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ANOTHER VICTORY

**Alma Defeats Kalamazoo Normals
By a Big Score**

ALMA TEAM IN FINE CONDITION

**A Fast Game was Played But Was an Easy
Victory For the Local Team.**

The horse-shoe is still in Alma. We had a mighty hard time to get the lead of Mt. Pleasant by three points and when the Kazoo Normals came over one afternoon and calmly blacked Mt. Pleasant's other eye, it looked as if we might have to fight for our lives and even run the risk of losing to them. But we didn't lose to them nor were we at any point of the game in any immediate danger of doing such a thing. The Normals had played Mt. Pleasant Friday, Jan. 28 and consequently on the 29th were not in the best shape for another fight. Alma's team had had plenty of time to recover since the last game and with an abundance of the hardest kind of practice, were in excellent condition.

In the first five minutes of play the Celery Eaters threw three fouls but did not succeed in scoring another point during the first half while Alma threw basket after basket. Fraker made some particularly difficult and spectacular throws for the basket: Cook, Phillips and Campbell played all around their opponents, and man never fought before as Keopfgendid. He was all over the floor at one time, it seemed, and always in the right place. Phillips had a hard man to play against but he held his opponent down and managed to throw several baskets incidentally. Cook fought just as hard as he ever did on the foot ball field and Campbell never guarded better in his life.

The Kazoo players did not keep on the ball when it was in their possession nor did they follow up their plays with snap and scrap.

The line-up was as follows:

Alma		Kazoo
Fraker	rf	Wenzel
Phillips	lf	Hutchins
Cook	c	Paxton
		Osborn
Keopfgend	capt rg	Grant
Campbell	lg	Looy
		Blake

Time—20 minute halves.

Goals from field—Fraker 6, Cook 4, Phillips 3, Campbell 2, Wenzel, Hutchins 1, Paxton 1.

Goals from fouls—Fraker 5 out of 8, Wenzel 8 out of 14, Umpire—Dryer
Final Score—Alma 34, Kalamazoo 14r

SCIENCE CLUB

The regular meeting of the Scientific club was held last Saturday evening. After the regular business the meeting was turned over to Prof. Notestine who gave us a lecture on the History of Astronomy.

In this talk Prof. Notestine first defined astronomy and gave its general divisions. The claims of several ancient nations of being the originators of the science were then discussed. The Hindus, Chinese, Chaladeans and Greeks all played an important part in ancient astronomy.

The various astronomers of both the past and present were spoken of and a short account of the works of each given.

The conclusion gave other information concerning the history of this fascinating subject and summarized the whole article. The lecturer was one thoroughly enjoyed by all and those present only regretted that there were not more present to share their pleasure.

After the talk an informal discussion of the astronomical items of interest of the day took place. Comets and meteorites seemed to be the favorite subjects of the conversation. This over the meeting adjourned.

WHEN WE PLAY THE NORMALS

Feb. 11 will witness such a game of basketball in Mt. Pleasant between the normal team and the college players as has never been seen in the history of the two schools. We are laying for them and they are for us. We don't know how it will come out nor do the normals but each team knows how they will gladly put their uttermost efforts and last ounce of energy and fight into the game to win for their respective schools. We want a good bunch of fellows to accompany our team and see that the horse shoe stays with us.

FRANK IS ALWAYS WELCOME

The following from the Antrium Co. News published in Elk Rapids speaks for itself.

Frank Hurst of Alma arrived here last week for a short visit, return-

ing Monday morning. As Frank felt it his mission he delivered an address at the Presbyterian church Sunday evening and was greeted by a large and attentive audience. There being several of the speakers school friends present made it so appealing to him as to give vent to his subject—"Character" was illustrated with such sentiment as it seemed almost too strong to be passed by without voicing the inner man or woman. Yes, we think every boy and girl there gave testimony to an awakening of a purer and broader mind by their attention. This was what our rising generation needed in Elk Rapids, and would only that more of such were heard.

PHI PHI ALPHA

Last Monday evening the society elected officers for the ensuing semester. The following men were placed in the positions of honor:

Pres.—Stanley Johnson '11
Vice Pres.—Adrian Graham '12
Treas.—William Pohly '12
Secy.—Adelbert Lindley '11
Critics—Frank Locker '12 and Robert Von Thurn '11
Marshall—Ralph Von Thurn '12
Janitor—Verne C. Snell '13

After the regular business meeting treats were enjoyed at Stevies' and the "Dimeodeon" on the new elected president and janitor. At Stevies "Johnny" Johnson made a brief but witty speech to the throng of Alpha Theta girls and Phi Phi Alph fellows, from the top of the table. Mr. Snell was urged to give his famous "Raven" but he kindly refused.

The work of the past semester has been gratifying but if hard work counts for anything that of the coming semester will be even more successful.

A REMINDER

Pardon me for disturbing you, but do you remember that March 15 is the last day on which songs for the College Song Contest will be received? We have received a number of possible choices but are waiting for a deluge of them. The college needs them and you can render your Alma Mater a great service by sending in a good contribution. If you begin at once there is an abundance of time yet for you to compose a prize song.

Dr. Bruske has been in New York on business for about a week.

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One of the best of the series of elocution recitals was that given on Jan. 28 by Cass Chase and Donald Call, the former giving two cantos of Scott's Lady of the Lake and the latter a number of Burns' poems with a short biography and a description of the poems also. Mr. Chase had a cold and was not up to his usual style but he did very well. His impersonation was good and he put plenty of life into the delivery. His tone of voice was so modulated that it did not become monotonous.

Mr. Call's treatment of Burns was fine. His voice was good, he entered into the spirit of the poems which he recited and he held the audience.

We now have one of the best conducted Departments of English speech in the state, and new courses are being added. If any student is looking for a school where superior advantages in that line are offered he cannot do better than to come to Alma. We can show the results.

After the recital the time honored Soph-Junior spread was given in the usual place but not in the usual style. Such a labyrinth of people, names and edibles no one has ever seen since the time when the same kind of banquet was held a year ago. The names of the partners and foods were so jumbled up that it seemed necessary to stand on ones head to decipher some of the riddles. Fortunately the food was not mixed as were the appellations by which it was known. It may be that the class of 1911 show a spirit of very mild hostility toward the class of 1912 but we can call it even now and we sincerely hope they may receive royal treatment at the hands of the 1913 bunch as we have at theirs.

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THE TIME, TUES. FEB. 8

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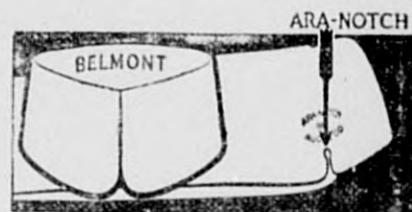
It must be confessed that college
authorities have not gained the respect
of the public by their attitude
on the football question. They
have permitted and encouraged the
development of a game which is
not only brutal and dangerous but
antagonistic to the spirit of true

sport and the promotion of physical culture. Yet they stick to it and defend it as the German universities do the practice of dueling. But in dueling fatalities are very rare and slashes on the face are not nearly so injurious as the torn ligaments and broken bones so common in football. Every year in response to protests the "friends of football" have promised to reform the game. Every year they have broken the promise. The game has grown worse right along and everybody now realizes that the leading coaches have no intentions of making any important changes. Last fall was the most fatal of all. The death roll is 8 college students, 20 high school students and 2 athletic clubmen, total 30. The injured member 216, among which are 19 cases of concussion of the brain, 19 fractured ribs, 15 broken legs, 9 broken arms, 12 cracked shoulder blades, 25 internal injuries, etc. The defenders of football are fond of saying that yachting, skating, horseback riding and swimming have more victims. But there is this difference—in football the injuries are inflicted by the opposing players often with malice premeditation, and are inevitable accompaniments of the game. In other sports they are truly accidents. If people went in swimming for the sole purpose of holding each other under the water, and if in every group of 22 bathers some one had to be resuscitated by artificial respiration every few minutes, then we should undoubtedly have laws against swimming. One of the reasons why university authorities refuse to take action against football is the belief that athletic prowess increases the prestige of the institution and draws students. But it is questionable whether the young men attracted to a university by this lure are a benefit to the institution. It is also questionable whether there is any gain even in numbers. Five years ago both President Eliot of Harvard and President Butler of Columbia expressed themselves as opposed to football but there was this difference in the result; Columbia abolished football and Harvard did not. Since then Columbia has passed Harvard and now stands at the head of American universities. In 1903 Harvard had 6,013 students and Columbia 4,557. In 1903 Columbia had 6,132 and Harvard had 5,558. Yale whose superiority in football is unquestioned, is decreasing in numbers, particularly in the college which is most occupied with athletics. About the same time President Jordan of Leland Stanford University and President Wheeler of the University of California agreed that football had become unendurable, so the two institutions substituted Rugby, which is a rough game still, but not so likely to cause serious injuries. Of course the minor colleges of California had to follow

suit. The whole state now plays Rugby and the public finds it a more interesting and less distressing game to watch. If the university authorities want to abolish football they can. If they don't want to they are likely to be compelled to by force of public opinion or of legislation.—Independent.

Y. M. C. A.

We are glad to see the growth of the Young Men's association this year. It has been slow but sure. More fellows are attending and more interest as well as earnestness is being shown. Last Sunday the topic for consideration was "The Investment of Influence" and it was a highly profitable meeting. Our association is rapidly becoming what it should be—one of the most potent and valuable factors of college life.



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DANCING PARTY

Late Saturday afternoon the residents of second floor, Wright Hall received invitations from their third floor neighbors to a dancing party to be held that evening in the kindergarden room. The third floor girls represented the sterner sex at the affair and in that capacity performed all the duties generally derelict upon that element, from escorting the girls over, to escorting them home after the ball was over.

The task of filling in programs was but the matter of a moment or two and the party opened with a grand march of course. Following this number were the customary waltzes and twostep and several barn dances so dear the hearts of the Alma girls.

This is the second affair of this nature this year. Both have been so very successful in every way that many of the girls have expressed a wish that we might have them once a month.

PHILOMATHEANS ELECT OFFICERS

With the idea in mind that the elections for the coming semester would be only the matter of a few moments the Philo members repaired to the society room Monday evening. But the verification of the old adage that expectations rarely come true is now firmly established in their minds.

Heated discussions arose over every office, during which we discovered that constitutions improve with age as ours has not met all the demands made upon it.

The results of the election were as follows:

- Pres.—Margaret Boag
- Vice Pres.—Carrie Nielson
- Secy.—Vesta Wilson
- Treas.—Hazel Dulong
- Almanian Reporter—Clare Hanel
- Sentinel—Mary Gorsline

SIGNS OF SPRING.

Several weeks must pass by before we can spend Saturday afternoons tramping through the woodlots near the college but there are now certain unmistakable signs of the rapid approach of spring and one of the surest of them is the fact that the fellows are beginning to talk about track work. In a few weeks a class will be started for the purpose of studying the principles underlying success in this branch of athletics, and also for discussion of the best styles of track work. We have most of last year's team with us this season and some promising new material. Keopfgan and "Fleety" McComb, two of the best track men in the Intercollegiate, will form the nucleus of a strong team this spring. Practice will be started in the gymnasium as soon as possible.

"Ole" Anderson will try out for weight man. He is a powerful

piece of humanity and it may be necessary to have a tracer equipped with a field-glass and an automobile to bring back the hammer, shot and discuss when "Ole" begins to toss them around.

Examinations are over and no serious accidents have been reported. However there have been so many close shaves that work in the tonsorial shops has been greatly lightened. If we can judge by the ever increasing number of students who are excused from the semi-annual examinations scholarship is rapidly improving at Alma. And why not? We have a capable faculty and willing students. Progress is the inevitable result.

ALPHA THETA.

Monday night was election of officers in Alpha Theta and we celebrated in our usual happy manner. To begin with the Wright Hall girls of the society entertained the other members at dinner, and such a spread was never seen this side of a Zeta Sigma banquet. Why the other people simply sat around the dining room and stared to see such quantities being consumed in the same place at the same time. And the decorations were just beautiful. The table was all lit with candles and strewn with pink carnations and smilax and Alpha Theta banners were strung all around, and oh it was grand.

The next thing on the program was to go up stairs and pick out our officers and this is the staff for next semester.

- Pres.—Hazel Blair '10
- Vice Pres.—Agnes Redman '10
- Recording Secy.—Hattie Mills '12
- Treas.—Ruth Hovey '12
- 1st Critic—Elsie Bond '10
- 2nd Critic—Pearl Huber '11
- Corresponding Secy.—Kathleen Gillard '11
- Sentinel—Maude Hooper '13
- Guard—Cecil Krapf '12
- Almanian Reporter—Jean Dykes '11

After that we all adjourned to Stevie's and—you know the rest.

ELECTIVES

Every year Alma seeks to offer a better list of electives than in previous years and she is succeeding in doing it. A wider range of subjects is being covered and more efficient work is being done. The aim is to give those who are preparing for some special line of work an opportunity of getting hold of the subject before going to another school for special work. This matter of electives is one which demands the careful con-

sideration of every student. The following list has been carefully prepared and offers fine opportunities to all those who choose any of them.

- Field Biology (Soph K. G.) .2 hours
- English Speech
- Course V, Oratory3 hours
- Course VIII, Interpretation of American Poetry3 hours
- Surveying3 hours
- Chemistry
- Course V, Organic3 hours
- Course VI, Organic and Volumetric3 hours
- Course VIII, Iron Ore3 hours
- History of Philosophy3 hours
- Economics, Course I,3 hours
- Pedagogy
- Course V, Principles and Methods2 hours
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Roden Hooper was enrolled as an Alma student in 1902 and 1903 and has been in the west for a number of years and is at present located in Portland, Oregon, where he is employed by the Marshall Wells Co., wholesale and retail hardware dealers. They have three branch houses, one in Seattle, Wash., one in Spokane, Wash., and one in Winnipeg, Canada. Mr. Hooper has been promoted frequently in the main store and will be the next man put on the road as traveling salesman.

Duncan Dearing is stationed at the St. Paul mine, Keewatin, Minn., as watchman until work begins in the spring when he will again take up the work of assistant chemist at the Stevenson mine.

Ollie Hole, night time keeper at the Stevenson mine, is quarantined on account of smallpox. The disease is in a mild form and he is recovering rapidly.

With the beginning of 1910 Wm. Winton '04 entered into a new partnership in his insurance work in Detroit. The name of the new firm is Trombley & Winton with offices at 80 Griswold street. Soon after his graduation at Alma, Mr. Winton entered the insurance business with the Mutual Benefit company and has steadily risen in his profession until he is one of the leading insurance men in Detroit.

Dorothy Humphrey, who is now Mrs. Daniel Foley, is living in Turner, Mich.

With the Phi Phi Alpha banquet coming on Friday evening, February 11, and Zeta Sigma on Friday the 18, there probably will be several old timers about the campus on those dates. The banquets have been placed on Friday night in order that men who teach in the schools about the state may be able to be present. It is expected that a good number will attend both gatherings. L. E. Anderson, of Omena will preside as toastmaster at the Phi Phi spread, while Rev. W. H. Long will head the list of Zeta Sigma speakers. With these two men at the posts of command, everyone knows that there will be something of the highest order forthcoming.

Theodore Nelson '09, who has been teaching at Iron River, resigned at the end of the fall term to accept a position at the Methodist Academy at Clarkson, Mississippi.

Ralph E. Lyle, who has been following a business career since leaving Alma in 1906, is now with the South Side Lumber Co., of Traverse City.

On Tuesday, December 28, Mr. J. C. Chick and Miss Arla Holiday were united in marriage at the bride's home in Alma. Miss Holiday is a well known former student of Alma in the class of '04, while Mr. Chick is junior partner in the Economy Shoe Store. They will make their home in Alma.

Very few of the students in Alma at present remember those who graduated here no longer than 1905. Although that is the case it surely can do no harm to tell of one man who graduated in that year. "Davy" Johnson was one of the best tumblers, wrestlers and hammer throwers who ever won honors for Alma, and he was also something of a football man. He was wonderfully strong, quick and reliable. In his classroom work he was one of the best and was one of the best debaters that Alma has ever seen. His thinking was clear, logical and very effective. We should naturally think that such a man would succeed in whatever work he might undertake and that is just what Mr. Johnson is doing. In college he was a recognized leader in religious affairs; while pursuing a course of study in McCormick Theological Seminary he was one of the foremost students and now as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Marengo, Iowa, he is doing good work because of his strength of character and intense earnestness. We give below a New Years poem which he has written.

A New Years' Prayer

Dear Lord, I ask not for much gain
In this world's restless mart;
One thing I ask—O Lord, I fain
Would have a purer heart!
I ask not for a far famed name
That every land may know
And every tongue shall praise or
blame

As fleeting fancies go.

I ask but that those whom I meet
May bless me that we met;
And that so kindly I may greet
That no one shall forget.

I ask not for a path unstrewn
With thorns to pierce my feet,
Nor for a pleasant shade at noon
To shield me from life's heat.

I ask but that when I have passed
Some traveler may rest;
Where trees that I have planted
cast

Their shade, and call me blest.

I pray I may not be unkind
Unfeeling or untrue;

I pray my foe may in me find
A friend, his heart to woo.

I pray I so may live that when
I lie beneath the sod,

My friends may say about me, then
"Behold, he walked with God."

John Landon, Detroit Central high school '09 who has been doing post graduate in that school since last September, will enter as a Freshman at the beginning of the second semester.

Rev. Sherman L. Divine '98 visited on the campus for few days this week.

The Enterpe society enjoyed a sleigh ride Friday night and also a reception given by Mrs. St. Johns. One of the interesting features of the evenings entertainment was a very instructive account of her recent trip to Germany.

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