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MARKET REPORT.

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Wheat, white	72 3/4
Wheat, red	72 1/4
Oats	35 1/2
Rye	35 1/2
Corn, old ear	35 1/2
Corn, shelled	35 1/2
Potatoes	10 1/2
Beans	10 1/2
Apples per bu	1.00 to 1.25
Clover Seed	12 1/2
Butter	14 1/2
Honey	10 1/2
Onions per 50	10 1/2
Green Hides	25 1/2
Dressed Pork	25 1/2
Live Pork	25 1/2
Dressed Beef	25 1/2
Live Beef	25 1/2
Mutton, dressed	10 1/2
Live Mutton	10 1/2
Live Chickens	10 1/2
Dressed Chickens	10 1/2
Live Turkeys	10 1/2
Live Ducks	10 1/2
Live Geese	10 1/2
Veal, Live	10 1/2
Veal, dressed	10 1/2

W. S. TUREK, ALMA, A. W. WRIGHT, ALMA.
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We can give you just 25 per cent.
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tion

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ALSO
Horseshoeing and
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Second-hand one horse wagon,
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TINNING
BICYCLE
REPAIRING AND
JOB SHOP.**

Having added to my already exten-
sive Tin business the Plumbing and
Bicycle business of E. W. Weston and
secured the service of Jesse Walker, I
am prepared to do all kinds of Plum-
bing, Tinning and Bicycle Repairing.
I carry on hand a complete line of
Bicycles, Bicycle Sundries, Pipe Fit-
tings and Brass Goods.

My line is complete and
prices right.

JOE MCKAY.
ALMA, MICH.

HAROLD JARVIS.

Noted Tenor Singer of Detroit Very
Much Appreciated.

Local Talent also Came in for a Share of
Applause

Those of our people who had never
heard Harold Jarvis of Detroit sing had
been told by those who had that they
would be given a rare treat on Fri-
day night and they were not at all dis-
appointed. Of the several numbers by
him on the program perhaps the one
which showed Mr. Jarvis' ability the
most was the first which he gave, "Lend
Me Your Aid," (Ground from the Queen
of Sheba, but the one that seemed to be
appreciated the most by the audience
was "Afton Water," (Hume) a Scotch
ballad.

The local talent, however, is deserv-
ing of much credit for the success of the
entertainment. Miss Wagner rendered
"Novallette," Op. 21, No. 5, (Schumann)
in a manner which showed she had
mastered the piano before. "Hungarian
Music," (Franz Liszt) by Miss Caldwell
was very much appreciated and came
in for good share of applause. Of the
piano numbers which seemed to please
the most was "Kamenoi-Ostrow,"
"Rubinstein" by Miss Whiting, and it
was necessary to respond to an encore in
order to satisfy the audience. Miss
Whiting as an accompanist also greatly
pleased the audience and demonstrated
her ability to follow the singer without
her ever having seen the music before.
Too much cannot be said in regard to
the readings by Miss Eleanor M. Hill
of The Alma. Miss Hill had never pre-
viously appeared before an Alma audi-
ence except in a church or at a reception
and the people were not prepared for
what was in store for them. The read-
ing which showed Miss Hill's ability the
most was "When the Great Grey Ships
Come In," by Guy Wetmore-Carlyle, but
the one which appealed to the audience
was "How Salvator Won," by Ella
Wheeler Wilcox. One could almost
imagine seeing the two horses coming
down the race course side by side. This
reading called forth such a round of ap-
plause that an encore was necessary and
the reader responded with the "Money
Musk." The entertainment was a suc-
cess financially also, about \$11.00 being
added to the exchequer of the Ladies
Aid of the Presbyterian church as the
profits. The success of the whole enter-
tainment reflects much credit upon the
ladies having the arrangements in
charge, and especially the chairman of
the committee, Mrs. H. J. Vermeulen.

Our Beet Sugar Factory.

Everything Looks Very Favorable at Present
and Work Will be Commenced Soon.

There is no doubt any longer as to
whether or no we are to have the sugar
factory, although as yet the company
has not been fully organized and incor-
porated. However the site has been
purchased and the farmers are drawing
the stone to be used in the erection of
the factory building. In fact the streets
have been lined with teams all the week
drawing the stone. The site purchased
is the parcel of land situated just south
of the D. G. R. & W. R. R. track on
the east side of the river and extends
east to the section line, thirty acres in
the piece. This is the best location that
could have been selected as it will be
easy of access for both railroads and
right on the bank of the river where
good water can be obtained. The archi-
tects were here yesterday with plans for
the building, but we did not ascertain
whether any were accepted or not. In
all probabilities we will be able to an-
nounce the organization of the company
in next week's issue. It is anticipated
that considerable acreage will be sub-
scribed next week during the Farmers'
Institute.

The Milliken House.

By the Reopening of this Former Popular Hos-
telry we Realize the Advance of Pros-
perity from the Proposed Beet
Sugar Factory.

As the advance of the prosperity that
this place is to realize from the estab-
lishing of a beet sugar factory here, the
formerly well famed Milliken House has
been reopened, and by F. M. Milliken,
the landlord who made it famous ten
years ago. Since leaving Alma Mr.
Milliken has been engaged chiefly in
managing summer resort hotels and
has added considerable to his experi-
ence which will be of much value to
him at this time. The house will be
furnished with new furniture through-
out, new carpets, iron bedsteads and all
new furniture in every particular. Mr.
Milliken's son, Frank, will assist in the
management of the hotel and they ex-
pect to be ready to open to the public
on next Tuesday, the first day of the
Farmers' Institute. Mr. Milliken states
that he will be pleased to see as many
of his old friends as are in Alma at pre-
sent and as many new ones as may
come. Let the good work go on.

COME

to the dinner given by the Alma Light
Guards during the Farmers' Institute.

The Old Church Bell

The old church bell rang loud and clear
Out on the mo'ning air,
Calling all from far and near
To come to the house of prayer.

Calling them in from their week of toil,
And from their daily care,
Back again to the house of God,
To that sweet hour of prayer.

How many times that dear old bell,
Sends forth its welcome sound,
And bids us come to the house of God,
Where true salvation is found.

So let us heed its welcome voice,
As it rings from the tower above,
And go to make our peace with God,
And learn His Holy love.

WESTON W. L. ALLEN.

AN INVESTMENT.

What the Farmers About Alma are
Paying for Poor Roads.

The long wet spell of weather during
the fall and the resulting practical sus-
pension of business because of the bad
state of the roads throughout the county,
has brought forcibly to the mind of
every thinking person in the commu-
nity, the need of some radical change
from the present system of road build-
ing. The matter is of such serious con-
sequence that the projectors of the
best sugar factory have made the
question of the improvement of the
main streets of the village a turning
point in deciding as to locate their plant
here, and the council have already
taken the preliminary steps to begin
such improvements at the earliest possi-
ble moment.

But the building of a few miles, four
or five at the most, of streets at the end
of a trip, will not materially help our
farmers to bring their crops to market,
and unless they can be convinced that
the roads for which they are responsible
should be put in better shape than they
are now, this work in the village will be
of little benefit, except to the towns-
people. It would seem however, that
when the facts were brought to their
attention that all farmers would unite
and bring about a change in the present
state of affairs. We are all of us
familiar with the method of "road
butchering" now in use, and its results,
and we are almost all of us certain,
that a much more satisfactory plan
could not be devised, but on the other
hand, some of us think it is the best
possible under the circumstances, be-
cause it is cheap. But let us see where-
in the cheapness lies. The ordinary
dirt roads as they exist in the county
are neither better nor worse than those
of most parts of the state.

Very carefully collected figures, pub-
lished in circular No. 19 of the Office
of Roads, Inquiry U. S. Dept. of Agri-
culture, show that the cost of hauling
crops to market in the northern states
is 27 cents per mile for each ton of 2,000
pounds hauled, and that the average
haul in the same states is 6.9 miles.
Now let us suppose a case which is
possible right here in our own commu-
nity: A man living two miles south
and five miles west of town raises ten
acres of sugar beets this year, averaging
fifteen tons to the acre. He will have
of course 150 tons of beets to sell, and
to sell them he has to draw them to
town. Each ton will cost for trans-
portation \$1.89, a sum multiplied by the
whole crop of 150 tons amounts to \$283.
50. If the roads were good the loads
could be increased so that the cost could
be reduced one-half at least, and prob-
ably more, but allowing that one-half
is the amount, bad roads cost this farm-
er \$141.75 for ten acres of produce, about
\$14.00 per acre, which is a very large
road tax, considering the fact that the
same man has already paid all of that
form of tax he thinks he ought. These
figures may seem large, but they are
probably under, rather than over the
actual ones for this county. All other
crops, wool, etc., pay the same immense
tax and yet the present irrational system
is adhered to because of the fear of the
cost of a more rational system. Let
intelligent and progressive men in every
district send to the Office of Road In-
quiry, U. S. Department at Washington,
for information on the subject and see
for themselves and their neighbors
what has been done in other states and
judge whether they can afford to go on
with the present system. The matter
is one of such importance to all farmers
and people of the town as well, that
steps are being taken to have a meeting
in Alma to agitate the question of a
joint effort to improve in the best way
possible, the main roads into town, and
possibly at the Farmers' Institute some
announcements will be made as to plans,
but in the meantime, let every man
look up the evidence for himself and
see if the people of Gratiot county can
afford to pay the price of the kind of
roads now in use. A little investigation
and agitation will undoubtedly bring
about such a condition of public senti-
ment that a county system of roads
similar to that in Bay county can be
begun and the value of every farm in
the county increased thereby. At any
rate let's investigate and get together
and talk about the matter, right away.

CHAS. A. DAVIS.

A Bonifide Sale...

Beginning Friday, January 27th, and Ending Sat-
urday, February 4th.

We will have the Cheapest Good Goods Sale ever offered in Alma. Our Dress Goods will be sold at 1-2 the regular retail price. The prices are all marked in plain figures, so any one can see what they are. Must make room for our Spring Stock. Here is an opportunity of a lifetime. Our sales are all *Bonifide and mean just what they say.*

Yours for the trade,

C. E. Pettyjohn & Co.'s Store.

OPERA HOUSE BLOCK, ALMA, MICH.

Clearing Up Sale.

We are going to give the people of Alma some of the best
bargains ever given in Alma.

Bargains! Bargains! Bargains!

All 10c Outings will go at 7c
Heavy Gray and Brown Outings for 6c
Unbleached Sheeting, good quality 3c yd
Bleached Sheeting, extra fine 4 1-2c yd

Best Prints will go at 3 3-4c
Prints, good quality at 2 1-4c
Men's Heavy Cotton Shirts at 19c
Men's all wool double breasted Shirts 85c

1/2 OFF

On 400 Pair of Men's and Ladies' Shoes.

A snap—75 pairs of Ladies' Shoes regular price 85c at 43c
Ladies' Warm Shoes will go at 1-2 price
Ladies' Fur Slippers, Flexible Sole, for 75c
1 Case Men's Buckle Arties for 99c

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10 yards good quality Crash
Towling for..... **25c**
10 yards extra quality Linen
Crash for..... **39c**
10 yds extra heavy unbleached
Muslin for..... **39c**
10 yards good quality bleached
Muslin for..... **39c**
10 yards heavy Shaker Flan-
for..... **39c**

Underwear.

10 dozen Ladies' Fleece Lined
Underwear at..... **15c**
Ladies' 50 cent Underwear
at..... **37 1/2c**
Ladies' 50c Union Suits
at..... **37 1/2c**
10 dozen Misses' Union Suits
at..... **25c**

Wrappers.

10 dozen Ladies' Fleece Lined
Wrappers at..... **69c**
3 dozen Ladies' Wrappers
at..... **49c**

Corsets.

5 dozen Ladies' 50 cent Corsets
at..... **39c**
5 dozen Ladies' 25 cent Corsets
at..... **19c**
5 dozen Ladies' Jackson Corsets
and Waists at..... **49c**

20 pieces Standard Prints
at..... **2 3/4c**
Best quality Table Oilcloth
at..... **7 1/2c**
Good quality 38 inch Scrim
at..... **3 1/2c**
Ladies' fine 40 cent all-wool
Hosiery at..... **18c**
10 dozen Ladies' fine white
India Linen Aprons at..... **15c**