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CITY TO BUILD FIRE STATION

Contractors Fail to Put in Bids for Construction of New City Building

WILL START WORK AT ONCE

Council Puts City Engineer in Charge of Work, When No Bids Come In

It was rather surprising to some of the members of the city council that not a single bid was received for Alma's proposed new fire station at the council meeting Tuesday night, until others volunteered the information that contractors were somewhat afraid to bid on construction jobs at the present time because of the rapid change in prices of material.

After this matter had been talked over at length, Nelson Fullerton, alderman of the fourth ward, offered to construct the building by day labor for the city. This brought forth a discussion, which however did not last long, in view of the belief of most members of the council that the council would have no right to allow a member of the body to construct the building.

A motion was then made and carried that the city engineer have supervision of the construction of the new fire station, and secure such laborers as he needs to perform the task. A following motion limited the wages of any man working on the structure to \$6.50 per day, which will include brick layers, carpenters or men of any other trade who work on the structure.

Seen yesterday City Engineer White stated that he would start the construction of the new building just as quickly as he could get the material on the ground. This will probably mean that the work of excavating the basement will be started within the next two weeks.

The structure is to be a two-story building, forty by sixty feet, and will be constructed on Gratiot avenue, just to the rear of the city hall. It will be constructed of brick and concrete and will be faced with paving brick. It will be built so as to allow room for three motor units of the fire department, the fire department having a view to the future construction of the new building, when the needs of the city demands more than a one-motor department. The room on the first floor will be used for the fire department and will be 38x40 feet.

The basement of the building will be given over to the street department.

BUY W. S. S.—
TWILIGHT STUFF

That Often Discussed Hour for Base Ball to be Tried by Republics.

Regular league ideas are hopping around here, judgin' from the reports. The Truckmakers have annexed one of these new ideas which has found converts in various leagues and Friday they will pull off one of those twilight games, which will be called at five o'clock.

Maybe, it because they are going to play Elm Hall, that they are going to pull the twilight stuff, having a hunch that as the farmers retire early, they won't be able to keep track of the sphere at that time of day. Perhaps it will be just as well too, in view of the fact that two weeks ago Verne Johnson, that old Alma high school horse man made the Republics go 14 innings to beat him 5 to 1.

The battle, however, promises to be a lively affair as the Elm Hall team has some real work horses on it, who cover a lot of ground in fielding. Besides this they get some real pitching, with Johnson on the mound for them.

The Republics will be out for revenge for the near defeat which the Elm Hall team nearly handed them in that fourteen innings go, and will send Hoover to the box to keep them off the bases, just as effectively as he did at Elm Hall, when he struck out 31 men in the fourteen innings.

BUY W. S. S.—
KEEPING UP BUSINESS

This past week the Model Bakery has installed a fine new oven at the bakery with a view of turning out more Victory bread than it has in the past, because of the demand coming to this firm for this bread. The new oven has an interior space of 10 by 12 feet and will hold 340 loaves of bread at one time.

This progressive firm has been constantly using every effort to bring its business to the front rank and give a me the best possible goods that it is possible to purchase.

IN BUSINESS

Fred Goodes Will Again Enter Business Banks of City.

Fred W. Goodes, who last week sold his clothing store in this city to Chicago parties, finds that he cannot resist the lure that is offered in the business circles of this city and this week he told the Alma Record reporter that about the first of the month he would go into business in this city, under the old firm name of Goodes, The Clothier.

Mr. Goodes has secured a suite of three rooms on the second floor of the Alma State Savings Bank building, where he will offer made-to-measure clothing to the public after the first of the month. He says that he has several good line and hundreds of samples from which to make selections.

A cleaning, pressing and repairing business will be done in connection with this business Mr. Goodes states. This will be under direct management of Joe Mader, who was with Mr. Goodes at his old stand for over a year.

The three rooms which Mr. Goodes secured are being cleaned, and remodeled to suit his needs in this new business. Arrangements are to be made for a good display of the hundreds of samples of the various clothes which will be carried.

BUY W. S. S.—

COLLEGE ASSEMBLY

LECTURERS GOOD

Great Benefits Derived From Addresses at Annual Alma College Assembly.

The annual Alma college assembly which was held in this city during the past week was a big success in point of attendance and in the excellence of the various addresses which were given during the course of the week and from the standpoint of the valuable knowledge in Sabbath school work which was gained in the class room by those who attended regularly at the study hours.

A strong program was offered for the assembly this year, which was probably the strongest that has yet been given, since the assemblies were first instituted about five years ago. During the week special features were offered in the way of lectures, which drew many people from the city, as well as those who were in attendance at the sessions of the entire assembly. Some of these were on popular and timely subjects, interesting to everyone, a few being in reality war lectures, while others were lectures in behalf of certain branches of Sabbath school work.

Chief among the former class of lectures was the patriotic lecture given last Friday evening by Dr. S. Hall Young. Saturday evening Mrs. Zenos and Barkley both gave short addresses for the Red Cross, following the Red Cross parade, which were highly interesting, although both were somewhat apart from the regular scheduled assembly lectures.

Friday evening S. Hall Young gave a lecture on his work in Alaska, where he has been a missionary for a decade or more, which was highly interesting. Other valuable lectures were given in the class rooms during the course of the assembly sessions, which were particularly of benefit to those who attended with a view of Sabbath school work in the future.

BUY W. S. S.—
ANOTHER ARRESTED

Officers Determined to Stop Trains From Blocking Alma Streets.

Elmer Tanner of Saginaw, conductor of a Pere Marquette switching gang, which has been on duty here, felt the stern arm of the law Monday, because of the fact that he allowed his train to stand on a crossing here over five minutes in violation of the new city ordinance, governing the blocking of the streets by trains.

Tanner was arrested by Chief of Police Vibber and marched to Justice Johnson's office, where he entered a plea of guilty. He was given a fine of \$5.00 and costs amounting to \$3.75. Being unable to pay the fine and costs at the time the case was continued for a few days to allow him to collect up a few stray shekels to donate to the cause of law and order.

BUY W. S. S.—
OBITUARY

Carl Albin Gustafson, aged 31 years, was born in Sweden July 12, 1887. He was baptized in the Lutheran church in Sweden. At the age of two years his parents came to America and settled in Chicago. After living in Chicago for 15 years he came to Alma. He was married to Mrs. Adeline Cronk of this city in 1914. For the past year he has been ill and for the past four months had been confined to his bed suffering from tuberculosis of the throat. He passed away Saturday, July 13. He is survived by his wife and one child, his father and mother, six sisters and one brother, who is in France in the service. The body was laid to rest in the Riverside cemetery.

BUY W. S. S.—
The Gratiot county draft board has received word from the state headquarters that there must be no more releases granted from the registered men. This means that the men must wait until called in the draft.

CHAUTAUQUA TICKET SALE

Red Cross of Alma Will Have Charge of Sale of Tickets for This Attraction.

HOUSE TO HOUSE CANVASS

Ladies Will Receive Percentage on All Sales Over the Amount of the Redpath Contract.

The ladies of the Red Cross branch of this city have undertaken to dispose of the ticket selling campaign for the Redpath chautauqua this year and a red-hot ticket-selling campaign is looked forward to by those who are behind the move to bring the chautauqua to Alma each year.

Mr. Sullivan, the advance agent for the Redpath chautauquas, was in Alma Monday and at that time met the Red Cross ladies at the Red Cross rooms where the matter of the ticket sale was thoroughly gone into, and explained to them.

The guarantee calls for the sale of 750 tickets which are to be sold at \$2.50, this being the same price for which they were sold a year ago. Greater expenses of the Redpath chautauqua as a result of the increased cost of everything during the past year, as a result will come from the Redpath profits and not through the public from an advance in the price of the tickets for the entertainments.

The sale of the tickets for the chautauqua will be started on August 1 and will continue through until the chautauqua arrives here on the 12th of the month.

The ladies are now laying plans for an energetic campaign, which has in view the canvassing of every home in Alma for the sale of tickets during the twelve days of the drive. The ladies hope to sell a far greater number of tickets than the contract calls for, as over the contract amount they will receive a handsome commission from the sales, which will go to the organization for its war work.

BUY W. S. S.—
GREAT CROWD

Largest Crowd Ever in Alma Saw Ringling Circus Here Thursday.

What was without a doubt, the largest crowd that was ever in Alma, gathered here last Thursday to see Ringling Bros' circus and to attend the magnificent street pageant in the forenoon. It is estimated that over 25,000 people were in the city during the day.

In the main sections of the city the streets were so crowded that one with difficulty, only, could make his way through the densely packed masses of humanity that gathered here from all parts of central Michigan to witness this greatest of all shows. It again kept Alma in the front rank as one of the greatest of circus cities.

Thousands of automobiles were in the city and during the afternoon, it was no uncommon sight to see hundreds of them packed together in one place. All day long down town the curbs were lined with parked cars.

When the circus performance started in the afternoon, all seats in that great tent had been filled, and many were seated on canvas which had been spread on the ground in the race track. It was announced during the course of the performance that the crowd in the tent was one of the largest that Ringling Brothers had ever had. When the races were held late in the show, it was necessary to move the people from the track to the rings, and these people completely filled two of the large circus rings nearby the center of the tent, from which point they watched the various races.

Again in the evening there was a fair sized crowd in attendance at the circus, this crowd being a large one for an evening crowd at a circus in Alma, several thousand people, probably, being in the tent in the evening. Alma has long had a good name as a circus town, among the largest of these great traveling exhibitions, which each year visit this city, and the crowd which greeted Ringlings' this year will but add to that reputation.

The circus had many new features this year that were highly interesting and instructive, and as usual was highly pleasing to the thousands which attended. It is certain that this great circus has made more friends than ever in this section of the state.

BUY W. S. S.—
CAMP MEETING

United Brethren Campmeeting to be Held Near Carson City.

The annual camp meeting of the United Brethren church will be held as usual this year, in the pine grove, two and one half miles north of Carson City. The date is July 25 to August 4.

There will be all day services each day. Rev. E. C. Mason of Huntington, Ind., and Miss Effie Hodgeboom of Toledo, O., will each speak twice each day.

Bishop C. L. Wood, D. D., of Alma and O. G. Alwood, D. D., of Hillsdale will be present to assist.

Good singing, good Bible study and fine preaching will be the order of the day.

MOVING STORE

J. C. Penney Company Store is Entering its new Location.

The J. C. Penney company's Alma store is being moved today into its new location in the opera house block, where it will be located in the room formerly occupied by Goodes' clothing store.

It is the intention of this concern to carry a far larger and more complete line of merchandise in the new location, this being made possible through the far greater amount of floor space in the new store. The new stocks have been ordered, and some of them have already arrived, and other goods are on the way.

During the past week the store has been remodeled to some extent, to better suit the needs of the Penney store, which has been growing rapidly under the efficient management of Mr. Dond.

BUY W. S. S.—

RED CROSS PARADE WAS HELD FRIDAY

Big Attraction Drew Out Hundreds of Alma People, Who Heard Good Speakers.

Last Friday evening was Red Cross night in Alma and everyone turned out to make the evening a highly successful one and to lay some great plans to give the departing lads of Gratiot a royal send off this morning when they leave for camp.

The evening's affair was opened by a good sized parade, which was headed by a band of home talent, picked up and put to work for the occasion. In spite of the fact that the band was just a pick up affair, it was composed of some real musicians, and the crowd which turned out was greeted with some good music.

Thirty-two young ladies of the city, dressed up to suit the needs of the evening, were next in line, the young ladies marching in such a way that they formed a huge Red Cross. This feature of the parade was highly greeted by the hundreds of people who were on the streets for the event.

The young ladies were followed by the ladies of the Alma branch of the Red Cross. High school cadets and company 87, Michigan State troops brought up the rear.

Following the parade a short program was given from the stand which was placed at the corner of State and Superior streets. Following several selections by F. F. Smith, accompanied by Mrs. Soule and Miss Sawkins, Dr. H. M. Crooks of Alma college made a few preliminary remarks that were highly in keeping with the event and then introduced Dr. Zenos of McCormick's Theological Seminary of Chicago, one of the two speakers of the evening.

Dr. Zenos gave a fine address which was warmly greeted by the large crowd which gathered around the stand. The importance of the Red Cross and the needs that the boys at the front have of this organization were the main points of his address.

President Crooks then introduced Dr. James M. Barkley of Detroit, chairman of the board of trustees of Alma college, who gave one of the finest addresses that has been heard here in some time, and that he deeply impressed the audience is putting it mildly.

When the addresses were concluded the meeting was adjourned to the high school where arrangements were completed for the demonstration held this morning.

BUY W. S. S.—
FIFTY-FIVE CALLED

Twenty-ones Called for Examination Monday, July 29

The Gratiot county draft board has called fifty-five men for physical examination for Monday, July 29, at the draft offices here.

The list follows:
81 McKean, John E., Hamblin
2382 Allen, Isaac, Morey, Alma
1 Grier, Thomas, Ashley
5 Bilson, George H., St. Louis
451 Clayton, Warner, Middleton
6 Young, Lyman E., Perrinton
2 Wagon, Ray Deinson, Marion
5 Watson, Enoch, Elm Hall
9 Hill, Norris C., St. Louis
14 Crocker, George Arthur, Alma
15 Smith, Abe M., St. Louis
19 Massey, Gray, Ashley
20 Kirby, Louis Keith, Ashley
21 Arter, Clarence M., St. Louis
24 Atkins, Leon T., Alma
27 Marvin, Otto LeRoy, St. Louis
39 Shaver, Archie Wm., St. Johns
40 Carris, John, Alma
42 Leonard, Vester A., Alma
112 Bushon, Chester E., Ashley
59 Shepard, Rule A., St. Louis
55 Pierce, Robert Lee, Pomplun
56 Whitmore, Shirley E., Elwell
57 Klipp, Roy Glenn, Alma
61 VanAlstine, Frank C., Riverdale
62 Smith, Arthur D., St. Louis
62 Chapin, Lavernette T., Ithaca
67 Hopkins, Ella A., Alma
71 Wiser, Clifford B., St. Louis
72 Healy, Roy F., St. Louis
73 Lampman, Harold H., Clara
74 Halliday, James E., Elm Hall
79 Meyers, Floyd F., St. Louis
80 Lamont, Floyd B., Alma
81 Winton, Harry, Alma
88 Suttin, Lewis C., Wheeler
91 Reynolds, Virgil, Middleton
92 Faska, John H., Alma
98 Stevens, Clie, St. Johns
78 Carll, Antta M., Elwell
97 White, Ernest H., Elwell
98 Dalrymple, Calvin A., Elwell
103 Nye, Roland Lee, St. Louis
104 Schullers, Ernest E., St. Louis
106 Krenning, John, Carson City
110 Greenleaf, Carl R., St. Louis
112 Fark, William, Riverdale
113 Lueth, Helmut B., Alma
147 Arthur, Wallace Bronnach, St. Louis
1472 Matland Priest, Breckenridge
2243 Michael Tremdd, Wilmont
2487 Carl M. Street, Wheeler
1566 Earl Rynard, Ashley

BUY W. S. S.—

Don't forget the lawn social at Mrs. Ed Hannah's on State street Saturday evening. Ice cream will be served.—adv.

SIXTY-ONE MEN LEFT FOR CAMP

Large Number of Gratiot Men Left This Morning to Start Training at Custer.

BIG DEMONSTRATION HELD

Band, Red Cross Ladies and Michigan State Troops Out This Morning When Men Left Here.

Sixty-one sons of Gratiot county left this morning for Camp Custer, where they will go into training to become a part of that great fighting force which Uncle Sam is rapidly gathering together to smash the Hun terror.

One of the largest crowds which has turned out to bid farewell to the men to leave for camp, turned out this morning several hundred persons being out to give the men one last greeting before they left. Practically all of them were at the depot when the Ann Arbor train, which carried the men from the city, left here at 7:13.

It was the first time in months that the men were given a big sendoff. A band was got together for the occasion, which added much to the parade which escorted the men to the depot. The parade led the way and was escorted by nearly a quarter of a hundred of Alma ladies in their Red Cross dresses. These were followed by Company 87, Michigan State troops. Behind the state troops came the sixty-one selects. A number of Liberty trucks brought up the rear.

Following is the list of men who left this morning for Camp Custer to go into training. Sixty-one men are in the list, a smaller number than was previously announced to go today:

- 135 Ira B. Carlinghouse, Alma
- 135 Dean Valentine Barnes, Ithaca
- 153 Arthur George Crooks, Ithaca
- 2382 Edward D. Freed, Riverdale
- 342 Ervin Ditto, Elm Hall
- 360 Roy Colborn, Wheeler
- 387 Austin Lester Fink, Cleveland, Ohio
- 488 Ben Colborn, Wheeler
- 572 Arthur J. Wiseman, Ithaca
- 1037 Royal McRoberts, North Star
- 1528 Ed Newton, Wheeler
- 1686 Herman Raskie, St. Louis
- 1816 Orin F. Dean, Pomplun
- 2128 Marvon G. Bigler, Forest Hill
- 1593 George B. Struss, Ithaca
- 1877 Ernest L. Duffo, Middleton
- 1643 Ralph Fairchild, Elwell
- 1818 Albert D. Carter, Alma
- 1519 George William Tomewey, Forest Hill
- 1609 John F. Francis, Ithaca
- 1638 Ray Miller, Wheeler
- 1638 Frank Peters, Ithaca
- 1726 Peter Mikulic, Ashley
- 1748 Edwin Finch, Ithaca
- 1748 James M. Murray, Alma
- 1829 Homer Leroy Hoke, Alma
- 1860 Rudolph Falshauer, Breckenridge
- 1865 James Lewis Bolman, Alma
- 1925 Roy Warner, Wheeler
- 1937 Ira Austin Williams, Bannister
- 1945 Pearl Daniel Campbell, Alma
- 1948 John Andrew Finley, Ithaca
- 2062 Leonard Emery Sharp, Bannister
- 2093 Jerry Lejner, Middleton
- 2116 Joseph Lark, Middleton
- 2095 Charles Demman, Alma
- 2052 Floyd Harrison Hanes, Sumner
- 2090 Jack Lovor, Alma
- 2094 Frank Porter, Alma
- 2106 Edwin A. J. Little, Ithaca
- 2208 Bonnie Gane, Bannister
- 2131 Walter J. Wright, Perrinton
- 2135 Cecil Calvin Osko, Wheeler
- 2224 Joseph John Crutcheon, Wheeler
- 2229 Joseph Jusick, Jr., Ashley
- 2248 George Washington Baxter, Elwell
- 2251 Vern L. Matson, North Star
- 2259 Frank Wheeler, Alma
- 2282 Clarence L. Martyn, Wheeler
- 2284 Dennis J. O'Connell, Carson City
- 2315 Harry E. Magee, Ithaca
- 2318 Melvin W. Gibson, Perrinton
- 2323 Clarence Anderson, St. Louis
- 2379 Floyd Carlton Colthrop, St. Louis
- 2406 Mark Jay Knottson, Ithaca
- 2425 Herman Robinson, Ithaca
- 2427 Glenn Soule, St. Louis
- 2482 Edward Dora, St. Louis

BUY W. S. S.—
SELLS OUT

St. Louis Attorney Sells Practice to Attorney Charles Goggin.

Attorney Romaine Clark of St. Louis, well known in this city for some years, has sold his legal practice in that city and his books to C. H. Goggin, well known Alma attorney.

Ralph Goggin, also an attorney and brother of C. H. Goggin, will have charge of the St. Louis practice, which was purchased from Attorney Clark, and will maintain the offices in that city.

Attorney Clark is reported as being very anxious to get into the government service, and expects to go to Washington within a few days with a view of looking over the field. He rather expects to go into the navy reports say.

BUY W. S. S.—
SAGINAW RACES

Every arrangement has been completed for the second annual Michigan state auto and championships on the Saginaw tracks Sunday afternoon, July 28, when 25 daring drivers will compete for \$1,000 in prizes. Detroit has entered three pilots who have at different times won state honors on the mile track at the state fair grounds. The finals in each of the championship events will be 15 miles and the semi-finals three miles. In addition to this there will be mile trials against the track record of 68 seconds held by Ralph DePalma and two motor cycle races in which the best drivers in the state will pilot the chug chug machines.

BUY W. S. S.—
LIGHTLESS NIGHTS

Orders have again been issued calling for lightless nights which will go into effect July 29. In this section of the county Monday and Tuesday will be the lightless nights, when only such lights as are positively needed may be used. It is a fuel conservation order.

FOUR IN

Another Candidate in Race for the Republican Nomination for Sheriff.

Politics is rather warming up in the county with the entry of another candidate in the field for the Republican nomination for sheriff at the primaries next month, and rumor has it that a fifth may get into the field before the week is over.

The latest entry to desire the nomination at the hands of the Republicans of the county is George Lewis of this city, former undersheriff, who announced himself Monday as a candidate for nomination.

The others in the race are Arthur J. Murphy, former deputy sheriff, deputy state game warden and present undersheriff; Alfred Willert, deputy sheriff and Lewis Martin, also a deputy sheriff.

BUY W. S. S.—
THE TIFFIN HAS MOVED

The Tiffin cafe has moved from its old quarters in the Gibbs block on Woodworth avenue to the Merchants' Building company block on State street, where it now occupies a room in the basement on the south side of the building. The rooms on the north side, which are ultimately to be used as the home of the Tiffin are not ready yet, due to the remodeling and decorating which is necessary.

BUY W. S. S.—

HOLD SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION SOON

Gratiot Schools To Hold Annual Sessions at Riverdale on August 17 and 18.

Delegates at the County Sunday School convention at Riverdale, August 17-18, 1918, are to have some unusual treats.

A chorus of 100 voices is being organized to sing at the mass meetings. The first practice and organization meeting was held at the church last Sunday. Over forty were in attendance and promise of a large increase in the future was secured. Dr. Skinner, county secretary, was present and did the preliminary training. He would like to meet all the singers for miles around, of any denomination or no denomination, next Sunday at the church in Riverdale at 12:00 o'clock for the second practice.

Attractive music, furnished by Dr. Lau of Detroit, who will conduct the chorus at the convention, will be used.

The Sunday schools of Seville, Sumner, and Pine River are especially invited to be present and help in the chorus. Let everybody who can sing be there. If you can't sing go and make "a joyful noise." Cultivate the community spirit by singing gospel songs, and help to prepare for the greatest county convention ever held in Gratiot.

The following Gratiot pastors have written, promising to be present Saturday, August 17, and take part in the discussion: Rev. Wm. Roberts, Ithaca; M. W. Duffy, Alma; A. W. Mumford, Perrinton; A. W. Simmons, Bannister; G. H. Simpson, Eureka; J. Roberts, St. Louis; A. W. Baker, North Star; Geo. Brown, Riverdale; L. L. Dewey, Shepherd; F. G. Dunbar, Wheeler; S. B. Ford, St. Louis. All the pastors in the county have been asked to take part.

BUY W. S. S.—
BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED

Relatives of Former Gratiot Resident Aid in Celebrating Day.

C. R. Moulton of Brooklyn, celebrated his eightieth birthday not long ago. The following article from the Brooklyn Exponent tells about it. Mr. Moulton was a resident of Gratiot county for forty-eight years and has a host of friends throughout the county.

On Sunday, July 7, C. R. Moulton of Jefferson having reached his 80th birthday he was given a complete surprise by relatives. They met at Eagle Point and forming in line drove to his residence at Jefferson. They took him back to the lake where a short program was given. It consisted of speaking and singing, after which Mr. Moulton was presented with a large dining chair, in which he was soon seated. Many friends came forward with other presents and hearty congratulations. Following this an elaborate dinner was served in the grove, with Uncle Collmore at the head of the table in his new chair.

Here a photograph was taken in which 54 of the Moulton and Ellison family relatives were grouped. Another interesting picture was of four generations, C. R. Moulton, his nephew, J. W. Moulton, his great niece Mrs. Flora Stephenson and his great great niece Miss Norma Stephenson. Relatives from a distance included Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Ellison of Detroit Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ellison of Holland, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ellison and children Esther and Ernest Ellison of St. Louis, Mrs. Clara Humphrey and two sons of Elwell and Mrs. Lowe of Morenci.

BUY W. S. S.—
TEACHERS' EXAMINATION

The next regular teachers' examination will be held at the high school room, Ithaca, August 8, 9, 10, 1918, beginning at 8:00 a. m. standard time. Write me for bulletin No. 16 for general information on this examination. 53-2-c

H. A. Potter, Co. Com. of Schools.

BENEFITS WERE BIG SUCCESS

Great Crowd at Ruggles Home for Big Red Cross Lawn Fete Last Night

CONCERT WELL ATTENDED

Several Hundred Dollars Will Go to Red Cross as a Result of the Two Affairs.

The two Red Cross benefits held this week both yielded handsome sums which will go into the coffers of the local branch of the Red Cross for the various expenses which are to be met in turning out the various bandages, etc., which are being made for the soldiers.

The first of these, the Artists' Red Cross concert given at the high school Tuesday evening, was a great success from every standpoint. The ladies under the direction of Mrs. Peet, who headed the committee, sold over six hundred tickets, which yielded about \$300.00 for the Red Cross.

William P. Carlton of New York, baritone sang three numbers which were warmly greeted. These were the "Marseilles," "In Flanders Field," and "Freedom For All Forever." Miss Amsbury charmingly rendered two numbers, and Miss Alexander two numbers. Both of these young ladies, well known here, were received with rounds of applause at each appearance.

The Peet brothers, who recently aided in making the Republic vaudeville the success that it was, took part in the concert, making a big hit here again, as did the local singer, G. V. Wright. The Wright Quartette and Master Greene also aided in making the concert a big success.

The program of the evening was closed with the entire audience on its feet singing the Star Spangled Banner.

On Wednesday evening the big lawn fete for the benefit of the Red Cross was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Ruggles, which drew a huge crowd, and brought a good sum to the Red Cross.

The Ruggles home and the spacious lawn were lighted up by hundreds of electric lights for the evening's entertainment, which sent their rays into the farthest corners of that large lawn. Morton's saxophone orchestra furnished music for the dancing.

A large platform was erected on the lawn for dancing and the large ball room of the Ruggles home was also thrown open, so that everyone desiring to dance could do so. Refreshment stands of many kinds were placed at advantageous points about the lawn, and due to the warmth of the weather they did a thriving business.

A large number of young ladies from the Republic, dressed as Red Cross nurses were everywhere about the place, selling refreshments and flowers and their charming appeals to the visitors, quickened sales, and made many sales that would not have been made otherwise, adding greatly to the sum which was realized for the Red Cross.

Games of various sorts and boating on the Pine were also indulged in by many of those who attended the affair.

Hundreds of people were present at the Ruggles home for the Republic Red Cross benefit during the course of the evening, and a handsome sum was realized for the Red Cross, the amount of which has not been entirely checked up this morning. It will be a goodly amount, however, which will be turned over to the Red Cross as a result of the endeavor.