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WON FROM NORMALS

Alma Takes a Game Handily— Kefgen Winning Applause by His Basket Throwing.

The fast basket-ball five for the Central State Normal came up to Alma last Tuesday night for the third game of the series with the Almatarians and met with a goodly proportioned surprise packet. It was a tribute to Harper's coaching and to the merit of the team that after being outclassed in the first two games of the series they should take the game last Tuesday by a score of 33-24. In the throwing of baskets and general team play the locals clearly outclassed the Normalites. The acquisition of Hoben at center and the placing of Kefgen at guard was a great gain to the team. Rosenstock, the C. S. N. center, was altogether out of Hoben's class, never getting possession of the ball. Alma made fifteen field baskets, Kefgen making the phenomenal record of throwing ten, while Hoben threw three, Fraker one, and John Campbell one. Hoben also threw three baskets on fouls. While Mt. Pleasant secured only nine field baskets, they gained on fouls, winning six points in that way.

The game was called at 6:45 before a good-sized crowd, which made the building shake with Alma yells. Alma went after the visitors hard from the moment the ball was put in play. Kefgen made five baskets early in the half before Mt. Pleasant scored. During the first half the visitors made only three baskets to Alma's eleven and the half ended with the score 11-24. Mt. Pleasant having scored five times on fouls. In the second half the game was not so fierce on either side and the visitors rolled up thirteen points to Alma's nine. Alma's team play in this half was ragged in spots and the visitors had several free trials for baskets. However Mt. Pleasant was not especially dangerous at any time. At the close of the game the score stood 24-33 in favor of the Almatarians.

The line-up:
Alma Mt. Pleasant
Kefgen, guards Dafoe
Fraker, Toole
Hoben center Rosenstock
R. Campbell forwards McAllister
J. Campbell forwards Kain
Referee—Tambling, Mt. Pleasant.
Time-keeper—Harper, Alma.

Y. W. C. A. STUNT PARTY

The Y. W. C. A. confiscated the social hour last Friday night, let it out considerably and made it over into a very serviceably stunt party which nearly one hundred students attended a ten cents per. The festivities were announced for eight o'clock and shortly before that time an impromptu stage was constructed across the west end of the large reception room, from screens

and various "fixing's."

The auditorium was filled with chairs imported for the occasion from the dining room and when everyone was seated and had paid their dime, altogether approximating ten dollars, stage manager Maynard Cook pulled the screen and displayed a sign announcing "Freshman Rhetoricals" as the first stunt. Edward Titus impersonated the oratory Professor and the "class" took their parts to perfection. An Hour in the Dark, three act farce, the different acts being entitled "Before," "At," and "After," came next and Sutton, as Henry Lathers was the star. An excruciatingly funny organ recital followed conducted by Miss Gertrude Whitney. The fourth stunt was a reproduction of the midnight revels of certain of the lady faculty members. The dice shaking episode was especially enjoyed. Next came the "Spruce Stock Co." reproduced by Miss Freeland and Mr. Chapel from voluntary descriptions by Horst. Miss Mason gave stunt number six and drew applause by her make-up and her singing of "Poor old maid." The last number was a take-off of Dr. Brusk's last address in chapel for "men only." After the stunts were finished the audience arranged itself in festive attitudes and the Y. W. committee which had charge of the evening's merriment added the final touch of perfection by serving hot coffee and delicious dough nuts. Everyone got his money's worth and best of all the fellows stayed until almost eleven. Think of it!

DOINGS OF THE M. I. A. A.

Director Harry Helmer, '08, attended an important meeting of the M. I. A. A. board of directors at Albion, Friday February 21.

This was the first meeting of the board since its recent re-organization in which Adrian was admitted to the Intercollegiate in the place of M. A. C. There were representatives from the faculty and student bodies of Adrian, Olivet, Albion, Kalamazoo and Hillsdale present. Prof. J. E. Mitchell, Alma's faculty representative was unable to be present.

Alma's greatest interest in this meeting was, of course, the discussion of the annual field and track meet, which is always held the first or second week in June. While it has been generally understood that the meet would come Alma's way there were some doubts expressed as to the probable effect of the re-organization of the intercollegiate. However, the matter has now been officially settled by the Board of Directors and Alma will entertain the Intercollegiate athletes and ball players next spring. Next year, according to the scheme giving the meet to the colleges in the in alphabetical order, the meet will probably go to Hillsdale should that school care to take it.

Heretofore dissatisfaction has been felt in the manner in which preliminary contests and finals have been run through on the same day. By amendments to the MIAA Constitution provision has been made for the running off of all preliminary track heats on Friday, or the first day of the meet.

The finals will then take place on the following forenoon

The manner of deciding the football championship will remain unchanged from that of former years, but the baseball championship will be decided by the percentage system, and on the last day of the field meet the local team will play the team having the highest percentage.

STATE CONTEST

Friday occurs the State Oratorical Contest at Hope College. Alma will go splendidly represented. Both of our orators, the one for the ladies contest and the one for the men's, have orations which are excellently written and will be excellently delivered. Now it is the duty of the student body to show real college spirit once more, and let these orators know that we are as interested in their winning as we were interested in our football team or our championship baseball nine. There is, moreover a well defined sentiment among the students as there will be something doing for Alma next Friday afternoon and next Friday evening. Nothing certainly would be more encouraging for our orators than to have a goodly number of Alma students present to cheer them on to victory. Of course, victory in an oratorical contest is a wofully "chanceful" thing, but we are warranted in believing that a high place will be ours when the judges' decisions are rendered. Should not everyone, then, who can get there, go to Hope? We believe so, and we believe they should carry along with them fullest confidence in our orators, and if some of us have to remain at home let's spend the day believing in an Alma victory.

STATE ORATORICAL.

The names of the orators their colleges and the subjects of their orations which will be delivered at the State Oratorical Contest at Hope College next Friday, March 6 are given below.

For the ladies' contest in the afternoon at 2:15:

"O'Connell—The Liberator" Miss Elvena Hoover, Alma; "A Menace to the American Home," Miss Lena Weadge, Albion "Robert E. Lee," Miss Catherine Deibel, Ypsilanti; "Modern Heroism," Miss Ruth Eaton, Kalamazoo; "Democracy and the Social Consciousness," Miss Gertrude Worden, Hillsdale.

For the men's contest: "Mirabeau," John M. Dunham, Alma; "The Crime of Industrial Evolution," J. Adams Oakes, Albion; "An Unappreciated Friend," Robert E. Cairns, Adrian; "A Problem in Evolution," Henry D. Hughes, Olivet; "Government Ownership of Railroads," Ralph Crawford, Ypsilanti; "The Siege of Leyden," William H. Walvoord, Hope; "American Materialism," E. J. Shassberger M. A. C.; "A Potent Force in Achievement," Wesley DesJardines, Kalamazoo; "Aristocracy versus Plutocracy," Roy Coldren, Hillsdale. H. J. Bastone, '08, president of the state association will preside at the men's contest. The winner of the men's contest will represent Michigan in the interstate contest to be held at Albion, May 1, in which eleven of the middle western states will be entered.

AN ALUMNI BANQUET

The Alma College Association of the Northeast Meet In Chicago for a Social Time.

Over two weeks ago a banquet full of importance to Alma College was held. Although it occurred on February 12 it is so full of interest to both students and alumni that a rather full account of it is given. It was the fourth annual banquet of the Alma College Association of the Northwest, one of the stronger alumni associations of the college, one of which now exists in Minnesota and there are others in different parts of the States. The function was held at the Albion Cafe, a beautiful establishment on the top floor of the Pullman Building in Chicago, and overlooking the lake front. The room was prettily decorated for the occasion, a table being arranged in the form of a T with the toastmaster and speakers at the top of the table. The banquet was served at 6:30 p. m. to the twenty people who met at this time to revive old memories of Alma and show their great interest in the future of their Alma Mater. A few and happy and informal moments were enjoyed by the guests as they were assembling and later they found the attractive menu entirely to their liking. Mrs. Mary Cook Streng, '92, Pres. of the Association spoke a few words at the conclusion of the repast and then gave charge of the assemblage to Prof. Ambrose Wight, '95, who acted as toast-master. Prof. Wight is at present Principal of the Talcott School in Chicago, having over 1600 pupils under his direction. Letters written to the banquet were first read by him a letter of greeting from Dr. A. F. Bruske, Pres. of the college, and regrets from the Rev. Harry E. Porter, of Beverly O., and Prof. Lewis Stewart, of Lake Forest University, former Professor of Latin and Greek at Alma. The toasts were three in number and were responded by Rev. B. Scott Bates '98, now pastor of a very prosperous church at Berwyn, Ill.; by Mrs. B. S. Bates, formerly Miss Frances Adams, '98; and by Prof. J. T. Ewing, who represented Alma's faculty on this occasion. At the close of the toasts the Association passed resolutions of renewed loyalty to Alma and of thanks to Dr. Bruske or his letter and to the faculty for their representative Prof. Ewing.

Those present were Anna E. Dayton, Chicago, B. S. Bates, '98, Berwyn, Ill., Carolyn R. Butler, '01, Chicago, Prof. J. T. Ewing, Alma, Frances D. A. Bates, '98, Berwyn, Ill., Mary Cook Streng, '92 Edgewater Ill., Mrs. Ambrose Benson Wight Chicago John H. Rhys, Chicago; Clara Booth McKee, '96, Oak Park, Ill., W. G. S. Miller, U. of Chicago, H. Gardner Hunting Chicago; Edyth Jenny Hunting, Chicago; Jas. S. Wight, Chicago; Lena S. Jamieson, Chicago; Dr. J. K.

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A CONTRIBUTION

On opening the item box the other day we were rejoiced to find something in it. Then after reading it, we were not so rejoiced; but we reproduce the contribution here for what it is worth: Of course, coming as it does from one who describes himself in such unflattering terms, it can win no admiration, but it may contain some wholesome truths.

Dear Editor—

I am neither a preparatory student or a senior, but I have some ideas of my own. I am not a brilliant student or a social star, merely an unobtrusive fellow who watches things without any wish whatever to be anybody or do anything startling. I haven't a bit of initiative myself, but I would like to ask the student body some questions through your columns if you will permit me to do so. First, what are the main social forces in Alma? When I first came here the seniors and the upperclass men who won high marks were the leaders in the student body and took the initiative in all student movements. But now, it seems that any fellow who wears good clothes, can handle the chafing dish, and dance the "barn-dance" has the right to dictate to everyone he meets, no matter if he has only the rank of a preparatory or commercial student, and not a brilliant one at that. If such a person is displeased with the actions of the upperclass men he comes to them with a charming Sozodont smile and tells them what they ought to do and generally they do it. Second, who are the popular upperclass men, and why don't they take any interest in things? Third, if the upperclass men aren't at the head of student activities, who are at the head and why? It seem to be an accepted thing at Alma that for upperclass men or college women to take the initiative in anything whatsoever is unpardonable breach of etiquette. It isn't real nice and proper, you see. But someone must "push" things and

naturally the ambitious new-comer with a chafing dish and a desire for popularity bursts into the limelight without any modesty at all. Fourth, if as our Coach has so sagely remarked, it's easier to tone down a live one than to wake up a dead one, why don't some one get busy toning down these too lively ones? Fifth, shouldn't Alma have a Coat of Arms, maroon and cream quartered, bearing a prep parlant with chafing-dishes couchant?

And now, Mr. Editor please don't publish this with the comment that it is from some one who wishes for the limelight himself or that it is written in a lady's handwriting, for it isn't. Ability to "slam" indicates a high degree of talent, no doubt, but as I have only stated facts, please publish them as written.

Faithfully yours,
B. Y. Stander.

WHY IS A GIRL?
S. M.

The trees on the hill
Have a place to fulfill;
The stones in the valley
Can build up an alley;
Microscopic snowflakes
Are scarcely mistakes;
Why is a Girl?

The steam engine down-grade
Tears its way unafraid;
The mighty King-Beast
Cares for naught but his feats:
—Did Fate fancy a dearth
Of weakness on earth?
Why is a Girl?

Men, brave with gray matter;
Make the public hall clatter,
Men, sitting at rest,
Engross the home nest:
With glee on their faces,
Men hold all the aces;
Why is a Girl?

In a world built for Man,
Since old time began,
Can sugar and spice
Cut very much ice?—
Could the large, and small boy
Find no brainier toy?
Why is a Girl?

WHY

Yes, the trees on the hill
Will make logs for the mill;
Over stones from the valley
Rumble carts through the alley.
But why you fair star, and
That glimmers afar?—and
Why is a girl?

Yes, tell me the why
Of stars in the sky,
The use of the flower—
Frail form of an hour,
Tell me this, and I'll tell
What we feel very well:
The why of a girl!

Ah, who'll coin and hold
The sunset's bright gold?
Or currency glean
From the moon's silver beam
Such a one might obtain
The words to make plain
The why of a girl!

But only we know
That the sunsets sweet glow
Lifts our souls on the wing
Where the cherubim sing,
And what should we care,
Tho' the tongue can't declare,
The why of a girl?—Pleiad.



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AN ALUMNI BANQUET

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Jamieson, Chicago; Ira M. Hatch, Wilmette, Ill. Robert S. Fountain, Chicago; Alice Bearsdley, Chicago; A. J. VanPage, Chicago; Marina Vanderveen, Chicago.

The officers of the association are President, Mrs. Mary Cook Streng; Vice Pres., Rev. B. Scott Bates; Sec., Jas S. Wight. Some of the alumni present are very well known to Alma men and women; for instance Jas. S. Wight has won success as a practicing attorney in Chicago; Dr. J. K. Jamieson, former holder of the college record for the hundred yard dash, is a prosperous practicing physician in Chicago H. Gardner Hunting is assistant editor of the Technical World Magazine John H. Rhys will be remembered as coach at Alma in '98 and he is now a teacher in Chicago; Rev. A. J. Van Page is pastor of the Millard Ave Presbyterian Church in Chicago and since his coming here two or three years ago has increased the membership from 40 to 200 and has built a \$55,000 stone church, which is very active along social settlement lines.

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Miss Waring teaches Latin,
Miss Waring is all right;
She lets the mighty Seniors
Away down out of sight.
Miss Waring teaches Latin,
Miss Waring bought some books
The fellows in the Latin class
Have awful guilty looks.
Miss Waring teaches Latin,
Miss Waring keeps the score;
And every time you breathe out loud
She takes off five or more.
Miss Waring teaches Latin,
The children—they must play
Oh, the funny, funny things,
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ZETA SIGMA.

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March 9th Zeta Sigma will entertain Alpha Theta who will give their program

Four new members were voted in at the last two meetings. Mr. Hoben, '10, Mr. Ehlers, '10, Mr. Champney '10, and Mr. Ackerman '10, were declared elected to membership. We are glad to put their names on our roll and wish them success.

Y. M. C. A.

We have got to do a little better fellows. That front row ought to be filled as well as the three back rows. The last two meetings were great. Come and see for yourself.

The committee on fixing up the room has at last reported progress and we hope to hear from them in a practical way soon. It won't be more than a century now that the Bible class stunt party will come off. Get your thinking caps on and work up a good one before it is too late.

The election of officers will soon take place. Why not get lined up for something? There is plenty of committee work. You can make yourself useful as well as ornamental.

PHI PHI ALPHA.

The members of the society are much elated over the victorious outcome of the inter-society debate and are proud of the fact that one more inscription to the credit of Phi Phi Alpha is to be made on the side of the

Work of a much more strenuous nature than that of last semester is being taken up by the society. The new semester programs are being duly appreciated, and the newly elected critics are bending every effort to develop winning orators and debaters for next year. The Froebel society has extended an invitation for the Phi Phi Alpha to appear before them and render a short program, which will be followed by a social evening March 9.

SWIPES!

(Remarks while "waiting" for their dinner.)

Rabbi—Just watch me heap coals of fire on Palmer's head, he has no license to put in on me.

Harry—If Art knew how I was "pegging" along these days I bet he'd send me an extra five.

Miss L. Clark—We are trying to run the house as economically as we can and if you fellows don't quit stealing deserts and such stuff I and I'ook will ank you.

Roy Campbell (In a growth) If you

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had domestic troubles may be you would be sore, too.

George Hbrst—When I was up at Spruce in a strawberry patch. (Also I told them a lot of real smart things at my minstrel show up there.

Mac—I always did love bright colors.
Bob—No, I'm not engaged, I am not!

Marsh (resolutely)—I'm going to think less about my girl and study some this semester.

Sutt—I've been "waiting" for a long time for something to come along—and—and—and say, fellows, it has!! Foo Foo Philosophy (with one eye on the chandelier and one in his vest pocket)—If Ty Cobb should refuse to sign a contract and Harry Thaw was released could I get a girl providing I got an A in French

TO THE DEMOCRATS

To the Managing Editor.

Dear Sir,
Will you kindly print the enclosed communication in an early issue of your paper.

Also, if it is not too much trouble will you kindly send to headquarters a copy of your paper in which the notice appears together with all copies bearing on the formation of the club.

Hoping that this will not inconvenience you we remain

Very sincerely

The Intercollegiate Democratic Com.
Roger Sherman Hoar, Gen. Sec.

COMMUNICATION.

If there is a Democratic Club in this University will its officers please notify the General Secretary of the Intercollegiate Democratic Committee, 25 Holyoke Street, Cambridge, Mass. If there is no such club, the Committee suggests that a meeting be called by some Democratic undergraduates and a club organized. In either case the Committee urges that the club enroll as speedily as possible as one of its constituent clubs, sending to headquarters the name and address of its delegate to the Committee. Membership in this intercollegiate organization imposes no dues or other obligations. Its purpose is to give its constituents the advantages of the experience of each other and of wholesale rates on campaign supplies.

TABLE TALK.

Mr. Yes, I know, but the boys ought to know, that when a girl is old enough to come to college, she probably will have er-er-why—attachments.

Miss S—Will you have a little of these, some of this, or a few of that.

Mr. C—Miss, you and Mr.—, don't say very much

Miss—We don't need to Mr. C—, Mr. C—Oh, I see. I've heard of such things. It must be nice.

Miss—It is. I do hope you won't have to suffer long for lack of experience, Mr. C—.

'Buttermilk tea' at Miss Warling's table Great stuff.

Why don't you steal your own car?

IMPROMPTU

Little Miss Ableson sat at the table

Eat, she We, Monday night pie with the least occasion she pulled out a

And (to be read for next issue).

COLLEGE WOMEN AT HOME

Last Wednesday invitations to the college men were issued by the young women of the college department for an "At Home" February twenty-ninth, at Wright Hall, eight o'clock. Saturday afternoon the decorators began their work and by the time the guests began to arrive the Wright Hall parlors presented a charming appearance. A cheerful fire was glowing in the fire place, while a warm light was diffused from the red shaded lamps. The portieres dividing the different rooms had been removed and their places were filled by streamers of red and white crepe paper. Cozy corners were scattered here and there in advantageous situations, a profusion of sofa pillows was everywhere, and the general decorative effect culminated in rows and rows of Alma banners hung from the pillars.

While the guests were arriving a pleasant half hour was spent in conversation and the general business of getting acquainted with everyone and getting rid of formality. The company then settled down to serious occupations which consisted of jolly games played in the fire-light by the merry-makers; while, to use the phraseology the popular novel "the older members of the party sought the semi-seclusion of the cozy corners and gazed with undisguised approbation upon the gambols of the younger folks."

At the psychological moment large bowls of punch were brought in, candles were lighted, and the electric lights turned off, and all gathered around the punch bows to refresh themselves after their strenuous exertions at "Going to Jerusalem," and "Musical Chairs." After the punch had disappeared more games were indulged in and at the close of the evening's entertainment ice cream, angel food and fruit were served.

ALUMNI NOTES.

Frank Wise, sp. '04, has been shifted from the government pure food laboratory in New York to the new laboratory just completed in Colorado. He is making a good record in Uncle Sam's service.

Miss Juanita Cuvrell, with '09, is now instructor in Latin in the Holly high school.

Miss Florence Church, com. '07, recently began duties with the Superior Drill Co, who have their state office in Alma.

The smiling face of "Happy" Wheaton, com. '07, may be seen regularly behind the counter at Stanard's Central Drug Store. His ambition is to be a "pill mixer."

Ruth Mathews, acad. '07, is sojourning through the winter months, at Los Angeles, Cal.

Claud Baker, with '04, was recently married to Miss Ida Rapp of Lansing. Mr. Baker is head chemist of the Owosso Sugar Company plant at Lansing, where they will make their home.

Ralph and Claude Watson are back in the northern wilds again after a two weeks' vacation in Alma with their parents. The former is an iron chemist at Hibbing, Minn., the latter a mining cashier at Biwabik, Minn.

A very pleasant reunion of old Alma students occurred recently in Chicago at a luncheon held there. There were present Mayme Cook Streng of Chicago, Mary Swarthout Valentine, of Chicago; Stella Smith Hyde, of Racine Wis., Francis Adams Bates, and Clara Booth McKee, all of Chicago. Mrs. Ambrose Wight, of Chicago, wife of a former Alma graduate, was also present.

CAMPUS GOSSIP.

Miss Eddy is devoting herself to music and Art.

If the college detective could see the cemetery from Wright Hall with a pair of strong glasses where would the lovers be safe if she used a quart?

Pi Beta (sympathetically)—Too bad, Marsh, to throw up a good dinner.

Marsh—Et tu, Pi Beta, nocis ubi edo?

George Anderson and Earl Rock, who have been ill with scarlet fever at Brainerd Hospital, are convalescent and will soon be out again. Mr. Anderson's mother was with him during the most serious period of his illness.

Erwin Bradfield has been elected to the debating team which will uphold the affirmative against Olivet, in place of Don Casterlin, who has been obliged to leave school.

Basket ball practice is going on at a merry pace, and the men are learning how to shoot baskets with unflinching accuracy.

Alma has the best looking orations, typographically considered, in the intercollegiate. The whole bunch is over in the Library. Go and read them.

Miss Chrissie McDonald was recently called to her home at Alpena by the serious illness of her mother.

Miss Grace Brown attended Y. W. C. A. convention at Olivet last Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Mary Hughes made a short visit at her home last week.

Two unique spreads were held last Saturday evening at dinner time in Wright Hall. The members of one table arrayed themselves as a bridal party and marched into the dining room after grace had been said. The wedding march was rendered by a phonograph secured by the neighboring table to lend merriment to its feast. After the bridal party sat down at their prettily decorated board, their neighbors continued to enliven the dinner hour with numerous selections, grave and gay.

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