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## ALMA LOSES BOTH DEBATES

In one of the hardest fought debates ever heard at Alma College, Olivet defeated Alma Friday night by a two to one vote of the juiges. From the opening speech till the last rebattal was closed there was not one moment of abatement in the intense interest shown by the audience. So close was the contest, that when the judges'decision was announced little surprise was shown, as the debate conld have gone either way and been a fair decision. The question debated was, "Resolved, that cities should own and operate public utilities.
William Pohly opened the debate for the affirmative by showing the value of public franchises and the vast amount of money made by the private corporations owning these private utilities. He claimed this great wealth turned back to the city would pay up the city's indebtedness and that the income would provide for its betterment. Louss Lancaster opened the negative for Olivet, and made the point that municipai ownership would destioy individuality and proposed that the proper solution was private ownership under state regulation. Frank Kolbe came next with facts showing that municipal ownership would reduce rates and be a saving to the people. He was followed by Kendall Long, who held that ..unicipal ownership would fail because comdetent managers and employees could not be secured. Lester Von Thurn replied for the affirmative that municipal success was a fact the world over, citing definite examples taken from European and American cities. Jay Hamilton closed the constructive argament, confining his speech to specific failures of municipal ownership.
In exceptional rebuttals, Lancaster for Olivet and VonThurn for Alma closed the debate. This was the most exciting part of the contest and when both men were through the andience little knew what to expect from the judges. In the constructive speeches, Hamilton was the negative's strongest man. His strong personality coupled with his vigor of address made him a great factor in winning the debate. Von Thurn was Alma's main strength. The Olivet men had the debate much better in hand. while the Alma team lost fairly, it was because of a lack of preparation.
After the debate an informa! reception was held at Wright Hall for the debaters and judges, at which the judges and several members of the faculty were called upon for short talks.

The Alma negative debaters journeyed over to Holland, where they met Hope's strong affirmative team. The Holland contestants had debated the affrmative side of this question several times this year in public and on each occasion won the decision of the judges, so they were confident as well as competent in handling their case. The debate was hotly contested from start to finish. While Hope may have had a shade the better of the argument all the way, the Alma men fught hard and established some telling points.
Clarence Dame opened the case for the affirmative by proving that it is the function of the city to own and operate its public franchises. Fe cited definite ex-

amples of how municipal ownership bet tereì living and social concitions. Leon Kolvoord started the work for Alma by showing that city problems depend upon local conditions, and what would be good for one city may not be beneficial for snother. Also maintained that municipalities conld not secure experts. He further argued that municipal management is costlier than private ownership. Gerritt DeMotte continued the argument of the Hollanders by maintaining that cities must eliminate the corraption of private ownership. He argued that political bosses bribed the alderman for private ownership. Claud Satterlee brought out the faults of municipal operation, its inefficiency and lack of initiative, by showing that this system abroad was very ineffective. Harry Hoffs closed the affirmative construction by showing the dangers of private ownership of pablic utilities. losiah Buell confined his speech mainly to showing that street railways as a large pablic utility cannot be successfully handled in this country under municipal ownership.
In rebnttals Kolvoord for Alma and Dame for Hope made strong summaries for their respective sides. The Hope men had powerful delivery but Dame was probably their strongest constructive debater. It would be hard to say which of Alma's men were most effective, but Buell, who is a freshman, showed that he has a future in the debating line. Every Alma man deserves grest credit for his consistent work.

At the meeting of the School Masters' Club of Michigan, held during the Spring recess at Ann Arbor, Prof. J. T. Ewing attended and responded with a paper on the Classical Clob in the College Prof McCurdy also read a paper before the Scientific Section of the Club
Others who were present at the Club meeting were Prof. Notestine, Prof. Mitchell and Miss Mullenbach.

MISS EDDY HAS NEW POSITION
Word was received here recently tha Miss Mary O Eddy had beea offered a position as professor of English at Clar ion State Normal Sshool, Clarion, Penn Miss Edd, accepted and entered upon her work there at the opening of the spring term.
Miss Eddy was, from 1906 to 1910, in structor in Alma College Academy, hav ing charge of the English and the Mathematics in that department. Siuceleaving Alma, Miss Eddy has been in attendance at Chicago University, where she has been doing work leading $t$, the Mas ter's Degree. Her work was completed there in March.
Mise Eddy has a host of friends in the College and also in the city who extend congratulations and wish her success.

ALMA MISSIONARY COMING.
One of the foreign secretaries of China will visit Almass Coppock of is partially supported by the Alma place in her life and she holds first place in her life and she is a very intresting speaker. The girls who at tended the convention in Saginaw felt her attractiveness and Christianity and are glad of this chance to see her again and show her, her own college.
From the girls who have heard her rake this word of advice,-"DON"T MISS HEARING MISS COPPECK SPEAK WEDNESDAY EVENING
APRIL 24." bills, and need it $\$ 1.25$ right away.

## ALMA WINS FIRST GAME

The Maroon Sox started off their baseball season by defeating the Mt. Pleasant Indians by a score of 10 to 3 The weather was somewhat cold but a good crowd turned out to see the boys do their first real work of the season. The game was a delight to all the fans because it revealed the fact that Ooach Grady has a fast clean bunch of players. The greatest of harmony exists among all the members ot the team and prospects seem much better than they did last year at this time.
The three new met on the team are Goodrich, Simonton and Wood. All are showing up in the best of form. and much is expected of them McCloy, one of last year's gardners, is working with Myers in the box. Both are show ing up in fine shape, so Alma will have a fine pair of twirlers. Today's game gave the coach a fine line on the players in all departments for the Indians were good players and kept the boys busy every minute. For Alma every man played a consistent game and deserves much credit. Dutton and Shomin starred for the visitors.
The game in figures
ALMA

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> Rogers, 2 b
> Goodrich, ss
> McCloy, rf, p
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Mt. Pleasa Two-base hits-Rogers, Myers. McCloy. Vogt, Pohly, Dutton and Pego Base on balls-off Myers 4, McCloy 1 Dutton 4. Left on bases by Alma 7. In dians 3. Struck out by Myers 3 in six imnings, McCloy 6 in three, Dutton 8 Double play, Myers to Brilmeyer.

Dr. Randalls will address the members
of the Y. M. C. A. on Mission Study,
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of the Y. M. C. A, on Mission Study, Thursday evening at 7 o'clock.
Pego, 1 b
Fish, 3b
Shomin, ss
Dutton, p
Moses, 2 b
Tebo, if
O'Connor, rf
Topash, c
MT. PLEASANT


May We Not Be Favored
with a remittance within the next few days?


CORNER ON DATES.
Wednesday
Base ball,
Friday April 26
Tuesday April 30,
Pleasant
Friday and Saturday, May 3 and 4,
Ferris at Big Rapids
Wednesday
Mt. Ple.sant at Alma.
Friday May 10,
Base ball, Hillsdale C. debates.
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Saturday May 11 .
M. A. C. at Lansing.
Friday May 17,
Olivet at Alma.
CO-ED ISSUE.
Well, they surely know how to do it. And it is with pleasure that we
congratulate Miss Brown and her staff for the splendid co-ed issue of the Almanian that was issued just before vacation. It was newsy, and original. The jokes were exceptionally fine and well applied, in fact. every article was well written and gratulate ourselves on choosing the staff that we did for that issue. They have set a good pace for us to follow Their kindness took a big burden off us for one week. Thanks, girls.
Y. $\overline{\overline{\text { M. AND Y. W. C. }} \text { A. }}$

After spring vacation the new members of the cabinets of both of the young people's associations took their places, and the old cabinet laid down
their burdens. They left one of the most successful years in the history of either organization. The retiring officers in the Y. W. C A. are: president, Margaret Boag; vice presi prent. Carrie Neilson: secretary, Mary Clark: treasurer, Maude Hooper The new officers are: president, Mar ian Hartness; vice president. Della Struthers; sefretary, Margaret O'Neil; treasurer. Maud Hooper The chairmen of the committees are: The chairmen of the committees are:
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