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## LINCOLN BANQUET

Phi Phi Society Hold Annual Celebration.

## MANY OLD MEN BACK

"Grand Pa" Angell Returns to Act as Toastmaster.

The Phi Phi Alpha annual Lincoln birthday banquet was held Monday evening in the Wright House. The table was arranged in a triangular form and nicely accommodated the eighteen couples who were present. Everything was just right from "bouillon" until the drinking of the last toast. The dining room had been tastefully decorated with banners and bunting. Red and white carnations were strewn over the table and programs too were simply "scrum." At 9 o'clock Toastmaster C. Frank Angell led the march to the dining room. It didn't take long to get started on that seven course dinner. But no matter how hard the committee tried to keep every one's face occupied, they couldn't stop the stories with which every one was wound up for the occasion. All things come to an end, however, and after some little deliberation and hesitation that dinner decided to follow the general rule and stop at the "steenth" course.

All eyes now focussed on "Grand Pa" Angell, whose statesmanlike form was impressively arising from his chair. Some one once said "anyone couldn't do two things at once and do 'em both well." It's a "cinch," whoever said that didn't know "Grand Pa" who ably demonstrated his ability to take the place of a "moon" and a toastmaster at the same time, and as far as one would notice there wouldn't be much room left in either position.

Mr. Angell spoke for several minutes on the general character of the banquet, and concluded by introducing the "epicure," Mr. Hogg, for the first toast of the evening on "Lincoln, the Story Teller." After pointing out the heights to which Angels sometimes rise, Mr. Hogg told many interesting anecdotes of the personal life and habits of Lincoln who, mixed reason with pleasure, and wisdom with mirth." President Marshall

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Seventeenth President of the United States.  
Born February 12, 1809, Died April 14, 1865.

## The Gettysburg Address.

Remarks at the Dedication of the National Cemetery at Gettysburg.  
November 19, 1863.

**F**OURSCORE and seven years ago our fathers brought forth upon this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But in a larger sense we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow, this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here have consecrated it far above our power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish from the earth.

## The Alma School Teacher Out West.

As I write I hear the howl of the coyotes and the roar of the phonograph, which is the most distressing, I do not know, but both are equally indispensable in any description of an Oregon ranch. What a mournful sound the former is! No matter how cheerful ones resolves in the daylight they inevitably melt away when that melancholy cry comes from far over the prairie, or startles by its nearness. As for the phonograph—there is nothing melancholy about that unless it be the next day when by reason of it one has not one's work. What an appropriateness too in the sequence of records. It seems most apt that to follow "The Holy City With the Girl I Left Behind Me."

We have just had a very bad two weeks—the coldest within the memory of the oldest inhabitant. When I go "to town" I always visit Uncle Lem's Shoe Shining Parlors. Lem is an old darkey from North Carolina. In Oregon he has a state-wide renown and is much

beloved and petted by the ladies. His stock in trade is his talk. The other day I said: "Well, Uncle Lem, we're having pretty cold weather." "Yes'm, yes'm, that's so. I seen five hundred winters and I never saw one like this before, yes'm, yes'm." Once start Uncle Lem on Massa Lincoln and all is lost. He is "a fine and constreemle gen'l-men, yes'm, yes'm. That's so fine and contemptible ma'am." I suppose Lem is "thankin' de Lawd" for the change which has set in. This "devilish" weather brings him more trade he says. Last night a chinook sprang up. A chinook is a wind from the mountains which takes the snow off rapidly, although it chills one through and through. This evening the two feet of snow has almost disappeared. The mountains in the distance are as blue as their name and the gray wind clouds hang over the vast expanse of rolling wheat fields. The change must be a great relief to all, for winter is so unusual here no one prepares for it. Down on the Reservation the Indians are living in tepees and in the fields the "out stock" shivers in the snow. One

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## DEFEATS YPSILANTI

Alma Five Strike Their Stride and Win Out.

## GOOD TEAM WORK COUNTS

Play Trifle Rough In Spots—Locals Play Olivet Saturday.

The local team took the Ypsilanti Normals into camp last Friday evening to the tune of 42 to 28. At no stage of game was the outcome in doubt, but the game was intensely interesting though somewhat rough, due in part to the small floor.

For the first time this season the team struck its stride and played together in fine shape at all times. The passing was 100 per cent better than the previous games, and the boys showed more skill in shooting baskets.

Every man on the team started and repeatedly brought the crowd to its feet by spectacular work. Capt. Fraker and Phillips at guard both put up a magnificent game. Fraker covered a world of ground and repeatedly took the ball away from his opponents when he apparently had a clear shot. Phillips played a cool and steady game under trying circumstances. Hoben at center completely outjumped his man and was in the game every minute though he injured his hand severely in the second half. Keopfgen was the star who shown brightest, getting nine field goals, six of which came in the first half. He and Campbell at forward played together in fine style. Keopfgen though sometimes guarded by two men would put the ball through the ring despite their efforts.

Campbell threw free baskets from fouls much better than his previous form, getting nine out of thirteen chances in the first half.

For Ypsilanti Currier and Head started. Chapman though a trifle rough showed up well. Fraser, coach of Mt. Pleasant High school, refereed the contest and was satisfactory to all concerned.

The line-up and score is as follows:

Alma	Ypsilanti
Campbell	L. F. Mumford-Stevens
Keopfgen	L. F. Currier
Hoben	C. Head-Currier

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### Student Fund.

The entertainment to be given in the college chapel Friday, Feb. 19th, for the benefit of the student fund suggests an idea that has never before been worked out in Alma. Being a progressive student body we are ever on the look out for ways and means of improvement. Here's one: The college has for many years had charge of a student fund, a certain sum of money acquired in various ways which is used to help out deserving students from time to time. The fund is small and those deserving it's help are many. The plan is to establish an annual student benefit, to give every year an entertainment of some sort, the proceeds of which will be turned over to the college, for the student fund. In ten years a considerable sum will be at hand and accomplishing a good work. Many other institutions do exactly likewise. Why not Alma? It is a happy thought; the time is ripe to start it. Let every one attend and help things along.

### To Honor Lincoln.

The college will be on Friday next the fortunate recipient of a large picture of Lincoln, the gift of the colored people of the city, as well as a bronze table upon which Lincoln's Gettysburg speech will be engraved, the gift of the Alma G. A. R., Post. The plan is to have special exercises in the college chapel Friday morning at ten o'clock, at which time the picture will be unveiled and the tablet presented. Mr. H. L. Winchell will speak for the G. A. R. Post and Dr. Bruske will respond for the college. The main address of the morning will be given by Prof. Mitchell. Special music has been arranged, including an anthem

"Lincoln" which will be exceptionally fine. Patriotic songs will be sung and an enthusiastic meeting in honor of Honest Abe is sure to be had.

The college have decided to leave both picture and tablet in the chapel in preference to the library as was originally suggested. All students are expected to attend in a body.

### JUNIORS

This spreading idea seems to have "spread" faster than the measles. Saturday the Junior girls caught the fever and Saturday evening served the boys of the class a banquet that caused them to sit up and take notice. And banquet is no meaningless term in this connection either. It was no ordinary spread, we'll have you understand, it was a banquet from the obliging Freshmen waiters, at the start, to the toasts, at the finish. There didn't seem to be anything at hand that was too good to place on the festive board. Creamed mushrooms took the place of the common chicken and oysters, and the imported tutti frutti ice cream substituted for the ordinary "freezer kind." The same could be said of every course. Style too! Well rather. You couldn't beat it, Delmonico. And jokes—some real ones—the Junior kind, you know. In discussing where we would all be in ten years hence, when "Johnny" would be piloting a river and harbor bill through congress and Fleety would be carrying off olympic honois, Campbell remarked that he would be dining with the "canibals." The first course being some delicious consomme "royal" where upon some one suggested that he save us a "spare rib." Oh! they were clever, those jokes. But the toasts, some class to them, Campbells. "To our sweethearts and our classmates—may they never meet," made a hit as well as Sandys. Gee! But its great to be back, The one that emptied the glasses, however, was this proposed by the fellows.

"The Junior girls—

Where'er they are,  
Those present here,  
And those afar,  
To one and all,  
Well e'er be true,  
If you had known them,  
So would you."

### Phi Phi Alpha Election.

President—M. S. Marshall.  
Vice President—Cass Chase.  
Secretary—Robert Von Thurn.  
Treasurer—Adelbert Lindley.  
First Critic—Stanley Johnson.  
Second Critic—Chas. Hamilton.  
Almanian Reporter—Webb McCall.  
Janitor—Will Chamberlain.

## LINCOLN BANQUET.

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was now introduced by this funny Angell, as "Mark," the perfect man behold the upright." Mr. Marshall spoke on Lincoln, the ideal American" the model for all time. "Johnnie Johnson from the land of Oly Oleson" came next. After complimenting the toastmaster as "looking younger as papa than he did as grand pa" he spoke on "Lincoln's Gettysburg address," giving many interesting facts about this wonderful composition. Miss Minchin now responded to the toast of "Alma Boys." True to the prophecy they were pleased with the rattles, and tickled with a straw." But incidentally Miss Minchin told some awful whoppin stories. That one about the "running start" sounded true enough when she told it, but thinking of it now in a saner mood there are a few complications which didn't appear at first thought.

Following quite close in logical order, came Mr. Hamilton with his "Alma Girls." He spoke quite a common sense little piece "embracing" most every side of the subject, and next came Mr. VanThurn and his "Ambition." As Mr. Angell said, Robert did fine. He gave concrete examples of the different heights of ambition in Napoleon and John D., closing with Lincoln. This completed the program and after drinking a toast to "The future Alma College" in the genuine "Phi Phi punch," the toastmaster proposed we "light out while the lights were still on," thus bringing to a close a banquet of which the Phi Phi's will seldom see the equal.

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**The Alma School Teacher Out West.**

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sees more horses in a day in Oregon than in two years "back east," which being translated means Michigan. And quite another breed they are two, wild creatures very different from those meek beasts of burden we are accustomed to. I must tell you about my first experience riding horse back. I have since become quite proficient in the art, a bound of six or eight feet straight upwards on a mad dash on a snorting cayuse is now an unimportant occurrence. But that first ride. Will I ever forget it? Certainly not as long as I sojourn in this district for every old rancher is ready, nay eager to keep the incident fresh in my mind. In the first place my hair, it was puffed and rolled and hair pins and combs galore, (now I wear it in braid down my back). Pinned on top of this there was a hat. Bravely I mounted one of my pupils and innocent enough it looked until I found myself some distance from terra firma and the small boy handed me the bridle. Then indeed the pony's facial expression changed; he turned his wicked eye menacingly upon me. I suddenly found my enthusiasm for horseback riding diminishing. But there was no retreat. It seemed that half the district had assembled for the event. I must prove that a Wolverine is not a coward at any rate. So bravely I gathered the reins together and we started slowly forth. All went well for perhaps a half mile, till we came to a lane which led back to town. Here the noble beast refused to advance. I coaxed and slapped and at length cautiously disengaged from the horn of the saddle the "quirt," a braided rawhide. Quietly I touched my friend, the pony. Like a shot out of a cannon up we went, then before he had fairly touched the ground he wheeled sharply and back we tore over the dusty road. I had just sense enough to grasp the horn firmly with one hand and the reins with the other, and then hat on my neck, hairpins flying, puffs falling, coat floating behind I hit the landscape at a pace never before experienced by me. Perhaps you think a half a mile a short distance. Try it on a cayuse that is running away and I think you will change your mind. They tell me I was perfectly white when we finally pulled up at the barn. Perhaps and no wonder. But I was bound that that pony was going to take me to my destination. Imagine then this sorrowful procession winding o'er the plain, the "school ma'am" upon a wicked looking cayuse led by a small boy on a gentle work horse. We got there—but I've never heard the last of it. Spurs seem to be the only thing that strike

terror to the heart of a western horse. The first time I wore them how story booky I felt clinking around. The more they rattled the more wild and wooly it seemed. When I spoke in horrified tones of being dismounted I received this cheerful answer, "Yes, I was afraid that ornery beast would throw you." Every one rides here and the wilder the horse the better they like it.

I saw a picturesque procession before the snow came; a band of Indians with their pack horses going to the Reservation. They had been to the Colombia to fish and laden with salmon were returning home. The packs were so large one was tempted to inquire where they were taking the horses—of whom very little could be seen. The squaws in bright colored blankets and handkerchiefs of brilliant hues tied over their heads, their hair in long braids, kept the horses together, ahead, dressed in the same gorgeous costumes, were the braves. In Pendleton of a Saturday it is interesting to watch them. With their paposes strapped to boards either on their backs or in their laps, the squaws will sit for a whole day on one corner gazing stolidly at the passing throng; while head erect, arms folded and blanket drawn closely around them stands the brave, his face inscrutable, his attitude a heritage from his free and independent ancestors. I have become very nimble at figuring up that if two bits is twenty-five cents six bits would be seventy-five cents. I no longer stare when anyone offers to pack my dinner bucket for me. I can handle gold coins without mistaking them for pennies, (as for a bill I haven't seen one since I crossed the Rockies.

I wish I could tell more about the west, it is an interesting land, a land of enterprise, of big earnings and reckless spending; and it is very sure of this.

This small boy has its spirit. I asked him why the English language was not changing materially now, expecting to hear that with the printed page had come sameness of form, and this is the reply I got: "The English language is so up-to-date that it can't change."

**CAMPUS NOTES**

We hope the little idea sprung by Miss Houghawout Saturday evening will be catching. That is, in other words, some fine evening, when there are no study hours, we'll all go down "on the coach."

In case it may have slipped your mind, Hunt's birthday is Feb. 8th,

Lincoln's Feb. 12th and Washington's Feb. 22.

"Grand Pa" Angell put in his appearance on the Campus Saturday. Those that never knew "Grand Pa" can never lay claim to a complete college course.

Now that Anderson is furnishing the pop corn—\*\*\*

When we stated a few issues back that "Miss McCord would have one guest" we simply had our dates mixed.

When you come right down to facts, where will you find a more loyal "fan" than "Bob?"

Just out—"The Mystery of the Orange Peel or Who Owns the Handkerchief."

And the Seniors are going to give a real live play some time in the near future. Bully for them—we're all curiosity. More than that the third year German class will stage two German plays after spring vacation. Everybody should come whether you understand it or not. Just look wise, laugh when the rest do, and they never know the difference.

Hurd Allyn Drake, '11, has accepted a unanimous call to the Immanuel Presbyterian church of Saginaw. He will continue his work in Alma college, however.

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## DEFEATS YPSILANTI.

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Fraker (c.) R. G. Miller  
Phillips F. G. Chapman - Mumford

Final Score—42-28; first half 26-16.

Field Goals—Campbell 6; Kefgen 9; Hoben 2; Fraker 1; Currier 4; Mumford 1; Head 1; Stevens 2; Chapman 3.

Goals from Fouls—Campbell 9 out of 13; Chapman 2 out of 9; Head 4 out of 4.

Referee—Fraser—Mt. Pleasant.  
Time Keeper and Scorer—Prof. J. E. Mitchell.

The team play Olivet here next Saturday afternoon, and expect to go to Ypsilanti for a return game February 19. New team signals and new plays have been taught by Coach Carrithers the past week, and from now on they expect to work together as old veterans should.

## ALUMNI.

Miss Lillian Crandell, '06, is teaching mathematics and history in Vermonville High school this year, and is incidentally booming Alma College.

Mrs. W. S. Hanen, formerly Miss Martha Lawrence and a student in K. G. department in 1890 is now living in Eaton Rapids. A step-son of hers, expects to enter Alma college next year.

Mr. Seth Tubs, so well known to the college student body in Alma a few years ago is now engaged in the hardware business in Eaton Rapids.

Miss Gelston, a former teacher of Latin and Greek at Alma, will represent the college at the annual Alumni banquet of the Alumni association of the northwest, to be held at Chicago in the near future.

The Caro Advertiser of last week says of E. E. Fell, now superintendent of the schools of that place: "Superintendent of school, Fell, came down street Wednesday morning wearing 'the smile that won't come off' rather more expanded than usual and explained it was occasioned by the arrival of G. Alfred Fell at his home at 6 o'clock. This is only the third son of the household and when father said, "we wouldn't have a girl anyway," everybody knew he was joking, an expression of satisfaction and not intended as a slight to the gentler sex.

## Freshmen.

The series between the Freshmen girls and the Sophomore girls came to a close this week with the Freshmen ahead. The Sophs won one game out of three played. The last one being a forfeited game the wearers of the green claim three out of four.

## On Being 21.

So you are 21?

And you stand up clear-eyed, clean-minded, to look all the world squarely in the eye. You are a man!

Did you ever think, son, how much it has cost to make a man out of you?

Someone has figured up the cost in money of rearing a child. He says to bring a young man up to legal age, care for him and educate him, costs \$25,000. Which is a lot of money to put into flesh and blood.

But that isn't all.

You have cost your father many hard knocks and short dinners and worry and gray streaks in his hair. And your mother—ah, boy, you will never know! You have cost her days and nights of anxiety and wrinkles in her dear face and heartaches and sacrifice.

It has been expensive to grow you.

But—

If you are what we think you are, you are worth all you cost—and much, much more.

Be sure of this: While father doesn't say much but "Hallo, son," way down deep in his tough, staunch heart, he thinks you are the finest ever. And as for the little mother, she simply cannot keep her love and pride for you out of her eyes.

You are a man now.

And some time you must step into your father's shoes. He wouldn't like you to call him old, but just the same he isn't as young as he used to be. You see, young man, he has been working pretty hard for more than twenty-five years to help you up! And already your mother is beginning to lean on you.

Doesn't that sober you, Twenty-one?

Your father has done fairly well, but you can do better. You may not think so, but he does. He has given you a better chance than he had. In many ways you can begin where he left off. He expects a good deal from you, and that is why he has tried to make a man of you.

Don't flinch, boy.

The world will try out. It will put you to the test every fiber in you. But you are made of good stuff. Once the load is fairly strapped on your shoulders, you will carry it and scarcely feel it—if only there be the willing and cheerful mind.

All hail, you, on the threshold!

It's high time you were beginning to pay the freight. And your back debts to father and mother. You will pay them, won't you, boy?

How shall you pay them?

By being ALWAYS and EVERYWHERE A MAN. MOTHER.

—Grand Rapids Chronicle.

## Echoes From Examination Week.

The three kinds of pronouns are he, who and yours.—Acad. Eng.

The Chinese wall was a high stone fence built around the whole Chinese empire. It was built at such an expense to the Chinese that they never got over it—but the Tartars did.—Acad. Hist.

But King Horn was a dead game sport and called the bluff, walking up to the king he put his fist under his nose and remarked in a heroic manner "you'se skidoo, see, I'se the guy what marries her, myself."—Junior Eng.

Froebe didn't believe in capital punishment for children.—Hist. of Education.

## A Chemical Romance.

Said Atom unto Molecule,

Will you unite with me?

Said Molecule to Atom,

There's no affinity

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