

THE 1914 CHAUTAUQUA NOW A THING OF THE PAST

\$1819.00 Worth of Season Tickets Sold—Ladies of Civic Improvement League Received \$159.50 As Their Share of Excess Over Guarantee

The Alma Chautauqua, of 1914, is now an event of the past, and a matter of history, and it goes without saying that this one was a success to those who so loyally supported it and those whose privilege it was to attend the good things heaped together in the seven days of its duration.

The committee of men who took upon themselves the responsibility of the local management, should be complimented for their work has been arduous and entirely without recompense—in dollars and cents—they sincerely believing that large returns will be realized in not only the present time but in the years to follow.

The committee of men wish to publicly thank the ladies of the Civic Improvement League for their zealous and congenial co-operation in so ably assisting, both last year and the present summer, in the sale of tickets and in the manner in which they boosted.

Especially should these ladies who acted as ward chairmen for the sale of tickets be congratulated. Mrs. Jesse Fuller, of the First, Miss Swarthout of the Second, Miss Messinger of the Third and Mrs. George W. Moore of the Fourth ward. No better choice could have been made than in the selection of the above named ladies.

On the occasion of the last night of the Chautauqua—Joy Night—several persons expressed their views of the entire satisfaction of this year's event. The concession of opinion being that this be a community and an annual event in Alma's history. We all desire the co-operation of every Alma resident as well as our farming adjacent community to join hands with us that we may make it a matter of mutual benefit.

The Redpath Bureau, who furnished

the talent, has always made good in our Lyceum Courses and Chautauqs, and our committee feel sure they will continue to do so, and while the tickets will be increased in price to \$2.50 another year, we feel that the quality of the talent will warrant satisfaction.

When it is considered that we pay but a slight advance over moving picture prices, per number of entertainments, none should let the price be an obstacle.

Alma certainly has a most ideal location for her Chautauqua, made possible by the liberality and kindness of Mrs. Sarah Wright Lanchester who has recently given this beautiful playground to our city. A unanimous expression of thanks was voted to her on Joy Night at which time Mayor A. P. Cook exhibited a deed of the conveyance of the property.

As to the finances of this year's Chautauqua, the local treasurer reported as follows: Total tickets received from the bureau—Adults, 1,000, to be sold at \$2 each and 200 children's tickets at \$1 each.

Of which 853 adult and 113 children tickets were sold, for which was received \$1,819—\$319 above the guarantee of \$1500, which excess amount was equally divided between the committee and the bureau. The local committee turn the amount of \$159.50 over to the ladies of the Civic Improvement League to be used by them for civic needs and otherwise as they see fit.

About 515 persons have signed cards agreeing to take adult tickets for the 1915 Chautauqua. And 110 names are on the contract for same, hence the event is assured for next year.

This is a Good Thing in a good Town. Let's all boost it. x

NOTICE OF DRAIN LETTING AND REVIEW.

Notice is hereby given, That J. E. W. Redman, County Drain Commissioner of the County of Gratiot, State of Michigan, will, on the 1st day of September, A. D. 1914, at the residence of Ezra Leonard, on the W 1-2 of NW 1-4 of NE 1-4 of Section 28, township of Summer, Gratiot County, Michigan, at nine o'clock in the forenoon of that day, proceed to receive bids for the construction of a certain Drain known and designated as the No. 318 Drain, located in the Township of Summer, in said County of Gratiot, and described as follows, to-wit:

Minutes of survey of center line and specifications for locating, establishing or extending a drain.

Commencing in the channel of Pine River, on the westerly bank of, at a point 1.56 chs east and 13.67 north of the SW corner of Sec. 27 T 11 N, R 4 W, Michigan.

Thence S 70 deg. 45 min W, 1.40 chs; thence west 29 lks and cross line between sections 27 and 28 at 13.01 chs north of the SW corner of Sec. 27.

Thence west 38 lks; thence S 60 deg. 30 min. W 8.39 chs; thence N 50 deg. W 3.25 chs; thence N 44 deg. 30 min. W, 50 lks; thence N 64 deg. W 8.80 chs; thence N 1 deg. 30 min. W, 5.24 chs and cross south 1-8 line, section 28, at 1.08 chs East of center of SE 1-4 said section.

Thence N 27 deg. W, 3.55 chs; thence N 59 deg. 15 min. W, 14 lks and cross E 1-8 line section 28 at 3.24 chs N of center of SW 1-4 of said section.

Thence on same course 8.58 chs; thence N 0 deg. 30 min. E, 11.16 chs and cross E and W 1-4 line Section 28 at 6.60 chs west of E 1-8 line.

Thence on same course 30 lks; thence west parallel to and 36 lks north from E and W 1-4 line Section 28, 30 lks; thence N 0 deg. 30 min. E, 12.44 chs; thence N 89 deg. 30 min. W, 6.74 chs; thence N 0 deg. 30 min. E, 7.18 chs and cross N 1-8 line Sec. 28, at 5.65 chs East of N and S 1-4 line.

Thence on same course 9.59 chs; thence N 89 deg. 30 min. W, 5.63 chs; thence N 0 deg. 30 min. E parallel to and 4 feet East of N and S 1-4 line, Section 28, 10.18 chs; thence N 3 deg. 30 min. W, 36 lks and cross line between Section 28 and 21, at 3 lks west of 1-4 post.

Thence on same course 36 lks; thence N 0 deg. 35 min. E along N and S 1-4 line, Section 21, 12.14 chs; and cross boundary line to west.

Thence on same course 7.49 chs and end at S 1-8 post on N and S 1-4 line, Section 21.

Total length of drain is 124.06 chs. The length of drain on each description of land is as follows:

Summer Township.	
Description	Sec. Chains.
S 1-2 of SW 1-4	27 1.69
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NE 1-4 of SE 1-4	28 3.69
NW 1-4 of SE 1-4	28 19.74
SW 1-4 of NE 1-4	28 27.62
NW 1-4 of NE 1-4	28 25.76
S 50 a of SW 1-4	21 12.50
N 50 a of S 100 a of SW 1-4	21 7.49
S 1-2 of SE 1-4	21 19.99

Survey made May 21 and 22, 1914 by C. H. Redman, under direction of County Drain Commissioner E. W. Redman.

Specifications.

(1) Station stakes and grade hubs are set every 8 rods, excepting between Stations 61 and 62, which has 8.2 rods. Stakes are numbered consecutively from 0 at outlet to the upper end. They are placed 16 feet to the right of the center line of drain from 0 to 25, inclusive; 16 feet left of center from 26 to 46 and 16 feet right

from 47 to upper end. Center line stakes are placed at all angles, at Station 40 and at upper end lower end of drain.

(2) The bottom width shall be 4 feet throughout.

(3) The slope of banks shall be 1 1-2 feet horizontal to 1 foot vertical.

(4) Four rods on each side of center line of drain will be required for right of way to be used during construction and for deposition of earth.

(5) All excavation shall be removed at least 6 feet from top edge of banks and spread.

(6) All brush and timber within the limits of drain and berm shall be cut and removed beyond the limits of excavation and within the right of way. No timber shall be covered by excavation.

(7) Suitable openings must be left or made through the deposition of earth to afford a free passage for surface water at such places as the general surface may demand. Special care shall be taken that no road, gutters or open drain, at points where they enter the drain, shall be in any way obstructed.

(8) Four highway bridges will be required.

(9) The depth of drain is measured from a level of grade hubs and is given in feet and tenths as shown by the profile, which is made a part of these specifications and may be seen at the drain commissioner's office.

Said work will be let by sections. The section at the outlet of said Drain will be let first and the remaining sections in their order up stream, in accordance with the diagram now on file with the other papers pertaining to said Drain in the office of the County Drain Commissioner of the County of Gratiot, to which reference may be had by all parties interested, and bids will be made and received accordingly. I reserve the right to sell all of said drain as one job if deemed advisable on day of sale. Contracts will be made with the lowest responsible bidder giving adequate security for the performance of the work, in a sum to be fixed then and there by me, reserving to myself the right to reject any and all bids. The date for the completion of such contract and the terms of payment therefor shall be announced at the time and place of letting.

Notice is Further Hereby Given, That at the time and place of said letting or at such other time and place thereafter to which I, the County Drain Commissioner aforesaid, may adjourn the same, the assessments for benefits and the lands comprised within the No. 318 drain special assessment district, and the apportionments thereof will be announced by me and will be subject to review for one day, from nine o'clock in the forenoon until five o'clock in the afternoon. The following is a description of the several tracts or parcels of land constituting the special assessment district of said Drain, to-wit:

TOWNSHIP OF SUMMER.
S 4-5 of W 1-4 of N 1-2 of SE 1-4, Sec. 21—A. Johnson Est.

W 1-4 of S 1-2 of SE 1-4, Sec. 21—C. Rosenberg.

E 2-5 of S 50 a of SW 1-4, Sec. 21—Chas. Charter.

E 50 rods of N 50 a of S 100 a of SW 1-4, Sec. 21—John Giles.

10 a in square form in SE cor. of N 60 a of SW 1-4, Sec. 21—Thos. Pelton.

S 3 a of W 6 a of NW 1-4 of NW 1-4 of SW 1-4, Sec. 27—A. Tomlin.

W 1-2 of NW 1-4 of NE 1-4, Sec. 28—Ezra Leonard.

SW 1-4 of NE 1-4 and NE 1-4 of

SE 1-4, Sec. 28—Allen Stafford.
W 1-2 of SE 1-4 of NE 1-4 and SE 1-4 of SE 1-4 of NE 1-4, ex. NE 1-4 of said description, Sec. 28—W. A. Tomlin.
NW 1-4 of SE 1-4, Sec. 28—John Ferris.

N 1-2 of SW 1-4 of SE 1-4 and N 3-5 of SE 1-4 of SE 1-4, Sec. 28—J. E. Boothe.

NE 1-4 of SE 1-4 of SW 1-4, Sec. 28—Mrs. E. A. Wolford.

NE 1-4 of SW 1-4 and E 50 rods of S 1-2 of SE 1-4 of NW 1-4; also E 1-4 of N 1-2 of SE 1-4 of NW 1-4, Sec. 28—James Fisher.

E 4-5 of N 1-2 of NE 1-4 of NW 1-4, also SE 1-4 of NE 1-4 of NW 1-4, ex. 2 1-2 a in Sq. form in SW corner, Sec. 28—R. & T. Lang.

E 1-2 of SE 1-4 of NW 1-4 of SW 1-4, Sec. 28—John Robson.

Now, Therefore, For the Township of Summer, Supervisor Ellis A. Potter, and Highway Commissioner George Bryant, and all unknown or non-resident persons, owners and persons interested in the above described land, and each of you of the names set opposite the above descriptions, are hereby notified that at the time and place aforesaid, or at such other time and place thereafter to which said hearing may be adjourned, I shall proceed to receive bids for the construction of said No. 318 Drain, in the manner hereinbefore stated and also that at such time of letting from nine o'clock in the forenoon to five o'clock in the afternoon, the assessment for benefits, and the lands comprised within the No. 318 drain special assessment district will be subject to review. And you and each of you owners and persons interested in the aforesaid land, are hereby cited to appear at the time and place of said letting, as aforesaid, and be heard with respect to such special assessments and your interests in relation thereto, if you so desire.

Dated this 7th day of August, A. D. 1914.

E. W. REDMAN,
County Drain Commissioner of the County of Gratiot.

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30,000 Persons Publicly Recommended Our Remedy—Some Are Alma People.

Over one hundred thousand have recommended Doan's Kidney Pills, for backache, kidney, urinary ills. Thirty thousand signed testimonials are appearing now in public print. Some of them are Alma people. Some are published in Alma. No other remedy shows such proof. Follow this Alma woman's example.

Mrs. Ziegenfuss, dressmaker, 404 Woodworth Ave., Alma, Mich., says: "I had a great deal of trouble from the kidney secretions. I suffered from a dull pain in my back and had dizzy spells. Finally, I got Doan's Kidney Pills at Rhodes' Drug Store. They soon made me feel better and the backache and other ailments left. I gave a statement recommending Doan's Kidney Pills when I first used them, and I am glad to say that I have had very little kidney trouble during the past few years."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Ziegenfuss had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

Ithaca Local Items

Rev. R. L. McLain of Ithaca Baptist church is conducting evangelistic services at Cheboygan for the ensuing fortnight.

Dr. and Mrs. Carl Ranger returned Monday from a month's visit at Fenton, Detroit, Niagara and other eastern points.

Myles F. Gray, formerly owner of the Gratiot Journal, and his daughter, Miss Joyce, visited last week with Ithaca friends.

Two little boys, sons of John Wurtz and Will Zimmerman, of Ithaca, were operated on Wednesday by Dr. I. N. Monfort, for adenoids.

J. W. Howd and wife were called to Breckenridge last week by the serious illness of her sister, Mrs. John Everitt, of Ithaca, who is ill there.

Mrs. Will D. Iseman and son, Joseph, and niece, Miss Cleo Burgess, of St. Louis spent the past week at Ithaca with Mrs. M. Naugle and Mrs. J. P. King.

Ray Griewood and family of Owosso, spent the week end with his mother, Mrs. Adelia McCallum, and is removing to Calumet, where he has charge of a newspaper.

Daniel Fisher has purchased the Hotel Gratiot and is remodeling it and refurbishing, and expects to have a first class hotelery in operation in the near future.

Fred Van Buskirk and Ed. Altenberg left Monday for a week's trip to Detroit, Jackson, Vassar and Saginaw, looking up race horses to be used at the Ithaca Home-Coming and Fair.

Mrs. Frank L. Convis, Mrs. H. B. Parrish, Mrs. W. F. Thompson and Mrs. Edward Hannah attended the Flower Show at the home of Mrs. Francis King at Alma Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Emma Guthrie, an aged lady of 86 years, passed away Friday forenoon of last week at the home of her son, J. Guthrie. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. R. L. McLain at the residence Sunday at 12 o'clock, interment being made at Ithaca cemetery.

Dr. and Mrs. R. G. Dean and daughter, Anna, accompanied by Dr. and Mrs. M. G. Skinner motored to De-

troit, thence to Niagara Falls through southern Canada, spent some time at Batavia, New York, and Peterboro, Ont., motored through Toronto, and home via Port Huron and Saginaw. They had a most delightful three weeks' outing.

About 60 near relatives and friends of Ben Counsellor gathered at his home in Newark township Friday, August 14th, it being his 80th birthday. After a delightful dinner, a short program was enjoyed, and a purse of \$10 presented to Mr. Counsellor. Relatives were present from Cadillac, Detroit, Midland county, Coleman, St. Louis and Middleton.

A large barn in Arcada owned by Jake Merchant, was struck by lightning during the storm Monday night, and burned. Also Sam Barnes' barn, near North Star was struck and burned. Shortly after 5 o'clock Tuesday morning, the large ice-house of Chas. Bunn in the eastern section of Ithaca, was struck, burning off the roof and sides.

Fire of unknown origin broke out on the Frank Weeks farm four miles southeast of North Star, on Saturday last, about noon time, spreading rapidly to several buildings near the barn, burning two large hay stacks, and finally catching in the barn, burning that. Although the stock and implements were removed from the barn, there were several tons of hay in it. Four half-grown hogs were burned before they could be rescued. Between 20 and 30 tons of hay were lost.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

F. E. Ellsworth and wife of Hastings were guests of Charles Rhodes and family Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hudson left Monday morning for a two or three days' visit in Belding.

Mrs. Fred Dingwall and daughter of Ithaca were in Alma Friday visiting at the home of Professor Cook.

Harlow Rayercraft and Miss Mabel Billsby were Sunday guests of the former's parents at Forest Hill.

Mrs. Humphrey, who has been visiting friends and relatives in Lorain, Ohio, returned to Alma Monday afternoon.

A. A. Chick, Will Amsbury, Al Beason are spending this week on the Big Manistee angling for the finny creatures.

Miss Dora Adams of Mt. Pleasant entertained the Misses Myrtle Isenhardt and Clara Shaffer as her guests Sunday.

Mrs. Edna Kelly and Miss Ruth Kelly spent Friday in Saginaw and Mrs. Kelly left Saturday for a week's visit in Detroit.

Mr. William Hutchinson, who injured his arm very seriously recently, is spending his layoff at his home on Prospect avenue.

Miss Adra Miller and Miss Elaine Losey are spending the remainder of this week as the guests of Mrs. Robert Wilson near Wheeler.

C. Benedict and wife, M. J. McPhee and wife and their guests, Miss Nell Conley and Mrs. Frank King of Hemlock, spent Sunday at Crystal.

Miss Emily Mitchell spent the latter part of last week as the guest of Mrs. J. T. Myers, and returned Saturday to her home in Shepherd.

The Western Union Telegraph office has been moved to the Wright House and is equipped and doing business. The cables were moved Saturday.

Boy Scout uniforms have arrived in large quantities and many of the 72 boys who comprise the Alma membership are supplying themselves with them.

The millinery stock formerly owned by Mrs. Humphrey, which was purchased by J. A. Gerhardt of Reed City, has been shipped to the Gingrich Millinery of Reed City.

Carpenters are placing shelves and fixtures and putting in readiness the first floor of the Creaser block for J. A. Gerhardt, who will take possession about the 1st of September.

W. R. Thornburg is the guest of his brother, Dr. F. C. Thornburg, enroute from his studies at the Columbia University in New York City, to his home in Owatonna, Minn.

Fred Slater has rearranged the interior of his store and rented an ad-

FREDERICK C. MARTINDALE

Candidate for Nomination for Governor on the Republican Ticket.

To the Voters of Michigan

Fellow Citizens: I am glad to address in this direct way a greeting to the voters of Michigan and say a word regarding my candidacy for the Republican nomination for Governor.

You have at different times honored me with your confidence and entrusted me with important political duties. It has always been my highest endeavor to faithfully discharge every trust.

I feel that you will look upon my past record of service as a better guarantee of my future actions than any promises I might make. The best guarantee any man can give that he will do well the larger things entrusted to his care is that he has done well the smaller things.

I am willing at all times and upon all questions to trust the judgment of the people. If my official conduct in the past has met with your approval, then I ask for your vote for the Republican nomination for Governor.

I urge every voter to attend the primary on August 25th and any support that you may give me at that time, I assure you will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,
FREDERICK C. MARTINDALE.

Political adv.

Last Good Opportunity to See G. A. R.

The Forty-eighth Annual National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held at Detroit, August 31 to September 5, 1914, and the Citizens Committee on arrangements has prepared an elaborate program for the entertainment of the honored veterans of the nation. This may be the last opportunity that Michigan people will have of cheering the survivors of the great conflict—certainly it is the most opportune occasion

Attend the Big Parade Wednesday, September 2

The Pere Marquette railroad will afford the most convenient service from all Michigan points. For full particulars consult your nearest Pere Marquette ticket agent.

W. E. WOLFENDEN,
Federal Passenger Agent

Robert Hamp of St. Louis was in the city Monday.

ditional room to accommodate the line of boys' and men's ready-made clothing, which he has installed.

Thursday night Charles Speaker drove into St. Louis with a party of people with his auto lights out due to an unlooked-for occurrence, and was promptly arrested and fined to the amount of \$6.75.

Supplies for the Gratiot County Gas Co. are slowly arriving though the work is being hampered greatly by lack of machinery. Oil, coke and coal are arriving in carload lots and gas it is expected will be turned on in the near future.



SELECT THIS FOR SUMMER.

Here is a linen thin enough to be cool and exquisite in its color of Bermuda pink, braided with white cotton braid and trimmed with crocheted buttons and the inevitable collar. The coat is in the directoire mode, which is showing itself again this season. A dainty hat of white tagnal and pink flowers and button boots of white buck—and what is more summery?

Arkansas Soft Pine is economy lumber and is in keeping with the high standard quality of our complete line of building materials.

Good materials are economical materials and that is the kind we sell and the kind you should use.

Here is the place to get them.

We're not satisfied unless you are.

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Alma, Michigan

BIG GLEANER DAY AUGUST 21.

Alma Park in the city of Alma on August 21, is the time of the big Gleaner and Farmers' Basket Picnic. Everybody welcome. Companion John Livingston, president of the Gleaner order, will give the afternoon address. Farmers, you should hear Mr. Livingston talk. It will be of interest to you. There will be a program of sports, singing and speaking, commencing at 1:30 p. m. Miss Lucy Bellomay, an elocutionist from Detroit, will be on the program.

W. M. HARRIS,
District Overseer.

Albert Maier Sundayed in Saginaw.

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ALMA, AUGUST 24th
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ADMISSION, Adults 25c, Children 10c

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It holds nails however they are driven. It contains no shake, nor does it split easily.

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