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ANOTHER DEBATE

Michigan Agricultural College Sends a Challenge—Is Accepted

QUESTION OF COAL LAND

The Teams Picked for the Local Debate March 17—Two Men From Each Society

Things are doing in oratory and debates in Alma this year without a doubt. The latest in regard to debates is that we are to have a debate in the coming spring with a team from the Michigan Agricultural college. A few days ago Prof. Adams received from the student manager of the East Lansing institution and from the professor of the department under whose supervision the debates are held, letters asking for a date for a debate to be held at East Lansing early this spring.

It seems that the M. A. C. has a debate on with Ypsilanti on the question of retaining government ownership of the coal lands now in the possession of the United States, the farmers upholding the affirmative of the resolution that these coal lands should be retained by the federal government. A debate on that same subject with another school was wanted, and no doubt right here Alma's reputation for debating came in, for a challenge was sent to us. Since M. A. C. has stated the question, Alma has the choice of sides.

The challenge came at a very opportune time as the two men's literary societies had the Monday before chosen their representatives on the local college debate which will be held in the chapel the evening of March 17. Last Monday both societies instructed their representatives in the college debating league to favor the proposition of a debate with the agricultural school. The following men were named by the two societies as their second team debaters: Phi Phi Alpha, Yonker, Smith and Voegeli for debaters and Zubler for alternate; Zeta Sigma, Kolvoord, Cook and Blasko for debaters and King for alternate.

At a meeting of the debating league held Tuesday noon, in accordance with the society agreement providing for this secondary debate of March 17, lots were drawn by Chapel for the teams, resulting as follows: Affirmative team, Yonker, Kolvoord and Blasko for debaters and Zubler for alternate; Negative team, Smith, Cook and Voegeli for debaters and King for alternate. This places two men from each society on each team. These teams will debate the M. A. C. question here. It was further decided that the team winning the college debate in March should represent Alma against M. A. C. at East Lansing. This it was argued would result in much better team work and better debating generally. The only objection is that the debaters may have to shift from one side of the question to the other entirely as our choice for the M. A. C. debate has to be made before March.

With one extra oratorical contest this

year, the Chicago contest in May, and with two extra debates, the local one and the one with M. A. C., all of which will be of the greatest assistance in developing raw material into collegiate orators and debaters together with the new medal idea for men on college teams, the oratory and debating among the men of the college has certainly nothing to worry about.

ALUMNI NOTES

Paul Rohus ex'09, otherwise known as "Pete" while on the Alma campus, has recently been promoted by the Frederick Stearns Chemical company in whose laboratories he has been working for the past two years. At present he is in charge of the billing department with nearly twenty men under his supervision.

Wm. Chamberlain who completed his sophomore work at Alma last year is in the laboratories of the same company, and has been recently promoted to the analytical department.

Waldo Royce com'07 recently resigned his position with the Buick company in Flint and has begun the work of installing a cost department in one of the large manufacturing companies of Detroit.

John St. Cyr ex'11 is in the Detroit College of Law where he is pursuing a three year course. John wants to get the Alma boys together for a time when the basket ball team goes to Detroit to play the Burroughs team in February. John says further that it is his purpose to be on hand for the Phi Phi banquet next month and also to help the Alumni in June to take the measure of the collegians in the annual base ball game.

Fred D. Frost, who has been for the past three years in Portland, Oregon, has returned to Michigan for a visit with relatives and friends. Fred and Mrs. Frost, who was Miss Mable Hollister of Tecumseh expects to visit Alma before returning to their western home. About three years ago Frost bought up a timber claim eighteen miles from Portland and after living upon the land until he could claim title to it, he took up work in a large wholesale house in the city and has been with the same company the past year and a half.

SENIOR-JUNIOR

The class of 1911 wants to thank 1910 for the very best time a Junior class ever showed a bunch of Seniors. It was great, every minute of it from the time the load left Wright Hall till it got back at—what time? All the lights in Pioneer were out, anyway. To say that we got dumped wouldn't be news any more but it might be well to mention it in case any benighted one should think certain court plastered Seniors had been indulging in unseemly conduct. But the Juniors do know how to construct a spread worth the name. Nothing need be said on that subject, however, for it was abundantly demonstrat-

ed at the time. Everybody had his happiest smile on and though a couple of them, (the smiles), were slightly distorted, they served the purpose. In the language of the Freshmen elocutionist—we thank you, and you also.

MR. P. W. SWARTZ SPEAKS

Mr. P. W. Swartz of Lafayette college traveling in the interest of the student volunteer movement, addressed a large audience of Alma students Sunday afternoon in the college chapel on the subject "Demands of the Decisive Hour." Adelbert Lindley, president of the Y. M. C. A. introduced Mr. Swartz with a few apt remarks.

The speaker first pointed out that the ethic religions were assuming an aggressive spirit, that the Amerind, the Brahman, the Zoroostrian, the Buddhist and even the lethorgic Confucian religions were arousing themselves and were taking a positive stand.

Next our own religion was considered and the intense interest that is now displayed in the Christian religion by those who had heretofore sneeringly ignored it was pointed out. This like the awakening of the oriental religions was shown to be a sign of the new era. Passing from the crass ignorance and moral depravity of the heathen world, Mr. Swartz touched upon new thought and higher criticism. These two were especially pertinent to college students, for with their tendencies toward rationalism and agnosticism they demanded the quick power of Christian decision.

The speaker closed his address with an earnest plea for men and women to enter the mission field; volunteers who with character, common sense, courage and consecration would consummate the great work of evangelizing the world for Christ. Mr. Swartz is an excellent speaker and had no difficulty in holding his hearers.

THE MESSENGER

The Almanian is pleased to acknowledge receipt of "The Messenger," a monthly publication of the Millard Avenue Presbyterian church, edited in the main by the pastor of the church, Rev. A. J. Van Page, '97. The magazine is quite pretentious, taking up the work of not only the Millard Avenue Presbyterian church but of other denominations, of temperance and so forth. It consists of about thirty pages slightly smaller than a half-page of the Almanian. It has been placed in the library with our exchanges.

DUNHAM TAKES PART

John M. Dunham writes us in this issue that he has joined the comedy club of the University of Michigan. A despatch from Ann Arbor to the Detroit Free Press of Wednesday has John Major's name in the cast chosen to present the play "The Title Mart" by Winston Churchill.

DEFEATED BY M.A.C.

Farmers With a Very Strong Line-up on Home Floor Get us

FINAL SCORE IS 51 TO 24

while M.A.C. Outplayed us in the First Half, The last Was About Even

The Maroon and Cream headed into a proposition that was too much for them when they attempted to defeat the very fast M.A.C. basket ball team on their home floor. Starting at the beginning of the season rather shakily, the farmers have developed remarkably. Within a few weeks with steady practice and the addition of new material they have transformed themselves from a five who were beaten upon their own floor by the Spaldings of Detroit into a smooth machine that defeated this same team by a decisive score in Detroit.

The first half of the game, which was played Friday evening, was strongly in favor of the East Lansing quintet. It was impossible for the Maroon and Cream to hold the speedy farmers, they shooting baskets for 26 points while Alma was able to take only enough for eight. In the last half, however, with the men somewhat accustomed to the peculiar surroundings, M.A.C. did not show up so brilliantly as before.

For Alma, Kefgen, Fraker and Edgerton put up the best games, while von Thurn, Hooper and King, the latter replacing von Thurn for a short time in the last half, played well. However, coach is hardly satisfied with the showing his men made and expects that when the agriculturalists journey up in this man's country and meet us on our home court the score board will be the heavier on the Alma side.

Miss Helena Gilray, and Messrs. Burrit and Ayers of Alma saw the game. The summary is as follows:

Alma (24)	M.A.C. (51)
Hooper	f Bush
Fraker	f Hoff-Bates
Edgerton	c Chamberlain Pattison
von Thurn King	g Goss Hammish
Kefgen	g Duthir

Referee, Huebner, Detroit; Timekeeper, Spencer and Hurst; score at end of first half, 26 to 8; goals from field, Bush 6; Hoff, 6; Chamberlain, 8; Goss, 7; Duthie, 1; Hooper, 1; Fraker, 2; Kefgen, 5. Goals from floor, Fraker 8 out of 14; Goes, 5 out of 7.

FRESHMEN HAVE SLEIGHRIDE

The Freshman class with Miss Weis as chaperon, went over to Ithaca in two sleighs Friday evening an hour or so before dinner, had a spread at Hotel Voight in Ithaca, and returned to Wright hall shortly after ten o'clock. The roads were mostly sheets of ice covered with water and one of the sleighs turned over on the way back, but fortunately no one was hurt.

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Friday, March 17
College Debate

GIRLS AND ORATORY

The girls of Alma college do not show the shrewdness or the farsightedness that the boys do in the matter of getting the most out of their college courses. This has been shown without a doubt by the recent failure of the co-eds to avail themselves of their opportunity to do public speaking that counts for something, in their failure to put forth a great enough effort to make a women's oratorical contest a success. It may be hardly fair to the girls to say that their loyalty to Alma and to their literary societies is far beneath that of the boys, but to an outsider, who can judge only from results, this would seem to be the case. Not only have the boys monopolized so far this year every opportunity for development outside of regular college work but they alone have showed any visible signs of loyalty to the Maroon and Cream. In athletics, of course, it's great sport to be the idol of the rooting sidelines, but it isn't so pleasurable to get out on Davis field afternoon after afternoon and grind away on scrimmage. But the football team won its championship in this way. Efficiency depends upon hard work. Loyalty to Alma means hard work.

May 5 is the day on which to make public atonement for your past shortcoming; the Chicago Oratorical Contest is the occasion. Now is the time to begin. Be fair to yourself and your college.

COLLECTION OF FAUNA

Last fall at the suggestion of Prof. MacCurdy, Robert Wilson started out to get a collection of the fauna of this vicinity. So far he has succeeded in getting about a half a dozen good specimens among which are a flying squirrel

and a mammoth fox squirrel. With a great deal of careful work the skulls and skins of the animals have been mounted in such a way that they may be studied to the best advantage. Those who know how much work it takes to mount such specimens can appreciate Mr. Wilson's task.

ABOUT THAT ANNUAL

Our intermittent alarm clock has sung again. We are roused to the fact that if something isn't done very soon looking towards getting out a 1911 college annual, there won't be any. The Seniors haven't the inclination to take the responsibility of the undertaking. Juniors, everything seems to point your way. It is properly your place, you know, to carry on the more important affairs of the student body. Now you ought to feel your dignity. We are sure that if you appreciated it, you would do everything to uphold it in this way. Do something now, before that alarm goes off again.

Y. M. C. A. BANQUET

There has been some discussion of a Y. M. C. A. banquet to be held some time soon. The idea is good. There is no strictly fellows' social functions after the first opening reception and the Beta Sigma initiation, in which all the men of the college gather together for an evening of social enjoyment. The need of this gathering to knit closer the bonds which hold the men together is evident. That the Y. M. C. A. is the logical choice for the promoter of such an event is also evident. Therefore, Messrs. Cabinet of the Y. M., why not?

PROHIBITION ASSOCIATION

Mr. C. Wilbur Nelson of Chicago, representing the Intercollegiate Prohibition Association addressed the students in chapel Wednesday morning. Mr. Nelson is a field secretary of the organization and was here for the purpose of creating interest in it. He said in chapel that the society had been begun in the early nineties in eastern colleges and in 1901 was incorporated as a national organization with headquarters at Chicago. It is now doing work in twenty-two states and in 150 colleges. Five secretaries are at work. It is an exclusively student association entirely independent of all other prohibition movements and its purpose is the thorough investigation of the liquor problem and the education of the students of the United States in the details of the question. Mr. Nelson pointed out that the students had a great responsibility in this matter, as they were to be the leaders who should mould public opinion in time to come, and that upon this public opinion depended the fate of the solution. Like the Student Volunteer Band, the influence of the movement was rapidly gaining, twelve colleges having actually established courses for the study of the question in their regular curriculums, a few of which were credited along with regular college work. At a meeting of the presidents and secretaries of the literary societies of the college at noon Wednesday, it was decided to bring the matter before the literary societies as individual societies for discussion and action. The wish of the association is to have the societies include the study of this matter with their other work.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

The 83rd semi-annual session of the Gratiot County Teachers' Association is being held in Alma this week. The sessions were held in the college chapel Monday morning and afternoon, but college work was not interfered with.

ROBINSON IN LAW PARTNERSHIP

Watson B. Robinson of 60 Wall Street, New York City, '01, has formed a law partnership with Charles A. Frueauff, also of New York City. The offices of the firm will be at Mr. Robinson's present address on Wall street.

Mrs. Mary Hughes Ehlers, ex-'11, of Shabbona, and her sister, Elizabeth Burns, of St. Louis, spent a day on the campus last week.

Will Sutherland, ex-'11, of Saginaw visited the fellows for a couple days last week.

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FROM FRESHMEN ESSAYS

The following are extracts from a number of personal essays written in connection with regular Freshmen English work.

Dwight Harwood on Studies: "Much discretion should be used by the would-be scholar in the choice of subjects. All studies that require over thirty minutes preparation should be dispensed with. Public health is too great an asset in the welfare of a nation to be sacrificed for the sake of a few paltry lines of Greek or an occasional essay in English. Latin, French, Ethics, Sociology and a number of others should be dispensed with entirely. They take absolutely and emphatically too much time from the student's work. Chapel exercises, typewriting and fussing may be offered as worthy substitutes. As for the time to study, it is very difficult to decide. One must never study at night; you might miss a good show at some theatre or a midnight spread. The morning should be devoted to sleep and the afternoon must necessarily be spent in recreation. Other times it is well to study."

Fred Johnson (prizefighter) on Heroes: "There is a style of hero which some people adore, especially silly and frivolous girls who dote on slush. This particular kind of hero has his hair parted in the middle, neatly plastered down on both sides. His eyebrows are artistically penciled and the dainty, well waxed mustache waves its delicate ends in the morning breeze. Chalky cheeks and cherry lips complete the heroic face. His collar is full four inches in height, while neck tie, hardly discernable, looks like a wet shoestring. His coat, with its padded shoulders and elaborate cuffs reaches almost to the knees. The trousers are of extreme cut, too wide in some places and too narrow in others. The shoes shine like a silver dollar, and heels four inches high throw the wearer forward and makes him look like a badly bent tin soldier."

1910 DEBATE PUBLISHED

The debate given by the affirmative team of Alma college last year against Olivet's negative team in the triangular debates on the subject of the National Income Tax was considered by Prof. Adams one of the best debates he had ever coached. Therefore at considerable expense to himself and with no little labor he gathered the material of the debate and has had the three constructive speeches by E. A. Thompson, Stanley Graves and A. B. Graham, together with the first affirmative speech of the year before on a Greater Navy by Mr. Graves incorporated into a neatly bound little pamphlet. Three hundred copies have been printed and Prof. Adams intends to use two hundred of them himself. The remainder have been placed on sale to the student body at cost price, ten cents each. Alumni can secure them if they wish, as long as the supply lasts, from Prof. Adams.

REV. A. H. BARR HERE

A. H. Barr, D. D., pastor of the Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian church of Detroit delivered an address at the Presbyterian church of this city for the fortnightly club of that church. His address was a report of the Edinburgh conference of which we have heard so much, and which was made the subject of a special prayer meeting some weeks ago in college. Many of the college students availed themselves of the privilege of hearing the able address, which was of course of great profit. Dr. Barr is closely connected with Alma college in that while Mr. Barr was in attendance at the conference which he reported, Alma college conferred the degree of doctor of divinity upon him. While he was here,

he was seen in regard to giving a lecture for the Classical club in which he is much interested, but no definite arrangements were made.

WITH THE BLACKFACES

Progress is being made along the minstrel line. Geo. Brilmeyer has constructed a series of fascinating posters as sort of a gentle hint that along about the middle of February there will be something doing in the musical world, and these have been placed in various parts of the city. The various committees are hard at work (you have to say such things as these to get people to pay their subscriptions) and are devoting their every energy to the affair. Seriously, everything is looking up, and when the evening swings around, there will be a jolly bunch of clouds at the Realty Opera house to entertain you and your girl. The minstrels are coming.

A. J. HELMER RESIGNS

Pontiac, Jan. 20.—A. J. Helmer, principal of the local high school, has been obliged to resign because of ill health. The board of education is now seeking an instructor to take his place.—Detroit Free Press.

REV. S. L. DIVINE'S CHURCH

The chapel of the Woodward avenue church is completed and was dedicated Sunday, January 15. The chapel is the first part of the large new Woodward church to be opened to the public and contains among other features a fine new gymnasium and bowling alleys. The church proper is being rapidly pushed to completion and will soon be dedicated. The Woodward Ave. church represents three years of untiring effort on the part of the pastor, Rev. S. L. Divine '98, who has not only conducted the campaign for funds for a magnificent building but at the same time has been organizing the working body of a new church society. The dedication of the new chapel is one of the evidences of his great efforts.

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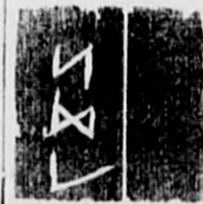
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First Co-ed: "Oh that Mr. Hyde is making the most horrible faces at me."
Second Co-ed: "Don't be frightened, dear. He's just laughing."

SOME HIGH STEPPER.

I tell you right now, if I see that Green Spider running around, I'm going to step on it. E. H.

SHAME ON YOU LIZZIE.

Information is wanted as to who the red-headed Scotch Presbyterian preacher's son is who purloined the fifty-three gilt-edged classics (for the cure of ennui) with the monogram M on the back of each. Pink Detective Agency.

MISTAKEN IDENTITY.

Mr. Walker was just entering the library. A visitor saw him. "How much Mr. Ewing looks like his father, doesn't he!"

A pun is the cheapest form of wit.
—Miss Haughawout.

BUT HERE GOES

Ever see a college yell, ever see a college hop, ever see a Wright hall spoon, ever see a kitchen mop? Ever see a pine board walk, ever see a study light, ever see a midnight spread, ever see a big prize fight? Ever see a ball-room dress, ever see a small plant slip, ever see a railroad coach, ever see a baseball trip? Ever hear an old bed tick, ever see an old dress suit, ever see a barber shop, ever see a Latin root? Ever see our Laura Freeze, ever see our Marian Ball, ever see our Prexie Hyde, ever see our Donald Call?

"TOILET SOPE"

Kefgen says Rosaline is a product of Romeo's imagination. Sounds to us like a product of Larkin & Co.

BOBS UP AGAIN

WANTED—Having changed my mind in regard to the sale of my tickets to the lecture course, am seeking a girl to help me use them. Robert Wilson.

FAMOUS KEYS

- Key West
- Key to the city
- Bruske
- Blaske
- Milwaukee
- Ameriky
- Monkey Chisholm

INTERVIEWS WITH FAMOUS PEOPLE

'Twas the hour between 1:15 and 2:15 of a Monday, Yerex had just walked from Wright hall to Pioneer on his hands. He rushed up the stairs four

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steps at a time. But I had been sent for an interview and so hastened after him. I arrived in his room considerably after him. When I had got there he had kicked the electric light six times with each foot.

"Ah ha! Sir Guinivere. Art thou in search of Count Yerex?"

"Yerex," I said, "did you ever stop to think—"

"Never, no never, no never, so there; 'tween my teeth is a rabbit, in my mouth is a hare."

"Did you ever tell a lie, Yerex?"

"When I was home this vacation, my sister had a great big box of candy. She thought that was pretty fine stuff, and she knew I wouldn't take any, so she hid it in her dresser. I was hungry one afternoon, and there was nothing in the house to eat but cake and pie and cookies so I hies me up to her room and sits down on the bed with the big box afore me and fletcherizes exuberantly for a full hour. When sister arrived at the mansion that evening, she grabbed me by one of my auricular appendages and marched me up to her room. A finger of withering scorn pointed to the bed. There in clear outline was the place where that big box rested. 'George Washington the second could never tell a lie,' I said. 'Twas me who chewed the marachino cherries. I don't care whether you believe I'm Washington or not; I've got my little hat yet."

There was a noise like a professor in the hall. Yerex dove six feet to his bed.

"If any one calls tell him I'm indisposed—I cannot tell a lie—I cannot get my German. Reservoir!"

WHO'S THE JOKE ON?

Prof. Mitchell: "We think of Charlemagne as being—eh—ch—a little too short to be handsome. Somewhat like you or myself; is it not so, Mr. Striffler?" (See pictures in football cut)

Strif: "Yes but he had a nice face."

PASS THE KETCHUP

Whether or not Bacon wrote Shakespeare, we do not know, but no doubt Henry Eighth Bacon. And someone reminds us that Romy owed for what July et.

WISETTES

Miss Peacock: "It looked like a fire that had been put out."

Mr. Thompson: "What is the joke in the Almanian, this week, Yonker?"

Mr. Kefgen: "It seems to me that there is enough equilibrium thrown out."

Mr. von Thurn: "Got my feet wet today studying Romeo and Juliet. So slushy."

AMO, AMAS, A—

"Bessie, Bessie, je t'adore! Je t'adore!"

YA, MACHEN DIE THURE. ZU!
"I will Reginald. The wind blows in awful."

One good look at the County Institute, then—back to W. H. for ours.

CONTRIBUTED

Marian: "I wonder when Mr. von Thurn is coming to see me again."

Ralph Peacock has entered the commercial department.

"Ole" Anderson is at his home in Elk Rapids enjoying the mumps.

The Place to Eat

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