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CITY ELECTION PROVED TO BE A REGULAR LANDSLIDE

G. O. P. AND BONUS CARRY

Service Men's Bonus Amendment is Carried by a Three to One Vote.

VOTE IN STATE QUITE LIGHT

Republicans Roll Up Their Usual Big Majority in Yesterday's Election.

WINNERS IN STATE
Justices Supreme Court (Long Term)—Joseph H. Steere and Joseph B. Moore.
Justice Supreme Court (Short Term)—Howard West.
Regents University—Victor Gore and Walter Sawyer.
Superintendent of Public Instruction—Thomas E. Johnson.
Member State Board of Education—Frederick A. Jeffers.
Members State Board of Agriculture—John A. Doelle and Melville McPherson.
State Highway Commissioner—Frank F. Rogers.
Soldiers Bonus Carries 2 to 1.

Detroit, Mich., April 5, (By U. P.)—At the state headquarters of the American Legion in this city, it was said this morning that the bonus amendment carried in Wayne county and Detroit by a vote of approximately 5 to 1.

As had been expected the soldier bonus amendment in Michigan carried by an overwhelming majority at the election Monday, and there is every probability that when the total vote is reported that it will have been shown to have carried by a vote of at least 3 to 1. Figures on the vote in the state on the bonus and on the state ticket are as yet very incomplete, but there is no questioning the result on the bonus amendment, which has met with the favor of the voters in practically every district of the state.

The vote on the state ticket is strongly Republican, but the size of the majority is still a question as some hundreds of precincts have as yet failed to make their reports. It is expected that the entire list of candidates will receive about the usual Republican majority from the total number of votes cast. It must be taken into consideration that the state vote on the spring election is light, however.

GET RETURNS

Luchini Pool Room Get Baseball Returns This Year.

The Luchini Recreation Parlor on East Superior street is making arrangements to get the baseball returns this year, both American and National league, and will have them posted in the Recreation parlors each day.

The announcement is certain to meet with the approval of the baseball fans of Alma, as it has been some years since they have been able to get the results of the games in the big show in this city on the day of the games. The returns will start with the opening of the baseball season in each league and continue throughout the season.

HOUSE TAKES UP MOTHERS' PENSIONS

Transport Men Meet Today to Decide on Ways to Aid Striking Miners.

Lansing, Mich., Apr. 5 (By U. P.)—The house of representatives is still grinding and this afternoon will consider the mothers' pension bill. It is expected that the bill will be passed, but that it will be amended so that probate judges will have full discretionary powers in making awards.
Under a bill that passed the house Monday evening, desertion and abandonment become a felony.
It has been agreed by the house to give the Strom motion picture bill final consideration next Wednesday afternoon. What action the house may take on the proposed measure is far from certain.

Wolverine dairy butter is the best. Try it.—adv lw

THE NEW JUSTICE



JOSEPH L. BIGGERSTAFF

BIG PATRIOTIC DEMONSTRATION

Patriotic Organizations to Meet in Philadelphia on April Seventh.

Philadelphia, April 5 (Special)—What American Legion officials believe will be the most impressive patriotic demonstration ever held in Philadelphia will take place April 7 under the auspices of the Legion and forty-five other patriotic and civic organizations. The purpose of the meeting is the expression of American principles as opposed to the recent manifestations of foreign propaganda. It will be similar to the "All American Meeting for God and Country" held in New York City on March 18. The Philadelphia meeting, however, will have the additional feature of a parade of 50,000 persons.

In addition to General John J. Pershing and F. W. Galbraith, Jr., National Commander of the Legion, speakers will include Vice-President Calvin Coolidge, Rear Admiral William S. Sims, Governor William C. Sproul, Mayor J. Hampton Moore and a member of President Harding's cabinet.

Baked goods always fresh at the Wolverine Dairy.—adv lw

Young Stump Puller Works His Way at the College

It is not at all necessary to travel to foreign lands or distant states to find people whose lives bear testimony to the value of the work Alma College is doing.

There is in this city a successful business man to whom Alma opened the doors of opportunity. This is the story:

Thirty-three years ago or thereabouts, a husky Michigan lad was pulling stumps from the ground surrounding a resort hotel. There was one particular stump that was a sticker. The young man toiled and heaved. At last he conquered the stump, leaving the ground where it had been as smooth as a well-raked garden. A judge of the Supreme Court of Illinois had watched the young stump puller. When the job was finished the judge beckoned to the youngster.

"Do you know," said the judge, "that you did a mighty good job with that stump. You will never do that sort of job any better as long as you live, and you probably will not get any more pay than you are getting now. Do you intend to pull stumps all your life?"

That question hit the boy square between the eyes. DID he intend to pull stumps all his life? He had not thought about that; however, he did a whole lot of thinking in a few minutes. He certainly would not be contented with stump pulling as a life-long occupation.

"Why don't you get an education? Why don't you go to college," said the judge.

The boy replied that he was afraid he did not have the necessary schooling.

"Yes, you have," said the judge. "There is a little college down at Alma, and you would just suit you. If you went there you could work your way through. Alma College was started just to give boys like you a chance."

"I think I will go," said the boy. The youngster went home and told his folks he was going to college.

LEGIONNAIRES FAVOR APPEAL

Executive Committee Issues a Statement Setting Forth Its Position.

HAS NEED OF A GYMNASIUM

Memorial to Service Men Should Have a Practical Use Is the View.

As a result of the circulation of reports misrepresenting their attitude toward the pending Alma College appeal, members of the executive committee of the American Legion, George W. Myers Post No. 132, have issued a statement setting forth their position. The members of the committee say:

"Friends of Alma College are conducting a state wide appeal for funds. Organizations are being formed in Saginaw, Bay City, Flint, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Detroit and other cities. It is in keeping with the spirit of Gratiot county that it should take the leadership in supporting the Alma appeal. The people of the county are justly proud of this institution. Moreover, all the funds secured will be used in enlarging the facilities of the college, thus enabling it to render a constantly increasing service to the community in which it is located, as well as to the state at large.

"Alma College is a Christian school that has steadfastly supported the cause for which our forces fought in France. More than 250 of its sons entered the service. Concerning the propriety of building a memorial to them there can be no question. However, as members of the American Legion in Gratiot county, we cannot with propriety comment upon any project designed to honor a group in which we are, as individuals, included. Whether or not the building that Alma College is asking the people to help construct should be a memorial to its students and former students who saw service or should be a memorial to all those who enlisted from Gratiot county is a matter for the college authorities to determine.

"However, quite irrespective of (Continued on page two)

Young Stump Puller Works His Way at the College

The only member of the family who did not laugh was a sister.

"That is a good idea. I will get your things ready," she said.

Within a week the young stump puller arrived in Alma. For three years he worked his way. This Michigan boy would not have survived in a college in which there were snobs. He would not have survived in a college situated in a city. Alma was a part of the world that he knew. It was a community in which there were all of the factors necessary to enable him to make his way.

That Michigan stump puller is simply ONE of the successful business men in Alma who knows that the work Alma College is doing is worth while; moreover, he is one of the men who had done and is doing his part to make certain that the advantages he enjoyed are passed on to the ever increasing number of young men starting out in life with the handicaps that weighted him. This illustration is not fiction. It is a chapter from life.

There are still boys in Michigan who are pulling stumps and who need Alma College just as badly now as the boy needed it in 1887. It is to give these boys their chance that Alma College is appealing to this state for \$885,000, of which amount Gratiot county is asked to subscribe \$110,000.

If the city of Alma and the people of Gratiot county are interested in boys—or in girls—who will never secure an education unless they receive it in a college like Alma, they will not turn a deaf ear to the present appeal.

While Alma College has its values that can only be stated in terms of life, its ambitions have a commercial reflex. The time will come, if everybody helps, when Alma College will have 500 students. It is the experience of all colleges that as attendance increases the average expense (Continued on page four)

CONTRIBUTORS

Many More in List of Those Giving \$100.00 or More.

In addition to the contributions of \$100 or more previously announced the following subscriptions have been obtained up to Monday noon:

Babeock & Grosskopf	\$250
T. J. Carney	250
Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Baker	200
Fred L. Broughton	200
Earl C. Clapp	200
Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Smith	200
Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Gelston	150
Mr. and Mrs. Karl R. Adams	100
N. Bardaville	100
S. L. Bennett	100
J. L. Biggerstaff	100
William Bourikas	100
G. S. Crisp	100
Ed. Gillett	100
J. D. Grover	100
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Murphy	100
Grace McNinch	100
Fanny Sharrar	100
Edward G. Sluyter	100
John D. Spinney	100
J. D. Sullivan	100
L. E. Thompson	100
R. B. Wagner	100

ENGLAND'S STRIKE SITUATION SERIOUS

Believed that Bill Before House Will Be Passed After Being Amended.

London, April 5.—(By U. P.)—Great Britain was thrown back into war times today by the great coal strike that is being waged. To combat what was generally accepted as a threatened industrial revolution, the government agencies were empowered to assume control of the mines.

Authorities are prepared to introduce the most severe restrictions since the armistice.

The transport workers, commonly recognized as the most radical of all England's labor groups meet today to decide on ways of supporting the striking miners. Railway men will meet tomorrow for the same purpose. The three groups, consisting of the miners, transport workers and rail men, known as the triple alliance, comprise about three million men and easily form the most powerful labor army in England.

Steps are being taken to take over all means of transportation by the government to insure food distribution. Food manufacturers are now reported to be shipping over street car lines.

STRIKE DEFERRED

London, April 5 (By U. P.)—Britain's threatened general strike has apparently been deferred today, the Transport workers having adjourned their meeting without taking a strike vote. It is now expected that the Transport workers will take joint action Wednesday with the railway union, the executives of which meet tomorrow to decide on the strike in sympathy with the coal miners.

PERRINTON POST IS A BOOSTER

Commander Hooker of That Post Wishes Success for College Campaign.

In a letter received by Dr. H. M. Crooks, D. C. Hooker, commander of Willoughby-Smith Post No. 283, American Legion, of Perrinton, says: "In the list of Gratiot county's ex-service men appearing in the Supplement to Alma College Bulletin of March, a few of the names of men who enlisted from Perrinton were misspelled and three names omitted. Following is a list of names misspelled:

Leland J. Agnew, Orson L. Martin, Elmer W. Fessler, Melvin W. Gribben, C. Bryan Kinney, Leo Paul Sheridan. "The following names were omitted: William E. Baxter, Clarence L. Guernsey, Richard Willoughby (gold star). "I assure you that I wish Alma College success in this commendable undertaking."

THE WEATHER

Fair. Tonight and Wednesday, increasing cloudiness and probable showers in west and north portions. Cooler in extreme north portion.

GELSTON'S TEAM GIVES CHALLENGE

"Quota for Teams is \$2,200 and We Will Get to the Wire First."

HIS AGGREGATION NOW LEADS

With Election Out of the Way All Workers Are Now Getting Busy.

A sweeping challenge to the teams engaged in the Alma College endowment drive in Alma was issued yesterday noon by Rev. Willis L. Gelston, captain of team No. 24, in the campaign, in which he stated that the quota for each of the teams in the work was \$2,200, and then challenged any team of the two dozen to beat his team to the mark.

The challenge that was issued by Rev. Gelston was warmly greeted by the campaigners, and from the expressions that were heard following the luncheon it is believed that a determined effort will be put forth by the captains of the teams, not only in his division, Division C, but by the captains of the other divisions to show Rev. Gelston that he has not the only real bunch of campaigners in the city. It is certain that his team will not have easy sailing to reach before any of the other teams do. One thing is very much in his favor right now, however, and that is the fact that his team at the luncheon yesterday was well in the lead in the money pledged on actual subscriptions that had been secured.

Another thing that has proven stimulating to the workers is the fact that they have obtained some fine subscriptions in quarters where they had not been looked for, and the pleasure and encouragement that they have derived from these has offset any disappointment that may have been given from subscriptions which had been expected, but which failed to materialize on the first visit.

True to expectations the strong interest that has been manifest in the election served to keep many of the workers away on Monday, and in a large number of cases solicitors who were working were unable to find people at home when they called, because of the attraction that the polls held yesterday.

It is expected that with the election out of the way that the teams will settle down to the real grind today, and that the reports after today will begin to look better than that of yesterday or the one given today.

The workers realize better than ever before that to make the campaign a success they must put forth stronger efforts than they have so far shown and it is certain that many more hours of actual work will be shown each day by the campaigners than has been shown any day so far.

With the larger subscriptions in the campaign practically all made it is beginning to sink into the minds of every worker that it will take the hardest kind of work to put the campaign over, and they are determined that Alma shall continue to be able to claim that it is "The City that Does Things!" Nothing but success in the campaign will satisfy them now, and they are just as determined (Continued on page three)

RE-ELECTED MAYOR



CHARLES R. MURPHY

SERVICE MEN REMEMBERED

Alma Voters Give Majority of More Than Three to One on Bonus.

DECK—Tuesday Bonus

The bonus amendment to provide \$15.00 per month by a bond issue not to exceed \$50,000,000, for each person who entered the service of the army, navy or marine corps of the United States between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, was given a majority of over 3 to 1 in this city in the election Monday, 1150 votes in the amendment being in favor of providing the fund for the service men and only 356 against it. State-wide the measure has carried by a huge majority, very few precincts in any part of the state reporting against it.

In other portions of the county the measure did not receive the fine vote that it was deservedly given in Alma, but all places reporting last night gave the measure a majority, the smallest that was reported being in Sumner township where only a three vote majority was given. It is probable that the measure has carried the county by 1,500 votes but the exact figures will not be obtainable until the county board of canvassers meets later in the week.

The vote in Alma follows:

Precinct 1-1	298	158
Precinct 1-2	134	47
Precinct 2-1	173	84
Precinct 2-2	146	38
Precinct 3	164	68
Precinct 4	225	72
Totals	1150	356

GIVE CARNIVAL

The Junior class of Alma High School is making arrangements for a big carnival at the High School on Friday and Saturday evenings, April 8 and 9.

The Juniors are advertising the most costly and dazzling production of its kind ever staged in this vicinity—featuring all of the latest amusements, novelties, which include the Thousand Delights of the Midway, the Metropolitan Spot-Light Vaudeville, the Corner Movies, Gypsy Chirovante, and numerous other attractions.

They promise plenty of fun and amusement for those who attend. It will be a rare treat they claim. Doors open both nights at 7:00 p. m.

WHAT THE TEAMS ARE DOING

Following will be found the totals that have been reported to date by each of the teams in the campaign; together with the amount secured each day:

Team	Captain	Today's Report	Total
No. 1—P. W. Creaser		250	510
No. 2—A. A. Chick		85	35
No. 4—D. B. Smith		195	405
No. 5—Wm. Falor		600	100
No. 6—H. M. Dunham		000	275
No. 7—Paul Crandell		245	572
No. 8—Earl C. Clapp		225	600
No. 9—A. G. Moore		100	300
No. 10—James Naylor		150	150
No. 11—C. J. Dana		000	125
No. 12—J. L. Biggerstaff		75	355
No. 13—Floyd Maxwell		150	150
No. 14—G. S. Crisp		225	525
No. 15—W. E. Moody		25	175
No. 16—H. N. Allen		70	170
No. 17—H. S. Babeock		195	470
No. 18—Jerome Kanter		200	450
No. 19—E. B. Bernan		160	340
No. 20—S. L. Bennet		150	600
No. 21—E. E. Shouffer		230	400
No. 22—E. J. Merrill		10	300
No. 23—Willis L. Gelston		535	985
No. 24—W. E. Wilson		600	200

MURPHY, ARCHER; CREASER WINNERS

Large Majorities Given Three Office Holders is the Feature.

BIGGERSTAFF ALSO IS VICTOR

Recent Comer to City Outscored George H. Carl in the Battle of Ballots.

Alma people who had been expecting a close finish on the city election here yesterday were given the surprise of their lives, the present office holders, Mayor Charles R. Murphy, and Commissioners Creaser and Archer winning by a vote of about two to one over their opponents. The vote that was accorded to the winners was a surprise even to them, it is reported. Joseph Biggerstaff was the justice winner.

None of the candidates came to the front with a strong campaign issue, but each had his campaign workers and aids, and it is evident that the forces that were supporting the winners were by far the more diligent in their work, if the results indicate the work that was done in behalf of the respective candidates.

The standing of all of the candidates for places on the city ticket is high in the community and this was the factor that led the voters to expect a clean and hard fought battle of the ballots.

Mayor Murphy took the lead over Carl R. Adams, his opponent, in the first precinct that reported and continued to increase his lead as the various voting precincts made their reports. The same was true of Commissioners Archer and Creaser running for re-election against Frank O. Parker and Arthur E. Davies. Murphy was returned a winner with 1197 votes against 477 for Adams. Creaser and Archer polled 1600 and 949 votes respectively against the 575 and the 508 that were polled by Parker and Davies.

The only real thrilling battle of the entire day was between Joseph L. Biggerstaff and George H. Carl, seeking election as justice. The result was in doubt until the final precinct reported, this being Carl's own precinct and it became a question as to whether or not he could pull down the lead that had been taken by Biggerstaff. Carl, who has previously been a candidate for this office in Alma, ran almost two to one in his own precinct, but could not entirely wipe out the lead that Biggerstaff held up to that time and he went into the office with a small majority. Biggerstaff will bring previous legal experience to the office to which he has been elected.

The supervisors of the four wards had no opposition, and in each ward they were given practically every vote by the voters of the city, a few, however, failing to vote on supervisors, knowing that the candidate for re-election was assured of the place.

The supervisors are Jesse E. Fuller in the first ward, N. E. Sand in the second ward, Albert P. Cook in the third ward, and J. D. Helman in the fourth ward.

The vote by wards on the city officials follows:

For Mayor			
Precincts	Murphy	Adams	
Ward 1-1	320	163	
Ward 1-2	159	31	
Ward 2-1	175	84	
Ward 2-2	151	42	
Ward 3	185	55	
Ward 4	207	102	
Totals	1197	477	

For Commissioners			
Precincts	Creaser	Archer	Parker
Ward 1-1	289	256	207
Ward 1-2	142	118	39
Ward 2-1	177	137	93
Ward 2-2	155	129	33
Ward 3	152	135	88
Ward 4	175	174	115
Totals	1090	949	575

For Justice			
Precincts	Biggerstaff	Carl	
Ward 1-1	263	197	
Ward 1-2	64	111	
Ward 2-1	137	98	
Ward 2-2	71	113	
Ward 3	107	119	
Ward 4	155	119	
Totals	787	765	

Michigan has always appreciated Alma College. Now is its time to show it.

Fresh buttermilk at the Wolverine Dairy.—adv lw