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## BOARD OF TRADE ELECTS OFFICERS

Meeting Held Tuesday Evening  
at Home of the Gratiot  
County Club.

## BROWN IS AGAIN PRESIDENT

C. H. Washburn and D. L. Johnson  
Re-elected as Treasurer and  
Secretary.

At the annual meeting of the Alma Board of Trade held Tuesday evening at the Gratiot County clubhouse on South Gratiot avenue, the directors and officers for the coming year were chosen. C. F. Brown, D. L. Johnson and C. H. Washburn again being elected as the officers.

Various other meetings held around the city Tuesday evening kept the attendance at the annual meeting down considerably, much to the disappointment of those who attended, as the meeting was one of the finest that has been held in years, addresses being given relative to the good roads amendment to the constitution, to better packing and marking of express shipments, and to the income taxes.

When the directors of the Board of Trade were elected some twenty to twenty-five business men of the city received votes from those who attended. Those who received the most votes and were elected as directors were C. F. Brown, Jotham Allen, Henry H. Soule, Otto Sanderhoff, Fred Slater, John C. Chick, Carl H. Washburn, Harry Gerber, D. L. Johnson, Albert P. Cook, W. W. Cushing, and Chas. G. Rhodes. John C. Chick, one of the hustling young business men of the city, is the only new member of the board of directors.

Following the meeting of the members of the board, the directors were called together by President C. F. Brown for the election of the officers. It was only a matter of moments to elect the officers, they being re-elected unanimously by the directors.

C. F. Brown, who has been president of the organization for the past nine years, during which time Alma has budged forth from a straggling little country village into a lively, hustling business-like city, was re-elected as the head of the board.

D. L. Johnson, secretary of the board, who has held this office for a period as long as Mr. Brown has been president, will continue during the ensuing year while Carl H. Washburn, who has held the office of treasurer for four years, will continue in that capacity.

During the time that these men have been officers of the Board of Trade, this organization has done much for the betterment of the community, the officers, with their directors, having been most alive in the securing of industries for the city, and taking an important part in other questions which vitally affect the welfare of Alma, such as the agitation very recently against the proposed addition to the depot, which would project out into Prospect street if it had been constructed by the railroads, according to the plans which they had made in this respect.

After the members of the Board of Trade had cast their votes for the directors for the coming year, Carl H. Cartright, deputy collector of internal revenue, who was in Alma the first of the week, aiding those who needed assistance in making out their income tax reports, gave a short talk on the income tax, and told the men that he was ready to answer any questions in this regard which they cared to ask. Some were put to him immediately.

President Brown then introduced Mr. Lillie of the American Railway Express company, who gave a very interesting and instructive talk to the men on the campaign which the express companies of the country are waging for better packing and better marking of shipments. The address was full of good wholesome thought for the shippers and interested the business men greatly.

He was followed by Mr. Bryant of the Michigan Good Roads commission, who went into details on the proposed amendment to the constitution, known as the good roads amendment. Under the amendment it would be possible for the state to bond for up to \$50,000,000 for good roads, he stated, but that it was the plan to only use such a sum as could be wisely handled between the various sessions of the legislature. He stated that this amount would probably be in the neighborhood of \$5,000,000 yearly.

He also stated that it was the present plan, if the amendment carried, to connect up the various links of the good roads of the state first, and to build the best roads that engineering skill could construct.

He also told of the millions of dollars which the United States was going to spend for roads in the country, and that it would be necessary for Michigan to be able to match up with the government, if it secured its proper share of this money.

The present township system in vogue in Gratiot county was com-

pared with the county system by Mr. Bryant, and the latter was shown to be the best system, and he urged its adoption in this county.

Henry H. Soule was also called upon at the meeting. He gave in a few short words, a view of the Alma Grain & Lumber company and the possibilities which the re-organization of this concern would give to Alma.

The vestrymen of St. John's church will give another social event on Tuesday, March 4. From 8:00 until 9:00 there will be dancing, which will be followed by a musical program. Refreshments will be served after the musical program. All members and attendants of the church are invited. No charges.

## X-CEL-ALL COMPANY ANNUAL MEETING

Reports Indicate Local Concern  
Has Had Very Good Year's  
Business.

The X-Cel-All company held its annual stockholders' meeting at the office of the company in this city last Thursday. It was well attended, a good many of the local stockholders being present and some from out of the city.

President T. A. Bamforth opened the meeting and his greeting words were: "One year ago, the production was made that the company's business would be increased about four times over the previous year and it is a great pleasure to me to tell the stockholders that the prediction had been made good." This came as a great surprise, as the handicap the company had operated under on account of war conditions during the past year.

President Bamforth stated that he had made a report one year ago covering the different departments, but explained that the growth of the business made it impossible this year, and that the department heads would report direct to the stockholders. At this juncture he called upon Factory Manager Gitchell for a report.

Mr. Gitchell stated that his business had been to follow up complaints and trouble with paint and that he had spread a number of jobs himself, and that as a result of such experience, the company was making as good, or better paint than any other made in the United States, bar none. It was brought out in the report that \$76,000 worth of paint alone had been sold in the state of Michigan with a complaint for replacement of only 2-3 per cent of the business, this amounts in dollars and cents to approximately \$1,900, and that nearly \$1,000 of this had been shipped back and re-made and shipped out again with very little loss to the company. Mr. Gitchell in his report covered some of the new articles that had been added to the X-Cel-All products and talked upon their merits.

D. A. Kitch, sales and field manager, was very brief in his report and covered the increased sales from month to month over the previous month and told of future plans of his work and the connections made with 115 banks and said by July or August that every district desired in the lower peninsula of Michigan would be ready for the stores and dealers, that the publicity and advertising campaigns would be completed. He covered his men's work in the field and so pictured the work done to the hearers that they fairly felt a part in the building of this wonderful selling organization of nearly 300 salesmen.

Otto Sanderhoff, merchandising manager, reported the taking over of the many new lines, such as cream separators, sanitary indoor toilets, automobile tires and tubes, automobile oils and explained shortly many new lines would be added and said connections were nearly closed for gasoline engines and talking machines. He stated that his department was on the lookout for new lines, to be ready for the business increase when stores and dealers had been established. He considered that the company had made wonderful strides for 1918 and that 1919 promised to be a winner.

M. A. Bamforth, general manager, was called and offered a very complete report, which covered the development work and gave many figures which interested the stockholders. He told how the X-Cel-All family was growing and how the X-Cel-All name was a household word in Michigan. The X-Cel-All idea and name, with the broad guarantee, meant more now than ever, with the thousands of satisfied customers ever boosting the value in dollars and cents could hardly be estimated. A great future was his prediction. The capital stock was increased from \$100,000 to \$200,000 and the following directors were elected: Otto Sanderhoff, Earl C. Clapp, B. F. Githell and T. A. Bamforth of Alma; Roy Dean of Lansing; D. A. Kitch and M. A. Bamforth of Chicago.

On Friday morning the new directors held a meeting and the following officers elected: T. A. Bamforth, president; M. A. Bamforth, vice president and general manager; D. A. Kitch, secretary and general sales manager; Otto Sanderhoff, merchandising manager; B. F. Gitchell, factory manager.

## DUFFEY TO HEAD LOAN COMMITTEE

"Fighting Methodist" Will Succeed  
Robinson as Liberty  
Loan Chairman.

## FIFTH DRIVE IS IN APRIL

Is Empowered to Select His Own  
Advisory Committee and  
Workers.

At a meeting of the bankers, and Liberty Loan workers of the county held at the First State bank, Rev. Matthew Duffey of the First Methodist church of this city was selected to act as county chairman for the Fifth Liberty Loan campaign, and his appointment will be confirmed by the Loan officials of the Seventh Federal Reserve district within a few days.

J. W. Robinson of this city, who has directed the last two campaigns and brought them to a highly successful conclusion, resigned sometime ago because of ill health, feeling that he could not undertake to accept the responsibilities which another loan would thrust upon his shoulders. Not until every effort had been made to get Mr. Robinson to continue as the chairman, were efforts turned to the securing of another leader for the campaign.

Following discussions as to the most available man, who could be depended upon to fight the thing through in the same successful manner that Mr. Robinson had taken through the last two campaigns, Rev. Duffey was elected.

It was also voted at the meeting to allow Rev. Duffey to select his own advisory board and his own committees for this campaign. The bankers, and other loan workers of the county, expressed themselves as willing to do anything possible to aid him in pushing the campaign to a successful conclusion, as did the retiring chairman.

F. R. Fenton, federal director of sales for Michigan, and Mr. Platt were both at the meeting here, and Mr. Fenton was called upon for some remarks relative to the loan. He gave it as his opinion that the Fifth Loan would be for \$5,000,000,000,000, probably at five per cent. He stated that the cry of this campaign would be "Let's Finish the Job." He gave it as his opinion that the Fifth Loan would start April 21. In his talk he made it plain that the funds from the Fourth Loan had been entirely used up in December, and that the government was now using money which was being obtained from the certificates of indebtedness floated with the banks in anticipation of the Fifth Loan, and the tax anticipation certificates, floated in anticipation of the income taxes.

During his address he told of the sales and the number of people in Gratiot who purchased on the four loans. On the first loan \$196,700 in bonds were sold to 1,539 subscribers; in the second loan \$287,500 in bonds was sold to 1,564 subscribers; in the third loan \$497,000 in bonds was sold to 4,651 subscribers and in the fourth loan \$1,024,000 was sold to 7,614 subscribers.

## DIED TUESDAY

William Constable, Old Resident Died  
Tuesday Evening at Hospital.

William Constable, and aged and highly respected citizen of this city for many years, died at Carney hospital Tuesday evening, following an attack of apoplexy on the previous day.

Mr. Constable, who for many years had been highly regarded as an expert gardener, had been living with a family about two miles out from Alma for some time. Monday he came to Alma and started to visit with a number of old friends.

He went to a restaurant for dinner and while there suffered from the attack of apoplexy which caused his death. He was taken at once to Carney hospital, where he passed away late the following day at the age of 82 years.

The funeral was held from St. John's Episcopal church this afternoon, conducted by Rev. J. Frank Jackson. The body was placed in the vault at Riverside cemetery until spring.

## ADVERTISED LETTERS

The following letters remain uncalled for at this office and if not delivered will be sent to the dead letter office March 10:

Floyd Basset, Clyde E. Beebe, Mrs. L. B. Carpenter, Helen Margaret Caldwell, Mrs. George Durgan, Miss Gladys Frank, Arthur Fox, Wm. J. Gee, M. Giffels Esq., Mr. M. Greenberg, Mrs. Gertrude H. Hoover, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Jones, Mrs. Hazel Kimball, Mr. Dug Kyse, Mr. Lester Martin, Mrs. Antonio Miller, Mrs. C. F. Nief, Mr. C. F. Nief Sr., Mr. George Parkins, Mr. C. A. Rohrbacker, Mr. George Schuyler, Mr. P. Smith, Mrs. Matilda Spencer, Miss Margaret Vogel, Rex Van Dyne, Mr. Dewey Warner, Ed Whitney.

V. P. Cash, P. M.  
Best candies. DeLuxe.—77-4f-c

## MAY CLINCH IT Victory Over Kazoo There This Week Will Tie Up the Bunting.

If the Alma college basketball team stages another such battle as that which it waged for over three quarters of last Friday's bout, when it meets Kalamazoo college at Kalamazoo Saturday night, it will sew up the championship beyond a shadow of a doubt, making the fourth title that it has robbed the Celery City college of in less than two years.

There is no question, but what the ability displayed by the Maroon and Cream in the greater part of Friday's contest was sufficient to defeat any college five in the state, and the fans are banking on the team coming through with another of these games this week. The question of floors is not expected to cut much figure in the scoring as the Kalamazoo floor is very similar to the one here, and will not give Kalamazoo much of an advantage.

There is one thing that will work greatly to the disadvantage of the Maroon and Cream and that is a game to be played Friday night at Mt. Pleasant, where the locals will run up against one of the strongest fives in the state in a non-association game. The Normals have defeated some of the strongest quintets in the state, and have only two defeats to their credit this year, one of these two being from the Maroon and Cream.

## COLLEGE AND HIGH SCHOOL BOTH VICTORS

Alma Trims Kazoo in Most Sensational  
Game Ever Played  
on Alma Floor.

Just to prove to Kalamazoo that Alma still had the Indian sign on her, and could keep Kalamazoo from winning championships, and possibly to give Kalamazoo an idea of just how good an Alma team could be, the Maroon and Cream basketball quintet spotted the visitors eleven points in the first five minutes of the M. I. A. A. titular struggle Friday night, and then just stepped out and annexed the game. The margin was only one point, but it was just as good as a hundred, better in fact. Just ask the fans.

After the first five minutes of play, with a score of 13 to 2 in favor of Kalamazoo, the green Alma five tumbled to the fact that it was not Alma fashion to allow Kalamazoo to win games and forthwith a mighty change came over the quintet, and the seemingly invincible Celery City five had lost its scoring opportunities, its offensive work, its defensive work, its heart, the game and possibly just worked itself out of the 1919 championship on which it was banking.

A brave fight against odds was never made by an Alma team. When the five opened fire with its 75's, and charged the Kalamazoo trenches, it simply battered down the five man defense which had stood the test of two championship seasons. Richards, Tebo, D. Smith, F. Smith, and Anderson, one or the other scooped through, causing such consternation in the Kalamazoo ranks, that the defense could not be pulled together until the final moments of play, when Alma had a lead of two points.

When the change came, the Alma defense changed with it, and became a regular Verdun, which could not be stormed. The highly touted Hoekstra and Emerson, who had swept aside the defense of every M. I. A. A. five that Kalamazoo had met, were completely blocked, being able to score just six points between them. McKay who had run wild the first five minutes, when he annexed five field baskets, dwindled from the size of a giant to an infant in the eyes of Tebo, Crittenden and Anderson, and from then on faded just as did the touted veterans of the Kazoo scoring machine.

Slowly, but none the less surely Alma gained back the points that she had presented to Kazoo. The first half ended 16 to 10 with the Celery eaters leading. Alma continued her pounding, battering, unflinching offensive work in the second half, and with five minutes to go had a lead of two points.

At this time Kalamazoo managed to pull her defense together and it became a question as to which defense was the stronger. Neither could then be penetrated. On two foul throws, however, the visitors annexed a point, the lost foul losing Kalamazoo her chance to tie.

It is hard to give credit for the victory to any one man. Richards, who was constantly slipping through the five man defense, worried Kazoo. He was there when needed and he was elsewhere when needed. Anderson was all over the floor, both on defense and offense. Tebo, at running guard, played the best game of the season. Crittenden, back at the stationary guard with instructions to stop Hoekstra and Emerson, stopped them so completely that they failed to figure much in the game. The two midget Smiths battled royally for Alma. Every man was in the game every minute. All deserve praise, as does Robinson who is running the team. And in giving credit for the victory, the early season work of Harry Helmer must not be forgotten. He evidently has been the pioneer

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## VOTE ON 'GOOD ROAD AMENDMENT

Frank F. Rogers Tells of the  
Importance of Good Roads  
in State.

## BETTER HIGHWAYS NEEDED

People to Have Chance to Pass on  
Measure at Election to Be  
Held in April.

Frank F. Rogers, Michigan's first graduate engineer to fill the office of State Highway commissioner and whose administration of that big department has been perhaps the brightest spot in Wolverine politics of recent years, draws some interesting deductions from the history of road building in Michigan, which shows the evolution has been toward the method of financing which calls for the use of the state's credit.

The submission of an amendment to the constitution authorizing the people, through their representatives in the legislature, to bond Michigan for a permanent, comprehensive system of main market highways is but a logical result of the march of progress in road building in the Wolverine state. "Road building in Michigan is not the simple problem it was 50 years ago," says Commissioner Rogers. "In the early days, when the roads hardly justified the term of highways, the township had entire control of road building and maintenance and maintenance in those days was a negative quantity. The great majority of the work was done by statute labor. The property owners went out on the roads with teams, men, plows, wagons and other farm tools and performed the necessary work. At least they performed such work as the overseers of the several road districts directed.

"Any Michigan farmer whose memory goes back to that age of road improvement will smile as he recalls those happy days. He will remember how haphazard was the routine and how lacking in efficiency and direction. Road work was in the nature of social gatherings in most instances. It was timed not to interfere with the routine of the farm work and being a local official, the district overseer never imposed any great burdens upon the men who were called upon under the statute to do the work. The hours were short and the work made as easy as possible. The quality of the road, so long as it was kept in reasonably passable condition, was of little importance. In the light of present day road building it was a joke. But it was a beginning and it led to better methods just as soon as the economic value of good roads began to get universal recognition.

During the last ten years 61 Michigan counties have adopted the so-called good road system. This made the county rather than the local district the unit through which road building and maintenance was administered. Under this plan a tax is levied upon the property of the county to obtain a fund for building such highways as the county road commissioners elected should be built. In the meantime, the system of state aid or state reward has been inaugurated as a further spur to the movement of good roads.

"It worked out splendidly and Michigan took long strides along the pathway of improvement. The trend of events always has been toward the big unit for control of road building and maintenance. There followed farther expansion. The so-called Covert law authorizes the state to build and supervise the building of roads and charge the cost to the abutting property and property holdings lying within a certain distance from the highway to be improved.

"The next step along the pathway of progress and toward the bigger unit of control for road building was registered when the United States government took cognizance of what the states were doing to provide good roads and inaugurated the federal aid system. Michigan has already reaped its reward from this system and is destined to get a lot more assistance from Uncle Sam. It is to pave the way for federal aid that the legislature, without a dissenting vote passed the resolution to submit to the people of the state an amendment to the constitution which will make it possible for the Wolverine state to have funds available to match the federal government, dollar for dollar, and get Michigan's share of the \$200,000,000 good roads plan to be distributed among the various states of the union.

"We now are facing probably the greatest era of road building Michigan ever has seen. The unanimous vote of the legislature submitting a constitutional amendment to the voters which will allow the state to borrow not to exceed \$50,000,000 for the improvement of highways marks the climax of the march of events in the history of road improvement in our commonwealth. It should be borne in mind by the people that the vote on April 7 is not to bond the state

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## POLITICAL PATRIOTISM

No one expected such a large registration of women would occur so soon after they were given the ballot. Even the most sanguine of suffragists never thought so many women were ready to voice their opinion at the polls. From county after county comes the news of an astonishing number of women who promptly entered their names on the registration lists. In Detroit the city hall was so thronged with applicants that the elevators broke down, and accommodations were necessitated on the first floor. Some towns are reported having more women than men on the registration books. Truly civic patriotism in Michigan women.

Best ice cream. DeLuxe.—77-4f-c

## ARCHER CAN ACT AS COMMISSIONER

Nothing in Charter to Keep  
Him Out is View of City  
Attorney J. D. Spinney.

Insinuations going the rounds to the effect that Albet J. Archer cannot hold the office of commissioner if elected by the voters of Alma, have nothing to back them up, unless one considers the wind of the alderman of the fourth ward, Mr. Fullerton, a candidate for commissioner also, as something.

It has come to The Record from two different, but reliable sources, that Mr. Fullerton, who succeeded in getting sufficient names on his initiative petition, to make him a candidate for a commissioner for a short term against Mr. Archer, Mr. Montigel, Mr. Pollasky and Mr. Cresser, has cast a doubt in some minds as to whether or not Mr. Archer could be a commissioner if elected, because of the fact that he is a member of the school board here.

For fear that some may have taken this gut of campaign wind to mean something—to really think that there is a question as to whether or not Mr. Archer could hold the office—The Record wishes to assure the voters that such is not the case.

The gentleman whose qualifications are questioned, a clean cut, capable bookkeeper, and a man truly competent to act as a commissioner of this city, might lose votes through such an insinuation, and it is possible that Mr. Fullerton might thus gain strength in this way, and it might have been it was this thought which might have prompted the insinuation from Mr. Fullerton.

The Record has gone carefully over the charter and finds nothing that would prevent Mr. Archer from taking the office if elected. It did find on page 33, a place where it is expressly stated that the department in control of the public schools shall not be construed to be a municipal department. Hence the prohibition in the charter relating to a commissioner holding any other city office, could not by even the broad imagination of Mr. Fullerton, be made to include Mr. Archer.

Not satisfied entirely with our findings, the matter was put before the city attorney, who stated that there was nothing in the charter which would keep Mr. Archer from serving as a commissioner.

Mr. Archer, himself, took the matter up with the city attorney, The Record has been informed, with a view of saving the expense of the primary election, if he could not legally hold the office under the charter.

Possibly Mr. Fullerton is viewing with alarm the strength of Mr. Archer, and feels that if a "monkey wrench" can be thrown into the works that there will be a possibility of his nomination, but The Record would like to see Mr. Fullerton treat his opponents just as well as they treat him. Every other man seems to be playing the game in a clean open-handed manner, casting no reflections on anyone, and not even asking for a vote at the primary.

## GOING GOOD

Stock Sale of Alma Grain & Lumber  
Company Progressing Well.

Up to the time of going to press 950 shares have been sold to 14 subscribers and a large number of people have been interested, but have not yet decided just how much they can take.

All realize that it is the safest and altogether the most satisfactory stock which has been offered to our citizens. The most conservative figure as to the value of the investment place the value of the Alma Grain & Lumber Co. real estate, buildings, machinery and water power at several times what we are asked to pay.

Don't wait for the committee to see you, but call them up and get your stock. Any one of the following gentlemen: C. F. Brown, D. L. Johnson, Harry Gerber, Wm. Cushing, J. M. Montigel, W. T. Naldret, J. W. Blakely and Henry H. Soule. Make this a community affair and establish in our midst a market of which we shall be proud.

Michigan grown spring wheat, extra quality for 1919 seeding \$2.40 Alma Grain and Lumber Co. 83-4f-c

Chirped and pasteurized milk now 12 cents per quart.—84-1-c

## GRATIOT CLUB HOLDS OPENING

Doors of New Clubhouse Open  
to Public for First Three  
Days.

## IS VERY HOMELIKE PLACE

Considered to Be One of the Finest  
Places of Kind in Any Small  
City or State.

The Gratiot County clubhouse was formally opened to the public on Saturday, it being the desire of the directors of the club and the members to give the public every opportunity to view the new home of the organization, which has the promise of giving the business men of Alma one of the finest recreation spots to be found in the county.

The clubhouse, located at the corner of South Woodworth and East Celery, was purchased a few months ago from Mrs. Sylvia Gaffney for \$5,000, and in remodeling and furnishing the structure about \$4,000 more has been expended by the club. The cost has been small in relation to the results which have been achieved and the members of the club are highly elated at the success with which the building and furnishing committees have met. The results achieved have been beyond the expectations of any of the members, and has made them more enthusiastic than ever over the club. It is probably one of the finest clubhouses to be found in any city in the state of approximately Alma's size, and is probably as homelike, as a club can be made to appear.

On the first floor all of the rooms have been finished with light tan ceilings and the sidewalls with a dark tan finish. The floors have their natural maple finish. Fumed oak furniture has been placed in every room except the kitchen and dining room on this floor. Dark rugs and draperies which harmonize exceedingly well with the furniture and walls have been used in each of these rooms.

Entering the clubhouse one steps into a large hall, to the left of which is the saloon. In this room is located a player piano, convenient davenport, and leather upholstered chairs and rockers.

Just to the rear of the saloon is the library and reading room. In the center of this room is a long library table upon which are placed late newspapers and magazines. A Victrola, with the same finish as the rest of the furniture, has been placed in this room for the lovers of music. In an corner of the room is a fireplace, which adds greatly to the homelike appearance of this room. Numerous chairs and a few reading lamps have been placed at convenient spots around the room for those who seek their recreation in literature.

To the rear of this room is located another in which Manager Darragh has a cigar, cigarette, and tobacco stand. Candies, soft drinks and various other things which may be craved by the members of the club are also sold.

On the north side of the house is located the dining room and kitchen. The former has not been entirely arranged as yet. It is to be finished in white enamel, with furniture to match. Manager Darragh is in hopes of being able to start the dining service by the middle of next week. He has already received applications for a number of dinner parties from various members of the club. The kitchen, while small, contains everything needed to prepare anything from a cup of coffee to a banquet.

From the large hall a stairway ascends to the second floor, opening into a large pool and billiard room. Two pool tables have already been placed in the room and it is expected that the billiard table will also be placed in the room before the week is over.

To the north of the billiard and pool room is a conference room for the directors and members of the club, and to the west of it is a room, which will be used as a card room, as soon as it is finished. On the north side to the rear of this floor are located the toilets and bath.

## WOMEN WERE DELEGATES

Mrs. William A. Bahlike and Mrs. Vincent P. Cash of this city attended the Democratic state convention at Lansing last week as delegates from this county. They were accompanied by their husbands.

William A. Bahlike, known as one of the staunch Democrats of this city, was elected as a member of the Democrat State Central committee.

## SERIES OF MEETINGS

Rev. S. F. Vance, professor of English Bible at Lane Theological Seminary, has been in Alma this week conducting a series of religious meetings at the college, which are being spoken of highly by those who have been privileged to attend them. In all there will be twelve of these religious meetings during the week.