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## FROEBEL CARNIVAL GREAT SUCCESS

Promptly at 7:15, Friday evening, March 6th, the doors of the main entrance of the Froebel carnival opened to one of the largest shows on earth, and the expectant crowds on the outside rushed in to see what awaited them. Amid the shrieks of the wild woman and the funny stunts of the clowns, the mass of people moved from booth to sideshow and from sideshow to booth.

One of the many interesting features was taking pictures "while you wait." Family groups, two and three together, with individuals in profile and front views were taken and finished satisfactorily.

Next was the freak tent, containing Fatty Fan, the only wingless bat, smallest horse on earth, real monkeys, and freak animals of all kinds.

"Every time you hit a nigger baby you get a cigar," was next in line, and, as hard as the task was, every man, woman and child, including the faculty, was smoking—the best chocolate cigars our local confectioner could make.

The wild woman's blood curdling shrieks and cry aroused everyone's curiosity and demanded a visit from all. She was the only living one in captivity and could only be conquered by the strong woman, Madam Liftimall.

Sadie, the snake charmer, with her pets, the most poisonous and deadly snakes and her wonderful power over them, received great applause.

Madam Sanski the world renowned palm reader, told the present, past and future of many a man and maiden, who really wondered how she could know so much.

The big side show of the evening was Uncle Tom's Cabin. With every performance the tent was crowded to the limit and such screams of laughter and jolity as rent the air, told only of the ability of the performers.

With the two policemen on the grounds who arrested all those who were found taking up too much floor space or not enough, flirting and many other grave offenses, the order of the evening could hardly be perfected.

When all had visited each and every booth, and had purchased either an ice cream cone, coney island red hot, pink lemonade, popcorn or peanuts, they retired to the reserved seats and witnessed one of the most interesting circus circle acts ever produced.

The ringmaster in his garb of black, and carrying his whip announced the different feats of interest.

First, was Lena and Ben, the world famous, tight rope walkers, who could even dance the tango on the wire.

Then Madam Gronohigher, the tallest and her husband the shortest man danced the tango.

Madam Liftimall, the strongest woman in the world lifted her weights of thousands of pounds and broke bars of iron to the astonishment of all.

The evening would not have been complete had we not heard Melba, Caruso, Schumann-Heink and Scotti.

Beppo, the mischievous monkey and his trainer, especially amused the children, with his funny acts.

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REV. JAMES L. B. McBRIDE

Last week we printed under the head of "Missionary to Alaska" an article in regard to his new work in the chilly north. The cut was delayed but we are glad to print it at this time.

### OLIVET WINS TWO FIRSTS

The twentieth annual men's contest and the seventh annual women's contest of the Michigan Oratorical League were held at Albion Friday, March 6, 1914. In the men's contest Robert J. Hamilton of Olivet took first place, Harry Hoffs of Hope took second and Grant L. Cook of Alma took third. In the women's contest Viola Howe of Olivet took first, Adriana Sarah Kolyn of Hope took second and Anna M. Montieth of Kalamazoo took third.

L. L. Forsythe, Ionia; Mrs. W. B. Pillsbury, Ann Arbor; and E. P. Cum-

ming, Lansing acted as judges for the women's contest in the afternoon. Prof. J. W. Moncrief, University of Chicago; Rev. W. M. Puffer, Grand Rapids; Mr. Burgess Shank, Ann Arbor and Prof. W. W. Warriner, Saginaw were the judges for the men's contest in the evening.

The Albion orchestra, a stringed quartette and others furnished music and readings to vary the programs. Most of the colleges were represented by a good section of rooters.

The contests next year will be at Alma and plans should be begun now for a banner year. It is not too early now to begin write that oration.

## GOOD BASKET BALL SEASON ENDED

In reviewing the past basket ball season we cannot help but believe that it has been a success and that we have gained no small amount of good from it, although we had no varsity team in the field. By playing class games we have been able to help out the athletic association and make possible the new system of honor pins; have developed worlds of material for a varsity team next year that should give all the M. I. A. A. teams a merry race for championship honors; and have given to a larger number of students a chance to participate in this indoor game, than have ever before had the opportunity.

The sophs, winners of the class title, undoubtedly had the best team, and at all times could, and did play good, fast, clean basket ball. Every man on the soph team seemed fitted for the very position he was playing, and with all these men (Capt. "Bill" Schultz, H. Schultz, McFarlane, Nesbit, and Anderson) back next year the varsity squad will not be short on material for a championship team.

The freshies, seniors and juniors were not far behind the sophs in playing ability, which is shown by the close scores in all the contests. From the ranks of the juniors and freshmen teams, Wood, Cook, Austin, Spinney and Ed Johnson can be depended on to help build up a championship varsity team next year.

The failure of the juniors to place higher in the standings and the work of the freshmen team (which had but one experienced player) were the surprises of the class series.

Now that the 1914 basket ball season is at an end, we must look forward to 1915, and it is to be hoped that then, we shall be able to finance a varsity team, and again resume relations with other M. I. A. A. teams on the basket ball court. This year's class games have developed some fine material for next year and there seems to be no reason why Alma cannot hustle other Intercollegiate schools for high honors in 1915. If next year we have a varsity team, wouldn't it be a good idea to still continue the class games, but draw up some sort of a ruling to bar members of the first team squad from participating in the inter-class contests? In this way it will give an even larger number a chance to play basket ball, than have had the opportunity to do so this year; will serve to develop varsity material for the following seasons, and would furnish preliminaries for the regular games. T. A. R.

Mrs. Thornburgh entertained the choir of the Methodist church, Tuesday evening. Musical games of various kinds were indulged in. Prof. Fannell, Mr. Wright, Miss Amsbury, Miss Rozema and Mrs. Reynolds sang several selections. Readings by Prof. Warner were also highly enjoyable. Refreshments were served.

"Stein" refused to tell all about it, but it may be inferred from the way he "fussed" Rojdy, that said musician, should draw the blinds next time.

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Most any alumnus who was active in a college literary society will say that he got more valuable training out of his society than out of any subject pursued in college, yet some fellows belong to a society and do not attend once a month. They excuse themselves on account of work, being out of town or what not but they do little if anything to help make their society a live wire in college life. There are always a faithful few though who make the society a live wire by putting their best efforts in it and incidentally getting vastly more out than they put in. There are six active literary societies in Alma College and they are showing results in the lives of their respective members. If there is any one thing that hinders the development of these it is a ruling of the faculty limiting the society meeting to one hour. We learn from our exchanges that in most colleges there is a whole evening set aside each week for the society meeting. Is it fair to expect Alma students to rank as high as other students in oratory and debate and limit their work to one hour a week as compared to twice as much in other schools? We do not submit any plan of reform but suggest a consideration of the question.

The mob spirit was partly displayed last Thursday afternoon when the party of students who went to the station to bid farewell to the departing orators participated in rice throwing. The rice did not hurt anybody but three jumps might have hurt three pretty damsels had they not been caught at the end of those three jumps by a strong hand. Perhaps the hero does not merit a Carnegie medal but certainly the three girls deserve severe censure. Perhaps the gentle sex should be proficient in alighting from moving trains but to all appearances they are not. Perhaps "all is well that ends well" but serious yes fatal accidents have resulted from slighter provocations.

Time is a fast traveller and the only way to keep up with him is to keep a little ahead of him. Plan tomorrow's work today and you won't be behind time but before time. Learn tomorrow's lesson to-day and so keep at the head of the procession.

**SPEAKING FOR ALMA**

President Blaisdell is almost constantly on the move making Alma better known. He has recently spoken at the Coldwater Presbyterian church, before the Men's Club of Stanton; at the Jefferson avenue church, Detroit; at a Washington banquet given by the Men's Club of the Immanuel church, Detroit; at the Central high school and the

Western high school, Detroit; to the Men's Club of the Niles Presbyterian church; to the Chicago alumni; at the Education Day service of the Wilmette church, Chicago; at the Saginaw county and the Gratiot Teachers' Institutes; at the Saginaw county Farmers' Round-Up Institute; and at the Marshal Presbyterian church.

Besides these addresses he spoke on Sunday, March 1, at the Presbyterian church and at a union service in the Methodist church, Alma, and at a union meeting in the opera house, St. Louis, along with the Rev. Mr. Atwood and Dr. Goodrich, secretary of the State S. S. association, launching the Summer Training school for Bible and Sabbath school workers which will be held at the college the week of July 20. Already over one hundred have signified their intention to attend this school. More about it again.

Rev. J. H. Fleming was in St. Louis Tuesday attending a meeting of the Gratiot County Presbytery.



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**FROEBEL CARNIVAL**  
(Continued from page 1.)  
Madam Rollobollo-Vonozalla and her troupe of acrobatic wonders did the most startling feats.  
Dan Patch, Nancy Hanks and Blackauty the horses performed wonderful act to the music by the orchestra.  
The chariot races consisting of Madams Brouninski, Luchinski and Chouinski in their money colored costumes pleased all lovers of excitement.  
The clowns, Pete, Barkus and Susie kept all in the best of humor with their side-splitting stunts.  
The parade in which all were included gave the spectators a chance to see everyone at once and guess, if they could, which was who.  
Besides having "bushels of fun" the Froebel girls netted a nice sum of money. The society appreciate the liberal patronage of both college and town. B. W.

**CAMPUS GLEANINGS**  
Ralph Chisholm, "Bill" Searl, "Pug" Wood and "Tar" Robinson attended the Alma-Ithaca game at the latter place Tuesday evening. Wood refereed the game which ended in a row both teams claiming a victory.  
It's up to someone to rescue that large "A" picture of the championship football team of '12, which is laying around the Record shop accumulating a large supply of dust. That picture should be framed and hung in the library in honor of one of, if not the, greatest teams Alma ever had. Let's get busy.

Coach Bleamaster officiated the Bay City-Saginaw basket ball game at Bay City, Friday night. This game tied the Saginaw valley championship.  
Rudolph Beyer spent the week end at Lapeer.  
Fred Johnson officiated a basket ball game at Owosso Friday evening.  
Those to pay their Almanian subscriptions since the last list was published are: Steve Nesbit, Alma; Floyd Ferguson, Alma; "Ted" Gates, Alma; Harold G. Gaunt, East Liverpool, Ohio; Susie Brown, Martin; Dr. J. M. Barkley, Detroit; Emily Case, Alma.

Alger Wood refereed the Ithaca-Middleton game at the former place Friday.  
Hazel Crosby of Merrill was a college visitor Friday.  
Marcella Adams, K G '13, visited at the college a week ago. Miss Adams is teaching in the Flint school.  
There are still a few unpaid Almanian subscriptions among the fellows.  
Perhaps the best students recital of the year was given last Friday afternoon at the chapel when several of the music students and a representative of the dramatic department gave a program. Miss Pauline Wescott who sung "His Lulaby" deserves special mention.

**CORNER ON DATES.**  
Wednesday, March 11, Astronomy lecture.  
Friday, March 13, Pirates of Penzance.  
Saturday, March 14, Classical Club.  
Monday, March 16, Union Society meetings.

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EXCHANGE

Harvard, Yale and Princeton Universities will make equal suffrage the subject of their triangular debate on March 27. The question is: "Resolved that the women of the United States should be given the suffrage on equal terms with the men."

Heck Hall, the dormitory for students of Garet Biblical Institute on Northwestern campus, burned to the ground last week. Nothing was saved from two of the floors and a number of the young preachers were left destitute. Among the things destroyed was an original manuscript copy of the Koran the only one of its kind in this country.

Don't worry when you stumble, remember a worm is about the only thing that can't fall down.—Adrain World.

College Football Captain, Now, fellows I want you all to go out for basket ball this winter and do your worst. Eat 'em alive! If we want football here next fall we've got to show the faculty that it's safer than basket ball.

"Yes, I am trying to raise a moustache, and I'm wondering what color it will be when it comes out."

"Grey, I should say, at the rate it appears to be growing."

U of M.—The athletic field is to be surrounded by a concrete stadium. The south end will be replaced this year and the rest of the work done some time in the near future. The north end remains in good condition.

Adrain—The seniors have begun the wearing of caps and gowns. They will be worn to morning classes the rest of the year.

M. A. C.—The students and faculty have adopted a new constitution for a student union. The powers are vested in a council of six members. All acts of the council are able to be recalled by a referendum vote of the student body and the faculty are at all times recognized as the higher in authority.

The difference between boosting and knocking is the difference between an office desk and a drygoods box.

LITERARY SOCIETIES

Under this head we wish to run each week items or reports from the six Almanian reporters of the literary societies. Surely, organizations of the importance of these can produce each week things that will be of interest to our readers. Reporter, get busy and improve your opportunities for literary experience, and at the same time do a service for your society.

FROEBEL NOTES

During the past few weeks the Froebel society has been doing many things of interest. The new semester began with a new corps of the following officers:

Bertha Williams, president; Margaret Robinson, vice-president; Marjorie Chase, secretary; Jessie Duncanson, treasurer.

Monday evening, Feb. 23, Miss Helen Atwood a new member in the department was initiated into the society. At this time Mrs. Mitchell, a former kindergarden student in the college and an honorary member of the society, was made Patroness of Froebel society. All the former kindergarden students have been asked to become honorary members.

The society is bringing Miss Dexheimer, a critic teacher and institute worker in the Illinois State Normal

School of Normal, Ill., to Alma for one week, to give a series of lectures on Primary principals and methods for the members of the department. B. W.

ALUMNI NOTES

Rev. Harold G. Gaunt, '06, is pastor of the Second Presbyterian church at East Liverpool, Ohio, and is giving a series of lectures Sunday evenings concerning "plain truths on practical themes." Mr. Gaunt was business manager of the Almanian when it was a monthly publication.

Robert Lee a former student here was married to Florence Wheeler in Yonkers, N. Y. last wednesday evening. An account of the wedding is given in the New York Tribune of Feb. 26.

J. E. Webber, '05, is pastor of the Presbyterian church at Northville. Webber was at one time star outfielder on the college team.

Susie Brown, '13, is teaching in the Martin high school this year.

Marion Rounsifer, '13, and Foster Fraker, '11, both teachers in the Eaton Rapids high school were campus visitors a week ago. "Frake" is principal of the school.

If we made any mistakes in marking some of the Almanians unpaid last week that were paid, it was done unintentionally.

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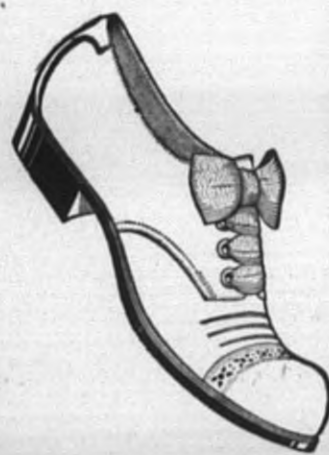
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