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Nineteen Feet of Wright Hall Bench on a Friday Night.

## WINS TWO, TIES ONE

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## WEATHER SPOILS SCHEDULE

Games With M. A. C. And Adrian Impossible —Track Meet Called Off.

With nearly a week of excellent practice and a winning streak that prophesied continuance, the snow storm, which swept across the state Thursday brought keen disappointment. After playing Bay City a series of three games, winning two and tying one, shutting out Mt. Pleasant to the tune of 12-0, a game with M. A. C. and Adrian to top off the week, would have been most acceptable. But Thursday morning found the diamond buried in six inches of snow, beautiful to look at, but a trifle discouraging to the base ball enthusiasm. The track meet with M. A. C. to be held Saturday afternoon before the game with Adrian, also had to be abandoned. All around disappointment prevailed. A meet with the M. A. C. was most desirable. It would show up our material and enable us to find out just "where we are at." It is hoped for, however, at a later date.

After beating Bay City in their first game, and having passed safely by the nervousness that the knowledge of playing against the real leaguers naturally occurs, the team went after things Tuesday and took their second game from the professionals. It was positively

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## ALUMNI.

Sol Netzarg, ex-'94, is manager of the large clothing store of his father, Wolf Netzarg, during the latter's forced retirement because of illness. Since leaving Alma Sol has completed a course in the engineering department of Cornell University and was engaged in engineering work when called to his father's business.

Roy Beechler, ex-'04, an all-Michigan guard for several sessions, who helped to win the football championship for Alma, is installing agent for the Detroit Stoker & Foundry Company. His work takes him to all parts of the United states.

A. H. Hellmer, '03, has accepted the position as principal of the Pontiac high school. During his college course Helmer was engaged in nearly all activities of college life. He was captain of the 1902 base ball team and played at quarter on the 1902 championship football team. Since graduation he has risen steadily in his profession, and is to be congratulated upon his new position.

Paul Allured, '07, who is completing his first year at Princeton seminary, will occupy the pulpit of the Presbyterian church at Bay Shore the coming summer.

Some new foot ball material for the 1930 squad. Hugh Furgerson is the proud papa of an eleven pound boy.

Rev. D. A. Johnson, '05, of Merengo, Iowa, recently assisted Rev. Geo. Arnold of Grand Rapids, in a series of effective evangelistic meetings. Davy holds some gold medals won in athletics and once represented Alma in the state ora-

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## CAMPUS NOTES.

Prof. Adams entertained the orators, debators and their friends Thursday evening at his home. Needless to say the professor proved himself an ideal entertainer and a most enjoyable evening was the outcome.

So weep ye base ball fans and mourn ye bowlers, weep ye class of 1910 for C. McComb has went. Oh! Who will keep us informed of the latest doings of the tigers? With whom will we bet on the outcome of the world's championship games. Alas! 'Tis the sad truth. Our friend Charley has accepted a position as chemist at Eveleth, Minn., and departed for the place of his future endeavors Thursday morning. The juniors held an impromptu farewell spread for their faithful member and colleague. He takes with him good wishes for a successful career from all his Alma friends.

Brothers Hurst and Todd blew in for a few days last week. They related some interesting experiences, in chapel that shows plainly the troubles and joys of those on the picket line.

The German comedies Friday evening were a pleasing success, and speak well for that department of the college work. To commit and play a lively comedy all in German is no simple task and the members of the cast are to be congratulated, not to mention the one who has stood by with the patience of Job and Corrected and Corrected and Corrected.

It kind of looks as though the faculty slid one over on us by ordering up the snow storm for Arbor Day.

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Is a business education worth while? This is a question we ask ourselves before entering a commercial school. The businessman of today must have a business training to make a success, for he must not only wield an influence in the commercial world, but in the educational, the political and the social world as well. Should one enter these walks of life with an inefficient education he will soon find the elements of business too strong for him and will realize the great mistake he has made.

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### Weekly Vs. Monthly

Some colleges publish weekly papers and some monthly. There are various discussions pro and con in favor of both. A weekly paper must necessarily be a newspaper, while a monthly paper is invariably published in magazine form. In a monthly magazine, stories, essays and the like can be published, which are bared from a weekly issue. On the other hand the weekly paper is able to print live news, up-to-date, which, when served up by the monthly paper is stale, and in fact nearly forgotten. Which is the better is a matter of opinion. The advocates of the monthly magazine maintain that contributions in the way of stories and other articles give the student practice along literary lines, which the weekly newspaper does not furnish. Again those who defend the weekly paper say they find an equal amount of practice in getting together what's doing and making it up into readable matter. Alma has tried both and the weekly plan is certainly most satisfactory. The English classes of the college afford opportunity for practice in writing stories, expositions, essays and the like, so the publishing of a weekly paper is not denying any one of that. On the other hand the present plan gathers what news there is and gets it to the interested parties before it is ancient history. True—that oftentimes there is a dearth of copy due to the fact that occasionally there is a week when there happens to be absolutely nothing doing. Then it is that somebody has to grind and the result is an article on the commercial department or something worse. On the whole, however, between athletics, oratory, debating and general college happenings there is plenty to fill the waiting columns.

The financial side must be considered also. The cost of a weekly

paper is nearly double of that of a monthly and the subscription price is the same. Possibly the advertising brings in more but this is doubtful. The difference is taken care of because the subscription nearly doubles itself. Alumni especially subscribe more willingly. It is news they want and they don't care for it a month after it transpired. A short story in the monthly by somebody they never knew is not particularly interesting, while the Alumni column and the athletic news in the weekly is doubtless read eagerly. These views are generally accepted now whereas two years ago it would have been a matter of some argument to convince an Alma student of their practicability.

### "The Significance of Spring."

Did you ever wonder why all of God's creatures are so happy in the spring-time? Has the reason no significance to you other than the thought that you are soon to be free from the grind and restraint of school? Do you ever look on nature and learn in her school some of the most beautiful lessons of life? If not, let's leave behind textbooks and school life and listen, as "Spring comes a dancing o'er the hills," spreading her flower-decked green mantle over hill, valley and plain. The air is full of the melody of feathered songsters. Indeed, all of out-of-doors is a great concert hall, where unrivaled solos, duets, trios, and choruses delight the ear and warm the heart. There is robin redbreast sitting far out among the gentle swaying branches on yonder tall poplar tree. As soon as aurora tinted the eastern sky he chirped and twittered a welcome to morning, and when the sun's first rays shed a mellow light over the little fellow, he began to pour forth his glorious song. His little breast is bursting with joy and the notes ripple out, one after the other, like the sound of the merry brook nearby. It seems as though he would never tire of telling over and over to all, that his cup of happiness runneth over.

But the bird's song is only one of the numberless bright expressions of nature. The insect world has wakened into life, and every blossom which lifts its innocent face towards the morning sun says to the bees:—"Come, gather from my store-house some of the nectar which I have hidden for you." The hum of the busy little workers as they flit from flower to flower, and then disappear with a sound like a vibrating violin string, adds "to the music of the air." And what think you mean those sounds from the brook? The toads and the frogs are chanting their matins. Their voices range from the deep bass of that lordly old fellow sunning himself on a rock in the mid-

dle of the stream, to the falsetto of the little white-vested aristocrat in his up-to-date spring suit of green, who is resting on the lily-pad.

Have you not listened to the bleat of the lambs, the lowing of the kine, and the lusty salute of the chanticleer and rejoiced? Has not your eyes been charmed by the violet, the lily and the rose? Does not the common little dandelion bring a message of the beauty and brightness of spring to you? Having thus held communion with the sights and sounds of nature, has she brought to you no words of good cheer? Do you not feel that it is good to be alive? Have you no song of thanksgiving that the world is so full of the beautiful? Has there within you awakened no inspiration to higher and nobler things and a desire to make the world brighter for your having lived in it? If not, "Stop! Stop! Listen!" and decide now what higher education in its best sense means.

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**Alumni.**

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torical contest. He was president of the Y. M. C. A., the Phi Phi Alpha Society and M. I. A. A. director, besides entering upon several other activities in connection with the busy college life.

Harry W. Helmer, athletic director of Cadillac high school and Y. M. C. A. is a graduate of Alma college. Finishing a scientific course in that institution in July, 1908, he came directly to Cadillac to take up the work for which his natural talent and college experience best fitted him. During his college career here Helmer had spent four seasons each upon baseball, football, basketball and track teams, and at both intercollegiate wrestling tourneys at which Alma was represented carried off the heavy weight championship for his school.

Coming to Cadillac at a time when the high school athletics were in the worst possible condition—the football team of the fall previous having won not a single victory and the baseball team having taken barely three games of a schedule of five, Mr. Helmer found and trained the material for the strongest football team in northern Michigan and C. H. S. was assured championship laurels for the first time since 1902. The quality of the squad at the opening of the season was practically the same as in former years, and almost without an exception the teams representing the other northern Michigan cities were stronger than during the previous season. Of a schedule of nine games Cadillac won seven, tied one, and lost once to a team not within the northern association. The advantage lay in the possession of a Y. M. C. A. building and a coach who has no superior in this portion of the state. The striking quality of Mr. Helmer's teams is not brilliance, but "team work"—that one quality demanding of a coach unceasing work, and a personality capable of avoiding preference and friction, that eleven men may work as one well oiled machine.

Mr. Helmer has decided not to remain longer in Cadillac, and has accepted the position of director of athletics at the Mt. Pleasant Normal College. He will commence work in his new capacity next fall and will coach Cadillac High school's baseball and track teams during the present spring.

There is no doubt the large number of friends which Mr. Helmer has made during his residence in this city will be gratified by hearing of successes as marked as those which have attended his work here. -Cadillac Evening News

Horst and Allured are making an extended visit on the Campus. Paul found a tennis racket in less than an hour and Horst hasn't forgotten the reception room, either.

**Senior Class Play.**

Friday evening the senior class will present in the college chapel a comedy entitled "The Dutch Professor." The setting is at the Alma college in the year 1920, and is a play of college life through and through. The cast consists of:

- Dr. Von Dinklespiel
- .....H. O. Whittemore
- Gretchan (his daughter)
- .....Bernice Pollasky
- Mr. Dinkle.....M. L. Marshall
- Gertrude (his daughter)
- .....Lois L. Fraker
- Don Dalton, a student
- .....Maynard A. Cook
- Charlie, a student. Theodore Nelson
- Hal, a student.....Harry Marsh
- Sue, a student.....Inez Pollard
- Arnette.....Emma Swigart
- Miss Tracy (a teacher) } Grace
- Mrs. Von Dinklespiel... } Brown
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The seniors have been working hard for some time making preparations for the play, and lots of fun is assured to all who attend. Remember the date, Friday evening, May 7, at 8 o'clock in the chapel. Admission 25c.

**Campus Notes.**

Maynard Cook has accepted a position in the Caro High School as professor of mathematics.

The seniors celebrated Arbor Day with a full dress affair at Wright hall at dinner time. Securing a special table they appeared in caps and gowns and enjoyed a family spread all to themselves.

That yell contest was a fizzle. Only five yells were handed in, and while some two or three of these were good, not enough were received to make any kind of a contest. Get busy. The poles are declared open again and yells will be received up till Saturday night. Here's your chance to

land a season ticket—and it is transferable also. Fill the item box.

Saturday evening the members of the German comedy casts were treated to a royal spread at Wright hall. Miss Mullenbach was responsible for the good time, and needless to say everything was sehr gemutlich.

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## WINS TWO. TIES ONE.

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comical from the bench. Although a practice game, there was plenty of excitement. Everybody hit the ball and everybody scored. The final score 17-13 would prove this statement. At the end of the third the tally was 11-4 with Bay City in the lead. Then Alma indulged in a bat fest and ran around the bases till their wind gave out. The end of the fifth ran us four ahead, Bay City in the meantime, crossing the rubber twice. Only five innings were played, a cold north wind sweeping across the field. The score:

	1	2	3	4	5	
Alma.....	4	0	0	1	12	—17
Bay City....	4	8	1	0	0	—13

Batteries—Alma, Duncanson, Johnson and Hoben.

Bay City—Coles, Burroughs and Sink.

Wednesday had a different tale to tell. The weather still raw and windy prevented real snappy base ball and necessitated the game being called at the end of the sixth. "Sandy" took the box for the locals and served up a mixture that was the perfection of blends. Hole had something to say about matters too and between them, had Bay City guessing. The leaguers tightened up in this, their last game, however, and decided to give the "kids" a good drubbing to remember them by. The drubbing is still forthcoming. "Sandy" pulled out of an almost impossible hole in the second with the bases full and none down. One more struck out and a pretty double, neatly executed, retired the side. A curious triple in the third, cleverly handled by Bay City sent the team back to the garden before the fans realized what had happened. Hole took the box in the fourth and was a puzzler. After earning one run fairly, in this inning, Bay City scored another through an error on third. Then the locals retired the side came in and snaked a couple of runs themselves. From then on neither could score, although both came so near to it that there was no good reason why they shouldn't. The game was called at the end of the sixth. The score:

	1	2	3	3	5	6
Alma.....	0	0	0	2	0	0—2
Bay City....	0	0	0	2	0	0—2

Umpire—Coles.

What fate we would have met at the hands of M. A. C. and Adrian is still a conjecture. One thing is sure, the hitting of all is reliable which is more valuable to success than a trio of stars. The infield playing for so early in the season is exceptional. Campbell scoops things at short that look well nigh impossible on the start. Call and Phillips slide over a nice little double periodically that counts a heap. Hoben gets them all, come

high, come low, and it takes a good man to steal second on him.

The practice with the leaguers has been invaluable and only the fact that old mother earth slipped a cog and went off into the blizzard intended for iceland, prevented a real live dual with M. A. C. and Adrian on Friday and Saturday.

Outside of Chapel hurdling the snow drifts precious little track has been indulged in.

McComb did the hundred in fifteen flat in nine inches of slush. The try-out Monday in preparatory to the track meet was not an elaborate affair because of the frosty weather. Come sunshine and fair weather, and there will be things doing.

## COMMERCIAL SCHOOL.

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Alma college offers to any one who desires to enter the field of business a thorough and complete course of training. In rank it is equal to the best and all who enter with a determination to succeed will not fall short. The mission of this department is to prepare for the business world competent young men and women. A glance at the list of its Alumni will show how well it has succeeded in the past. The class of 1909 demonstrate how well it is succeeding today. The class under the direction of Professor Meyer is making rapid progress in both the short hand and the business courses. Of the nineteen pupils enrolled in shorthand many are still in attendance and bid fair to make good this year. The remaining students enrolled in the business class have their faces turned toward success and their hearts filled with the hope of some day entering the business world competent to fill the many positions that are opened to industrious young men and women.

### Sophomore—Arbor Day.

What care we for stormy weather. "It's always fair weather when good fellows get together." Who ever heard of such an Arbor Day? But really when you get right down to it, it made very little difference with 1911. We can all testify that the Wright House is able to entertain royally. The entertainment did not simply consist of "feed" either. We spent a very pleasant social hour and a half before eats at the piano, singing, playing games and what not. The bill of fare was the least of the attraction. Of course it served its purpose, but the bill of company was the "principle de resistance." We were not glad when we found it time to hurry back to the "Germany" of Wright hall. Indeed, some seemed to have to forgo a few wheat cakes on that

account. However, it was very soon after seven-thirty that the reception room resounded with the old "Een dich-a-deen" and so closed another chapter in the history of '11.

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