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**TERMS**—\$1.25 per year in advance; 50c for six months; 30c for three months. Rates of advertising made known on application. Office south side Superior street, near corner Woodworth avenue.

C. F. Brown visited Lyons Monday. Easter comes April 10th this year. Did you hear the thunder Wednesday night?

Ed. R. Schweier, of Shepherd, was in town on business Wednesday.

The teachers and pupils of the union school enjoyed a holiday Tuesday.

Miss Maggie Mero, of Charlotte, is in town visiting Mrs. J. F. Suydam.

Only one state in the Union that ranks above Michigan in inventive talent.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Watts visited friends in Ithaca the greater part of last week.

John Salmon, of Breckenridge, is selling his goods and preparing to move to New Zealand.

Alma appears to be upon the track of a large-sized sensation. About next week there will undoubtedly be plenty of particulars.

The Masons will have as finely an arranged hall as there is in Michigan. Work upon it is progressing finely and the dedication will not be far in the future.

Six mails per day now arrive at the Alma postoffice and nine go out from it, so it will be readily seen that there is not much time for idling in that institution.

The sleighing is getting a little thin once more in this vicinity. South of Ionia everything goes on wheels, sleighing having been a minus quantity for some time past.

The farmers having stone to sell are reaping quite a little harvest here now. From the large quantities purchased it would seem that a building boom was anticipated.

S. A. Smith, formerly manager of the Wright House, is now chief clerk in the Kirkwood, Detroit. It is hardly necessary to add that the Alma travelers will patronize the Kirkwood hereafter.

B. S. Webb, formerly of DeWitt and now engaged in the drug business at Alma, was in St. Johns on Tuesday. He reports his business as flourishing and Alma booming—St. Johns *Republican*.

The motto of the Alma Record is "devoted to the interests of Alma and vicinity," and loyally does Miss Fleming, the editor and publisher, adhere to the spirit and letter of the motto.—*Detroit Dispatch*.

There is an old belief that thunder storms coming early in the spring are sure to be followed by severe weather. It seemed Thursday morning as though there might be some truth in it, for the air was decidedly frosty.

A sign has been placed upon the store adjoining that of W. L. Hough & Co., which reads something like this: "Rouk & Baughman, of Charlotte, will occupy this store March 10, with a new and complete stock of dry goods." Elm Hall *Local and Detroit News*, please copy.

Quite a delegation of our solid business men have been in Lansing this week looking after the Pine River annexation question. St. Louis is making strenuous efforts to defeat the project, but the prevailing opinion among the Alma people who are posted on the question seems to be that the justice of the measure is recognized and that the bill will pass when the right time comes.

L. D. Rodman, the ice man, has been doing a lively business this season, as the following few figures will show: He has cut 1,136 cords, 200 of which have been shipped to Ithaca; 30 cords to Ashley; 200 cords sold to the farmers in this vicinity; and 700 cords stored here in Alma. He has paid for labor, \$52.02 during the winter of 1886-7. It will be seen that this is quite an industry and we doubt if any other town in Michigan, of the same size, can show a better record.

Editor Brown, of the Mt. Pleasant Tribune, is never happy unless he's in trouble. Not satisfied with a threatened kicking from Major Long, of the soldiers' home, Brown devoted a column of his Tribune Friday to serious charges against the father of Mrs. Eva Doughty, (the lady is one of the editors of the Mt. Pleasant Enterprise) and Saturday evening Mrs. Doughty met the redoubtable 200-pounder at the post office. She horsewhipped him, and effectively, and Sunday passed without Brown dropping the usual punched nickel into the church contribution box.—*Evening Journal*.

Mayor Hill, of East Saginaw, was in town Wednesday.

Chestnutty "new" maple sugar is making its appearance.

It is rumored that Alma is to have another saloon—a high-toned one, this time.

J. M. Ashley and W. H. Bennett, of the T. A. A. & N. M. R'y were in town Tuesday.

Rev. A. F. Hart went to Ionia Monday, to spend a few days there with friends.

Rev. E. B. Sutton, state temperance lecturer, will speak in the M. E. church Friday evening, March 4, upon "Home vs. the Saloon."

T. A. Miller left town Thursday for a trip to East Saginaw and Flint, combining business and pleasure. He will return Saturday.

A Model jobber has been added to the Record job outfit, and with our three steam presses the work is turned out at a lively rate.

Ye editor and one of the Alma pedagogues visited Lyons Tuesday. A short account of the sights seen there may be found elsewhere in this issue.

Dr. L. N. Brainard severed his connection with the Normal school last Friday. Dr. B. is an excellent instructor and the Normal people are, of course, sorry to lose him. We have not learned what his plans for the future are.

At Kalkaska last Friday a shower of ashes fell, covering the snow to the depth of half an inch and frightening those of the busy citizens who had time to remember the fate of Herculaneum, Pompeii, and other cities of the effete east.

Friday evening, March 2nd, the first lecture of the course will be delivered by Wm. I. Marshall. He tells about the wonders of the Yellowstone National Park, and illustrates his lecture by over fifty fine views. Admission 50 cents, or season ticket, good for five lectures, \$1.50.

The dance given Tuesday evening by Messrs. Stutz and Button proved to be quite an enjoyable affair. The attendance was good and we have heard a number speak of the excellent music furnished by the new dance orchestra which, it is hoped, may become a permanent organization.

The firm of Chadwick & Waldbly was dissolved the first of the week. Mr. Chadwick keeps two of the heavy teams and will continue to do heavy draying as before. Mr. Waldbly has entered into partnership with Mr. L. D. Rodman, so long in the business, and Waldbly & Rodman will carry express and mail and do light draying.

Saturday, March 5, is the day of the regular annual meeting of the Ladies' Library Association, when officers are to be elected as follows: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Librarian and Assistant, and three Directors. A full meeting is urgently requested.

CATHARINE DELAVAN,  
Secretary.

It may not be generally known, but it is a fact, that many of the sharpest business men of the country judge a town as to its prospective growth and the push and enterprise of its people, by the announcements of its merchants and manufacturers contained in the village paper. The village paper shows whether the people are wide awake or not.

Some six weeks ago the quarterly catalogue of the Normal was sent to Detroit to be printed, as the principal of the school was in a great hurry for them. The Record had made an bid on the job, bidding nearly the same as the Detroit firm, but as only 10 days could be given us in which to print the 3,000 catalogues, beside doing our regular work, we thought best to tell Prof. Weststead what we thought about the matter and let him send away if he chose, because we should be sorry to take the work and not have it completed at the time agreed. Six weeks ago to-day the work was sent to the Detroit firm which promised faithfully to have it done and delivered at the end of ten days. The first of this week one of the completed catalogues came with a letter stating that the 3,000 had just been shipped. A hasty look through the book brought to light 125 errors, some of which are very "rank"—and all showing great carelessness to say the least. Prof. Weststead's feelings can be imagined. After all the tedious delay to have such a job sent back made him very tired, indeed. He will not accept the job, and says that the Record shall have his work hereafter whether we can get it out in ten days or not. Our job rooms are fully equipped and if a reasonable length of time is given we guarantee as good a job as can be gotten outside, and our patrons will not be obliged to wait six weeks and then not accept it.

G. Paul Smith, the third in the Dunbar course, will be here March 22nd and 23rd. Yaple's date has not been given yet.

Where you observed that long dash in the article describing the "Bee Hive" stores, last week, just put in 32850 feet and it will read better.

Wednesday's *Free Press* contained the following dispatch from Mt. Pleasant, dated Feb. 23: At about 4 o'clock this afternoon 500 citizens, gentlemen and ladies, marched to the residence of Mrs. J. R. Doughty, who last Saturday horsewhipped editor Brown, and presented her with two elegant chairs costing \$50. The procession of teams and footmen was headed by the coronet band. They marched back in front of Brown's office, where a scaffold was erected and Brown hung in effigy. Great excitement prevails and fatal results are feared unless the libelous publications are stopped.

As the time for township meetings is near, it becomes the duty of those who have the care of our village interests to see to it that nothing is left undone, which should be done at such meetings, which will tend to our prosperity. Much can often be done by way of a judicious choice of men to fill the several township offices. To this end it is necessary that we know what we want done, and we may choose the right man for the right place. Some time ago we called attention to the importance of having the road opened directly east of town for two miles. All the developments since that time have not only gone to prove the truthfulness of the thing advanced, but that it was not in terms strong enough to ensure the urgent necessity for the improvement referred to. This road, we think, should receive prompt attention. Another much-needed improvement is the opening of that portion of the spatter-line road north of town which lies in section 17. This done, would save two miles travel in the round trip to those on the north in coming to our town, while mileage will cause more money to go to St. Louis every year than the said improvement would cost. Now let us go south of town on the "center line" roads; here we find the road very good for two miles, then one mile of poor road and then one of no road at all. Well, what of all that? Simply this: Those who live on the town line and south of there, if they come to our village are compelled to go within one of Ithaca, or else to go two miles west and then make the same distance east again to reach Alma and to return over the same road would make the distance for the round trip eight miles more than it ought to be. The most of us would think that a long way when the roads are muddy at least. Now readers of the Record, these are no fancy figures but stern facts, and facts too, which should receive consideration and prompt and decided action on the part of those interested in the prosperity of our village. Let us remember that the trade and patronage of the farmers around us is not compelled to come. There are trading points and marketing places all around us. We may build magnificent buildings, fill them with everything that the trade demands and beautify our streets, but unless we open avenues of ingress to our town, business must languish. Come now, let us resolve ourselves into a committee of the whole and see to it that this work is all done before the first day of November next, and let us be on the alert for other needed improvements to our village.

The law creating an additional Judge of the Supreme Court has passed both houses of the legislature and has received the approval of the Governor. The court as heretofore constituted consists of four Judges; by this new law the court will hereafter consist of five Judges, thus precluding any possibility of a tie when a full bench is present. In accordance with the provisions of the law, two Judges will be elected this spring, one for ten years and one for eight; and hereafter one Judge will be elected every two years, the term of office being ten years.—*Exchange*.

William Steady had a horse taken ill yesterday morning and brought it from his home at Prairie Creek to Dr. Anderson's at Montgomery's livery stable. The physician gave the animal some medicine that relieved it, and Mr. S. took her home. Late last night he heard a great noise at the barn and by the time he had dressed himself he saw the horse go by the window at a terrific pace. He gave chase and found her in front of the livery stable, rolling in the snow. She had grown worse, kicked down the barn door and made her way to where she had first received relief. When given more medicine she took it with the seeming knowledge that it would do her good.—*Ionia Mail*.

### A Visit to Lyons.

Having read the numerous reports concerning the devastation and ruin wrought at Lyons during the past two weeks by the ice-gorge and consequent flood, we determined to visit the scene and see if all that has been said could really be true. It did not take us long to conclude, after arriving there, that there had been but little exaggeration. On Tuesday, the day of our visit, the water stood from two to three feet deep all through the greater part of the main street. The sidewalk had been washed away or else smashed into kindling wood, and a sort of trestle work, consisting of stray boards laid upon wooden horses bridged over the flooded portion of the street. For the length of nearly two blocks on the south side of the street the stores are empty, the stocks having been moved out when the danger first became apparent. These stores present a sorry appearance, the floors being covered with water and here to the depth of several inches, and the doors and part of the windows often missing. At the foot of the hill the water had subsided so that the stores were again opened for business, but it hardly needed a glance to see that they had not escaped their share of the experience as the boxes were damp and warped and of all kinds of shape. The Exchange hotel, a large brick building on the north side of the street, is not entertaining guests yet, but is waiting to get the ice and water out of the office—some rooms used to be most of the first-class. Portions of this building, the water stood for some time just over with the top of the building posts had gone down quite a little before the day of our visit. Prices were not in good condition for travel—unless one was contented with the many beds and cots which lined the streets and were supposed as the lodging posts in lieu of the usual rooms. Access to but few buildings on this street was possible, the water being yet deep and impassable looking. One cannot realize what the town has been through until a passage made to the flats just below town, where the ice is packed, weighed and dumped into all manner of shapes, and where there is not a piece weighing less than 100 pounds, and from that up to pieces as large as a loaded wagon, weighing many tons. This is what has made the town suffer, for when these enormous pieces struck a building something had to get out of the way, and the buildings usually gave up the fight. This same condition exists for about three miles down the river, and heroic efforts were being made at the lower end of this enormous jam to loosen the ice by the use of dynamite. There was a way of getting down where the blasting was in progress unless one felt like walking, so we passed one interesting feature. The Cornell factory is probably the only one left up and if Mr. Cornell had come to Alma, as he thought of doing one day, he would now believe the entire side of his business department was crushed in and he would be a loser in other respects. The new iron bridge still stands its ground, although it was feared that it would be carried out. The Bank and Postoffice are doing business in the basement of the M. E. church, and private houses are thrown open to the visitors and sight-seers. The only sounds of life we heard during our stay of 3 or 4 hours, was the explosion of dynamite every minute or so, and the scraping of the shovels as the ice was laboriously dug out of some deserted shop.

It would be strange if the people were not discouraged and disheartened. They are exceedingly so. Lyons is not a first-class business town at the best and it is feared that it will be a long time in recovering from this set back. While some claim that the damage is not over \$1,500,000, those in a position to know, say that \$20,000 is not a dollar too high. Nearly 600 people are destitute of every thing and are being cared for until they can get back to their homes, and even then they must be assisted as their all has been swept away. The generous \$1,500,000 appropriation will do this however, and it is fondly hoped that the worst is now over and that the danger and anxiety are at an end. The flood of '37 will be long remembered in that vicinity by those who have suffered through it and also by those who have seen the sorry looking town it has made of Lyons.

Dr. Dawney has been on the sick list the most of the week.

Wesley Harrison, of Lincoln, was in town Tuesday and Wednesday on business.

Marcus Pollasky has been in Lansing the most of the time during the past two weeks.

"Free bus to the McCarty House," will soon be heard, as a new bus for that house has recently been ordered of J. M. Montigel & Co.

### Alma Church Notes.

**SUCCESS OF MISSIONS.**  
During less than one hundred years the number of translations of the word of God has increased five-fold—from fifty to two hundred and fifty; of Protestant Missionary societies, fourteen-fold—from seven to one hundred; of male missionaries, eighteen-fold—from one hundred and seventy to three thousand; of contributions forty-fold—from two hundred and fifty thousand to ten million dollars; of converts fifty-fold—from fifty thousand to two and a half million; of mission schools, two hundred fold—from seventy to upwards of fourteen thousand.

**CONGREGATIONAL.**  
Ladies social met with Mrs. Dr. Curtis, Wednesday. A very pleasant time. Mrs. A. Yerington is doing a good work in leading the morning choir and also the Sabbath school in the service of song.

Prof. C. Yerington has organized a choir for the evening service from students at the Normal with Miss Spain as organist. This movement will be duly appreciated.

**Normal Notes.**  
Three thousand new catalogues have just arrived from Detroit, but will be returned as they do not give satisfaction.

Miss Kimball has organized an art class at St. Louis and has met with much success from the citizens of that town.

A debating society was organized last week, which promises to be a success. The society meets every Monday in the Chapel.

The literary which was postponed last Friday, on account of the bad weather, will be given Friday evening at 8 o'clock standard.

New students have arrived week this term and the number has steadily increased from 65 to 102. The Dormitory is now full every room being occupied. This is the first time since the school has been opened that there has been occasion to use every room in the building.

The Normal has now one of the most complete business courses in the State. The Actual Business room has been furnished at a cost of \$300. From 2 to 4 o'clock every afternoon the offices are open for business transactions. Two cities are represented, containing banks wholesale, retail, commission and lumber firms. A postoffice and freight office is located in each city. A cordial invitation is extended to all to visit this class.

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