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ABSOLUTELY LAST VOTE

OFFER NOW IN FORCE

No More Extra Votes After Next Wednesday—All Subscriptions After Wednesday and up to Closing Hour Friday Night Will be credited According to Schedule of Votes Only

CONTEST CLOSES FRIDAY DECEMBER, 31, 9 P. M. SHARP

Are You Going to Ride or Walk?—Time Is Short and Work Only Will Win—Full Explanation About the Close Will Be in Next Week's Issue

It's the final spurt and time alone will tell who the winner will be. Several of the contestants are about on an even footing, so that the time that remains will practically decide the winner. But remember this much, it all depends on how you use the time you have left as to how you will come out in the contest.

The only time you own is now. If you intend to be in the race now is the only time, had if you let it slip by without making it count it is gone forever.

Every day should mean a certain number of votes or subscriptions if you have your work planned systematically. Just eight days remain before the close, and to win out would mean the same as fifty dollars per day for your work. You see it is worth every effort you make.

People who promised to help you at the last if you stood any show will have their last big opportunity to help now. Don't wait for them to bring their subscriptions to you—they may have forgotten it. Just give them a gentle reminder that the contest is nearly over and you need their subscription.

The Last Extra Vote Offer.

The last extra vote offer that will be made will be in force from Thursday, Dec. 23, to and including Wednesday, Dec. 29. Remember, there will be no more extra votes after Wednesday and until the closing hour on Friday subscriptions will count only according to the regular schedule of votes. See the contest manual if you are in doubt about anything.

- 1—On every three ten year subscriptions we will award 100,000 extra votes.
- 2—On every three five year subscription we will award 50,000 extra votes.
- 3—On every \$15 turned in on subscription not included in the two above offers we will award 40,000 extra votes.

Alma.	
Herbert Becker	185,000
Ackley Lippert	184,900
Dena Barney	184,000
P. T. Banghart	183,500
Capt. Lamont	108,900
Harlow Ruycraft	82,000
Mrs. Arthur Donnelly	72,200
Alma R. F. D. No. 3.	
Fred Durkee	108,700
Middleton.	
Andrew Lepley	107,000
Ithaca.	
C. M. Lake	90,000
Elwell.	
Pearl Mathews	89,000
Elm Hall.	
D. Hicks	87,300
Alma R. F. D. No. 2.	
Alvin Bauer	86,000
Riverdale.	
Mrs. Highfield	75,900

P. M. WILL BE SOLD.

Judge Arthur J. Tuttle, in United States district court, Tuesday fixed Wednesday, April 5, 1916, as the date for the sale of the Pere Marquette railroad to satisfy creditors. The road has been in receiver's hands since 1912.

At a previous hearing, in July, this year, Judge Tuttle fixed the upset price at \$14,000,000, subject to the underlying bonds, and interest, which, it was said, would bring the price to approximately \$42,000,000.

ICE RINK TO BE BUILT ON DAVIS FIELD

As some of our friends have developed the habit of taking unexpected cold plunges while skating on Pine river, Coach Bleamaster has decided to have an ice rink built on Davis field.

During the holiday vacation the gridiron will be flooded and the ice properly frozen so that when college opens there will be an opportunity for all the students to enjoy outdoor skating.

This is a plan which has been considered for many years but has never actually materialized. Later in the winter help may be required to keep the ice in good condition. At that time let every man in college lend a hand and help make it a real success.

If you have no skates let Santa Claus know that skates will be appreciated for Christmas. If you have skates packed away at home resurrect them during the holidays and come back to school ready to have a good time on the ice.

—The Weekly Almanac.

R. V. Beaghtor, made a business trip to Ithaca, Friday for the purpose of installing a thermostat in the home of F. L. Convis.

WITH THE BOWLERS.

Two very interesting bowling games took place at Ainsley's Bowling Alley this week on a Monday night between the office and factory force of Swift and Co. and on Wednesday night a game between the F. and A. M. and the K. of C. club with the following results:

Swift Co. Club.				
Office.	1st	2nd	3rd	Tot.
Orear	138	110	120	368
Ford	137	128	125	390
Cole	115	98	91	304
Stevens	133	181	145	459
White	140	150	225	515
Totals	663	667	706	2036
Factory.				
Allen <th>1st</th> <th>2nd</th> <th>3rd</th> <th>Tot.</th>	1st	2nd	3rd	Tot.
Allen	83	121	159	343
Hattinger	146	95	99	340
Goodman	86	85	96	267
Coleman	168	136	97	401
Metcalf	132	115	173	420
Totals	615	552	604	1771
F. and A. M.				
J. Chick	1st	2nd	3rd	Tot.
J. Chick	142	157	121	420
B. Griffin	122	191	136	449
C. Ward	160	118	142	420
H. Rogers	115	163	183	461
Blakley	136	125	154	415
Totals	675	754	736	2175
K. of C.				
Jim Barry	1st	2nd	3rd	Tot.
Jim Barry	154	167	188	499
Tom Bates	143	180	132	455
Jerome Barry	140	148	174	462
C. Goggins	138	154	132	424
Fr. Mulvey	159	207	147	513
Totals	744	866	763	2353

PIANO RECITAL.

Given by Miss Ethel Rhyndard and Pupils.

Miss Ethel Rhyndard and pupils of Fulton and Newark, gave a piano recital at the former's home one mile north of Perrinton, Friday evening, Dec. 17.

The house was beautifully decorated in Christmas greens and guests to the number of more than one hundred assembled to hear the children who had been carefully prepared for the event by Miss Rhyndard. An excellent program was rendered.

After the program was concluded Rev. J. E. Biery of Perrinton asked Miss Rhyndard to come to the dining room and upon her doing so presented her in behalf of her pupils with some very beautiful dishes.

Popcorn balls, peanuts and candy were served, after which all departed for home. The parents especially appreciating the interest and care Miss Rhyndard has devoted to the children whom she is teaching.

ALMA BOY CAUGHT.

Word has been received by several in Alma from Thomas Cooper at Pontiac asking for assistance, he was charged with stealing a horse, found guilty and was sentenced to Jackson for from one to four years. Alma people sympathize with the family who have tried in every way to keep him out of trouble and make a man of him, but it is useless. He has been in countless scrapes and a trip to Jackson may do him good.

FIRST PRIZE POULTRY.

Andy Shaw, the flagman at the West Superior street crossing, who has been interested for some time in first class poultry, recently sent one of his best Buff Orpington cocks to Ionia, to be entered in the poultry show held in the Armory building of that city. A few days later he received information that he had been awarded first prize with this single entry.

OLD TIME CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS.

Old Legend of Christmas Time to Be Observed in Alma.

It is suggested by the members of the Civic Improvement league that the revival of the Christmas legend of fighting the Christ Child's coming, which has found favor in many cities, be observed again in Alma this year. Will you, by placing a lighted candle in your window between the hours of five and seven, Christmas Eve not only help to commemorate his legend but to bring to a busy world a fuller import of the Christmas spirit of Peace and Good Will.

If you like the old town best, Tell 'em so!
If you'd have her lead the rear, Help her grow!
When there's anything to do, Let the fellows count on you!
You'll feel bully when its through, Don't you know!

Christmas

THAT your Heart be free from care; that Peace of mind prevail and love for all old friends and co-workers be uppermost in your thoughts; that the Scars of the past be forgotten and the Hopes of the future fulfilled; and that Health, Happiness and Success be ever attendant through life: This is our wish for you on Christmas Day of Nineteen Hundred and Fifteen.

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AN APPROPRIATE GIFT.

When you cannot find the right kind of a Christmas gift to send to your friend who resides out of town, we suggest that you send them a year's subscription to The Record. In all modesty we can truthfully say that there are many who appreciate and enjoy it fully as much as they would some token that would cost many times more than the paper.

POPULAR PLAN MAKES IT VERY EASY TO SAVE MONEY

The First State Bank has adopted a novel plan for the promotion of thrift, and is advertising that during the month of January 1916, they will issue 50-payment plan certificates of deposit put up in a handy vest pocket size to each and every depositor as a new year's gift and as a share of the profits on their account the sum of \$1.00 or \$2.00 if the depositor will deposit a similar amount each week for the forty-nine succeeding weeks. This offer will cost the First State Bank temporarily a handsome sum and will probably be accepted by many people of this community, as it affords an ideal way to save for any desirable or special purpose such as, purchase of Christmas gifts, assisting self or friend to attend school, the purchase of coveted furniture, the easy payment of taxes, or the beginning of a permanent systematic savings account.

This looks like saving money on the installment plan, but many have found that saving money is not difficult if one has a plan and sticks to it. On being asked what provision was being made for the receipt of deposits of less than \$1.00 per week, officials state that monthly payments of this amount may be made or that pocket savings banks holding pennies, nickles, dimes or quarters, will be handed out for the receipt of small amounts. These will be unlocked for depositors, whenever they are presented, with the key which is retained by the bank officials. Every member of the family may enter into this popular plan and open a profitable bank account.

ALMA'S GREAT NEED.

It is estimated that Alma has increased 1000 people in inhabitants in the last year and one thing now that is the big draw back is the scarcity of houses. It is nearly impossible to rent a house of any kind, several houses in town are being occupied by two and three families, families are living in two rooms anything to get under cover. Forty-four families who are employed by the Republic Truck Company reside in St. Louis.

Some step should be taken to rectify this condition. There are now 20 houses under construction, but we should have 200 more in order to supply the demand. This with the prospects of other new enterprises in sight is certainly a critical condition. People with money should relieve this by lending a hand and build houses and help rectify these conditions. There are people now who are ready to build and sell on a contract, but the demand is for the modest house to rent.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE.

At Christmas time, amid the joy of giving and receiving we are in danger of forgetting the reason of the origin of this very significant season of the church year. All the activities which bring so much comfort and blessing at a time when much is needed are apt to degenerate into a pleasureless custom unless we remember why such things are done. "This day is born a Savior," was the song of the Angels. With the thought of that great gift men were moved to express their gladness by giving gifts unto others. As long as the Savior is remembered so long will men continue to give their gifts lavishly and with pleasure. Christ Himself should be the life of Christmas day. Some tribute of praise should be offered to Him. To this end the parishment of St. John's church will meet on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock for a celebration of Holy Communion. A short sermon will be preached by the rector. All people who wish to come and share in this service of confession and thanksgiving will be welcome.

ALMA LODGE F. AND A. M. HOLD INSTALLATION

The officers of Alma lodge Free and Accepted Masons were duly installed Wednesday night of this week by Past Grand Master Herbert Montague with F. A. Gill acting Grand Marshal.

After the installation services were concluded a fine lunch was served by Howard Lake and Harry Orwig, stewards, assisted by Vern A. Miner and a general good social time was indulged in by all.

The officers for the ensuing year were installed as follows:

- Worshipful Master—Frank O. Parker.
Senior Warden—Earl O. Parker.
Junior Warden—Ray W. Tomlin.
Treasurer—Albert J. Archer.
Secretary—Jesse E. Fuller.
Senior Deacon—John S. Kneetzer.
Junior Deacon—Howard Lake.
Tyler—Harry L. Orwig.
Senior Steward—Orval Allen.
Junior Steward—Merrill Stuckay.
Chaplain—Rev. J. Frank Jackson.
Pianist—Carlyle Walker.

C. S. N. RURAL SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT

For the benefit of students who were not able to attend school during the fall term, the Central State Normal of Mt. Pleasant will offer, in the Rural school department, during this winter term, courses in the widest possible range of subjects. Students by this arrangement may enter on Jan. 3, 1916, just as advantageously as at any other time.

NOTICE.

Saturday, December, 25, being Christmas, there will be no city delivery of mails. Persons desiring mail can call for same between 9 and 10 a. m.

P. CASH, Postmaster.

BODY OF MRS. BERT GRANGER FOUND IN PINE RIVER

The body of Mrs. Bert Granger of St. Louis who had been missing from her home since last Tuesday, was recovered from Pine river at an early hour Saturday evening. It was found opposite the spot on the bank where her coat and muff were discovered.

It is thought that Mrs. Granger was mentally unbalanced because of grief over the death of an intimate friend in the hospital at Ann Arbor last Sunday. She was 26 years old and leaves her husband and two children, one 10 months and the other two years old.

NEW CAR.

The Republic Truck Company have equipped one of their trucks with top and curtains and are using it to carry the women employees back and forth from the plant, making two trips each day. It is also used between Alma and St. Louis, morning and night, taking employees who are unable to find houses in Alma and reside in St. Louis back and forth.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank the neighbors and friends who so kindly assisted us in word and deed during our late bereavement.

M. B. Wallerhouse and family.

NOTICE.

Commencing Wednesday, Dec. 1st, I will be at the following places for collection of taxes for Pine River township: Wednesday, township hall, Forest Hill; Friday, Savings Bank, St. Louis; Saturday, Savings Bank, Alma.

LEO H. WOOD, Treasurer.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

- Charles Eastick, 44; Lou Parker, 29, both of Wheeler.
Richard Wolf, 36; Laura Blair, 31, both of Washington.
James Russell Campbell, 30, North Shade; Helen Mary Bennett, 25, Hubbardston.
Rollin Ryan, 19, Fulton; Beatrice Struble, 19, North Shade.
Clair Casey, 21, Montclair county; Ideana Husted, 18, Newark.
Claude S. Stowe, 22; Esther L. Mason, 19, both of Wheeler.
Webster Richard Piper, 33; Grace Mills Piper, 35; both of Alma.
Henry Gilson, 36; Lillian Coss, 35, both of Ithaca.

NOTICE.

We the undersigned agree to close our shops Saturday, Dec. 25th, Christmas Day and keep open Friday evening previous until eleven o'clock.

Signed by BARBERS OF ALMA.

NOTICE.

The city treasurer's office will be open on Fridays until Dec. 10th, and on every day from Dec. 10th to Jan. 9th, for the collection of taxes.

CHAS. R. MURPHY, City Treasurer.

Clare Madden of St. Louis, visited his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Madden of this city on Monday.

OBITUARY.

Hezekiah Edward Platt, highway commissioner of Richland township an upright and highly respected citizen of Vestaburg was helping his hired man move stumps Thursday afternoon, Dec. 16, when about 2:30 he complained of a headache which was so severe he was compelled to go to the house. Arriving home he was taken suddenly worse. Mrs. Platt hurriedly summoned the doctor and his brother Frank Platt and wife. After falling into a deep sleep from which he did not awaken he suddenly passed away about 7 o'clock. Death resulting from apoplexy. The deceased was born in Parma township, Jackson county, Michigan, October 8, 1864 and died Dec. 16, 1915. He was united in marriage with Myrta Belle Chappell, April 2, 1891 and to this union was born three daughters and one son which died at birth. They resided at Springport, Mich., six years, after marriage they moved to Vestaburg, March 15, 1897, settling on their farm near Rock Lake, where they have since resided.

He leaves to mourn their loss a kind and good husband and father a wife and three daughters besides two sisters, two brothers, many other relatives and a large circle of friends who extend to the bereaved family their deepest sympathy. The funeral services were held at the Church of Christ, Sunday, December 19, at 2 p. m. Rev. J. D. Tanner officiating. Interment in Vestaburg cemetery.

Relatives from away that attended the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. William Platt, William Inman, John Chappell and sons, Edwin and Dell of Springport, Miss Mildred Chappell and George Stoddard of Albion, Samuel Chappell of Climax and Allan Chappell of Marion.

NEW DOCTORS' ORGANIZATION

Physicians of Gratiot, Isabella and Clare Counties Meet and Organize.

The physicians of Gratiot county have had a minor association for the past 15 years and likewise the physicians of Clare and Isabella counties have been organized but there has seemingly been little interest taken in these organizations. Recently a plan was conceived of the union of these two associations into one large association consisting of the physicians of Gratiot, Isabella and Clare counties. As a result a meeting was held last week at the Wright House and the organization was made a reality by the election of officers who are as follows: Dr. L. N. Brainard of Alma, President; Dr. Brownstetter of Mt. Pleasant, Vice President and Dr. Highfield of Riverdale, Secretary and Treasurer.

The meeting was very well attended there being about 30 physicians present which speaks very well for the growth and of a hearty cooperation among the physicians of this central state district.

The object of the organization is to bring up particular phases of questions of medical interest for discussion, and the reading of papers prepared by local physicians. Meetings are to be held monthly and at each meeting it is planned to have some eminent medical men from colleges and elsewhere to address the meeting or read papers.

With the present beginning it is felt that this will be one of the best subordinate organizations in the state. An excellent program has been started for the next meeting the time of which will be published later with the program. These meetings are open to all who may be interested in the medical discussion.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM.

Following is the program for the Christmas exercises to be held at the M. E. church Alma Friday evening: Song—"Joy Bells."
Scripture Reading and Prayer.
"Christmas Time"—Chorus of 30 voices.

AGED MAN DIES.

Albert Waterhouse was born near Lockport, Niagara county, New York, May 5, 1850, died Dec. 19, 1915, at Alma, Mich. When six years of age he moved with his parents to Adrian, Mich., a few years later coming to Isabella county, where he has since lived, up till a year ago when he came to live with his daughter, Mrs. J. L. Smith of this city. In 1872 he was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Flansburg, to this union was born six children, three boys and three girls, who beside his wife are left to mourn their loss. The boys are Merton of Sault Ste. Marie, Canada, Homer of Duluth, Minn. and Harvey of Poyallup, Wash. The daughters are Mrs. B. Loomis of Weidman, Mich., Mrs. J. Warner and Mrs. J. L. Smith of this city.

Services were held in the M. E. church. Rev. Thomas G. R. Brownlow presiding and interment was made in Riverdale cemetery.

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HANDEL'S "MESSIAH"

At Presbyterian Church Last Friday Evening by Alma College Choral Club

A VERY APPRECIATIVE AUDIENCE

Was One of the Finest Musical Treats That Alma People Has Ever Enjoyed.

Great was the misfortune of those who missed the rendering of the Messiah by the Alma College Choral club at the Presbyterian church last Friday evening. This great masterpiece in Oratorio which is being given each year just before Christmas is one of the treats of the year, and everyone should avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing it.

This master oratorio was composed by George Frederick Handel in the year 1741. It was written in twenty-one days and was first given in Dublin, not to gain praise but to do good and raise money to free the prisoners in Dublin jail. The Messiah is justly entitled to the rank which it holds by common consent as the most complete master work oratorio can show.

From the beginning to end the performance was a great success, being rendered without the slightest hesitation or accident which showed what able direction can do with a chorus in a short time. During the whole performance the chorus sang as one plastic mass yielding itself to the masters hand. Such was the impression made by the concentration of every member of the chorus, each seeming to live through the theme with the conductor.

The Alma College orchestra with Brom Binstroh the instructor in viola at the college, as concert master, and Grace Dugan Roberts, organist, and Miss Sadie Messenger at the piano upheld their part of the program to the highest degree, all being players well known to all of us. They made the overture one of the best parts of the program. The artists in order of their appearance are as follows.

Miss Gladys Bradner the contralto made a good impression carrying her part in such a manner that the only prediction for her future can be success with training. She possesses a clear rich contralto voice.

Miss Lora Withers of Chicago captured the solo honors of the evening. Her voice is a clear soprano of great volume and infinite variety of tone colour. She has easily the most remarkable soprano voice that has been heard here. Her interpretive ability left nothing to be desired. The audience was most cordial toward her.

Professor George E. Knapp, director of the musical department at Mt. Pleasant Normal, carrying the tenor role first appeared in recitative "Comfort Ye My People," entered into his theme in a true oratorio style bringing with force the message to his audience. He was greeted with the same hearty applause which he received on his appearance in the "May Festival," last spring.

Hugh E. Dickerson of the American Conservatory of Music of Chicago, took the base part with his usual pleasing manner and the added grace and finish of training under some of the greatest teachers of our country. It can be said without exception that Mr. Dickerson pleased his audience even beyond expectation and his rendering of "Why Do the Nations" was of exceptional force.

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