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GRADE EXERCISES

Students From All Over County Filled Chapel—High School Meet a Success.

The first annual Gratiot County Eighth Grade Promotion and Inter-scholastic Field Meet was very successful. Although the weather in the morning was far from promising, the first train carried in loads of eighth graders and high school athletes and by noon campus and city were full of students from all over the county. Many parents and friends were also present and nearly all of the rural schools sent delegations. Neat little cards were issued by the faculty of the College, welcoming the visitors. The cards also contained a directory of the various interesting places on the campus, as well as the order of events for the Field Meet.

The Promotion exercises were held at 10:20 a.m. in the College Chapel, and lasted until noon. The program was opened with a song, "Gypsies" by the 3d and 4th grades of the Alma schools. The invocation was given by Dr. Clibbe, Prof. of English Bible in Alma College. A double quartette from the Alma High rendered "The Clang of the Forge."

County School Commissioner Pike then introduced the speaker, Hon. W. A. Bahlke of Alma. Mr. Bahlke gave a short but eloquent address, centering his remarks round the theme of "Efficiency versus Opportunity." After the close of Mr. Bahlke's remarks, which were listened to by an audience which filled the chapel to overflowing, Hon. J. W. Holmes, of Alma, presented the eighth graders with their diplomas. One hundred and fifty-nine graduates from the eighth grades received diplomas admitting them to any high school in the county. In closing the exercises Commissioner Pike paid a glowing tribute to Alma College Gratiot's great institution of learning and the only college in the state in local optior territory. The large audience then arose and sang the opening and closing stanzas of "America," after which the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Alfred Jennings Funnel, of the First Presbyterian Church of Alma.

The high-school field meet in the afternoon was most interesting. Thirty-three events in all were pulled off, including those held for the eighth grade students. The winner in the high school class was Alma with Ithaca second. The final score was Alma 88, Ithaca 60. No remarkable records were made but the meet revealed several athletes of great ability. Paul Kress, of Alma, won the gold medal for all around work. The preliminary to the 100 yard dash was run in 10:4 by Argent, Alma. Young of Alma ran the 120 low hurdles in 18:1. Brandt, of Ithaca, tossed the discus 98 ft. The star of the eighth grade meet was a curly-headed youth named Evre, from

New Haven township, who took all the runs and sprints and most of the jumps.

The high school events were as follows:

50 yd dash—1st Pinney-Ithaca, Adams-Alma; Ballard-Ithaca. Time 5:2

Standing broad jump—1st Pressley-Ithaca; Kress, Church, Alma. Distance 9.1

100 yd dash—1st Argent-Alma; Pinney, Kinsel-Ithaca. Time 11:4

Mile run—1st Holmes-Alma; Delevan-Alma; Hopkins-Ithaca. Time 5:18:4

120 yd low hurdles—1st Young-Alma, Adams-Alma; Brader-Ithaca. Time 18:1

12 pound shot—1st Brandt-Ithaca; Nelson, Young-Alma. Distance 38:8

440 yd dash—1st Waldron-Ithaca; Adams, Church-Alma. Time 58:4

12 pound hammer—1st Nelson-Alma; Kerstetter, Waldron-Ithaca. Distance 97:6

220 low hurdles—1st Adams-Alma; Pinney-Ithaca; Delevan-Alma. Time 30

Discus—1st Brandt-Ithaca, Pressley-Ithaca; Wood-Alma. Distance 98

220 yd dash—1st Kinsel-Ithaca, Waldron-Ithaca; Argent-Alma. Time 25:3

High jump—1st Grover-Alma; Mathews-Ithaca; Kress-Alma Height 5:1

880 yd run—1st Holmes-Alma; Waldron, Kerstetter-Ithaca. Time 22:6

Running broad jump—1st Kress-Alma; Mathews-Ithaca; Goggin-Alma. Distance 17:10

120 yd high hurdle—1st Hood-Alma; Kress-Alma; Kinsel-Ithaca Time 21

Pole vault—1st Young, Kress, Wood-Alma Height 8:6

1/2 mile relay—Won by Alma Adams, Goggin, Church, Argent.

CO-EDS HOLD MEET.

Alma co-eds who are the best-looking, wisest and sweetest-tempered in the Intercollegiate, showed last Wednesday morning that they are also the most enterprising by holding a field meet at 5 a.m. The men were of course barred from Davis Field during the events but certain wild and diverting tales were told over the coffee cups at Wright Hall. Hurdling and pole vaulting seemed to have their terrors for the co-eds if one might judge from the court plaster. We give the results below:

220 yd dash—Hughes, E. Brown, Bailey, Burns, Gibbs, Hughes 1st; Gibbs, 2nd. Time 32 sec.

10 yd—Rowland, Markham, Hubbard, Caldwell, Strange. Caldwell 1st; Rowland 2d. Time 18 sec.

100 yd dash—Hughes, Gibbs, Hubbard, Caldwell, Markham, Burns, Rowland and Brown. Hughes, 1st. Time 14 sec.

50 yd dash—Brown, Markham, Caldwell, Hughes, Bailey. Hughes 1st. Time 7 sec.

110 yd hurdles—Rowland, Gibbs, Runnels also ran. Rowland 1st. Time 2 min.

Running high jump—Markham, Ellis, Caldwell, Hubbard, Gibbs, Allen. Caldwell 1st. Distance 2 ft 11 in.

Running broad jump—Runnels, Bailey, Rowland, Caldwell, Brown, Monaghan. Brown, 1st. Distance 12 ft. 6in

Standing broad jump—Caldwell, Rowland, Seaver. Rowland, 1st. Distance 6 ft. 3 1/2 in.

3-legged race 40 yds—McCord-Cramer, Peacock-Morrison. McCord-Cramer, 1st. Time 10 sec.

Quarter mile—Runnels, Hughes, E. Brown, Markham, Caldwell, Ellis, Rowland, Hughes 1st; Rowland 2d; Caldwell 3d. Time 1 min 58 sec.

Quarter mile—Bailey, Wallace, Runnels, Hubbard. Runnels 1st. Time 1 min. 54 sec.

Run, hop, step, jump—Rowland, Gibbs, Mason, Caldwell. Rowland 1st Distance 24ft 1/2 in

100 yd walk—Burns, Bayley, Springer, Brown, Fellows, Brown, 1st. Springer 2d. Time 14sec.

Time-keeper—Fraker

Coach—Tanner

Referee—Springer owing to Miss Francis' failure to appear.

SENIORS ENTERTAINED

Thursday evening, May 28, the Seniors were the guests of the Junior class

The heavy storm which spoiled the M. A. C. game, cleared away at six o'clock, leaving a most delightful evening for a trip into the country. The great farm wagon, drawn by two stout horses, drew up in front of Wright Hall at six and was greeted with shouts of "Hurry up girls! The rig's here!" Willing masculine hands assisted the better halves of the classes over the side of the wagon box, Bastone and Horst offering their knees as stepping stones, and the whole twentyone were soon safely stowed away. After a ride of three quarters of an hour the driver drew up at the side porch of the hospitable Murphy home, from whence were wafted tantalizing odors of coffee and chicken. Seats at a more-than-usually-even-for-Murphy's laden board were soon taken and "Elder" Raycraft said grace in a manner befitting the happy occasion. After that the feeders "fell to" and when they were filled full they all sat out on the front porch and sang until the approach of another thunderstorm sent them all home in a hurry and a great deal of happiness.

'Y' done good, Juniors!'

Friday noon the second year French class gave a spread in the Jungle in honor of their teacher Miss Jane Mullenbach, head of the Modern Language Department. Miss Mullenbach was the recipient of some beautiful handpainted china from the class.

Two former Alma men appear in the current magazines. W. S. Cooper, '06 has an interesting article in the Botanical Gazette concerning the Alpine vegetation in the vicinity of Long's Peak. Henry Gardner Hunt ing, an Alma student in the '90's, has a charming child story entitled "Bob-Debutante" in McClures.

The postponement of the M. A. C. was a severe disappointment to local fans, and the heavy rains on the date to which the game was set added further gloom as well as costing the management a large sum of money.

BEAT INDIAN'S AGAIN

The Mt. Pleasant Braves Once More Fall Victim to Alma's Mighty Batsmen.

The game with the Mt. Pleasant Indians resulted in the usual Alma victory by a score of 8 to 2. The game started in a very interesting fashion. Dan Duncanson went in the box for Alma, but was touched for five hits and two runs in the first three innings. Alma could not find Sprague the Indian pitcher for two inning, but Hoben and R. Campbell each singled in the third. No runs came in for Alma until the fourth and matters looked desperate as the Redskins were hitting Dan freely. Harper sent Johnson to the firing line in the fourth and the braves went out in one-two-three style. In the same inning Helmer hit a three bagger and scored on A. Duncanson's single. Duncanson was forced out at second by Ehlers who was forced out by Johnson. Johnson scored on Hill's three-base hit to the fence. Hoben went out on an infield fly.

In the fifth inning eight men batted. St. Cyr reached first on Mosier's error, was advanced one by J. Campbell's single and stole third. Campbell stole second. St. Cyr scored on R. Campbell's sacrifice. Helmer reached first on an error by Mosier and was put out at second, J. Campbell scoring. A Duncanson made first on a fielder's choice, Ehlers singled, Johnson singled and Duncanson came home. Hill brought in Ehlers and Johnson by a mighty clout that looked good for three bases but he was nipped at third. In the sixth inning one run and three hits were made by Alma, the game being stopped by rain, in the middle of the seventh inning.

The score:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Alma	0	0	2	5	1	0	0	0	—	8	12	2
Indians	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	—	2	7	5

Base on Balls—Off Duncanson: 1
Hit by pitcher—St. Cyr. Three base hits—Hill, Helmer. Two base hits—Hill. Struckout—By Sprague 1, by Duncanson 4, by Johnson 4.

What about baseball! Will Alma retain the cup and win the pennant! Friday afternoon two of the best teams in the state will meet on Davis Field to fight for the Intercollegiate Championship. Is Alma playing good enough baseball to win against the strong Methodist aggregation? Every Alma student will answer yes. Alma has the best ball team in her history and will meet the team she defeated last year. Alma will win the Albion game. And if we take the Field Meet honors also that will be glory enough.

A number of students took advantage of the beautiful weather Decoration day to make pleasure and exploring trips to the vicinity of Vestaburg.

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Next week the annual Almanian election will occur. At the same time a new constitution will be submitted to the Association for ratification, and next year's officers will be elected under its provisions.

The staff bespeak your hearty co-operation in this matter of election. Formerly the elections have been poorly attended, but this year we wish the presence of all the subscribers. It goes without saying that the election of an editor for next year is highly important and great care should be exercised in choosing the person for this responsible position. A man of great literary ability is not needed so much as one who has great executive ability, one who can make others work, who can keep the editorial and financial departments both running smoothly. It should be a person with a large amount of college spirit and with great ability for self sacrifice. It should be some one who will work all the while and make others work. It should be some one possessing coolness, breadth, and sound judgment. These are the qualifications of the ideal editor. Now Almanian subscribers it is your duty to find such a person and elect him next week. Remember that upon your vote depends the success or failure of next year's weekly.

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880-YARD DASH

Kalamazoo—Hogles, Norton, Balch, Candler, Garvin. Olivet—Thomas, Robson, Voelcher, Ransom. Alma—McComb, Bradfield, Sayles, Brown. Albion—Freeman, Shirk Miller, Squires Hillsdale—Sheldon, Stock, Tulloh, Lords.

ONE-MILE RUN

Hillsdale—Slayton, Sheldon, Mason, Fulloh, Lords. Kalamazoo—Balch, Candler, Garvin. Olivet—Underwood, Thomas, Hunsburger, Ransom, J. Thomas. Alma—McComb, Sayles, Von Thurn, Fraker, Brown. Albion—Howell, Miller, Shirk.

TWO-MILE RUN

Hillsdale—Slayton, Sheldon, Mason, Lords. Kalamazoo—Garvin. Olivet—Thomas, Hunsburger, Underwood, Ransom, J. Thomas. Alma—Sayles, Von Thurn, Fraker, Angell, Whittemore. Albion—Howell, Miller.

POLE VAULT.

Hillsdale—Stewart, Watkins, Slayton Armstrong. Kalamazoo—Kinney, Giese. Olivet—McWilliams, Edie, Berry. Alma—Kefgen. Albion—Jilson, Torrey.

120-YARD HIGH HURDLES

Hillsdale—Walrath, Holiday, Armstrong, Ford, Zimmerman. Kalamazoo—Candler. Olivet—Hurlbut, Edie, Cady, McWilliams. Alma—McCullum, Campbell, Ackerman. Albion—Towsley, Squires, Mudge.

220-YARD LCW HURDLES.

Hillsdale—Walrath, Holiday, Ford, Armstrong, Zimmerman. Kalamazoo—Chandler. Olivet—Hurlbut, Edie, Thomas, Hilliar, McWilliams. Alma—Chapel, Brown. Albion—Saunderson, Mudge.

RUNNING BROAD JUMP.

Hillsdale—Whelan, Watkins. Kalamazoo—Hogles, Finch, Balch, Williams, Olver. Alma—Kefgen, McComb Albion—Allman, Towsley, McKale.

RUNNING HIGH JUMP.

Hillsdale—Shepard, Slayton, Ford, Whelan. Kalamazoo—Hogles, Kinney, Williams, Winslow, Giese. Olivet—Edie, Hurlbut, McWilliams. Alma—Kefgen, Philip. Albion—Jilson, Squire Torrey, Russel.

DISCUS THROW.

Hillsdale—Watkins, Slayton, Tullon. Kalamazoo—Finch, Kinney, Williams, Winslow, Giese. Olivet—Morrison, Amtsbuechler, Berry. Alma—McCullum, Chapel, McComb, Ackerman, Helmer. Albion—Russel, Moore.

HAMMER THROW.

Hillsdale—Watkins, Slayton, Tulloh. Kalamazoo—Hogles, Finch, Balch. Olivet—Berry, Morrison, Amtsbuechler. Alma—McCullum, Helmer. Albion—Russel, Moore.

SHOT PUT.

Hillsdale—Watkins, Slayton, Tulloh, Stewart. Kalamazoo—Hogles, Finch, E. Balch, J. V. Balch, Giese. Olivet—Berry, Morrison, Amtsbuechler. Alma—McCullum, Helmer, Askerman. Albion—Jilson, Towsley, Moore.

RELAY TEAM.

Hillsdale—Stock, Holiday, Sheldon, Tulloh, Slayton. Olivet—Stine, Hilliar Hurlbut, Thomas, Robson, Voelcher, Ransom, McWilliams. Kalamazoo—Hogles, Finch, Norton, W. E. Balch,



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Y. M. C. A.

For the last three Sundays the Association meeting has been held out on the campus under the trees. The attendance has been very good for this time of the year. There are now two Sundays remaining in the year for meetings. On the last Sunday, June 14th, an alumnus of the college, Rev. Hugh Ronald, of Plymouth, '08, will speak. Let every one remember this meeting.

The past year has been a good one. Every department of the association reports a successful year. Plans are already being laid for next year. The subjects for the meetings have all been prepared. The hand book for next fall's campaign is now on its final stages. New Bible courses have been decided upon. A meeting of the Association members will probably take place this week, for the purpose of electing delegates to the summer conference held at Niagara-on-the-Lake, June 19th to 28th. Begin thinking who should go from Alma and represent the Association. Half of each delegate's expenses will be paid.

AGGASSIZ DAY.

The Thursday morning chapel exercises were given over to the observance of the birthday of the noted scientist and teacher, Louis Aggassiz. Mr. Stanley Graves, '10, read an entertaining sketch of Aggassiz's life, while Miss Pearl Huber, read an instructive paper on Aggassiz as a teacher.

CAMPUS GOSSIP.

Hugh Ferguson hove to under the walls of Pioneer last Monday morning. Miss Mary Hughes and Mr Herbert Ehlers visited in Ann Arbor last Friday.

"Doc" Kennedy and Newman Cobb, former students, are visiting on the campus.

Does prohibition prohibit?" says Titus "Why, I haven't even seen a full moon since local option struck Alma."

The fellows enjoyed looking at the girls, track meet Tuesday morning from the back windows of Pioneer Hall

News has been received that Dr. Bruske will be home from his southern trip in time for the Baccalaureate sermon and the exercises of commencement week.

Pioneer Hall acquired a new inmate Thursday. Norman Angell having adopted a stray kitten on which he bestowed the touching cognomen of Flopsey Agagassiz.

"The Relation of the Mental Picture to Effective Vocal Interpretation," and "How to Strengthen the Position of the National Speech Arts Association Educationally," are titles of papers which will be read by Prof. Adams at the meeting of the National Speech Arts

Association, in Chicago June 29 to July 3. The association enrolls the leading teachers of public speaking, platform readers, lectures and proprietors of schools of expression.

The "Almanian" has received a pleasant letter from Jose Garcia, dated from Albuquerque, N. M. Garcia has spent this past year teaching in a Spanish school at Chilili, N. M. Many former students will remember him from his four years in the college. He writes as follows: "I just got here from Chilili. The schools in this section of the country close earlier than in the East. The hot weather has come and coats are no longer in the market. I have been looking around Albuquerque this morning and I assure you it is one of the most beautiful cities I ever visited. The Irrigation National Congress meets from September 18th to October 3d. Ambassadors from Washington, and Peers of Europe have been invited."

"I enjoyed my school teaching very much. I expect to remain here one year more, as my teacher's certificate is good until February 1st, 1909."

Tuesday evening, May 26, Dr. and Mrs. F. N. Notestein were at home to the Seniors from eight until ten. The entire class was present and enjoyed a very pleasant evening. One of the attractions was the view of Venus and the moons of Jupiter. Everyone took much delight in looking through the large telescope and listening to the Dr's impromptu lecture on astronomy. A clever and original contest was held which served to sharpen the wits of all in a most pleasant manner. Mr. Lester Sharp received the prize for being the best guesser of the evening. After half an hour's interesting chat over prospects for the future, refreshments were served consisting of fruit salad, wafers, ice cream angel food and punch.

Last fall the Almanian waxed duly enthusiastic over the football squad. It had a right to. No finer scoring machine was ever evolved at Alma than the one Coach Harper built up, second only to M. A. C's magnificent team. But we have a new subject for enthusiasm this spring. It is time something was said about the track team. That we have the best in the history of Alma is of course evident, that it is the best in the Intercollegiate we hope Thursday and Friday will prove Twelve or fourteen young men will try and "bring home the bacon" for Alma. If they succeed we will be celebrating hilariously, if Olivet takes the meet we will know that it was only through the hardest kind of a fight. But we are looking for some firsts in the weights, in the hurdles, in the sprints, in the jumps, and a place or two in the distance runs. If all goes as we expect, it means victory for Alma. Therefore let us be enthusiastic.

"CHASINGS."

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Subscription Department.

Alma students like to hear good things about the old ones. We recently heard of an item regarding a last year's student which will undoubtedly interest many. Next fall, Andrew Carnegie will send an expedition to South America to catalogue the stars of the southern hemisphere. This will be done under the direction of an eminent American astronomer, who will be aided by three assistants. For these he went to several universities and asked for recommendations. Michigan recommended two, one of whom received an appointment. He is Paul Delevan, special at Alma in '06 and '07. Mr. Delevan's contract calls for a service of three years. He will receive a handsome salary, and he will have great opportunities for study. The Almanian extends congratulations.

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