

The Alma Record

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COUNTY COURT HOTSE

Ithaca seems to have been spared from a very bad epidemic of diphtheria because of the great care which was taken at the outset and the elaborate preventive measures which were taken.

One of those who is confined to his home because he is thought to have been exposed is Commissioner of Schools Howard Potter. The duties of that office are now being taken care of by County Clerk "Dick" Hughes.

In the suit for the restitution of his property on Park Place, West, Mr. Andrew J. O'Boyle won his case against Horatio S. Connor recovering his property. The title to the property was secured on contract and litigation resulted.

Mr. Lyon won his third case of the week, when as counsel for Fred H. Reynolds he secured a judgment against Michael Pollasky for \$260.00 in a trespass case, resulting from a misunderstanding.

Gratiot county hunters are quite numerous according to the records of the County Clerk's office. One hundred and fifty deer licenses were issued by Mr. Hughes this year.

AUCTION SALES

Fred Thornton will hold an auction sale of stock and various tools at Schick's feed barn, Alma, Saturday, Dec. 12. J. D. Helman, Auctioneer.

Holly C. Wright, living 2 miles north and 2 1-2 miles west of Alma, or 5 miles west of St. Louis, will hold an auction sale of stock and farm tools on the premises, Tuesday, Dec. 15. J. D. Helman, Auctioneer.

DUGGAN GRAND OPERA CO.

Furnished Excellent Evening's Entertainment Last Tuesday

The Duggan Grand Opera company furnished the second number on the lecture course last Tuesday evening and more than sustained the reputation which this course has with the music lovers of the city.

The program opened with the production of the third act from Faust, Goethe's famous drama, as interpreted by Gounod. Though interest in the theme was lacking because of its detachment from the whole play the singing of the four was the singing of artists who were masters of dramatic expression as well as fine singers.

Following the third act from Faust each of the four voice artists sang selections. The choice of them was very good and their rendition on the whole was as good as that of any which Alma has heard for some time.

BIG LAND DEAL

H. M. Page returned from Illinois last Saturday, while there he sold to W. P. Lindsey of Richland Co. the Walter Caple farm of 160 acres near Clare.

The money consideration of the deal amounted to about \$87,000. Mr. Lindsey is to be congratulated on getting one of Isabella County's choice farms.

Robert Farrow of Big Rapids visited friends in Alma last week.

The new Autographic Kodak is at Rhodes' Drug Store.

PRESENT CONGRESS

Rep. Gardner of Massachusetts will press a resolution to investigate the military status of the United States through a commission of three senators to be appointed by the president of the house, three members of the house to be appointed by the speaker, and three members to be appointed by the president of the United States.

It is not unlikely that the discussion of our preparedness for war will lead to a prolonged debate on the army, navy and fortification bill, and thus shut out a great deal of miscellaneous legislation that might otherwise be reached.

The politics of the session will be connected with the election of last November and the partial reversal of the status of parties in the house. The democratic majority in that election fell from 145 over all to 30 over all, and from 167 over the republicans to 29 over the republicans.

The changes in the personnel of the senate will be noteworthy. In this short session of congress, Senator Joseph L. Bristow, of Kansas; Theodore E. Burton, of Ohio; Coe I. Crawford, of South Dakota; George C. Perkins of California; Elihu Root, of New York; Isaac Stephenson of Wisconsin; and John R. Thornton, of Louisiana, will see their last public service.

Bristow and Crawford were defeated and Burton, Root, Stephenson and Thornton retired.

In the house the most noteworthy men who have permanently or temporarily been put out of public life are Richmond P. Hobson, of Alabama, the man who made a consistent and vigorous fight for national prohibition, Joseph R. Knowland, of California, who led the fight against the repeal of the canal tolls exemption, and who was in the last election defeated for the senate from his own state; Burton L. French, who was for a long time sole representative of Wyoming in the house, and who has served in five congresses; William H. Hinebaugh the progressive leader from Illinois; Frank T. O'Hair, of Illinois, who had the unique distinction of beating Joseph G. Cannon for congress; Matthew Connolly, of Dubuque, Iowa, one of the young leaders of the democracy, who lost out by failing to beat Cummins for the senate.

A like fate overtook Victor Muddock, of Kansas, progressive leader in the house, who attempted to go to the senate, but ran third in a field of three; Frederick C. Stevens, of Minnesota, who was ranking republican member of the house interstate and foreign commerce committee. From one of the St. Louis districts in Missouri, J. E. Meeker comes to replace Richard Bartholdt, the gentleman who has promoted the inter-parliamentary union of peace, and who has been made unhappy by the war in Europe. From the twelfth New York district will come Meyer London to represent socialism in the house of representatives.

Inasmuch as the slow-moving senate must be considered first in any attempt to pass legislation at the short session, the attitude of Senator Kern, chairman of the democratic steering committee in the senate, is important. Senator Kern, after issuing a call for an early meeting of his committee, declared that the democrats in congress desire to wind up congressional business not later than March 4 next, and that there was strong disinclination to hold a special session of congress after that time.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the special assessors for Bridge Avenue Sewer District, having filed with the city clerk the special assessment roll for Bridge Avenue Sewer, said roll is now on file for inspection and the Board of Review for said special assessment roll will be in session at the council rooms in said city hall on Tuesday, the 29th day of December A. D. 1914, from 7 o'clock to 10 o'clock in the afternoon to hear any objections made or filed thereto.

Dated, Alma, Mich., Dec. 5, 1914. D. W. ADAMS, City Clerk. 186513

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The last of the first series of debates of the Debating Club was given Thursday evening. The question was, "Resolved, That the Deficiency Tax is a Justifiable Means of Government Revenue." The negative was by a vote of two to one. Justin Cash and Robert Adams upheld the affirmative side, and Howard Rogers and Lester Haner the negative.

In order to accomplish greater success in oratory and declamation this year, Miss Smith and Mr. Collins, who have charge of the English department, have co-operated in requiring all Freshmen and Sophomores to give declamations and all Juniors and Seniors to write orations. The pupils will begin giving their orations the 16th of December and continue until the 23rd, and the declamations in Miss Smith's classes will begin the 21st of December and continue until the 23rd.

Those giving declamations in Mr. Collins' classes will begin immediately after Christmas vacation. Visitors are welcome.

J. B. Edmonson of the University of Michigan inspected the local High school last Thursday and expressed himself as well pleased with the in-

Christmas Presents Christmas in Full Array

Presents for the Baby, Presents for Grandma and Grandpa, Presents for Father and Mother. Practical presents, presents to wear, presents to eat, presents to play with, presents to make the home more beautiful. Christmas things from literally all the world have been gathered here for you.

Be sure to see this splendid array before the eager crowd of holiday shoppers draw on it to heavily for their gift needs.



TOYS

Toyland in all its splendor now ready. Many new things. Mechano for boys, NEW, 50c-\$2.75. Furnished Kitchen Cabinets, the new toy for girls, priced \$1-\$2.50. Electric Engines, new models, just the thing for your boy, priced \$1.50-\$3. 1000 other toys 5c-\$5.00. COME AND LOOK



Christmas Footwear

Daniel Green shipper to those who know, above name is enough, to those who do not know we ask a chance to show you. \$1.50-\$1.75. Shoes for all the family and we can suit you too. Our line is large and the price is small. COME AND LOOK.



CHINA

We challenge the world on 25c and 50c china

This is a broad statement but we are immensely proud of our showing 25c and 50c China

NO WAR PRICES HERE. COME AND LOOK.

CUSHING & BENEDICT

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"Where you do the best."

ALMA, MICHIGAN

Gerhardt's Store with Christmas Gifts Galore

Now is the time to prepare and select your Christmas Gifts, don't wait until the eleventh hour, read over this list and pay our store a visit.

Christmas Purses and Bags from 98c to \$4.85.

Christmas Shell Goods, Pins and Combs at all prices.

New Waists from 98c to \$5.00 in voils, silks, crepes, nets.

Boudour Caps from 25c to \$2.00.

New Belts in velvets, satins and Roman stripes.

Christmas Ribbons.

Christmas Towels.

Christmas Umbrellas from 98c to \$6.50.

Christmas Fancy Goods of all kinds.

Embroidered Pillow Tops.

Center Pieces, Scarfs, Doilies, Etc.

Christmas Bath Robe Blankets.

struction and management.

The students and the faculty of the High school wish to express their appreciation to the public for their generous patronage at the chicken pie supper, recently given at the gymnasium. The net proceeds were \$81. After all debts are paid this will leave a comfortable balance in the treasury of the Athletic association.

The grades are being tested by "Thompson's Minimum Essentials" for efficiency in language and arithmetic.

At a fire drill at the high school on Thursday morning the building was emptied of all pupils in one minute.

Last week Rev. Frank Jackson officiated at chapel exercises and talked interestingly on the general subject of "Efficiency," emphasizing the fact that everybody should be good for something.

Ruth Hooper, 1913, and Betty Westover were high school visitors Thursday.

The high school basketball candidates started practicing in the gymnasium last Monday evening. A fine squad of 22 are working hard for places on the team. With them are "A" men, Smith, Tinkham, Dutt, and Capt. Perry, Coach Maxwell should develop a winning team this season. Following is the schedule:

- Dec. 18-Lakeview at Lakeview. Dec. 23-Middleton at Middleton. Dec. 29-Traverse City at Traverse. Dec. 30-Elk Rapids at Elk Rapids. Jan. 8-Mt. Pleasant Normal Reserves at Alma. Jan. 14-Mt. Pleasant H. S. at Mt. Pleasant. Jan. 15-Clare at Clare. Jan. 22-Cadillac at Cadillac. Jan. 30-Alpena at Alma. Feb. 5-Lansing at Lansing. Feb. 12-Flint at Flint. Feb. 17-Mt. Pleasant H. S. at Alma.

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Feb. 19-Bay City Western at Bay City.

Feb. 21-Cadillac at Alma. March 5-Open.

Following is the schedule for the second team:

Feb. 5-Middleton at Alma.

Feb. 27-Lakeview at Alma.

No doubt more games will be scheduled for the second team but as yet only two games have been arranged.

Alvin Austin visited the high school Friday.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Alma, Mich., Dec. 4, 1914.

Adjourned regular meeting of the common council of the city of Alma in council rooms on the above date. The council was called to order by the mayor, Hon. Albert P. Cook. Present, Aids, McConkey, Race, Ogden, Kehn and Fraker. There being a quorum present the council was declared to be in session. The Journal of the preceding sessions were read and approved.

Ald. Rowland and Ward appear. Ald. Ward offers the following resolution and moves its adoption, supported by Ald. Fraker: Resolved, That the report of the Board of Special Assessors in the special assessment to pay a portion of the cost of that portion of the Bridge Avenue Sewer heretofore determined to be constructed be received and filed with the city clerk, and that the clerk be and he is hereby instructed to cause to be published in the Alma Record, a notice of the filing of such report for inspection and that the Board of Special Assessors and city county constituting the Board of Review of special assessments will be in session at the city council rooms in the city hall in said city of Alma on the 29th day of December A. D. 1914, from 7 o'clock to 10 o'clock in the afternoon for the

Barking Dogs Neyer Bite. A Song Pressed Suit is Never Right. Any one working for a song cannot take the interest in their work. Some are advertising to send work out of town, is that protecting Home interests. I have the only up to date plant nearer than Mt. Pleasant and Owosso, Grand Rapids and Saginaw. Overcoats and Suits to Order \$18.00. O. W. SWISHER. 121 W. Superior Street. Alma, Mich.

Table with financial data including General Fund, Highway Fund, and various items like Alma Grain & Lumber Co., lights, city hall, Detroit Trust Co., bill, J. M. Montigel, bill, Lee Lybolt, bill, D. P. Hole, bill, Alma Record Co., bill, Geo. Duncan, bill, BRIDGE AVE. SEWER, Chas. Morgan, E. Groves, Wm. Sanborn, C. Mink.

Franco - American Goods. Flower Perfumes and Toilet Waters, Shaving Articles, Toilet Articles, Toothpaste and Brushes, Sachet Powder, Toilet and Shaving Soaps, Shampoo soap. We have the exclusive sale of this line of goods. We will take orders for anything you want. CHRISTMAS CANDIES IN WONDERFUL VARIETY THEIR SWEETNESS GUARANTEED. Mrs. Hatt