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## FIND INFANTILE PARALYSIS HERE

### Domestic Was Taken With This Disease on Tuesday of This Week.

## FIRST CASE IN GRATIOT CO.

### No Cause for Alarm is the Word Which has Been Given Out by Doctors.

A case of infantile paralysis was discovered here on Tuesday of this week, and all possible precautions were immediately taken by the authorities to check any possible spread of the disease.

Miss Louise Basinger of St. Louis, a domestic at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm McLaren on West Center street, who has been working in the city for only three weeks, is the victim. Doctors called to the place on Tuesday pronounced it to be a genuine case of infantile paralysis. The young girl, only sixteen years old, had been here but a short time, and had previously worked in the home of Dr. Barstow in St. Louis. On Wednesday of this week she was taken to the pest house, where she is being given all possible care and attention. It is not thought that the case is a bad attack, and hopes are high that the young girl will recover.

There is no need for worry over the breaking out of this case here. It is very seldom that a case breaks out, late in the year after the weather gets cool, and the flies leave. Infantile paralysis is said to be contracted through bodily contact or through the carrying of secretions by flies. It has been given out that there is a cause for alarm over the continued teaching of the Misses McLaren, as from the time the girl was taken ill they did not go near her, and since have taken precautions advised by local doctors after being in communication with the state board of health. Everything advised by the state board of health has been followed with the utmost care, so that there is no danger whatever from the disease.

## IT'S A JOKE

### Rumors of High Cost of Living Here Not Born Out by Facts.

Of late we have heard considerable about high prices here in Alma, but to save our lives we haven't been able to figure out just why such rumors and knocks should be started against our fair city.

Only last week the Record carried an article about a certain man who was intending to send to Sears, Roebuck & Company for six pairs of shoes for his family, and how he stepped into a local store to inquire as to various prices on shoes. This man ended by buying six pairs of shoes in this store, and before going out he said that he had saved money, as they were as good as he could get for the price from the mail order house, and that his saving represented the express on six pairs of shoes from Chicago to Alma.

We admit, as will everyone that prices are higher than they have been in the past in Alma. Not only is this true in Alma but all over the country. Your mail order catalogues if you have them, will not guarantee prices right today, the prices are changing so rapidly.

We do claim it to be a fact that living in Alma is just as cheap as other places around the country. Our business men are progressive and honest and are selling goods just as cheap as any town in the state. There has been a general advance in prices, but it has been general throughout the country, and effects the entire country, not only Alma, as some narrow minded rumors from gossips would have us think. Such rumors are a discredit to our city and a slap at our business men.

The only place where prices have advanced in Alma is with rent. There is no question but what rent has advanced. We will not question that. The reason for this, however, is plain. More people are seeking houses than there are houses to fill. When demands cannot be met, prices climb, and this is true with rent here in Alma, but is not true of other things only in Alma.

The man of the mail order house, mentioned above, shows that buying in Alma from Alma merchants saves money; it is at least the freight or express charges for this one man. If it will for one, it will for others here in Alma, whom rumor is evidently endeavoring to secure as patrons of the mail order houses, who won't give you credit when you want it, and who have no other interest in you other than to get your money.

Merchandise of all kinds is sold in Alma at prices as low or lower than any other of our surrounding towns, this the writer can positively prove after careful investigation of conditions in nearby small towns, as well as in larger ones.

Merchants in Alma not only meet competition in price and quality but give you better store service and more style.

## GETS GOOD PUBLICITY

### The Continent Calls Alma, the College That Grew From the Pines.

A story of Alma college from its start down to the present appeared in the Continent for October 12th, in which Alma college is called, "The College that Grew from the Pines." The article deals with the growth that the Presbyterian institution has enjoyed since it opened its doors thirty years ago; with its situation in the heart of Michigan; with its buildings; its grounds; its aspirations and its present day needs.

Its present day needs brings out the endowment campaign which is now under way, and the need that the college has for the money that it is seeking to raise. Alma college aspires to have a new gymnasium, a new science hall and a president's residence, besides adding a great deal of new equipment for which there has been felt a big want. Alma college needs these things, and to obtain them needs money.

The article in the Continent on Alma college took up three pages and it was illustrated by nine pictures from around the college.

## HOLD THE AGGIES TO A LOW SCORE

### Helmer's Men Put up a Great Fight Against Big Odds—Make Fine Showing.

Playing a hard game the Alma college football team held the M. A. C. aggregation to a score of 33 to 0 last Saturday, this being the smallest score that the Aggies have been able to pile up in four seasons, on the Maroon and Cream, and it gives Alma the promise of a team that will wage a merry warfare in the effort to bring the M. I. A. A. football title to Alma college.

Not since the memorable team of 1912, has Alma sent a team against the Aggies, which seraped as hard or more consistently than did the Maroon and Cream last Saturday. Weakened with quarterback Malcolm Smith out of the game, the eleven put up a great scrap, and time and again held the heavy Farmer eleven for downs. Once the Aggies hit the two yard stripe with first down. This gave them four downs to carry the ball over for a touchdown, but the Maroon and Cream piled the Aggie host of Coach Sommer in a heap four successive times, between the two yard mark and the goal, and took the ball on downs. Over a dozen times during the struggle did Alma pile up the Aggies within the required ten yards.

On offense Alma put up a good game, but twice errors in judgement in calling for forward passes at the wrong time, aided the Farmers instead of Alma. Twice under the shadow of Alma's own goal, passes were called for and twice they were intercepted, one by Farmer Fridodig, who immediately placed the oval back of the goal. Two touchdowns that the Aggies made, were started from Alma passes, so that the Maroon and Cream really played the M. A. C. eleven to about a 20 to 0 score.

Coach Helmer's men played as clean a game as they did a hard game. Only once during the entire contest was Alma penalized, and this once, was given only five yards for offside. M. A. C. was penalized 85 yards, the penalties coming from offside, holding, etc.

The main points of the Alma defense were Captain Eddie Johnston and Hoolihan, the Alma halves. Both men put up a strong game and won the admiration of the Aggie rooters. The rest of the Alma machine showed up in fine style, also, giving every evidence of a team that should batter its way to the front of the Michigan Intercollegiate ranks.

Score by quarters:  
M. A. C. . . . . 6 14 0 0—33  
Alma . . . . . 0 0 0 0—0

## PLAY HERE

On Friday the Alma college football team will play the first home game of the season, battling against the Mt. Pleasant Normal eleven on Davis field.

It is expected that the locals will win the struggle with ease, but again Coach Miller may have a surprise in store for Alma, as Mt. Pleasant fans have been counting on a victory over the Maroon and Cream. It will be the only chance for the fans to view the Alma team in action until the Olivet game in November. Everyone should get out and see Coach Harry Helmer's men in action. See them work, and form your own conclusions as to Alma's Michigan Intercollegiate championship aspirations.

Alma will start her full strength, but later in the game Helmer will probably send in a bunch of subs, to see what they can do, and how valuable the various men will be in the M. I. A. A. games to come.

Record Want Ads for Results

## REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

### County Ticket Furnishes a Fine List of Candidates This Year.

## THEY ARE EXPERIENCED MEN

### Most of Republican Candidates Have Served the County at Least One Term.

This year at the fall election the Republicans of Gratiot county are placing before the people for their approval the strongest list of candidates that could be selected, men all well versed in the work of the respective offices, with one exception, as all but one have been renominated and are seeking re-election for a second term. The only exception to the entire list is the candidate for representative from Gratiot, but a man well qualified for the work.

There is another thing that recommends the Republican ticket to the voters of Gratiot county. It is said that the candidates for office are men who stand for prohibition, statewide, and men who stand out against the so-called "Home Rule" amendment, which the liquor interests of the state are flashing before the people as a bait.



HARRY C. ROSE  
For State Representative

Harry C. Rose of Ashley, the Republican candidate for state representative, is a man qualified in every particular for the office to which he aspires. From personal knowledge of the man, it can be stated that he is a clean cut American citizen, of strong personal character and fine reputation, a man of good judgement and education. He has been a member of the Gratiot county board of supervisors for several terms and was one of the most influential men on the board. He is a good business man and also a farmer and knows the needs of the people through his farming, his business and his work as a supervisor. He has the good sense and judgement needed for the office and will make the county one of the best representatives it has ever had. Gratiot county needs such a man as Mr. Rose.

## J. LEE POTTS

Words of praise for the work that Probate Judge J. Lee Potts has done during his term would be idle words, as the entire county is familiar with the excellent record that he has been making. He is perhaps, the best versed of any of Michigan's probate judges on the law which has done away with much useless litigation in the many estates that have come under his charge.

Good judgement, kindness and a rare sympathy have made him invaluable to the entire county through his handling of the juvenile criminal cases which have come before him. He has handled these cases in a most painstaking manner, sifting them to the bottom, getting right down to the truth in them and handling them thereafter most carefully, winning back to good citizens many a lad, who had started astray.



ORA L. SMITH  
For Prosecuting Attorney

No candidate has appeared willing to take chances against Prosecutor O. L. Smith, the best possible proof that his work in behalf of the county has been up to the standard which the people demand. A hard office to fill, but O. L. Smith has done it and done it well. During his term the county has not paid out a cent for outside assistance for this office. He has lent his aid to all county officers, when legal advice has been asked and without expense. Unless a case had merit it has not come up to be a burden on the tax payers of the county. (Continued on Page Four)

## Subscription Price of The Record to be Advanced

THE Record has been putting off the raising of the subscription price for some weeks in hopes that some change might take place in the paper and printers' material line, but instead of getting better, it is still increasing.

Paper which a year ago cost \$2.25 per hundred, today costs \$6.50 per hundred. Ink has increased 25 per cent, machinery 20 per cent and labor 15 per cent. With this increase it is impossible to publish a paper for \$1.00 and give the people as good a paper as The Record. All papers in this county will on December 1st, increase their subscription price to \$1.50 per year. This is being done all over the state and many weeklies are discontinuing publication, being unable longer to continue on account of the advances.

The newspaper business in like other lines. If one wishes to pay his bills, he must get a profit on the output. Under the circumstances on December 1st the price of The Record will be \$1.50 per year. All subscriptions at \$1.00 per year in advance before that date will be accepted.

## CATCH ROBBER

### Deputies in Far West Have New Way of Getting Them.

Between Twin Falls, Idaho and Wells, Nevada, a Republic truck is being used on a stage line, carrying both passengers and freight. A report came that an attempt would be made to hold up the stage on a certain trip, and the sheriff swore in four deputies, who took the Republic stage and went out and got Mr. Rehber.

The distance between Twin Falls and Wells is 136 miles. When the report came of the coming attempt to hold up the stage, the far western idea of going out on horseback after the robber was not thought of. The new and more rapid means of transportation was that which the present day west wants when its in a hurry. The robber was caught and is now in jail in Reno, Nevada.

## BIG RAPIDS AND ALMA FIGHT TIE

### Men of Kimball's Fight Like Tigers and Teams Each Score Just Once.

Playing like a bunch of tigers the Alma high school football team held the strong Big Rapids team to an even score last week Friday, the count being 7 to 7 when the time was up. The game was played on the Big Rapids field which made it the hardest to the locals.

Coach Kimball's men played a brilliant game right from the start, and early in the struggle took a lead which was held until the closing moments of the game, when the Big Rapids team just shoved a counter over, and came within inches of not getting it at all.

Alma started the game with a slashing attack that carried the ball far past the center field, almost to the Big Rapids thirty yard line, when Howe broke away, and stopped only after having placed the oval behind the line, making a hard angle from which to kick goal. Standing just three yards from the sideline Smith made one of the prettiest plays of the day when he booted the ball squarely between the goal posts, for what afterward proved to be the one point needed to give Alma a tie with the Big Rapids team. It is seldom that a goal is made from such an angle.

From this time on the game was a pretty fight as one could wish for. The two teams battled back and forth, up and down the field, from one thirty yard line to the other, and then back again, with neither apparently getting any advantage over the other, except before the end of the third quarter. This came when Howe got away from the field for a second time, and crossed the Big Rapids goal. An Alma man was off side on the play, and the touchdown was lost to Alma.

In the fourth quarter the two teams went at it again, harder than ever with the Alma team fighting desperately to keep its goal clean and with the Big Rapids men just as determined to shove the ball over for a touchdown. Just before the game ended Big Rapids slashed and smashed its way through the Alma eleven, and on a fourth down just managed to place the ball on the Alma goal. Two inches less and the attempt at goal would have been a failure. Facing defeat if the fry at goal was not made, Banner of Big Rapids used his best effort and the ball sailed over the bar, making the score a tie, as it should have been after the way the two teams battled evenly for almost an hour.

Howe, Campbell, Smith and Richards starred for Alma. Banner was the big noise for Big Rapids.

Summary:  
Big Rapids . . . . . 7  
Alma . . . . . 7  
Gilmore . . . . . F. . . . . Pettyjohn  
Reagh . . . . . L. H. . . . . Howe  
Hardy . . . . . R. H. . . . . Hopkins  
Banner . . . . . Q. . . . . Smith  
Behrens . . . . . L. E. . . . . Richards  
Hines . . . . . L. T. . . . . Campbell  
Foster . . . . . L. G. . . . . Greenhoe  
Walsh . . . . . C. . . . . Wheaton  
Hudson . . . . . R. G. . . . . Mahr  
Handfield . . . . . R. T. . . . . Boyd  
Tenney . . . . . R. E. . . . . Medler

Record Want Ads for Results

## REPORT HOUSE FAMINE

### St. Louis Has no Houses for Rent According to Reports.

Our sister city of St. Louis seems to be prospering along with Alma and its various industries according to reports in the state papers, which say that St. Louis is experiencing a house famine.

The report says that it is the first house famine that St. Louis has had since the lumber days, over thirty years ago, and attributes it to the fact the many workmen from the Republic Motor Truck Company, Inc., are living in St. Louis since they cannot find homes in Alma.

Alma people should wake up to the realization that Alma needs those people who are being forced to live in St. Louis. Alma needs some hundreds of houses and needs them badly. The trade of these people working in Alma but living in St. Louis, naturally will go for the most part to the city in which they are living. Alma needs this trade, and to get it Alma needs houses in which to keep her workmen. Alma people what is this city going to do about this condition?

## BOARD OF HEALTH HOLDING CLINICS

### Examine a Large Number of People in St. Louis, Ithaca, Ashley and in Alma.

The state board of health clinics which are being held throughout the cities of Gratiot county this week are doing a good work, according to reports from those in charge, but not as many people have taken advantage of the free examinations as is desired.

Wednesday was the first day of the clinic in Alma and on that day nearly forty took advantage of the free examinations, but many more should have done so. One positive case was found here on Wednesday and also twenty-one which were doubtful. In this latter case the people were asked to return again today for further examination, to determine for a certainty, as to their condition.

In St. Louis and Ithaca yesterday over twenty positive cases were found and nearly as many that were doubtful. In all doubtful cases the people have been asked to return for further examination in those cities. A clinic is being held today in Ashley with Dr. Plant and a couple nurses in charge.

Doctors H. M. Rich of Detroit and L. G. Lesland of Kalamazoo have charge of the clinic here on Wednesday and today Dr. J. V. White of Detroit arrived to aid them in the work here. Several nurses are also aiding them in Alma.

Friday is the last day of the clinics here and everyone is urged to attend and get an examination. The offices are open in the Pollasky block from 8:30 a. m. to 5:00 p. m.

On Tuesday evening of this week Dr. Plant gave an address to the citizens of the city in the auditorium of the high school, the address being along the general lines of health, and cleanliness. After this address he gave a short talk to the common council of the city, which was in session.

Those in doubt as to their condition could not do better than to visit the clinics and secure a free examination, so as to make sure of their health. Friday is the last day of the clinic here, and those desiring free examination cannot put it off any longer. With the free examination will come advice as to the best way of taking care of health.

## REGISTER MR. VOTER

### Must Register on Oct. 28th if Intending to Vote in November

Many seem to hold the idea that if they have registered that they will be able to vote in the November elections. There is a general re-registration this year and everyone must register again.

If able to register don't fail to do so, or when you go to vote in November you will not be able to. Register and vote on the national, state and county tickets, and vote on prohibition and the so-called Home Rule amendment.

Saturday, October 28th is registration day here. Go to the city hall to register. This is one thing not to be forgotten by anyone this year.

Record Want Ads for Results

## HEAVY RAINS HURT RACES

### Club's Track Made Heavy by Downpour of Rain, When Races Were Held.

## FRIDAY'S RACES POSTPONED

### Rain Forced Change From Friday to Saturday Afternoon of Last Week.

The races held at the Alma Driving club's race course north of the city last week Thursday and Saturday, were not quite up to expectations owing to the heavy track. The Saturday races were originally set for Friday but hard rains on Friday forced the postponement. The results of the Thursday races follow:

2:14 Pace  
Lee Vern, Davis . . . . . 1-1-1  
John McQueen, Davis . . . . . 2-2-2  
Lady Hickock, McNamara . . . . . 3-3-3  
Hallie J. Ayling . . . . . 4-4-4  
2:20 Pace or Trot  
Fair to Medium, Hyde . . . . . 1-1-1  
Highland Boy, Naegle . . . . . 2-2-2  
Jessie B. Eckert . . . . . 3-3-3  
Jennison, Hyde . . . . . 4-4-4  
Russell Thornwood, Young . . . . . 5-5-5  
Half Mile  
Clown, Cushing . . . . . 1-1-1  
Pat Kelley, Young . . . . . 2-2-2  
Small Hopes, Giles . . . . . 3-3-3  
Butcher Boy, Frasier . . . . . 4-4-4  
Saturday's results:  
Free-For-All Trot  
Hallie J. Ayling . . . . . 1-1-1  
Jessie B. Eckert . . . . . 2-2-2  
John McQueen, Davis . . . . . 3-3-3  
2:20 Pace  
Highland Boy, Naegle . . . . . 1-1-1  
Russell Thornwood, Young . . . . . 2-2-2  
Baron Hope, Plowman . . . . . 3-3-3  
Fair to Medium, Hyde . . . . . 4-4-4  
Half Mile Class A  
Jennison, Hyde . . . . . 1-1-1  
John McQueen, Davis . . . . . 2-2-2  
Pat Kelley, Young . . . . . 3-3-3  
Half Mile, Class B  
Fussy Frank, Donovan . . . . . 1-1-1  
Little Jubie, Brown . . . . . 2-2-2  
Bessie B. . . . . 3-3-3

## HOME RULE AMENDMENT

### Contains a Joker Which is Intended to Mislead the Voters.

The so-called "Home Rule" amendment, which is up before the people at the November election is a clever piece of work, which if passed will work greatly to the benefit of the liquor interests in Michigan.

A clause reading, "Appropriate legislation shall be enacted to enforce and make effective the provisions of this section, and until such legislation is enacted existing local option and regulatory laws on this subject shall continue in force; but no existing law inconsistent with the provisions of this section shall continue in force after January 1, 1919."

Do you get the result of this clause? Afraid that prohibition, statewide, will carry in Michigan, this home rule amendment is doped up for you to swallow. If the people of Michigan pass the amendment for prohibition and also pass this home rule amendment, it will knock out prohibition in Michigan entirely, and leave Michigan entirely wet after January 1st, 1919. Why? Simply because the amendment for prohibition would be inconsistent with a measure taking effect after the prohibition measure goes into effect.

Not only that, but fail to pass the prohibition amendment and after January 1st, 1919, Michigan would be entirely wet, if this measure meets the approval of the voters. Why? Local option is inconsistent with this amendment as we have local option in Michigan.

All this just to show you that the so-called "Home Rule" amendment contains a little joker, that you are not supposed to know about, until after you vote. Someone picked it out and it is now known in advance, and you have it before you just as it is.

## GETS PAVING CONTRACT

Heber L. Holmes of this city has been awarded the contract for the paving which is to be done on Michigan avenue yet this fall. The portion of the street to be paved is that lying between the entrance to the Republic plant, and the corner of Michigan and Bridge street. Holmes put in a bid for \$2,075.

## Record's Large Circulation Gets Bidders to Auctions

JACOB LIPPERT, residing two miles west and two and one-half miles north of Elwell at 10:00 a. m., Wednesday, October 25th. Free lunch at noon. S. Parks auctioneer. See ad on another page.

ALFERD CARL, Monday, October 30th, two and one-half miles north and one and three-fourths miles west of Elwell at 1:00 o'clock p. m. Helman & Son auctioneers. See ad on another page.

FRANK PAULUS, Thursday, October 26th, at 9:00 a. m. One-half mile north of the Republic Motor Truck plant, Alma. J. D. Helman auctioneer. Free lunch at noon. See ad on another page.

ALFRED NESTLE, Wednesday, October 25th, at 12:00 o'clock at his farm three miles south and two miles west of Alma. J. D. Helman & Son auctioneers. Ad will be found on another page.