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ANOTHER BAD ONE

Adrian Defeats Home Team In a Red Hot Contest.

SECOND TEAM WINS OUT

Adrian 28—Alma 26—Cadillac High 37—
Second Team 55—College Girls Take Lead.

On Tuesday, Jan. 26, the Adrian College Five blew in, played the home team a lively game of basket ball and blew out again, two points to the good. It was without exception the hottest game ever played on the local floor. Of those who witnessed it, fourteen died of heart failure and six fainted away on the spot. The first half ended 18-15 with Adrian in the lead—the second half ended with one big groan when Adrian threw the basket that gave them the game, just a few seconds before time was called. The play was fast and furious from start to finish, Adrian perhaps showing a superiority in team work and throwing fouls. There are no excuses to be made the team played a better game, and a more consistent one than at Mt. Pleasant. We are improving and will be heard from yet. Adrian shows a consistent policy throughout, a good clean game and no kicking whatever. Empire Stickles, Mt. Pleasant, proved most satisfactory to both sides.

The gymnasium was crowded to the limit and its "seating capacity" entirely occupied by girls—the fellows standing. In the first few minutes of play Adrian took a lead of ten points, Alma not seeming to stick to their men closely enough, at the same time failing to connect with the ball. Toward the latter part of the half, however, Center Hoben began to "get the jump" on his man and a few team plays were indulged in, evening things up somewhat so that, at the finish Adrian led by three points only. The second half was more exciting than ever. Adrian again took a lead at first but in the last five minutes Alma began to creep up and two minutes before time, threw the basket that tied up the score. At this juncture the roof raised one foot higher to let out the yells, coming down with a dull thud, however, as Adrian took a last brace and chucked one in just at

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WHO'S WHO ABOUT THE CAMPUS AND WHY?

Serious and Frivolous Facts About the Great and the Near Great.

(With Profuse Apologies to the Saturday Evening Post.)

Si-Eksalb Editor.

In Silesia, which is in Russia, half a world away, August F. Bruske was born, say about March 24, 1847. Now the land of Silesia, though it floweth not with milk and honey is a goodly country. It has hills and dales, good pastures, and a soil that produces corn, hops and tobacco. Hard by the village of Racke—a right pleasant place, "Where smiling, spring her earliest visit paid, and parting summer's lingering blooms delayed"—Alma's president was born. Can there be any significance in the fact that he, like Luther and Lincoln, was born in a humble peasants cottage, was reared in poverty and schooled in labor, knowing the worth of adversity and self-reliance?

The Bruske's were a sturdy people, incidentally belonging to the sect of that sturdy man who defied a Pope and nailed 95 theses to a certain church door. When August was about nine summers old they decided to come to America. In 1856 they arrived at Saginaw, Michigan, bought a farm in Wayne county and commenced clearing the stern and tree bound soil.

One hot day while snaking stumps August got the idea that the chief end of man was education and service. That night the boy dreamed of marvelous things. When fall came the idea had converted the rest of the family, and August Bruske with a crock of butter under one arm and some of mother's bread under the other, landed in the college of Adrian. At college this farmer's boy was noted for three things. First he was a consummate economist, that is to say he knew how to cut down expenses. Why he studied the thing and made a science of it! Saturday was feast day. On that day he permitted himself to indulge in a baked potato. Mother's bread and butter sufficed during the other days. Time and pelf forbid too much luxury. And because of this the young man grew, and waxed strong in mind and body. Secondly he was famous as a catcher, base ball catcher. He caught on the Adrian

nine for two seasons. That was back in the sixties when pitchers really pitched—shot it under hand with a speed that produced a friction which well nigh burned the ball. And lastly Bruske was noted as an adroit debater. As a debater August Bruske had what most word mongers lack today. He possessed both passion and logic. Admiring colleagues warmly tell of how August would bombard the sagest judges with the slings and shots of cold logic, and at the same time entertained the less learned audience with verbal cake walks. No wonder old Alma college is grandly endowed!

It was in '64 when Father Abraham called for more volunteers that the youth from Prussia responded. Bruske served until peace was proclaimed. He was with Grant in the Wilderness and enjoyed the reality of war at Hatcher's Run—that field of carnage where men fell like autumn's withered leaves.

War over the young soldier returned to Adrian, from which he graduated in 1871, and received his degree from Drew Seminary, was called to Charlotte, built a church there, was called to Saginaw where he was instrumental in erecting three churches. Rev. Bruske remained there thirteen years, until 1891, when he accepted his present position. It is said that a generation cannot appreciate the work its contemporaries do, hence we shall not attempt to tell of what Dr. Bruske has done, or is going to do for Alma college.

"Lives of great men all remind us that we can make our lives sublime." If you were to ask Dr. Bruske how to succeed in life he would tell you to go to the ant, consider her ways and be wise. In other words he would say that success means eternal activity, being everlastingly at work and constantly keeping expenses down. Listen to this—Rev. Dr. August F. Bruske believes it, likewise practices it. He prayeth best, who loveth best, All things both great and small; For the dear God who loveth us He made and loveth all.

Weston T. Johnson, '99.

It is not often the Alma students are favored by an address from their representative on the foreign field. Sunday afternoon Weston T. Johnson, '99, who represented Alma in Japan delighted the

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DOUBLE PROGRAMME

Junior Oratory and Sophomore Debating Run Riot.

GREAT TIMES AT WRIGHT HALL

Freshmen Spread Sophs; Sophs Spread Juniors—Busy Times These.

A feast of knowledge and wisdom, (not to mention bread stuffs and fancy dishes) such as staggered the belief of even those that witnessed it, was the order of events Friday and Saturday evenings respectively. Friday evening the Juniors held forth in a remarkable display of oratory that made every one present sit up and take notice. Saturday evening the Sophs held their audience with a debate that bristled with logic and flowed with wit. Friday evening the Sophs spread the Juniors and Saturday evening the Freshmen spread the Sophs. All around, a week end excursion that was worth the while.

The program Friday evening specialized in oratory and music. The orations all proved interesting and were delivered with a degree of certainty which varied directly with the familiarity existing between the contents of the orations and the memory of people on the program. The music, as always is the case, could be classed up in "G." The complete program:
Piano—Papillon Miss Allen
Invocation Prof. Mitchell
Vocal Solo—The Lord is Mindful of His Own (Elijah) . . . Miss Goff
Oration—Grover Cleveland Byron J. Chapel
Oration—An Estimate of Franklin Frank McComb
Vocal Solo—The Ballad of Little Billee Mr. Cook
Oration—The Battle of Manila Harlow O. Whittemore
Oration—Russia in Revolution Elsie Bond
Piano Nachtmusik . . . Miss Amsbury
Oration—International Good Will Hugh R. Carson
Oration—Sir Henry Irving Theodore Nelson
Vocal Solo—(a) Constasy (a) The Merry Maiden Spring Miss Mitchell
After the literary program the Juniors and Sophs filed over to the Wright Hall where preparations for

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Student Council.

Alma is one of the few colleges in the country that does not have a student council. Why so? Do we not have questions continually coming up to be solved which concern faculty and students alike? Most assuredly—and more so this year, perhaps, than ever before. Are we not a large enough institution to need the aid of such an organization? Many colleges, far smaller than ours have them. Are there not many questions that are going to develop in the future, that must be definitely decided to the best interest of both faculty and student? No one will deny it. Why not then, in view of these facts, elect a student council?

What did we do recently in regard to more social privileges? We petitioned and after the matter was discussed pro and con a student's committee was appointed to confer with the faculty committee. In the meantime two months have gone by and as yet nothing definite has been decided upon. A student council would have made short work of this. The matter would have been decided in two weeks time, one way or the other, to the satisfaction of both faculty and student. Why not elect one? We don't know yet, definitely, just what has been done, regarding the request for more social privileges. Special parties are good but they mean work, they can't be continued each week. What was done or what wasn't done? Where are we anyway? A student council would solve the difficulty and do away with misunderstanding. Elect one member from each class, Senior, Junior, Sophomore, Freshman, K. G., Commercial, Preparatory and Music. Constitute them a standing committee to represent the student body, to act in conjunction with a committee appointed from the faculty. Then when a

question comes up we have a way of getting it without delay. The faculty are represented and can state their views, the students are represented and can state theirs. A misunderstanding is an impossibility and the decision will be satisfactory all around and abided by with alacrity. Let's have a student council.

Concerning Soles.

Should you ask me of the pleasures,
Of the harmless stunts and frolics
Which we played upon the new girls,

On the grassy-colored freshies,
I should answer in a whisper
Lest perchance the dean should hear me,

Telling you this Alma legend;
'Twas a month since college opened
Since we saw freshmen 'mongst us,
Clasped their hands in joyful welcome;

Naught disturbed their daily routine,
Few the pranks we play upon them;

One day quoth a worthy senior,
'Harker girls,' she said unto us,
It is meet that we should greet them,

Greet them with the (W)right Hall spirit;"

So we put our heads together,
Thought and planned, and planned and waited

Till the last day of the week end,
Till we had the great stunt party;
Bade the new girls not to miss it,
Bade them to come quickly, early
To partake in the enjoyment;
Come they did in monstrous numbers

Till the corridors were empty,
Till all silent was the building
Save the room in upper story
Where they watch the crazy antics
Of some great and star performers;
Saw some handsome negroes cake walk,

Listened to the jokes of jesters;
Loud the laughter, as unknowing
Of all harm, they watched the pastimes;

Ignorant that down below them,
Down the corridors all silent
Crept along some shad'wy figures,
Crept along with noiseless footstep,

Opened doors and closed them softly,
Gathered shoes and then departed.

Not until the following morning
When the Freshmen looked about them,

Did they note the missing footgear;

As each hunted in her clothes pressed
Shoeless roamed about the building

Asking this old girl and that one,
Where could be the lacking leather;
"Gone forever," said a Junior
With a wise and knowing pity;

"Gone unless you find them
Hunt and search with ceaseless labor."

Woebegone they set about it

Some were tearful, others wrathful,
Some with hunger gravely tortured,
Having had to miss their breakfast;
How they searched and how they hunted,

They in after years will tell you
'How they gained the needed courage,

To mount up the great high stairway

Till once more upon the fourth floor

They looked in the nooks and corners,

Found in one, the heap of rubbish,
Shoes and pumps of all description,
Slippers, felt boots, ties and gym shoes

Mingled in one grand confusion;
They will tell you how they sorted
Out their various belongings,
Undid shoe strings, while around them

Stood the old girls with compassion,
Cheering on their noble efforts,
Bidding them lay hold of patience,
And of shoes if they could find them;

So encouraged, they pressed onward

Till possessed of her possessions,
Each new girl did journey downward

Sho(o)ed from fourth, by those behind her.

Words—Words—Words

His hair stood endwise on his powdered wig,

Like quills upon the fretful porcupig;

He wants to go, and then again he doesn't;

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She—How kind of you to bring me these flowers. Mr. Laughlin—I think there's some dew on them yet.

L—Y-e-s. There's a little, but I'll pay that tomorrow.—Ex.

A parlor sofa holds the twain, Miranda and her love-sick swain.

Headshe. But hark! a step upon the stair, And papa finds them sitting there, He and she.

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a good time had been brewing for some two hours. Half of the dining room and the boys waiting room was tastefully decorated with countless orange and red '10's and '11's, not to mention cushions, banners, rugs and many other devices used to create a "gemutlich" atmosphere. After music and games came an outlay of good things that would cause an honest man to be ashamed to look a square meal in the face. Such things as cream chicken, bread and butter and olives, banana salad, cheese wafers, ice cream, nabiscoes, Sophomore Punch, etc., etc., followed each other in such rapid succession that only those possessing the proverbial appetite of a country boy and digestive ability of an ostrich felt safe in making use of the complete menu. So prevalent was the general jolification that Saturday had a good running start for morning before time was called and the customary good night yells exchanged.

Saturday evening repeated. The exhibition putting on a debate to satisfy the critical audience in place of the oratory. Yet even some may assert that oratory was to be found in the debate. Be that as it may, when Miss Dykes led off for the affirmative on the question, "Resolved, That organized labor is

justified in its use of the boycott," the evenings program was ably and spiritedly started. She argued the cause of labor, justifying unions, strikes and boycotts (from her standpoint—as the judges thought differently). Mr. Kefgen followed for the negative and while granting some things the affirmative asserted took issue with certain others and proceeded to show his reasons. "Now then, now then—honorable judges" we think he did it. Mr. Lindley took up the argument again for the affirmative and hammered home some good sound logic, getting into some of "its uses—ITS uses" as he definitely made obvious. Mr. Graves continued for the negative and answered some of the "sound logic" as best he could, using logic where possible and a touch of humor when logic failed. Mr. Cali followed with a continuation of the affirmative line of thought, using much law, in an animated manner, that counted. Miss Hood closed the argument for the negative, dwelling on the moral side of the question, to advantage. The rebuttal speeches were given by Mr. Graves and Mr. Lindley, the negative leading, after which the

decisions of the judges was patiently waited for by both sides, the presiding chairman, Prof. Adams, creating no little amusement by dallying with the decisions like a cat with a mouse. When finally rendered the vote stood two for the negative and one for the affirmative.

Once again the lucky ones trouted to the Wright Hall where the Freshmen were waiting with open arms to receive the Sophs with that friendly spirit, which only exists between classes that earlier in the year are the most strenuous adversaries. Orange and green color schemes artistically arranged predominated in the decorations. There were things doing from the start and be it said with regard to everybody's feelings, be he Soph, Junior, Senior, P. G. or "what not" that to keep apace with the Freshmen style of "mine host" you'll have to go some and multiply that by two besides. That menu! To state that oyster patties, sandwiches, olives, fruit salad, ice cream with caramel syrup, cake, coffee, Freshmen punch and "seconds on everything" came floating by would seem an exaggeration, but consistent to its policy in all cases, the Almanian prints the truth, and only the truth. More games and awarding of prizes followed, it being mighty close to Sunday, almost to close for Presbyterians, before the "whole dissembly dissembled."

Weston T. Johnson '99

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students, gathered in the chapel, with an informal but most interesting and instructive talk, bringing before them all sides of the Japanese character which came within the notice of the missionary.

He first touched upon the ethnology of the Nipponites and then described their religious systems, particularly Buddhism and Emperor worship. Loyalty, the keynote of Japanese character was illustrated by a touching little story of a Japanese prince and his teacher. The various attempts of the Europeans to "westernize" Japan led Mr. Johnson to explain Japan's relations with the United States. He said the Japanese love the American people. In the Japs, Washington, Lincoln and Roosevelt find their greatest admirers.

After a comparison of the climates of Nippon, North America, Mr. Johnson drew some most vivid pictures of missionary life in northern Japan. He pictured the hardships of that life and gave full credit to the missionaries best helper, his wife, the one who keeps for him in the foreign land the one touch of the homeland. He closed with an appeal to the manhood and womanhood of Alma to see their life work in the light of how much they could give instead of receive, and held before them the mission field as a splendid opportunity.

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the critical moment to claim the honors, time being called a few seconds later.

Adrian	Alma
The Line Up	
Spair	R. F. Campbell
Gray	L. F. Keopgen
Pratt	C. Hoben
Arnot, Capt. R. G.	Fraker, Capt.
Jones	L. G. Phillips

Time of Halves—20 minutes.
 Umpire—Stickles, Mt. Pleasant.
 Scorer—Prof. Mitchell—Time keeper.

The second team defeated "Hal" Helmer's High school basket ball team in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium at Cadillac last Friday evening by the decisive score of 55 to 37. The game was rough but very fast and interesting.

Hooper at right forward was the star of the game, getting sixteen field goals from every direction and distance. Hole at guard threw three, Cook at center three, Theron Chapel at center one; H. Brown, forward, two. Brown also threw four free goals out of five chances. Graham at guard, though of slight build, put up a very good game against a heavy opponent and completely outplayed him.

The game was so strenuous that Cook at center had to retire in favor of T. Chapel, who more than held his own for the remainder of the game. Cadillac had also to make some substitutes, replacing a center and a guard. Helmer ought to be congratulated for the showing that he is making with a team that is playing its first year of basket ball. Coach Carrithers is more than pleased with the showing of the second team against a team, which plays such a rough game and they have been holding the first team down to a reasonable score. They certainly are working hard and contributing a wonderfully help towards the success of the first team, and fully deserve all the praise they get.

The Girls in Athletics.

Didn't you go to the basket ball game? Then you must be a boy or altogether too busy. It was the grandest game the girls have ever put up on the compus.

High school girls on one side and college girls on the other kept the players from rolling over the side lines, and the good plays from going uncheered. The walls of the old gym. were kept busy vibrating, for all the girls did remarkably well, leaving the score at 16 to 8 in favor of the college team.

The college baskets were thrown by Pearl Eyer, the star player of the day, and her smooth plays kept the guards hustling. Belle Stevens (f.) and Winifred Markham (c.) were in the game every minute.

The team work showed greater than that of the opponents.

The work of the High school was very commendable. Their baskets were thrown by Ruth Austin.

It was very encouraging to the girls to see so many present, and especially members of the faculty. All come again.

COLLEGE TEAM.

Center (Capt.) Winifred Markham
 Guard.....Ethel Northern
 Guard.....Ruth Cook
 Forward.....Isabella Stevens
 Forward.....Pearl Eyer
 Time keeper....Marion McKinney.

HIGH SCHOOL TEAM.

Center (Capt.)....Mabel Wyant
 Guard.....Bessie Swartz
 Guard.....Bernice Walker
 Forward.....Ruth Austin
 Forward.....Barbara Wynn
 Time keeper.....Miss Delevan
 Referee—Miss Bruske.
 Scorer—Miss Cress.

Swipe Notes.

A girl chews chewing gum at times,
 A baby chews a sweetened bag,
 Some men chew fine cut or a plug,
 But the Swipe gang chews the rag.

Watch Ingles new motion since he has been waiting on three tables.

Kefgen says that the boycott question is debatable, but the girl (caught) question is entirely one sided.

Marshall didn't go to preach in Saginaw this week, but C. McComb went as a substitute. We wonder why he came back Saturday evening.

Speaking about subs, Hoover says the substitute job is all work and no pay.

Owing to the approaching Exams. Campbell is doing away with eating and instead is devouring his back lessons.

C. McComb: How long halves do girls play in basket ball? Phil—Fifty minutes. It must tire them continually jumping for such a long time.

F. McComb: Yes, I believe it would unless they had their jumpers on.

Johnson: Well fellows, I'm feeling miserable; I can't keep my mind on my studies; my appetite is gone, and I can't sleep.

Inglis: Hang! Why don't you marry the girl.

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"Next day the sun rose at the proper time,

And much improved the Carthaginian clime,

When thus her sister Anna she addressed;

"Sister, my nights are full of wild unrest;

This nice young man that's now a stopping here

To my affections is a-growing dear;

Celestial is his origin I know,

Such fearless souls don't emanate below.

My grief! what savage fights that man has fit,

And how genteel he can get up and git;

'F I hadn't vowed not to unite again,

I'm not quite certain but I should cave in.

Since poor dear Sic was slew by brother Pyg,

For no live man I've ever cared a fig,

Till unto Carthage this brave hero came—

But now—I swan—I feel this ancient flame

Yet, whither Sichaens keeps his confined state,

My heart lies with his ashes—that's my gait.—Ex.

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