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ROYAL NEIGHBORS MEET IN ALMA

Gratiot and Montcalm Counties Represented at Convention Tuesday.

STATE LEADERS ARE PRESENT

Good Music and Addresses Help Make One of the Best Conventions Ever Held.

The Gratiot and Montcalm county convention of the Royal Neighbors of America was held in this city Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 22. Over one hundred responded to the roll call and a lively interest manifested by all present.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Carrie D. Stoddard. All of the district officers were present except Mrs. Moss of Greenville.

The morning session was devoted to the welcoming of the visitors and electing officers.

At noon the dinner was served by five members of the Modern Woodmen in uniform. The dining room was beautifully decorated in purple and white flowers and an excellent menu was served.

The afternoon session was called to order by the orator of the lodge, Mrs. Fern Stoddard. After the preliminary opening she asked the Lakeview team to take the chairs and confer the degree to the large class of Alma candidates. Twenty secured the degree in the afternoon. The orator then introduced State Supervising Oracle, Mrs. Alfe C. Smith of Detroit who gave a very interesting and helpful talk. Josie Smith of Saginaw was then introduced after which Mrs. Stoddard asked the marshals to present Mrs. Addie Amundsen at her station, and in a few very pleasing remarks presented her in behalf of the Alma camp a hand-painted pillow top.

The evening session was called to order by the orator after which the Lakeview team took the chairs and conferred the degree to the remaining candidates.

The remainder of the evening was devoted to entertainment. A drill by the Modern Woodmen of Alma and the Lakeview degree teams. Plenty of good music and readings helped to make this convention one of the best ever held. The next convention will be held in Lakeview.

SHAKESPEARE PLAYS

There is no actor today who reads with such mastery and to whom audiences listen as if spellbound as John E. Keller, the eminent actor, who will commemorate the 300th anniversary of Shakespeare by a two day engagement at the Academy of Music, at Saginaw, Michigan, Friday and Saturday, February 25th, and 26th, with a special matinee on Saturday.

Mr. Keller's delineation of the character of Shylock in the "Merchant of Venice," has been truly described by the press of New York as presenting a characterization of rare merit and giving remarkable portrayal of this wonderful creation of Shakespeare.

Mr. Keller and his excellent supporting company will present the following splendid repertoire during the Saginaw engagement: Friday night, "Hamlet"; Saturday matinee, "Merchant of Venice"; and Saturday night, "Macbeth."

AUCTION SALES

George E. Sharrar is advertising a big stock sale at his farm one mile east and one mile south of Merrill, Thursday, March 2, at 11 o'clock, consisting of sixty Milch cows and cattle, mostly Aberdeen Angus and Durhams. This will be one of the big sales of this section.

H. L. Sprague and C. H. Leland are advertising in this issue Saturday, Feb. 26th, as the date of their sale, three miles north of Alma on the Sprague farm at 10 o'clock, a quantity of stock and tools.

FINE LEVIED ON JUDGE SEARL FOR TARDINESS BY HIS HONOR'S SELF

"Judge not, that ye be not judged," Circuit Judge Kelly S. Searl of Ithaca is a believer in promptness and is some prompt himself, that the attorneys of his circuit set their watches by the fall of the sheriff's gavel as he opens or closes the day's proceedings. In the Wayne circuit court, however, punctuality is not the rule, and even jurymen are negligent in reaching their places at the appointed time. Judge Searl determined to put a stop to this tardiness and announced that the first juror coming in late would be asked to contribute at least a jibney to a cigar fund.

On Thursday there reposed on the judge's desk a cigar box with a slit in its cover, which reminded one of "tag day." Lying on the box was a bouquet of flowers and a printed

LITTLE BABE DIES IN NIGHT

Little Richard Frank Bigelow the three months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bigelow living on Ely street was found dead Tuesday morning. The child was in good health the evening before, and during the night when the parents looked after the little one, it seemed to be sleeping quietly, but when day came the little life had departed some time during the early morning hours. Physicians state the little one was either smothered under the coverings or suffered an attack of the heart which caused instant death.

LARGE CROWD MAKE FIRE-MEN'S BALL A SUCCESS

Annual Affair Held at the Masonic Home Last Tuesday Evening.

One of the most popular parties of the season was held last Tuesday evening at the Masonic Home, it being the occasion of the annual Firemen's ball. This much looked forward to event is becoming more popular every year. Last year it was termed as a "great success," but this season found a larger crowd present and a more pleasant evening spent than ever before.

The large hall at the Masonic Home on State street was the scene of merriment early in the evening. Beautiful gowned women, and misses, escorted by stately gentlemen or uniformed members of the local fire corps, tripped lightly over the smooth floor to the strains of music by a seven piece orchestra and the perfume laden air was filled with the laughter and noisy patter of the merry makers until a late hour.

The proceeds of the ball go to the local fire department, whose members are to be complimented on the excellent service they have rendered the community during the past year.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM

Occasionally a stenographer, bookkeeper or clerk will appear at the office in the morning with a scar over her right eye, an arm in a sling or some other symptoms of acts of violence. If she is in your office she is a member of the secret organization known as the Business Girls Basketball Team. This quintet of coy young misses don bloomers once a week and proceed to wrestle a basketball in real college style, but who they are and where they practice and when the first game will be played is an unsurmountable mystery to the Record reporters.

It is understood that the aim of the organization is to give the college team a wallowing and show them how to play, in a way that will bring honors to Alma.

DIES AT HOME OF DAUGHTER

Mrs. Emily E. Mitchell died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. S. Connors in this city last Tuesday. The deceased was eighty-five years old and leaves three children to mourn her death, namely Mrs. H. S. Connors, of Alma and Fred and Frank Mitchell of Montana. Funeral services will be held Saturday in Mt. Clemens. She has made her home with her daughter in this city for the past five years.

50TH ANNIVERSARY SURPRISE

On Monday evening about twenty friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Chadwick and surprised them in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. Among the out of town guests was their granddaughter Miss Marjorie Chadwick, of Toledo, Ohio. Their son, C. L. Chadwick of Toledo, visited at the home Sunday but was unable to stay for the party of the evening. Numerous presents were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Chadwick among which were a gold handled umbrella by friends and a beautiful flowering plant by the Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church. A basket supper was the feature of the evening.

The publisher of this paper is indebted to Mrs. Steven Coleman for a copy of the Daily Colonist, a daily newspaper published at Victoria, British Columbia.

"FATHER AND SON" BANQUET FRIDAY

Y. M. C. A. Will Hold Elaborate Affair in High School Gym.

TALKS BY PROMINENT MEN

Start Great Movement for Benefit of American Boy in This Community.

The hard working banquet committee of the Y. M. C. A. have completed arrangements for the "Father and Son" banquet to be held in this city this Friday evening. The high school gymnasium has been selected to accommodate about three hundred "fathers and sons" who are expected to be present.

The motive back of the affair is to create a more friendly relationship between the man and boy, to show the men in business today are taking an interest in him and are trying to help him grow to be a better man and give the world the best he has in him. The banquet of Friday evening is the first of its kind to be held in this city and an unusual interest is being manifested by the committees and business men. Wednesday about two-thirds of the one hundred and fifty pairs of tickets were sold. Get-together meetings of this sort have been held over the entire country the last few years and a marked success has attended each meeting.

If a member of the committee has not as yet solicited you, tickets can be purchased at either bank before three o'clock Friday afternoon. Men only are sold tickets. The plan is for every man interested to buy a pair of tickets for seventy-five cents, and this is a ticket for himself and some boy. A list of the boys of the city is kept by the committee and each man purchasing tickets is assigned or can select a boy to be his guest at the banquet. He is to notify his guest that he has purchased a ticket for him and he can call and get the boy in his limousine, or can have the boy meet him at the high school gym, Friday evening.

No tickets will be sold at the high school Friday night. No boys will be sold tickets. The boys who make up the list include every boy in the city over thirteen years of age who should be, or is attending school.

The banquet will be held at seven o'clock, and an orchestra will furnish music during the supper hour from seven to eight, after which the following program will be given:

Invocation—Rev. J. W. Priest.
Toastmaster—Pres. H. M. Crooks.
"The Qualities we Admire in a Young Man"—Chas. G. Rhodes.
The Kind of a Man I Admire—Robert F. Adams.
Music—High School Glee Club.
Hiccock, Washington, D. C.
The Man and the Boy—Rev. Paul R. Music—High School Glee Club.
Y. M. C. A. and the County—A. L. Chamberlain, Port Huron, Mich.
America.

BRECKENRIDGE STORE BURNS

Wednesday evening the store building occupied by Mrs. Anna Sabin of Breckenridge as a millinery and fancy goods store was burned to the ground, Wednesday night at 8:30 p. m. destroying the entire contents. Mrs. Sabin was eating her supper in the rear room of the store, leaving a kerosene lamp burning in the store room. It is supposed that the lamp came in close contact with some inflammable material and the entire room was soon a mass of flames. The loss is estimated at about \$3,000 and carried \$2,000 worth of insurance. It was only the good work on the part of their volunteer fire boys that the entire block was saved being mostly frame buildings.

BUYS VALUABLE HORSE

Otto Hawley has recently purchased of Dr. W. A. Gibson of Jackson the popular stallion, McKinney Boy. The Western Horseman in its last issue make the following comment: "The grandly bred and promising sire, McKinney Boy 41340, by McKinney 21114, was recently sold by Dr. W. A. Gibson, Jackson, Mich., to Otto Hawley, Alma, Mich. In his new location McKinney Boy should score an early success, as the youngsters by him are invariably good ones and speedy. Besides his 2:30 representation he has six that have shown in matinees and trial miles their ability to trot from 2:13 1/4 to 2:25, while another son of McKinney Boy, exported to Europe, was a winner at Copenhagen, Denmark. The sons and daughters of this stallion are nearly all of excellent finish, and as they have speed with their individuality, are good sellers."

On another page will be found the report of the special session of the board of supervisors.

Owing to the lack of space we are compelled to leave out considerable interesting news this week. Just before going to press several important advertisements came in crowding the matter out.

W. C. T. U. TEACHERS RECEPTION

Last Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. P. M. Smith the public school teachers were guests of the white ribboners. Rev. J. W. Priest gave the address, which was well received. The teachers showed a very hearty willingness to cooperate with the temperance forces in essay and declamation contest work. Miss Ruth Palmer and Miss Bradner's well rendered vocal solos and Miss Hitchcock's readings in French and Scotch dialects were most thoroughly enjoyed. The latter part of the afternoon was given up to informal sociability, at which time refreshments were served.

The next meeting will be on March 1, at the home of Mrs. A. H. Olmstead, 524 State street. L. A. Sharp is to be the speaker on "Temperance in the Sunday School."

TWO CASES OF "DRUNK" BOOKED IN CITY COURT

Officer Wright Gets Fingers "Chewed" by Drunk at City Jail.

The city courts were busy last week, several cases for drunkenness and disorder being booked. On Friday night Officer Wright arrested West Atkinson for being drunk and disorderly. He was locked in the city jail and given a fine of \$20 and costs or 20 days in jail. The father paid his fine. Upon being locked in the city jail he threw himself upon the floor of the cell with such force as to render himself unconscious. As he was being assisted to a berth he got a grip on Officer Wright's fingers with his teeth digging into the flesh in a manner necessary for the officer to shut his wind off until the man loosened his jaws sufficient to release his fingers. Sid Hase was also taken in custody Friday evening and tried in Judge Sandel's court for drunkenness. He paid a fine of \$3 and costs. The case brought against William Atkinson by William Hafer of Shepherd for assault and battery was taken up in Judge Mann's court last Thursday. Atkinson was fined \$85 and costs, and the possibilities are Hafer will again sue him for the damages caused by his teeth resulting from a blow from Atkinson two weeks ago. About \$25 worth of dental work was wrecked.

"THE BIRTH OF A NATION"

D. W. Griffith's mighty spectacle, "The Birth of a Nation," comes to the Academy of Music, Saginaw, Mich. for a week beginning Sunday night Feb. 27, with a daily matinee starting Tuesday.

This is the great production which is still making a record run of over 800 performances in New York City where it created the sensation of the season. It is estimated that over two million people have seen the production since it was originally brought out in the East. It has other sensational runs in Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Detroit, St. Louis, Kansas City, Boston, Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles to its credit.

Mr. Griffith was eight months making this wonderful story, he employed 18,000 people and 3,000 horses and the total cost of the work reaches the enormous figures of a half a million dollars.

The story is one of romance and adventure, linked to the most vital period of American history. It records its facts with the rapidity of lightning and yet never departs from the fundamentals of the true drama. Love and conflict are its basis theme but a myriad of details illumine the narrative and lift it so far beyond anything our stage has every known that the usual avenues of comparison do not offer a road to follow in this instance. Linked with the drama is a operatic score which carries recurrent things with every vital theme and character epic. This wonderful score which is synchronized to the drama is in itself an incomparable work of art. An orchestra of 25 travel with this attraction to handle the musical features of the presentation. That part of the history dealing with the vital spark upon which Griffith has built his story. The conflict which this question caused is reproduced in great battles, and in all the thrilling things which is a part of war.

The production to be seen in Saginaw comes from the Detroit Opera House where it closed the most successful engagement ever placed by theatrical attraction.

ENLARGES BANK VAULT

Rapidly increasing business at the Alma State Savings bank necessitated the enlargement of the vault. A new section of safety deposit will be put at the disposal of the patrons, new steel filing shelves are being installed and the interior is being redecorated.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Andrew M. Flowers, 29, Wheeler. Florence Peck, 19, Midland County. Joseph F. Kelley, 34, Lansing. Laura Hawkins, 38, North Star. Richard McKay Jones, 20, Ashley. Della Edith Witherell, 17, Ashley. Elmer William, 29, Alma. Anna McNaughton, 25, Ionia.

LARGE SALE OF RED CROSS SEALS

Anti-Tuberculosis Campaign for Gratiot County Being Pushed.

WORK ASSISTED BY SCHOOLS

A Report in Detail As Made By Secretary for Gratiot County.

The anti-tuberculosis campaign for Gratiot county began in November 1915. At this time 50,000 seals and much advertising matter (which had been sent me by the State secretary) were distributed in the following ways: 125 letters were sent to rural teachers. Each letter contained 200 seals, advertising matter and a stamped self addressed envelope (to be used for the immediate return of the seals if they could not, for any reason, be sold by the pupils).

The sale in the rural districts began on Dec. 10, and in the towns on Dec. 15. Personal letters (each including 100 seals and a self-addressed stamped envelope for reply) were sent to all physicians in the smaller towns. (All excepting two of these responded in a favorable manner.) The remainder of the seals were sent out as follows:

To Ithaca 5,000; to St. Louis, 4,000; to Breckenridge, 1,000; Alma about 10,000. Advertising matter was sent to every paper in the county every week throughout the time of the sale and slides sent to all moving picture houses.

I hope that next year Gratiot county may sell enough seals to entitle her to the visiting nurse prize. This prize consists of the services of a professional nurse for one month. She is sent out by the State association. The counties winning this year all sold more than one seal per capita and Calhoun county sold two. Those directing and assisting in the sale in Ithaca were Miss Joyce Wright, assisted by the Camp Fire girls. In St. Louis Mrs. E. Vail and the Camp Fire girls. In Breckenridge, Mr. F. Dancer, Supt. of the school, assisted by teachers and pupils. Breckenridge did especially well, selling almost all the seals that were sent there. In Alma Mrs. Geo. Gargett and Leontine Messinger took the territory which they had canvassed for chautauquon consisting of the business portion of Superior street. Miss Messinger was particularly successful, selling over 4,200 seals. Ross Sullivan was in charge of as many boys as he could muster up, as the Boy Scout ranks are disorganized, and gave splendid service. As some of the ranks of the Camp Fire girls are also disorganized or were at the time of the sale, the assistance expected from this quarter was most unsatisfactory. Many medals were won throughout the county. These were given as prizes by the state to children in rural districts selling 100 seals each, and to those selling 200 in the towns. At the Motor Truck office 1,025 seals were sold by Miss Fryckholm. Altogether there were 7,529 seals sold in Alma and 23,130 in the entire county.

There are still several reports not yet in, but to date the amount realized from the sale amounts to \$231.30. Of this one-third goes to the state to carry on the campaign and the remainder will be used for good-health in the county.

ROSE MESSINGER, CHAIRMAN OF THE SALE FOR GRATIOT COUNTY.

Edwin S. Hyde an old resident of Gratiot county, expired at his home in Arcadia township last Saturday evening. He lived in Alma a number of years being an employee of the Alma Elevator Company. The deceased was seventy-three years old and he leaves a wife and five children and ten grandchildren. Funeral services were held from the home Tuesday, with interment at Riverdale cemetery.

RAILWAY SAFETY DEVICE

Frank Evans, David Dutt, and Curtis O. Marham of Riverdale have just obtained a patent on a railway switch device whereby the engineer may close the switch with his train at any rate of speed, thereby preventing any accident from running in an open switch.

AUCTION SALE

I will sell at public auction on the farm known as part of the T. A. Ely farm 2 1/2 miles south of Alma, Monday, Feb. 28 at 9 o'clock. A quantity of farm stock and tools. Free lunch at noon.

ED STEVENS.

LAST NOTICE OF TAXES

I will receive taxes at Rhodes Drug Store until Feb. 25th. The treasurer's office will be open at the City Hall Feb. 25th, 26th, 28th to 29th. All taxes should be in on or before Feb. 29th as March 1st is return day.

Very Respectfully,

CHARLES R. MURPHY, City Treas.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE-BUSY

Sheriff Bradford picked up Thomas Rhynard, of Elba township the first of the week, charged with wife desertion. He is out on bail.

Jesse Criner who was wanted at Jackson for larceny was picked up by the Gratiot county officers the first of the week. The sheriff of Jackson county relieved Sheriff Bradford of him Tuesday.

Thomas Elliott of Middleton is in the toils of the law. Sheriff Bradford picked him up last Saturday, charged with living with a 10 year old girl at that place. He is out on \$500 bail and the county agent has taken charge of the girl.

LOCAL TEAM LOSE LAST HOME GAME OF SEASON

Maroon and Cream Defeated By Angola, Indiana Team.

The last game played on the home floor this season was played last Friday night, the honors being carried away by the visiting team from Angola, Indiana. The score was close throughout the game, and finished by the narrow margin of 10 to 7.

Rough playing featured the second half of the game. Al French of the local team was benched by Referee Goodrich. Spinney played a good game as usual, making 12 of the 14 points. Jessup and Johnson also played excellent games.

The Alma team finished the game by fast playing and had the time been a little longer, no doubt would have evened up the score.

Following is the lineup:

Alma—...Tri-State Richards...R. F. Culver Spinney...L. F. Emmerson French.

Johnston...C. Griswold Jessup...R. G. Johnson Johnston.

Melvin...L. G. Calahan Field goals—Spinney 1, Jessup 1-2; Culver 2, Emmerson 1, Calahan 1, Johnson 1-5.

Fouls—Spinney 3 in 10. Calahan 7 in 9.

Score first half—Tri-State, 10; Alma, 7.

Referee—Goodrich, Ithaca. Scorer and Timer—Dunham.

NEW MUSIC STORE

Detailed announcements will be made in a few weeks of The Alma Music Store, a business house soon to be opened by two prominent business men of this city. Contracts are being signed up for several leading makes of pianos, probably the Steinway, Lyon & Healy and Chickering. A large line of sheet music and musical merchandise will be stocked and an order department maintained.

FARMERS' CLUB MEETS

The Seville and Summer Farmers' Club will meet at the home of E. A. Potter in the township of Summer, Thursday, March 2. Following is the program:

Song—Club. Prayer—Rev. Baker. Reading minutes last meeting. Roll call by quotation. Song—Club.

Reading—Mrs. Walter Ferris. Address—Jotham Allen. Question box—By Club.

POPULAR MONEY-ORDER CLERK GIVEN NEWLY-WED RECEPTION LAST WEEK

To be married six months and work with a bunch that refuse to recognize him as a married man, has been the experience of our popular money-order clerk, Merrill Stuckey. Last August the industrious Merrill fell to

had searched in vain the lore and literature that our Uncle Sam donates for their benefit, they found no penalty, nor not even as much as that it was a hint of offense for one of the great and mighty Government employees to enter into the joys and sorrows of matrimony.

Foiled by an attempt at strategy, the plotters deemed "Golden Silence" as the motto. But between trains and while patrons waited in vain at the window for service the loving playmates of the Money-order Man, were arranging the menu of the inaugural ball, which affair took place last Thursday night. Great was the excitement during the day of Thursday, least the innocent victim of their plot should catch on and order a dress suit in advance. Greater still was the tension when the Record reporter in his mighty attempt to "get the story," nearly let the cat out, owing to one of the scheduled mistakes of the happy Parker.

But when the massive doors closed on the moving mass of humanity that invests the postoffice corridors daily, each and every member kied to his home, donned the full evening dress and made to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stuckey. What was done, what was ate, and what time the party broke up is still a mystery to everybody except those in attendance. But as each worthy member of the force read addresses through half-open eyes the next day, one casual observer could not help but observe that smile that still lingered on the weary countenance which spelled "Oh What a Night."



MERRILL STUCKEY

the charms of Miss Marcella Adams and the two were married against the consent of the great local organization of the government known as the Post Clerks. After this worthy crowd