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MAROON SOX TAKE TWO

Meyers Pitches Good Ball But Receives Poor Support

FIRST 6 TO 4; SECOND 4 TO 1

Alma Takes Hillsdale Into Camp Twice Thus Making Fine Get-away in Race for Inter-collegiate Honors

Alma celebrated the opening of her intercollegiate baseball season on Davis field last Friday afternoon by snatching a 6 to 4 victory from Hillsdale. The game was replete with sensational plays but was sadly marred by the ragged work of both sides. Call had a bad day on grounders and the rest of the infield sinned with him. Meyers, who officiated on the mound, had something on every ball and had he received half-way support would have had a shut-out to his credit. Altho Hillsdale had men on in nearly every inning it was not until the fifth that they broke into the run column. Four errors mixed with a couple of safe ones netted four runs. After that they went out in the one, two three order. Alma's runs came in the first, second, third and eighth innings.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Alma	1	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	6	9	6
Hillsdale	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	5

Not content with Friday's victory Coach Grady's men, on Saturday again turned the trick to the tune of 4 to 1.

Dakin twirled for the home team and allowed but four scattered hits. For the visitors Bach displayed great form and our stickers garnered but two safe ones off his delivery. Meyers played a perfect game at first, scooping grounders in fine style.

Alma	Ab	R	H	O	A	E
Rogers 2nd	4	1	0	6	1	0
Call ss	3	0	0	2	5	0
Meyers 1st	4	0	1	7	0	1
McCloy rf	3	0	0	0	1	0
Dakin p	3	0	0	3	3	0
Pohley lf	3	1	0	1	0	0
Striffler 3rp	3	0	0	4	5	3
Vought c	2	1	0	4	2	0
King cf	2	1	1	0	2	0
Totals	26	4	2	27	17	3

Three-base hit, Meyers; sacrifice hits, King, Call, Vought; stolen base, King; struck out by Dakin 5, by Bach 4; hit by pitcher, Brookes; base on balls off Dakin 6, Bach 1. Umpire—McCauley.

FOUL TIPS

Togo and Hyde amused the crowd by (Continued on page 4)

DEBATING TEAM.



Blaske

Yonker

Kolvoord

ALUMNI.

Harry Craig, '09, who for the past two years has taught sciences in Mt. Pleasant high school, will be Principal of Charlevoix H. S. the coming year. Mr. Craig has made an excellent record during his two years of teaching in the Mt. Pleasant schools, having had charge of the athletics of the school besides his class room work. The addition of Mr. Craig to the faculty of Charlevoix places two of the class of 1909 in that high school, Miss Emma Swigart being in charge of Latin and German.

W. G. S. Miller, for three years with the class of 1902, has moved from Gary, Ind., where he was an attorney for the U. S. Steel Company, to Melrose, Montana, where he is engaged in the practice of law.

An announcement of the commencement exercises of McCormick Theological Seminary contains among the list of graduates the name of J. Earl Webber, '05. The exercises were held at the Seminary last Thursday and Mr. Webber will return at once to Michigan, where he will take up his work as pastor of the church at Alpena. Mr. Webber was one of the men who stood for true Alma spirit in all things during his college days, and that he will be a success in the ministry is already assured.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred D. Frost, who have been making an extended visit in Tecumseh, returned a few days ago to their home in Portland, Oregon.

The Lebanon Pioneer of Lebanon, Indiana, gives a two-column article, in a recent issue, to a sermon preached by Rev. Hugh N. Ronald of Thorntown. The sermon was preached to the Knights Templar of Thorntown and made such an impression that it was copied in detail in the Lebanon paper. As a token of appreciation by the Knights Templar, Mr. Ronald was presented with a handsome purse by the Thorntown commandery.

Harry Lyon, ex '13, who is now at his home in Mason, saw the Alma-M. A. C. debate.

MISENAR WINS FIELD MEET

The inter-class field meet, held on Davis field Saturday morning, proved to be rather an individual affair, as Misener representing the Sophomores, pulled down the bulk of the points won by that aggregation and handed the honors to his class, on a silver platter. The work of Misener was especially remarkable since he beat out experienced men for first place in events in which he had never before entered. Kefgen also did fine work and had he received the support of his class there might have been a different story to tell.

Altho there were no records broken, the meet as a whole was very successful and Coach Grady is not at all discouraged over the outlook. Next Saturday occurs the track meet with the Mt. Pleasant Normal team

- Summary of events:
- 100-yard dash—Marks f 1st, Ayers a 2nd, Kefgen s 3rd; time 10 2-5 sec.
 - 220-yard dash—Ayers 1st, Marks 2nd, Edgerton soph 3rd; time 23 1-5 sec.
 - 440-yard dash—Ayers 1st, Caldwell f 2nd, Gage f 3rd; time 56 sec.
 - 1/2-mile run—Gage 1st, Caldwell 2nd; time 2:13.
 - 1-mile run—Maybe f 1st, Landon soph 2nd, Satterlee soph 3rd; time 5:40.
 - 2 mile run—Misener soph 1st, Landon 2nd, Maybee 3rd; time 12:5.
 - 120-yard high hurdles—Kefgen 1st, Misener 2nd, Gage 3rd; time 18 sec.
 - 220-yard low hurdles—Misener 1st, Gage 2nd, Caldwell 3rd.
 - Shot Put—Edgerton 1st, Misener 2nd, Kefgen 3rd; 37 ft. 6 in.
 - Hammer Throw—Misener 1st, Johnson f 2nd, Edgerton 3rd; 107 ft.
 - Discus Hurl—Kefgen 1st, Misener 2nd, Edgerton 3rd.
 - High Jump—Kefgen 1st, Edgerton 2nd, Misener 3rd; 5 ft.
 - Broad Jump—Kefgen 1st, Harwood f 2nd, Misener 3rd; 21 ft. 7 in.
 - Pole Vault—Kefgen 1st, Harwood 2nd, Hyde f 3rd; 9 ft.

BIGGEST DAY OF THE YEAR.

Everyone knows that Tuesday, May 2, is Arbor Day. But to the faculty and students of Alma College it is much more than that—it is really the biggest day of the year—College Day. The time is fast approaching when our campus will need no further additions of trees or shrubbery, and in view of this fact the faculty has decided that hereafter Arbor Day will be made distinctively "Alma" Day. And that is simply another way of saying that everyone is going to "chuck" their note-books and lexicons and enjoy themselves to the utmost from the rising bell in the morning until vespers at night. Yes, it is to be a day of general jollification and merry-making in which the faculty shed their dignity, forget their classes and become one of the student body. But this is not possible without the hearty co-operation of every student, and, of course, we are not going to let it fizzle out. Why not wear college colors, attend the various exercises in the morning and then help clean up a bit in the afternoon? And then—well, you will have to see about that yourself, or ask Miss Houghawant. At any rate, we are all going to be there and help to make it a howling success.

A SPIRITED DEBATE

Government Ownership of Coal Lands.

ALMA LOSES TO M. A. C.

Yonker, Kolvoord and Blaske Represent the College.

One of the most evenly contested debates of the year was that between Alma and M. A. C. at Lansing, Friday evening. The debate which was held in the armory was called at 8 o'clock by President Snyder of M. A. C., who presided.

Alma upheld the affirmative of the question, "Resolved, That the Federal government should retain ownership and control of all coal lands now in its possession or hereafter acquired."

D. Royal Blaske opened the debate for Alma with a forceful and well constructed speech, advocating the leasing system as the method of control and showed that it was already in successful operation in many European cities. Mr. Blaske's delivery was exceptionally forceful.

J. D. Fletcher was the first speaker on the negative. His chief contention was that the policy of the affirmative was a reversion to the system of leasing in vogue in 1809—a system which proved inadequate and unsatisfactory.

Ralph Yonker speaking for the affirmative, contended that the sale of government coal lands would be a profitable and wise policy to follow. This he proved by statistics taken from similar systems working in Colorado, Wyoming and Minnesota. Mr. Yonker's delivery, both in his constructive and rebuttal speech, was strong, yet pleasing, while his voice was well modulated and clear. He had the closest attention of the audience throughout.

G. H. Meyers, continuing the negative, insisted that monopolistic development of the coal product would be fostered by the leasing system and that our present laws would prevent it.

Leon Kolvoord closed the constructive argument for the affirmative in a manner that drove home their case. Mr. Kolvoord had the most clear-cut speech of the evening and delivered well. His speech was mostly rebuttal and his efforts wrought havoc with opponents' arguments.

G. H. Collingwood, clearly M. A. C.'s cleverest debator, closed the constructive argument with a telling speech in which he showed the conservation could not be successfully secured under the system proposed by the affirmative.

Mr. Collingwood and Mr. Yonker closed the debate with particularly strong rebuttal speeches.

The best of feeling prevailed throughout, M. A. C. giving our team the finest of treatment.

The were evenly matched in subject matter, arrangement and delivery, and the problem before the judges was no easy one, the final count being 2 to 1 in favor of M. A. C.

The judges were Hon. Lawton T. Hemans, W. G. Coburn and Hon. E. C. Shields.

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Wednesday, May 3—Alma vs. U. of M., at Ann Arbor.
 Friday, May 5—Chicago Oratorical contest; Alma vs. Adrian, at Alma.
 Saturday, May 6—Open house, at Wright Hall; Alma vs. Adrian, at Alma.
 Monday, May 8—Local tennis tournament.
 Friday, May 12—Alma vs. Olivet, at Olivet.
 Saturday, May 13—Alma vs. M. A. C., at M. A. C.

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THE RAH-RAH ISSUE.

We hope that our readers will pardon us if we fail to use that opening sentence common to all Horace Greeleys in embryo, at the writing of their first editorial. Perhaps you have heard it. It runs something like this: "We always thought it very easy to edit a paper; now, however, we know it is just awfully hard." We differ with them on just one point—we knew it before we started, so we didn't have to change our opinion.

Again we hope you will pardon us if we have failed to make the rah-rah issue meet your expectations. Were you looking for a sheet emblazoned with half-tone cuts of gridiron heroes or stars of the diamond or weighty discourses on meerschaum pipes, bulldogs or zouave drills—well, you know by this time that you are disappointed. An honest effort was made to make this issue as nearly like the regular one as possible, and here again you are disappointed, which leads us to say, by way of digression, that the Almanian staff of '10 and '11 have set a pace which is mighty hard to follow. Perhaps you will recall that the Almanian has appeared regularly on Monday evenings; that it contained everything of interest which happened on the campus or among the alumni; that it was written in a live, snappy style, and, above everything, it has been impartial to all interests. Furthermore, the business end has been so well managed that it is in excellent financial condition. You know these things for yourself because you have read the Almanian and therefore we are certain that you will join us in congratulating the staff on their year's success.

Once again. If you like this issue, tell the staff; if you do not—go to Timbucktoo or anywhere you wish, but do not blame the regular editor.

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YANNIGANS ENTERTAIN.

Encouraged with their near success of last week, the Alma College Yannigans—formerly known to the sporting world as the Bargs—Tuesday afternoon ventured to cross bats with the 'varsity. Manager Kefgen chose "Alamie" Hooper to do the tossing for the Yanns, while opposed to him was the 'varsity's most seasoned flinger—Meyers. The game ended with the 'varsity on the long end of a 5 to 1 score. Kefgen's fielding was the feature, as twice he almost made a difficult catch. There was some doubt as to who was captain, but as Yerex said, it could easily be seen that Billy Ewing was running the team.

Theron Chapel and five Kindergarten girls watched the game from the bleachers.

Batting order:

Harwood	.....c.....	Vogt
Hooper	.....p.....	Meyers
Kefgen	.....1b.....	Dakin
Fraker	.....2b.....	Rogers
McAuley	.....ss.....	Call
Creech	.....3b.....	Striffler
Potter	.....lf.....	Pohly
Ewing	.....cf.....	King
Ephne	.....rf.....	Monteith

Hurst started to umpire, but retired because of ill health. After that each pitcher did his own umpiring. Thompson announcing the decision.

CHICAGO MEDAL CONTEST.

To Be Held in College Chapel.

Great interest is being shown in the Chicago medal contest, which will occur at 8 p. m., Friday, May 5, in the chapel. Rev. James L. McBride of Chicago, an alumnus of Alma College, has offered a handsome gold medal to the winner of this contest. Rev. McBride stipulated that it should be called the Chicago medal contest, that it should be limited to Alma College students, that the orations should not be biographical and that President Bruske should select the judges.

Eight students have entered this contest. The oratorical and musical program is as follows:

Dainty March	.....Poldini
Miss Miller	
Invocation	.....Rev. H. L. Crain
Sunbeams	.....Ronald
Miss Freese	
The Dawn of Peace	.....Edward Brehm
Cosmic Harmony	.....Claude W. Saterlee
The Secret	.....Scott
Mr. Wright	
Forest Conservation	.....Archie Maybee
The Melting Pot	.....Joseph Kennedy

Shall the Panama Canal Be Fortified?Rex E. Van Duzen
 Si oiseau je etais.....Henslet
 Miss Broderick.
 Immigration—The Problem of Today.....Emily Beach
 A United Michigan.....Robt. F. Hume
 The Conservation of Natural Resources.....Clyde G. Dennis
 Shoogy-Shoo.....Ambrose
 Mr. Cook.

The judges of thought and composition are J. T. Matthews, Esq., of Ithaca; Miss Olive Smith of the department of English in our high school, and Professor I. T. Ewing of the College. The judges on delivery are Rev. J. O. Duffrey of Ithaca; Rev. J. Frank Jackson of Alma, and Professor James E. Mitchell, of the College.

Frank J. Anderson, ex-'14, who has been attending the state university at Norman, O.K., is renewing acquaintances on the campus. While there "Pink" was a room-mate of Charles Hamilton, ex-'12.

My Dear Yonkers—Am sending you payment for my subscription, which ought to have been paid long ago. Most of you fellows I do not know personally, but still through the Almanian I feel that I could almost recognize some of you if I met you on the campus. You are putting out an excellent paper, and I assure you it means much to an alumnus to be kept in touch with the activities of the college. We rejoice in the successes in athletics and look forward for a good showing in the debate. Sorry Wilcox didn't win out in the contest, but he has several years before him and will show the other colleges something before he graduates. Glad Alma is showing signs of advancement in establishing a new chair; hope the way opens for appointing an alumnus to fill the chair. Wishing you success in your work.

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THE MAY FESTIVAL.

The Choral Union is rehearsing choruses from Faust, Grieg's "Olaf Trigenon" and the Hallelujah chorus from Handel's "Messiah" for the Saginaw May Festival which will be given at the Auditorium in Saginaw Wednesday, May 31, and Thursday, June 1. The festival consists of three concerts given by the Russian Symphony orchestra, under the baton of Modeste Altschuler, a group of soloists and a group of three hundred voices.

The orchestra was founded several years ago in New York for the purpose of presenting the works of the Neo-Russian composers. However, they have not confined themselves entirely to these. The great works of both the classical and modern school are found on their programs. Their present tour of the United States and Canada takes them out of New York for twenty-one weeks.

The vocalist with this organization is a Michigan baritone, Mr. Bertrum Schwan. The prima donna is Mme. Jeanne Gerville-Reache.

COLLEGE 76, HIGH SCHOOL 29.

Alma College easily won the track meet pulled off Monday afternoon between the college and high school on Davis field, by the score of 76 to 29. While no especially fast time was made, the track men showed class, and with steady work will make a splendid showing in the coming meets.

Here is the summary:
 100-yard dash—Race 1st, Ayers 2d, Harwood 3d; time 11 sec.
 One mile run—Cooper 1st, Van Duzen 2d, Berry 3d; time 5:08.
 440-yard dash—Harwood 1st, Ayers 2d, Caldwell 3d; time 56 3/4 sec.
 880-yard run—Gage 1st, Gulick 2d, Caldwell 3d; time 2:20.
 220-yard hurdles—Harwood 1st, Hyde 2d; time 28 sec.
 2-mile run—Cooper 1st, Maybee 2d, Miller 3d; time 11:30.
 220-yard dash—Race 1st, Gage 2d, Edgerton 3d; time 36 sec.
 Running high jump—Kefgen 1st, Vought 2d, Miller 3d; 5 ft. 2 in.
 Shot-put—Edgerton 1st, Misenar 2d; 37 ft.
 Discus hurl—Edgerton 1st, Misenar 2d; 107 ft.
 Hammer throw—Hisenar 1st; 109 ft.
 Broad jump—Kefgen 1st, Harwood 2d, Johnson 3d; 19 ft.
 1/2-Mile relay—College won—Gage, Caldwell, Dakin, Harwood.

A WEEKLY NEWS PAPER

Editor Almanian:—As one of the old fellows who worked for the establishment of the Almanian (monthly) permit me to express my congratulations for the strides that have been made since then,

until now we have a thoroly up-to-date weekly. You have succeeded to a remarkable degree in making it a real newspaper. As such you must give considerable attention to athletics during the athletic season. You give just as much space to debating and oratory during the season for these activities. For a knowledge of the courses of study etc., we have catalog and college bulletins, and if the trustees wish to see them in the Almanian they should pay you the regular advertising rates. As a reflex of college life you are closer to the ideal than any who have gone before.

I am now on my fifth year as pastor here. Just at present I am especially busy, as I am acting superintendent of the town schools, while the superintendent is away on account of sickness in his family.

Alma victories always thrill me, especially when they are over Olivet. I remember shouting myself hoarse with the war cry "Olivet Delenda Est." I was glad that you did it again this past fall. Yours for Alma.

Wesley Sidebotham '01

In the Harvard Graduates' Magazine, Dean B. S. Hurlbut has an article, based on his experience in Harvard University, but well worth consideration by all who are interested in education. A paragraph is given below:

"It should not be forgotten that it is not for studies alone that a young man comes to college; any system that does not leave ample time for thinking (of which the majority of students do far too little), sports, friendships and those 'undergraduate activities' which help so much in the development of the well rounded man should be condemned. For every youth the years from 17 to 20 are immensely important in the formation of habits and character—a period when, if ever, he should learn to be prompt, and accurate, and efficient, when slipshod methods of thought and work alike should be taboo."

Good news comes from Wheaton, Minnesota, to the effect that Rev. H. G. Gaunt, '06, who underwent a severe operation for appendicitis three weeks ago, is on the rapid road to recovery. For the first few days after the operation it was not considered possible that he would recover, but he finally rallied, and at present is considered out of danger.

The Science club will meet in the biological laboratory, Thursday evening at seven o'clock. Papers on Amphibia and the manufacture of Paper will be given.



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JOHN WRIGHT,
Drayman.

The current issue of the Wright Hall Dining Room Bulletin in summing up an article on table conversation, has this to say:

"During the past week, due, no doubt to the warm weather, topics for conversation have been scarce. However, there is still some interest shown in—

"Miss Broderick and her canoe.

"Miss Mullenbach, Mr. Inglis and their last spread.

"Admiral Togo."

THINGS THAT ARE NEVER SAID.

Miss Waring as first gong rings:
Prof. Ewing
"Class excused."

"Dad" Sebring: "Let's skip Economics.

Miss Robinson: "I know nothing about it and refuse to discuss it."

Co-eds entering church: "A front seat, if you please."

Mr. MacAllister: "Fellows, call me 'Liz'; I enjoy the name."

Satterlee: "Take Puck and laugh."

Brehm: "This library mascot job is great."

A LA GRAY'S.

'Twas in a restaurant they met—

One Romeo and Juliet;

'Twas there he first fell into debt,
For Romeo'd what Juliet.

Time—Friday night.

Place—Wright Hall.

Hear a little music.

Have a little chat.

Make a little chocolate fudge.

Then go and get your hat;

Say you've had a jolly time,

As she waves her fan;

Now, isn't that exciting sport

To tempt a healthy man?

N. B.—Marks and Wilcox say that the same is true of society life in St. Louis.

LET'S WATCH AND SEE.

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tween acts.

Just six men faced the pitchers in the sixth inning.

Stub Vought made a fine try for a high foul in the third inning but tripped just as he was ready to receive it.

With men on second and third, two down and the score tied, Meyers threw three pretty ones and Hillsdale's bid for the game went up in smoke.

With two down in the seventh Dakin made a mighty effort to break the tie driving a pretty bingle and pilfering two hassocks, but the next man up whiffed the breeze and he was left marooned on third.

The way Capt Call out-guessed the visitors third-sacker with his single in the eighth would have made a corporation lawyer look like a justice of the peace.

The adding machine broke down while the errors were being counted.

Hunter was there with the springs when it come to going after lofty throws.

Rogers could catch anything from a cannon ball to the measles.

In the third Bach dished one over the pan without a blessed thing on it but the cover, and that last shred of decency was almost lost when Vogt stumbled against it for two bases.

Striffler pinched a hot one that looked good for a hit and whipped the runner out at second; but his head worked faster than his feet and he followed his throw with a fine exhibition of base sliding.

Capt. Call and King worked the squeeze play in the seventh and while the third sacker was attempting to throw Don out on at first Stub Rogers, who had been roosting on second, slid home just ahead of the throw. Togo was so overjoyed that he welcomed Stub with open mouth.

The outfielders had the Indian sign on everything that came into the garden.

Warren Creech, understudy to Stub Rogers, has signed up to play second base with the Traverse City team of the Michigan State League.

FRESHIES SPREAD SOPHS

Saturday evening the "college ver-dants" gave ample proof of their ability to entertain when they set up a good old-fashioned feed for the "all-wise ones." The affair took place in the gym, which was prettily decorated with the colors of the two classes. After everyone had their fill of the good things served up by the freshies, all kinds of interesting stunts were pulled off.

The event was ended with a huge bonfire around which the co-eds roasted Marshmallows and gave class yells. Thank you—1914.

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