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## TO LARGER QUARTERS

Merchant Will Vacate Present Store About Feb. 15

## HAS LEASED THE LARGE STORE

New Occupied by D. W. Robinson Dry Goods Store

Fred Slater, the well known and progressive merchant now located at 106 Superior street, has been compelled to move because of the rapid increase of his business, to the store now occupied by D. W. Robinson. The exact date is not known, but the change will probably be made sometime between the 15th and 19th of February.

An elaborate program for the opening of his new store has been arranged. The college band will furnish the music throughout the afternoon, popular songs will be sung by the quartette and several vaudeville stunts given by members of the school. Mr. Slater has generously offered to give the entire net profits of his business on his opening day to the college band. This money is to be devoted to the purchase of new uniforms for all of the members of the band. If it was not for this offer of Mr. Slater the uniforms would have had to have been purchased by the members of the band themselves. It is now expected that the profits of Slater's opening day with the proceeds of an entertainment which they intend to put on very



soon at the school, they will have enough funds to furnish the uniforms with no expense whatever to themselves.

The floor space in the new store will be just about four times as large as the floor space in the present. He plans to enlarge his tailoring establishment and introduce a line of custom shirts. The sales force will also be increased to some extent. Side-walk show cases will be introduced and a new supply of decorated cases and show cabinets will be added to his present equipment.

Two years ago, February 15 he opened up the store that he now occupies and also made his first business venture in Alma at the same time. Business increased rapidly and his opening of the new store is the result.

Fred Slater was formerly a road salesman for a Chicago firm and traveled out of Chicago. He spent his summer vacations with his family at a farm south of Alma. A year ago he retired from the road and moving here since that time had taken an active part in the business life of the city.

## THE PICKLE MEN MEET

Libby, McNeil & Libby Hold Convention at Wright House

The first annual convention of the Michigan Salting house, district managers for the firm of Libby McNeil and Libby was held at the Wright house on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week.

The convention was called to order by the state manager, D. H. Dickinson. In his opening address he outlined the campaign for the coming season in a very enthusiastic manner.

W. P. Ruick the manager of the local plant promised a very large increase over the acreage of last year and most of the district managers present had the same views on this subject. It was agreed to pay \$1.00 per bushel for the first grade; 40 cents for the second grade and 15 cents for the third grade of pickles.

After the business sessions each evening the growers attended the Vaudeville theatre and this was followed by a smoker. Those who attended the convention were, W. G. Wormley, Chicago; D. H. Dickinson, A. Dewey, Stanton; A. R. Bennett and W. Caniff of Cadillac; M. Dewey and L. Donaldson, Barryton; C. Buck, Gladwin; A. Lewallen, Coleman and T. B. Bennett, D. H. Nickerson, P. Renck of the Alma plant.

## LOTT—MARTIN

The marriage of R. V. Lott of Alma son of Mr. and Mrs. Butler Lott of St. Louis, to Miss Mable Martin, daughter of Deputy Sheriff and Mrs. Lewis Martin occurred at the home of the parents of Lott, Sunday evening, January 17th. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. H. Vail, pastor of the First Presbyterian church and was witnessed by the immediate relatives of the young couple.

Mr. Lott is very well and favorably known in Alma, and has been for some time connected with the Wright House barber shop. Mrs. Lott was formerly employed as an operator at the Union Telephone office in St. Louis. They will live in St. Louis until spring when they intend to establish their home in the city.

## OFFICERS INSTALLED

K. of P. and Pythian Sisters Hold Joint Installation

A joint installation and banquet was held at the new hall subleased from the Alma Lodge I. O. O. F., by the Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters last Thursday night.

The lodge rooms of this order were destroyed in the recent Pollasky block fire and the building committee promptly secured new quarters.

The officers of Royal Temple No. 16 Pythian Sisters were installed first. This was done in a very interesting and creditable manner by Mrs. Anna S. Jenne, Grand Chief of Eaton Rapids, as installing officer. Mrs. Mattie Parr acting Grand Senior, and Mrs. Nellie Scattergood acting Grand Manager. The officers of Royal Temple installed for the ensuing year are M. E. C.—Mary McLane; E. S.—Jesse McPhaul; E. J.—Weltha Hubbard; Manager—Hattie White; M. of R. & S.—Carrie F. Fuller; M. of F.—Mable Walther; Pro.—Mary Brown; G. of O. T.—Carrie Gulick; Trustee—Flora Howlett.

The installation of the officers of Fitz James lodge No. 95 followed that of the ladies, Mr. DeWitt Vought, J. D. Spinney and M. A. Medler acting as Grand Lodge officers, and these in whose hands will rest the official responsibilities for the coming year are: C. C.—J. D. Helman; V. C.—L. C. Stinchcomb; Prelate—B. J. Amstern; M. of E.—J. S. Knoertz; M. of F.—J. E. Fuller; K. of R. & S.—W. A. Howlett; M. of A.—M. E. Root; I. G.—J. Luchine; O. G.—H. Corner; Trustee—C. H. Smith.

## FOURTEEN GRADUATES

Grammar School Exercises Given January 22

The eighth grade graduation exercises were held at the grammar school, Friday, January 22, at two o'clock. Fourteen pupils received their diplomas and a large number were present at the graduation exercises which are unusually fine.

The graduating class was addressed by Hira C. Moore of the Alma State Savings bank. The subject of his lecture was, "The Discipline of Obedience," and was unusually good.

The program of the exercises follows:

Piano solo—Lulu Cooper. Prayer—Rev. J. W. Priest. Vocal solo—Mildred Sweet. Address—"The Discipline of Obedience"—Hira C. Moore.

Musical selection—"Anvil Chorus" from Il Trovatore by Junior High school.

"Home to Our Mountain"—Junior High School Chorus.

Presentation of diplomas—Supt. A. F. Schultz.

"Hail to Our Flag"—Chorus. Benediction.

The following pupils received their diplomas and will enter the high school at the end of the semester: Lester Alden, Albert Atkinson, Ollen Smith, Elwin Follette, Howard Snyder, Francis Mitchell, Hazel Walker, Mildred Dayton, Marjorie MacCurdy, Kathleen Hawley, Mildred Sweet, Ruth Stevens, Jennie Gulick and Leona Coleman.

## PLEASANT TRIP

Mrs. F. M. Spencer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Weese, of the Vaudeville theatre, returned last week from a six weeks' visit in Boston. While there she was the guest of her sister-in-law, Mrs. William P. Carleton. Mr. Carleton is the manager of a large theatre in Boston and so Mrs. Spencer had the opportunity of witnessing some fine plays. Mrs. Spencer also visited Plymouth, Mass., and viewed the historic Plymouth rock. She spent a few days in Concord and was much interested in seeing the "Old North Church."

## FARMER'S CLUB MEETS

Institute Will be Held at the Opera House Feb. 4 and 5

## GOOD SPEAKERS SECURED

Excellent Program for the Two Day Meeting

The Gratiot County Farmer's institute will be held at the Wright opera house in this city, Thursday and Friday, February 4 and 5. Elaborate plans have been made by the committee in charge to make this one of the best institutes of its kind held in the county this year. Well known speakers have been secured to address the meeting. One of the features of the convention will be the "Question Box," all questions pertaining to the farm will be answered. The program follows:

### Thursday

9:45 a. m. Invocation—Rev. Mason. Introductory remarks by C. A. Van Deventer.

10:00 a. m.—Judging the corn display at the Alma State Savings bank, by an expert from the Agricultural college, Lansing.

11:00 a. m.—Return to the opera house and have a discussion of the corn question.

11:30 a. m.—Question box.

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00 p. m.—Continue question box.

1:30 p. m.—The Dairy Cow and Her Care by F. L. Dean, of Sheridan.

2:00 p. m.—Discussion lead by C. F. Hainline and A. M. Fredericks.

2:30 p. m.—Handling poultry for egg production by C. H. Burgess, East Lansing.

3:00 p. m.—Discussion.

3:30 p. m.—Alfalfa Culture by F. L. Dean, of Sheridan.

4:00 p. m.—Reading.

8:15 p. m.—The Mission of the School, by C. H. Burgess, East Lansing.

### Friday

9:30 a. m.—Question box.

10:00 a. m.—Beans as a Money Crop, by F. L. Dean, Sheridan.

10:30 a. m.—Discussion.

11:00 a. m.—Beet Culture, by L. W. Oviatt, Bay City.

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1:00 p. m.—Question box. Music.

1:30 p. m.—Maintenance of Soil Fertility, by C. H. Burgess.

2:00 p. m.—Discussion.

2:30 p. m.—Crop Rotation and Successful Farm Management, by L. W. Oviatt, Bay City. Discussion.

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## M. A. C. HEAD TO BE CHOSEN

At a recent meeting of the state board of agriculture a committee was selected to elect a successor to President Snyder of the Massachusetts Agricultural college whose resignation has just recently been accepted. The committee elected consists of Robert D. Graham of Grand Rapids, John W. Beaumont of Detroit, and William H. Wallace of Saginaw. No decision has been made at the present time. However, several prominent men connected with large universities are under consideration. Prof. Andrew McLaughlin of the University of Chicago, formerly of the University of Michigan, Dean H. L. Russell, the University of Wisconsin, and President Kenyon L. Butterfield of the Massachusetts Agricultural College have been favorably mentioned as capable candidates for filling the position.

## REPUBLIC MOTOR TRUCK CO. REPRESENTED AT SHOW

The Republic Motor Truck company had a Model F-3 truck and a Model L 1 1/2 ton truck on display at the Detroit automobile show last week.

## PRIN. COLLINS RESIGNS

Left Jan. 23 for New Position at Cleveland Ohio

## NEW HEAD OF HIGH SCHOOL

Enthusiastic Over the School in General

Principal R. A. Collins left Saturday for Cleveland, Ohio, where he has accepted a position as instructor in the Cleveland Eastern Technical High school. He will teach debating and argumentation. Collins has been connected with the Alma High school for about eighteen months. The position has been filled in a very competent manner and he leaves behind him many friends among the town's people and pupils.

He took an active interest in the social and athletic interests of the school as well as the academic. An active worker of the Alma school debating club, and assistant coach of the basketball team.

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## WONDERFUL OPERATION

Former Alma Man Surprises Medical World

## DR. R. TURCK OF JACKSONVILLE

Operates on Fractured Skull in a New Manner

One of the most extraordinary cures and remedies known to the medical world has just been recently performed by Dr. R. C. Turck, former resident of Alma, at St. Luke's hospital Jacksonville, Florida. This operation is expected to be the biggest surprise and sensation that has been sprung on the medical world for many years. It will practically revolutionize all treatment of such cases.

John Brown a young man residing at Baltimore, twenty-three years of age has been suffering from epilepsy for some time due to an operation at the Johns Hopkins hospital at Baltimore for a fractured skull. Brown averaged from three to five epileptic fits a day. At the time of the fracture he was attended by the best surgeons at Johns Hopkins hospital. A silver plate was used to cover the brain. Since that time he has suffered severely from epilepsy until it appeared that he had only a short time to live. The young man was advised to go to Jacksonville, as the impression was



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1892. Was a medical student at the University of Michigan and from 1892-5, New York university, 1896; New York Medical school, 1897.

Immediately after completing his course at the New York Medical school he was the physician in charge of the Michigan Soldier's Home, remaining there about a year. Then occupied a position as instructor in surgery and demonstrator of anatomy at the University of Chicago. 1900 was the surgeon in charge of the Chicago hospital; professor of Gynecology, Dearborn Medical college, Chicago, 1904; attending surgeon of Chicago Post Graduate School and Samaritan hospital and consulting surgeon Provident hospital.

Turck was superintendent of the Alma sanatorium in 1904-5 and resigned this position to move to Jacksonville, in 1905.

Dr. Turck is a member of the American Medical society; Michigan State Medical society; Florida State Medical society. He is a Knight Templar and a Shriner. A member of the Klendwood club of Chicago, Seminole, and Yacht and Country club of Jacksonville, Florida.

Dr. Turck is very well and favorably known in Alma through his early life here and his connection with the Alma sanatorium, the present Masonic home.

## LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Granted To All Teachers Who Have Served Six Years

A meeting of the trustees of Alma college was held at the college January 19. Sixteen were present at the meeting this being the largest number that has attended for a great many years.

The most important question of the year was the granting of all of the professors who have served six years, a leave of absence with pay for one year. This year is to be devoted to study. Every teacher taking this leave of absence must provide a suitable teacher, during the absence, for their respective departments.

Dr. J. T. Ewing has been selected as the first teacher to be granted leave of absence under this new ruling. Dr. Ewing has been a member of the college faculty for 21 years. He will spend his time in Italy and Greece provided the war ceases.

The board decided to secure a competent teacher for the department of biblical instruction. This department has been without a head for three years. Dr. Chisbee formerly was in charge.

## ALVARADO PLAYERS

Successfully Present Strong Dramas in Alma

The Alvarado players opened their weekly engagement at the Wright opera house, Monday evening, presenting "A Man and His Mate." A large audience was present at the opening performance and had the pleasure of seeing a strong drama with some clever comedy.

"The Westerner" was presented Tuesday evening by a competent and well trained cast. "Sapho" filled the bill Wednesday evening. "Too Much Mustard," followed on Thursday. This is a comedy from the rise of the curtain to the finish. Friday the great, New York success entitled, "The Gambler" will be put over. Saturday, "The Call of the Woods" and the usual Saturday matinee will be given.

Alma is fortunate in having such an excellent company show here. The cast without exception is excellent and only constant training and a fine conception of dramatic art could produce this.

## NEW ASS'T SUPERINTENDENT

Channing Parsons, a well and favorably known resident of Alma, has just recently been made assistant superintendent of the Republic Motor Truck Company.

He accepted a position with this concern September 1st, 1914, as a production engineer, successfully filling this position until the first of this year when he was promoted to the position he now occupies.

Mr. Parsons was born in 1887, and has spent practically all of his life in Alma, graduating from the local high school. Graduated from the engineering course at the Massachusetts Agricultural College, and for several years was an instructor at the college until he entered the employ of the Republic Motor Truck Company. He married Hattie Bahlke, a well-known Alma girl, December 9th, 1913.

## REP. UB. CONVENTION

County Republicans Will Meet In Ithaca

## DELEGATES TO BE SELECTED

Will Represent County at Grand Rapids Feb. 12.

A county convention of the Republicans of Gratiot county will meet at the court house at Ithaca, Friday, the 5th day of February, at 11 o'clock. The purpose of the meeting will be to select the delegates for the state convention to be held at Grand Rapids, February 12th, 1915. The county will be entitled to one delegate for every 35 votes cast within the county at the last previous election.

The several townships and wards will be entitled to the following number of delegates:

Arcada	2
Bethany	2
Elba	4
Emerson	4
Fulton	4
Hamilton	2
Ithaca	9
Lafayette	3
Newark	3
New Haven	3
North Star	3
North Shade	3
Pine River	3
Sumner	4
Seville	4
Washington	3
Wheeler	9
Alma—First ward	3
Alma—Second ward	2
Alma—Third ward	2
Alma—Fourth ward	2
St. Louis—First ward	1
St. Louis—Second ward	2
St. Louis—Third ward	2
St. Louis—Fourth ward	2

## COHOON WILL CASE

Appears Before Judge Potts in Probate Court

The Cohoon will case was called before Judge Potts of the Probate court at Ithaca last Thursday and was postponed until Tuesday. Further details will be given in the next issue.

The contest upon the will of Lyman C. Cohoon, deceased, came on to be heard in the circuit court for this county last week. Under a special statute passed in 1911 the legislature sought to provide how contests upon wills might be certified from the probate court to the circuit court for hearing without a trial in the probate court.

The validity of this statute was attacked by the proponents of the will as unconstitutional and void for various reasons, but principally because it was claimed that the legislature could not confer either original or appellate jurisdiction on the circuit court in such manner.

Judge Davis, of Ionia, sitting in place of Judge Searl, who is disqualified on account of litigation between the parties while he was an attorney, held the objections good and dismissed the certification and remitted the case to the probate court for hearing as the court of original jurisdiction to hear and determine such contests. If the case goes again to the circuit court it will be by regular appeal from the order of the probate judge allowing or disallowing the will.

The present attitude of the parties forecasts a long and furious trial through the courts.