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ALMA O—M. A. C. 34

Alma's Team Out-weighted by About
Twenty Pounds Per Man.

FIERCEST GAME OF THE SEASON

Alma's Second Game An Awful Defeat—Story
of The Game By An Eye Witness.

For those who didn't actually see the game, to be told that Alma took defeat at the hands of M. A. C. at the preposterous figures of thirty-four to zero, it would perhaps be strange if they didn't pull a long face and have dire misgivings for the future; but for those who did see the game, who actually witnessed the maroon and cream battling with university califier, the score could have been anything it might have been, no matter how bad, and they would be satisfied and as proud of their team, if not prouder than before. All honor to a good loser. More honor to a fair winner. M. A. C. is playing football and if anyone doesn't believe it, just arrange a game between them and the University of Michigan and if it isn't a great game with the odds in M. A. C.'s favor then the Almanian is "in wrong."

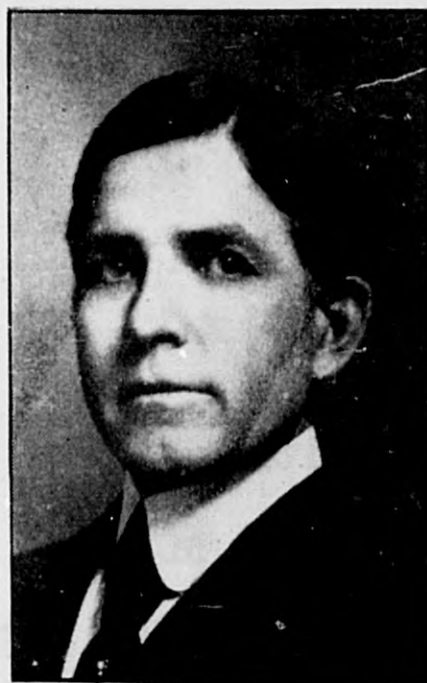
Thirty-four to zero. This is one of the few and far between football scores that we must swallow and swallow with a good grace, ouch. If we didn't know enough not to play with the fire we ought to get burned. A game with Michigan or Pensy would be equally as rational. Yet, a game out of our class teaches us more football in one hot afternoon than a month's scrimmaging with high schools and scrubs and when that same team gets back into college class and rubs up against the state institutions of equal advantages there will be a slight turmoil on the side lines to be sure.

And how they did fight, that plucky eleven. M. A. C. made her first touchdown in five minutes play. Another followed in four minutes time. Were they discouraged, those maroon socks? Not exactly. To see them come back at that invincible M. A. C. line was worth the loss of the game and many a round of cheer did they get from the green and white rooters themselves. With a realization that they were out-classed, out-weighted and away from home at

that, the plucky eleven fought it out to a finish and perhaps no better tribute could be paid than in the words of Capt. VonThurn himself after the game, when he said. "I am proud of my team; I am proud of every man on the squad, I am proud of their manhood, character and what they stand for, I am proud of the game they put up today against such overwhelming odds; I am proud of our adversaries and the good clean game they played and I don't care how big the score was if they only had to work to get it."

THE GAME AT CLOSE RANGE.

The game was characterized by openness, end runs, forward passes and few line bucks, except when close to the goal and M. A. C. wanted a touchdown. Some sensational plays were pulled off on both sides, M. A. C. working the forward pass with great skill and perfection. It was dangerous business for Alma to try the forward pass but the few times she did, it was profitable. Perhaps the most exciting point in the game was in the second half when Call got loose



PROF. MITCHELL, CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF CONTROL.

on a forward pass and was thrown outside within two yards of M. A. C.'s goal. A touchdown for Alma looked sure. Loud rooting of hold 'em M. A. C., set the bleachers on fire. And M. A. C. here revealed its wonderful defensive playing. Very seldom is a team held on the two yard line but break through for a touchdown we couldn't do. Meisner hit the line hard and gained a yard. The second time he was thrown for a loss and Hoopers heroic attempt to mop up the loss and carry the ball over resulted in failure. M. A. C. got the ball

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ALUMNI

Paul Allured, '07 was on the campus a day or two before the opening and has now returned to his work at Princeton Seminary. Mr. Allured occupied the pulpit of the Dimondale church during the summer vacation.

George Horst, '08 has returned to Princeton for his second year's work in the seminary after a good year's work in the churches of Elkton and Pigeon.

Herman Morse, '08 is taking up his second year's work in Union Seminary. His work the past summer has been in the church at Omena.

George Sutton, '08 is principal of Cass City High School. He has charge of the high school and coaches the athletic teams of the school.

Miss Minnie Kinnaird, '07, who was forced, because of ill health, to give up her work last year in Milan high school, is at her home in Cass City, where she is recovering rapidly.

Miss Beryl Kefgen, '06, is also at her home in Cass City, but not because of ill health. She has decided to rest from her school work for a year.

On Friday evening, October 29, at 6 o'clock the banquet mentioned in last week's notes will be held in the Warren Avenue Presbyterian Church of Saginaw. All of Alma's old students and friends who can be present will have a time not to be forgotten soon. Circular letters are being sent out to all whose names and addresses can be secured who might find it possible to attend, but some are bound to be missed. If you can attend the banquet, send your name to F. R. Hurst before Oct. 20. The banquet is held in connection with the state teachers' meeting and will be served at the time when the other colleges are holding their festivities.

The price has been placed at fifty cents to make it easy for everyone.

Miss Leona Morton, '04, returned to her work as teacher at Howell, after spending the summer visiting the capitals and many of the principal cities of England, Scotland, France, Germany, Switzerland, Italy and Greece. The trip to Greece and return was made in a private yacht. From Athens past Messina with a stop-over at Naples and a five-hour stop at the Azores made fifteen days trip to Boston.

Ethelbert Waldron of the Freshmen class of 1900, is now one of the members of the English department at the University of Arizona.

M. I. A. A. MEETING

Important Agreement Concerning
Base Ball and Tennis.

ALL COLLEGES ARE SATISFIED

Field Meet Will Be Held Next June.—Other
Matters of Interest.

The Board of Directors of the M. I. A. A. met in Robinson Hall, Albion College, Friday Oct. 1. The officers year are: President—McKale, Albion. 1st. Vice-President—Mumford, Kazoo. 2nd Vice-President—Prof. Greene, Albion. Secretary—Gray, Adrian. Treasurer—Prof. Herron, Hillsdale.

The first business transacted was that of arranging a baseball schedule which would be satisfactory to every college in the Inter-Collegiate Association. This was difficult but Olivet proposed a plan which met with hearty approval and was adopted. It is as follows: Each



FRANK HURST, ALUMNI EDITOR.

college must schedule at least one game with each one of the others in the association. More than one game may be played between any two colleges but only one can count in determining the percentage of the contestants.

Not all of the colleges will send their teams but only the three teams having the highest percentage and the home team are to play. Two games in the afternoon of the first day and one game in the afternoon of the second day shall decide the championship. The schedules arranged by the different managers must be ratified by the Board. This

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Several days before yesterday, the faculty, in a fit of exertion, produced a book of rules prescribing certain limits within which the students were to do their social stunts. Now we, just as some athletes, think the seven-foot circle too small. But some people who have had some experience, or else are making an exceedingly fine bluff, hold that the limit is about as large as we can use to good advantage.

Have we reached the limit of development which may be attained within this limit or are we spending our training time in knocking? Can't we do more within our prescribed circle than have and have a capital time?

The Almanian Staff Continued

The week we run the cuts of Prof. Mitchell, chairman of the Board of Control, and Frank Husst, the able and amiable alumni editor. These should have appeared last week, but space would not permit.

Sandy—"Say, Phil, is there any bread up your way?"

Phil.—No, it just went out for a walk."

Campbell was talking about the initiation of the Beta Sigma, and said: "Well, about the worst initiation I ever has was when I joined the "C. E."

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on downs and punted out of danger. This was perhaps the only time during the game that M. A. C. was in danger of being scored on. When one considers that M. A. C. had more men on the side lines with foot ball togs on than Alma has college men enrolled in the college departmet, some hint of what we were up against may be gleaned. Special mention of no one man should be made. It was eleven men in every play and if one man made a brilliant tackle it was because another cleared the way. Be satisfied that the team is the best ever and keep your eyes on the score board next Saturday when Ypsi comes for her annual visit.

SOME OF THE PLAYS.

At 3 o'clock Alma kicked off to M. A. C., Burnette catching the kick and returning it ten yards. M. A. C. punted immediately, Campbell catching the ball and returning it five yards, Cook thrown for a loss of five yards, Kefgen fails to gain. Alma tries forward pass and M. A. C. falls on the ball. M. A. C. tries a forward pass and Cook falls on the ball on Alma's 25 yard line. Cook punts and M. A. C. returns the ball five yards. M. A. C. makes five yards on an end run, adds ten more on a forward pass and Patterson carries the ball over for a touchdown. M. A. C. fails to kick goal. Score 5-0. Alma kicks off to M. A. C. who upon the first pass punts back Campbell getting the fall but is downed in his tracks. The ball got away from him and VonThurn fell on it. Alma's ball. Hooper is thrown for a loss of five yards and then Alma tries a forward pass losing the ball in so doing. M. A. C. succeeds in a forward pass gaining fifteen yards and adds five more on an end run. Exelfy presents them with eight yards more on a straight line buck and on the next play M. A. C. sends the ball over for another touchdown, this time kicking goal. Score 11-0. Alma kicks off to M. A. C. who is penalized on the first play, offside. M. A. C. punts and Campbell gets the ball. Meisner makes eight yards on a line buck and Kefgen adds two more on a tackle 'round. Then Cook punts and M. A. C. returns the ball ten yards, being stopped by a swell tackle by Meisner. M. A. C. tries a forward pass and Hooper gets the ball. M. A. C. is penalized fifteen yards. Alma loses the ball on a forward pass, Cook to Fraker. M. A. C. punts and Campbell returns the ball eight yards. Cook adds three on a line buck and on an onside kick M. A. C. gets the ball and nearly got loose but for a great tackle by Cook. M. A. C. tries a forward pass and Campbell falls on the ball.

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SYMPATHY.

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Nobody really blames those industrious Freshies for not doing more. They certainly did have a "biggest and best" banner as one member of the class of '12 can testify. Moreover the one who took down the banner did have more to do with it than "a fish with a nail file. Meanwhile Wright Hall still has a cupola, the Administration Building has a flay-staff and "the chimney is yet standing.

DEBATING AND ORATORICAL LEAGUES.

Several days since the Debating and Oratorical Leagues held a meeting and elected officers. These are the chosen ones:

DEBATING LEAGUE.

President—Stanley Graves.

Secretary and Treasurer—Adrian Graham.

ORATORICAL LEAGUE.

President—Stanley Johnson.

Vice President—Selma Hahn.

Secretary—Robert VonThurn.

Treasurer—Roger Waring.

The Debating League is at work now on questions suitable for the Inter-Society and Inter-Collegiate Debates.

Four of last year's debaters are back and a number of men who did excellent work in the literary societies. And then there is the new material which may spring a surprise on us at any time. However that may be, we want to make this a banner year, both in oratory and debating. Moral: Get busy at once.

ALUMNI.

The Helmer brothers who played prominent parts in all student and athletic activities during their days in College are making good in their chosen professions. Arthur '03 has taken up his duties as principal of Pontiac High School while Harry '08 has begun his work as Physical Director at Mount Pleasant Normal. Both were Class A. students and in Athletics helped to bring many a victory to Alma. Arthur was captain of the base ball team in '03 and played every game at quarter on the champion team of '02. Harry was captain of the foot ball team in his senior year and of the base ball team in his sophomore year at school. He helped in the landing of two base ball championships.

When the Mt. Pleasant Normals strike our fair city they will be playing a high grade of foot ball if coaching counts for anything.

WHAT IF?

What would you do if the Almanian Publishing Co. should offer a first prize of four and a second prize of two dollars for original stories of not less than two thousand and not more than three thousand words, the stories to be written by any college student and handed in on or before Nov. 15?

If any student has ability as a strong writer, we shall be glad to publish his work. Of course the stories would be judged by members of the Faculty, and not by the editor.

In case no one approves of this plan it is likely nothing will come of it. But if you think it is not too utterly utter, just tell some person. Talk it over. It may become an actual fact and some student may have four dollars for a ticket to the Lecture Course and some other fellow would have two dollars with which a part of a ticket could be purchased.

APPRECIATION.

Chicago, Oct. 5, 1909.

Dear Johnson:

Inclosed is my subscription to the Almanian. I simply can't get along without it.

First I notice the football reports, then the indoor work, baseball and track. Then I look for the first issue of the next year. You fellows who are right there on the spot don't appreciate what a little college news means to one of the "has beens". Nine rahs for the team and Capt. VonThurn.

Have been in Chicago all summer and am now beginning my senior year at the North-western University Medical School.

Sincerely,

F. Lysly Preston.

Some of the students in college now, and some of the Alumni will remember Preston as the best parallel bar man in the Inter-Collegiate from this or any other college. Success to you, Preston.

Another One Just Like the Other One.

Dear Almanian bosses,

We miss the Alma spirit,

We miss the Alma air,

We miss the Alma people,

Now that we're not there.

But when a paper comes along

That brings us all the news,

We cannot do without it,

So send to you our dues.

—Anonymous.

Waring:—"Say, Campbell, did you ever go to a country school?"

Campbell:—"Sure, I used to carry Maggie Zine under my arm."

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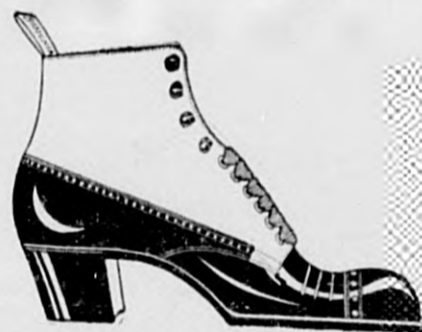
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Alma fails to gain in two downs, so Cook punts, King nailing the man in his tracks. Then M. A. C. started for home. Eight yards on a line buck, fifteen more on a swell formed pass, three on an end run, two on a line buck, ten on a tackle 'round and the ball goes over for another touchdown. M. A. C. kicks goal. Score 17-0. M. A. C. kicks off to Alma and on the first play Cook punts and M. A. C. is downed without gaining, on a swell tackle by VonThurn. M. A. C. loses the ball on a forward pass. Meisner gains two yards on a line buck. Cook punts and M. A. C. returns the ball on a great run of fifteen yards. M. A. C. punts, Hooper falling on the ball. Kefgen gains two yards and on repeating is brown for a loss. Time called. End of first half.

M. A. C. kicks to Alma, Hooper returning the ball ten yards. Kefgen makes three yards on an end run. Meisner adds four on a line buck and VonThurn circles end for five more. Alma tries a forward pass and fails, M. A. C. falling on the ball. M. A. C. makes three yards on an end run, adds five on a center rush and then punts to Ewing, who returns the ball five yards. M. A. C. blocked the kick but Kefgen tell on the ball. Then Alma punts and M. A. C. starts her forward march for another touchdown, sending the ball over on the third play. M. A. C. kicked goal. Score 23-0. Alma kicked off to M. A. C., Stone returning the ball ten yards by means of some clever dodging. M. A. C. punts and Stone gets the ball and started for the goal with only Ewing between him and his destination. Bill nabbed him however in a great tackle. M. A. C. tries two forward passes, netting fifteen yards in each and then sends the ball over for their fifth touchdown, kicking goal. Score 29-0. Alma kicks off to M. A. C., who have free trial for goal and miss, Call getting the ball. Meisner makes three yards on a line buck. Alma tries forward pass, Cook to Call, who gets loose and is downed two yards M. A. C.'s goal line. M. A. C. holds Alma and punts out of danger. Kefgen goes through their line for five yards and loses two yards on the same play. Alma loses fifteen yards on a try for goal from field, Cook falling on the ball. Hooper makes three yards on a line buck and Cook punts, Call nailing the man in his tracks. M. A. C. punts, Hooper misses the ball and M. A. C. scoops it up, running thirty yards for a touchdown, being tackled on the goal line by King. M. A. C. fails to kick goal. Score 34-0. Alma kicks to Shedd. M. A. C. punts to Ewing. Alma makes 15 yards on a forward pass, Cook to Call. Time out for King. Von-

Thurn gains a yard on end run. Alma tries forward pass and loses ball. M. A. C. executes two neat forward passes netting 30 yards. Alma holds M. A. C. for two downs. M. A. C. tries goal kick from field and fails. Alma's ball on the 25 yard line. Cook punts to M. A. C. M. A. C. works criss-cross play and gains 15 yards. Time out for Cook. M. A. C. makes 15 yards on forward pass and then loses ball on fumble, King falling on ball. Cook punts, M. A. C. returning ball ten yards. Olie throws M. A. C. twice for losses. Time called.

M I A A MEETING

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scheme gives every team a fair and equal chance.

In the past it has been the practice for the different colleges to send their tennis teams to the Inter-Collegiate Meet and play off the semi-finals and finals. This compelled the players to be absent from their college work three or four days and entailed a great deal of expense. The plan for the coming year provides that the preliminaries shall be played before the date set for the Meet and only the three teams having the highest percentage shall be sent to play the finals in the afternoon of the regular days of the Meet.

So far as can be ascertained the plans made are entirely satisfactory to all and the spirit of concession exhibited by the members of the Board predicts a fair and lively contest at the Inter-Collegiate Meet to be held at Kalamazoo next June.

PHI PHI ALPHA.

Hard earnest work in preparation for the coming debating and oratorical contests has begun. Added to the old members we have some new members who bid fair to become valuable workers.

Ralph VonThurn, Ralph Yonker, Norman Chase, Frank Anderson, Verne Snell, Chas. Beldin, Lester VonThurn, William Pohly and Arthur Henderson were initiated a week ago and have begun work in fine style.

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