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OLD VETERANS AGAIN ON MARCH

Commemoration of the Dead Soldiers and Sailors by Citizens and G. A. R.

HON. WM. SMITH ADDRESSES

Number Caught in Shower Returning From Cemetery in Afternoon

Tuesday, again seen the old sturdy veterans of the Civil War don their uniforms, and march to the graves of the ones who have already answered the last roll call, to pay their tributes. Each year the number gradually diminishes, but the memory will still remain and the same tributes paid, even after the last have answered the final call.

During the morning the youthful organization, the Boy Scouts, assembled and marched to the music of the fife and drum to the cemetery and decorated the graves of the soldiers with flowers.

In the afternoon the opera house was crowded to hear the address and exercises.

The service opened with a song by the Wright quartet, followed by the invocation by Rev. W. H. Mason, the remainder of the program follows:

"Playing Soldier," "Our Flag"—3d B Grade.

Reading of Orders—E. R. Griffith, adjutant of post.

Song—"New Hail Columbia"—8th Grade chorus.

"Lincoln's Gettysburg Address"—6th grade.

"Memorial Day"—6th grade, division A.

Introduction of speaker—Chas. H. Goggin.

Address—Honorable Wm. Smith of St. Johns, orator of the day.

"The Old Guard"—High school quartet.

Benediction—Rev. J. W. Priest.

The address by the Honorable Wm. Smith of St. Johns was one of the finest ever delivered in this city.

Immediately following the exercises at the opera house, the usual line of march formed at the corner of State and Superior streets and marched to the cemetery. Leading the procession were the mayor and officials of the city, then the fraternal societies, Alma band, W. R. C. Alma fire department, G. A. R. post, pupils of the schools and citizens in carriages and autos.

At the cemetery the usual ritualistic exercises were held by the Wm. Moyer Post. At the river a short program was held by the W. R. C., featured by the scattering of flowers on the water in commemoration of the nation's sailor dead.

The officers of the day were E. N. Chadwick, commander; E. R. Griffith, adjutant, and J. D. Helman, marshal of the day.

BANKS OPEN

For the convenience of the public and especially the factory employees the two banks of the city will keep open on the 5th and 20th of each month from 7:00 to 8:00 p. m. At this time checks will be cashed and saving accounts taken. This will certainly be a great accommodation to the business men and much appreciated by the general public.

MAXWELLS GOING IN FRANCE

In a letter to the export department of the Maxwell Motor company at Detroit, N. E. O'Connor, special representative of the Maxwell service department in Paris, France, says that Maxwell cars are giving excellent satisfaction in France. He writes that in spite of keen competition, the demand for Maxwells is increasing daily.

INJURES HAND

E. R. Willis, an employee of the Republic Motor Truck Co., severely cut his hand while working in the woodworking department at the plant Tuesday morning. At present Mr. Willis is doing nicely and will not lose much time before he will be able to resume his work.

OPERATED ON AT SAGINAW

Walter Christy was taken to St. Mary's hospital at Saginaw, and was operated on last Friday for an abscess of the ear. Dr. Slack performed the operation and the patient has returned to Alma and is doing nicely.

NOTICE

Parties wishing a dray for freight or baggage leave word at Record office and your wants will be cared for.

BAMBER'S DRAY LINE.

OLD RESIDENT DIES

Mrs. M. J. Bogardus Expired Last Sunday Morning

Mrs. M. J. Bogardus, an old and respected resident of this city, died at the home of her son-in-law, Geo. Ward of Woodworth avenue, last Sunday morning.

The deceased was seventy-one years of age and was the wife of M. J. Bogardus. They were natives of the state of Ohio, moving to Ionia county in 1868, where they resided for about six years, moving to Alma in 1876, where they resided until 1910, then they moved to Oregon and resided with their son, Philo. The first of the year Mr. Bogardus passed away and the remains were brought back to Alma for burial, since that time she has been with her daughters here.

Mrs. Bogardus united with the Baptist church some five years ago. She was a member of the W. R. C. and Rebekahs of this city. The deceased possessed that sweet and lovable disposition that made her a favorite with all who knew her. She leaves to mourn one son, Philo at Portland, and two daughters, Mrs. George Ward and Mrs. Fred Bradford, both of Alma, besides a large circle of friends.

Funeral services were held at the Baptist church, Wednesday afternoon conducted by Rev. J. W. Priest.

SHERIFF BRADFORD HONORED

Newell Bradford of Ithaca, our genial and popular sheriff, has been appointed as one of the Sargants at Arms at the Republican National convention to be held at Chicago, June 6th.

BAND OF GYPSIES VISIT ST. LOUIS

Light-Fingered Member of the Gang Touched Merchant for Cash

Monday afternoon a band of gypsy horse traders visited this city. There were a number of covered rigs, filled with men, women and children and a large proportion of them at once scattered to the various stores, where the women tried to tell fortunes and work all the hackneyed schemes of that gentry as a side issue, meanwhile watching for a chance to pick up anything of value that they could get hold of.

A couple of the women visited the MacDonald & Rehle furniture store and one asked MacDonald the time. While he was telling her she managed to secure some money from his pocket. He very soon missed two dollars and following her up the street, he procured the aid of Marshal Halteman and forced her to return the money.

The marshal then ordered the bunch out of town and they left, going toward Alma. Halteman then phoned the Alma officers and they would not let the tribe enter that city, but turned them south.

Later in the day Mr. MacDonald discovered that the woman had also taken eight dollars in bills from him and he got Marshal Halteman and Deputy Sheriff Martin and went after the bunch, finally catching them in camp west and north of Ithaca.

After much palaver, a search of the wagons was started, when the woman was found hidden in one of them.

After being placed under arrest, she finally produced the stolen money and the costs and was released, it being deemed best to let her off, as long as the money was returned, than to have further dealing with such an outfit.

And now it is dangerous for anyone to ask Mac what time it is.—Republican Leader, St. Louis.

CROWDS AT SHOW

The Whitney Stock company, who are holding the vacant lot east of the Roller Mills this week, with a repertoire of high class plays, are nightly drawing good crowds. The company makes the city every year and, this season finds them with a bigger and better company than ever before.

RECORD CLUBING RATES

Alma Record with the Detroit Free Press daily, the Farm Journal, Kimbala Dairy monthly for five years, The Household and To-days Magazine one year for \$3.50.

The Record, the Detroit Journal daily and the Michigan Farmer one year for \$3.70.

RACE TRACK

The work on the new Alma driving park is progressing nicely. The track is being graded. A very commodious barn has been built and the Judges stand is up. Lumber is on the ground for the bleachers and work will commence on the fence in a few days. It is the intention of the club to hold a matinee on the afternoon of July 4th.

MEMORIAL DAY

The Modern Woodmen and Royal Neighbors will observe their annual Memorial Day Sunday, June 4. Services will be held in L. O. F. Hall at 3 p. m., followed by services at cemetery. All members of the orders whether belonging in Alma or not are requested to be present.

MAGGABEES MET LAST WEDNESDAY

Held Gratiot and Isabella Meeting at Pleasant Valley.

ALMA HIVE WINS HONORS

Good Attendance—Next Meeting at Elwell in August

The L. O. T. M. M. association of Gratiot and Isabella counties met at Pleasant Valley, May 24th.

The meeting was opened by the association officers at 10:30 a. m., Wednesday morning. Seven officers were present.

The address of welcome was delivered by Lady Ranschanbarger, of Pleasant Valley, and responded to by Deputy Great Commander, Lady Kennedy of St. Louis. Lady Kennedy very plainly defined the meaning of Fraternity, Industry and Protection.

Association Commander, Lady Alexander of St. Louis gave a very instructive and interesting lecture.

At noon chicken dinner was served by the L. O. T. M. M. of Pleasant Valley, after which was the roll call of the Hives, 150 members being present.

Initiation work was then taken up by the association officers. Two candidates from Ithaca were ushered in and Mrs. Wm. Redman and Mrs. Jason Garner of Alma. Memorial services were then commemorated by the Alma Hive.

Two readings were given by Lady Kennedy and one by Mrs. Branch of St. Louis, and other members of the various Hives.

Two plays were given, the "Servant Problem" by the Shepherd Hive and "Wanted a Wife" by Etta Frits Hive of Pleasant Valley.

The Gratiot County banner was won by the Alma Hive, who had the largest delegation present of the visiting Hives. The Alma Hive is one of the largest fraternal organizations in this city and are deserving of the handsome banner won by them at the recent meet.

The next meeting will be held at Elwell in August.

LARGER POSTAL SAVINGS

Larger postal savings deposits will now be accepted at the post office. This is made possible by an important amendment to the Postal Savings Act just approved by President Wilson.

A postal savings depositor may now have an account amounting to \$1,000 upon which interest will be paid. Formerly \$500 was the maximum amount he could have to his credit.

This enlargement of postal savings facilities will be very gratifying to thousands of depositors who have already reached the old \$500 limit and are anxious to entrust more of their savings to Uncle Sam. Another feature of the amendment that will avoid further embarrassment to the public and to postal officials is the doing away with the limit on the amount that could be accepted from a depositor in a calendar month. The amendment abolishes this restriction. While the Postal Savings system has already proved a signal success as is shown by the fact that more than half-a-million depositors have over eighty million dollars standing to their credit, still it has fallen short of meeting the full demands of the public because of the restrictions which have now been eliminated.

Postmaster General Burleson and Third Assistant Postmaster General Dockery have been tireless in their efforts to secure a modification of the limitations and the new liberalizing legislation is particularly gratifying to them.

THE CO-ED EDITION

This week the fair co-eds of the Alma college edited their annual edition of the Almanac. Miss Editor and her staff rolled up their sleeves and delved into the mysteries of hot metal and printers' ink at this office for the past several days, till at last "she went to press." The young ladies really are to be complimented on the "sheet" published by their efforts. The editorials were exceptionally good, containing some spicy humor and a general air of the care-free college girl style. The Wright Hall directory on the first page contained some healthy dope which made outsiders feel perfectly acquainted with the "bunch."

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STOCK SELLING FAST

Lively Demand for Alma Home & Improvement Co. Investments

Following the meeting last week and the motion to organize a corporation for the building of homes is Alma, a lively demand arose among the business men and interested parties for stock. At present there is subscribed about \$17,000. It is the aim of the committee to raise \$25,000 of the incorporation stock, ten per cent to be paid in at once, which will be used immediately for the construction of houses. The shares are selling for \$10 and any person desiring a parcel of this stock, should purchase at once, as the crying need of houses in the city is more keenly felt every day.

ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT ANNOUNCEMENT

Will Be Held in the High School Auditorium June 9th at Eight O'clock

The High School chorus will give their annual concert on Friday, June 9th at 8:00 p. m., in the high school auditorium. At this time they will present "The Holy City" an oratorio by Gaul. The chorus under the direction of Miss Mae Jones will be assisted by Miss Rosalie Netzorg, soprano; Miss Gladys Bradner, contralto; Resse Farrington Veatch, bass and G. V. Wright, tenor.

The chorus, consisting of 180 voices, has been preparing for the concert for some time and is handling the difficult music in a manner worthy of an older and more experienced organization.

The soloists need no introduction to an Alma audience. All are favorably known and combined with the chorus promise a splendid musical treat.

"The Holy City" is an oratorio that all should be acquainted with. The first part of the oratorio was suggested by the passages of scripture "Here have we no continuing city," "Thy Kingdom come," and sets forth the desire for a higher life, as expressed in the words "My soul is a thirst for God," which desire is followed by other passages expressive of the perfection of the higher life, such as "Eye hath not seen." The second part was suggested by the words "I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away," thus realizing the desire and promises contained in the first part. With the exception of two hymns, a verse from Milton and three verses from the Te Deum, the words are entirely scriptural.

An admission fee of twenty-five cents is to be charged and the proceeds are to go toward the purchasing of a phonograph for the schools.

LOST BOTH GAMES

The Alma college baseball team was defeated at Mt. Pleasant on Wednesday afternoon in a well played game by a score of 2 to 1, the Normals getting their inning run in the last half of the ninth frame. Degg, twirling for Alma pitched fine base ball, holding the Normals to six hits and striking out nine men. Bottom, the Normal twirler also pitched a good game, allowing six hits and striking out five men.

The local college team met their "Waterloo" at Kalamazoo last Friday and Saturday, losing both games to the Celery city team. This puts the Alma bunch out of the M. I. A. A. race. So all is off for this season in the way of doing anything great to put the team on the map. The story of the fatal Friday and Saturday games is too sad to tell.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Rev. Joseph Vance, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Detroit, and president of the Detroit Pastors' Union, has been selected as the commencement day speaker at Alma college. Commencement this year comes June 14th.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

President H. M. Crooks of Alma College will speak on the subject, "Business and Philanthropy," before the Men's Bible Class at the First Methodist Episcopal church next Sunday, June 4th, at 11:30 o'clock. Visitors are cordially welcome.

STILL ANOTHER

A sort of a mania seems to have inflicted itself upon numerous young people of the city to get spliced on the quiet and spring the secret at some unexpected moment. The latest victims are Austin Howe and Arlie Carningham of St. Louis who were married in that city, May 13th. Mr. Howe is an employee of the Alma City laundry and his bride is a St. Louis young lady. Both are extended the hearty congratulations of the community.

SCHOOL EXHIBITS DRAW BIG CROWDS

Grade Buildings and High School Display Work of Students.

CREDIT TO SUPT. AND TEACHERS

Excellent Work Exhibited—Manual Training Exhibit Worthy of Mention

Hundreds of citizens interested in the work of our public schools visited the exhibits, Friday afternoon and evening, held in each of the three buildings. It seems that in many respects the exhibit this year excelled that of previous years. Each room, in addition to the regular work which is largely the same from year to year, presented some new feature of appealing interest to the spectators. One of the objects of the exhibit is to present for inspection the general work of the schools, the average and poor with the best, in order that parents could see by comparison the kind of work done by their children. The first four grades of work were exhibited in the primary building. Excellent work in penmanship, arithmetic and elementary language work was on display. In addition splendid work in drawing from form and pose, was exhibited. Articles from raffia and construction of baskets and buildings from paper were in evidence.

At the intermediate building the work from the fourth to the eighth grade was exhibited. The regular work was displayed in an attractive way in different forms. As special work in art, some of the rooms exhibited well executed posters. There was also a display of original design work in art developed from nature. The sewing exhibit contained aprons, towels, undergarments and kimonas. In manual training porch swings, lamps, magazine racks, paddles, pedestals, and tabourets were exhibited.

The high school work was placed in the spacious gymnasium, an excellent room for such an occasion. The manual training work occupied the center of the room. Buffets, tables, chairs, porch swings and china cabinets filled this section while at the sides were exhibited the academic work, English, Latin, German, mathematics, physical science, natural science, history and commercial branches. A large display of free-hand and mechanical drawing was exhibited. Toiled and cut leather pieces attracted a great deal of attention. Pastel and charcoal work, recipe books, kodak books, card case, and purses were displayed. In sewing one group showed work illustrating the common stitches, solely hand-work, on aprons. Another group, original cross stitch design work in color and form on towels. Drafted patterns to measurements, worked out in patterns were displayed. All this work was exceptionally well done.

The annual exhibit has got to be a looked for occasion and is certainly appreciated by the patrons. Our several teachers and Supt. Schultz deserve much credit for the efficient work done by the pupils and the manner in which these exhibits are conducted. Alma has many reasons for being proud of our school and its able corps of teachers.

MOVE TO NEW QUARTERS

Ford Garage to Move to East Superior Street Garage This Week

Saturday will find the Ford and Overland interests in this city comfortably housed in their new quarters on East Superior in the building formerly occupied by the Reo agency. Mr. C. M. Johnson distributor of the Ford and Overland cars, has in the last two years of his career in this city worked up a large business, outgrowing the present quarters on West Superior street, and will not be lost in the new home. The present garage will be occupied by J. L. Ellison, with the Dodge cars and service station.

At the new Ford garage the Standard Filling station and livery service will be maintained, along with a first class service station and repair shop.

BLAKELY GIVEN HONORS

J. W. Blakely, the representative of the Mutual Life Insurance company in this city, has received a letter from Vice President Geo. T. Dexter, of the Home Office at New York, that he has qualified himself during the past year for the \$200,000 Field Club honors, and is extended a most cordial invitation to attend the convention of this Field club at New York on June 27th and 28th. Among the features of the convention will be a banquet at the famous Waldorf-Astoria. "Blake" is a hustler and is one of the four to receive this honor in Michigan.

UNIQUE AFFAIR

Methodist League Entertain Ithaca and St. Louis Societies

On last Friday evening the Epworth League of the M. E. church entertained 110 people, including the Epworth Leagues from Ithaca and St. Louis.

The evening was spent visiting homes which were decorated to represent different countries of the world including, Iceland, Japan, Turkey, Ireland and Scotland.

Each country was supervised by a person dressed in costume who took charge of a twenty minute entertainment pertaining to their country.

The guests first met at the church and were divided into five groups by means of cards which were given at their first arrival, on which was written their name and the name of the country they were to visit first.

Each group had a leader who took them to that particular country and after the entertainment there they journeyed to another place and so on until all the countries were visited.

At ten o'clock all came from different directions meeting at the church which was decorated as United States and there they were met by Uncle Sam and Miss Columbia, who lead in a grand march which finally brought them to the dining room where elaborate refreshments were served.

After everybody's hunger was satisfied the party broke and started for their homes to dream about the evening's enjoyment, which they all declared was one of the best times they had ever had.

By One Who Was There.

P. T. BARNUM'S FIRST "RING WHIP" TO COLLEGE

Interesting Relic Donated by C. F. Brown to College Museum

The college museum was presented several days ago with a unique relic in the form of a whip. While the whip itself was just the ordinary well made old fashioned driving whip, it has a story that has been handed down that makes it an interesting relic.

Back in the 1850's when P. T. Barnum, the veteran show-man, started to entertain the public with his one ring circus, he drove his own ring horses and in the presentation of this whip, Alma College now can boast of owning the first whip used in the ring by the famous old P. T. Barnum.

The relic has been in the possession of C. F. Brown, editor for the Record, for a number of years, it being given to him by his father, who used to be a school boy with Barnum back in New York state before coming west. About fifty years ago when Barnum showed Lansing, one year, he made a trip to Williamston and visited his old friend, giving as a souvenir, the whip he first used in the ring, when he started to found the largest circus corporation in the world.

Several days ago Mr. Brown presented the whip to the college museum. At present it is hanging in Rhode's drug store window and is viewed with interest by many people.

Y. M. C. A. CONVENTION

The 39th International Convention of Young Men's Christian Association of North America was held at Cleveland, Ohio, May 12-16. Every local organization was entitled to two delegates. There were over 2100 delegates present which made it the largest and best convention ever held.

Most of Michigan's county work secretaries were there and had one or more delegates with them. The program was thoughtfully planned by John E. Mott and other members of the International committee. Among those on it were Rev. John Timothy of Stone, Chicago; Robert E. Pfeer of New York; Archdeacon Cody of Toronto; Pres. Harry A. Garfield of Williams college; Pres. W. Douglas MacKenzie of Hartford Theological seminary; Bishop Francis J. McConnell of Denver; Raymond Robins, Chicago; Bishop W. F. McDowell, Chicago; Dr. G. Sherwood Eddy; Missionaries E. C. F. S. Brockman, China; John D. Rockefeller, jr.; Dean E. F. Bosworth, Oberlin.

John R. Mott at the closing session, Tuesday afternoon, told the work the Y. M. C. A. is doing for the soldiers among the training camps, trenches and prison camps of Europe. The convention voted to spend \$500,000 on this branch of its work in the near future.

At the present time over fifty boys have lined up to take part in the Agricultural club work in our county and more are going into it.

The State High School Boys' conference is held at the State Y. M. C. A. camp on Torch Lake from June 27 to July 6th. Five delegates representing St. Louis, Ithaca and Alma high schools have enrolled for this conference. We hope to enroll two more. These are the first representatives from this county to this conference and we expect them to bring back something that will be a help to them and the high schools they represent.

W. C. T. U. HELD MEDAL CONTEST

Margaret Drake and Ruth Richards Won Silver Medals.

GOOD ATTENDANCE PRESENT

Two Classes Contested at High School Auditorium Wednesday Evening

A silver medal contest was held under the auspices of the W. C. T. U., last Wednesday evening at the high school auditorium. A fair crowd was present and an excellent program was furnished. The solos by Miss Mae Jones and the music by the grades was well appreciated.

Two classes contested for the honors. Those in class A, were Dorothy Mason, Doris Dusenberry, Edna Babcock, Altheda Wood and Margaret Drake. Class B Jack, Rockwell, Grant Mason, Ruth Richards, Beatrice Snider, Gerald Smith.

The program was opened with the music "America," followed by the devotional by Rev. W. H. Mason, and a solo by Miss Mae Jones.

Following are the contestants of class A and their selections: "Rum Dilemma Est"—Dorothy Mason. "Two Portraits"—Doris Dusenberry. "May I Ask"—Edna Babcock. "They've Stopped Selling Liquor in Town"—Altheda Wood. "The Stars and Stripes"—Margaret Drake.

Following this group of contestants music was given by the grades. In class B, the selections and contestants were:

"A Race for Life"—Jack Rockwell. "Boys Wanted"—Grant Mason. "Victims of a Demon"—Ruth Richards. "Is Temperance Nothing to Me"—Beatrice Snider. "Twentieth Century Patriotism"—Gerald Smith.

Following the judges' report the medals were presented to Margaret Drake of class A and Ruth Richards of class B, by the Rev. J. W. Priest.

Prof. Mitchell, Prof. Schultz and Mrs. J. W. Priest judged class A, and Mr. Crisp, Mrs. D. L. Johnson and Mrs. Page judged class B.

All contestants are deserving of worthy mention of their efforts, which showed hard work and careful training. The medals were considered justly awarded by the audience, the two winners giving excellent selections.

ELDER OTIS DEAD

Elder N. L. Otis, M. E. minister, who resided in Alma some 40 years ago, and a former pastor, has been called from his earthly labors, passing away at his home in West Bloomer, Saturday afternoon, Monday 20, 1916. He had attained the ripe age of 82 years April 12, having retired two years ago on Easter Sunday after 60 years of service as a minister. He had officiated or participated in over 500 funeral services.

Elder Otis had started his work as a minister in the early days as a Methodist circuit rider, and had filled pastorates at Palo, North Plains, Lyons, Portland, Pawama, Sebewa, Ithaca, Alma, Crystal, Butternut, St. Johns, Rochester Colony and Maple Rapids.

He will be remembered by some of our older residents.

BACK IN SIXTY-NINE

In a copy of the Hastings (Ontario) Review, recently handed the Record, is a reprinted announcement of a celebration of Queen Victoria's in year of 1869. Among the interesting announcements in the write-up was a list of sports of the day, and to make it near home, Daniel Goggin of this city, was the winner of the hurdle race. Mr. Goggin is now well along in years, but the article in the newspaper way back in the eighteenth century shows that he was some sprinter in his day.

RECORD EMPLOYEE MARRIES

H. Myrn Hill, of the Record force, got a leave of absence to go "home" to Sheridan, last Saturday, and returned Monday morning and announced to the office "bunch" that he was a married man. It got his foreman's breath at first, but he finally became reconciled to the fact and gave the young groom a warm reception. Mr. Hill was married at Stanton by the Rev. Floyd H. Cramer at the M. E. church, Saturday evening. His bride was Miss Bertha Pitcher of Sheridan. The young couple will make their new home at Alma in the near future.