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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 julges. From the opening speech till the last rebuttal 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 could 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. Louis Lancaster opened the negative for Olivet, and made the point that municipal ownership would destroy 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 argument, 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 audience 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 informal 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.



Top row-Wm. Pohly Bottom row-Josiah Buell Lester Von Thurn Frank Kolbe Leon Kolvoord Claud Satterlee

amples of how municipal ownership bettered living and social conditions. 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 another. Also maintained that municipalities could not secure experts. He further argued that municipal management is costlier than private ownership. Gerritt DeMotte continued the argument ing charge of the English and the Mathof the Hollanders by maintaining that cities must eliminate the corruption of private ownership. He argued that political bosses bribed the alderman for has been doing work leading to the Masprivate ownership. Claud Satterlee ter's Degree. Her work was completed brought out the faults of municipal operation, its inefficiency and lack of initiative, by showing that this system abroad College and also in the city who extend was very ineffective. Harry Hoffs closed congratulations and wish her success. the affirmative construction by showing the dangers of private ownership of pub-

MISS EDDY HAS NEW POSITION Word was received here recently that Miss Mary O. Eddy had been offered a position as professor of English at Clarion State Normal School, 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, instructor in Alma College Academy, havematics in that department. Since leaving Alma, Miss Eddy has been in attendance at Chicago University, where she there in March.

Miss Eddy has a host of friends in the

Lipoint, ef ALMA MISSIONARY One of the foreign secretaries of the Y. W. C. A., Miss Coppock of China will visit Alma next week. She M is partially supported by the Alma association. Her work holds first CI place in her life and she is a very intresting speaker. The girls who at-B tended the convention in Saginaw D felt her attractiveness and Christ- di ianity and are glad of this chance to in see her again and show her, her own D

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 dotheir first real work of the season. The game was a delight to all the fans because it revealed the fact that Coach Grady has a fast clean bunch of players. The greatest of harmony exists among. all the members of the team and prospects seem much better than they did! last year at this time.

The three new men 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 showing 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 Dutton and Shomin much credit. starred for the visitors.

The game in figures:

ALMA

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Wood, cf	4	3	2
Kltchen, cf	1	0	0
Rogers, 2b	5	1	2
Goodrich, ss	5	0	1
McClov, rf, p	4	1	2
Siminton, 3b	4	1	1
Brilmeyer, 1b	5	1	1
Hyde, c	1	0	0
Vogt, c	1	1	B
Pohly. lf	4	0	2:
Myers, p, lf	3	2	2
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Pego, 1b	2	0	2
Fish, 3b	8	0	0
Shomin, ss	4	1	1
Dutton, p	4	0	1
Moses, 2b	3	0	0
Tebo, lf	8	0	04
O'Connor, rf	4	0	1
Topash, c	4	1	0-

The Alma negative debaters journeved over to Holland, where they met Hope's strong affirmative team. The Holland contestants had debated the affirmative 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 fought 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. He cited definite er- Mitchell and Miss Mullenbach.

lic utilities. Josiah Buell confined his speech mainly to showing that street railways as a large public utility cannot be successfully handled in this country under municipal ownership.

In rebuttals 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 great 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 Club in the College. Prof. McCurdy also read a paper before the bills, and need it Scientific Section of the Club.

meeting were Prof. Notestine, Prof.

From the girls who have heard her, take this word of advice,-"DON'T MISS HEARING MISS COPPECK SPEAK WEDNESDAY EVENING APRIL 24."

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Dr. Randalls will address the members of the Y. M. C. A. on Mission Study, Thursday evening at 7 o'clock.

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CORNER ON DATES.

Wednesday April 17, Base ball, U. of M. at Ann Arbor. Friday April 26, Base ball, Kazoo at Alma. Tuesday April 30, Base ball, Mt. Pleasant at Mt. Pleasant. Friday and Saturday, May 3 and 4, Ferris at Big Rapids. Wednesday May 8, Mt. Pleasant at Alma. Friday May 10, M. A. C., M. S. N. C. debates. Base ball, Hillsdale at Hillsdale. Saturday May 11, M. A. C. at Lansing. Friday May 17, Olivet at Alma.

CO-ED ISSUE.

Well, they surely know how to do was needed. The class is to be conit. And it is with pleasure that we gratulated for their splendid choice congratulate Miss Brown and her of a gift, and the faculty and stud-

THE WEEKLY ALMANIAN

Dershem, Mary Clark, Della Struthers, Margaret Allen, Otha McCracken, Bertha Bielby, Emily Beach, Isabel Henderson and Margaret O'Neil. Those retiring from the Y. M. C. A. offices are; president, E. A. Thompson; vice president, John Landon; secretary, Lester McAllister; treasurer, A. C. Edgerton. The new officers: president, E. A. Thompson; vice president, John Landon; secretary, A. C. Edgerton; treasurer, Lester Von Thurn. Chairmen of committees: Carroll Hyde, Archie Maybee, A. C. Edgerton, J. L. Landon, Lester Von Thurn, DeWitt Marks, Fred Johnson, Claud Satterlee, Milo Hogan, and Bope Butler.

Last Sunday evening at the regular meeting of the Y. M. C. A. the president gave an interesting and helpful description of the Presidents' Conference, which was held at Jackson just before spring vacation. This was one of the best conferences ever held in this state, in connection with Y. M. C. A. work. Mr. Thompson had the honor of being elected chairman of the conference for the entire session. He brought back many good and helpful suggestions. Among the most important that he brought to the attention of the members last Sunday evening was that of deputation team work. Several calls have already come to Alma for such teams and when Mr. Thompson asked for candidates to go into the work, he met with a hearty response. So men are now preparing and Alma will very soon have a team at that helpful service.

Regular meetings of the new Y. M C. A. cabinet are being held and all plans will be passed by the cabinet before they are put in force. The new members of this body are taking up the work with enthusiasm and according to all indications the association will be even stronger and more helpful to the religious work of the college during the next year than it is at the present time.

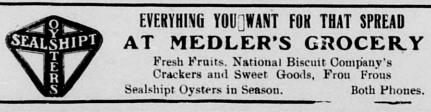
Plans are being made for a six weeks' course in mission study, using as a basis for the study, China, its present condition and its need. This should be a very interesting study. and it is expected that many of the men will join in the course. It will be conducted in classes led by student leaders.

LIGHTS INSTALLED.

The class of 1906 during vacation installed two beautiful electric terchiers, one on each side of the main entrance to the administration building. The lights are very strong and durable as well as fancy. They add much to the appearance of the front of the hall and are just exactly what ents wish to express their appreciation. Albion Albion has changed her 3:15 classes to 7:00 so the afternoons will be free, during the spring season. Don't Write THAT ARE RIGHT NDEPENDENT



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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 interesting. We have reason to congratulate ourselves on choosing the staff that we did for that issue. They have set a good pace for us to follow, and for the co-eds of future years. Their kindness took a big burden off us for one week. Thanks, girls.

Y. M. AND Y. W. C. 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 president, Carrie Neilson; secretary, Mary Clark; treasurer, Maude Hooper, The new officers are: president, Marian Hartness; vice president, Della Struthers; secretary, Margaret Independent Telephone O'Neil; treasurer, Maud Hooper. The chairmen of the committees are: Carol Gray, Faith Welton, Gladys

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NEWS ITEMS.

ces in the Presbyterian church on He spoke with feeling of his con-Easter Sunday. He also gave a short nection with the college from her talk in chapel on the following morning

Dwight Harwood and Mary Clark favored the students with a few songs after dinner Sunday.

Work has started on the new Davis field gate.

Robert Hume gave an entertainment in the Congregational church at Farwell, during vacation. This entertainment consisted or readings by Mr. Hume supplimented by several musical numbers by local talent. According to all reports Mr. Hume gave an excellent entertainment and Wallace F. Webber, '03 vice-presihis work was much appreciated by the large audience that heard him.

The students were sorry to learn on their return from vacation that Laddy, Dr. Bruske's pet dog, had been killed in some unknown way. Laddy was a favorite not only with the Bruske family, but also with the faculty and students.

Plans are now being made by members of the Almanian staff to sefor former students and friends of the college, who wish to come and stay during commencement week. Board can be secured at Wright hall at a very reasonable rate.

quet or "feed" just before school clo- and kept it. Thursday morning he sed for the spring term. It was the round up of the Bible classes at the close of a very successful term of work, using China as an example, to study. The toasts were all inspir- illustrate his points. He gave Thursational and showed that there was day ever to private interviews with much enthusiastic interest in the work

The Quartette made a trip through the Thumb during vacation.

Maybee, F. Johnson, W. Vogt, A. sult of his visit mission study class-Siminton, J. Caldwell and B. Ander- es are being organized for a short son at a six o'clock dinner in his course, and much interest is being home Friday evening, April 5th. shown among the men. The fellows all reported Wilson a good cook.

John Campbell ex-09 was on the campus Friday.

County secretary May of the Y. M. A. in Clinton county met some of the boys to discuss deputation work. 6th, in honor of Mr. Dwight Har-A team will be sent to Elsie and wood. Ovid some time in May.

Miss Muhlenback and Mrs. St. John were in Detroit for the concert given by the Boston Symphony Orchestra last Saturday evening.

MEETING OF DETROIT ALUM-NAE.

College Association of Detroit was sing" together, it was the duty of held in the parlors of the Woodward the girls to get partners by following Avenue Presbyterian church, Friday up strings a goodly distance, at the evening, March 29. Formerly the end of which with one glance they reunion has been in the form of a knew their fate. formal banquet, but on this occasion Refreshments of a most delicious the informal reception of the Wright kind were served, after which Mr. Hall style was the plan. The par- Harwood completed the evening's lors of the church were beautifully enjoyment by two of his choicest decorated with Alma pennants and songs. blankets, with here and there a quotation in large letters, giving a favorite expression of some Alma professor, or some other reminder of Alma days. A large number gathered from the city of Detroit and surrounding cities to share in the pleasure of the occasion, the number being increased by several of the present students body, who were home for the Easter vacation period. The meeting was honored by the presence of Ira M. Hatch and Rev. J. L. McBride of the Chicago Association, wio made the trip from Chicago for the purpose of attending the meeting. After singing of college songs and a general vicit all around, the meeting was called to order by President Greves who called upon several of the company for impromptu speeches Dr. Bruske was called upon and it was with feelings of sadness that the present and former students listened to the last address to be de-

livered by him as President of Alma Dr. Bryant had charge of the servi- College, to the Detroit Association. early days to the present time and gave a message of hope for a bright future for Alma. Mr. Graves called dent's supplies upon Rev. S. L. Divine, Mr. Hatch and Mr. McBride all of whom responded with words of loyalty to the Alma mater.

of the regular business meeting of the association was held at which officers were elected for the coming year. The old force of officers were chosen to succeed themselves. Stanley Graves being elected president; dent and Miss Marion Paddock, secretary-treasurer.

SECRETARY H. W. WORLEY VISITS.

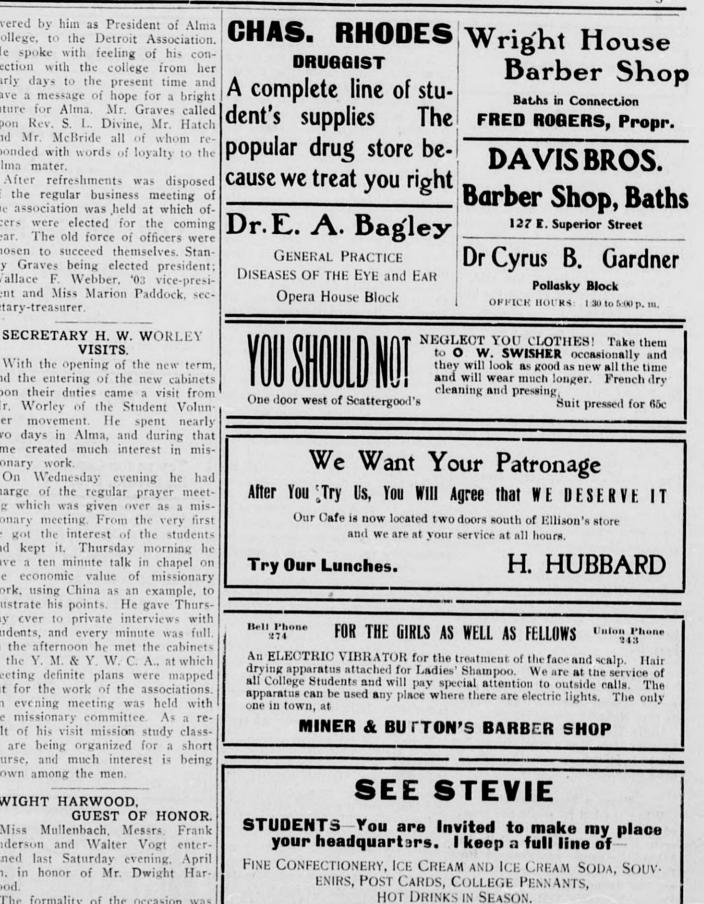
With the opening of the new term, and the entering of the new cabinets upon their duties came a visit from Mr. Worley of the Student Volunteer movement. He spent nearly two days in Alma, and during that cure good rooms at reasonable rates time created much interest in missionary work.

On Wednesday evening he had charge of the regular prayer meeting which was given over as a missionary meeting. From the very first The Y. M. C. A. had a big stag ban- he got the interest of the students gave a ten minute talk in chapel on the economic value of missionary students, and every minute was full. In the afternoon he met the cabinets Everybody was glad to see Frank of the Y. M. & Y. W. C. A., at which Hurst back on the campus last week. meeting definite plans were mapped out for the work of the associations. An evening meeting was held with Addison Wilson entertained A. R. the missionary committee. As a re-

DWIGHT HARWOOD. GUEST OF HONOR.

Miss Mullenbach, Messrs, Frank Anderson and Walter Vogt entertained last Saturday evening, April

The formality of the occasion was quickly broken by the dance of the minuet and the Virginia reel, which all enjoyed to the fullest. Not a moment of the precious "Wright Hall time" was lost. Mr. Harwood then very generously sang several solos, all of which showed his wonderfully The annual reunion of the Alma strong voice. After a good "old time

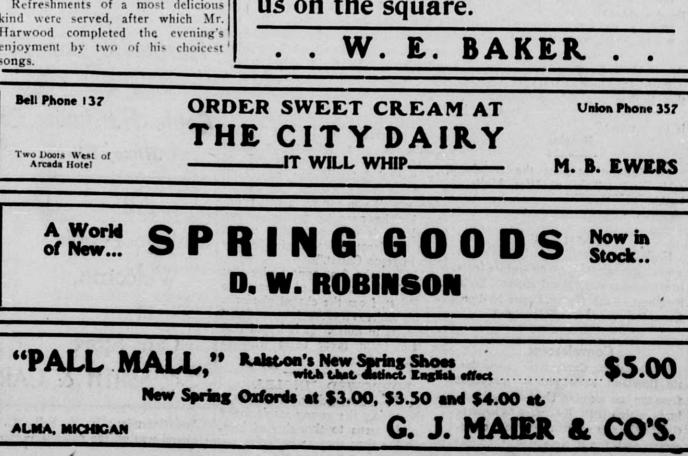


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Advice.

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Cooked.

If Clara Hanel boils does Robert "Cook?"

Breathes there a man with soul so dead,

Who never to himself has said, As he banged his toe against the bed 2 2 1, 1 2 2 1 1 2 2 2 2

TOO Much for "Pink."

She smiles, my dear one smiles and all

The world is filled with light; She laughs-'tis like the bird's sweet call.

In meadows fair and bright. She weeps-the world is cold and

gray,

Rain-clouds shut out the view; She SINGS-I softly steal away And wait till she gets through.

She-"Do you drink any more." It-"No, just about the same amount,"-ex.

Beyond Her.

Miss Albertson"--How was it I saw you treat your friends to my cake?" Miss King-"I can't tell, Miss Albertson, for I am sure I covered the keyhole."

Doesn't Remember Him Now.

Drummer-"They tell me you remember seeing George Washington. Is that right?

Uncle Mose-"Yes, sah, it is right. I uster 'member seein' him, but since I joined de church, sah, i's done forgot him."

From a State Record.

When the bill to create the county of Cass, in Ohio, was under consideration in the house, Mr. Gallagher, before the name was changed from Cass to Mahoning, moved to strike out the letter "C" from the name. Dr. Hibbert said that this was the most bare-faced attempt on the part of the member from Hamilton to name the county after himself that he had ever witnessed.

For "Bill."

Miss Baker-"Please show me some ties.

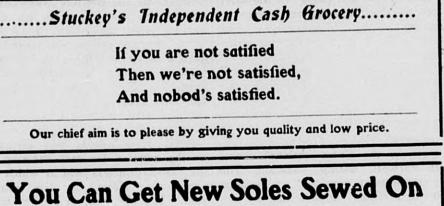
Clerk-"A gentleman's tie." Miss Baker-"Oh no, it's for my brother.'

OPENING ADDRESS.

The opening address for the spring term was delivered in the college chapel by Rev. J. W. Priest of the local Baptist church. He selected as his subject, "The Limitations of Knowledge." Mr. Priest began his address with a discussion of the powers of knowledge. He named Ian McLaren's six greatest men of all history, Homer, Socrates, Columbus, Copernicus, Luther and Moses. He showed that each of these men opened up a new field of thought and service to the world. They showed by their lives the great value of knowledge.

To show that he did not undervalue knowledge but set it at high worth he discussed it from the following standpoints: 1st. Knowledge prepares for material success, and with some real facts and figures he proved that this was so. 2nd. Knowledge prepares one for good society. In discussing this point, he compared the culture of today with that of ancient Rome. 3rd. Knowledge is power. "It will help you succeed where others have failed. It gives one a reserve power which enables him to overcome difficulties sufficiently to crush those not so equipped. The journey of life is no easy journey, and safe passage is not guaranteed to the weak and inefficient. Success is no doubt the survival of the fittest and we are coming to see that fitness is largely dependent upon knowledge. The confident man, the strong man, is he whose mind is well equipped.

"But," said the speaker, "in the words of Sydney Smith, "'Every increase of knowledge may possibly render depravity more depraved, as well as it may increase the strength of virtue. It is in itself only power and its value depends upon its application." History has again and again repeated the fact that the reputations of many distinguished men have become blasted, because they could not bear investigation. And to bring out the point of the value of a virtuous life he said, "A blackmailer wrote to the late Charles Spurgeon threatening to publish certain charges against him unless paid a certain sum of money. The fear less preacher, conscious of his own integrity, answered the letter with these words, 'Write it on the sly. Young men and women, if you are to achieve real success your life must be guided by such principles that you would welcome rather than fear the publication of the true history of your career; it is the straight and narrow way that leads to life. * * If it be possible that any of you young people, while building your temple of knowledge have neglected that which is most essential. I trust that you will speedily find that there is one thing needful: faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. That essential will gratify all that you have attained or can attain of knowledge And, moreand power. over, while knowledge will give you some preparation for the life that now is, it will not equip you for eternity. On the other hand, religion prepares one for the eternal ages. He who believes in Jesus Christ fears neither the struggle of life nor the imminence of death. My friends, get knowledge, get all you can of mental training, but be sure to recognize that knowledge is dust and ashes unless it be supplemented and glorified by faith in Jesus Christ.' This was the first opportunity that the students have had of listening to Mr. Priest, from the chapel platform, and his address was much appreciated from start to finish. It is hoped that he will again favor them with as splendid a message.



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In Oratory.

Prof. Densford-"Does that question bother you, Mr. Johnson?" "Yans" drolled out-"Not at all, it is the answer.'

Puzzle.

To find-athletes at the training table, and talkers at Miss Mullenbach's

A New Play

Uncle Tom's Cabin" was in town last week. Among the most critical students in attendance were Maud Hooper, Della Struthers, Ruth Hovey, Carrie Neilson, Laura Brown and Carrie Rowland.

Convalescent

Laura Brown, Carrie Neilson and Carrie Rowland have almost recovered from the last scene of Uncle Tom's Cabin, in which little Eva went to heaven. Great fear was entertained for their recovery, and for a time it was thought Then's the time that he is likely that they might take that happy flight. | To be made a monkey of.

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