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Capital \$30,000.00  
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## A DENIAL.

It has come to our notice that certain solicitors for a new "telephone and messenger company" have been representing to the citizens of Alma that the interests of A. W. Wright are subscribers thereto and using this as a leverage to secure other subscribers. Said representations are not true. We are pleased with the present service rendered by the Union Telephone Co. and believe it would be a disadvantage and unnecessary expense to install another system in this village.  
Dated Alma, June 18, 1903.  
L. A. SHARRAR.

To Cure a Cold in One Day  
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## ALMA COLLEGE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT.

A Fitting Ending to a Busy and Prosperous College Year.

## EIGHTEEN GRADUATES RECEIVED DIPLOMAS.

A Resume of the Exercises of the Week in Detail as Gathered by a Special Correspondent.

The Alma College sixteenth annual commencement, just closed, was the best in the history of that institution. More returned alumni and friends attended the exercises than in former years, and the exercises were, without exception, of a high order. The graduating class numbers forty-five, the largest ever sent out from Alma. Of these eighteen received college degrees, eleven finish the kindergarten training course, ten the academy, five the commercial department and one, Miss Maybelle Howard, the prescribed course in music.

The sixteenth annual commencement of Alma college began at 7:30 o'clock last Sunday evening in the auditorium of the Presbyterian church. The church was appropriately decorated for the occasion, and when the time came for the dignified seniors attired in their solemn gowns and "mortar-boards," to file in to the seats reserved for them, every other corner of the church was filled with expectant listeners, who have learned that Dr. Bruske's baccalaureate sermons are too good to miss, and we do not believe that anyone went away disappointed Sunday evening. The pastors of all the Alma churches sat on the platform and the opening reading and prayer were conducted by Revs. Ramsey and Stewart of the Episcopal and U. B. churches, respectively.

Special music was provided by a large choir under the direction of Mrs. St. John. Mr. J. L. McBride's solo was especially fine. Pres. Bruske began by complimenting the audience upon their spirit of loyalty to the institution of which he is the head. He spoke of the McKinley oak, which was planted on Arbor Day, 1902, by the Alma G. A. R., and thanked the audience for their presence on this occasion. His text was Deut. 34: 4:

"And the Lord said unto him, 'This is the land which I swore unto Abraham, unto Isaac and unto Jacob, saying, I will give it unto thy seed. I have caused thee to see it with thine eyes, but thou shalt not go over thither.'"

It was only a few days ago that the doctor returned from a month's trip to California, where he attended the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church, and it was to be expected that the sermon would be full of the trip and the Assembly. The speaker said that he traveled in three capacities—as a tourist, a naturalist, and a moralist. As a tourist he marvelled at the grandeur of the Rockies; as a naturalist, though he didn't see the lion and lamb lying down together, he did see the prairie dog, the owl, the snake, and the rabbit all occupying the same home in perfect harmony; as a moralist with six hundred other moralists, he sat at Los Angeles and discussed the great and perplexing questions of the day—the Mormon question, the drink question, and the negro question.

"I had a vision," said Dr. Bruske, "of (Continued on Page 8)

## WILL HAVE ANOTHER TELEPHONE COMPANY.

The Gratiot County Telephone & Messenger Co. Organized in Alma Wednesday.

## FREE SERVICE BETWEEN ALMA, ITHACA, ST. LOUIS.

Company Capitalized at \$15,000 and will be incorporated.

On Wednesday of this week an organization known as the Gratiot County Telephone & Messenger Co., was perfected in Alma, the capital stock being \$15,000. Articles of incorporation have not been filed with the secretary of state as yet, but will be as soon as the necessary details have been arranged.

The company is organized as a local affair, but will work in conjunction with the Michigan Telephone Co., so far as outside business is concerned. The Michigan company will also construct the plant, using the same poles as used by that company at present, and the exchanges will be located in the same places where the Bell now is.

The officers of the company claim that nearly 200 subscribers have already been secured in the three towns. The construction will commence at once, and it is stated that the lines will be ready for business inside of 30 days from the beginning of operation. One of the special features of the new company will be free services between Alma, Ithaca and St. Louis.

The board of directors are as follows: T. W. Whitney, H. Randolph, of St. Louis, W. A. Leet, Ray Maloney, of Ithaca; A. E. Mulholland, Bert Hayes and Geo. Sharrar, of Alma. After the election of the board of directors, the following officers were chosen: T. W. Whitney, president; W. A. Leet, vice-president; A. E. Mulholland, secretary; Geo. Sharrar, treasurer.

The head offices of the company will be located in Alma.

## IMPURE MILK FULL OF TYPHOID GERMS

Alma's Epidemic of Typhoid has been Traced to the Use of Milk from a Local Farm.

## WHITE RAT AND GUINEA PIG DIED WHEN INOCULATED.

Analysis and Experiments Made from Milk as Bought from Wagon.

For some time there has been an epidemic of typhoid fever in Alma and the local health officers were unable to locate the cause until a short time ago, when it was noticed that nearly all of the cases were located along the milk route and among the patrons of one particular dairy. Immediately steps were taken to secure some of the milk and an investigation made regarding the condition of the cows at the dairy and their environment. It was found that the barnyard was not in a very healthy condition.

The milk was procured by a responsible person and under the direction of the local health board a sample was sent to a bacteriologist for analysis, which was done on Monday of last week.

On Wednesday a letter was received from the bacteriologist station stating that the milk had been received and a white rat had been inoculated with it. On Thursday another letter was received stating that the rat had died before seven o'clock the same day the milk was injected into it. In this letter a statement was also made that a guinea pig had been inoculated with the milk and results were being awaited.

The following day a letter was received announcing that the guinea pig died within 24 hours after the injection was made and the previous findings had been verified, the milk being condemned as unfit for use. In the analysis was found, so the letter from the bacteriologist states, what is termed the colon bacillus.

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ALMA, - - MICHIGAN.

WILL PAY THE PENALTY  
The Alma Elopers Pleading Guilty and are Now Serving Time.  
When the "Rev." I. F. Wright and Mrs. Emma Howes, the Alma elopers, were arraigned for trial, they both pleaded guilty, Wright being sentenced to Ionia for two and one-half years and the woman to the Detroit house of correction for a year and three months. Certainly the way of the transgressor is hard.  
C. F. Brown has purchased the Wm. Brower farm of 620 acres just west of town. It is one of the best farms in this section of the state and Mr. Brown can be congratulated upon securing it. It is now Farmer Brown as well as Postmaster Brown.  
The Alma Record for '03 is a Winner.  
There is no doubt in the minds of the local health board that the foundation for nearly all of the typhoid fever in Alma during the past six months has at last been located.  
It is no more than justice to the owner of the dairy to state that since the visit of the village officers to the farm, everything has been cleaned up and put in a sanitary condition as far as possible, and furthermore the cows are now all in the pasture where the conditions are much improved.  
BACK TO HIS FIRST LOVE.