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MARKET REPORT.

Wheat, white.....	27 1/2
Wheat, red.....	27 1/2
Oats.....	16
Rye.....	30
Corn, old ear.....	13
Corn, shelled.....	25
Potatoes.....	10 @ 35
Buckwheat.....	25
Beans.....	50
Apples per bu.....	25
Clover Seed.....	\$5.25
Butter.....	06 @ 10
Eggs.....	08 @ 9
Honey.....	10
Onions per bu.....	1.00
Green Hides.....	05 @ 06
Dressed Pork.....	3.75
Live Pork.....	05 @ 06
Dressed Beef.....	08
Live Beef.....	08
Mutton, dressed.....	05
Live "Chickens.....	05
Dressed Chickens.....	05
Live Turkeys.....	07
Live Ducks.....	06
Live Geese.....	06
Veal, dressed.....	05
Haired Hay.....	8.00 @ 8.50

BICYCLE

ENAMELING
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REPAIRING
SUNDRIES

WHEELS TO RENT.

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HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT.

Class of '97 Graduates with Appropriate Exercises.

Rev. H. B. Jefferson Delivers the Baccalaureate. Supt. P. H. Kelly the Eighth Grade Address.

Commencement week at the Alma Union School was opened Sunday evening with a stirring sermon in the St. John's church by Rector H. B. Jefferson.

His address to the class was inspiring and highly practical, warning them against false idea of ambition and fame and urging them to be honest with themselves and the world, he pointed the class to Jesus Christ, the Great Exemplar. The closing words pointing the class to Christ, the "Great Burden Bearer" in time of doubt and despair were beautiful and eloquent.

Supt. Kelly of Mt. Pleasant spoke before the 8th grade in the high school Tuesday evening. His address was excellent and he threw new life and spirit into his subject, "Impelling Forces of Life." The large audience which filled every inch of available space listened to the speaker with unbroken interest.

Long before the time for the regular graduating exercises had arrived a large crowd filled the opera house, showing the deep interest our people take in our public schools. A leading feature of the evening's event was the beautiful chorus work by the members of the school. The selections by female voices were especially fine.

Mr. Brock took as the subject of his oration, "Alexander Hamilton." In fitting terms of eulogy he extolled the virtues and true manliness of the great financier, showing the active part he took in laying the foundation of our monetary system, the nation's pride. His delivery was pleasing.

Mr. Murphy's oration, "The English Race Growing Better," was highly optimistic, showing the marked victories and steady advancement of the race. His manner of presentation was excellent and his delivery simple and earnest. The subject of the essay chosen by Miss Nevins was "Oliver Goldsmith," England's happy singer. Her treatment of the theme showed a careful study of Goldsmith's works and a deep scholarly research. Her sentences were well balanced and her periods well rounded. Miss Nevins delivered her essay in a faultless style.

Of the last production too much cannot be said. Mr. VanWegen handled his subject, "Perpetuity of Our Nation," in a scholarly manner. His valedictory to the class of '97 was beautiful and appropriate, while his delivery was one of the best of the evening.

Great credit is due the instructors and class for their excellent work.

At the close of the exercises Supt. Ely and President Schwartz presented the diplomas with fitting remarks.

The annual Alumni banquet was held in the Wright House Thursday evening and was very largely attended.

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SUICIDE

Hugh Mead Hangs Himself near Alma

CORONER'S JURY MONDAY. Saturday afternoon the sad and startling news reached Alma that a terrible tragedy had been enacted just south of town.

Hugh Mead, a young man 18 years of age, hired out to Mr. Hollenbaugh on the old Hood farm about four days before.

Mr. Hollenbaugh had gone to Sherman City on business, leaving Mead to care for the farm and chores and he had cheerfully and faithfully performed his duties.

Saturday afternoon he hitched up the horse for Mrs. Hollenbaugh and was going to drive her to town but just as they were ready to leave home he asked her if she could not go alone, saying that he would stay at home and attend to the chores. She assented and drove away leaving Mead and the two little boys at the barn. As soon as she was out of sight he began to chase the little fellows around telling them he would hang them. Finally tired of this he was

heard to say "Well, if you won't let me hang you, I will hang myself." He then went into the barn, took a rope, tied it around his neck climbed upon a box, fastened it around a beam and kicking the box from under him hung himself.

The boys cries brought a little sister, aged about twelve to the scene and she ran to a neighbor's, Will Iker, who lives on the Chase farm, and told the story. Iker hailed Sylvester Brett, who happened to be driving past and the two went to the barn but found Mead already dead. They drove to Alma and notified Undersheriff Hall and Justice Dunham who empaneled the following jury: Henry McNamara, Judson Mulder, John King, Bert Utley, Eugene Bogart, and George Cowles. The party went to the scene of the tragedy and brought the body back to Peters & Dean's morgue where it laid until Monday night when Charles McGrady, a brother of the deceased arrived and the body was laid away in Riverside Cemetery Tuesday afternoon.

Mead had an adopted mother, Mrs. Caleb Mead, living at Corunna but they had had some trouble and she refused to have anything to do with him.

The cause of the deed is unknown, no doubt the fellow was temporarily insane.

The coroner's jury Monday morning brought in a verdict after swearing several witnesses that "Deceased came to his death by voluntary suicide."

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ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

A Generous Proposition Made to the Alma Council. Undoubtedly a Sure Go

For some time Alma has been in need of a better system of lighting for her streets and private residences, but the council have felt too poor to take any action regarding the matter.

At last Mr. A. W. Wright has come forward with a proposition to the citizens of Alma, which for cheapness and generosity cannot be surpassed.

He proposes to put in a 2000 candle power incandescent and 60 power arc machine and furnish the lighting for the village, and also offers to pump the water for less than it now costs the village. It is also further provided that as the number of lights is increased the price per light will be lowered offering an inducement for the councils of the future to add more lights as needed. At these terms we are informed Mr. Wright cannot secure a cent of interest on the investment, but he is anxious to see Alma progress, and so is willing to make the sacrifice. An objection has been raised that the excellent water supply might be lessened if a stock company should run the works instead of the village. Reader, stop and ponder but for a moment! Who owns the largest number of buildings in Alma? Is a man going to destroy the fire protection to his property for the sake of a few cords of wood? Such talk is useless.

In two years the average tax payer will never know the difference in his taxes. See what this will add to our village. Alma, the hub of the county, and her streets lit with gasoline while her two humble neighbors burn electricity. We understand that the council look with favor upon the project and will undoubtedly very wisely accept the proposition next Tuesday evening and grant the franchise.

If the lighting plant is a go, Mr. Wright will also build a large grain elevator in place of the one now used at the mill, moving the present one back for a hay shed. This will establish a hay market for Alma where the highest market price will be paid.

Mr. Wright is unsparing in his labors for the benefit of our little village and is bound to push her to the front.

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E. C. CRANE.

The Famous Baritone of Detroit will Sing.

College Chapel Tuesday Night.

The annual commencement concert of Alma College will eclipse in many respects all former musical events. The department has secured the services of Mr. E. C. Crane one of Detroit's most popular soloists. He will be the leading feature of the evening, appearing a number of times, in serious and pleasing selections. Besides this some of the best ability of the college will be brought forward.

Don't miss it if you are a lover of good music. Admission 25c. Reserved seats without extra charge at Webb's.

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Here is a chance for close buyers to get extra value for their money. For two days we will offer Ladies', Children's, Men's and Boys' shoes at greatly reduced prices. A Two Days Sale on Dress Goods and a Two Days Sale on Wash Goods.

Friday and Saturday, June 11th and 12th.

All of our \$1.00 Shoes for	\$ 85	All of our \$1.15 Shoes for	\$ 95
" " 1.25 " " "	1 00	" " 1.50 " " "	1 25
" " 1.75 " " "	1 49	" " 2.00 " " "	1 65
" " 2.25 " " "	1 85	" " 3.00 " " "	2 45

Monday and Tuesday, June 14th and 15th.

All of our 12 1/2c Dress Goods for	10c	All of our 15c Dress Goods for	12 1/2c
" " 20c " " "	16c	" " 25c " " "	20c
" " 30c " " "	25c	" " 35c " " "	28c
" " 50c " " "	39c	" " 75c " " "	60c

Wednesday and Thursday, June 16th, 17th.

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945-4f J. S. WEIDMAN.