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REPUBLICS WON FIVE IN SERIES

Saturday and Sunday Games Won Easily by Alma's Truckmakers.

GOOD HURLING THE REASON

Sherlow and Hagerman Outpitched The Best That M'Kee Could Put Up.

By winning the Saturday and Sunday games the Republic Trucks made its series with the Saginaw Aces, Michigan-Ontario leaguers, stand 5 to 1, the champs of the league being able to get away with just one lone game out of the bunch. The Truckmakers won the Saturday tilt 7 to 3, and on Sunday shut out the champs 10 to 0.

Sherlow was sent to the mound by Manager Olmsted to bring home the fifth game, and held the visitors safe until the Republics had piled up a commanding lead, when he eased up. In the late innings the leaguers scored their three runs, but at no time did they have a chance to even up with the Truckers.

Most anxious to acquire the long end of the score in the Saturday game, so as to make the series 3 and 2, Manager McKee of the Aces, sent his two best hurlers, Shriver, league leader last year, and Longmore, late of the Cleveland American club, to the mound to hold off the Republic sluggers. They couldn't hold up their end of the game, Shriver being taken for eight hits in four innings and Longmore for seven in four innings.

Hits were well bunched and used in connection with bases on balls and errors in counting the Republic runs.

SAGINAW				
	AB	R	H	O
Meehan, cf	5	0	1	5
Hagedorn, 2nd	5	0	1	3
Vitt, if	4	1	2	2
Dunkle, 1st	4	2	3	6
Wright, 3rd	2	0	0	2
Zemick, cf	4	0	1	0
Gross, ss	4	0	2	0
McDaniel, c	2	0	0	2
Shriver, p	2	0	1	0
McKee, c	2	0	0	1
Longmower, p	2	0	0	2

REPUBLICS				
	AB	R	H	O
Oakes, if	5	0	1	3
Tooley, 2nd	5	2	3	4
Chouinard, cf	5	0	2	0
Loney, 3rd	5	2	1	2
LaFluer, 1st	4	0	4	7
Desliets, cf	4	1	1	0
Smith, ss	4	1	0	2
Boyle, c	3	1	2	8
Sherlow, p	3	0	1	2

The Sunday game was too one-sided to be very interesting, as "Rip" Hagerman had the visitors eating out of his paw, at every stage of the contest. He was so effective that the leaguers secured only three hits, and fourteen men struck out. So good was his work, and that of his support, when real support was needed, that only two men got to second base, and not a one to third.

The Republics had the game stowed away in the first inning, when Tooley scored on McDaniel's throw to second to nail Loney stealing, but the scoring did not stop there. Another run was taken from the delivery of Dodge in the second inning, and in the fourth, when Manager McKee sent Worth out to warm up, a brilliant attack was centered on Dodge. Three singles came in rapid order by Loney, LaFluer and Desliets. Smith grounded out, scoring Loney. Meidell lifted one nearly to the fence for two sacks, scoring LaFluer and Desliets. Hagerman tore off another double, and then Oakes smashed out a triple. Hagerman's hit scored Meidell, and Oakes brought Hagerman home. An error on Chouinard's fly to the outfield enabled Oakes to score with the sixth run of the inning. Loney's triple paved the way for two more in the seventh. LaFluer (Continued on page eight)

ARTIST COMING HERE

Arrangements have been made to bring Hortense Nielsen to Alma college Friday, May 21, at 8:15 p. m. in Henrek Ibsen's play, "A Doll's House." Miss Nielsen is said to be America's foremost impersonator. She is a protegee of Mme. Helen Modjeska and has given recitals in over 1000 colleges and universities. This is an unusual literary treat, as too few of the real artists come to Alma, and an opportunity of this kind should draw a very big house. Miss Nielsen will also appear at 10 o'clock.

Must have ready money. Special prices in every department at The Gaffney Store shop—adv.

BENEFIT SHOW

George Myers Post to Have Benefit at Regent.

Through the kindness of the management of the Regent theatre, the George W. Myers Post No. 132, American Legion, will present Bert Lyttel in Gilbert Parker's great story "The Right of Way" next Tuesday and Wednesday, both matinee and night, May 18 and 19. The local post will not share in any of the receipts at the box office during the time "The Right of Way" is being shown, so in order to make the purchase of tickets beneficial to the legion they should be bought from one of the members. The ticket will be good for any show during these two days. Plan on going Wednesday night, because of the large crowds which will be in attendance Tuesday night.

The American Legion wishes to take this means of expressing their thanks to Mr. Brown for his generosity in offering the theatre for the benefit of former service men. You may help the legion to show its gratitude more materially by purchasing your tickets from the representatives of the American Legion.

The picture itself is well worth seeing, regardless of the fact that the proceeds are going to help support a good cause, and boost the membership drive which will be on during that week.

AMERICAN LEGION

PLANS CAMPAIGN

All Posts of Organization Will Strive to Secure Many New Members.

The American Legion will hold a campaign for new members the week of May 17-22 that will be "different."

The Great American public, which has been the "drive" in so many intensive efforts of the last several years, has cultivated a fine taste in campaigns. It has come to be able to spot a good drive from one that is poorly handled. It can distinguish points of variety in a campaign. It has become a connoisseur in appeal.

The public, then, will be quick to recognize the essential difference of this American Legion effort.

In the first place it is not a "drive" but a "push." Back in the dim days of the early war, publicity experts borrowed the word "drive" from the slang of the day. Everyone who went out after something fell into the easy habit of calling his campaign a "drive." Then, when it came time for the men who really knew what a war "drive" was to go out after new members for their Legion, they found that the word "drive" was as puncheon as a blank cartridge.

They had to dig themselves up a new word. So they called their campaign a "push." Which is a great deal like a "drive," except that it goes farther in implying relentless effort and resistless force.

Only some three million men are eligible to take active benefit of the Legion campaign. The organization now has enrolled more than a million and a half former men and women, leaving some three million who can belong, but do not.

The Legion has no intention of passing up the general public. The Legion keenly desires to interest every American in its "push" because it believes it is to every American's interest to be interested, which is not as ambiguous as it sounds.

PROCLAMATION

Governor Designates Ship-by-Truck and Good Roads Week.

WHEREAS, the ever-increasing needs of quick transportation for short distances are growing constantly greater; and

WHEREAS, Thousands of tons of farm produce are allowed to go to waste because of unimproved highways and lack of quick means of transportation to the nearest markets; and

WHEREAS, The high cost of living will be materially reduced by furnishing this convenient market; and

WHEREAS, Merchandise of all kinds can be cheaply and expeditiously shipped to and fro by truck;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Albert E. Sleeper, Governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim the week beginning Monday, May 17th, 1920, as Ship-by-Truck and Good Roads Week in Michigan, and I hereby call upon all farmers, merchants and others interested in transportation matters and the betterment of our highways to meet during that week in their respective communities to consider the serious problems which are apparent in our Commonwealth as to the transportation of produce and supplies.

Given under my hand and official seal, at the Capitol, in Lansing, this 28th day of April, A. D. 1920.

Albert E. Sleeper, Governor.

Subscribers, Attention!

The Price of The Record is Increased to \$2.00 a Year \$2.50 to Outside of Michigan

Beginning June 1st the price of The Alma Record will be increased to \$2.00 per year for Michigan subscribers and \$2.50 outside of state. All paid in advance subscribers will receive the paper as per contract until expiration of subscription. All arrearages previous to June 1st may be paid at the old price of \$1.50.

We regret to be obliged to take this step but the steadily and rapidly increasing cost of print paper makes it absolutely necessary if The Record is to continue. We shall make every effort to give the community a high class newspaper and we ask your co-operation in this unusual emergency.

THE STRAND OPENS SATURDAY

Alma's New \$100,000 Theater Will Be Completed Before Week Is Ended.

IS A MODERN SHOW HOUSE

Equipment of Place Includes a \$10,000 Orchestral Pipe Organ.

The long-looked-for opening of Alma's new \$100,000 Strand theatre will take place next Saturday. Seldom, if ever, has any local event aroused such keen interest among people of all ages, and the occasion warrants it, as Alma is justly proud of possessing the largest, finest and most completely equipped theatre of any town in the state, outside of the Cities.

Believing that the people of Alma and surrounding territory will be interested in some of the items that go into construction and equipment of a modern theatre, we have secured the following facts for your consideration:

The Strand will seat 940 people, which is approximately three times the capacity of the Idlehour. This will insure everyone of a good seat without waiting, at least until the town gets to be considerable larger than it is now. The seats will be found very comfortable, being twenty inches wide, or two inches wider than those in the Idlehour.

A fully equipped stage with every modern appliance will make it possible to stage any production that can be shown in any other theatre in the state. Vaudeville will be shown two days each week, and beginning in the fall, road shows of the best class will be presented from time to time.

A new \$10,000 orchestra pipe organ has been installed, and will be in the hands of Mr. Victor Gipe of Detroit, who is considered one of the best "picture players" in the state. The really fine music which will be the regular order at the Strand will undoubtedly prove one of the most attractive features, and one which will draw patronage for the house from many miles around.

The ventilation, which is one of the most important items in theatre building, has been given the most careful and expert consideration. Five 48 inch Swarthout ventilators in the roof, with twelve 36 inch grills in the ceiling, together with two 36 inch air returns under the floor, numerous stacks in the walls, and a large air inlet from outdoors, give assurance of an abundance of fresh air in constant circulation. This not only means a healthful condition in cold weather, but a comfortable temperature prevails outside.

A complete auxiliary power plant consisting of a 15 Kilowatt generator and 30 h. p. motor which will operate on gasoline, kerosene or city gas, has been installed for emergency service in case of trouble at the electric light company's plant, necessitating a temporary shutdown. This will mean that The Strand will continue to run no matter what happens outside.

A well has been drilled in the basement, connected to an automatic electric pump and pressure tank, supplying the entire theatre with fresh, pure water. This includes the faucets in the toilet and rest rooms, that have been provided for both men and women. An automatic gas tank heater will also supply the lavatories with hot water at all times.

Every item of equipment throughout is brand new, and of the very latest pattern and best quality.

In connection with the theatre, an icecream parlor, known as the Strand Sweet Shop will be conducted by A. H. Wilcox. A magnificent beautiful fountain will dispense cooling draughts that would delight the palate of an epicure. Purity of materials and skilled care in their preparation will undoubtedly do much to build the success of this branch of the enterprise in the opinion of the management.

The Strand Theater is owned by L. Francis Murphy, R. L. Spitzley and

H. H. Esselstyn of Detroit, and the confidence they have displayed in Alma's future growth is worthy of the highest commendation and support.

The management will be in the hands of C. A. Miller, who has successfully steered a course for the Idlehour for nearly four years, and is well known in the community.

Mr. Miller has asked us to bring particular emphasis to bear on one fact: That The Strand is not catering to any one class of people—it is for all the people. The man from the factory or farm is just as welcome in his working clothes as in his "Sunday best." You don't have to be "Dressed up" to go to The Strand. Much thought has been given to making it attractive and complete, and it is dedicated to the wholesome enjoyment of every man, woman and child who cares to attend.

The general contract work on the Strand Theater was handled by Fred L. Broughton and Son, to whom much credit is due for the excellence of construction and the speed with which the building has been completed under the most unfavorable weather and material conditions.

The electrical work is by the Gratiot Gratiot Electric Co. and the Alma Electric & Battery Co., the plumbing and sheet metal work is by L. G. Thornton, draperies by Mr. Campbell of D. W. Robinson & Co., heating system by Mr. Deana of the Holland Furnace Co., and scenery by Cornell Studios, Detroit.

GLEE CLUB

Girls' Glee Club Presented Pleasing Program.

The Girls' Glee Club of Alma College who have been studying throughout the school year under the direction of Prof. Hosmer and later under Prof. Royer, gave a very pleasing program in the college chapel, Tuesday evening. The first part of the program, classical in nature, consisted of songs by the glee club, quartets, and solos, all of which were well rendered. Miss Hughes in her whistling solo, "Swanoo," generously responded to an enthusiastic encore as did also Miss Young who sang "A Birthday" by Woodman.

After a short intermission and a piano solo by Miss Purdy who acted as accompanist throughout the concert, the glee club returned to the stage in costume to present the latter half of the program which though of a lighter nature, proved equally entertaining and was equally well rendered. Especially enjoyable was "Amaryllis" and "Allah's Holiday" both given by the entire club while the sextettes, "Nursery Rhyme Suite" and "Pan Cake Song," were equally well done as was "There was an Old Woman" given by the club.

Miss Blicke in her reading in which she personified the inquisitive and officious personage in a railroad depot waiting for a train which was long in coming, proved very amusing and acted the part well. The concert closed with the singing of the Alma College song by club and audience.

NEW TRUSTEES

Local Woman and Detroit on Alma College Board.

Three women are now members of the board of trustees of Alma college. Mrs. J. H. Lancashire, Mrs. William A. Bahlke and Mrs. Oren Scotlen.

Mrs. William A. Bahlke of this city, and Mrs. Oren Scotlen of Detroit are new members of the board, just selected. Mrs. Bahlke has, for a number of years, been a member of the advisory board for Wright Hall, and is well known about the college, in which she has been deeply interested. Mrs. Scotlen of Detroit, has been well known throughout the state for a number of years because of her church and social activities. The selection of these two women as members of the board is expected to prove highly popular.

Mrs. J. H. Lancashire, the third woman on the board, is a daughter of the late Amos W. Wright, the great benefactor of the college.

THREE FIRE ALARMS

The Alma fire department was called out three times Friday by blazes in various parts of the city, but only one, that at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Scattergood did any great damage. The fire at the Scattergood home was a roof blaze and caused a damage of only a few hundred dollars.

Don't miss the opening of the new Strand Theatre, Saturday—adv

HOME SERVICE FUND CAMPAIGN

Annual Drive of Salvation Army Is To Be Started in Near Future.

MAYOR COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Murphy Will Have Aid of Reece, Legion Commander in the Big Drive.

Mayor Charles Murphy, of Alma, has volunteered to serve as chairman of the Gratiot county citizens' committee for service to humanity.

The committee is organizing to enroll the friends of humanitarian activities generally during the period of 1920 appeal for Home Service through the Salvation Army. Mayor Murphy has associated with him H. E. Reece of the Republic Motor Truck Co., as secretary, and the company has offered to dispense with Mr. Reece's services during the period of the appeal in order that he may assist. Carl H. Washburn, who was treasurer of the citizens' committee last year, is serving in a like capacity in this organization.

H. S. Babcock, editor of the Alma Record, is chairman of the publicity committee.

Mayor Murphy is extending his organization to every section of the county. The Salvation Army tambourine has gone its way and will appear no more as a means of collecting funds for the home service activities of the Army," he said this week. "It is up to the citizens of every local community to provide for home service, and I am eager to do my share and have my friends do likewise, toward helping our less fortunate fellow men. I know of no organization better fitted to do this sort of thing than the Salvation Army, whose record of service at home and abroad during the war and in time of peace, has been sufficient proof to me that it is the answer to our problems of Americanization."

The American Legion has recognized the value of this wonderful force for good citizenship, and I call upon all my good fellow citizens of Gratiot county to join me in placing our county on record to help the fellow who is down."

DENBYS HERE

Strong Detroit Team to Meet Republic Trucks in Two Games.

The strong Denby Motor Truck Company team of Detroit will be in Alma Saturday and Sunday for two games with the Republic Trucks, who flush from their five victories in the six game series with the Saginaw Aces, will be a hard team for the Detroiters to stop.

The Denby team is a strong aggregation, possibly the strongest in Detroit, with a string of four good hurlers. Among this list is Foster, with the Coppers last year, who won a 2 to 1 game from the Alma team; Schultz, of the Toledo American Association team, Weaver and LaBond included in the balance of the lineup are a number of former league stars, which give promise of a nine that will keep the Republics traveling at top speed to defeat.

The same lineup that went out and smashed down the defenses of the Saginaw Aces, will be used by the Truckmakers in the two games with the Detroit team. It is probable that Hagerman will pitch the Saturday game and Sherlow or Trukey the Sunday bill. Both games will start at 2:30.

SHE FEELS FINE NOW

Aches and pains often indicate kidneys out of order. Your kidneys surely need help—and quickly—when your hands or feet are swollen and you feel dull and sluggish, lose your appetite and your energy and there is a puffy look under the eyes. Mrs. L. Gibson, 12th and Edison St., LaJenta, Colo., writes: "My kidneys were giving me a great deal of trouble for some time. I took Foley Kidney Pills and they helped me right away. I feel fine now."

Sold Everywhere in Alma—adv
Buy the best. Buy DeLuxe.—77-c

PROCLAMATION

Clean Up and Paint Up Campaign to Start May 17.

The following proclamation regarding Clean Up and Paint Up week has been issued by Mayor Charles R. Murphy:

Know all men, women and children by these presents:

That, whereas the National Clean Up and Paint Up campaign has resulted in many advantages to community life throughout the United States,

In safeguarding health; In promoting thrift; In furthering fire prevention; In stimulating civic pride; and, In making the "Home and City Beautiful."

Now, Therefore, Be it known that plans are being formulated for a thorough Clean Up and Paint Up campaign in the City of Alma beginning Monday, May 17, 1920.

This date to mark the opening of a real campaign of persistent and constructive effort in cleaning up and keeping it up. In this worthy movement we urge each citizen to do his or her part to make our community clean, healthy, thrifty, safe and beautiful.

All rubbish should be collected and left in a convenient place on alley line and the same will be removed by the City Street Dept. when notified. (Signed) Charles R. Murphy, Mayor.

THOMAS PULLED OFF CLEVER HOLDUP HERE

Has Admitted to Officers That His Story of Robbery Was a Fake.

Recently released from the toils, hard up, with only a little "chicken feed" in his pockets, no prospects of a meal, and with no place to sleep, Louis Thomas of Bay City found it very convenient Tuesday evening to be held up, choked, slugged, robbed, bound and gagged, as a means of procuring a real meal, a good decent place to sleep, perhaps a dollar or two, or a job, it is said.

It was a startling story that came to the city hall Tuesday evening, and sent officers, reporters and others out into the country as rapidly as gasoline-consuming vehicles could make the trip. It was a story of a holdup by hold, bad men, who had robbed young Thomas of thirty dollars that he had carried in a bill-fold in his hip pocket. The story that he told was a good one, and really convincing.

He told Oscar Vibber, chief of police, of having come to Alma Tuesday to visit a friend. Not finding him home he roamed around town, met two young men, one of whom was called Chris. They invited him to attend a party out in the country, and on the way to the party, he told of the two men having slugged him, choked him, tying his hands behind him, robbing him of his money, and otherwise abusing him. The robbers of leaving him had gone north.

After bringing Thomas back to Alma officers started north looking for the robbers. Someone thought that they saw them in Shepherd and thought that they went east from that place. So the officers continued to look for them.

Last night Chief Vibber had an interview with Thomas, with whom he made an acquaintance about six years ago, when a rig was stolen here. Before the interview had ended Thomas had told his story. The entire robbery had been a frame-up, it was said; framed up that Thomas might find some charitable inclined people, who would take him in, feed him, give him a place to sleep, and perhaps a job. He was broke. He was down and out, simply was seeking to obtain help by drawing attention to himself in this way.

He is now being held in the local jail, until Ora L. Smith, prosecutor for the county, decides what to do with the young man.

BUY BONDS

Counties Must Buy Bonds for State Roads to Be Built.

A member of the state highway department was in Alma the first of the week and it was then learned that if the state road plans for Gratiot county go through this year, that it will be necessary for Gratiot to purchase the bonds with which the work will be done.

This will mean that Gratiot county must interest itself in the road proposition to the extent of about \$300,000, but it is assured that if the bonds are purchased in the county that the work will be started at once.

The work that has been planned in this county during the present year will include the paving of the trunk lines in Ithaca, St. Louis and Alma together with the St. Louis-Alma road, and the road four miles west from Alma it is understood.

Such a program would be of immense value to the county, and it is apparently needful that some steps be taken in Gratiot county to secure the purchase of bonds to the extent of about \$300,000 in order to insure the work being done this year.

There is little question, but what such a bond sale can be put over in Gratiot county, if there is some united effort behind the move, and Gratiot will become one of the first counties in the state to have its 1920 trunk line roads put in.

APPOINTMENTS MADE TUESDAY

Attempt Made to Keep Vibber From Being Made Police Chief Again.

HAD STAR CHAMBER SESSION

Fight Waged Behind Closed Doors Over the Selection of a Suitable Officer.

As was predicted in last week's Alma Record only one real scrap developed, over the appointments of the city officials for the coming year, at the meeting of the city commission Tuesday evening, this coming, as had been anticipated, over the appointment of a chief of police, which again went to Oscar Vibber, after a long executive session behind closed doors.

While little that went on during the executive session is known, and this little from the fact that at times the voices of the commissioners went to a more than ordinary pitch, it is a certainty that the fight to oust the chief was a strong one, in which it is believed that not only politics endeavored to play a part, but evidently private grudges also attempted to achieve their ends in the fight. It is hard to pin the fight over the appointment down to any one definite thing, however, because of the quiet method that was used in putting up the battle that was waged against Vibber. It is believed that some weeks were used in the preparation that led up to the attempt to oust the chief.

During the week previous to the appointment, friends of Vibber started working for him, with a view of nailing the reappointment for another year. The Civic league endorsed him, and petitions for him were generally signed by the business men with whom he comes in contact more than with any other class in the city.

Just what happened behind the closed doors of the commission chamber is a mystery for the most part, except for those few times when the voices were raised in an effort to sound home a certain point. A story that sounded very much like Mayor Murphy's stated once during the evening that threat of the recall had been made if Vibber was re-appointed by the commission, and that a certain party had been in his store and stated that he would lose a hundred patrons if Vibber was given the re-appointment. He was also heard to say that this had changed his opinion in the matter. It was thought to have been the voice of Commissioner Chick that also stated that the same remark about losing patrons had been made to him. Both evidently were in favor of Mr. Vibber's re-appointment. On the final vote regarding the re-appointment, it was not necessary for Mayor Murphy to vote on the proposition. The vote on the appointment stood as follows: Yeas—Commissioners Chick, Glass and Creaser. Nays—Commissioner Archer.

There was very little discussion over the other appointments that were made. In most instances the same office-holders were re-appointed and are as follows:

- City Manager—Wm. E. Reynolds.
- City Clerk—Jessie Wolford.
- City Treasurer—Delos W. Adams.
- City Attorney—James G. Kress.
- City Physician—John N. Day.
- Chief of Police—Oscar Vibber.
- Chief of Fire Dept.—I. F. Sartor Jr.
- Board of Review, 3 years—Ransom J. Fraker.
- Board Special Assessors, 3 years—Fred Bradford.
- Board of Special Assessors, to fill vacancy—Mrs. Adeline Page.
- Constables—William E. Wilcox and Otto Rawley.

START REMODELING

Telephone System Starts Rebuilding Its Alma System.

The work of rebuilding the Alma plant of the Union Telephone company, has been started, but for the time being is confined to the remodeling of the offices, after which the entire outside system is to be relaid. The cost of the entire work is expected to be approximately \$95,000.

The Union Telephone company has secured the entire east end of the second floor of the Opera House block for its offices. The operating room will be where the offices and operating room are now located. In this will be two new switchboards, which have been purchased at an expense of \$27,800. The switchboards are known as the Universal common battery boards.

The former offices of Page & Markham will be remodeled into a locker room, and the former offices of Dr. Maynard Pringle will be used as a rest room for the operators. The business office of the company will be located where the former Sharrar & Watson offices were located in this structure.

As soon as this interior work has been finished, the company will start work on its outside plant. New wiring will be installed all through the city, except for the underground cables.

You will find the best bread in Butter Cup wrappers. 02-14-c
Best ice cream. DeLuxe.—77-c