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PRES. H. M. CROOKS TO BE INAUGURATED

One of the Biggest Educational Conferences in State College History Will be Held in Connection With Inauguration.

CONFERENCE HELD TUESDAY+

Governor Woodbridge N. Ferris and President Hutchins Will be Speakers.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, October 31st and November 1st, will occur the inaugural ceremonies in connection with the inauguration of Harry Means Crooks as president of Alma college.

The affair promises to be the most brilliant of its kind ever held in this section of the state, due to the efforts of the board of trustees to see that everything would go off in the right way. It will bring to Alma some of

HARRY MEANS CROOKS
President Alma College

the most noted educators in the country, who while here will hold a big educational conference.

On Sunday of this coming week at 10:00 a. m., Rev. Joseph W. Cochran, D D. LL. D., secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Education, will give the pre-inaugural sermon at the First Presbyterian church of Alma.

On Monday college and university presidents from far and wide will arrive at Alma, ready for the two big days here. Among the prominent educators who will be here for the affair are Governor Woodbridge N. Ferris of Michigan, president of Ferris institute at Big Rapids; H. B.

WOODBRIDGE N. FERRIS
Governor of Michigan

Hutchins, president of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor; Samuel Dickie, president of Albion college, Albion college, Albion, Mich.; President W. O. Carrier of Carroll college, Waukasha, Wisconsin; President John S. Nollen of Lake Forest college, Lake Forest, Illinois; President E. A. McAlpin, president of The College Board Presbyterian church; President J. Campbell White of The College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio; President C. M. Steffins of the Dubuque college and seminary, Dubuque, Iowa; President J. G. K. McClure of the McCormick Theological seminary, Chicago, Illinois; President W. W. Boyd, of the Western College for Women, Oxford, Ohio; President J. Ross Stevenson of Princeton Theological seminary; President John H. McCracken of Lafayette college;; President H. M. Gage of Huron college, Huron, S. D.; President L. MacIntosh of Wabash University, Crawfordsville, Indiana; President Charles Kinney of the Michigan State Normal, Professors Harry S. Reid and Angue Cameron of Auburn, N. Y., Theological seminary, and Dean Thomas C. Blaisdell of Penn. State college, Penn. State, Pa. The latter is a former president of Alma college, who resigned to go to Penn State, a year ago last June and who is succeeded by Harry Means Crooks, formerly of Albany college, Albany, Oregon.

A number of tentative acceptances have been received, which may bring the following to Alma for the inaugural: President C. T. Grawn of the Central Michigan Normal at Mt. Pleasant; President T. A. Hawley of Park college, Mo.; President D. B. Waldo of the Western State Normal at Kalamazoo; President H. L. Stetson of Kalamazoo college; President T. Morey Hodgeman of Macalister college, Minn.; President B. H. Kraeze of Jamestown college, S. D.; President C. H. Rammellkamp of Illinois college, Jacksonville, Illinois; President W. C. Kelter of Grove City college, Grove City, Pa.; and President P. Vennema of Hope college, Holland, Michigan.

On Tuesday afternoon there will be an educational conference in the Alma college chapel on the contribution of the American college to society. The contribution in the different fields will be taken up by different presidents, who are best fitted for the theme given them. Governor Woodbridge N. Ferris of Michigan, and president of Ferris institute, will be perhaps the most prominent speaker at this session. He will make an address on the contribution in the field of statesmanship. In the field of scholarship, will be handled by President J. S. Nollen of Lake Forest college. Rev. McAlpin, president of The College Board Presbyterian church, will handle the subject, in the field of religious leadership. The contribution of the American college to society in the improvement of the public taste will be given by Hon. Chas. Moore, chairman of the national committee of fine arts and directors of the Detroit museum of arts. President J. Campbell White of The College of Wooster, will discuss the subject as it relates to world wide movements.

On Tuesday evening there will another conference, this being a public meeting in the Presbyterian church at 7:45 p. m. which will be opened by an organ recital by Miss Grace Roberts of Alma college. What Should the American Public Expect from the Denominational College, will be the theme for the evening. The expectations in religious education will be given by President J. G. K. McClure of McCormick Theological seminary. The feature portion of the evening session will be the address on the expectations in helping to meet the problems of the commonwealth, which will be given by President H. B. Hutchins

DEAN THOMAS C. BLAISDELL
Penn State College

of the University of Michigan. The theme, What equipment is necessary for the work, in endowment and buildings and in officers and faculty will

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OLD PIONEERS PASSED AWAY

Three Old Residents of Gratiot County Died During The Past Week.

JOHN INNES ONE OF THEM

Alma Man had Lived Here for Over a Half Century—He was 64 Years Old.

John Innis, for many years a resident of this city, was found dead in bed last Saturday morning, October 21st in his rooms in the opera house block.

He came to this city when only fourteen years of age, and for over a half century had made Alma his home. He was known here as the human encyclopedia, through his ability to remember the dates of important happenings in connection with Alma's history, and the various changes through which Alma went in its struggle from a backwoods town to the hustling commercial city of today. He was familiar with the lives of all the old residents, and dates of the erection of the various buildings here, and has often furnished stories that have been wanted of past Alma.

Of late years he had been employed at the Alma plant of the Michigan Sugar company, and several of the prominent workmen at the plant were pallbearers at his funeral which was held on Monday from the residence of Carl Walthers. Innis was about 64 years old, and had no relatives here. A couple cousins live near Shepherd.

I. N. Cowdry

I. N. Cowdry, an old and respected citizen of Ithaca, died at his home there last Saturday at the age of 78 years. Before moving to Ithaca he was a resident of Newark township. He had resided in the township since 1849, and had held many political offices during his life. Once he served as county clerk, this being from 1890 to 1892. For four years he was deputy clerk. He had a large circle of friends and was highly respected by all who knew him. The funeral was held Monday.

William Beasley

William Beasley, about eighty years old, and a pioneer citizen of Ithaca, passed away at his home there last week Friday. He was better known to the public as Judge Beasley, through having served as a justice of the peace for many years in that village. He was a veteran of the civil war and in politics had always been a staunch Republican. In his death Ithaca loses a citizen of sterling worth, and a man highly respected by all.

THREE GAMES COMING

College Will Play Three Games in a Row in Alma.

The Alma college football team will start next week Saturday on a string of three home games, in three weeks, two of which are Michigan Intercollegiate affairs.

The game billed for next week is with the M. A. C. scrubs, this game having been scheduled to fill the date left by Adrian college, when it cancelled. It was the best attraction obtainable. The scrubs are strong and should put up a good game.

Following this game the Olivet and Kalamazoo college games will come, both M. I. A. A. affairs, which Alma must grab to win the title. The Olivet game will be good, but the Kalamazoo game better judging from the performances of these teams so far this year. Kalamazoo and Alma will probably battle it out for the championship in the third game of these three.

MAIL CARRIER ENDS LIFE

Edmore Man Killed Wife Before Ending Own Life.

On Monday afternoon John S. Wilson, an Edmore mail carried, shot and killed his wife, and later turned the gun upon himself, and died soon after.

Soon after noon on Monday he shot his wife and then went to the telegraph office and telegraphed to his brother to come, as there was serious illness in the family. He then called up the substitute mail carrier and told him that he would be unable to be on the mail route Tuesday and for him to take care of it. This done he went back home and then shot himself. He died soon after neighbors arrived at the house.

Wilson was a man of 60 years and his wife 65 years. They had been married only a few months.

ROUND TABLE MEETS

On Tuesday evening of this coming week the Central Michigan Round Table will meet here. The meeting has been incorporated with the dinner in honor of the official delegates to the inauguration of President Crooks, which is to be held at 6:00 Tuesday evening. The Central Michigan Round Table is an organization of Central Michigan school and college professors.

Pavlowa, Idlehour Monday.

HE MAKES CHALLENGE

Will Meet All Mail Order Houses Under Same Conditions.

In an interview with Roy Miller of Miller Brothers grocery, regarding certain rumors about mail order business which have been flying around Alma, Mr. Miller informed The Alma Record that Miller Bros. would meet any price from any mail order house in the United States on the same conditions made by the mail order house.

That Alma merchants are selling their goods at the right prices is shown from this interview. Just take the mail order list and with mail order prices and their conditions and give them a chance to prove it to you.

ALMA BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION

Has Been Doing Business Here for Thirty Years and has Helped Many.

The Alma Building & Loan association was organized 30 years ago next May. A prominent business man said of it recently: "No single agency has done more towards making Alma a place worth living in." Few people have any adequate conception of the importance of these associations throughout the state and nation. There are in the United States over 6,000 associations with assets of $1,400,000,000. Michigan stands 10th among the states with $28,000,000 assets. Nearly every live town in the state has one or more associations, Jackson has six, Grand Rapids five, Niles four, Lansing and Bay City three each, etc. There are 65 in the state.

The Alma association has done much towards the upbuilding of the community. It has made upwards of 400 loans, nearly every one of which has enabled a member to procure and own a home. Such representative men as Dr. E. A. Bagley, C. G. Rhodes, F. E. Pollasky, W. A. Bahlke, C. L. Delavan, P. M. Smith, and many others of Alma's professional and business men have been connected with the association and will continue to lend it their influence and support

It is now proposed to make the association a larger factor in Alma's affairs and widen the scope of its usefulness. As a starter, an entirely new set of officers and a number of new directors were, on July 1st, placed in charge of the association. F. E. Pollasky and C. G. Rhodes, old directors, were made president and vice president. Charles O. Ward was made treasurer, and D. L. Johnson, who has for the past 15 years been local attorney for the Capitol association of Lansing, was made secretary and attorney. The other directors are L. N. Baker, P. M. Smith, E. B. Soule, Otto Sanderhoff and J. E. Mitchell, all well known, progressive business men of Alma. This directorate assures aggressive methods combined with safe investments.

The primary object of the association is "Savings and Loans," with the ultimate object of helping its members to become home owners through methods of thrift. Every member is a stockholder sharing in the earnings of the association in proportion to the amount of his savings. Every person is invited to become a member, paying into the association at stated times, weekly or monthly, such sums as his earnings may permit. Dividends are credited upon these savings every six months. When the fund thus created is large enough, the member is encouraged to borrow from the association a sufficient amount to put with his savings to purchase a suitable home, thus assuring his family independence of the oft times grasping landlord. Upon this loan he continues his periodical payments until the loan is repaid. He may then become a "savings" member again, laying by a fund against the inevitable rainy day, or for business purposes as he sees fit. So "thrift" becomes a habit and "savings" accumulate.

The funds of the association are loaned only for purposes of home owning, on dwellings of its members where the margin of security is sufficient to comply with the state law. So also, are funds advanced to members who are building homes. No investments are so secure or so satisfactory as in the American home, so it is felt that the funds of the association are so placed as to guarantee its members against loss of any kind.

It is the hope of the directors that the citizens of Alma will interest themselves in this Alma institution which has done so much in the past, and which bids fair to do so much in the future for the city. The money you pay into the association goes to provide someone with a home, helps to build up the city in a way sorely needed—an object in which one may take just pride. Many, unable themselves to join actively in the house crusade now on in Alma, could aid the enterprise by becoming stockholders in the association so active in promoting home owning. Money thus safely invested would at the same time bring in a nice rate of interest and be the means of assisting with home-building so much needed in the city.

LAY CORNERSTONE TUESDAY

On Tuesday afternoon, October 31st the cornerstone of the new Methodist Episcopal church at Sumner Center will be laid. An excellent program has been arranged for the cornerstone laying.

ARE OPPOSING WET AMENDMENT

Gratiot County Supervisors Pass Resolution Condemning Home Rule.

VOTE IS UNANIMOUS ON IT

Bill of Liquor Interests Gets Hard Blow by Gratiot, Dry Nearly Ten Years.

At a meeting of the Gratiot County Board of Supervisors held in the village of Ithaca on October 18th, the board took action in regard to the proposed "Home Rule" amendment, which is to come before the voters in November, by unanimously passing a resolution condemning it.

The board of supervisors made up of highly respected men from the various units of the county have studied the proposition carefully and have discovered that it is a poor piece of legislation except for the liquor interests, and that it will work as a means of making taxes higher, rather than lower, through the extra expense of seeing that a portion of a county dry was really dry, while other parts around it were wet.

The Gratiot supervisors see the liquor men's amendment as a menace to the good morals of the community, and express themselves as believing that the present county system is small enough. The resolution follows:

WHEREAS, the has been submitted to the voters of Gratiot county to be voted upon November 7th a constitutional amendment, by the terms of which if adopted, existing local option and regulatory laws now in force shall not continue after January 1st, 1919, but incorporated cities, villages and townships shall each have the right to decide for themselves whether the sale of liquor shall be prohibited therein; and,

WHEREAS, We believe that the present unit of the county is small enough and to make it smaller would be a menace to the good morals and order of the county, necessitate large expense for holding elections in every township, village and city in the county involve the county in big expense for the enforcement of the law which the county had no voice in enacting, and cause endless confusion and disturbance in many places, therefore,

Be it Resolved by the board of supervisors now in session that we condemn the proposed constitutional amendment, article eight, section 30, popularly known as the "Home Rule" amendment as hostile to the best interests of the county and the state and urge the citizens of Gratiot county to vote "NO" on this amendment.

Signed, W. C. Folkert

EWING IS MARRIED

Former City Editor Married Sault Ste. Marie Girl.

William A. Ewing, son of Professor and Mrs. J. T. Ewing of this city, was united in marriage last week Saturday at Bay City to Miss Marguerite O'Neill of Sault Ste. Marie.

The wedding was a quiet affair, and only a very few friends of the couple were present when the ceremony was performed. They returned to Alma on Sunday evening and will make this city their home.

The bride was a popular Sault Ste. Marie young lady and was a graduate of Alma college with the class of 1913 She is well and favorably known here through her four years spent in Alma, while a student at Alma college, and has a large circle of Alma friends.

The groom is one of Alma's most popular young men, and was a former city editor of the Alma Record. Mr. Ewing also is a graduate of Alma college with the class of 1913, and since that time has been engaged in chautauqua work, the newspaper business and is now in the advertising and sales department of the Republic Motor Truck Company, Inc., of this city.

The Record extends its best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. William A. Ewing.

GAVE BRILLIANT SPEECH

Senator Townsend Gave Republican Speech Here Last Thursday.

Last Thursday evening United States Senator Charles Townsend entertained a large crowd in the opera house with his brilliant speech against the Underwood tariff and the Mexican situation.

That the Underwood low tariff would not help the country was made plain, he pointed out before the European war broke out. With the outbreak of the war, the war itself became a protective tariff, as Europe had nothing to send to this country.

The Democrats were not to blame for the prosperity of the country. It comes from blood money from war stricken Europe, which is and has been buying munitions of all kinds since the war started.

The Mexican situation also came in for a good part of the senator's speech. He dwelt at length on the troubles in Mexico and on the border and told how they might have been avoided with proper statesmanship.

YOU MUST REGISTER

If Intending to Vote Register on Saturday, October 28th.

Every voter of the city of Alma, who is expecting to cast a vote at the important November elections must register on Saturday of this week.

Register or you cannot vote. Registration at the city hall from 8:00 a. m. until 8:00 p. m. You must register between these hours unless sick in bed, or out of the city on important business and can show that you were not here during these hours.

This year's election is more important than national elections usually are. There is more at stake. A national election, a state election, county election and the all important amendment to the state constitution to abolish liquor from Michigan. It will be important also to vote on the so-called "home rule amendment" that the liquor interests are serving up to the people.

Every good citizen should feel it his duty to go to the polls in November and vote, but register first and do this on October 28th.

CONGRESSMAN JOSEPH FORDNEY GIVES VIEWS

Tells How the Democrats Nearly Ruined the American Sugar Industry by Tariff.

The following is a statement by Congressman Fordney reviewing recent tariff legislation affecting sugar:

"A large majority of the people of the United States favor the maintaining of a protective tariff that will prevent the flooding of American markets with the products of foreign poorly paid labor. It is not surprising, therefore, at election time, to find Democratic candidates playing for protectionist votes, without some of which the Democratic party cannot win a national election. Democratic candidates seeking the support of beet growers and others interested in the domestic sugar industry is an illustration, especially interesting and instructive to Michigan and other sugar producing states, where the sugar industry has proven to be a most desirable asset. Is the present administration friendly to the sugar industry? Democrats boast that the tariff has been retained on sugar, but they are judiciously careful not to explain the whys or wherefores.

"Here is the record of the present administration in regard to legislation affecting the import duty on sugar:

"Early in 1913, when the Underwood Tariff law was under consideration, the president directed congress to place sugar on the free list. This caused a storm of protest among protectionists in congress, who furnished an abundance of evidence showing that without tariff protection, the domestic sugar industry would surely be annihilated. The only satisfaction obtainable from the White House, however, was the statement that if the sugar industry could not exist in this country without protection, it was a 'hot-house industry and must go.' An uphill and bitter fight ensued, and in which protectionists succeeded in defeating the president's plan for the immediate removal of all import duty on sugar, and the Underwood law, was enacted, provided for a 25 per cent reduction of the duty on sugar to become effective March 1st, 1914, and for the placing of sugar on the free list automatically May 1st, 1916.

"This threat of free sugar caused a rapid decline in the value of sugar factories and other sugar producing property. In several instances beet sugar factories were unable to secure the necessary credit to continue in operation, and nearly 50 per cent of all the sugar plantations in Louisiana were abandoned and an alarming number were forced into bankruptcy.

"The spring of 1914 was indeed a gloomy period for American sugar producers—they faced a total loss and there appeared to be no alternative In August, however, the war broke out in Europe. It caused an increased demand for sugar and cut off a large portion of the world's supply. It brought abnormal prices and saved the industry from being wiped out.

"During the fiscal year 1915, the Underwood Tariff law yielded but $209,000,000 in customs receipts, of which sum, the import duty on sugar produced $50,000,000. According to the tariff law enacted by the Democrats October 3rd, 1913, sugar would automatically go on the free list May 1st, 1916. There was every evidence that it would destroy the domestic industry. In addition, it would deprive the government of $50,000,000 of badly needed revenue. Did the fate of the sugar industry alarm the president? Not in the least, for the president had said the country would be better off without it; that if it could not survive without protection, it was a 'hot-house industry' and must go. To the Democrats, the alarming feature was the fact that free sugar would deprive the government of nearly 25 per cent of our customs receipts. Disbursements already were far exceeding revenue receipts. Congress, realizing the gravity of the situation, repealed the free sugar clause, and this repeal was made possible largely through Republican support. The duty on sugar has been retained, not

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STANLEY CORBUS KILLED BY BUS

Was Riding on Hood of Bus and Jumped Off But Did Not Clear Auto.

ST. LOUIS MAN WAS RUN OVER

Accident Tuesday Night Caused His Death Less Than Two Hours Afterward.

While returning from work on Tuesday evening of this week, Stanley Corbus, an employe of the Republic Motor Truck Company, Inc., was struck by the bus operated by the American Transfer company, and was injured so badly that he died shortly after.

Owing to the crowded housing condition in Alma, many workmen at the factory find it necessary to live in St. Louis and every night the auto bus carries from twenty to twenty-five workmen from the plant to St. Louis. Corbus, who lives just this side of St. Louis is one of the workmen who rides to and from work in the bus.

On Tuesday evening the bus was crowded as usual, and Corbus was riding on the hood of the bus. When the bus reached a point in the road opposite his home, Corbus jumped off, instead of waiting for the bus to stop. In jumping from the hood he failed to clear the bus, and was struck by it, knocked down and run over, the wheels of the car passing over his body, it is said.

Every effort was made to relieve the injured man by doctors and nurses who were called, but within two hours he died from the injuries sustained.

Will Corbus, the father of the young man, was also on the bus at the time of the accident. Stanley Corbus was twenty years of age.

FORDNEY IN COUNTY

"Joe" Made Several Speeches in County Monday—One of Them Here.

On Monday of this week Congressman Joseph Fordney of this district made a swing around Gratiot county, speaking at several different places, one speech being made in Alma.

At 5:10 Monday, the workmen at the Republic plant knocked off work for the day through the kindness of the officials, and went to the paint shop when Fordney gave them a short speech, dwelling for the most part on the tariff.

Fordney started his county trip at Breckenridge, then went to Forest Hill, Elwell, Riverdale and then came to Alma. Following the Alma speech he went to St. Louis, when a big dinner was held in the Park House in his honor.

Monday evening a big Republican mass meeting was held in the St. Louis opera house at which Fordney was the principal speaker. The opera house was crowded, and great applause greeted the various hits that Fordney made in his speech.

MRS. MILLER DEAD

Mrs. Bart Miller, Former Alma Resident Died in Grand Rapids.

Word was received on Tuesday of this week announcing the death of Mrs. Bart Miller of Grand Rapids at her home last Saturday. She will be remembered as a former Alma resident.

Mrs. Miller came to Alma thirty years ago, and until moving to Grand Rapids about four years ago, was actively engaged in business in this city. She was an excellent business woman and made friends with all who knew her. She was an ardent worker and member of the Pythian Sisters of this city.

She leaves to mourn their loss, a husband, an adopted daughter, two sisters and a host of friends.

OPEN NEW POOL ROOM

Luchini & Rudick, Alma Men—Will Have New Hall.

About November 1st, a new pool and billiard hall will be opened on the second floor of the Caple building, by Luchini & Rudick, both of them residents of this city.

Four new pocket tables and one new billiard table have been purchased by these men, and are being installed in the place, which will be well lighted with six large dome lights. A dairy lunch will be run in connection with the pool room, and cigars, candies and soft drinks will also be sold. The proprietors are planning on running a clean and up-to-date place at all times. The entrance to the pool room will be through the stairway in the Creaser block, just to the west of the Caple block.

IN INSURANCE BUSINESS AGAIN

Leon Stinchcomb, who has had ten years of experience in the insurance, has again decided to enter that business. For a time he will be located in the King offices on State street, and later will be located in offices at the Ford garage.

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