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ALMA STAGES HOT CAMPAIGN

Citizens in Drive For College
Get Big Sums—Success
Seems Certain.

DIVISION "C" LEADS OTHERS

Rev. Gelston's Team is the First to
Obtain Full Amount of
Quota.

In the city campaign up to Monday noon the city of Alma had raised \$53,000 inclusive of the college subscriptions, towards the memorial gymnasium and auditorium. Of this amount the greater part had been raised in the last few days of the campaign.

The drive began with the workers banquet in Wright Hall Friday evening, April first, when the teams and divisions were given their instructions, and everything was set for the drive. Since then the loyal citizens of Alma who are working so hard for the college have been daily engaged in seeking subscriptions toward the appeal, meeting every noon and night for luncheon and dinner at the Presbyterian church to report their progress and hear from the other teams and divisions.

The completely tabulated report up to Saturday night shows Division C in the lead with subscriptions of \$10,197.50. Division A stands next with \$6,967, and Division B has \$5,513. The highest team in that report is Rev. Gelston's. Early in the week the Presbyterian pastor fired the workers with enthusiasm when he issued on behalf of his team, a challenge to all others to beat them to the team quota. His team made good, and was the first to pass its goal. Of the grand total of \$48,215 reported Saturday, \$22,677.50 came from the teams, \$14,387.50 from the student and faculty pledges and \$11,150 from the preliminary gifts committee. The largest subscription up to this time has been that of Mr. Ruggles, who pledged \$5,000.

Monday was the big day in the work. Then the workers were turned loose on the territory with the instructions to "get what you can wherever you can" and with a grim determination to make good the solicitors started out on their work which brought excellent results. A holiday was declared for the college and the students went out to take their part as solicitors. A big demonstration parade was staged in the afternoon by the student body, and then the students turned again to the work of getting subscriptions.

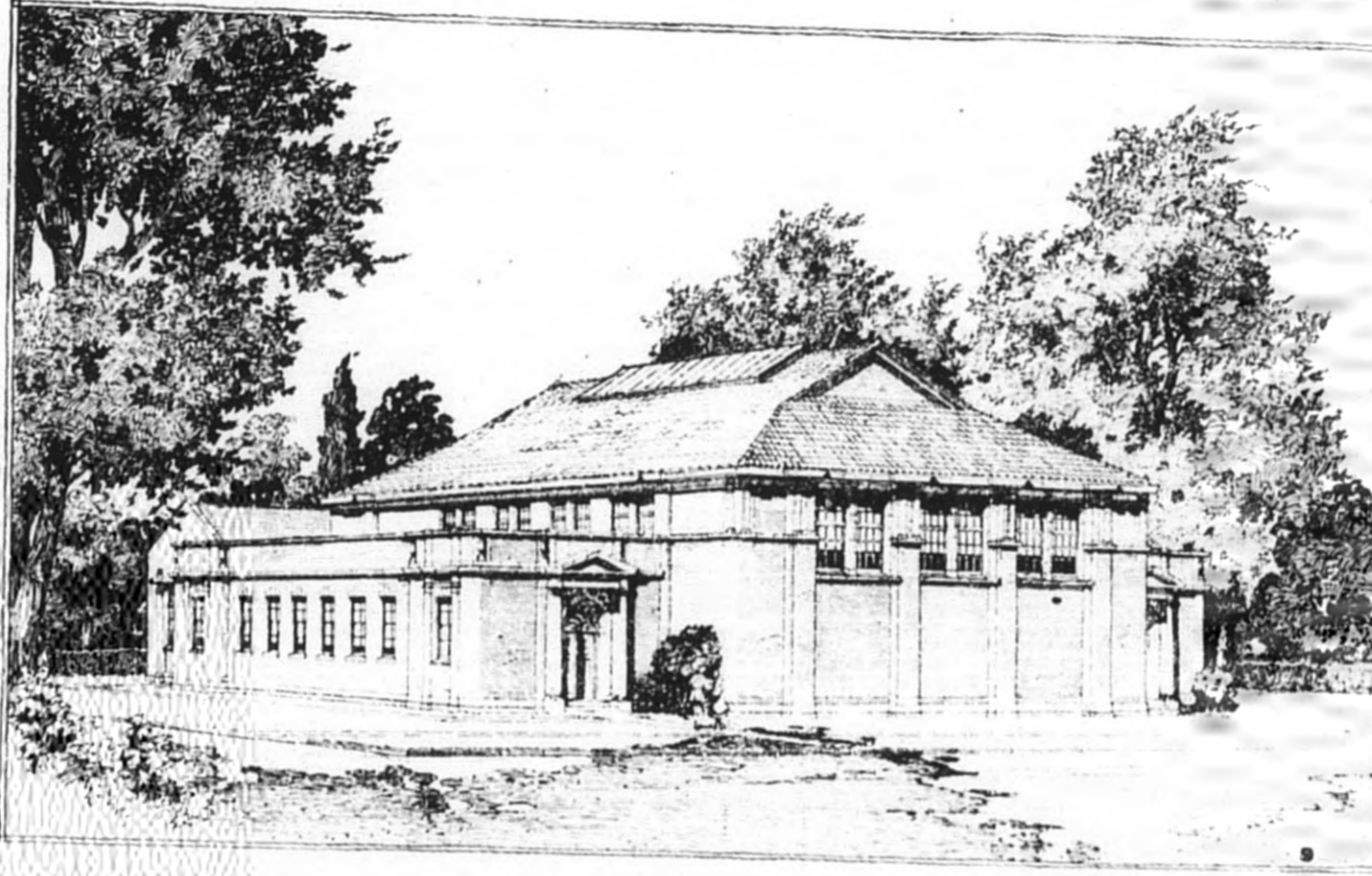
Complete figures are not at hand for Monday, but one thing seems certain, the drive is going over. It may be a little late in doing so, but with the splendid spirit which is being manifested in the city of Alma failure seems impossible.

President Crooks assures us that whatever developments may be the gym will be built, and that the work will begin before the end of the college year.

In May the six hundredth anniversary of the Italian Poet, Dante, will be celebrated throughout the world. The United States Commissioner of Education has sent out circulars urging all schools, colleges and libraries to mark this event in some fitting manner, on account of the great contribution to the literature of all time made by this man.

There will be a small exhibit of rare and old books at the College library, in the case in vestibule, during the coming week.

Memorial Gymnasium-Auditorium as it Will Appear



Not only will the new college gymnasium and auditorium be a well arranged and finely equipped building, but it will be a fine looking piece of architecture as well. The above cut gives a front and side view of the proposed building, and is made from the architect's wash drawing. It shows the general style of the building, and gives a good idea of how it will look when completed.

The door at the side opens into one of the vestibules, connected with the main floor and with the locker rooms, of which the windows are seen at the side. The windows at the end and in the top will light the gymnasium floor. The natatorium is at the rear of the building. It is certainly fitting that a memorial to Alma and Gratiot's sons who fought in the great war, such as

this is, should be a fine structure, and it is evident that the architect must have had some such thought as this in mind, for it must be seen from the cut which can give only a faint idea of the real structure that Alma and Gratiot county as well as the college will be able to point proudly to this evidence that we have not and will not forget our war heroes.

LATE BULLETIN

Latest figures in the endowment campaign give Alma a total subscription of \$83,675.00.

Additional pledges from the societies amounting to at least \$600 have been made.

The debate between the Alma Negative debating team and the Olivet Affirmative team, which was to be held Friday night at Olivet, has been postponed two weeks by request of Olivet.

Alma's Affirmative team will meet Hope's Negative here as scheduled on Friday.

The Men's Glee Club will give a concert in St. Louis Tuesday evening, April 12.

PHILOMATHEAN BANQUETS ALPHA THETA

Saturday evening at the bewitching hour of 7:30, Wright Hall buzzers began to buzz as the Philomathean summoned their Alpha Theta ladies for the evening's revelry. The grand march from the reception room to the Philo society room on fourth was led by Harriet Davis and Johanna Ritter followed by faculty, seniors and those of lesser importance.

After a delicious dinner served by the Froebel girls, chairs were moved back and the toasts began, with Marian Reid, president of Philomathean, as toastmistress. Florence Purdy, representing Alpha Theta, responded to the toast of "Fellowship." After a beautiful piano solo such as only Mildred Gerow can play, Mrs. Notestein talked about "Our Common Ends." Then Virginia gave one of her unsurpassably funny readings—a new one at that. Mrs. Hamilton, representing Alpha Theta's patroness, responded to the toast, "As Others See Us." Margaret Holmes, Philomathean's "blue-bird" whistled a jaunty little bird song. The last toast, "Our Alma Mater," was responded to by Virginia Bick, who took her hearers through the memories of four years of college life. After the college song had been sung, the guests departed and the aftermath of cleaning up began. Philomathean thanks Froebel and Phi Phi Alpha for their assistance in helping to make the banquet a success.

DEBATE TEAMS GETTING READY

Prepare to Meet Hope and Olivet in Triangular Contests Friday Evening.

Alma's debating team will meet in their annual forensic battles when the Affirmative team meets Hope in the college chapel here, and the Negative goes to battle against the Crimson at Olivet. The teams this year are composed largely of men of some experience, since all but one of them have had experience in either debate or oratory. The captains of the teams are both veterans of last year.

The question of debate, as finally settled upon is, "Resolved, that further Japanese immigration to the United States should be prohibited." It is a live subject, a fiery one, and one which promises to be intensely interesting. For a long time this question has caused discussion only on our Pacific coast, but it has become a national issue, and an important one. Bills regarding it are now before the Congress of the United States. In the minds of many it may be rather indefinite and hazy, but those who attend the debate Friday evening will soon have the subject cleared up for them.

The Affirmative team which will meet the Hope Negative here is made up of Frank Vreeland, captain, Robert D. Wyatt, and Lowell Hudson, with Roger Zinn as alternate. The first two named—Vreeland and Wyatt, are veterans. Vreeland was on the Negative team which debated the arbitration question at Hope last year and Wyatt was a member of former debating teams. Less is known of Hudson, since this is his first year and he has not had an opportunity to exhibit his debating skill, but because he was an excellent debater in his high school experience, much is being expected of him. Zinn has made a fine showing in debating courses of the last two years. These men will be the ones on whom the Maroon and Cream must depend to

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BASEBALL SCHEDULE

- April 16—Sat.—Mt. Pleasant at Mt. Pleasant.
- April 22—Fri.—Mt. Pleasant at Alma.
- April 29—Fri.—Hillsdale at Hillsdale.
- April 30—Sat.—Adrian at Adrian.
- May 6—Fri.—Hillsdale at Alma.
- May 7—Sat.—Albion at Alma.
- May 14—Sat.—Ypsilanti at Alma.
- May 20—Fri.—Kalamazoo at Kalamazoo.
- May 21—Sat.—Albion at Albion.
- May 27—Fri.—Kalamazoo at Alma.
- May 30—Mon.—M. A. C. at East Lansing.
- June 3—Fri.—Field Day at Albion.
- June 4—Sat.—Field Day at Albion.

BASEBALL PROSPECTS ARE FAIRLY GOOD

Five veterans and a host of new men reported to Coach Ed. Steele of Alma College this week, and baseball practice is now on in earnest, and while a championship aggregation is hardly expected by the Maroon and Cream, it is believed that Steele may be able to develop an aggregation that will allow Alma to place well in the M. I. A. A. race.

The old men who reported to the coach are French, a veteran hurler, Scott, a first-sacker and hurler; Hale and Williams, outfielders, and Waggoner, catcher.

This means that the Alma mentor will be forced to build an entire new infield and will have a real job on his hands, in grinding out a fast infield from a bunch of entirely new men. Several men are cut out for places on the infield, some of whom are reported to be highly capable performers on the diamond. Among the infielders who are expected to make the fight for places, in addition to the veteran Scott at first, are Dancer of Stockbridge, a brother of the Dancer who starred at Alma several years ago; R. Williams of Brown City, Kirker of Detroit, Rathsborg of Imlay City, Hugh Terrant, Dahlgren of Newberry and Marks of Tawas.

Plenty of outfield material is in sight in addition to the old men, who will attempt to retain their places on the nine. Among the newcomers who are out to grab places on the team if fighting will land them are Howe of Alma, Laycock of Ithaca,

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MEN'S GLEE CLUB HAS FINE TRIP

Tour in Northern Michigan is
Big Success—Were Well
Received.

THEY SING IN GRAND RAPIDS

Represent College Student Body at
Endowment Campaign Ban-
quet Friday.

The Alma College Glee Club, 20 warblers strong, returned Tuesday afternoon after a two weeks' tour through the northern peninsula of Michigan. Beginning with Clare, March 25, concerts were rendered consecutively in Boyne City, St. Ignace, Sault Ste. Marie, Manistique, Marquette, Ishpeming, Munising, Newberry and Cheboygan.

With the exception of two places, Clare and Ishpeming, each place supported the club admirably, so that from all indications one may be led to believe that a "hit" was made for the interest of Alma College.

Each individual club member was made sufficiently acquainted with the serious responsibility attached to his personal conduct on this occasion, in that a good impression of Alma was desired to be forthcoming, and this was the best opportunity available for the creating of that impression.

From a financial standpoint, the trip was a huge success. The indebtedness incurred by last year's glee club has been settled, and speculation is rife that there is enough left in the treasury to give a banquet to the "returned canaries." Here's hoping!

Follows a chronological report of the tour:

Thursday—Concert in the "State aquarium." Lee Sharrar loses his "mumps." A semi-antideluvian deluge, and a small crowd. Fry and Martin have their clothes pressed! Look out!

Friday—Concert in Boyne City. Be quiet children! Jim Hopkins is playing "Old Fashioned Garden," on the Presbyterian pipe organ. Enter Josephine and Myrtle. Fry and Martin "step out" singing: "It's a long way to Petoskey."

Saturday—Concert in St. Ignace. Jim Beattie gets sore at Wyatt. Wyatt blossoms out in "full dress" sans shirt-studs. Empress Patricia gives ball in favor of Peterson and Pratt. Hastings loses his way home. Boyce dances on crutches.

Sunday—We all go to church at the Soo. Bates and Tarrant "get acquainted." Mabel Field helps "the cause" along.

Monday—Concert at the Soo. Dance at the Teacher's Club. Beausang's smile evolves into a laugh. Pratt is elected color sergeant, and starts a pro-sardine advertising campaign. Bates and Tarrant play "Fan-tan."

Tuesday—Concert at Manistique. Beausang becomes a vernacular wizard on the stage. Basses cease to wander mentally. Dance at the gym after the concert. Jim Hopkins gets sociable again.

Wednesday—Long trip to Marquette. Swanson discards an ace and Sharrar has "much points." Beattie becomes an engineer. Foster and Petersen step off the train long enough to train a wolf. Prison cars take us to the prison as soon as we arrive in Marquette. Wyatt takes off his shoes and tip-toes out of the town.

Thursday—Concert at Ishpeming. "Speech of welcome" by Mrs. Belfrey. "Response" by Harold A.

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HOPE-ALMA

Just about a year ago a Hope negative debating team came to Alma to debate the question of industrial arbitration. They came, they spoke, but they did not conquer. Alma was jubilant over a well won victory of the debating platform.

This year a Hope Negative debating team will come to Alma to debate the question of Japanese exclusion. They will come, they will speak, what will be the result? Will Alma again be jubilant?

We are putting in the field a team made of highly qualified, highly loyal men. They will do their part by Alma. Upon the student body devolves the duty of supporting them every bit of the way.

The time: Friday evening.

The place: College Chapel.

The duty: Root for the Maroon and Cream debaters.

DATE CHANGED

Wright Hall Open House Postponed to Later Date; Probably in May.

Wright Hall Open House, the date for which had been set at April 15th has been postponed until a later time. It was found that this date conflicted with the Hope-Alma debate to be held in the college chapel that evening. Because of the fact that practically all open dates in April are already taken up, Open House will probably not take place until some time in May. Postponement should not, and undoubtedly will not kill interest in the event, but will in all probability stir up greater expectation of it when the time does come when the savage creatures from the barbaric confines of Pioneer are allowed to come in contact with the genteel atmosphere and the cultural spirit, as well as with the candy, of some part of Wright Hall besides the dining room and the reception room.

Y. M. C. A.

The first meeting of the Y. M. C. A. after Easter vacation was held Thursday evening. Despite conflicting events there was a good attendance, and the meeting was a rousing one.

Amos was the leader and he spoke from the story of Zachaeus, the publican, who, being too short to see over the heads of the multitude, climbed a tree that he might see Jesus, and was converted by the savior. The lesson of the story, as set forth by the leader, was in the fact that this publican and sinner was willing to exert himself to see Jesus, and did not hang back with the excuse that he could not see because of his small stature. And because he was willing to make the effort he was honored by the presence of Christ in his home, and was brought to the kingdom of God.

Speeches were given by some of the newly elected cabinet officers after the leader's talk, and plans for the spring and for next year were outlined. Much enthusiasm was shown over the possibilities of the work of the "Y" and the prospects ahead.

Y. W. C. A.

The regular meeting of the Y. W. C. A. was held in Wright Hall Thursday evening, April 7th. The meeting was opened by a "Y" song. Miss Louise Osgood told about her trip and general impressions of Lake Geneva. She also gave an interesting description of Hull House. Miss Margaret Moore showed pictures of some of the buildings and beautiful scenery at Lake Geneva. Miss Mabel Field explained some of the course of study and told about the games and impromptu fun.

The meeting was closed with a "Y" song by Margaret Moore.

DEBATE TEAMS GETTING READY

(Continued from page one) trounce the Dutchmen, and every support should be given them Friday evening.

The men on the Negative team are Lee M. Sharrar, captain, Russell H. Wilson, J. Thomas Dasef and Sidney Foster, alternate. Sharrar is a highly capable debater and the oldest man in experience among the team members. While this is the first year for the others, all are products of the debating course, and Wilson and Dasef have experience from oratory last year. They should show our old rivals of Olivet a hot time.

The teams are in the midst of intensive preparation which has been going on for some time. They are polishing up their work for the final meeting in daily debates and are all set to go against their opponents in the Triangle. The showing which the debating teams coached by Professor Hamilton made last year was a fine one, and the men are out to better it this year.

When "Sailor" Dick Boyd was up for examination in the navy, the examining officer beamed on him genially and proceeded to ask this question:

"Which do you regard as the three finest sailors?"

"Er—John Paul Jones, sir, er—Dewey, sir—er—I beg your pardon sir, but I did not quite catch your name is you came in."

"Passed."

Miss Ritter is yet at a loss to know the meaning of the statement: "Jimmy" made in Government class when he said,

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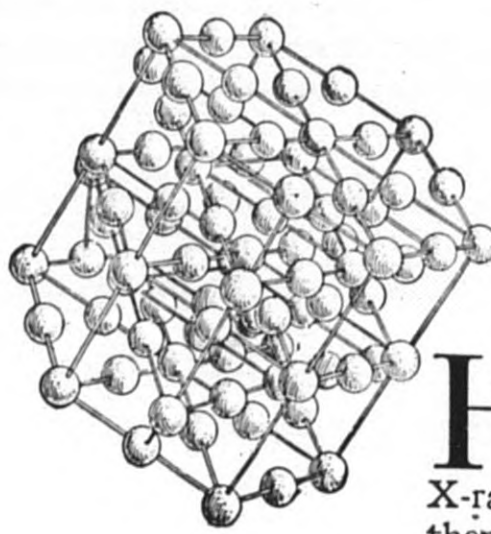
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Atoms are built up of electrons. Each atom consists of a nucleus, a kind of sun, with a certain number of electrons grouped about it, like planets. Moseley actually counted the number of electrons of all the metals from aluminum to gold.

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Chapel Saturday Evening.

The postponed lecture of William Warner Bishop of the University of Michigan will be given in the college chapel on Saturday evening, April 16, at 8:00 o'clock. The subject will be "The University Library." Bishop is the librarian of the university library, and ranks among those of his profession.

Alma on

to bring a message which will both interesting and instructive.

Mr. Bishop made it impossible for him to come here. It is fortunate of hearing him.

PARTY POSTPONED

Sophomore Jubilee Deferred *
Class Until Last Day of April.

The Soph's Jubilee party which was to be held last Friday, the final open date after vacation has been postponed until April 30 because of

of the dance orchestra. It was deemed advisable, therefore, to take a later date when all might attend.

The committee is going ahead with big plans for the event. For entertainment there will be dancing, games and other attractions appealing to all elements of the college. The Sophomores are planning to make this one of the biggest and best social events of the semester.

MEN'S GLEE CLUB

HAS FINE TRIP

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Johnstone. Steele is attracted by the "lure of the Finnish Dance."

Friday- Concert at Munising. Fry fills the 15 ball in the side pocket. Dance in the country club after the dance. Enter Miss Olivia. "Doggie" steps out.

Saturday- Concert at Newberry. Foster bows and is greeted by applause. Dance in the community wilding after the concert. Peterson goes home early- "no ruff stuff fer me."

Monday- Concert in Cheboygan, Lopkins and the "Lyon" get "wild" on the home stretch. Hudson chokes on "icJp<-Ken sandwich. "Weep and the w*rld smiles mit you; Laugh and the woVld will roar." Back to "Bligh-ty" at 5:00 a. m.

Friday - "Musical banquet" at Westminster Presbyterian church, Grand Rapids. Beattie breaks up four kings to draw for a full house. "Ice water in room 508." What time does the first train leave for Amla?

Now that Alma has had a new election, we hear rumors that Chief of Police Vibber will soon quit his office. The boys will miss him, especially after the keen interest which he has recently shown in the male element of the college.

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