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HAS DISAPPEARED

Bert Henderson, Popu'ar Academy Student, Not Seen Since Monday Night.

Townpeople and students at Alma are greatly wrought up over the disappearance of Albert H. Henderson, a student in the academy. It is uncertain whether Henderson's body is in the depths of Pine River or whether he is somewhere in the neighborhood of the city. Monday afternoon he took his canoe after 4:15 classes were excused and started for Turck's woods, across the river from Wright Hall, to gather violets. He was seen rowing across the river about five. About six o'clock a thunderstorm which had been gathering all afternoon, broke, and the canoe was seen drifting across the river, where it landed. An alarm was raised and students began searching the neighborhood. The search continued all night and the next day launches were out on the river, dragging for the body but nothing has been found.

The brother of Henderson was sent for and came to Alma last night.

A peculiar feature of the disappearance is that the canoe and its contents arrived on the north bank of the Pine perfectly intact, and holding only so much water as might have rained in.

"Bert" Henderson entered the Academy Department of Alma College a year ago last September with the intention of preparing for the ministry. This spring he was to have graduated and would have taken up work in the college next year. Henderson had the reputation of regularity and industry among his fellow students and was a sincere friend of everyone. His character as a gentleman was above reproach and he was active in all lines of Christian activity, being interested in Y. M. C. A. and Sunday-school work. He was about 24 years of age and his home was in Detroit, where his parents and brothers received the news of his disappearance. During the present year his brother, Arthur has been with him at college, preparing for a medical course. News of the disaster was received by the student body with greatest grief. Monday evening about nine o'clock, searching parties scoured the woods and called at the nearby farm houses, but the only traces that could be found were the canoe and footprints leading from and back to the place, where Henderson had gone ashore to search for flowers in Turck's woods.

The canoe itself was found on the shore opposite the woods, having blown over during the night.

Hope for his life was abandoned early Tuesday morning, when no clues could be found except those that indicated he had met death in Pine River. No classes were held Tuesday, faculty and students spending their time in futile efforts to recover the body.

HELD OPEN HOUSE

The open house affair given by the Wright Hall girls Friday evening from 7:30 to 10:30 was an unqualified success. The weather was dark and rainy while the Wright Hall windows were for the most part shaded so as to conceal the glories within from the outsider. Once inside the closely curtained doors, however, the visitor was met by celestial guides who directed him to a stile fixed in a low green fence, over which he climbed straight into the romantic leaf-strewn fields of fair Japan. There were masses of chrysanthemums, flowering shrubs, flowing streamers, dainty summer houses, and a profusion of Japanese lights lending a quaint effect to the whole scene.

But after one had wandered his fill in the Japanese fields, a pretty guide was ready to lead him to the upper regions. One ascended the stairway to stroll down long and beautiful corridors, through bowers and rose gardens, stopping now and then at cozy corners or for a peep at the dainty rooms which were not Oriental but were typical of the American College Girl.

By slow and easy stages the way at last led one to the fourth floor. Here the atmosphere changed as if by magic. It was no longer Japan nor College Girl America, but a broad show ground crowded with circus goers. Barkers belted through megaphones extolling the virtues of pop-corn, peanuts, taffy and circus lemonade, and other "pullers-in" besought one to go to the Midway, the sideshows. One went and had his blood chilled by the horrid spectacle for men only, shivered at the sight of the bloody heads of Bluebeard's wives hanging here in the gloom, was enlightened by the beauties of the art gallery, the charming galaxy which confronted him when he stood before a mirror in a darkened room and had the light suddenly flashed on, marveled at the Siamese twins and then passed on to the big show.

Under the billowy acres of canvas a vast assemblage sat, munching candy, popcorn and peanuts and laughing at the ring master's ready wit. Then the show began. Most laughable were the stunts of the pretty Arab's trained "camels," John and Roy. They spelled their names, danced and sang songs about Margaret and Grace, and were wonderfully clever. The Japanese acrobats were fine, too, and mention should be made honorably of the high dive of Professor of the unpronounceable—except by the Ringmaster name; to say nothing of "Her Name was Maude; and the clever sleight of hand man. After the circus was over the girls served ice cream and cake, "all you could eat," to the crowd. After that everyone went home to crawl in the hay" and dream happily of circus day and Bluebeard, and rose gardens and cozy corners and dainty dens" and pretty denizens, and last of all, Japan and the scent of burning joss sticks.

Take 'The Water Cure' for the blues. Tomorrow night

THE COMING ATHLETIC MEET

All indications point to the fact that the coming Intercollegiate Meet to be held at Alma, June 5 and 6 will be closely contested. Olivet, as last year seems in the lead as far as track men are concerned now that M. A. C. is not a competitor. Still Albion is making efforts at a track team and other schools are just as active. But Alma is hoping to make a good showing and if luck breaks even, there is no telling what the Almatarians may do. Albion it seems, has an excellent baseball team and is aching to wipe Alma off the slate. Alma, besides, is suffering from an interrupted schedule and last year's cupholders are not yet in their stride. However, they start this week on a trip in which they expect to take on two good teams, those at Ypsi and at the U. of M. By June 6, the men should be hitting in their usual fashion and no doubt Albion will meet a contestant worthy of her metal.

Endeavors are still being made to set the date of the meet one day back, thus bringing it on the 4th and 5th, on account of Ringling's circus, which will be in the college town on the 6th. Should the second day of the meet occur on the 6th also it is feared it would endanger the receipts of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

MORMONISM

Mrs. Diefendorfer, who is working under the Presbyterian board of home missions, was in Alma last week. Wednesday morning she gave a short talk in chapel. In the evening she addressed the midweek prayer meeting on the subject of "Present Day Mormonism." A large number of townpeople as well as students heard the interesting lecture. In the course of her remarks Mrs. Diefendorfer brought out the points that morality, Christianity and the United States government cannot exist in the same place with present day Mormonism.

M. I. A. A. RECORDS.

The following are the M. I. A. A. track records. Cut them out for comparison with the records made at the track meet.

100 yd. dash.....	10 sec
220 yd. dash.....	22 1-5 sec
440 yd. run.....	51 2-5 sec
880 yd. run.....	2 min. 3 1-5 sec
Mile run.....	4 min. 40 1-5 sec
Mile relay.....	3 min. 34 1-5 sec
Two mile run.....	10 min. 17 sec
120 yd. hurdle.....	16 3 5 sec
220 yd. hurdle.....	26 2-5 sec
Shot put.....	39 ft. 1 1/2 in.
Hammer throw.....	128 ft 11 in.
Running high jump.....	5ft. 7 1/4 in.
Running broad jump.....	22 ft
Pole vault.....	10 ft. 6 in
Discus.....	115 ft. 7 1/4 in.

Mr. Fred J Soule, '06, is home from Union Theological Seminary for the summer vacation. During his last two years at Alma Mr. Soule was editor of the Almanian.

Subscriptions gratefully received day or night.

ONE MORE SCALP

Cup Game—Alma Grabs Fifteen Runs From the Baptists and Lets Them Score Two

After the Hillsdale game for last Saturday had been cancelled because of rain and a muddy field, it was decided to pull it off anyway. Hillsdale came fresh from a victory over Ypsilanti and as the latter recently conquered Albion, the dopster had figured on a close game.

The first inning looked bad for Alma. After Shepherd has struck out he gained first by the third strike being missed, was advanced by Watkins' two-bagger, and scored on a wild heave to third. Only in the sixth however, did they get a look in, two hits accomplishing the work. In the seventh a fine throw by Phillips, after a long fly reached home just in time to save a run. Alma couldn't score for two innings. Then began the worst slaughter seen here in many a day. Thirteen hits aided by the visitors eight errors sent fifteen runners over the rubber. Stewart was batted at will, and Harper's men stole bases as it pleased them. Only seven and a half innings were played to allow the visitors to make a train.

The great work of Sandy Duncanson was the feature of the game. In the five innings he pitched, he was credited with twelve strike outs, only two bingles being registered against him. In the sixth Johnson took the box for a workout, striking out three men and allowing three hits.

Roy Campbell did the receiving, Hoben being laid up with an injured wrist. St. Cyr entered the game for the first time, and celebrated by smashing out three hits.

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Hillsdale	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	—	2 5
Alma	0	0	2	10	1	2	0	—	15 13

Batteries for Alma—Sandy Duncanson and Johnson and Roy Campbell. For Hillsdale—Stewart and Olives. Time—1:40. Umpire Ellsworth.

GO TO SCOTLAND

Harold Gaunt, '06, writes the Almanian an interesting letter from Princeton. The following bits of information from it are interesting:

M. J. Stormzand, '04, received the degree of Bachelor of Divinity from the Seminary. J. Norman, King '05, received the Archibald Alexander Hodge prize in Didaetic Theology, while Mr. Gaunt has completed two years graduate work in the university and received the degree of Master of Arts, doing work in English under Dr. Henry Van Dyke, and in Philosophy under Dr. A. T. Ormond. Mr. King and Mr. Gaunt expect to spend the summer in Scotland preaching through the country, and making their headquarters in Edinburgh. They also expect to spend a week or two in Paris and London.

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MOTTO:
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When we began publishing the Almanian last fall a large number of subscribers were obtained. Some of these have met their subscriptions; others have not. Furthermore some show no intention of doing so.

If every reader could realize the position of the staff these subscriptions would come pouring in. It is more than embarrassing for us. The papers is badly in debt, so badly that unless many of you 'backsliders' get busy this week, there will be no more Almanians. This is a frank and a startling confession to make, but we must have your dollar in order to finish the year.

The following note is clipped from a Minnesota exchange. Mr. McBride graduated in the class of '04 and while in school was captain of the baseball team in addition to being the greatest fullback in the intercollegiate:

The pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of Duluth, Rev. J. L. McBride, began his labors June 1, 1907. Under his leadership a great work has been done. The congregation raised for all purposes \$8,997, of which \$200 was paid to the various Boards, Sunday school raised \$13, Christian Endeavor Society \$120, the Ladies' Aid \$360. Three elders and three trustees were elected, each for three years at their annual meeting held April 7. The pastor's salary was raised from \$1000 to \$1200. Steps will be taken by the trustees to secure a lot this coming year for the purpose of erecting a new church. The prospects of the church never were any better for aggressive work than at the present time.

Fred Fullerton, class of '96, has been elected superintendent of the schools at Howell, Mich. Mr. Fullerton has taught for a number of years in Mason, giving great satisfaction as superintendent.

HONOR POET SCHILLER

Detroit German Societies Erect
Monument to His Memory in
Belle Isle Park

Detroit, Mich., May 11.—Under most auspicious circumstances and in the presence of a crowd numbering thousands, the monument erected by the German citizens of Detroit to the memory of Friedrich Schiller was unveiled on Belle Isle and formally turned over to the city by George Osius, chairman of the monument executive committee, Sunday afternoon.

A parade of the German societies of Detroit preceded the unveiling exercises, which consisted of addresses by Mayor Thompson, Dr. Julius Goebel of Harvard university; Dr. W. Weaver, Chicago, imperial German consul general; George Otis, and songs by the United Singers of Detroit.

Ferry Service Resumed.

Blest with propitious weather, the exercises attracted multitudes to Belle Isle, the ferry service being resumed for the first time this year. A continual stream of pedestrians crossed the bridge and then walked nearly a mile to where the unveiling exercises took place.

The parade of German societies, with William Dilger as marshal and Captain Henry W. Busch as chief of staff, formed at the new casino and proceeded down Central avenue, where a platform was provided for the speakers and members of the singing societies.

The exercises opened with the singing of "This Is the Day of the Lord," by the United Singers. George Osius then made the opening address, in which he spoke of Poet Schiller and his works. Three little girls, Norma Erdman, Albertine Osius and Elizabeth Osius, dressed in white, then pulled the string which held the curtain in place, and the statue, with a German and an American flag on either side, was exposed to the view of the cheering throng. The monument was designed by Hermann H. Matz, Cleveland. It was molded in Munich and brought to America on a North German Lloyd steamer, free of charge. It is supported by a huge monolith.

The United Singers sang "The Spring on the Rhine," and then Chairman Osius presented Dr. Julius Goebel of Harvard, who delivered the oration.

Cablegram From Emperor.

Following Dr. Goebel, Chairman Osius, in a brief speech, turned the monument over to the city. He then read the following cablegram from Emperor William, which was received by the audience with much shouting and clapping of hands: "I am greatly pleased that a statue has been erected in Detroit to the king of poets. I send to the executive committee my best congratulations."

A telegram of congratulation was also received from Speck Von Sternberg, the German ambassador at Washington.

Mayor Thompson, in behalf of the city, accepted the monument and thanked the members of the executive committee.

The German societies that had participated in the parade then piled floral wreaths about the monument, until it was completely hidden from view. The exercises were concluded with the singing of "America" by the entire audience.



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Student "Riot" Case Dismissed.

Ann Arbor, Mich., May 9.—The case against the fifteen students charged with rioting have been dismissed by order of the court. The students paid \$208.50 costs to the county and \$1,000 to be apportioned among the several claimants. They also received a severe lecture from Judge Kinne. The lessee of the Star theater, which was damaged in the "riot," refuses to accept his share, \$500, which is in a local bank awaiting his orders.



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SENIOR

Who is to be valedictorian of the class of '08? is a question that has been heard for some time, but received no answer until last Tuesday night. At its last meeting the Faculty, after a long deliberation over the records of the individual seniors, announced the decision that the chief honor falls on Mr. Francis Cobb, he having the highest of scholarship from the four year college course.

Cobb entered the commercial department of the college in '02, completing the work with certain studies in the academy in two years. At the conclusion of this course he entered the college as a freshman. Cobb has been very active in college life, is a member of Phi Phi Alpha Society and has held all its offices from janitor to president. He is also editor of the Almanian, having held that office since the second semester of '07. He has gathered laurels for himself in oratory and debating and is accounted one of the best literary men in the college. It was his honor to represent Alma in the oratorical contest last year and was a member of the debating team that won from Olivet last week. The seniors have every reason to be proud of the honor that Mr. Cobb has brought to them and unite in congratulating him upon his success and the honor that has come to him.

LIVING LINK

The Cabinet members of the Y. W. and Y. M. C. A. met last Tuesday evening in Wright Hall and elected officers of the "Living Link" for the ensuing year. The result of the election is as follows:—Pres. Harlow O. Whittemore, '09; vice president Adela Bayley, '11; secretary, Allan McFadden, '10; treasurer, Grace Kramer, '11.

The "Living Link" as many understand, is an organization for the purpose of collecting money for foreign missions. It is now only one year old. The first reports are very encouraging. It is the policy to raise this coming year double the amount secured this year. It has been decided to give this year's money to the support of Mr. Weston T. Johnson in Japan. Mr. Johnson graduated from Alma in 1899.

SENIOR HONORS

The senior class last Friday elected four of its members to complete the number of the eight orators to take part in the exercises of Thursday, June 18, four being appointed by the faculty. Those elected were Miss Helen Cook, Mr. H. N. Morse, Mr. Robt. Craig and Mr. G. D. Sutton. Those appointed by the faculty were Miss Edith Cook, Miss Elvena Hoover, Mr. Lester Sharp and Mr. Francis Cobb, valedictorian.

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Prof. McCurdy went.

Which one of Bluebeard's wives couldn't help laughing when Sutton came in?

"Now girls, you've just got to come and help sweep up those peanut shucks."

"Oh, some horrid fellow put peanuts in my chafing dish!"

Most of the fellows wished they could live in such nice rooms. Cheer up, men. 'Hope and have.'

"When first I kissed Sweet Margaret.

Byron Chapel thought that stile was the 220 hurdle.

"Come on, fellers," said Hal. "I'm goin' to but in and not wase time."

There weren't any lemons.

Morse ingratiated himself as usual and got behind the popcorn counter. Somebody suggested "The Water Cure for the red lemonade.

Coach Harper had a 'peach of a time.' Grace-shus, yes!

"Loop the Gap" Artist Injured.

Jackson, Mich., May 12.—Frank Small, a "loop the gap" artist, broke his right arm and three ribs while practicing his act at his home in this city. He runs down an inclined plane on a bicycle, makes the circuit of the loop, and his weight on the second turn springs open a trapdoor, through which he makes a double somersault, wheel and all, clears a fourteen foot gap and lands on a runway beyond. The trapdoor failed to work properly, and Small crashed into the side of the planking on the further side of the gap with great force. It is thought unless he is internally injured he will recover.

Charged With Child Murder.

Kalamazoo, Mich., May 11.—Mr. and Mrs. Grover Davenport were arrested here charged with having murdered their infant. They were taken to Hastings. It is alleged that about a month ago Mr. and Mrs. Davenport killed their baby, supposedly by strangulation. The father is believed to have taken the body in a suit case and buried it in a field. Davenport and his wife are each twenty-three years old. Neither has made a confession, and the motive for the crime is unknown.

Boyer City Bonded For \$20,000.

Boyer City, Mich., May 12.—The proposition to bond the city for \$20,000 for much needed sewer and street improvements has been carried here, at a special election, by a good majority.

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FULLERTON LEAVES

School Superintendent Will Go
To The Howell Schools Next
Year

Superintendent Fred Fullerton is about to sever his connection with the Mason schools, after serving as superintendent for six years. Mr. Fullerton was offered the school for another year with increased salary, but thought best to make the change and has accepted the superintendency of the Howell schools.

Mason people deeply regret the fact that Mr. Fullerton will leave at the close of the year. He has always taken a great interest in church as well as school affairs, and for five years served the Tourist Club as its president. His wife and daughter are talented musicians and all will be greatly missed in social circles.

Mr. Fullerton is a former Alma boy, a graduate of the college here where he has many friends who extend congratulations.

1908-1909 LECTURE COURSE

The lecture course committee have purchased through the Redpath Lyceum Bureau a course of five entertainments for the season of 1908-1909 that will not be excelled by any course in this entire section of the country. Our citizens can rest assured that next winter they will have the opportunity of listening to talent the equal of that furnished to any of the larger cities of Michigan. The committee which assumed the responsibility of bringing two of the best musical numbers offered by any bureau, have also secured Dr. Thomas E. Greer and Walter McNutt for lectures, with the famous Fischer for an evening of entertainment as reader and elocutionist. The Record will tell its readers more of the merit of these numbers next week.

W. C. T. U. LECTURE.

Miss Margaret J. Bilz, state field worker for the W. C. T. U. will lecture in the United Brethren church, Friday evening, May 15, at 8 o'clock. Miss Bilz comes highly recommended as an earnest temperance worker and pleasing speaker. She hopes to be able to organize a Union in Alma. A collection will be taken but the lecture is free. Let everybody come, and help to keep the prohibition wave rolling.

Baseball—rain. Track—rain. Walking—rain. Canoeing—rain. Let's all go to "The Water Cure" tomorrow night.

CAMPUS GOSSIP.

Professor Adams will spread the winning debating teams and their friends next Friday evening.

Prof. Adams (Rhetoricals I)—Mr. Clark get a little more round in front.

The Senior Rhetorical class had a session on Mt. Olympus recently.

Rev. S. P. Todd was in college last week interviewing the ministerial students.

Mr. David Howell, Synodical Missionary, was over from Lansing last week for a brief visit.

Miss Hoover and Mr. Bastone attended the interstate oratorical contest at Albion last Thursday. Mr. Bastone going in his capacity as president of the state oratorical association. The interstate contest was won by David Loyd Heth, of Beloit, with an oration on Richlieu entitled "The Empire Builder."

Mr. Wilson Monteith entertained his sister from Port Huron over Sunday.

Mr. Charles Hunt spent Sunday in Ashley. He has an interest in the mills there.

Mr. Allan McFadden will preach this summer at Linden Mich.

Mr. Herman Morse will preach at Milan Mich. and Mr. Geo. Horst Spruce Mich.

May 2, 1908

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