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2.—No publisher may continue subscriptions * * * after date of expiration, unless subscriptions are renewed and paid for.

The war purpose of this order is to save paper and coal, to lessen transportation and mail service and conserve labor.

Every newspaper will comply strictly with this order, first, because it is a patriotic duty; second, because it must.

Under the new postal rates the sending of personal notices to each subscriber is very expensive. The label on your paper tells to what date you are paid. To further remind you, all subscribers whose subscriptions are not paid in advance to October 1, 1918, or later, will find a blue pencil mark in the square at the head of this article which means that subscriptions must be paid at once or your paper will be stopped.

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Of course The Record wants all its subscribers to stay. Most of you have been with us a good many years and we feel confident that you will be as loyal to The Record under these new requirements of the government as we all are to the government under the conditions which the war has forced upon us.

ILLINOIS PICNIC

A BIG SUCCESS

Nearly Four Hundred Former Illinois Residents Present for the Festivities.

Due to the heavy rain of Friday night the attendance at the annual Illinois picnic, which was held here Saturday, was kept down a great deal, but nevertheless over four hundred former residents of Illinois, who now reside in this section of the state, were in Alma for the yearly festivities, and enjoyed themselves hugely.

Many had grain, hay and other things on their farms, which needed immediate attention, after the heavy rain and were forced to forego the pleasure of spending the day in Alma with the Illinoisians, who are making central Michigan their home.

The rain was so heavy, that it made Wright park unfit for the picnic and it was adjourned to Vaudette hall, over the Liberty theatre, which was filled to capacity nearly all day, especially during the afternoon, when the program was given.

At the noon hour a basket picnic was held, the farmers from the surrounding territory bringing some well-filled baskets of choice foodstuffs, and everyone had all of the good wholesome food that they could make away with.

The principal speakers of the day were Senator Scully of Almont and Dr. Waller of Washington, both of whom held the close attention of their audience. Mr. Roberts of Ithaca was also present and gave a short address on woman suffrage. His address was an added attraction to the good program.

Senator Scully gave a patriotic address to the farmers, which touched them particularly, as it was an appeal for greater crops, more foodstuffs with which to win the war. He also took up the non-partisan league of the west, terming it a fake, and a scheme of the I. W. W.

Dr. Waller took up the matter of seed disease prevention and its importance to the farmers, as well as the country at large. He gave a forceful address and pounded home his points in such a way that he created a great interest in this matter among the farmers present.

The officers of the organization last year were continued for the coming year. These officers are as follows: President, C. F. Hainline; vice president, Mrs. Frank Hanley; secretary and treasurer, John Bateman.

It was also decided to hold the annual picnic in Alma again next year.

NOTICE BY GOODES
Having sold my business and accepted a position that will take me away from my book account of my time, I have turned my book accounts over to D. L. Johnson for collection. All accounts are due and payable at once. (57-1f-c)
Fred W. Goodes.

WAR SAVINGS

County War Board to Start New Stamp Campaign.

The War Savings Stamp sale campaign which up to now seems to have been neglected by our citizens out of all proportion to its importance, is now vigorously starting. Growing out of the county-wide meeting recently held at the county building at which were present representatives from every precinct in the county an organization has now been thoroughly established in every school district and ward in the county. Pledge cards have now been placed in the hands of the representatives in the districts and wards and every citizen of mature age will be solicited between this time and the 10th of September, to subscribe his or her share toward this government loan.

The impression seems to have been established in the minds of our people that this drive was of little importance compared to other loan drives which have been carried across. The fact is that the exact opposite is true. This drive is of more importance than any loan drive which has been conducted. First, it is larger. The aggregate of Gratiot county is over \$497,000. Second, this loan is based upon a plan which enables not only the large investor to take part in it, but every child in the county is able, if he so desires, to make a loan to the government in this way.

Parties, no doubt, may be astonished when the quota of their district is stated to them, but nevertheless it is up to the people of Gratiot county to subscribe the balance of this loan which is unsubscribed at this time.

Owing, no doubt, to misunderstanding and attention to other affairs there has only been subscribed up to this time about \$42,000 of the vast \$497,000 which is our quota.

It is expected of every citizen that when the solicitor calls, such solicitor will not only be treated with courtesy, but will be welcome to the home or business place, and that every citizen will subscribe his or her share of the amount to be raised. In fact the solicitor who calls upon you is an agent of the United States Government, and of its activities, and your relationship to this cause will be checked up and a thorough investigation made of the circumstances where persons failed to subscribe their reasonable share. It is the belief of the War board, which has this matter in charge, that this function of the War Board will be not much used in this campaign, or the board believes that when the real magnitude of importance of the loan is presented to the people, they will in this as in the past campaigns, be ready and even anxious to do their part.

Gratiot County War Board.
Informal fall millinery opening at Robinson's Tuesday, September 10. Special workroom for rettriming and remodeling—adv.

Circulation counts—we have it.

WILL NOMINATE AT A PRIMARY

Under Proposed Charter, Primaries Will Be Held for Nominations.

NO PARTY DESIGNATIONS

Effort Will Be Made to Choose Men Fitted for Office Without Regard to Politics.

This week in the article on the proposed charter The Record will endeavor to give the various points wherein the electors and registration are taken up in the charter, as it will affect the voters under the commission form, the primaries which will be held, and the city elections.

Chapter nine takes up the matter of electors and the registration. It provides that inhabitants of the city having the qualifications of electors under the constitution of the state and the general laws, and no others, shall be electors in the city. It also provides that the registration of the voters of the city for all purposes shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the general laws of the state.

Chapter ten takes up the matter of primary elections, which will do away with the present form of nominating, and is highly important to the voters of the community.

It provides that no partisan primary election shall be held for the nomination of any elective municipal officer. It provides that the primary election shall be held on the fourth Monday previous to the election, and shall be conducted as near as possible as provided by law, except as provided in the charter.

To obtain the printing of names of any candidate on the primary ballot nominating petitions must be filed with the city clerk at least twenty-one days before the primary election, and shall be signed, in the case of candidates for city office, by not less than twenty-five or more than fifty, and for a ward office, by not less than ten nor more than twenty, of the qualified and registered electors of the city or ward for which such office is to be elected. The petitions are substantially the same as other primary petitions, with signing requirements the same. The clerk will be required to keep on hand blank forms of these petitions for the use of voters and candidates. They shall be open to public inspection after being filed.

Following the expiration of the time for filing petitions the clerk will be required to verify the names of all candidates for whom petitions are properly filed. It requires him to have the ballots printed, which are about the same as other primary ballots, except for the names of the offices, with the general laws governing the transposing of names of candidates on the ballots. It provides for the canvassing of the vote by the clerk, treasurer and justice whose term first expires, these acting as the canvassing board.

The nominees are to be the two candidates for each office who have the highest number of votes cast, and the only nominees whose names are to be printed on the ballots for the next municipal election. For the first election, or by reason of vacancy, double the number of those to be elected shall be the nominees and their names printed on the official ballot for the election.

Chapter eleven provides for the city election. It provides that on the first Monday in April of all odd numbered years, there shall be held a general municipal election under the charter, at which there shall be elected a large, a mayor, two commissioners, one justice of the peace, one supervisor in each ward, except at the first election when two commissioners, for two years and two for four years are to be elected to hold office as provided in chapter three.

It is provided that the election shall be conducted as nearly as possible in accordance with the state laws, and that they shall be held at such places in the election districts as is now provided or may be provided by the legislative body of the city. It also provides for suitable ballot boxes, board of election canvassers, etc., as is now done. It is also provided that on the third secular day following election, the board of canvassers shall open and canvass the returns and publicly declare the result of the election. In case of a tie for any office the canvassers are to determine, by lot, the winner from those having the tie vote.

It is provided that special elections, not exceeding two in one year, may be held, to be called by resolution of the commission, but providing that such prohibition shall not apply to the elections which may be held for the submission or resubmission of this or any other charter, and shall not apply to elections which may be held for the re-submission of a charter or

amendment. The proceedings and manner of holding special elections are to be the same as for regular elections. The posting of notices, etc., is also taken up in this chapter.

It is provided that no special election shall be held to submit a franchise unless the expense of such election is paid in advance into the city treasury by the person or corporation named as grantee therein.

Next week's article will deal with the initiative, referendum and recall, which will come into use in Alma if the charter is adopted in November. It will also take up the duties of the mayor.

DRAFT REGISTRATION IS NEXT THURSDAY

Men Over Eighteen and Under Forty-Six, Not Now Registered, Those Affected.

On Thursday, September 12, every man in the United States between the ages of 18 and 21 and 31 and 45, except those in the military or naval service of the U. S., will be registered and place himself in readiness to answer the call for the selective service of the government, if he is needed in winning the war. It is estimated that the boards in the United States will register over 13,000,000 men on that day.

Attention is particularly called to the fact that every man is required to register on that day, and it is said to be the intention of the government to handle those who fail to register in a more severe manner than was the case a year ago. Penalties are provided in the regulations for failure to register.

Those who come under the registration September 12 should observe that they are required, in the townships and villages, to register at the regular voting places, where officials will be in charge of the registration under charge of the county draft board. In St. Louis one registration place will be provided.

Those who do not expect to be within the jurisdiction of their local draft board on September 12 are required to mail a registration card to the home board. The cards can be obtained from any registration board where the questions can be made out having proper jurisdiction, and a stamped envelope should also be enclosed in the envelope in order that a They should be mailed to the board registration certificate may be sent, without which serious inconveniences may be caused to the registrant.

In case the designation and address of the local board is not known, the card should be sent to the mayor, in cities of over 30,000, and to the county clerk in other cases. The corner of the envelope should be addressed: Registration card of Street and No. or R. F. D. City or post office.

In case it is sent to these officials, the card will be turned over by them to the proper board. The cards must be filled out and sent so that they will reach the board on time.

GASLESS DAY

Nearly All Alma Motorists Kept Cars Idle Sunday.

About ninety per cent of the automobile owners of Alma and the surrounding territory proved themselves to be patriotic Sunday, and observed closely the request of the fuel administration, that automobiles should not be used on Sunday.

The fact that the government had requested the conservation of gasoline, to prevent a threatened shortage in France, where it is needed by the Allied armies, was enough for the good citizens of this section.

Most of the people took the view that if it would aid in the great cause to leave their automobiles in the garages on Sunday, that it was their duty not to run them, again demonstrating that the people of this part of the state are just as patriotic as in any other section, and that they will back up the men in France in any way possible to help win, and if possible to shorten the great struggle over there.

There were a few who failed to observe the rule, but there will be a far smaller number of these on the following Sundays, or they will fall considerably in the esteem of their friends and neighbors who are observing the request of the government.

FAIR GOOD

The Gratiot County Fair held at Ithaca last week was easily the best that has been so far held, the attractions being better than ever before and the crowds very orderly in comparison with past years, and if anything, larger than in the past.

ALMA COLLEGE TO OPEN LATE

Plans for Military Training Have Caused Postponement of Opening.

WILL START OCTOBER 2ND

Student Soldiers Will Get Tuition, Board, Room and Thirty Dollars a Month.

The opening of Alma college has been postponed until Wednesday, October 2nd. The new plans are being made in accordance with the governments plan for the Students' Army Training Corps at the colleges and universities of the country.

The induction of the student soldiers is to take place on Tuesday, October 1, and this has resulted in the postponement of the opening of the college which was scheduled for September 18.

It is highly important that high school graduates should know the unusual opportunities which the government is now offering to the young men of the country to attend college this fall.

All young men over eighteen years of age, who are physically fit will be members of the Students' Army Training Corps, and will receive from the government, while at college, their board, tuition, room, medical attention, and in addition the pay of a private, \$30.00 a month.

The war department is planning for over 100,000 officers and the student training corps in our colleges and universities is a part of the plan. It is certain that all high school graduates of eighteen years and over should avail themselves of the unusual opportunities which are being offered to them by the government.

It simply means that young men over eighteen years of age may attend college at government expense. That the government is desirous of having the young men attend college is made most plain by the offer and the young men should make the most of the opportunity and attend college and prepare for special service or officership.

Military drill at the college will occupy two consecutive hours for five days a week. About fourteen hours of literary and scientific work will be permitted. Special courses will be provided in the aims of the war, chemistry, physics, natural science, English, French and perhaps some other subjects.

Pioneer hall and some other places will be furnished by the government with military cots, blankets, etc. Each student soldier will have at least forty-five square feet of floor space. Soldiers will be under military discipline all of the time.

Soldiers will be transferred from the college at the end of three months' periods and it is very probable that Alma college will operate on a term basis, giving three months to the term.

There is no guaranty or prophecy that can be made as to how long any soldier will be left in college. He may be transferred to an officers' training camp; he may be ordered to continue in college to specialize in some work; or he may be ordered into the ranks as a private, or into some other phase of army work. It will all depend upon the ability of the student, in his training and in his college work. It is very probable that the younger men will be left in college the longest.

Not even local boys will be allowed to room at home this year. All of those who attend college will be required to be quartered in the army barracks.

BRENNAN CASE

John F. Brennan Comes Up for Trial Next Week.

John F. Brennan, now being held in jail awaiting trial on a charge of murder in connection with the death of Miss Beatrice Epler of this city on the night of September 4, 1917, will be up for trial in the Clinton county circuit court next week.

It is probable that this case will start about Tuesday or Wednesday, although it will probably be some days thereafter before the actual arguments are started, as there is certain to be a several days' delay in the selection of the jury for the case.

FLAG IS GROWING

Three Hundred and Ten Stars in the Republic Service Flag.

The service flag of the Republic Motor Truck Company Inc. is now the largest in this section of Michigan, containing as it does three hundred and ten stars for men who are in the service.

Of late the number of stars on the service flag has been increasing with great rapidity, until now the stars have covered the inner white field, and are spread in great profusion over the red border.

SLACKER RAID

State Constabulary and County Officers Put on a Big Raid.

The American Protective League, state constabulary and county officers furnished a spectacular attraction for the closing day of the Gratiot County Fair Friday, when a big slacker raid was conducted on the fair grounds, classification card was picked up and and everyone, who could not show a held until the officers were satisfied that they were properly registered and classified.

Every young man on the grounds, who appeared to be between the ages of twenty-one and thirty-one years, was mailed by the officers and asked to show his card. Some forty young fellows had neglected to carry their cards with them and were promptly taken to the county jail until they could satisfy the officers that they were properly registered and classified.

Many of these men were unable to satisfy the officers before night, and were forced to spend the night in the jail. Saturday brought the information which gave liberty to all except two of those who were picked up in the raid, the two proving to be slackers.

It is claimed that one, Ernest Allen Dunn of Plymouth, Mich., had been registered and classified, but failed to report for military duty when called by his board, the second was an Austrian, who had registered, but had then failed to fill out his questionnaire and be properly classified.

TORBENSEN NINE WON GREAT GAME

Luck Was the Deciding Factor in the Biggest Ball Game Played Here in Years.

Luck played a big part in the Torbensen-Republic game Friday and the visitors, who bogged it all, took the game by a three to one score, although out-hit by the truckmakers. The Republics also put up a better fielding exhibition than the visitors, flukes allowing the counting for the Torbensen nine which was one of the best which was played here in years.

The truckmakers counted their run in the first inning. Mitchell walked and was sacrificed to second by Pfeffer. After Ort fled out, Carlton hit one on the nose that should have been good for the circuit, had it not hit an auto in deep center and bounded back into the field. It went for two sacks and Mitchell scored.

The visitors counted twice in the second. Hopke walked, and Klucen looked over four wide ones and walked. They were sacrificed along by Young. Hopke was caught between third and home on Kiver's fielder's choice. In running down between the sacks, he was hit with the ball, and both he and Klucen, who passed third scored on the fluke.

The visitors added another in the sixth that was in the nature of a fluke. Klucen was safe at first on a fielder's choice. He attempted to steal and the throw to catch him at second caught him in the back, the ball going to the outfield and he took third. Young's sacrifice fly to left field scored him.

The Republics staged a rally in the ninth, getting two men on the sacks, but they waited in vain for aid to score them and tie the count.

Both teams put up a fine exhibition of base ball throughout the game, furnishing one of the best attractions in this sport which has been seen in Alma in years. A big crowd turned out and thoroughly enjoyed the battle.

Following the game a banquet was tendered the teams at the Republic cafeteria, about fifty being present, including the members of the two nines.

It is the intention of the officers of Company 87, Michigan State Troops, to give a drill here in the near future, probably on the college athletic field if it can be obtained for this purpose.

IS THIRD CALLED

George Karras, manager of the Paris Cafe of this city left Tuesday for Ann Arbor where he was inducted into the service of the United States yesterday morning.

Mr. Karras is the third of three brothers who have gone into the service from the Paris Cafe, the others being Lewis and William, who were called some months ago.

HAD TENT AT FAIR

The women of the county had a tent at the Gratiot county fair and were very actively engaged in passing out literature in regard to woman suffrage and also explaining it to those who desired to know more about it. The quiet and efficient manner in which the ladies worked gained many friends to their cause without a doubt.

DIED WEDNESDAY
Mrs. Henry Clark, a pioneer resident of the county died at her home in Arcadia township Wednesday morning at an advanced age. The funeral will be held from the home Friday, Rev. Duffy officiating and interment will be made at Sumner. Obituary next week.

ALMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS OPEN

Attendance This Year is Much Greater Than Any Year in the Past.

HAVE HALF DAY SESSIONS

Primary Departments in Temporary Schools Forced to Half-Day Plan.

The Alma public schools opened Tuesday for the fall term with an attendance that shows a great increase over that of a year ago when the public schools opened, and it has brought to the school board and Supt. Schultz some new problems which must be met in taking care of the overflow that exists in the subprimary and in the lower grades.

The increase this year is being felt mostly in the temporary schools, in the eastern and southern part of the city and it is certain to continue until the new Republic school, now building, is ready to be used, which will be three or four months at least.

The two temporary schools east of Grover avenue and Bridge street are filled to overflowing and the only solution to the problem which the board faces is to have half day sessions in the subprimary, with half of the youngsters attending in the morning and half of them in the afternoon. The same condition is true at Hillcrest school in the southern part of the city. Eighteen of the pupils in the Hillcrest school have moved to the Lincoln school to aid in relieving conditions there.

Without adopting the morning and afternoon sessions for the subprimary, the public schools would be unable to take care of these youngsters, and it is felt that this is the best way to handle them.

The other buildings are already filled and it is certain that as the months go by, that the attendance in all buildings will greatly increase. The high schools alone show an increase for the first day of more than twenty over last year and this number is expected to grow rapidly.

Grace Bentley has been secured to take charge of the commercial work of the high school this year in place of M. Ray Kimbal, who recently resigned his position to accept a position with the Republic Motor Truck Company, Inc. and Miss Flossie Reader has been secured to take the place of Mrs. Burnett, who failed to return to the teaching force of the public schools this year.

Supt. Schultz was asked Tuesday if there would be any athletics at the high school this year, but at the time was not prepared to commit himself on the matter, which is still undecided.

GOOD SHOWING

Company 87, Michigan State Troops, Made Hit at Mt. Pleasant.

Company 87, Michigan State Troops, were in Mt. Pleasant Monday competing in the drills for the state troop companies in this section of the state and made a big hit among the several thousand people who attended the events.

The local company, went into competition in the drills with companies from Clare, Ithaca and Mt. Pleasant, and in spite of the fact that the Alma company was the junior of the others it proved highly capable in the drills and won a split in the prize money with the Clare company.

The various drills and formations were all given and the local company received the biggest hand of those which drilled.

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