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K. OF P. HOLD A NOVEL BANQUET

Committee No. 9 Provides Elaborate Feast at I. O. O. F. Hall.

J. D. SPINNEY TOASTMASTER

Several Prominent Alma Men Respond to Toasts at Fraternal Gathering Thursday.

Thursday evening, Committee No. 9 of the Local K of P Lodge, gave a banquet to its members that will go down in history as one of the best ever.

After the regular session of the lodge was over, the members marched into the dining hall where tables tastefully decorated with apple and cherry blossoms, and loaded down with many good things, greeted the eye. Before being seated, thanks was returned by Sir Knight C. H. Breece.

The menu consisted of Young Roast Duck, with dressing; Escalloped potatoes; Fruit salad; a great variety of cake, ice cream, etc. All in all it was a banquet of which the committee of arrangement could be justly proud. The toastmaster of the evening was Sir Knight John D. Spinney, who officiated in his well known creditable manner. Those who responded to toasts were, Sir Knight Theodore M. Marsh, just lately returned from Oregon. Knight Marsh told many interesting facts about the west and gave a vivid impression of the vastness of the region west of the Rockies. Sir Knights Dr. C. B. Gardner, Ezra Smith, Joseph Sartor Jr., Ed Titus, Dr. Thoraburgh, Alex Brunner and a visiting member from Illinois, responded in kind to the coaching of the toastmaster.

This was the ninth of a series of banquets that the Knights of Pythias have given this winter and Committee No. 9 has shown that as far as producing things eatable is concerned they are in a class by themselves. The following Knights comprised the Committee No. 9, Dr. F. C. Thornburgh, J. G. White, Ray R. Besore, O. Vibber, A. Hunter, E. E. Halliwell, James Hopkins, E. LaFountain, Ed. Titus and H. Carmer.

The menu consisted of the following:

Kum Kale	Bombs
Roast Sub marines with Kokumin Shimbren	
Yuan Shih-kai	
Augratin Doberitz	
Creamed Thracian Chersonesos	
Minerwerfer Salad	
Pain Blanc	
Sestos Abydos beurres	
Pignatelli d'Aragon Mousse	
Ignatius Loyola	
Java ne Nonnebosschen	
Agememnon	
Cubeb Cigarettes	

NEWS 30 YEARS OLD

From the Record Files in 1885.

The old Moyer house has been sold to Geo. Puffrey.

Alma school report, May 29, 1885:

No. Enrolled in 1st grade	120
No. Enrolled in 2nd and 3rd grades	78
No. Enrolled in 4th and 5th grades	79
No. Enrolled in 6th and 7th grades	52
No. Enrolled in 8th and 9th grades	80
School Census	368
No. Enrolled to date	372
Seating Capacity	260
No. of teachers	5
No. of foreign pupils	21

Teachers—O. J. Stillwell, M. E. Yerington, Kittie Chapin, Anna Phillips, and Carrie Bamforth.

The Alma Cornet Band has recently been organized and incorporated under the name of Wrights Opera House Band with the following officers: Pres. G. S. Ward, Pres protem B. S. Webb, Clerk A. Yerington, Treasurer P. M. Smith, Leader Yerington, Ast. Leader C. H. Axtel, five Armstrong boys are all members of the band.

A small portion of J. L. Miller's store is still visible. The greater portion of it is covered with "Slaughter Sale" advs.

The members of Alma's Junior ball club are J. L. Bacou, Captain; Ed. Hutchinson, Melvin Medler, Geo. Hanson, H. Thompson, Geo. Berthaus, James Withersall and Jno. Day.

Geo. Emley of Meredith, paid a short visit to his sister, Mrs. S. G. Hopkins, this week.

Rev. J. Van Antwerp of Vicksburg has come to Alma to preside over the Congregational Church.

C. F. Brown, our job printer has arrived, bring in your job work.

There appears to be no foundation to the report sent from St. Louis to the Evening News to the effect that the T & A at this place has been abandoned.

"THE BOHEMIAN GIRL"

On May 27th the Alma Choral Union will present in costume "The Bohemian Girl" by Balfe, at the Opera House. This standard opera is familiar to all classes by reason of its ever popular melodies. It has been presented in all the great music centers of the world; in Italy as "La Zingara" in Austria as "Die Zigeunerin" and in Germany under the name of "La Gitana".

The music is high grade but catchy. Every emotion is portrayed by beautiful but simple melodies which are easily remembered. The most familiar are "Heart Bowed Down", "Come with the Gypsy Bride", "Then you'll Remember me" and "I Dreamed, I dwelt in Marble Halls".

The plot centers about Arline, the daughter of an Austrian count and Thaddeus an exiled Polish noble. Arline in her childhood is stolen from her home by the gypsies. Thaddeus is temporarily camping out with the latter to avoid unpleasant circumstances with the existing government. He falls in love with Arline as soon as she is old enough and to complete "the inevitable triangle" the gypsy also loves Thaddeus.

The villain in this case, a woman, sees to it that Arline is accused of the heroine's long lost father's count.

Nothing further will be divulged except that the story comes to a happy ending to the accompaniment of tamborines, gypsy scarfs, catchy tunes and enough pistol shots to make it exciting. There is a large, conspicuous funeral for the party who deserves it, but everyone else gets everything they want and "live happily ever afterwards".

The chorus, college orchestra and principals have spent several months practice under the splendid direction of Mr. Veatch, who will conduct the opera. Miss Waite and Mr. Richie have planned the staging and have coached the principals and chorus in dramatic action.

PYTHIAN CONVENTION HELD HERE WEDNESDAY

Ladies From Many Counties Attend Big Lodge Gathering in This City On Tuesday.

The Pythian Sisters of District No. 3, which comprises Wellington, Caro, Saginaw, Midland, Clare, St. Louis, and Alma, were royally entertained by the Alma Temple, May 11th at the Odd Fellows Hall.

A committee of Alma ladies met the morning trains and escorted the visitors to the hall which was beautifully decorated in the colors emblematic of the Order. Mrs. Ella F. Jordan of Detroit, who is District Deputy was present and conducted one of the most pleasant and profitable meetings ever held in the district.

Grand Chief Anna Jenne of Eaton Rapids was also present and she was as she always is, a great help and inspiration.

The Missionary Society of the M. E. Church served a fine three course dinner.

The Grand Chief was presented with a beautiful bouquet and the District Deputy with a string of La-Tausca pearls.

The following program was given: Morning Session

Called to order by the Deputy

Opening Ode of Subordinate Temples

Lords Prayer in unison

Address of Welcome—Mary Melan—Alma

Response—Mrs. Atwood—Caro

Roll call of Temples and reports

Reception of Grand Officers

Paper by Mrs. Carrie Fuller—Alma

Paper by Mrs. A. Goldsmith—Saginaw

Duet—Mrs. Spinney and daughter Melba

Dinner

Music—Miss Spinney

Ritualistic work—Alma Temple

Memorial Services

Reading Scripture—Grand Chief

Prayer—D. D. G. C.

Memorial Address—Mrs. Scattergood

Altar Service—Mrs. B. McCullough, Mrs. G. White and Mrs. Atwood of Caro

Solo—"Face to Face"—Mrs. Winn Wilson.

After Memorial services there was a short business session and the convention closed to meet at Caro in May 1916.

NOTICE

All persons interested in Riverside Cemetery who care to have their lots attended to and cared for this year, should leave their one dollar with the City Clerk or members of the committee, Messrs. Brock, Sharrar, Baker, Fraker or Wood.

1887-12 By Order of Committee

MASONS DEFEAT THE ODD FELLOWS

Tuesday's Game Between Fraternities Requires Ten Innings.

A HIGHLY THRILLING CONTEST

Big Crowd Sees Business and Professional Men in Desperate Grapple for Victory.

Teuton atrocities aren't in it when the Mason-Odd Fellow baseball affair of Tuesday afternoon is under consideration, for a decision was not reached until forty seven base runners had scored and ten long and bloody innings had been played. In short the game resulted in a victory for the Masons in ten innings by the score of 24 to 23. It cost just twenty-five cents to see nearly thirty merchants, doctors factory managers, college students, professors, barbers, sheriffs and postmasters play the good old national game and it was worth a full grown eagle.

Bart Young and Claude Struble were the opposing mound artists, the former throwing for the Masons and the latter for the Odd Fellows. Joe Page, Sr. was the official umpire. These three are mentioned first because they were centers of interest during the afternoon's fray. The fine service rendered by the latter will not be forgotten for many a day. There were at least two or three (though possibly only one) decisions that he made correctly. Every man on both teams had a big day at bat, even utility infielder Coach Bleamaster who secured a hit while one of the outfielders was nursing a foot blistered with too much travelling. The next time such a game is played the baselines should be covered with pavement to carry the heavy traffic.

To pick out one man above another as the hitting star of the game might seem unjust to his fellow players who probably secured eight or nine hits apiece themselves, but Jake Sparling did seem to get on base oftener than anyone else as a result of superior clouting. Karl Adams was a pesky rascal with the bat too. Mel Meddler might have held the hitting honors of the day had he not taken exception to one of the umpires decisions. This spoiled his temper and batting eye. However he should have remembered that the umpire showed courage even to render a decision with such a dangerous army of men around.

The lineup which is given below may have omitted some very important names but these men started the game and most of them finished it.

THE LINEUP

Masons	Odd Fellows	
O. Anderson	Catcher	McCloy
Young	Pitcher	Struble
Adams	1st Base	Slingloff
Harvey	2nd Base	Millman
B. Anderson	3rd Base	Ray
Dr. Gardner	Shortstop	Atkinson
Mckinney	Left Field	Helman
Crisp	Center Field	Medler
Sparling	Right Field	Fisher

Umpire: Page; final score: Masons 24, Odd Fellows 23. Time about four hours. Errors; approximately 557 plus.

ARCADA FARMERS CLUB

Mr. and Mrs. Weese will entertain the Arcada Farmers Club, May 27th at their hall over Vaudeville on East Superior St. It will not be necessary to bring folding tables or dishes as they will be furnished.

Be sure to bring well filled baskets and all bring Pentecostal Hymn books. Visitors are always welcome.

The program will be as follows: Opening song by all—No. 201—"Bringing in the Sheaves".

Prayer—Rev. J. W. Priest

Song by all—"The Comforter Has Come"

Address of Welcome—Mrs. Weese

Roll Call

Reading—Mrs. Nestle

Music—Mrs. Ray Wheaton

Short Talk—"What is the Soul?"—Rev. J. W. Priest

Reading—Mrs. E. H. Weese

Solo—Hira Moore

Short Talk—"My Western Trip"—T. A. Ely

Music—Miss Mabel Reid

Reading—Mrs. Geo. Irish

Song—G. V. Wright

Recitation—Frances Priest

Question Box—

Closing Song—"Nearer My God To Thee".

Committee—Mrs. E. A. Miller—May

Mrs. Geo. Irish—June

Mrs. B. F. Cline—July

Mrs. G. Peck—August

J. T. Matthews of Ithaca, called on the Record office this afternoon.

PRESBYTERIAN BIBLE CLASS ORGANIZED

A men's Bible class was organized in the Presbyterian Sunday school last Sunday. The following officers were chosen. President, P. W. Creaser; Vice President, Jothan Allen; Secretary, H. N. Allen; Treasurer, R. J. Fraker; Teacher, Albert P. Cook; Chairman of Committees, Membership, George Soper; Social, E. H. Doane; Devotional, Rev. Wm. H. Mason; Visitation, Henry H. Soule.

Their Motto is "Men For Service". Every man in the church and congregation is invited to become a member, also any who may not be members of similar classes elsewhere.

ALLEN SPENCER

The last artists' recital of the Alma College musical course will be given by Allen Spencer, pianist, of Chicago. Mr. Spencer is undoubtedly the greatest artist that ever visited Alma and one of the three or four great American pianists. He has served as President of the National Music Teachers Association and also Vice-President of the Illinois organization.

MARSHALL WRIGHT ISSUES SET OF REGULATIONS

Laws in Regard to Autos Are to be Rigidly Enforced in Future, Says City Official.

City Marshal John Wright, has announced some new regulations which will govern automobile drivers in Alma in the future.

First of all: fast driving must be absolutely cut out. There is a city ordinance in regard to the proper speed for automobiles driving within the city's limits and this must be obeyed.

Secondly: while turning corners, cars turning to the left must make a wide turn and after making the turn must stick close to the curb. Cars turning to the right must make a short turn and remain close to the curb in doing it.

Thirdly: all cars must be "parked" that is if the driver wishes to make a stop on the side of the street which is the left for him, he must make the turn at the next corner and not between corners.

Lastly: unless these three commandments are obeyed, arrests will be promptly made.

The fact that no serious smashups have yet occurred is no excuse for the continuance of practices which these rules would abolish. The Mayor and Council are back of Marshall Wright in the enforcement of these rules and unless they are obeyed Justice Mann and Sandell will be mighty busy men during the coming summer months.

PARENTS' DAY AT THE ALMA HIGH SCHOOL

Work of Students to be Exhibited, With General Invitation for Parents to be Present.

Parents and patrons are especially invited to visit Alma Public Schools Friday afternoon, May 21.

Friday afternoon, May 21, has been set apart for the purpose of welcoming to our schools, parents and all others interested in the work which our public schools are doing. The pupils' work will be on exhibit in the rooms in which the pupils are now enrolled. This will give parents the opportunity of not only meeting the instructor of their child but of becoming familiar with the environment surrounding his school life.

During the present year to date, the grade teachers report 356 visits from parents. While this number may appear large, there are still a great many parents who have made no visit to the schools. If time permits, parents are urged to visit the three buildings in order that they may get an idea as a whole of the work of the two departments—the grades and the high school. At the high school building, the exhibit of the several departments will be held in the gymnasium which will be open during the afternoon and evening. At 8 o'clock in the auditorium, the annual high school concert will be given under the direction of Miss Mae Jones, Supervisor of Music. To defray expenses a small admission fee of ten cents will be charged. It would be most gratifying to the teachers of the public schools to see a large number of visitors present on this special occasion.

To add to the social feature of the occasion, light refreshments will be served in each of the three buildings.

The Ladies Aid of the Presbyterian Church will meet with Mrs. J. W. Glass, Tuesday afternoon May 18th.

COMMENCEMENT AT THE COLLEGE

Class of 24 Expected to be Graduated From College Department.

THE ADDRESS BY C. E. SCOTT

Annual Event One Week Earlier Than Usual—Fine Things Are On The Program.

Commencement Week at the college will begin Sunday morning June 6th at ten o'clock when the farewell communion will be observed in the Presbyterian church and will close with the big commencement dinner in Wright Hall Thursday afternoon, June tenth at one o'clock.

But one class has been graduated than the 1915 graduating class. Should all the seniors complete their work the graduates from the college department will number twenty-four. In 1915 twenty-five graduated. The following people are members of the class and will graduate unless some unforeseen complications should arise: Margaret Allen, Alma; Paul Austin, Monroe; Mary Blaisdell, Alma; Maurice Cole, Paw Paw; Sidney Cook, Alma; Gladys Dershem, Chicago; Theodore Gates, Vestalburg; Clarence Goodrich, Grand Rapids; Esther Halverson, Newberry; Lala Huber, Stanton; Harry Jackson, Alma; Milton Jackson, Alma; Arden Johnson, Hilliards; Ilma Johnson, Grand Lodge; Joseph Kennedy, Chicago; Bryson McCloy, Fairgrove; Beniah Perry, Alma; Ralph Peacock, Marcellus, Ohio; Arthur Simenton, Marlette; Kather Smith, Alma; Ethel Thompson, Cassville; Addison Wilson, Alma; Alger Wood, Alma.

Of the twenty four who graduate from the college department, nine are Alma young men and women. It certainly speaks well for the city and for the college too, that nearly forty per cent of the graduates are resident Alma people.

There will be three graduates from the school of music. Miss Lorna Woodruff of Dewitt will graduate from the vocal department, Miss Mary Rose from the voice and piano departments and Charles Bope Butler from the voice department.

Rev. Charles Ernest Scott will deliver the commencement address Thursday morning. Mr. Scott is a return missionary from China where he went soon after his graduation from Alma College. A few months ago he delivered an address here which created a profound impression and the announcement of his address for commencement week will please his many Alma friends.

BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board of Review for the city of Alma Michigan, will meet in the Council Rooms in said City Hall on Monday the 17th day of May, A. D. 1915 at 9 o'clock a. m., and shall continue in session at least four days successively being in session at least six hours per day during said four days; for the purpose of reviewing said assessment Rolls of said City of Alma, and any person or persons desiring so to do, may examine his, her or their assessment in said Rolls and may show cause, if any exists, why the valuation thereof should not be changed.

Dated, Alma, Mich.
April 27, 1915
D. W. Adams
1885-13 City Clerk

NOTICE

In order to give any reputable, practicing physician who may desire to do so for the minimum charge an opportunity to execute medical certificate in connection with civil-service examinations, the U. S. Civil Service Commission will receive the names of reputable physicians who are willing to execute medical certificates at the minimum charge. For further information inquiry should be made of the local board of civil-service examiners at the postoffice.

ROMANCE AT THE MAY FESTIVAL

Herone, that's poor Arline; Awful, villain, Gypsy Queen; Thaddeus, noble in disguise; Florenstein in quest of prize; Arneheim is the dad bereft; Devilshoof commits the theft. Arline sings of Marble Halls; Thaddeus eludes prison walls. Gypsy Queen tries wicked plot. But by Devilshoof is shot. Red bandanas, tambourines, And sweet tunes in all the scenes. All this may be seen in all its splendor at the May Festival, May 27, and 28. Tickets at Brunner's Drug Store, May 19th.

HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT

The concert given annually by the several musical organizations of the high school will occur Friday evening, May 21, at 8 o'clock, in the high school auditorium. Miss Mae Jones who directs the concert, has been obtaining excellent results at the high school chorus and orchestra rehearsals. Some very excellent concerts have been given by the high school in the past and there is every reason to believe that the concert of next week will fully measure up to the standard already established. Few high schools in the state can compare with our local high school in results obtained from our chorus, Glee clubs and orchestra. A small admission fee of ten cents will be charged for the purpose of defraying expenses.

The program follows:

Annual Concert of Alma High School Chorus assisted by Miss Florence Ball, Soprano; Prof. C. Davis, Violinist; Miss Mae Jones, Conductor.

High School Auditorium Friday Evening, May 21, 1915

Overture	
Orchestra	
(a) Stormfiend	Roeckel
(b) Serenade	Schubert
Dreaming	Shelley
Girls Glee Club	
Springtide	Gow
Misses Bennett, Smith, Tubbs, Benedict	
Violin obligato	Prof. Davis
(a) "A Birthday"	Woodman
(b) "I Hear a Thrush at Eve"	Cadman
(c) "Where Blossoms Grow"	SanSouci
Miss Ball	
(a) The Earth is Decked with Beauty	
Maase	
(b) Ashes of Roses	Cole
Girls Glee Club	
(a) Cradle Song	Hanser
(b) Meditation from Thais	Massenet
(c) Perpetual Motion	Bohm
Prof. Davis	
King's Champion	Watson
Chorus	

ATHLETIC CARNIVAL AT DAVIS FIELD SATURDAY

College Track Team Easily Wins Triangular Meet—Olivet and Alma Tie in Base Ball.

Saturday morning and afternoon athletic carnival was held at the college with a tennis tournament, baseball game and track meet, comprising the day's program of sports. Alma came off the victor in the tennis tournament and track meet and tied with Olivet diamond artists in a ten inning baseball game which was called at the close of that inning to allow the visitors to catch the afternoon train home. Big crowds were present at all the contests and the enthusiasm ran high all the time.

Alma scored a grand slam in the morning tennis tournament against five representatives from the Mt. Pleasant Normal. Everyone of the four matches were victories for Alma. Maurice Cole the Alma captain, defeated Beddow, the Mt. Pleasant captain, in two sets by the score of 6-3, 6-1. Donald Smith, a former Alma High tennis man, defeated Freeman of the Normal team 6-1, 7-5, while Cole and Smith teamed together as doubles partners defeated Beddow and Freeman 6-1, 6-0. Beyers and Bricktop by the score of 6-3, 6-4.

At one-thirty, Captain Simenton and his eight companions trotted out to the baseball diamond to meet Olivet in the most important game of the season which was to be called at the end of ten hard fought innings with neither side gaining the decision. Ed. Johnson was on the mound for Alma and Loomis for Olivet.

Alma scored in the second when Steggle was hit and stole, scoring when Johnson hit. In the fourth Alma scored her second when Steggle singled and stole and Johnson again singled.

Olivet scored her first run when Hamilton tripped and Miller singled in the fourth. In the sixth Olivet tied the count when Miller singled and the Alma infield blew, making three errors. In the tenth Olivet filled the sacks, but Johnson tightened and struck out two men, saving his game.

The remarkable work of Alma's big left hander in the two closing innings of the game showed that he is well deserving the reputation of being the best college pitcher in Michigan.

Besides Johnson's fine work at crucial periods in the game, the hitting of Wood was the outstanding feature of the game. Three times he hit safely and each time he stole second base, only to be left languishing until the side was retired because of the failure of his teammates to advance him. Stimpson and Johnson were not far behind Wood, both securing two hits apiece, one of the latter's being a long one to the fence for two bases.

The Alma baserunners had a big day at her home on State St. Wednesday afternoon.

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PRES. BLAISDELL RESIGNS TUESDAY

Accepts Liberal Arts Dean-ship in Pennsylvania State College.

SUCCESSFUL 3 YEARS HERE

Board of Trustees Accepts Resignation, Which Will Take Effect The 15th of August.

At the close of the chapel services Tuesday morning Dr. Thomas C. Blaisdell announced his resignation as President of the Alma College to take effect between the thirtieth of June and the thirtieth of August, at the discretion of the Board of Trustees which was to meet in the afternoon in order that he might accept a position as dean of the department of Liberal Arts at the Penn State College of Pennsylvania. At one thirty o'clock the board met and accepted the resignation, at the same time requesting Dr. Blaisdell to remain as the College's executive until the fifteenth of August. In the same meeting the chairman of the Board was instructed to appoint a committee to consider the matter of a successor to Dr. Blaisdell.

The announcement of his resignation came like a bolt out of a clear sky for to the public no inkling of his possible resignation had come. The offer itself to become one of the deans in the Pennsylvania school came as unexpectedly as did the latter announcement. About the first of April after representatives of the State College had visited Alma and had inquired of Dr. Blaisdell's work here the deanship was offered to him.

Penn State College is the only state supported school in Pennsylvania and has about thirty-five hundred students. There are five departments, the Liberal Arts of which Dr. Blaisdell is to be Dean, Mining, Science, Engineering and Agriculture. The faculty over which he is to be Dean consists of sixty professors and instructors. Every student who attends the college takes a course in the Liberal Arts department at some time during his stay. It corresponds exactly to the Literary course in the state universities.

Penn State is located in the very center of the state in a most beautiful valley. The town in which it is situated has a population of sixteen hundred people while the nearest large town to the college, Bellefonte, is twelve miles away. The college was founded in 1790 and is one of the oldest schools in the country.

There is a strong religious atmosphere pervading the school not often found about a college of its size. A year ago there were seven hundred conversions during the school year and the year before there were over one thousand. The Y. M. C. A. has a strong organization and does a great amount of good. A unique plan of religious training is carried out there. There is compulsory chapel and church attendance for the students. There is a big Protestant church which the students of that belief attend. There is also a Jewish rabbi who ministers to two hundred Jewish students, while a Catholic priest has a parish of three hundred fifty students.

Dr. Blaisdell came to Alma from the Michigan Agricultural College where he was head of the English department and has been here three years. Under his administration the college has increased in numbers by leaps and bounds. He has followed a policy of wise and persistent advertising. Alma College is known about the state and United States as it never was before. Dr. Blaisdell has been in big demand as a speaker and has filled many speaking engagements, making a fine reputation for himself wherever he went.

A plan which he has cherished very much has been the beautifying of the college campus. Following out a plan designed by Mr. Yeomans, the eminent Chicago landscape artist, he has helped to make Alma's one of the most beautiful campuses in Michigan. He has been one of the chief factors in moulding a definite and powerful college spirit, which is yearly inculcated in the students and which has been a determining force in their student enterprises. He has aided and assisted all student organizations which would make Alma a bigger and better college.

Many names have been suggested by current gossip for the college presidency of the college but no definite action has yet been taken except that previously mentioned.

Mrs. Sullivan gave a bridge party at her home on State St. Wednesday afternoon.