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## GRATIOT COUNTY MEET

Will Be Held In Alma On May 28th.

### ALMA HIGH HOPES TO WIN

But Other Schools Are Showing Up Strong—Grade School Contest Interesting.

It is time that just a word is said concerning the second annual field and track meet of the Gratiot county athletic association, which is to be held on Davis field, Friday, May 28. This meet is competed in by nearly all the schools of the county. There are two classes of schools Class A and Class B. The former are those that have more than eight grades and the latter have but eight. Bronze medals are given to winners of first places and blue and red ribbons for second and third, while championship banners will be given to the schools scoring the largest number of points and also to the winners of the tennis tournament.

The business men are working hard to make Friday, May 28, one of the greatest days in the history of Alma, and hope to have the hearty support of the students of the college.

In all probability the honor of winning first place will be a hot fight between Alma, Ithaca and St. Louis, with Alma the general favorite from her showing of last year. The local high school lost two valuable men when Holmes and Argent left school. Holmes (who is now winning honors in the distance runs at M. A. C. and who will enter school here next fall) captured first in both the half and mile runs, while Argent won first in the fifty yard dash. The loss of these two lads will be more than made up by the presence of Cooper, a local boy, and Eyre, the curly haired boy from New Haven, who made over 30 points in last year's class B meet. Kress, who carried off the individual honors last year is still in school and has already put the twelve pound shot 38 feet, high jumped over five and thrown the discus on an average of 97 feet. Nelson, the lad with the big jaw, is putting the shot close to 40 feet and also throwing the discus close to one hundred mark. Youngs and Wood are pole vaulting about nine

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Spare the Rod and Spoil the Child.

## GRABS TWO MORE

Team Takes Close One From Bay City and Blanks Normals

### "SANDY" AND HOLE SHOW CLASS

And The Batting Of All Shows Great Coaching—Scores 7-6 and 12-0.

In a very fast game Alma defeated the strong Bay City team of the South Michigan league, who came here to play four games. A raw wind made the play necessarily slower than it would be under warmer conditions, but "things were doing" from start to finish.

In the first inning "Sandy" struck out the first two men to the extreme delight of the bleachers. The third man got on but the succeeding man was thrown out at first.

The fellows showed no anxiety or lack of confidence usually displayed by a college team playing against a league team, but started scoring in the very first inning. Call, second man up, singled and Campbell duplicated the first by further bunching of hits and taking advantage of errors by Bay City Alma got two runs. The visitors in the third half of the second responded with a run made by a hit and base on balls and an error. The wind being so chilly that the ball was juggled a little by the players of both sides. In this inning Alma secured another run. The third was uneventful as far as scoring goes, both sides settling down after the first excitement to hard work. In the fourth Bay City put four men over the rubber by mixing hits and base on balls, making the score six to three. The visitors substituted a new pitcher and Alma succeeded in getting men on bases but no runs were scored.

For Bay City nothing was doing the rest of the game in respect to scoring as "Sandy" tightened up after that almost disastrous fourth. In the fifth Alma evened up the score. Call and Campbell getting on and Sandy sending them across the plate with a neatly placed two base hit and he himself scoring later. The team replied to the vociferous appeals of the grand stand for another run to break the tie, by scoring in the sixth. After this no more runs were secured by either sides, the

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### May Day.

In England many years ago was celebrated what was known as May-games on Calends or the first day of May. The boys and girls rose a little after midnight and walked in a body to a neighboring wood accompanied with music and blowing of horns. Here they would select a long pole and adorn it with bright bouquets and branches and then bind the pole from top to bottom with ribbons. Flags and handkerchiefs were fastened at the top streaming out in the May breeze. All around it the ground was strewn with flowers and boughs. Near by arbors were built, when everything was in order the merrymakers fell to feasting, leaping and dancing about the pole, such as the heathen used to do at the dedication of their idols.

It was also the custom on this day to choose a Lord and Lady of the May, who no doubt presided over the sports. They were very grandly dressed in silks and ribbons and other fineries.

About the time of Henry VII, the May-games were very popular, being held and taken part in, by the nobles and higher class of people. They were not only held on the first of May but during the entire month of May and the first week or so of June.

It is interesting also to note that the grimy little chimney sweepers of London singled out the first day of May for their festival, at which time they would parade the streets

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### Alumni.

Ethel Stewart, Kg., '03, is the wife of J. M. Lewis, a teacher in the Toledo city schools. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis live at 2050 Putnam avenue.

Herman Morse will occupy the pulpit of the Presbyterian church at Omena the coming summer.

Dr. C. E. Long '02, an old grid-iron star, who took a course in Detroit Medical college after leaving Alma, is one of the leading physicians of Elk Rapids, with a steadily increasing practice.

Carl Whitney, who played short stop on the base ball teams of 1902 and '03 and end on the championship football team of 1902 is now junior member of the hardware firm of I. H. Whitney & Son. He is general manager of the firm during his father's term as state senator.

Otto Powers, a music student in 1897-'98 is manager for the Bell Telephone Company in Elk Rapids. Recently the telephone company wished to move Mr. Powers to another field but the citizens showed their appreciation of his services by circulating a petition to have him remain in Elk Rapids. Mrs. Otto Poweas was assistant in the music department of the college in 1897-'98. She was known as Miss Amorette Franklin.

Moses Chompney ex '11, lives on a farm at Yuba, Mich. He is planning on returning to Alma for further work next year.

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### Be Merciful.

The present issue of the Almanian is from the pen—or rather pens—of a certain “prep” class in English. They gathered all the news, wrote all the poetry, drew all the pictures, ground out all the dope, cracked all the jokes, read the proof, cussed the printers, and mailed the complete edition which is not quite “more than a million a week.” Whether they will pay the bill or not remains to be seen. At any rate, be merciful. Word your criticisms kindly, and if you think you can do better come and offer your services.

#### The staff.

Reesa Knox.....Managing Editor  
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### Next Years' Oratorical Contest.

Do it now. Now is the time to prepare for the next oratorical contest—both the men's and the ladies' contests. As has been proven in the past, it is not always the best orator that takes first place, but the one who puts the most time on it.

Select your subject now and get what material you can in the library and work on it during the summer vacation. There is only a little over two months and a half after school opens in the fall before the contest in December. This is not ample time to prepare. Hence begin now.

The ladies oratorical contests are comparatively new and unless more interest is taken than has been, this part of the oratorical will have to be dropped on account of the financial burden. This will be a great educational loss to the young ladies, and they should consider it as such.

Mr. Markham and Mr. Blair of Sault Ste. Marie were visitors on the Campus last week.

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feet three and also showing up well along with Hood, Church, Eyre and Adams in dashes and hurdles. In the runs Adams, Delevan and Cooper have been doing close to second time.

The Alma boys are working for they expect to enter in Brewer's meet at East Lansing, and Kress, Nelson, Youngs Eyre and Cooper certainly ought to make a credible showing against the athletes of the other schools.

Ithaca high has lost even more men than Alma and St. Louis combined. By the death of Brand they lost a man who holds the county high school record in discus and shot, and who was also something with the hammer. Ballard left school and is now attending college at M. A. C. He was in the dashes and very good in the weights and jumps. Other men with not quite as much ability as the two named, have graduated. With Matthews and Brader, the two stars of last year's track team, and an abundance of new material Ithaca expects to wrest first honors from Alma.

St. Louis, who won third last year, has not lost a single athlete, and though they are not saying much every one feels they expect to easily win first place—maybe.

All in all this years field meet promises to be far better than that of last years, and should show up some men that might possibly make good in college athletics. It did last year. Why not this?

The following is the list of events: Fifty yard dash, one hundred yard dash, two-twenty yard dash, 120 yards high hurdles, 220 yards low hurdles, 440 yard run, half mile and mile runs, pole vault, running high jump, standing and running broad jumps, 12 lb. shot put, discus throw, 12 lb. hammer throw, and one mile relay.

As classes will be suspended during field meet every college student should be on hand on Davis field and encourage the athletes to do their best.

### May Day.

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in companies, disguised in various manners. Their dresses were usually decorated with gilt paper and other cheap fineries. They carried their shovels and brushes in their hands which they would rattle together, making a sort of music to which they kept time by jumping in imitation of dancing. The larger companies would have a fiddler along and a Jack in the Green as well as a Lord and Lady of the May. The Jack in Green was a wooden frame covered with boughs and leaves and flowers so that the man inside was com-

pletely hidden from view. The personages followed the minstrel with great stateliness and danced as the occasion required.

This, the history of May day, is interesting to us because, even at this late date in the worlds existence little boys and little girls still love to congregate and celebrate. Sometimes the love of play so predominates that it has been known that classes have occasionally been accidentally missed in result thereof.

### The Week's Attractions.

This week should be one of great importance to the base ball fans of Alma, for it is the acknowledged “coming out” of the team that is going to bring to Alma College the M. I. A. A. championship for the third successive year. Although the weather, for the past week, has been far from satisfactory for practice, and a disappointment to the team, they are getting together occasionally and trimming themselves down to the old “Alma style.”

The coach has been able to secure the Bay City leaguers for practice games here most of this week, owing to the bad condition of their field, and if nothing happens to prevent the arrangement games will be pulled off on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. These games will complete a full schedule of exceedingly swift games for the week, and also give our hopefuls the required practice to meet M. A. C. and Adrian a few days later. The schedule is as follows:

Monday—Bay City at Alma  
Tuesday—Bay City at Alma.  
Wednesday—Bay City at Alma  
Thursday—Bay City at Alma  
Friday—M. A. C. at Lansing  
Saturday—Adrian at Alma

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**"Rats" a la Pied Piper Hamelin.**

Wright Hall is in Alma,  
That famous college city;  
The river Pine, both deep and wide,  
Flows calmly on its southern  
side,

A pleasanter spot you never spied;  
But when begins my ditty,  
About a week or two ago,  
To see the students suffer so  
For rats, was sure a pity.

Rats!

Great rats, small rats, lean rats,  
scrawny rats,  
Brown rats, black rats, gray rats,  
tawny rats.

Rats of wire and rats of wool,  
Rats —The cupola almost full;  
Switches too, to match the rats,  
And make background for Easter  
hats.

On Monday night two weeks ago,  
A bold, bad burglary was did;  
Each room discarded its share of  
rats,

Which in the cupola were hid;  
Next morning lo! what wondrous  
sights,

The ratless heads—oh what a pack!  
Adorned with bows to hide.

A few days later a trace was found,  
A rat tail up the stair case wound;  
A trail for fearless maids to follow,  
So up, and up, a up they went,  
Each on her quest for rats intent;  
Until within the cupola's door,  
They found them all upon the floor.

The rats are here now, much as  
ever,

We fear that they will leave us  
never;

But virtue is its own reward,  
We hope that you have not been  
bored.

**The German Comedies.**

Friday evening, April 30, at 7:30  
has been set as the time for the  
presentation of the two one-act  
German comedies to be given by  
members of the German college  
classes. All students are invited.  
For the benefit of those who may  
not be familiar with the German a  
brief synopsis of each play is here  
given:]

"Ein Knopf" (a Button).

Dramatis personae.

- Dr. Rudolf Bingen,
- .....University Professor
- .....Harry W. Marsh
- Dr. Karl Blatt,
- .....University Professor
- .....Stanley A. Graves
- Gabriele, wife of Dr. Bingen,
- .....Mildred Burns
- Bertha Waller, Gabriele's cousin,
- .....Lois Fraker

Rudolf, the absent-minded Pro-  
fessor, for fear of forgetting his  
bride wife, sews a red button on  
his coat. Karl asks Rudolf's aid in  
his suit for the hand of Bertha. The  
plot hinges on the button, (Ein  
Knopf) which proves to be one  
lost by Bertha on Gabriele's wed-

ding day. Rudolf's motives in  
complying with Karl's request are  
misunderstood. He arouses Ga-  
briele's jealousy, and brings upon  
himself the scorn and suspicion of  
Bertha and Karl. The denounce-  
ment takes place when Rudolf dis-  
covers the button to be Bertha's;  
he declares his previous ignorance  
of the fact; and a happy recon-  
ciliation follows:

Gunstige Voizeichin.  
(Favorable omens).  
Personae.

Hofrat Rillbery.....Roger Waring  
Karoline, daughter of Rillbery,  
.....Nina Shoocraft  
Brunhilde, niece of Rillbery,  
.....Carrie Nielson  
Holdhaus.....Harlow Whittemore  
Holdhaus, the recluse scientist,  
writes asking Rillbery for the hand  
of his daughter, whom he has seen  
at a flower show. Rillbery is very  
suspicious; he opens a book at ran-  
dom, and reads, "Blessed is his en-  
trance into your house." Rillbery,  
who is old and will leave no inheri-  
tance, favors the marriage. Koroline  
loves a poor chemist who as yet  
has no income. Holdhaus visits  
Rillbery and discovers it to Burn-  
hilde he has seen and admired.  
Karoline tells him she loves the  
chemist. He rescues Burnhilde  
from two drunken men; obtains  
for the chemist the position needed  
that he may marry Koroline; Burn-  
hilde falls in love with Holdhaus.  
The play closes with the father's  
words, "The omen is fulfilled. You  
bring happiness into the house."

**Co-Ed Debate.**

"Resolved, That the U. S. should  
abandon the Monroe Doctrine,"  
was the question for debate be-  
tween Zeta Sigma and Alpha Theta  
last Monday evening. The girls'  
team, Miss Jean Dykes of Iron  
Mountain, Miss Florence Hood of  
Alma and Miss Kathleen Gillard of  
Alpena upheld the negative of the  
proposition and obtained a unanim-  
ous decision in their favor. The  
affirmative team, C. Donald Call,  
Charles McComb and Leslie  
Koepfgen met defeat at the hands  
of a capable trio, in good part.

Both societies were present in  
the Alpha Theta room where the  
debate took place and a short—  
very short—social time was indulg-  
ed in after the debate.

It is hoped this can be made an  
annual affair. The judges were  
Miss Eddy, Mrs. Sidebotham and  
Mr. Carrithers.

**ALUMNI.**

J. Wirth Dunning, '04, captain of  
the base ball team in 1900, and

catcher on the team every year he  
was in college, is pastor of the  
Presbyterian church in Tecumseh,  
a church of 460 members. At the  
recent spring meeting of the Mon-  
roe Presbytery Mr. Dunning was  
elected moderator for the coming  
year. He is the youngest pastor  
in the Presbytery and presides  
over the work of one of the largest  
churches.

H. S. Babcock, who attended  
Alma college in the early '90's is  
editor of the Harbor Springs  
Graphic. He has been re-elected  
county school commissioner of  
Emmet county, a position he has  
held almost continuously since  
leaving Alma.

Christmas M. Hough, Kg., '04, is  
at her home in St. Ignace this year.

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## GRABS TWO MORE.

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game only lasting for seven innings.

Sandy served up his curves in the usual deceiving style, mowing down the battery when runs were most needed by the visitors, and further proved to his admirers his pitching ability. Hoben was there every minute with glove and stick, eliciting praise from everybody. Campbell and Call are working finely at short and second respectively.

The game proved that Alma has one of the best teams in her history—team work being of the best kind.

We were certainly fortunate to secure the Bay City team inasmuch as rain prevented the Saginaw games, and it is just the practice the fellows need.

SCORE		R	H	E
Alma	2 1 0 0 3 1 x	7	8	4
Bay City	0 2 0 4 0 0 0	6	8	4

In a drizzling rain (which usually makes base ball playing slow, but which failed to slacken the lightning fast plays of the boys with the maroon socks), Alma defeated the Mt. Pleasant Normals to the tune of 12 to 0. The above score would lead one to think that the team from Mt. Pleasant are up against the real thing when they play Carrither's men, for it was only a week ago that Mt. Pleasant Indians were beaten by Alma with "Sandy" in the box 5 to 0.

The slugging, fielding and baserunning of the Alma boys, together with the wonderful pitching of Hole, who let the Normals down with one scratch hit, kept the small crowd on edge, and the Normals in the field making desperate efforts to get the hot ones. From the time Stickle was thrown out by Campbell to Phillips in the first inning until Demerest was put out by Campbell on a sensational catch in the ninth inning the Normalites never showed the coaching and inner knowledge of base ball as did Carrithers "hopefuls."

Altogether Alma stole nine bases, made twelve runs and fourteen hits, of which six were for extra bases. Hoben led in the batting, getting two two-baggers and two singles out of five times up, while "old boy Sandy" hit the ball on the nose in the sixth inning for three bases. Though, as was before said, the game was played in a rain, still it did not put a damper on the sensational fielding of the locals. In the fourth inning by a sensational catch Brown robbed Demerest of a single, in the seventh Call pulled off a phenomenal one-handed catch off Crawford's highliner, while in the eighth Hole ran way past third and pulled down Hill's foul fly. It was surely one of the greatest plays ever seen on

the local field. "Old Boy Sandy" not content with his great three-bagger was tempted to make a great running catch of Archer's fly just over second. It might also be mentioned that Brown was shifted from third to left field and that Graham was brought in from the left garden to cover third. This seems to be a change to the good for both Graham and Brown played great games in their new positions.

SCORE.		R	H	E
Mt. Pt.	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0	1	8
Alma	2 0 2 2 1 0 5 x	12	14	3

Base on balls off Hole 1; off Demerest 3; two-base hits, Hoben 2; Call, Hole, three-base hits; Duncanson, double plays Stickle to Lance; Call to Campbell to Phillips. Hit by pitched balls by Hole 2, by Demerest 0; struck out by Hole 8; Demerest 4; passed balls Hoben 1; Crawford 1. Umpire—Cole. Scorer—Carrithers. Time of game one hour and 29 minutes. Attendance 150.

## Campus Notes.

Miss Adele Bailey spent the week end at her home in Mason.

The followers of Fra Blaske are quite evident around the Campus. A' la yellow trousers.

The Misses Edna Brown and Ethel Springer have accepted positions for next year in Tecumseh.

Mrs. Waring was the guest of her son, Roger, last Wednesday and Thursday.

Many thanks from Wright Hall to the boys for open house at the museum.

Don M. Hargrave, a student here in '03-'04, visited his sister here last week.

Phil.—Keep the good work going. "Phil-upus."

We'll all be glad to see the prodigals back the first of May.

Patches! Mr. Dearing had a mending day some time last week. Hurrah for the yellow and the blue

## Froeble.

The kindergarten girls expect to have a very enjoyable as well as beneficial visit at the Training School at Mt. Pleasant, the latter part of May. Last year the Alma kindergarten department acted as hostess to the kindergarten department of Mt. Pleasant and this year the compliment is the returned.

## Philomathean.

Our work this semester has been on the ages of painting and the present day. Our programs have two or more extemporaneous talks in the conditions of affairs in foreign countries as well as in our own, besides debates, musical selections and papers and topics assigned. Though small in number the society is doing good work.

## ALUMNI.

Mason Tarbett, a student in the academy in '92-'93, is a junior in the engineering department at the University.

Ben Dunning, ex-'06, who played first base on three of Alma's base ball teams and a half back on the '02 and '03 foot ball teams, will graduate from the dental department at Ann Arbor the coming June.

George Horst, '08, will be remembered for his work on gridiron, will complete his first year's work in Princeton, May 1. He will supply the pulpits of Owendale, Elkston, and Pigeon churches the coming summer. He is called back to that field in recognition of his efficient work there last year.

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