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## VICTORY FOR YPSI

Alma Holds the Classy Normals to Close Score.

## NINETEEN TO TWENTY-FOUR

Beat Locals In Cleanest Game Of Season—Alma Makes Good Record.

In a speedy, clean game which ended the season for the locals, the Ypsi Normals defeated Alma on the home floor, Friday night, by a score of 24 to 19. Ypsilanti has defeated some of the best teams of the state, winning handily from Kalamazoo Normals, Hillsdale College and twice downing the Ann Arbor "Y." The visiting five gave a fine exhibition of basket ball, and the contest proved one of the most interesting games ever played upon our floor. Alma played splendid ball but was unable to stop the clever dribbling of Richards and McAllister on which Ypsilanti scored two-thirds of their points.

The game started fast with good team work on both sides. Alma had the better of the game during this half through the brilliant guarding of Campbell and Capt. Keopfen, who held their forwards to a single basket during the entire game. The opening half witnessed the most exciting plays, Cook held Richards to a standstill. This Normal wonder has made an average of eight baskets a game during the season. Fraker added five points to our score during this half, and his teammate, Phillips, added two. McAllister for the Normals shot two spectacular baskets. When time was called the score stood 13 for Alma and 12 for Ypsilanti.

During the closing half the visitors used the dribble constantly which brought them their victory. This makes the fourth game of the season in which Ypsi has nosed out their rivals in the last half. Hardluck shooting characterized the playing of the locals during this half, several chances for baskets were missed by peculiar rebounds. Phillips was the strong man for the locals, succeeding in shooting two field baskets. Hooper, who took Campbell's place, played a hard game. Only two fouls were called during the last twenty minutes of play and everyone enjoyed this style of basket ball. When the whistle sounded its last note the

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## JOSHUA R. GIDDINGS

The Oration which Lauea Sebring, Alma's Representative in the Ladies' Oratorical Contest, Delivered at M. A. C., Friday, March 4.

It requires no courage to defend a principle when it is a popular one; no unusual stability to uphold freedom when it is enjoyed by the whole people. But too often right is in the minority and liberty denied to the lowly. Tyranny is ever awaiting an opportunity to assert itself, and many times it deludes the people into submission. There is need then of strong leaders who can sound the note of warning and fearlessly defend the general cause. Such a time calls for the wisest of men, for he only can realize the danger; it calls for the bravest, for he must endure the most scathing criticism; it calls for the most unselfish, for he must sink his own ambition in the common cause; it calls for the most persistent, for he must surmount all obstacles. Such a time was the period between 1838 and our Civil War, when the enemy of freedom was the institution of slavery; the scene of conflict, the National House of Representatives; the ardent defender of liberty, Joshua R. Giddings.

The Revolutionary fathers had made the people free, but they had left within the nation an evil that was to threaten the destruction of the Union. Side by side stood free labor and the institution of slavery. The people of the North, animated by a deep sense of justice, had freed themselves from the curse and were half content that it remain in the South. But growing ambitious, the tyrant began to claim the free North and West as its rightful territory. It reduced the slave to the condition of a beast, and seizing the freedman of the North, forced him into slavery. It rifled the mails and suppressed free speech and a free press. It claimed that the Constitution guaranteed its continued life. It invaded the public treasury. It demanded the support of the nation. Representative government was threatened. A conflict was inevitable.

In 1838 Mr. Giddings came upon the scene of action. Reared in a pioneer settlement of the West, inured from childhood to poverty and hardship, his education secured by force of his indomitable will, he had, by mastering all difficulties, developed within himself that dogged persistence which would rather die than yield. His long and varied law practice had given him, not only the ability to meet all opponents, but a deep and boundless sympathy for the oppressed. It is said of him, that he fought the case of the penniless client more stubbornly than that of the well-to-do. Moreover, his resolute moral character kept him always on the side of right. Thus was he singularly well fitted for the long struggle upon which he entered.

It was a most remarkable conflict that he waged against slavery. Let it be remembered that when he entered the House, there was no even division of forces; that many of those who represented the North lacked courage, while others were swayed by political interests; that opposed to the formidable pro-slavery combination, there were but two men, William Slade of Vermont, enfeebled in health and no longer able to take an active part, and the venerable patriot of seventy-one years, John Quincy Adams, who had devoted his life to the cause of freedom, and who was spending his ebbing strength in fighting for the right of petition. The South, at first, regarded the new member as unworthy of their notice, but later, angered by his unanswerable arguments, they offered him insult and abuse and heaped upon him the full measure of their hatred. They ostracised him from the social functions of Washington; one home only offered him a friendly welcome,—that of Mr. Adams. A bond of sympathy, born of mutual convictions, united these two men, a bond which grew ever stronger until one sad day, Death, invading the legislative chamber, laid its blighting hand upon the aged and undaunted champion of freedom, leaving Mr. Giddings alone to fight with redoubled zeal that the cause might not suffer from the loss.

Yielding to the South the technical claim that slavery is a state institution, he stood firmly by the principle, "the Federal Government free from the curse." No opportunity to challenge the aggression of the South escaped him. See him, as he stands on the floor of the House, surrounded by the fiery partisans of slavery, who dare him to touch their "peculiar institution." Unabashed by their threats, he boldly attacks the legality of the slave trade in the District of Columbia. See him, when, in spite of constant interruptions, he insists that

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## FORENSIC BATTLE

Orators From Michigan Colleges Meet

## ALBION AND HILLSDALE WIN

M. A. C. Entertains Hundreds Of Guests In Most Cordial Manner

There has been a steady increase in the interest shown in Intercollegiate oratory from year to year, and a slow but sure advance in its quality. This year has been no exception unless we say that the advance in all points was much greater than usual. All of the nine colleges in the association were represented in the men's contest but only five in the Ladies. The tourney was held in the new Agricultural building and every foot of space was filled with a body of students whose enthusiasm could not be surpassed. One can scarcely say which was the more interesting, the songs and yells given by the delegations from the various schools, or the orations themselves. There has never been displayed, at any contest of our association, such a grim determination to win, on the part of every college and also such a spirit of friendship.

It was the common opinion of all the college presidents who were present that the general standard of excellence, everything considered, had never been so high.

No preparation which would in any way contribute to the pleasure of the guests had been overlooked by the students and faculty of M. A. C. Everything from the attractive programs to the dinner given in the evening was just what one would look for from a school whose standard is as high, in everything, as that of the farmers. If any person did not report an enjoyable day it must have been some fault of his own for our hosts were royal ones.

The program of the ladies' contest:

The Freedom of the Individual—  
Grace Bellamy, Ypsilanti.  
The Light of the Orient—Lulu M.  
Laforge, Albion.  
Vocal solo—Prof. Patton  
Joshua R. Giddings—Laura Sebring, Alma.  
Our Part in World Peace—Katherine Mauck, Hillsdale.

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The students of the college and the citizens of the city are very fortunate in having A. B. Parsons, formerly general sec'y at the university, in our midst Saturday and Sunday, March 12 and 13. He will meet the Y. M. C. A. cabinet Saturday and will address an informal meeting of the boys in the evening.

Sunday afternoon he will speak at a men's meeting held in the chapel at 3:00 p. m. All the men of the college and city should take this opportunity of hearing Mr. Parsons. He is a man with a message.

He will also give an address at the evening services of the Presbyterian church.

## CLASSICAL CLUB

Saturday evening the regular meeting of the Classical Club was held in the Biological Laboratory. Prof. Ewing was the star player of the evening and in a paper entitled "Student Life in Ancient Athens," brought out some points that were interesting and well worth knowing. Judging from his description we are not so much different from our Grecian predecessors. We have a different and larger curriculum but the spirit hovering around institutions of learning at present seems to be almost the same, in numerous particulars, as it was about two thousand years ago. After the paper a number of excellent views on classical themes were shown.

## ALUMNI NOTES

Rev. George A. Hill '00, of Minot, N. D., has accepted a call from the Drexel Park church of Chicago and will enter his new field at once.

C. F. Angell journeyed from Allegan and joined the Alma crowd at

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the Seminole War was waged at the expense of the Federal Government for the express purpose of restoring runaway slaves. On another occasion, he presents resolutions condemning the coast-wise slave traffic and proves it to be unconstitutional. This was his claim: Slavery has no protector outside of the slave states; a slave upon the high seas has the right to regain his liberty at any cost; the bondmen on the Creole were justified when they rose in revolt, took possession of the ship, compelled the crew to put into Nassau, free territory, and became by this very act free men.

Behold the astonishment and indignation of the Southern members! They rush about the hall in a ferment of agitation. They pass resolutions censuring him. They prevent him from speaking in his own defense,—and this in a country that boasts of free speech! What does he do? Taking formal leave of the Speaker, he walks disdainfully from the hall. At the door he is met by the brilliant orator and statesman, Henry Clay. The Great Compromiser grasps his hand and commends him for his firm stand in leaving a legislative hall that denies free speech. He at once sends in his resignation and goes home to his constituents. They, aroused, hold meetings in every county of his district, denounce the action of the House, re-elect him without waiting for a nomination, and send him

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the State Oratorical Contest in Lansing. It helped the cheering fume to have "Grandad" present.

Prof. Eugene Pennell has charge of the commercial work in the city schools of Minneapolis. Mr. and Mrs. Pennell are the proud parents of a boy named Tom. Their home address is 1109 17th ave. S. E., Minneapolis.

Richard Compton, a student at the college in 1904-5, is Superintendent of Schools at Sand Lake.

The Millard Avenue Church, Rev. A. J. Van Page, pastor, rejoice over the continued prosperous condition of its affairs, both temporal and spiritual. The January communion after a series of preparatory services brought great rejoicing to the pastor and officers in the addition of twenty-four new members, thirteen by letter and eleven by confession, of whom six were baptized.—Chicago Monthly Record.

## FORENSIC BATTLE

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Americanism—Emily Gardner, Kalamazoo.

Men's contest

The Newer Justice—K. D. Van Wagenen, M. A. C.

Our National Mission, Albert Ridding, Ypsilanti.

Our Heritage from Slavery—C. C. Rltze, Olivet

Worldwide Peace—C. L. Queen, Adrian

The New Ideal—S. H. Howe, Albion

Hope College Quartette

The Beacon Light of Men—Hurd A. Drake, Alma

The Evolution of a Higher Patriotism—G. C. Converse, Hillsdale

Columbia Triumphant—A. L. Verlhurst, Hope

The Sovereignty of Law—S. J. Williamson, Kalamazoo

The judges for the ladies contest were:

Prof. H. G. Houghton, U. of M.;  
Prof. L. L. Forsythe, St. Louis,

Mich.; Prof. W. W. Florer, U. of M.; Chas. F. Davidson, Allegan, Mich.; Rev. Jas. Dutton, Greenville Mich.

For the Men's contest.

Att'y C. Roy Hatten, Grand Rapids; Rev. Eli P. Bennet, Port Huron; Prof. E. A. Fraser, Detroit; Prof. W. H. Wait, U. of M.; Prof. Chas. D. Ward, Detroit, eastern high school.

The victors were Katherine Mauck, Hillsdale and S. H. Howe, Albion.



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score stood 24 to 19 in favor of the teachers.

We feel greatly pleased with the good showing our boys made against the classy Normals who average over six feet in height. Campbell, the only man we lose from our squad, played his last game and will be remembered as the fastest guard Alma has had in years. We have had a good season, winning two games from Mt. Pleasant, one from Kazoo Normals and Adrain, while losing to Olivet and Ypsi by very close scores.

Dryer, the clever German, did the officiating in a very satisfactory manner to both parties and we will remember him as the Pleasant German from Saginaw.

### LINE-UP

Alma	Ypsilanti
Keopfgem (capt) r. g.	McAllister
Campbell	
Hooper } l. g.	Mills
Cook } c.	Richards
Fraker } l. f.	McKean
Phillips } r. f.	D'Ooge

Baskets—Campbell 1, Keopfgem 1, Cook 2, Fraker 1, Phillips 3, Mills 2, McAllister 4, Richards 4, McKean 1. Fouls—McAllister 2 out of 3; Fraker 3 out of 10.

Time of Halves—20 minutes.

Referee—Dryer of Saginaw.

As a preliminary for the Alma-Ypsi game, the second team under Capt. McComb took the speedy high school team into camp to the tune of 20 to 11.

It was an exceptionally lively game from start to finish and afforded the spectators considerable excitement. From the jump off it was seen that the college boys were determined to win and they early took the lead and never was the outcome in doubt.

This makes the second victory for the team and shows that they have a good deal of varsity material, which with more coaching will build a strong varsity team for next year.

Everyone of the second team starred. Capt. McComb plays a strong game at guard and threw two beautiful field goals. Ewing at forward showed more speed than the rest and played a pretty game. L. Von Thurn held down the other guard position in creditable style and showed his ability to annex baskets for his team. Edgerton at center and King at forward used their height and training to advantage and passed the ball over their opponents heads and feeding it to their team mates in grand style.

For the high school Kress, Hood and Montigel starred throughout. Wood the crack forward of the high school was unable to play on account of an injury.

## THE MIRACLE

CHAS. T. ROGERS.

She's but a little colleen gay,  
Scarce thicker than me thumb.  
But oh, the word she spoke the day!

'Tis blind I am and dumb,  
Her small mouth had a pleadin' twist

As though 'twas wishful to be kissed;

I thought it gave the true word whist,

And hope lept in the heart of me.

But when I tried it oh, the blow

The little hand laid on me cheek

'Twas but a feather's weight, I know,

But sure it left me faint and weak.

And oh, the look that changed her eyes;

'Twas like the change of Erin's skies

From shine to storm—the black surprise,

And sorrow burst the heart of me.

She stood there lashin' me bold ways—

So weak the gentle tongue of her,

Compared with some I've got 'twas praise—

Then somethin' sudden seemed to stir

Within me breast. The truth it lept

Straight out, belike as if't had slept;

Then right into me arms she crept,

Sure, joy's near crazed the heart of me.—Harper's Weekly.

### Pompadour Is a Talented Cat.

Pompadour, a large Thomas cat owned by Mrs. James Howe of Skowhegan, Me., is noted for his intelligence and sagacity.

A short time ago he called another cat to his aid to rid the house of a large number of mice. He directed the strange cat to stand by the door leading into the shed while he (Pompadour), slowly worked a string that had a piece of cheese fastened to it, alluring the mice into the kitchen. That night 40 or 50 mice were slain by Pompadour and his assistant.

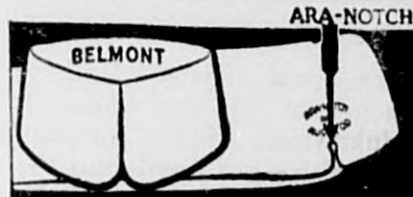
Mr. Howe lives some distance from the postoffice and usually sends his mail by the last evening train. As soon as he has his letters ready he ties them to Pompadour's neck and the cat carries them to the postoffice.

### Valuable Potato.

In the bidding in of a monster potato auctioned off during the international fair, at San Antonio, Tex., Ollie Murphy, a soldier of Fort Sam Houston, paid what was probably the highest price ever paid for a single potato in Texas. The vegetable cost Murphy \$1.80. It was the principal item of menu of a dinner served by Murphy to his comrades at the post on the following day.

### "Blind Tigers" Even in China.

For retailing intoxicating liquors without a license at 389 Chapoo road on the 29th instant., F. Ziffenbug was fined ten francs at the French consular court yesterday. He was also ordered to take out a license or close his establishment at once.—Shanghai Times.



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back to Washington armed with fresh authority to defend the cause of freedom. After an absence of but five weeks he again takes his seat. Former lukewarm friends cordially greet him. Even the Southern members are awed into the semblance of respect, for they have heard the voice of the people.

But it is only the calm before the storm. Indemnity being demanded from the government for slaves escaped from ships wrecked in British waters, Mr. Giddings speaks most emphatically against paying the claim. He asks if members of this Congress wish to go on record as voting to support slavery. For his part, he says, he would rather be unknown to posterity than to bear the disgrace of such an act, because no human being has the moral right to enslave another. At the close of his speech a Southern member, bowie-knife in hand, advances upon him. Unflinchingly Mr. Giddings faces him, and says: "No gentleman will wantonly insult another. I turn you over to public contempt as incapable of insulting an honorable man."

The supreme effort of his career, however, comes in 1845 when the South demands the admission into the Union, of that vast slave territory, Texas. The balance of power is threatened. The nation trembles on the verge of dissolution. Pleading for right, for justice, for the Union, he urges that the territory be rejected, but all in vain. The slave power wins, and flaunts its exultation in the face of the North by the clanging of bells and the booming of cannon, ending the night at Washington in a drunken revel.

Overshadowed by the black clouds of defeat, the weary champion of liberty sought his lonely room, and there he wrestled all night long with his doubts. With prophetic vision he saw the nation plunged into war with Mexico, and the terrible ruin that would soon overtake the country in the impending Civil War—thousands of lives needlessly sacrificed to the greed of the South. He was nearer despair than he had ever been before. Wendell Phillips once said: "One on God's side is a majority." Mr. Giddings looked upward on that dark night to the source of strength, and with the dawning of the morning he triumphed over his doubts. With renewed vigor and determination he continued the conflict. The South, flushed with victory, brooked no interference with its plans. He then had need of all his coolness and bravery. He had need of all his skill and knowledge of parliamentary law, by means of which he gained the floor many times, to the discomfiture of his enemies. He had need of all his intuitive quickness in seizing upon the vulnerable points of the pro-slavery argument. With heroic fidelity he persisted in fighting for freedom until slavery was dethroned and the negro was made free.

During the first half of his public career he had faithfully supported the Whig doctrines, but when that party, under Southern influence gave up its principles, he left it and entered the ranks of the Free Soilers, thus calling down upon himself the persecution of the Whigs. To Mr. Giddings, principles were greater than parties, deared than friends, stronger than the enmity of foes. He, later on, helped to found the Republican party. The new party avowed as its principles, "the right of petition, equal rights of men, United States territories free from slavery, and the preservation of the Union,"—principles worthy of his support. In 1860 he insisted that there be included in the platform these significant words: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." This measure which many opposed, fearing that it would bring defeat, in reality touched the popular chord and made possible the election of Abraham Lincoln, which in turn resulted in the abolition of slavery.

This last great service to his country marked the close of his public career. His hair had whitened in the struggle; his health had failed; he had given up his own beloved fireside,—and his natural yearning was for the home; he had mingled with hostile men; he had braved insult and calumny for twenty long years. He lived barely long enough to see the dawning of the day of freedom, but he was satisfied, for his work was finished. No sudden dashing into danger in the excitement of battle was his lot; no wild applause of the multitude was his reward; his was no tinsel glory, but that truer honor that crowns a life spent in the service of humanity.

**Tulips in the Cornfield.**  
There are more than 20 varieties of tulips to be found growing wild in the country about Florence, the earliest of these, a tall scarlet one with very handsome flowers, being generally found among the corn; later on there is a dainty, small, striped red and white one and various lovely yellows, in shades varying from pale lemon to a deep orange tint, with reflex petals. —"In a Tuscan Garden"

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bulk, par pound.....	14c
Sardines, American 1/4s 3 for 10c, each 4c	
Sardines, Imported, 3 for 30c each 12c	

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