announce its plans of increasing the endowment by one hundred thousand dollars.

The College Board will send a secretary to Michigan who will endeavor to secure the interest and support of wealthy men in the state. He will spend a minimum period of two weeks time at the job. Alma is one of the few colleges of the country which will be given such help.

### FOR SHERIFF.

I wish to announce my candidacy for the office of Sheriff on the Republican ticket subject to the will of the voters as expressed at the primaries August 25. Your support and vote will be appreciated.

NEWELL M. BRADFORD.

## BOYS CALKINS HOUSE

J. Fuller Purchases Hotel in Clare Took Possession August 1

J. Fuller, who for the past few months, has had the management of the Wright House in this city, has purchased the Calkins house in Clare. In speaking of the sale the Clare Sentinel last Friday said:

"Rumors have come from time to time for these good many years that J. W. Calkins had sold the hotel which bears his name, and were found to be untrue, until we have come to think he would remain there always.

"But now the place is actually sold and the change will take place tomorrow, August 1st, J. Fuller of Alma, proprietor of the Wright House for some time, and an hotel man of long experience, being the purchaser, and the consideration, \$24,000.00.

"For twenty-four years Mr. Calkins has run the hotel here, with the exception of nearly two years, when it was leased to Geo. H. Phelps. Nearly any commercial man can vouch for his success as a landlord, the place being known for years as one of the best in the country. Probably its equal cannot be found in a town the size of Clare. A great deal of its success is due to the energy and ability of Mrs. Calkins who had general supervision of the dining room, kitchen and upstairs."

### NOTICE.

Beginning Monday, August 10, the Bartley market will discontinue free delivery and the weekly payments and will sell for cash at the counter and at the lowest prices for which good quality meats can be sold.

J. A. BARTLEY.

### FOR COUNTY CLERK.

It matters not as to the financial standing of individuals, yet there comes a time in life to all when they must and do see their dependency on others.

The position to which I aspire can



only be gained by honest efforts and by my many friends and their friends. I fully realize my dependency and ask your much-needed support.

Thanking you in advance, I am,  
Political adv. C. D. WILES.

One-Half Off on all White dresses at Mrs. Adams' store. 1846t x

### FOR PROSECUTING ATTORNEY.



I hereby announce my candidacy on the Republican ticket for the nomination for Prosecuting Attorney for Gratiot County. The support of the Republican voters at the primaries, Aug. 25 will be greatly appreciated.

O. L. SMITH.

## CITY WATER MAINS

Eight and One-half Blocks of 4-Inch Mains Laid This Spring

The city has completed the laying of eight and one-half blocks of water pipe, two blocks on West Superior street, from Philadelphia avenue west, one on East End street east from East End street, two on River street north of Downie, one-half block west from River on East Downie street, one north from Michigan avenue on Euclid avenue, one east on Michigan avenue from Hayes street to Highland avenue. The laying of the pipe recalls the fact that some of the first water pipes ever laid in Alma are still in use. The first pipes were of wood six inches in diameter and were laid from the mill race five blocks west to Wright avenue and one block north and south of Superior street on State street. This was laid in 1882, and during the succeeding years the rest of the city of that day was piped. Gradually from year to year this old wooden pipe has been taken up and iron pipe relaid in its place. Last year sixteen blocks were replaced.

## WEDNESDAY'S GAME

Ithaca 5, Alma 2—Alma Military Band Furnished Music

Why it happened, we don't know, but this is the way it went:

McCloy p., Vogt c., Johnson 1, Rogers 2, Wenzel 3, McIntosh ss, Lane l, Wood m, Stimson r., was the lineup for Alma. Harvey and Stebbins were the Ithaca battery.

First Inning—Goodrich singled over second, Wiseman bunted out and sacrificed Goodrich to third, Goodrich comes home on a wild throw by Johnson to third, Webber lands a two-base hit, Stebbins singles over second and Webber goes to third, Webber goes home on an error by Rogers, Duncinson is caught out on a line drive to McCloy, who shoots the ball to first, doubling the outs and retiring the side.

Stimson struck out, Rogers slams a big one to right for three bases, Vogt makes an infield out to pitcher, McCloy fanned.

Ithaca, 2; Alma, 0. Second Inning—Seaver hits for two bases, Sutton sacrifices Seaver to third, Knowlton caught out on a fly to Wood, Harvey caught out on a grounder to McCloy.

Wenzel, McIntosh and Johnson each are put out on infield hits. Ithaca, 2; Alma, 0.

Third Inning—Goodrich infield out from Wenzel to first; Wiseman makes a two-base hit to right, Wenzel catches Webber out with an infield fly. Lane coppers Stebbins' fly to deep left.

Wood singles through short. Lane fled out to right, Stimson singles with a fly over second, Wood goes to second, Rogers put a swift one to second but was caught at first, Ithaca made a double play by catching Wood sliding home. Ithaca, 2; Alma, 0.

Fourth Inning—Duncinson walked, Seaver fouled out to Vogt, Duncinson steals second, Sutton hits for two bases to center and "Sandy" scored, Knowlton sacrifices, Harvey flies out to Rogers.

Vogt fanned, McCloy fled out to left. Wenzel fanned. Ithaca, 3; Alma, 0.

Fifth Inning—McCloy goes to first, Johnson to right, Stimson to left and Lane takes the bench in case of need, Allen put in box. Goodrich singled.

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Smoke John Hull 5-Cent Cigar. Tastes different. 1846t x

## WILL MOVE TO ALMA

M. L. Perrigo of Forest Hill to Become an Alma Resident

M. L. Perrigo representative of the Studebaker automobile, did a stroke of business last week, when between Saturday evening and Wednesday afternoon he sold five new Studebakers and three second-hand cars. Mr. Perrigo went to Detroit Thursday and Saturday returned with the five new cars which were delivered to their owners.

Mr. Perrigo expects to move his family to Alma about August 15th, taking possession of his property on West Centre street. His implement and hardware business, together with store buildings and residence at Forest Hill, have been sold to Messrs. Nelson and Hayes, possession to be given November 1st. Mr. Perrigo went to Forest Hill in 1900 and by hard work and judicious advertising has developed a business in the implement line second to none in this vicinity. It is Mr. Perrigo's intention to open an auto salesroom in this city.

### FOR STATE SENATOR

I am a candidate of the republican party for the office of State Senator for the 25th district and solicit the support of the members of my party.

Very respectfully,  
JOHN A. DAMON,  
Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

### JAMES L. KRESS,

Candidate For the Nomination to the Office of County Clerk on the Republican Ticket.

Mr. Kress is the son of a former county clerk, James G. Kress, who served the county in this capacity for four years. He is now the same age his father was when elected first in 1892. His education was obtained in the Ithaca and Alma High schools and at Ferris Institute at Big Rapids. His business has been almost entirely clerical and office work, and is therefore well fitted for the duties of county clerk. If nominated and elected will devote his entire time to the office. Your vote for Mr. Kress at the primaries will be appreciated.—Political Adv.

### BUYS A HOME IN HASTINGS.

Superintendent of Schools Ellsworth closed a deal whereby he becomes the owner of the Sharpshorn property, 427 South Young street, in the southwestern part of the city. Thus he will come to Hastings as a property owner and taxpayer.—Hastings Journal.

### SEVILLE AND SUMNER

Sunday School Convention to Be Held at Elwell Saturday, August 18.

Following is the program for the Sunday School convention to be held at Elwell Saturday of this week:

10 a. m.—Standard Prayer and Song. "The Large Place of the Small Sunday School," E. K. Mohr.

Conference on "How to Create and Sustain Interest."

12 O'clock Noon—Dinner.

1:30 p. m.—Business session, reports of officers and schools.

2:30 p. m.—Report of the International Sunday School Convention at Chicago, Howard L. Holmes.

3:00 p. m.—"Sunday School Evangelism," E. K. Mohr.

Question Box.

7:30 p. m.—"The Pure in Heart," E. K. Mohr.

### FOR COUNTY CLERK.

During the last fifteen years I have served on the Board of Supervisors with about eighty of the best representative men of the county. Also I am known personally to every county officer who has held office during that time. Every voter in the County knows some of these men, and to any of them I gladly refer as to my character and ability. I will be grateful for your support.



B. L. CASE.  
Political adv.

### FOR COUNTY TREASURER



I desire to announce to the citizens of Alma and vicinity that I will be a candidate for the office of County Treasurer on the Republican ticket. I will surely appreciate your support before the primary and your vote on primary election day Tuesday, Aug. 25.

A. F. RYDER.

## WHEELER TOWNSHIP

Presents Newell Bradford as Republican Candidate for Sheriff

Wheeler township and Wheeler village is the home of Newell Bradford, a candidate for nomination to the office of sheriff on the Republican ticket at the August primaries. Mr. Bradford was born in the above township in 1872 where his entire life has been spent. He is a farmer, having the confidence and respect of the people of his home township whom he has served six years as highway commissioner, and is at present representing the township on the Gratiot County Board of Supervisors—a man of good physique, physically hardened by hard knocks on the farm, and a Republican whose Republicanism has never been questioned are among the strong arguments being presented to the voters of the county by the friends of Mr. Bradford in the present campaign.

## BOOSTS CHAUTAUQUA

Two Score of Gaily Decorated Automobiles Tour Gratiot

Two gaily decorated parades of "Chautauqua Booster" automobiles left Alma Tuesday afternoon after passing up and down several of the city streets and toured the country booming the coming chautauqua. Thirty-one cars, attired in the most attractive of banners and flags, divided into two parades, the first touring the eastern half of the county and the second the western half. The former took in St. Louis, Breckenridge and Ithaca and the intervening agricultural districts and the latter Elwell, Riverdale, Sumner, Elm Hall and the intervening districts.

Chautauqua literature and tickets were taken by the members of each car and distributed at each stopping place. That business men and owners of cars will place their autos so willingly at the disposal of the chautauqua boosters is sufficient proof that a splendid spirit of co-operation is behind the Alma chautauqua. Cars belonging to the following men were included in the two parades: A. J. Hall, John Sullivan, George Moore, G. S. Ward, E. C. Crandell, J. C. Bartley, Frank Pollasky, G. H. Carl, J. M. Montigel, G. V. Wright, Charles Goggin, George Maier, Verne Bamber, Fred Battles, Roy Miller, George Sharrar, Glen Rockwell, M. McIntosh, R. J. Fraker, John Wright, P. M. Smith, W. A. Bahke, Otto Sanderhoff, C. F. Brown, Dr. Blaisdell, Francis King, J. W. Blakley, Leon Stinchcomb, M. J. McPhee, Dr. Erwin and George Brown.

"Dick" Hughes, county clerk, Bernie L. Case, Republican candidate for the nomination as county clerk, and Will Ludwig, coroner, happening into Alma at the time that the cars were leaving immediately secured Chautauqua accoutrements—cocked hats, banners, etc., and joined the west-bound parade as Ithaca supporters of the Chautauqua.

### AT CRYSTAL LAKE.

Among the cottagers at Crystal the last week were Mesdames Rollin Wood, Earl Kuhlman, Clarence Clark, Will Godfrey, Frank Keefer, C. H. Smith and E. S. Hubbel of Arcadia, and Mrs. Verne Bamber, Mrs. Mervin Sluyter and Miss Fannie Sharrar, of Alma. The husbands of the ladies motored to the lake on Sunday and all spent a most delightful day. Mr. Bamber was accompanied on his trip by Mr. D. L. Sharrar and Mr. and Mrs. Titus.

## AUTOED THRU EUROPE

O. J. Stilwell, Former Sup- of Alma Schools

RETURNS FROM YEAR ABROAD

Advises Taking Your Own Machine and Not Depend on Foreign Chauffeurs.

"Alma has developed wonderfully; she is a splendid little city," is the way in which Mr. O. J. Stilwell, who was superintendent of the Alma public schools twenty-five years ago, characterized the city where he spent ten years as head of the schools. Mr. Stilwell is residing at present with his wife in Ogden, Utah, and until recently was engaged in buying and improving building sites, in which business he has enjoyed considerable success. A year ago with his wife, who is a sister-in-law of Mr. Townsend Ely, he motored from Ogden to Boston and shipped his car to Liverpool, England.

For a year Mr. and Mrs. Stilwell motored through Europe, visiting every country west of Russia. They toured through all the countries of the British Isles, and then passed through France, Belgium, Germany, Holland and continued on through all the nations and principalities. They were unusually impressed by the beautiful "chateau country" of France. While in Ireland he observed quite closely the attitude of the people of Ulster, though at the time that he was there the Ulsterites were just beginning to ship in arms. Mr. Stilwell is absolutely certain that these strong-minded Irish will fight, and fight their hardest to defeat the measures of the Home Rule bill. The carnage of war seems to have no terrors for these men.

While in London and Edinburgh the travelers were forbidden to enter the art galleries on their return trip because of the serious depredations of Continued on page 6

### NEW MANAGEMENT.

Wright House Changed Management August First.

Last Monday the Wright House, which for the past few months has been under the management of Mr. and Mrs. J. Fuller, was taken over by Mr. and Mrs. E. Brearly, who purchased the property last fall.

It is the intention of the new owner to re-decorate the interior of the house from cellar to garret. New beds, new carpets, and a general and complete overhauling of the house is now under way. Mr. Brearly came to Alma from Allegan where for years he was engaged in the hotel business. It is his intention to give the traveling public and the citizens of Alma hotel accommodations of which they may feel proud.

### TWO SUGGESTIONS FROM THE CIVIC LEAGUE.

The officers and members of the Civic Improvement League would remind those who have not yet secured tickets for the coming Chautauqua, that all tickets bought before Saturday from Mrs. J. S. Caple or members of her committee will cost considerably less than after the Chautauqua begins.

In no previous month of August has Alma looked more fresh and green than in this. Since next week there will be undoubtedly numbers of strangers here, the League would suggest the general setting in order of property where possible, removal of weeds from street edges and vacant lots and so forth. Let us have a city as well kept as it is fresh that the pleasantest impression may be given to those who visit us during Chautauqua week.

MRS. FRANCIS KING,  
President Civic Improvement League.

### For Prosecuting Attorney.



I wish to announce that I will be a candidate for the office of Prosecuting Attorney on the Republican ticket at the primaries to be held August 25th, 1914. Your vote and support will be appreciated.

ROMAINE CLARK.