

# ALMA RECORD

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WHOLE NO. 839.

## Additional Local

Tom Pringle went to Mt. Pleasant last Monday.

The pay roll of the Sanitarium Co. is \$2,100.10 per month.

Mrs. Ella F. Ellison went to Toledo Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Anna Ringle visited friends in North Star last Sunday.

Harris Snyder of Elwell died of the grip last Thursday night.

C. E. Powell of the Chicago Newspaper Union was in Alma Thursday.

Hon. E. B. Green of Olivet was here on business Friday and Saturday.

E. C. Crane, the famous baritone of Detroit, was in Alma Wednesday.

Mrs. E. H. Bigelow of Sumner died last Thursday evening of consumption.

Prof. and Mrs. J. T. Ewing entertained friends at tea Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Ella F. Downie leaves today for a two weeks' visit in Detroit and Lansing.

Henry Brewbaker reports lots of corn coming in at the Roller Mills these days.

Mrs. D. D. Whitesell was in Grand Rapids Friday and Saturday after new goods.

A brother of O. W. Rogers of Saranac will move to Alma, and engage in business.

Mrs. G. M. Bilsdon left Thursday to spend several weeks with her parents near Ola.

Mrs. John W. S. Pierson of Stanton called on friends here last Friday and Saturday.

Misses Grace and Hattie Woodward spent Sunday and Monday with friends in Stanton.

Lumon Gee was called to Pontiac Monday by the death of his brother, Rev. A. Gee.

Dr. Bagley reports a fine boy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Rhodes, last Saturday.

The Sanitarium Co. has let the contract to the American Bank Note Co. for new brochures.

Mrs. C. M. Scott gave an "at home" to a number of ladies in Ladies' Hall, Wednesday evening.

"Whit" Ellison was around Wednesday morning inviting friends to a basket picnic to be held on his farm.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Yliet returned from Grand Rapids, Wednesday, and are guests of Mrs. Theodore Nelson.

Misses Stella and Eva Rockwell and Walter Rockwell of Manistowic, are guests of their cousin, Mrs. A. L. Fisher.

J. K. Walling of Shepherd has been in Alma this week in the interest of a flour plant which he manufactures.

Mrs. W. H. Miner and Mrs. E. W. Thompson will open dressmaking parlors in the Church block next Monday.

The Alma Orchestra will play in the opera house Monday evening, on the occasion of John DeWitt Miller's lecture.

John H. Winton of Ithaca has been appointed circuit court commissioner, vice George D. Reeves of St. Louis, resigned.

Leave your orders at Fink's for home made bread, pies and cakes, ice cream and ices. Orders will receive prompt attention.

Abram West, who keeps a general store in Sumner, which has been closed for several weeks, took possession again last Friday.

George Emerick was called to Albany, N. Y., last Saturday morning by telegram announcing the sudden death of his brother.

Dr. Morley of Riverdale was in town last Friday, and drove home in a handsome new buggy which he purchased of J. W. Holmes.

Misses Burns and Otis, and Messrs. Hill and VanPage gave a musical and literary entertainment in the Ely school house last Monday evening.

The semi-annual examinations of the classes in anatomy, physiology and hygiene in the Alma Training School for Nurses are being held this week.

At the annual meeting of the Congregational society of Breckenridge, last Friday, Rev. J. S. McGraham was retained as pastor the coming year.

Township Drain Commissioner Ching of Emerson sold the south branch of the French drain for \$390. This drain was laid once before and sold for \$1,885.

A nine-pound girl arrived at John Sullivan's Wednesday morning. Grandpa Snyder was down town early in the morning talking about that blessed baby.

Carlyn Delavan, a precocious four-year-old, is greatly interested in the Euterpe Club, but the nearest he can come to a correct pronunciation is to call it the turkey club.

J. W. Holmes yesterday received \$1,000 from the Church Extension society of the M. E. church. Work on the new church will be pushed as soon as the weather permits.

The United States Electric Telephone Co., finished setting poles along the route as far as Alma, Wednesday evening. The work of putting up the wires is now being done.

G. Hyde of Burr Oak, was here again last Friday, to complete arrangements for locating a peppermint still near here. He may buy the 80 acre farm near Sumner, owned by Bert Woodward.

Dr. Niles, who came here from Ann Arbor a few weeks ago, and fitted up an office in the Church block, has come to the conclusion that Alma is too healthy for him, and moved back to Ann Arbor.

Those subscribers who agreed, some months ago, to bring us some wood on arrears, must have forgotten us. We need it now, and hope you will refresh your memory with the promise and fulfill it.

The fine brick school house in the village of Sumner, was damaged several hundred dollars by fire Monday night. The flames were discovered just in time to prevent the total destruction of the building.

Mrs. Benjamin Fowler, aged 73, died at her home in Sumner township, Monday. She came with her husband from England forty-eight years ago, and settled in that township, living there until her death.

As we go to press the suit of John Siddall of St. Louis vs. Fred Cooley of Perrinton, to collect payment for labor, is being tried before Justice Gee. F. D. Yale of Middleville is attorney for Cooley, and J. D. Spinney for Siddall.

H. E. Campbell of Clare, an employe of the Clarence Lumber company, died of pneumonia last Friday. He leaves a wife and three children. He carried \$2,000 insurance in the Maccalesses, but there is some difficulty about getting it, as it is claimed he was behind in his dues.

A meeting was held in Elm Hall Wednesday evening, for the purpose of talking free-silver. Addresses were made by John Hiles, M. M. Copp and others. Another meeting will be held next Tuesday evening, when a club will be organized.

Griati county hens were doing business right along last week, if one may judge from the number of eggs brought to Alma Saturday. Our grocers bought 2,000 dozen eggs that day, to say nothing of the hundreds of dozens marketed during the week.

Will Reed has been in Concord, Manchester and Portsmouth, N. H., Portland, Bangor and Rockland, Maine, Boston and Springfield, Mass., this week; next week he will be in Hartford, New Haven, and Bridgeport, Conn., and New York City.

The managers of the Handy Wagon Co. of Saginaw are considering the feasibility of establishing a branch establishment in Alma. There are several desirable locations here, and every facility will be afforded the company should it decide to establish a branch here.

W. S. Bangs and Mrs. Delia Andrews have appealed to the township boards from the assessment of the drain commissioner, in the matter of the Arcada and Newark drain. A special meeting of the township boards will be held at the residence of Mr. Bangs, three miles south of here, this afternoon.

Louis Rodman was arrested last Saturday on a warrant sworn out by F. A. Leonard, charging him with taking a horse without permission. Rodman was arraigned before Justice Gee Saturday morning, when the complaint was withdrawn. Rodman paying for the use of the horse and all costs in the case.

A meeting was held in Ithaca last Saturday and the necessary steps taken to organize the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Griati county. Nearly enough names were secured to insure the success of the project. Another meeting will be held in Ithaca tomorrow, when a charter will be adopted.

The register at the Sanitarium shows the following arrivals this week: C. W. Bird, Portland; George Dunlap and wife, Chicago; J. C. Fisher, Warsaw, N. Y.; E. T. Getman and wife, Elkhardt, Ind.; J. A. Stoddard and wife, Chicago; C. G. Almendinger, Detroit; C. E. DePay and wife, Stockbridge; Allen A. Rider, Chicago.

A peculiar accident is reported from Emerson township, nine miles southeast of Alma. Clarence Emery Augustine was playing the school game known as "pulling sticks" with a schoolmate, during which he strained himself internally so seriously, that he died a few hours after, having in the meantime suffered terrible pain.

At 1:30 p. m. today, the Maccalesses of this county will hold a school of instruction in K. O. T. M. hall in Ithaca.

It will be conducted by Sir Knight, James J. McDonald. D. G. C. Degree work will be conferred. In the evening a jubilee meeting will be held in the opera house, when Rev. Frank Hoyt will deliver a lecture.

The corn social given by the Epworth League at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kelly, Wednesday evening, was decidedly unique and very enjoyable, and the League is richer by several dollars. Frank Wheeler carried off the honors—and pop-corn—winning twenty-eight corn-plasters for his dexterity in tossing up pop-corn and catching it in his mouth.

Mrs. Lumon Gee was fifty-one years old Wednesday. A number of the members of the W. R. C., G. A. R., Oddfellows and Daughters of Rebekah planned a pleasant surprise for the occasion. Mrs. Gee was considerably taken back when so many came at one time, but she was equal to the emergency, and maintained her reputation as a pleasant hostess. That these "old boys and girls" enjoy games as well as younger ones was plain from the hearty manner with which they entered into the evening's entertainment. Refreshments were served, and the company dispersed.

C. Rush, township treasurer, made his report to the county treasurer Tuesday of this week. That he has been untiring in his efforts to collect the entire assessment, may be seen when it is known that of the \$15,000 on the assessment roll all but \$1,433.26 were collected. The amount of unpaid tax reported would have been much less, but for the reason that there are three men in the township whose combined assessment is about \$800, who have not paid their taxes. Mr. Rush has made a very efficient treasurer, and is to be congratulated upon having made the collections as close as he has.

Henry LaDuke, who makes his home with Orson Briggs, about one mile and a half east of Alma, sent by express to Mabley & Co., Detroit, last week, a miniature man-of-war, all rigged and complete in every detail. This miniature vessel is to be placed on exhibition in Mabley & Co's. windows. This is not the first work of this kind Mr. LaDuke has done. Some time ago he made a schooner and sent it to a firm in Detroit. For a number of years Mr. LaDuke sailed on the high seas, serving on a man-of-war and on steam ships, and knows the construction of every description of craft. The specimen of his work sent to Mabley & Co. was as fine a specimen of mechanism and skill as we have seen.

**The In-door Meet.**  
Last Friday there was given in the college an athletic entertainment of a high degree of excellence, which was well patronized by our citizens, the entertainment netting the gymnasium fund about \$20.

The Pentathlon consisted of the fence vault, potato race, high kick, snap under bar, and high jump. The potato race was won by Perry in 16 seconds; high kick by Ernest Scott, who made a record of 7 feet 7 1/2 inches; Megaw made a record of 7 feet 11 inches in the snap under bar; Long made the remarkable record of 6 feet, 10 inches in the fence vault; the maximum record in this event has heretofore been 6 feet 9 inches; Scott won the high jump, his record being 4 feet, 8 inches.

The honors for work on the parallel bars were won by James Wight. On the horizontal bar, honors were equally divided between Wight, Knox, Glass, Crane, Kanne and Megaw.

The dumb bell drill was excellent, the entire exercise being gone through with out a break. The entertainment closed with a pyramid, and the college yell, and as the last yell was given the pyramid came down on the matting, amid the loud applause of the audience.

The percentages made by the different members of the class are as follows: Neil, 337; Scott 332; Long 325; Mills, 307; Glass 297.

The fellows all did excellent work, reflecting much credit on their instructor, Director F. W. Knox.

**The Euterpe Club.**  
A pleasant and profitable meeting was held at the residence of Prof. J. T. Ewing, Tuesday evening. Miss Smith presented the symphonies of Haydn and Mozart, and Prof. Ewing read a paper on the Oratorio, giving its history down to the time of Handel. Mrs. Sharp sang a solo from the oratorio of Elijah, and Misses Whiting and Ward played the overture from "Peter Schmoell" (Weber). The rest of the evening was given to practice on the program for the annual concert.

**Attention Farmers.**  
Farmers wishing the service of a full blooded Ohio Poland Chim boar, or a full blooded Short Horn Durham bull will do well to call at my farm two and three-quarters miles southeast of Alma. NATHAN BANGS.

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**A New Firm.**  
The firm of Tinker & Lancashire, manufacturers of sash, doors, blind and building material, has been dissolved. A new firm has been formed, composed of S. W. Tinker and Edward Hannah, and the business will be continued by these gentlemen. No better men for this business can be found.

Mr. Tinker, the senior member of the firm, has grown up in the business, and can tell just what is needed in a building and the cost of the same. A thorough business man, honorable and just in all his dealings, the business affairs of the firm could not be entrusted to a more worthy man.

Mr. Hannah, the junior member, has served a thorough apprenticeship in the business of which he is now joint owner, and knows just how to erect a building from basement to turret. He is one of Alma's youngest, but most capable business men. We bespeak for the new firm abundant success.

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For this occasion the D. G. H. & M. R. in connection with all other Michigan lines will make a rate of one fare for the round-trip and tickets will be sold to the public on April 15 and 2nd good to return to April 16th. It is expected that the low rate made for this occasion will bring out a large attendance. The D. G. H. & M. R. runs four trains daily in each direction to Ionia with parlor chair car attached extra charge only 25 cents on day trains and modern sleeper on night trains. 887-2w

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