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GET BEST OF U. OF M.

Game Called In Second on Account of Rain

MYERS PITCHES GREAT BALL

Captain Rogers Gets a Double and Single in Two Chances

With every man of Alma's team playing stellar ball the Maroon Sox smothered Michigan's Best by a four point margin last Wednesday at Ann Arbor. The final count was 6 to 2. The locals were there with the stick and found the Michigan twirlers at leisure while Myers was solid and held the University men to three scratch hits. Although only two innings were played because of rain the Michigan Daily expresses itself doubtful as to what would have been the result had the game been finished. The Michigan management are desirous of another date which will gladly be given. In regard to the game the Detroit News for Thursday says:

A heavy rain coming with Alma at bat in the second inning of today's game between Alma college and the University of Michigan, probably saved the Maize and Blue from a beating at the hands of the smaller college. The score at the time stood six to two in favor of the visitors, with but one man out and another on second waiting to be helped home. Then Michigan pitchers, Corbin, who started, and Smith, who went in to relieve him, were decidedly off form, and when Alma wasn't clouting the ball or beating out infield hits, the U. of M. twirlers were passing the batters. On the other hand, Myers, the visiting boxman, who by the way, has always proved a stumbling block for the Michigan team, was today as invincible as he has been heretofore.

Michigan gets credit for three hits off Myers, but in fact there was but one clean healthy swat and that was by Lavens who hit for two bases with Mitchell and Munson on driving them both in and getting a two run lead right at the start. Michigan having gone to bat first. Two runs would not do with Corbin as erratic as he was today. Four men faced him, two of whom he hit in the back, one he walked and the fourth hit for two bases. At that Alma had but one run when Smith was sent in though the bases were jammed. It is doubtful whether Alma would have scored again this time had not Rogers attempted to catch McCloy off second base and made a poor peg. Simenton scoring.

Michigan showed some class in fielding the remainder of the session, by getting two men at the plate on force plays. Smith to Rogers and later Duncanson to Rogers. Smith struck out the last man. Michigan failed to connect in their half of the second, for with two down, Smith was passed and Duncanson was out on a pretty play by Capt. Rogers of Alma.

In their half, Alma sneaked over three hits, two of which were attempted sacrifices which the runners beat out. When Goodrich hit for two bases driving in two runs for Alma, after two had already been garnered. Umpire Pattison called the game on account of rain. The score:

ALMA	AB	R	H	O	A
Wood cf	1	1	1	0	0
Rogers 2b	2	1	2	0	2
Simonton 3b	1	2	1	0	0
McCloy rf	1	1	0	0	0
Goodrich ss	2	0	1	0	1
Vogt c	0	0	0	3	0
Myers p	1	0	0	0	0
Brilmyer 1b	1	0	0	2	0
Pohly lf	1	1	1	1	0
Total	10	6	6	6	3

MICHIGAN	AB	R	H	O	A
Duncansen 2b	2	0	0	0	2
Bell cf	4	0	1	0	0
Mitchell 1b	1	1	0	0	0
Munson rf	1	1	1	0	0
Lavens ss	1	0	1	0	0
Rogers c	1	0	0	4	1
Howard lf	1	0	0	0	0
Blackmeyer 3b	1	0	0	0	0
Corbin p	0	0	0	0	0
Smith p	0	0	0	0	1
Total	9	2	3	4	4

Michigan 2 0-2
Alma 2 4-6
Two base hits—Lavens, Rodgers, (Alma), Goodrich. Hits off Corbin, 1; off Smith, 5 in two innings. Base on balls—Off Corbin 1; off Smith, 1; off Myers, 1. Hit by pitched ball—By Corbin 2. Stolen bases—McCloy. Struck out—By Myers, 2; by Smith, 1. Umpire—Pattison.

MRS ST JOHN RESIGNS.

The resignation of Mrs. Josephine St. John, who for thirteen years has been Principle of the School of Music, has been the cause of deep regret to both the student body and the faculty of Alma College.

Mrs. St. John came to Alma in the fall of '99. Previous to this time she had taught for six years in the schools of Saginaw and was granted a year's absence for study abroad. One year, however, did not satisfy a woman of Mrs. St. John's energy and ambition and, resigning her position in Saginaw, she continued her studies for two years longer, graduating from the Royal Conservatory of Dresden in the spring of '99. From Dresden she came directly to Alma, teaching here three

days in the week and at the same time conducting classes in Saginaw, Pontiac, and Detroit.

Before Mrs. St. John took charge of the vocal music at Alma the department had never numbered more than eight pupils but it shortly became necessary for her to teach during the evenings as well as the days in order to supply the demands of her constantly increasing number of pupils. Three days a week soon proved insufficient and at the beginning of her second year an arrangement was made for her to give in Alma and give all of her time to the School of Music here.

For thirteen years Mrs. St. John has given unsparingly of herself to Alma College. It is due entirely to her wonderful ability that this department, numbering in '99 no more than eight pupils has grown until at times as many as seventy lessons a week have been given.

Not to Alma College alone has she given her efforts. For twelve years she has directed a choir of trained voices for the Presbyterian Church, a service which has been entirely gratuitous on her part.

During her sojourn in Alma she has three times been back for summer study in Europe.

Teaching all day long she has also given up her evenings to the drilling of choruses and quartettes and has presented before Alma audiences such music as Mozart's *Così Fan Tutte*, *Cox and Box*, *Rose Maiden*, and *Triumph of David*, the first mentioned about to be given by Metropolitan Opera Co under the announcement that theirs will be the first performance in America. Her chorus work for the Saginaw festivals has also received the highest commendation.

It is due to the unsparing efforts, zeal, enthusiasm, and unselfish devotion of a few like Mrs. St. John that Alma College has been given the high position she now holds among the colleges of Michigan.

Mrs. St. John will make her home with her brother in Detroit.

SCIENCE CLUB

The next meeting of the Science Club will be held on April 27 at which time a survey of local conditions will be taken up. That is the vegetable and animal growth of Alma and surrounding country.

PIONEER OPEN HOUSE

Appearance of Studious Refinement Present

BOYS SLICK UP ONCE A YEAR

All Get Busy When Co-Eds Inspect Their Quarters

The Pioneer hall annual open house was held last Saturday evening, and gained praise by the co-eds for its entertaining originality. Every year the hall undergoes a thorough cleaning whether it needs it or not, in preparation for the inspection of the gentler sex. With endless toil and patience the fellows scrub their rooms, wash their windows, and beat their rugs until nothing can be seen about the old dormitory, but a cloud of dust. That this is true can easily be proven by the baggy knees of their trousers.

The entire college both faculty and students were invited as well as several outside friends. It is needless to say that all who possibly could, availed themselves of the privilege that comes only once each year.

Pioneer hall for once in the year echoed with the laughter of the co-ed, on her round of inspection. Rooms that for the most part are in a state of chaotic confusion, rooms where coats usually lie on the table, hats on the floor, all sorts of truck piled in the corners and books behind the radiator, of a sudden became neat and clean. The text books and the Bible occupied a prominent place and an air of studious refinement suddenly seized the entire dormitory. It was rather amusing to notice with what pride the college man explained to his lady friend, or the one he would like to have, that here is where he spends his evenings in hard study.

A special program, consisting largely of music was given in the Y. M. C. A. room, and refreshments were served. Then when the proper hour arrived the fair ones departed and pronounced the boys of the hall as tidy, clean and royal entertainers.

ALMA Y. W. C. A. MISSIONARY

Miss Coppeck the Alma college Y. W. C. A. missionary will speak next Wednesday afternoon and evening. She comes very highly recommended and has all the enthusiasm and charm that is necessary to make her interesting. No one should miss the opportunity of hearing her speak.

Dr. Bruske left Thursday morning for New York where he will attend an alumni meeting of the New York Association. He goes by a very urgent invitation of the members of that organization.

The Froebel girls are planning to give a Japanese Operetta in a few weeks.

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CORNER ON DATES.

Friday April 26,
Base ball, Kazoo at Alma.
Tuesday April 30,
Base ball, Mt. Pleasant at Mt. Pleasant.

SPRING FEVER.

Although long in coming the balmy spring days will soon be upon us and here to stay, we hope. The inevitable spring fever is bound to come. Some fine morning we will wake from dreaming, and find the warm sunshine streaming in our window, and hear the happy songs of the birds. Well then our ambition seems to be gone. We seem to want to say to our studies, 'Let her slide.' 'Now for the woods and the flowers and the strolls along the river bank. What's the use? Who cares?'

Well that is just it. What is the use? Examination week will soon be here. 'What's the Use?' won't answer then. Debates will be here before we know it. 'What's the use?' won't answer then. The inter-collegiate meet is almost upon us. 'What's the use.'? won't answer then. Commencement plays, and speeches to be ready. 'What's the use?' won't answer then.' So here goes. Don't be a Rip Van Winkle or even worse, but do something and make this spring season the crowning season of the entire year.

PROF. ADAMS AND HIS MEN.

A letter, and clipping from the New Orleans Times sent by Prof. J. Q. Adams announces that the Louisiana debaters, of which he is coach won both ends of a triangular debate with Tenn. and Texas Universities. This is the first time that Louisiana won a debate in this league and when 'J.Q.' got them going they won with a vengeance.

During the same week the university put on the 'Comedy of Errors' and professor played the part of one of the Dromios. He took the same part in Alma last year, and all the old students will remember how he and his "twin brother" kept the house in an uproar during the entire play.

Prof. Adams expects to spend the summer on his farm near Ypsilanti. Will be there about the first of June. The Almanian wishes to extend the heartiest of congratulations to him for his excellent results and wishes him continued success.

FROEBELS ENTERTAIN MT. PLEASANT GIRLS.

A very pleasant affair took place Friday when the Kindergarten girls of Alma College entertained the Kinder-

garten girls from Mt. Pleasant. The girls numbering twenty, accompanied by the Misses Mariam and Hale, arrived in Alma at 7:29 a. m. They were met and cordially welcomed by a committee of the Alma girls.

A dainty breakfast was served at Wright Hall after which the forenoon was spent in observing in the Kindergarten.

At noon an elaborate four course luncheon was served in the Kindergarten room which was festively decorated for the occasion.

The Misses Bielby, Jackson, Mitchell and McLaughlin served.

The afternoon was spent in the gymnasium where the guests were entertained. A portion of the gym. exhibition was given by the rhythm class and dancing by Miss Weis was greatly appreciated.

At 4:20 the Mt. Pleasant girls left for home, thanking their hostess for the pleasant time afforded them.

Once more the Froebel girls have proven them selves as efficient to be entertainers of grownups as of children.

ALPHA THETA.

Instead of a regular society program, the meeting last Monday evening took the form of a presidential campaign. The Republicans, Democrats and Suffragettes each presented their man for the office and as many of his merits as would permit.

The Republican delegation, Misses Hooper, Hovey and Mills, led by Mrs. Sebring resorted to the S. E. corner of society room and after due deliberation named Roosevelt as their candidate.. after which Mrs. Sebring in an irresistible campaign speech swung popular sentiment quite in favor of Teddy.

Misses Clark, Cresser and Hubbell led the Democratic campaign in support of Wilson. All felt more kindly toward Wilson after learning that he favors corporations only under state or U. S. control, that he stands for everything clean in business methods, and above and beyond all, that his picture bears a striking resemblance to our Prof. Ewing.

The Suffragettes were only awaiting their opportunity to turn the world upside down. O ve! Deaf Dumb and Blind! Listen to the dish pans and dust pans see their flashing eyes and glowing faces and vote for Carrie Chapman Cat. The Misses Peacock Mc Gill, King, and Younglove led by Miss Brown, sang to martial music the praises of thirty candidates "She is a strong woman" applause from the dish-pans--"her husband a weakling--"applause from the dust pans--"not only the equal but the superior of man"--general applause.

When these enthusiasts became to hoarse to speak longer, the polls were opened to the society and the result of the first ballot was 7.7.5--Rep., Suf. Dem respectively. Wilson then withdrew like a gentleman and the count of the second ballot showed a unanimous vote for Mrs. Cat. Of course!

PHILOMATHEAN.

At the regular meeting of the Philomathean Society, Monday, April 8, the program was on live current topics. Impromptus were given after which very interesting papers were read on, "The Superior Civilization of Germany," by Carol Gray; "Germany's Foreign Trade," by Susie Brown; and "The Training of Children," by Gladys Dershem.

After the program, Leontine Messenger spoke a few words to the girls, for all were glad to see her back and enjoyed having her at the meeting.

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ATHLETIC BOARD MEETS

A meeting of the Athletic Board of Control was held last Monday and action was taken in regard to several matters which have been hanging fire for some weeks. It now looks as if Alma Athletics would soon be on a paying basis.

Besides the election of officers which resulted in Prof. Mitchell being elected as chairman and Lester Von Thurn as secretary, the communication recently received from Mt. Pleasant pertaining to the Tri-angular meet was discussed with the result that if Mt. Pleasant would agree to the conditions asked by the authorities Alma would be willing to hold the meet on Davis Field.

A committee was appointed to look after the tennis courts. It was stated that there was sufficient money left in the Davis Field fund to put all the courts in good condition. Coach Grady was elected chairman and given authority to begin the work immediately.

SENIORS TURNED HOBOES.

Evidently some preceding bunch of hoboes had left their distinguishing marks of hospitality on Mrs. Fraker's door post, for Thursday evening when another bunch of disreputable looking tramps struck town they went instinctively to that very door, sure of a crust from the "kind lady" within. Well they were not disappointed for the "kind lady" allowed them to come inside and they amused themselves playing and singing and exchanging tramp stories. One had walked from Vestaburg and hadn't had a bite all day, another had a wife and three children at home starving and he wasn't afraid of work—why he dare lay down and sleep by it.

Like all hoboes they were hungry and so the announcement, that the needy ones could get a hand out, was pleasant news and every one was more needy than anyone else. There were the blind, the lame and the halt, there were the fatherless, motherless and widows; and there were the lazy, the shiftless and the beggar. But the "kind lady" was no respecter of persons and each received bountifully until the awful pangs of hunger were abated.

Pictures were taken which will doubtless appear later in some philanthropic magazine. Presents were exchanged again and again until each was perfectly satisfied with their own and then they wanted to seek a place of shelter for the night.

Thanks kind friend!

OTHER COLLEGES.

Albion.

Albion has returned to the old system of conducting examinations before commencement week, as all other colleges do. For the last two years the examinations were held the week following the time that the seniors were graduated. This was done to hold all the students for commencement. But the disadvantages seemed to outweigh the favorable points.

Ypsilanti.

The enrollment is the largest ever at the M. S. N. C., and it has been difficult of late to find places for the

classes to recite.

M. A. C.

Dr. C. E. Marshall, head of the department of bacteriology at M. A. C. has resigned his position after many years of service in that position.

NEWS ITEMS

Margaret Allen visited at her home in Ithaca over Sunday.

Lela Duff of St. Louis was suddenly taken with an attack of typhoid fever.

Prof. Ewing is able to meet his classes after a week's illness.

Josephine Butter entertained her sister who is attending U. of M. over Sunday.

Lois Fraker '09 of Grand Ledge is spending the week with her parents in Alma.

Jean Mc Gile entertained a friend over Sunday.

Miss Booth has returned from Detroit and is able to resume her work again.

Helen Kesel of Pontiac visited Della Struthers at Wight Hall over Sunday.

Will Ewing attended the Republican Convention at Bay City last week.

Alice Kennedy spent Tuesday at her home in St. Louis.

Eva McBain has been secured as K. G. teacher in the St. Louis schools for next year.

VOLUNTEER BAND.

The student Volunteer Band of Alma college was somewhat hampered at the beginning of the school year, owing to the fact that over half of their number were of the graduating class and leaving college last June. Nevertheless, those remaining were not discouraged and have had several helpful meetings and have recently welcomed a new man to their number.

Miss Marjorie Melcher, one of the traveling secretaries of the Volunteer movement, visited the Y. W. C. A. and the Volunteer Band early in the fall and by her interviews with the cabinet, missionary committee and the Band itself, she was very helpful and did much to encourage and instruct the members in making the Band and the missionary activities, as a whole, a success and showed very clearly what the true place of missions in the college student's life should be.

There are six members and as three of these will leave at the close of this year it has been deemed advisable to elect officers now in order that they may be better prepared to carry on and advance the work next year. The volunteers have done much personal work and it is earnestly hoped that this together with Miss Melcher's influence and work while here may bring many more members before this year is over.

Just this last summer one of Alma's former volunteers went as a missionary to China. Of the two graduating this year, one expects to sail as soon as he has taken his theological course and the other soon after she has taken a Bible training course. The fact that Alma volunteers are actually going to the field is the greatest inspiration to the members of the local bands.

ZETA SIGMA.

After the regular literary program last Monday evening, a fine sepia finished photo of Savanorola, the Italian reformer, in a beautiful frame, from Miss Mullenbach to the society, was presented by Foster Fraker. Much appreciation was manifested and after the society was dismissed the members went in a band over to Wright Hall lawn where they gave several rousing yells for the donor of the beautiful picture.

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Kindred Feeling

The new cook, who had come into the household during the holidays, asked her mistress:

"Where ban your son. I not seeing him round no more."

"My son," replied the mistress proudly. "Oh, he has gone back to Yale. He could only get away long enough to stay until New Year's day, you see, I miss him dreadfully, tho."

"Yas, I knowing yooost how you feel. My broder, he ban in yail sax times since Tanksgiving."

Tit-for-Tat

Mark Twain once asked a neighbor if he might borrow a set of books.

"You're welcome to use them in my library," replied the neighbor ungraciously, "but it is my rule never to let my books leave my house."

Some weeks later the same neighbor sent over to ask for the loan of Mark Twain's lawn-mower.

"Certainly," said Mark, "but since I make it a rule never to let it leave my lawn, you will be obliged to use it there"

The Wedding Journey

He—"Dearest, if I had known this tunnel was so long, I'd have given you a jolly hug."

She—"Didn't you? Why, somebody did," Vol. V, 91.

The Has and the Are

I'd rather be a Could be
If I could not be an Are;
For a Could Be is a May Be,
With a chance of touching par,
I'd rather be a Has been
Than a Might Have Been, by far;
For a Might Have Been has never been,
But a Has was once an Are.

Take the Cash and Let the Credit Go

The knot was tied; the pair were wed,
And then the smiling bridegroom said
Unto the preacher, "Shall I pay
To you the usual fee today,
Or would you have me wait a year
And give you then a hundred clear,
If I should find the marriage state
As happy as I estimate?"
The preacher lost no time in thought,
To his reply no study brought,
There were no wrinkles on his brow:
Said he, "I'll take three dollars now."
—Ex

A LEAP YEAR GIRL.

This poem was contributed to the Almanian in 1908, and is thought meritorious enough by some old "grads" to be published again that the boys may be put on guard.

There's things around the campus
'At's worser'n any goat,
And gets on careless men and boys
An' grabs 'em by the throat;
There's things around the campus
'At's worser'n any dean,
'N some is very short and fat,
'N some is long and lean.
There's things around the campus,
mind,

An' if you don't take care,
A leap year girl—a leap year girl—
Will snatch you by the hair.

There's things around the campus
'At's worser'n Wright Hall hash.
They're actin' like an old wet hen
And a thousand times more brash.
There's things around the campus
Worser'n Profs an' tough old beef,
An' they shriek and laugh and giggle
Till you wish that you were deaf.
There's things around the campus,

mind,
An' if you don't take care,
A leap year girl—a leap year girl—
Will snatch you by the hair.

Those devil's darnin' needles may
Come round and sew your ear,
And angle worms may crawl inside
An' then you'll never hear
An' jigger bugs get on you,
An' a thousand-legged worm
May make you writhe an' twist an'
groan

An' cry an' yell an' squirm.
But the worst thing at'll git you,
If you don't take blamed good care,
Is a leap year girl—a leap year girl—
A-clawin' at your hair.

ALUMNI NOTES.

The letter below is from one of Alma's former well known men. Johnnie Schwarder who is now in the insurance business at Valier, Montana. He is also U. S. Commissioner in that locality.

Mr. Frank Hurst,

Alma, Michigan.

Dear friend Frank;

I imagine that you will be very much surprised to receive a letter from me at this late date, but they say that better late than never so you see this cught to work out all right.

I have often thought of you and of several of the other fellows that were at Alma in my time and have always intended writing to you all but as usual have put it off until the next time, and the next time never has seemed to come.

Have been working rather hard since coming out to Montana and as my health has been rather poor it has made it hard to do my work let alone writing letters. My health is getting better right along and I might say that the hard work that I have done out here is beginning to bare fruit in other ways besides health.

Montana is the coming State and has a future that the older States are going to find hard to keep pace with. People in general have a peculiar idea of Montana in so many different ways. For instance climatic conditions: the coldest that we have had it here this winter was 28 below and that only for a few days in November 1911. From Dec. 1st up to the present time the weather has been ideal; none better anywhere. We are lining up to be the biggest wheat producers in the U. S. We have been and are one of the biggest producers of Copper, not even excepting your big mines in Michigan. I could go on enumerating a good many things out here that would probably surprise you, but have not the time and another thing perhaps it would not interest you as it does me.

I intended to run up to Alma the time I was home but put it off as usual until the 'next time'; but seriously would like to see old Alma again and intend to come some day. I imagine there are a good many changes since I left there: a good many new faces: in fact all new faces. It was very near eleven years ago. Heavens Frank: How the time does fly.

My experince out in Montana have been varied: some were laughable and some were not, but nevertheless they all helped. I believe it is about time to pass this part of the letter and transfer to the Almanian

I am enclosing a check for \$1.50 to cover one year subscription to the Almanian. The extra two-bits are for balance on 1911, it having been raised from \$1.00 to \$1.25 unnoticed by me at that time.

If you ever get out in this part of the wild and wooly West do not forget to see Valier, the coming city, and the biggest and best country out doors. With best Wishes I am

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