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## YPSILANTI NORMALS DEFEATED ALMA FIVE

### Roughest Game Seen Here in Years Marked Alma's First Defeat at Home.

The Alma college basket ball team lost the first game of the season last Saturday night on the home floor, when the mighty Ypsilanti Normal quintet defeated Alma in the roughest game ever seen on an Alma floor. The game ended with Ypsi leading by a score of 48 to 32.

Ypsilanti took a lead right at the outset of the game and despite all efforts of the Alma five, continued in the lead throughout the entire game, and left no question in the minds of the fans as to the superiority of the Normals in every way.

Alma fought desperately throughout the game, but did not show the form, which has marked previous victories, and which might have allowed Alma to romp home with a small lead, had that form been displayed during the contest. The guarding was the weakest that the locals have seen in several games, but it might better be shown against Ypsi, than this coming week or next, when Alma must butter her way to the championship of the M. I. A. A.

The one really remarkable feature of the game was its roughness. Shadford and Johnston went to the floor early in the game, and Shadford received a badly bruised face before the fray ended, and which he had started. When it was over Coach Helmer immediately pulled Johnston out of the game, sending in Richards to replace him. The Ypsi coach asked Coach Helmer if he might take his man out and send him back later, and the Alma Mentor told him that he could, if he had to, but that he (Helmer) had already taken out his man. Ypsi left Shadford in the game, but later he was forced out through further injuries.

Holding during the game was only one of the smaller offenses, and within the first few minutes Referee Nevitt stopped the game long enough to caution both teams in regard to the way that they were playing.

Rynearson of Ypsi continually got behind the Alma guards, and from this point of vantage slapped eight baskets during the contest. Several times Dunn also slipped in behind the Alma guards, and then receiving the ball with a clear opening shot baskets, but a few of his eight field baskets were long shots that brought applause from the crowd.

Smith for Alma proved a perfect fiend at basket shooting, the Alma Midget getting the same number that the Ypsi stars secured. Ed. Foote and Gallagher backed up the work of the Alma star in good shape, giving him the ball every time that he seemed to have an opening for a basket. Gallagher, E. Foote and Richards also contributed to the Alma scoring.

The Normals displayed a great team, one that probably will compare very favorably with the best basket ball quintets in the state. They defeated Alma handily, on her own floor, doing what no other team has been able to do this year.

Lineup and summary:  
Alma, 32. Pos. Ypsi, 46.  
Smith.....L. F. Rynearson (C.)  
Gallagher.....R. F. Shadford, Powers  
E. Foote.....C. Dunn  
Johnston, Richards (C.) L. G. Lawler  
French, A. Foote.....R. G. Edwards  
Field baskets—Rynearson, 8; Dunn, 8; Shadford, 2; Powers, Lawler, 20; Smith, 8; Gallagher, 2; Richards, 2; E. Foote, 2-14.

Fouls—Rynearson, 6 out of 9; Gallagher, 0 out of 3; Smith, 4 out of 7.  
Referee—Nevitt, Mt. Pleasant.

### Notes of the Game.

Although Johnston wasn't to blame for the mixup with Shadford, Helmer pulled him, showing again that he wants nothing but clean play. Such a coach is the one man that Alma is in need of. Sportsmanship goes ahead of victories, with the true coach, and Helmer has shown himself to be such.

Eddie Foote keeps right on playing a strong game at center and he should (Continued on page three)

## DR. LINCOLN WIRT

Famous Explorer and Lecturer will Appear in Alma Next Thursday.

Dr. Lincoln Wirt will appear at the Wright Opera House February 15th on the Alma Lyceum course for a lecture.

Loyal Lincoln Wirt is a native of Michigan. Most of his early life was spent on the Pacific Coast. Educated at Jamestown college and Pacific Theological Seminary (affiliated with the University of California), he was sent, in 1897, to Alaska as superintendent of Congregational church work. There he established churches at Nome, Valdez and Douglas, as well as hospitals and social centers in other places. While thus engaged he was appointed territorial superintendent of education by the United States government, founding the public schools which today are farthest north.

After three years in the Arctic, Dr. Wirt spent the seven succeeding years in world-wide travel, journeying extensively throughout China, Japan, the Philippines, Australia, the South Sea Islands, Africa, Europe and Central America.

In recognition of his original contributions to the study of comparative ethnology, he was made a "member," and later a "fellow" of the Royal Geographical society. His lectures before the Armour Institute of Technology brought him the degree of Doctor of Science.

## EXTRACTS FROM THE "WIRELESS SCREECH"

Editor—Balloushktor.  
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### (Muffled Number) The Wireless Screech

A quarantined, vacuum surrounded noise, of nation-wide magnitude, escaping every little now and then to devastate peaceful minds.

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### Idiotical

Some boob from Washington, D. C., amazes us by writing us a long letter in which he deprecates the fact quite tearfully, that this illustrious sheet is quite nice, as far as it goes, to cover two perfectly good pages of paper with some type and a fair quality of ink, but that we should heretofore use "italics" for all "jokes," so that a poor, overworked public would know when to laugh and when not to laugh, which, of course, is a rather funny suggestion, as the editor of the "Wireless Screech" never had intended to make the paper a funny sheet, as, for instance, our neighbor, "Lying Sharks," and for this reason the criticism is absolutely uncalled for, being that the editor works overtime every night with the selfsole intention to keep the sheet from being funny, unless, of course people with a perfected sense of humor (?) from Washington, D. C., can see jokes in sad facts which, in reality, should be taken seriously with a grain of salt to stimulate them to higher ambitions in the new art. But as it is a well known fact that the prophet is never recognized in his own country, the editor has to bear the martyrdom as well as he can, and go on working as faithfully as he can, depending on posterity to set up for him his marble bust in the Hall of Fame, which he so well deserves for his invaluable services rendered to the world at large.

### Notice

On account of the parcel post law MSS. containing jokes must be labeled in large letters, PERISHABLE. Humorous side-splitting jokes are not mailable under any condition, as they might cause serious damages to other fragile parcels when splitting the sides of mail bags.

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## ALUMNUS SEEKS OFFICE ON THE STATE BOARD

### Alma College Graduate, T. E. Johnson, Would Be Member of Board of Education.

The following is an item taken from the Alma Record of last week, and should be of interest to every Alma person:

"At last a graduate of Alma college is figuring strongly in Michigan politics, this man being T. E. Johnson, superintendent of the Coldwater schools, who is seeking the nomination for member of the state board of education.

"Johnson, a pleasant man to meet, has had plenty of experience in the educational circles of the state of Michigan and is qualified for the office. He has had sixteen years of experience, six in rural and village schools and ten years as a superintendent of schools, and is a man that knows the needs of rural, village and city schools as result of his years of experience.

"In a recent discussion of his candidacy Superintendent Johnson said: 'As a fairly heavy taxpayer I am naturally in favor of the public getting the most for its money. As a school man I am a firm believer in all the education possible for everyone. The public is uneasy in regard to the duplication of permanent investment and of overhead expense in the state colleges. There is a feeling that the money is not always being wisely spent. It is, of course, a question as to the point where an increase in the size of an institution is of any advantage from the viewpoint of economy.

"The fact remains, however, that a closer co-ordination of the various units of our normal system would be to the advantage of all concerned. In the matter of the so-called special subjects, any one of the normals could, particularly when a new branch is being introduced, give all the instructions necessary, and in this way considerable duplication could in the future be avoided. With courses already established and thoroughly coordinated, there might well be a question as to economy of an uprooting, but this would not apply to new subjects.

"A single purchasing agency for the system would be advantageous in insuring the lowest prices and at the same time a constant and sufficient supply. These ideas may not be new," concluded Superintendent Johnson, "and I make no such claims, but merely wish the public to know that if nominated and elected I will constantly favor both economy and efficiency in our normal system."

The fact that Alma college has a man who will run for this position should make every person who is interested in Alma, boost. There is no better man than Johnston for the work, so Alumni and old students work hard to get an Alumnus of our college on the State Board of Education.

Experience has been his great teacher, as his record shows.

### See Maltby at the Registrar's office Friday.

### "PREXY" CHANGES HIS MIND.

President Crooks started for Calumet and other northern Michigan points on a trip in the interests of Alma college, but returned Tuesday morning, without having completed the trip, because of the fact that snow blocked the railroads to such an extent that twelve hours in one snow drift, made President Crooks change his mind.

### HEBERT TO LEAD "Y"

If a fellow wants to put in a good forty minutes on Sunday afternoon, let him drop in the "Y" room where he will find lots of comfortable chairs, good fellowship and a good leader. Next Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, George Hebert, "Frenchy," will have charge of the meeting. Up-roar by "Pioneer Hall Orchestra."

### Pay-up day, Friday February 16th.

THOS. W. WRIGHT  
Who Will Represent Alma at  
Hope College March 2.



### HIGH SCHOOL FAIR

Senior Class Will Stage Big Fair February 16th and 17th.

Following the custom of past years the Alma high school senior class will again this year hold a big fair at the high school, the proceeds to go towards the Alma high school annual. This year, however, the fair has been enlarged to take in all four classes, thus furnishing a greater variety of entertainment than ever before.

The big features of the fair will be a one-act comedy by the seniors, entitled "The Best Man;" "The Talking Head," by the sophomores; "Hooligan's Home," by the juniors, and Pestella's Band, labelled as a great musical treat, which will be given by the verdants.

The basement of the high school will be open to the patrons of the fair and will be filled with booths and amusing entertainments, which will delight both the young and old.

The fair starts at 4:00 p. m. on Friday, February 16th, and closes at 10:00 p. m. All afternoon and evening Saturday, February 17th, the amusement and joy houses will be awaiting the visitors.

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### PRAYER MEETING

Wednesday's prayer meeting was well attended, and better still, many took part in the meeting. Miss Mary DeRousie was the leader, and her talk was most helpful.

The subject was "Advice that we can put into practice from the words of Christ."

Short talks were given on many texts, a few of which were: "Be ye doers of the Word and not hearers only." Some read the Bible to gain knowledge, some to criticise, others to use the precepts.

"Walk ye in the light while there is light." We can apply this to our college lives. Miss DeRousie and Mr. DeRousie were above us in all her own light and cold beauty. The light she was flakey white and silver and she could cheer and fellowship with us. Jokes and songs filled the air and when in the "wee small hours of the morning" following the night we had set forth, we were again safely landed at Wright Hall. We were sorry the evening was over, but "long will tarry in our hearts the glow of youth and ties that bind us ever more."

It is only as we use it that our lives will become complete.

Tomorrow evening, the prayer meeting will be held at Level J. Sarvis. The prayer meeting was a most interesting one, and it is a good meeting possible that by next or a bigger gathering, this time.

### Have your dollar by Friday

### PHI PHI ALPHA BANQUET

The annual Lincoln banquet, given by the Phi Phi Alpha Literary society, will be held in the Wright House on Friday evening. It is expected that this will be one of the finest banquets ever held by this society, and a record breaking attendance is expected.

### See Maltby at the Registrar's office Friday.

## SENIORS ENJOY SLEIGH-TRIP TO FOREST HILL

### Class of '17 spent Happy Time in the Country Last Friday Night.

Four miles and a half, yes it might be five, northwest of Alma, there is a town, called Forest Hill, and in that town there is a church and of that church there is a minister and he is wise as he is good. And because of his "divine" hospitality was all that herein mollows, made possible.

Now, you must know that it is a custom, long since forgotten, for Alma's favored Seniors to gather at Wright Hall, pack themselves in an open sleigh, and to the envy of all underclassmen, enjoy a real old sleigh ride. And this is just what we of '17 did on last Friday night.

The night like most nights of the winter season was clear and crisp and the sky sparkling with stars. There was no wind. Only a few lonely snow flakes, silver in the moonlight, found their way down upon the caps, and muffs, and robes. We had no stillness that was more than silence for "Buzz" brought his ukalale; Ray, his mouth-organ; "Chet," his girl; and Porter, his wife. To the tunes of all our favorite songs and amid cheer and laughter, the sleigh packed down on the snow, and ere we realized it we were landed at that famous attachment of all churches—the basement.

Here was no "dim religious light." The room was hung with drapes, lighted by huge lamps, and patriotically trimmed with flags and bunting.

Almost at once the gay party of sixteen Seniors and two chaperons, Misses Hodgson and Cook, who were not to be discovered as such, sat down to the best "feed" ever prepared by Lester's Ladies' Aid. It was indeed a banquet. Oyster soup and crackers, then pressed meat, salad, sandwiches, pickles and hot coffee. Last, but to the joy of not only John Alexander Bannerman, who felt called upon to show the church ladies due appreciation, was served cake, both pink and white, fruit salad and more hot coffee.

Far off and then coming nearer, thundered our Senior quartet, which was disbanded with reluctance, only for us to play "three deep," have a pillow contest, etc.

But the hour was late and we still had to have a flashlight taken. With loyalty and pride we sang the college song which we have sung together for four years. We realized that all too soon must "we bid adieu to college days and dear old scenes we love so fondly."

But yet was that long delightful ride homeward in store for us. We packed in as snugly and tightly as our Seniors dare and can. By now Miss "Bono" was above us in all her own light and cold beauty. The light she was flakey white and silver and she could cheer and fellowship with us. Jokes and songs filled the air and when in the "wee small hours of the morning" following the night we had set forth, we were again safely landed at Wright Hall. We were sorry the evening was over, but "long will tarry in our hearts the glow of youth and ties that bind us ever more."

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### BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

February 16, Hillsdale there.  
February 17, Adrian there.  
February 23, Kazoo here.  
March 3, Kazoo there.  
March 7, Olivet there.  
March 8, Ypsi there.  
Mt. Pleasant pending.  
Second team at Merrill Thursday, February 1.

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**ALMA COLLEGE**

The value of Alma college to the city of Alma was plainly brought before the eyes of the citizens in a splendid editorial which appeared in the Alma Record last week. In part it reads:—

"It may be that there are some who question the value of Alma college to the city of Alma who for that reason have not as yet considered the endowment campaign of the college, as touching them, and we believe it is well to place a few facts and ideas before them, as they relate to the city of Alma and its connection with Alma college.

"That Alma college spreads many benefits upon the city cannot be questioned. Alma college lets loose upon the city thousands of dollars each year, which come either directly or indirectly as a result of the college being here, and a bigger and better Alma college will mean that more thousands will be added to those that are now being spent here.

"Alma college has a fine effect on the educational influences of Alma, and in this respect also saves much money for Alma residents. Half a hundred Alma young people are receiving their higher education within the walls of this institution, and with the continued growth of Alma, which we all admit is coming, more and more young men and ladies of this city will receive their training at Alma college.

"Morally, Alma college is an excellent institution for Alma. It is a Christian college, and strives for worthy ends, which will build up the life of the coming generation, and promote a healthful moral atmosphere in our fair city.

"Both directly and indirectly Alma college brings other benefits to the city of Alma.

"Of the three important ones mentioned above, two are beyond measure in dollars and cents. Education, certainly has a money value, but it has more than that. It enables one to appreciate life the more, to do more and be of more value to humanity than would otherwise be possible. Good morals, make up the very roots of civilization, and are priceless. Alma college aids greatly in this respect, specially in Alma and the surrounding country."

With such boasting it is very evident that the interest of the citizens will be aroused, and that the campaign which has just started is bound to be a grand success.

**THIS IS IT.**

Have you forgotten? Well, lucky thing, it's not too late yet, for the day hasn't come yet, but you have only two more days, and then you will have a chance to tickle the business manager for once by handing over a dollar bill for your Almanian subscription. It's Friday, February 16, 1917, all day and you can pay up at any time. Men, yes and women can see him too, see Lee Maltby. He will be in the registrar's office all day.

Several complaints have been made around the Campus since last Saturday night's game, because of the number of girls who were not at the game. It is understood that it meant a "social cut," but there is no better way to take a "cut" than to attend a college function, and if the loss of a cut means so much to such girls, the loss of the display of their school spirit is much greater. Let's not be afraid to use a "social cut" for a game or college affair, in which every student is vitally interested. Although these valuable privileges for the enjoyment of the social evening are most coveted, and will be in the spring, yet it will pay to show your school spirit.

**PROEBEL SLEIGH HIDE**

The Froebel society thoroughly enjoyed the sleigh ride party on last Saturday afternoon. The party left the Hall at two-thirty, drove as far as St. Louis, where the new officers treated, then they returned, arriving just in time for dinner at Wright Hall. Every one seemed thoroughly satisfied that she had spent a happy and worth while afternoon.

**The Delay of the Law**

Editors' Note:—The following is a copy of the oration which is to be delivered by Thomas Wright, Alma's orator at the inter-collegiate oratorical contest, which is to be held at Hope college on Friday, March 2, 1917.

**T**ODAY, within the body of English speech, there exists a word called efficiency. This word, or rather the application of it, marks the entrance to a field where the maximum of result is accomplished by the minimum of effort. In spite, however, of the universal application of the science of efficiency to many spheres of life, there is a field of human activity which as yet remains to be cultivated and enriched by the enforcement of efficient laws. To express myself in the recent utterance of Ex-President Taft, I say, "The most vital question before the country today is the question of efficiency in the administration of justice."

The sense of security upon which public content, not less than public liberty depends, must spring mainly from a steady administration of just laws. This foundation of our freedom is menaced by the interminable delays that mark the progress of a trial, the tendency to sacrifice justice on the altar of technicality. Justice is subverted and the law employed to shield the guilty who exploit the rights of the people in the interest of the few. The fundamental ethics of the noble institution of the law have been overthrown by the archaic and conflicting forms of procedure which hamper the course of righteous justice. I believe that the future of our justice is in our hands. Is it not well then for us, representative as we are today, of the great body of college youth, who must soon take their place among the constructive body of our country, to dwell upon this perversion of justice, and to consider the means and the methods available for its restoration?

American law and procedure had its inspiration and inception in the old English Common law, a code of law, which was created from custom, and which tolerated an exaggerated idea of the value of property, together with a general contempt for the worth of a human life. Prior to the year 1837, in England such offences as cutting down a young tree and defacing a county bridge were punishable by death. To illustrate—A small urchin, filled with the mischief of boyhood, stole a few apples from a shop in London. He was arrested, tried in court, convicted of burglary, and sentenced to death by hanging. The existence of matters of this kind in England justified the development of a technical procedure of law, whereby the accused was given a fighting chance for his life. This technical procedure of law served a worthy purpose in England until the demands of humanity forced a complete revision of the criminal codes, wherein the punishment provided for was in direct proportion to the degree of the crime committed.

Today, in the United States we are still conducting our criminal courts under outworn technicalities which were devised to save innocent men, but which now are used to shield guilty ones—technicalities which have been abolished in England, the country where they originated, for over thirty years.

On March, the 24th, 1910, a man by the name of Wolter committed a deliberate and cowardly murder in New York state. He was brought to trial, convicted, and sentenced within thirty-four days from the day of the crime. The execution was delayed until twenty-one months later. The short interval between the occurrence of the crime and the conviction affords an excellent example of the way in which the criminal law ought to work. The interval twenty times as long between the conviction and the punishment affords a better example of the way in which the criminal law ought not to work, but actually does work in this country.

When a man kills another in England, the chances for his escape from punishment are slight, and the probability of his speedy prosecution and execution is directly before him. It cannot be denied that this exercises a restraining influence upon the passions of men and results in respect for and confidence in the law with its resultant benefit to society. To quote from the book of Proverbs, "Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the hearts of the sons of men are fully set in them to do evil."

Our methods of procedure do not satisfy the popular conception of equal justice. The people clamour against the law, its inconsistencies, its discriminations and its delays. Why does the United States persist in the use of the technical instead of the expedient in her procedure of law? It is fundamental that American law will be respected only when it is worthy of respect.

In a case of murder in the State of Missouri the prisoner at the bar was granted a new trial because of the fact that the word "the" was omitted from the indictment, a technical error outweighing the value of a human life, and indefinitely prolonging the action with useless expense to the commonwealth.

The most important class of lawsuits in America from the standpoint of the average citizen is the class typified by the suit to collect money. An average lawsuit is an effort on the part of a person, who claims to be a creditor, to collect money from an alleged debtor. As a nation, we American people have a fond regard for debtors. We have the picture of the traditional debtor ever before our eyes,—the hard-working farmer or the honest mechanic struggling to keep the wolf of want and starvation from the door. In direct contrast to this we have the typical debtor of our time, the corporation. The transportation and the public-service companies are the largest debtors of America. They have capitalized America's sentimental regard for debtors, because they are the chief beneficiaries of the delay of justice in this respect. They oppose reform in the law. Their hired emissaries are attorneys who are experts in filling the records full of errors, and in prolonging legal procedure. The citing of a definite case will serve as an apt illustration of their methods.

A few weeks ago at the evening hour, a man homeward bound, was hurrying along one of the thoroughfares of a large city in our state. As he crossed an intersecting avenue, an automobile owned by a public service corporation and driven by one of the company's employees, struck

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### The Idlehour

WEDNESDAY—H. B. Warner in "The Market of Vain Desire," also two-reel Keystone Comedy, "The Two O'clock Train," also Alma College Quartette. Full Orchestra.

THURSDAY—John Barrymore in "Are You a Mason?" Don't miss this one.

FRIDAY—Marguerite Clark in "Out of the Drifts." One of her best pictures.

SATURDAY—Norma Talmadge in "Going Straight," also Keystone Comedy, "Ambrose's Cup of Woe." Full Orchestra. Coming—Mrs. Vernon Castle in "Patria."

Good Music Every Night.

## Alumni Round Table

Where we are and what we are doing

#### ANNOUNCEMENT PARTY

Saturday, February 2nd, the home of Mrs. Ezra Smith, on South State street, was the scene of a delightful four-course announcement luncheon given in honor of Miss Amaretta DeWitt. At one o'clock, the guests entered the dining room which was artistically decorated in pink and green. On the back of each chair hung an arm bouquet of sweet peas and marguerites which the guests donned before being seated. The center of the table was a summer flower garden, with its green vines, flowers and small clear pond on which lazily floated a birch bark canoe. All forgot the snowy weather and were reminded of a summer afternoon on the much loved Pine. Before each place, keeping guard over a dish of candies, stood a tiny cupid, pointing his dart at some guest.

The menu was exquisite and elegantly served. The last course of ice cream and cake, which was served in heart shaped designs, proved very amusing. For Wilhelmine was the lucky one to get the ring. Then punch was brought in and all the guests drank toasts of happiness and good wishes to the guest of honor and her family. Mr. John Ludwick, ex '18.

The afternoon was pleasantly spent in dressing paper dolls. The whole evening was represented in all the best styles and colors. Altogether it was a very lovely affair. The guests present were Mrs. Albert Hudson, Misses Wilhelmine Ritter, Adelaide Ballou, Bess Brown and Grace Batic.

#### ADVERTISING PAYS

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#### PHI PHI ALPHA

At the regular meeting on February 5th, Louis Sieg gave a reading of the poem, "Thanatopsis," by Bryant. A sample copy of a modern home-made newspaper kept Ray Beshgetoor on the floor for some time, entertaining the society with news from "The Wireless Screech." Morton Ault gave an interesting and helpful talk upon "Happiness." The impromptus was started off by Davies who spoke upon "The Crisis With Germany." Anderson held his audience as well as the floor for three minutes with a series of remarks jointly relative to that inspiring, all absorbing subject, "Co-education." "New Semester Resolutions," a topic which everyone has thoroughly discussed with himself, was the subject of a speech by "Babe" Burch.

The critic's report was given by Vender.

#### PHILOMATHEAN

The topic for the evening was "Americanism." Roll call was responded to by patriotic quotations after which an excellent report on "The First Martyr of Americanism" was given by Mabel Jennings. Ellen Doty then read an especially well prepared paper on "What is a National Spirit?" The impromptus, "Americanization Day" and "The Shortening Day," were responded to in a very able manner by Florence Howe and Amaretta DeWitt. After the program the society adjourned for a social half-hour in honor of "Toot's" birthday. All sat on the rug around electric grills and toasted marshmallows.

#### ATTENTION! ZETA SIGMA

The annual stag banquet, which all the "old" boys enjoy, will be held on Saturday evening, February 24th, the day after the big Kalamazoo game. If you want a plate reserved, notify Malcolm Smith, secretary. We want you there.

#### ALPHA THETA

The roll call for the Alpha Theta meeting, February 5th, was responded to by current events. Gertrude Peters gave a talk on "The Life and Personality of General Goethals," after which Betty Wales read a paper on "The Great Work Which This Man Has Done in the Building of the Panama Canal." After a short business meeting the society adjourned.

Elfreda Udelle, formerly the vice-president, will occupy the chair left vacant by Miss Coleman. Although, the society is very sorry to lose its president, the members feel confident of a very successful and enjoyable term under Miss Udelle's administration.

#### ZETA SIGMA

Harold Lampman gave a talk on "The Life of Kaiser Wilhelm," telling about his militaristic policy.

Blake Miller gave a very interesting talk on "The Life of Francis Joseph." He told of the curse on the Hapsburgs and its fulfillment, and held up the good side of Francis against the dark side which we all have seen.

Impromptus were: Creaser on "Rear-Admiral Dewey," Fred Holt on "Lloyd George," who is said to be fifty per cent Roosevelt, fifteen per cent Bryan and the rest plain Welsh; Fred Parker on the "Lack of Preparation," and Donald Smith on "A Few Developments in the War."

#### FROEBEL

Last Monday night, the Froebel society enjoyed an exceptionally interesting meeting. It was given up entirely to an Ibsen program. Olive Eggleston gave a biography of Ibsen, which was followed by a discussion of his drama, "The Wild Duck," by Mrs. Crooks. The programs for the coming semester were given out and everyone is looking forward to an especially interesting term.

#### YPSILANTI NORMALS DEFEATED ALMA FIVE

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be going in fine shape when Kazoo comes.

Did you know that Kalamazoo only defeated Hillsdale by five points last Friday night. Alma can, and Alma will. Watch her the 23rd.

Better guarding is one thing that Alma must have in the next three M. I. A. A. games.

Three victories in the next three games and Alma will be the champ. Ypsi claims to be after the all state college title. She won't fall far short of the mark.

Kalamazoo comes soon. We must win.

#### EXTRACTS FROM THE "WIRELESS SCREECH"

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Fipsorums  
Screech and the world screeches with you, don't screech and you screech alone.

A switch in time, keeps a girl in her prime.

Grimes has a new job—private secretary to the secretary and assistant treasurer. Congratulations, old man. We hope you will grow in wisdom and stature in the eyes of men and women.

Instructions for the Freshmen at the Wright Hall—Be sure and flatten your peas so they wont roll off your knife.

Don't wear a tight collar so the waiter can't pour soup down your neck.

"Babe" Burch has been reported as cutting teeth the past week.

It was supposed Ardis was ripening into a Senior, but of late he's getting "green."

Lost—"Roaming in the Gloaming." Van Duzen.

Simple Senior went to working for to graduate.

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## The Delay of the Law

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and hurled him to the pavement. The course of the man paralleled traffic which had the privilege of the right of way over the intersecting avenue, the liability for the accident thus being squarely placed upon the corporation. The man was picked up and taken to a hospital, where examination disclosed the presence of serious internal injuries of such a nature as would incapacitate him for a period of several months. In the meantime, in the outskirts of the city, an anxious mother and eager children were watching and waiting for the husband and father who did not appear. After several hours had elapsed, the mother sought the father and found him suffering untold agony, in the charity ward of a city hospital. Many days passed by, during which time the mother kept constant vigil at the side of him who hovered between life and death. At last the vitality of the man triumphed, and he was placed in the convalescent ward. He immediately instituted proceedings at law for damages suffered as a result of the negligence of the servant of the corporation. The trial was prolonged by the efforts of the corporation's attorneys until the man's meager resources were exhausted. He was then compelled to compromise and accept a settlement, the amount of which was far below that to which he was entitled by all the principles of justice—a sordid process of manufacturing gold from the law's delay.

My friends, it is because of these evils, that I plead with you for a quickening of the public conscience. Let us protest against the delay of the just penalty of the law. Let us insist that these senseless technicalities be eliminated, lest they produce a further perversion of justice. Let us throw the weight of a well-formulated and a well-expressed public opinion against the pernicious abuse of appeals. Let us have it said of America, that all men are equal before the law, and that justice smiles with favor upon the weak and the powerful alike. With the co-operation of your efforts, the correction of these problems can be effected, for the present system of legal procedure is not impossible of reform.

For the purposes of justice, the basic principles of legal procedure are these: first, the object society has in the administration of justice is to protect innocent, industrious citizens from unlawful interference or injury threatened by criminals; the motive of vengeance should not enter into the realm of justice; second, for this purpose, experience has shown that promptness and surety of administration are far more effective than severity. A short, simple, legislative practice act, leaving the details of procedure to the jurisdiction of the courts themselves, would go far in removing the cancer of delay from the body of American justice. The elimination of all issues save the real merits of a case would secure a minimum of appeals. The simplification of modes of pleading to bring the parties quickly to an issue and the preventing of judgment reversals on minor technical errors would discourage the postponement of punishment due notorious criminals, and prevent the violation of justice.

The question of legal reform is not a matter simply of professional interest, but it is a social and national problem in the broadest sense. It is particularly a human problem, in which each one of you before me will sooner or later become involved. A satisfactory solution of this problem on your part will necessitate careful and intelligent action, which must be preceded by a thorough study of the facts of our legal system. I appeal to you that you avail yourselves of the opportunity to learn of the eternal principles of the right, from the study of the institutions which have guided our nation to its present greatness and power.

"Of Law," says Bishop Hooker, "there can be no less acknowledged than that her seat is the bosom of God; her voice the harmony of the world; all things in heaven and earth do her homage; the very least as feeling her care, and the greatest not exempted from her power; both angels and men, and creatures of what condition soever, though each of different sort and manner, yet all with uniform consent, admiring her as the mother of peace and joy."

Take from this utterance your conception of the ideal of law, and let it awaken you to the possibilities of a new era of American justice; an era in which that nation which insists upon the equality of her rights upon the high seas, will demand a just and harmonious system of criminal jurisprudence, founded on justice and supported by reason. Awakened at last to the evils within the body of the law, the American people will insist that the common processes by which human justice is obtained, are made simple, that justice itself shall be had promptly, cheaply, readily, by the poor and humble as well as by the rich and powerful.

In this aspect, judicial procedure is seen in its true nature; an essential element of a great American ideal—equality before the law—the working element of a self-governing people, who cherish the traditions and the liberties of their kind with the righteousness born of the travail of a mighty race.

### CAMPUS NEWS

Davies—I didn't trade pictures with a single girl last year.  
Grimes—I wouldn't trade with any except single girls.  
"Peg" O'Niell (talking with Ed. Boyne)—I fell down in the snow and got my feet wet.  
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(73-1y) I. N. BRAINERD, M. D.