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DEFEAT MT. PLEASANT

The Alma Team Piles Up The Score Against Central State Normal School.

Alma's practice game with Mt. Pleasant Saturday was very easy. Yet it showed considerable development in team work and new plays since the Oivet game. Sayles took Helmer's position in the backfield where he did stellar work. St. Cyr, Bradfield and Dan Duncanson were shining lights also.

The principal plays were as follows: Mt. Pleasant kicked off. St. Cyr advanced ball 15 yards. Alma made forward pass to Chapel 12 yards. Bradfield punts 40 yards and Chapel makes 15 yard run. Forward pass to Sandy, and Bradfield makes touchdown in first three minutes of play. Marshall failed to make goal. Score—5-0. Mt. Pleasant kicks off. St. Cyr gets kick off. Alma makes several forward passes successfully. Marshall makes futile attempt at a place kick. Alma gains 20 yards on a fake play to Sayles. Time is taken out for Mt. Pleasant and Reuggaggagr is derricked and Dersha saw put in. Bradfield makes second touchdown. Marshall makes goal. Score 11-0. Mt. Pleasant kicks off and Dan Duncanson carries the leather back 15 yards. 20 yards are gained on forward pass to Sayles. Ferguson gains 20 on line smash, and takes the ball over. Marshall again makes goal. Score 17-0. Mt. Pleasant kicks to Alma. Chapel runs ball back 8 yards. Time out for Demorest (Mt. Pleasant) whose place is filled by Hodge. Alma makes forward pass to Sayles and is penalized. Mt. Pleasant holds but loses ball on fumble. Bradfield punts 40 yards. Mt. Pleasant's ball. Time out for Alma. Mt. Pleasant loses ball on forward pass. Time out for Alma. St. Cyr makes 20 yards. Half ends, 17-0.

Second Half. Alma kicks off. Alma is penalized. Dan Duncanson makes fake kick to Sandy for 20 yards. Ferguson makes touchdown and Marshall makes goal. 23-0. Mt. Pleasant kicks off. Dan runs ball back 15 yards. Alma penalized. Sayles makes a 25 yard run. Mt. Pleasant holds. Mt. Pleasant punts to Bradfield. Dan and Sayles gain well. St. Cyr makes touchdown. Marshall kicks goal. Score 29-0. Mt. Pleasant kicks off. St. Cyr gets kick off. Mt. Pleasant holds but fails to make downs. St. Cyr makes good gain Alma penalized 15 yards. Alma fails on forward pass. Mt. Pleasant punts. Bradfield punts, 40 yards. Mt. Pleasant loses spheroid on forward pass which Sayles garners and hurries for touchdown with. Marshall kicks goal. Score 35-0. Mt. Pleasant kicks to Alma. D. Duncanson carries ball back 12 yards. Alma penalized, punts. Chapel runs 30 yards. Dan makes quarter back kick. Time called, ball in possession of Mt. Pleasant.

Referee—Thacker. Umpire—Tambling. Score—35-0.

ETHICAL LABORATORY.

It has long been one of Pres. Bruske's aims to create an Ethical Laboratory. This in its complete realization would be a building devoted to the teaching of Ethics, Theism, Logic, etc.: in short a Philosophy Hall. It would probably take the form of a Greek temple and would be adorned within and without with likenesses of the thinkers who have made notable contributions to the above mentioned departments of thought.

The Ethical Laboratory is at present a fact, but it exists now as a room in the Administration Building. However, much progress has been made in the working out of the President's idea. A description of the Laboratory will perhaps interest friends of the college.

The nucleus of an Ethical Library is held in a magnificent black walnut book case, the gift of Leonard Lawrence, Esq., of Detroit. A cast of Michael Angelo's Moses occupies the south corner of the room, near him on the wall is a bust of Socrates. On the other side of the doorway from Socrates is shelf room for the bust of Aristotle as soon as one can be discovered. A splendid bronze head of Plato and busts of Marcus Aurelius and Emmanuel Kant, occupy other shelves. Midway on the north wall of the room and about six feet up from the floor hangs a great Copley Print of Hoffman's "Boy Christ Teaching in the Temple." This was the gift of the class of '04.

For a long time the College has felt the need of a memorial to Robert McKee, who died in 1902 as the result of injuries received in football. McKee by his Christian character and rare spirit had won the love of all while at college, and is still thought of as a hero at Alma. Last spring, however, his class, the one of '02, placed a memorial in the Ethical Laboratory. It is a Copley Print of a painting by Puvis de Chavannes, the noted Frenchman. It is a reproduction of one of the Philosophy panels in the Boston Public Library. It represents Plato discoursing with a disciple in the City of Athens while in the background towers up the Parthenon. The picture hangs on the south wall of the room almost directly opposite the Hoffman picture of the Christ. Besides the busts and the pictures already mentioned, there are on the walls framed portraits of Schliermacher, Hegel, St. Augustine, Herbert Spencer, Stuart Mill.

The room is adequately lighted from the west and newly provided with fine recitation seats. As time goes on it will undoubtedly develop into the most beautiful room in the building, even as now it is the most interesting.

FOOTBALL CRUELTY

A boy sat on the office roof,
200 pounds weighed he;
A boy sat on the office roof
The football game to see.
Atack! alas! his foot hold slipped,
A downward pace struck he;
200 splinters found a place
In his anatomy

FIRST TWO PLACES.

The honors of the Grand Gold Medal Oratorical Contest held in Grand Rapids, Friday evening, Nov. 1, were carried off by Alma College. In order to be eligible to enter this contest, the candidate must have already won two preliminary contests for silver and gold medals respectively. Those who participated in this contest and their subjects were:

H. Heaton, Kalamazoo College, "The Convict's Soliloquy."
M. Heaton, of Alma, "A Vivid Pen Picture."
Chas. Hunt, of Alma College, "Prohibition a Civic Necessity."
M. Norton, of Sparta, "The Victory Spirit."
H. Avery, of Alma College, "Civic Righteousness."
O. Wolcott, of Sparta, Christian Patriotism."
R. Soppenthein, of Sparta, "Defense of the Alamo."

Chas. Hunt, of Alma was awarded first place and Harold Avery, also of the college, second place.

The Music was furnished by a quartette from the Froebel Club. The Judges were Rev. J. DeGraaf, Mr. M. H. Walker, and Mr. M. H. Gray.

Mr. Hunt and Mr. Avery are both new men at Alma this year. They are both from Grand Rapids and have contested against one another often before. Last Week's Almanian was in error when it stated that an Olivet student had a place on the program. Mr. Heaton, from Kazoo, was the only other college student besides Mr. Hunt and Mr. Avery in the contest.

ALUMNI TALK.

Miss Lillian Crandall, '06, is teaching in the high school at Vermontville, Michigan.

Miss Laura B. Soule, '03, is teaching in Santa Fe, N. Mex. now.

One of our loyal Alumni friends sends us the following clipping from a Chicago Tribune of recent date. Evidently M. A. C. is not the only school that produces farmers:

W. H. Young, a boyish appearing farmer from Athens, Ill., paid \$200 for an ear of his own corn at the auction of prize corn, continued last night at the national corn exposition.

The Coliseum was filled by one of the largest crowds that has appeared since the opening of the exposition.

The Young ear, which took the grand champion sweepstakes in the yellow class, was put up at auction late in the evening. D. L. Pascal, an Iowa farmer, who recently paid \$150 for a single ear of his own corn at an Iowa exhibition, promptly bid \$50. Laverne W. Nyes bid as high as \$195, then dropped out in favor of the owner.

"It's worth as much to me as any person in the building," said Mr. Young. "I hesitated a long time about bringing it to Chicago. I'll take it back home and raise another sample better yet and try to carry off some more prizes next year."

"It is probable the business men who promoted the present show will begin to plan for another next year as soon as the present one is over."

AN OLD TRADITION

Dr. Bruske Has Revived an Old Custom in Regard to Proper Conduct in Chapel.

The faculty deliberations last Tuesday must have been unusually profound, for the following morning in chapel Dr. Bruske gave the results to the student body in a most impressive discourse. The President's chapel speeches are usually pertinent, but nothing of late has been quite so apt as the idea made current last Wednesday morning. It was, in short, the effective revival of an old college custom, a custom, which is a valuable one, one that adds another little touch of fineness to life at Alma. Some fifteen year ago, Prexy told the students, there stood on the chapel pulpit a little bell. It was the purpose of the little bell to announce the dismissal of chapel exercises. The first ring dismissed the lions, who sit on the platform; the second dismissed the students after the faculty had left the room. But the little bell, always erratic and vagrant, disappeared one morning never to return. So in its place was substituted a bow from the person conducting chapel services, first to the faculty, then to the students. But the students strange to tell, forgot their manners, in the course of time and, rushing from the room at the first bow, jostled the faculty. But after fifteen years, Dr. Bruske has once more brought the old tradition to the light of day and commended its observance to the present student body. No comment need be made on the fitness of the custom, and hardly on its convenience. Surely, anything that lends to the beauty and dignity of our chapel hour, will be welcomed by every man or woman who loves Alma. Whatever tends to a better college and a better spirit we greet eagerly and try and incorporate into our college life. Let us keep up the old tradition.

THE AUTUMN SPIRIT.

From the low lying cup of the river
Comes floating a silver haze,
That filters through golden sunshine
Bluming the dying days.
It wraps us round with its gold stream,
With the glimmer of silver between,
It whispers, it beckons, it wavers,
We follow the fitful gleam,
Down, back to the river it leads us
With its wanton flitting waves,
Where sitting in solemn council
Are the ghostly Indian braves
We bend, we listen enchanted;
The leaves from their murmur cease
While the golden glimmering mist haze
Floats out from the Pipe of Peace.

WRIGHT.

To write Wright right,
You must write Wright
W-R-I-G-H-T.
If you want write Wright right,
You will write Wright wrong.

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TWO LETTERS.

Two letters lately received contain edifying contents. We quote. "I am sorry to say that I cannot afford to take the paper. Occasionally I may send for sample copies, as for Commencement. I trust you will prosper, however." The other letter states: "I am not interested in such of the contents which have appeared in the sample copies sent to me especially such articles as 'Better Rooting Wanted' and 'Halloween Party.'" To me, it seems this life is too short, and too much at stake for time and eternity, to be frittered away with such nonsense and folly."

As to both letters we are glad they have informed us that they do not wish the paper. They have saved us money. But what can be done with the suggestion in the second letter. Can the contents of the paper be so very much different than they are already?

A college paper must depict college life, and nothing else and it is well known that fritters are a favorite dish with college students. The inference would seem to be that the Almanian can depend for patronage only upon those who are interested in student life. We want to find all such people that we can. We are asking our friends to help us. We want 800 subscribers by the second semester. Won't you, please, send a name to us?

ON GETTING TOGETHER.

The psychology of a body of students is a wonderful study. Why is it that the students at one institution are intensely loyal and at another are indifferent? Why is it that the same thing is true of the alumni of such schools? Why is it that students at one institution support one branch of college activity, as athletics, more strongly than another; and the students of a different school will support oratory more than any other college activity? And, needless question, is it not true that when you find a student body that is united on all subjects of common interest you

also find a school that is ideal, that is thrifty that draws new students of a high grade?

Does this suggest anything? There are certain schools in the intercollegiate that seem to be on the decline. What's the matter? Well, close observation would show that in these schools there are fraternities, cliques, clubs, etc., which stand for self and not for college. At Alma that sort of thing is less noticeable this year than ever before. But such tendencies exist, though in embryo. They must be kept embryonic. However, that is not the paramount issue. The paramount issue before the student body this year should be to create a sentiment of loyalty to Alma that shall be an intense, a uniform, and an abiding one. Let us unite on all subjects of common interest. How? Mass meetings are a great help. At a mass meeting a student is inspired with loyalty for his college and learns to hold her honor high. Football mass meetings have inspired much enthusiasm for Alma this year and as a result football is thriving. We must make it thrive more yet before the season ends. Next comes oratory, theatricals and debating. Let us create enthusiasm for them after them will come baseball and we know enthusiasm will run high then. The result will be a year "crowned with goodness," a record for the college that her students will be proud of and will talk about. It will mean a greater Freshman class than ever before. It will mean increasing life in athletics and forensics. It rests with the students. Will we get together on these things or will we not? We will. We are all of us "in for" booming Alma.

A LA CHAUCER.

A Freshman once ther was in cure college.
Somdel simpel was he and coldé he lerne.
Therfor wente he downe into Hades
N t a l e s t e e i l i m v o d e r e k e p e
For that the Freshman was too grene to birne.

A LA SPENCER.

The Freshmanne into Hades goes
For love of lerning depe:
The Devil sends him back because
He is too greene to kepe

A LA TENNYSON.

He is coming my, Freshman lad,
With a wonderfully saddened tread
I think it is really too bad
The things that about him are said.
They say that he went to Gehenna,
But his greenness was proof against heat.
I'll sure buy the treats when a
Devil is found that a Freshman can't beat.

A LA WHITTIER.

Blessings on thee, blithe Freshman!
Greenness shows through all thy tan.
And thou dost here to us return,
Since Satan could not make thee burn.

A LA LONGFELLOW.

Tell us not about the Freshman
That, for fuel, he's any good:
For the devil could not burn him.
Though he did the best he could.

A LA RAGTIME.

The Freshman went to Hades
To see what he could learn.
The devil sent him back again
He was too green to burn.

Y. M. C. A.

It was the privilege of the Y. M. C. A. reporter to hear Mr. W. L. Rogers speak on the subject, "The Making of a Man," at Olivet last Sunday. He began by congratulating Olivet on their splendid game of the day before. It was hard dope to swallow but undoubtedly furnished Mr. Rogers a good starting point and was undeniably fair. It seemed good to get into another Y. M. meeting besides our own. When we meet from Sunday to Sunday with just our own little bunch we forget that scattered all over the land are thousands of other fellows gathered for the same purpose. Olivet had a large representation out, indicating plainly the existence of a fine association. May the work in all of the college associations of the state be successful and may the Y. M. C. A. continue to be, as she is, one of the strongest factors for right living we know of.

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So genteel and so neat.
But ere he bowed his second bow
The preps all stamped their feet.

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SENIOR.

Owing to the fact that our last class meeting was very quiet affair and further that we have not been inspired by the muse to write poetry(?) and therefore can give nothing that will "mews" or amuse we refrain from taking up space that will otherwise occupy "dope" of the popular quality. We might add, however, that the clatter that is going on reminds us of the "grasshoppers" (they love verdure) "who made the field ring with their importunate chink." "But, pray do not imagine that those who make the noise are the only inhabitants of the field."

ZETA SIGMA

Zeta Sigma has decided to debate the affirmative with Phi Phi Alpha on the question. "Resolved that the national government should levy a progressive inheritance tax, constitutionality conceded." This being a popular question of the day, will undoubtedly make the intersociety debate this year one of intense interest.

We cannot but admire the janitorial dignity of our janitor this term. Who better could fitly occupy the conspicuous seat assigned him than our own Charles the Great?

Many are the troubles of the banquet committee. It becomes our painful duty to ask each one of the members personally, "Hoosier Girl" for the evening of the twenty-sixth. Do not be offended if we approach you on the subject. If you can read between the lines you will "get busy."

PHI PHI ALPHA.

Avery who entered the oratorical contest at Grand Rapids, took second place. Hunt who is a Phi Phi man, carried off first honors. What makes the victory of these men creditable is the fact that a Kazoo senior was entered, besides upper class men of other colleges.

The men who are to enter the local inter-society contest are working hard on their orations.

ALPHA THETA

Two new members have been initiated, Miss Amesbury and Miss Stevens. This raises the membership to thirty.

Program for November 4.

Reading Room Report Miss Allen, India, A Nation in the Making Miss Hood.

The Curse of Chinatown Miss Redmon, The History of the Atlantic Monthly Miss Bateson.

Impromptu A true Bishop Miss Gillard, The Long Cruise of the Navy Miss Burns

Impromptu debate: "Resolved that the man who invented sugar coated pills was a public benefactor".

All Misses Allen, Pollard, Neg. Misses E. L. Cook, Tanner. Program for Nov. 18.

The New Woman of Japan Miss Bayley.

The Bible in 400 Tongues Miss Gillard.

History of Harper's Monthly Magazine Miss Peacock. Impromptu to be posted in library Reading Room Report Miss Fellow.

PHILOMATHEAN.

Great interest is shown in the work of the society. Thus far the programs have been very instructive as well as interesting. At the last meeting a very interesting impromptu debate was held on the subject:—"Resolved that traveling is more beneficial than a college course. The decision of the judges was in favor of the affirmative.

LIBRARY.

Accessions— Stereo Chemistry—Stewart. General Principles of Organic Synthesis—Matthews. Introduction to Physical Chemistry—Walker. Presented by Chemical dept Alma College.

CAMPUS GOSSIP.

First snow fell on the campus last Wednesday morning.

M. L. Marshall spent a recent Sunday in Lansing with his former roommate, A. Raymond Moon.

His friends had the pleasure of welcoming Ralph McNitt, who returned last week to take music.

Miss Florence Hood entertained a party of students at her home downtown last Friday evening.

Everybody took in the church supper last week. There's going to be one this week, also. Anybody hungry?

There are lots of little boys going to college here. Listen to 'em stamping their feet when anyone comes into chapel late.

Miss Susie Hawes, '07, was sighted off the campus a few days ago. The girls hope she will make Wright Hall harbor the next time.

Inglis and Graves, who stayed over Sunday in Olivet after the Alma-Olivet game, came home declaring that the Olivet co-eds are "just about right!"

That chapel notice to the effect that the Item Box, remains open each week till Saturday, does not mean that all contributions are to be held back until Saturday. You must get all routine correspondence, such as society notes, in before Wednesday if you expect them to receive consideration. See?

Sometime ago the Almanian subscription manager tried to find out the names of the girls at Wright Hall who wish to take the paper. The result was unsuccessful. Please permit the campus reporter to suggest that you refuse the paper if you don't want pay for it. Otherwise the results will be direful.

Details of the intersociety debate are on their way to completion. Zeta Sigma has chosen the affirmative side of the question submitted by Phi Phi Alpha "Resolved that the nation should impose a progressive inheritance tax, constitutionality conceded." The debate this year will be of a higher grade than ever before, as both societies, while having the most friendly feeling for each other, are determined to win. The debate will occur very near the opening of the second semester. Both teams will be selected by competitive elimination, and therefore each society will be represented by its very best debaters.

Corduroys are in full bloom on the campus. Aren't they lovely

Basket ball interest is reviving vigorously. The predictions are now that there will be interclass contests between the men, to say nothing of the annual women's basket ball tournament.

And Hillsdale defeated Albion. Well, well! well. Keep at it, Hillsdale, football is doing you good.

The Almanian needs money. Please pay your dollar now. The staff is too busy to chase after it.

Hunt's medal is a "loliapaloozer." He says he is going after a diamond one next spring

The journeys of him who knows "Hist"

At one time were shrouded in mist; But now all is clear

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Craig—Confound Detroit's pretty man I've lost my appetite. Love's love, boys, nothing else. Things otherwise are booming.

Young Lady—That man Horst is the worst tease I ever met. He never knows when to stop!

Hal—You always had an extensive reach, Marsh. You're like the fellow that wanted his arm to go once and a half around his lady friend.

Marsh—That's right, Hal. I always was Johnny on the spot in social life. If there's anything you want to know ask me.

Finlayson—Do you take my dessert to my girl? Yes? Ha! Ha! She gave one of those rippling smiles, did she? Well sir, whenever I'm near, she always does that.

McCollum—J. Pierpont Morgan is having lots of trouble in his line and so am I. Someone has cornered the girls.

Locker—It's no such thing. I have right to make eyes down the slide. I'm paid by Miss Albertson to do the Romeo stunt, so there. The girls like me, you can bet your bottom dollar on that. They want me to come down stairs as soon as I get over here. I'm the whole works.

McComb—Well, fellows, after thinking the matter over, and adjusting my reasons to suit particular feature, the profundity of Rabbi's argument added an amazingly new aspect to the horizon. I came, I saw, but the world was transformed.

Helmer—Say, Marsh, did you meet Tompkins at M. A. C.

Marshall—Well, I guess! He knew your Parma girl, too. Said she was tall, had dark eyes, dark hair, very attractive, very striking, very attractive, indeed. Fine. A handsome girl.

Helmer—Yes sir that's so by gee, and that fellow tried to cut me out but didn't come it. They don't fool your uncle Jeremiah. She won't go with the fellows, but I'm going to be Alma's social star.

Our Little Limericks on the Powers

That Be.

By Wm. Wheels.

No. 7

The man in the big room has brains. To the Freshmen he often explains Ninety-two reasons why

A bug has an eye. Or why we come in when it rains.

No. 8.

The member who "reigns" down below

Is not so exceedingly slow: When we ask: "What's the matter", Why isn't Wright fatter?"

His answer was: Md6PO Hg3 Fe11 K Mn Lag Gd x XH20."

No. 9

We've a jolly instructress,—a "led-dy."

Her appellations, at present, "Miss E'dy."

If it will always be so, I'm sure I don't know.

It's likely she'll change when he's ready

P. S. She learns "Willie Rhymes" To fill in odd times,—

I supposed she's learned this one already.

Note: Next week, "Limericks On the Powers That Be."

SKIPPING.

"Whither, O, whither, love, shall we go For a score of sweet little minutes or so?"

The Jr. spoon to the co-ed said On the day preceding the day this is read.

Whither, O whither, love, shall we flee? For the taggy old Dean's got her eye on me.

'Take a trip to Steve's,' is an old refrain.

And as for the track, there's the intruding train.

Thither, O, thither, love, let us flee! The Jungle, the Jungle for you and for me

With a negligee pillow and an overcoat tent,

And no fussy old Dean on turbulence bent."

A mathematical Soph has figured out that between managing "our" estate across the river, preparing Sunday sermons, and keeping an eye on weak minded Freshmen, Prexy will be leading a strenuous life next year about beet pulling time.

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