

weary traveler could find rest, where the house was open to both political parties, church or creed. In this house the first election was held to organize Morgan Township (now Oakland), where the first preacher delivered his sermon in Oakland Township, the Rev. Fid Plummer. It was at this house the brave boys in blue gathered and were taken to Webster City in wagons by E. A. Smith and J. I. Popejoy, Where every loyal man was welcome, whether Democrat or Republican, where the union flag always waved, but where he that was a traitor to his country dare not show his head. But the house is gone, and many men who were then on the busy stage, and filled the life scenes of that day, likewise will soon be no more on earth.

The Farmers Institue held in Alden February 18, 19 and 20th is in conjunction with the Iowa Falls Club and was an outstanding and interesting meeting. The full account can be read in the March 6 and March 13 Alden Times in the Alden Library.

March 1891--The Ladies of the Methodist Church gave entertainment at Alden's Hall last Friday and Saturday evenings, that were abundantly successful as they took in about \$150.00. The first evening the Ellis band was present and a discourse of music and other exercises. One of the features was a contest between the gentlemen in sewing on buttons and the ladies at driving nails. Frank Crockett proved himself the

best able to sew on buttons, while the record disclosed that Leo Thomas is the most in need of a helpmate for that purpose. Alice Rebner won first prize at driving nails and Fannie Spencer won the prize that indicated the least experience in that line. Saturday evening a Carlton entertainment was given. Many of Carlton's poems were recited and acted. The Alden Band which is coming to the front again, played good music that night. The greatest excitement was over the baby quilt contest which resulted in the awarding the quilt to Floyd Rummel, a son of L. W. Rummel. J. M. Fisher was the highest bidder on a large quilt.

Some farmers in the area are going to North west Iowa where land is cheaper. The flax crop was great. Hundreds of Hardin County farmers have put themselves of reach of debts and mortgages with flax.

Tuesday March 24, the Alden Citizens will vote upon the question of building a Court House in Eldora, that town has raised more than \$12,000.00 for that purpose. There is no strong opposition to this in Alden. The vote for Alden Township was 113 for it and 77 against.

PUBLIC SALE: O. J. Thomas Auctioneer, E. W. Crockett, Clerk. I will sell at public auction, at my place 3 ½ miles south of Alden, the following described property on Tuesday, March 31, 1891:

43 head of cattle consisting of 14 cows, 11

two year old heifers, 3 two year old steers,
6 steer calves, 7 heifer calves, Shorthorn
yearling bull, 1 black polled bull coming two
years old.

4 head of horses, 1 brood mare with foal coming 5
years old, 3 yearling colts

22 head of shoates (young pigs)

Grain

300 bushel corn
300 bushel oats

Farm Machinery as follows:

2 riding cultivators
1 mower
1 corn planter
1 end gate seeder
1 walking cultivator
1 - 2 horse rake
3 plows - 1 - 16 inch and 1 - 14 inch
1 sulky plow attachment
1 wagon
1 set double harness
About 75 cords of ~~summer~~ wood

A quantity of small tools and other articles to num-
erous to mention.

The sale is to commence at 10 A.M. Terms of the Sale,
All sales of \$5.00 and under cash, all sales over \$5.00 one
year time will be given on bankable notes at 8% interest. 3%
off for cash. John Walmsley.

Shop at Furry's Bargain Bazaar, Ladies "Broadway Bill"
Dangola shoes at \$1.75. It Can't be Beat. Celebrate Brooks
"Hand Turn" and "French Process" shoes. They will please you.
We have the best wearing line of children's shoes ever made.

See our grand assortment of Men's Kangaroo Dangola, Cor-

dovan, calf, oil grain and buff shoes. We have the finest stock of shoes in town. Try our rubbers with adhesive rounders. They won't slip off in the mud.

April 1891--Fairbanks Post G.A.R. celebrated its 25th Anniversary April 6th.

18 inches of snow was reported in northeast Iowa.

From J. W. Cox, County Assessor's books the total assessed valuation of property of Alden Township outside the corporation was \$293,434.50. Land headed the list with the value of \$240,131.50. 3,599 cattle valued at \$25,290.00, 794 horses valued at \$13,167.00, 30 mules valued at \$1,112.00, 51 sheep valued at \$28.00, 3,507 swine valued at \$5,609.00, 126 taxable vehicles valued at \$1,876.00. A miscellaneous lot of taxable property valued at about \$3,000.00. There are also 118 dogs.

The Alden Boat Company Brig has been overhauled and painted and ready to launch any and all boats this summer.

John Hoskin has bought the Keating Hardware Store and is ready to start dealing with the public.

J. B. Homier closed the cooper shop and moved to Hampton, in the same business. Alden hates to see him leave.

The C. I. and D. railroad is shipping two carloads of stone daily from the new quarry which opened at Idlewild.

H. W. Bernnet, here from Eldora, spent part of Wednesday April 22, inspecting and testing stone at the C. I. and D.

quarry for qualities, for the bussinesses building on the corner.

May 1891--The Alden Roller Mills are preparing to buy Dakota White Wheat and make the best flour in central Iowa.

Forty-five people united with the Congregational Church by profession of faith. The exercises were conducted by Rev. Chase. They were very impressive, and the right of baptism was administered at the river in the presence of a large audience.

The Hardin County Sunday School Convention was held in Alden on May 19th and 20th. They represented 50 schools in the County. It was held at the Methodist Episcopal Church. In the election , I. F. Hardin was re-elected President, and T. Hadley was elected Treasurer.

In the memorial day exercises the 19 piece Alden Cornet band made a splendid showing. They are engaged to play in the Fourth of July celebration in Williams. (See page 39)

June 1891--The Idlewild camp meetings closed Monday June 28th after a somewhat checkered session, of 11 days.

It appears, that as so often happens at camp meetings, it attracted a whole drove of people who need to be saved from their sins, goodness knows, but who attend camp meetings for other purposes. Some of them brought saucy mouths, some brought clubs and most all of them brought plenty of whiskey and a desire to have a big time Sunday or no Sun-

day. It is believed that, had the original intent of no Sunday trains been adhered to the results might have been a lot different.

On Sunday night during the service a man named Ely or that is his name when sober, refused to sit down when one of the special police told him to , and a general melee followed in which Ely, special police, and several talkative mouths, moved by the wrong kind of spirit, got pretty well rubbed together. In it a number of bodies were dragged out behind the tent to cool off and all went merrily on again.

The population of Alden Township was 1,278. Mrs. John Tombinson guessed the number exactly right and therefore got the \$5.90 offered by Spencer, Steele, and Co. last year.

Report of Alden Public Schools June 5, 1891--Today closes the school work of the year and the following is a brief report of the work accomplished. Absorbed with our own business affairs we often lose sight of the work done and changes made in other lines of work. The following report is made with on intention of unduly lauding the pupils or teachers, but to show the patrons of the school as nearly as possible the condition of the school at the present time. We found it necessary at the beginning of the year to regrade a part of the school and to consolidate two grades, making the grades at the present time to, thus making a eleven year course of study.

Swindle in Alden Township. Richard Palmer south of town said 2 men came in a buggy desirous of selling new lightning rods. It was necessary to fit them on the house and barn but the value was not to exceed \$100.00. They desired to do this to the Palmer building and they would leave the rods standing if he would pay for the time to put them up and this was not to exceed \$5.00 to \$7.00. Palmer agreed and signed a paper purporting to be in accordance with it.

Next the two men returned and put up the rods. When it came time for the settlement the men bluntly told him that his name was on the bottom of the contract and he had agreed to pay \$600.00.

Palmer refused to pay and insisted all of them go to town and talk it over. They told him if he wouldn't pay at least \$50.99, they would sell the contract and he would be liable for the whole amount, after much discussion Palmer thought it best to pay the \$50.00 and the men gave him a receipt, paid in full by W. W. West. They retained the contract however, Mr. Palmer's signature had been torn from the bottom. The men then drove off to the south. One of the men weighed about 225 pounds and the other about 150, both of them were well dressed.

Mr. H. C. Cook, manager of the creamery is getting machinery in order to begin receiving orders and milk on Monday, The boiler has been place and an addition built on the south side of the main building. It is a 15 horsepower and con-

nects with an engine of six horsepower.

Two large seperators occupy a prominent place in the middle of the floor, each one of these are capable of handling 1,000 pounds of milk an hour. The test churn stood near these. It is expected that the creamery will handle the milk of about 500 cows this summer.

A mass meeting of the friends of prohibition in Hardin County will be held in Eldora at 1 P.M. Tuesday May 12, 1891, for the purpose of reorganizing the county alliance, for effective resistance to the effort which is being made to reinstate and again legalize the open salon in Iowa. We invite the aid and cooperation of pastors of churches, good templers and members of the W. C. T. U. throughout the county. The approaching crisis at our hands ^ddemands an early and thorough preparation as the vigilant and unscrupulous. All opposed to the return of the saloon and in favor of maintaining and enforcing the prohibitory law are earnestly invited to attend and participate in the meeting there-by showing that their sympathies and influence are on the side of the home. President J. A. Harvey of the state temperance alliance or A. R. Cornwell will be present to help organize.

The pupils of the higher department at the commencement of the year had finished nothing but the common branches and we are not able to pass an examination for county certificates, and in justice to the former principal, taking into consideration the amount of work, he was personally accountable for his room. With the addition of the general supervisor of the school, it was not surprising that the work was not what it might have been. At the beginning of the year the tenth grade was given a thorough review of the common branches for about two months, and in our last county normal did credit to themselves and their school by receiving certificates, some of which were graded above average teacher, and of the five who took the examination and received certificates, four are in the school of this county. This review was followed by Algebra, Bookkeeping, American Literature, Word Analysis, Civil Government, and Botany, besides general work in Composition, English, Grammar and Analysis, throughout the year. This work is to be followed next year by regular high school works and the following are some of the studies to be taken up: Geometry, General History, National Philosophy, English Literature, Drawing and Music Besides some studies which have not as yet been definitely determined upon. A course of study has been completed during the year for the entire school and at an early date in the coming school year will be published with general regulations concerning the school.

We have attempted to make this course of study practical and not beyond the reach of the pupils or the means of the pupils.

There is no reason why Alden can not have a school as thorough in the work they undertake as any in the county; and a considerable amount of money spent away from home in preparing pupils for college after leaving here may profitably be employed at home in giving a more liberal education and having it in reach of the poor as well as the more fortunate. More than this, pupils are often sent to college before receiving sufficient training to enable them to receive the greatest amount of benefit from the studies pursued.

There are too many people going through college who have not before commencing this important work, given sufficient time to the preparatory studies and these will always regret that the basis of their education was not more thoroughly mastered. financially, the school has been very prosperous during the year. At the first entertainment given by the school this year \$74.75 was realized netting the school \$57.00. At the last entertainment \$102.50 was received netting something over \$85.00. The school with the proceeds of the first entertainment added to the list of library books about 25 volumes, paying \$50.00 in connection with the school board for a set of Encyclopedia Britannica consisting of 20 volumes. Since this purchase the school board has furnished a suitable book case for these, and other books of reference. With the

proceeds of the last entertainment a first class organ has been purchase, six volumes of Bancrafts History of the United States, and carpeting for the stairways and at the present time the school enjoys good credit with about \$2.50 in the treasury. This prosperity is due to the liberality of the Alden people and their appreciation of heme effort, and we hope to be deserving of their approval. The school at present is preparing work for a county exhibit. This work is being prepared in every grade and is directly in the line of school work and consequently, their time is a profitably employed as at any time during the year and we hope our patrons will make it convenient, if at the county fair, to examine our work and compare with the other schools of equal standing. The work of every teacher in our schools has been earned and efficient and official relations between teachers and the principal has been pleasant at all times. The pupils of the entire school have worked faithfully and have earned their vacation and deserve a rest, and to their credit we wish to state there has not been to our knowledge a case of corporal punishment in the whole school. We wish to say of the pupils in the high department of our school, their teachers have every reason to be encouraged with their progress during the year. We acknowledge their kindness to us and value their friendship. No iron clad rules have been necessary. They have been respectful to the teachers and have shown their

appreciation of suggestions and criticisms by making improvements in every way possible, and then materially also.

The Algona District Conference met in session at Alden and was attended with but 2 or 3 exceptions by all ministers of the district. The Algona District now contains 33 charges of which Alden is in the southwest corner. The most vital question of all brought up was whether women should be admitted to the general conference. Rev. Glasgow of Humbolt stoutly held out against their admission. Much spirited discussion followed, and the members of the district were about evenly divided on the problem which virtually means "shall women be admitted to the privileges of ordination as Methodist Episcopal Pastors?"

July 1891--O. F. Wagner drug store operator takes over Sherman's and Erisbee's Drugstore.

The glorious Fourth struck the entire county last Saturday morning in a way that would have made the proud British Lion look like a dyspeptic yellow cat in a Dakota blizzard if he could only have seen a small part of the exuberant joy and gladness. The patriotic people of Alden celebrated in various ways. The band and of course a very large crowd of Aldenites went to Williams (they still do in the 1970's) where a good celebration was held.

The morning, afternoon and evening Slippery trains (the present Northwestern) each contained a large delegation

bound for Iowa Falls, the balloon ascension and a Parachute leap being the big attractions. Many others enjoyed themselves at more quite picnics in the vicinity of Alden where so many beautiful spots for such purposes may be found (this is still true in the 1970's). So the celebrations continued from dawn to midnight, with firecrackers, the cannon, a small boy, red lemonade, and the American Eagle all mingled in one patriotic mass and blaze of glory. Now the patriotic bird can be resting from his labors and the sweet assurance that our country is safe for another year. Hip-Hip-Hurrah, E. Pluribus Unum, Sic Semper Meginanis! In Hoc Signo Vinegar? Limburger go Brough!

Uncle Tom's Cabin Tent Show appeared in Alden Monday July 13th.

July 17, 1891--Millie Farwell's Desperate leave taking not yet Explained! Suicide! When it is stated that Millie Farwell called at the drug store of Dr. J. W. David Thursday P.M. July 9th and purchased a dimes worth of senna leaves and 3/4 ounce of chloroform and that Saturday morning July 11th she was found dead in bed with an empty bottle, labeled Chloroform in one hand and a dry handkerchief in the other, about all has been told that is positively known about the strange, death which has been the subject of so much comment in Alden and Buckeye Townships during the past week. As soon as the discovery was made Saturday morning a messenger was

sent to town to call Dr. F. P. Frisbee who found life extinct and at once notified Coroner J. E. King of Eldora. The noon train brought Coroner King in answer to the telegram and also Deputy Sheriff John Boyland and County Attorney H. L. Huff. These gentlemen in the company of Dr. Frisbee and his assistant, M. D. Leary proceeded to the Farwell home five miles south of town, where the supposition that death might have been accidental or otherwise than self-inflicted, was soon dispelled by the finding of the following note under her pillow:

"The third time is the charm, they say, I hope it will be. There is nothing to live for now." Good bye, Millie".

No inquest was held. The position and appearance of the body revealed to the physicians that the death had been induced by asphyxia or strangulation caused by the exclusion of air from lungs as in drowning rather than by the sleep reducing action of the drug which would have been slower and left the body pallid and relaxed. But the latter was not the case and the conclusion is unavoidable that the process must have been accompanied by a fixed determination, as great perhaps, though shorter in duration, than if no drug had been used.

In so serious a matter of death, under such strange circumstances of a seventeen year old girl apparently in perfect health and spirits eight hours before, the public has no apology to make for desiring to know the fullest and minutest particulars that tend to show reasonable cause, Why

was this thing done? The question is lawfull and ought justly to have an answer, but they cannot. There is none. No inquest could have revealed it. No Post-mortem examination could have told all that would have to be told. It is better perhaps that neither was held, but the fact that "now" there was nothing to live for indicates there once had been, that it had passed beyond reach and its place was taken by a pitifully dread of the world that her to turn away from it and welcome the verdict of despair as a friend and comforter.

It is not improbable that some future death bed will disclose a sequel. It is morally certain that somebody, still lives whose life and freedom have been purchased by the death of Millicent Farwell. Let sentimentalism that seeks to shield her persecutor, under the pretence of kindlier memories for the dead go. It is out of place. Somebody, when he reads these lines, and feels the cowardly blood chilling in his veins, will take up his forfeited life and live it as an unchanged murderer. Such a death as this wronged girl has died, will not be his. His life from this time on will be a walking nightmare. The gallows he has earned will blear before his eyes wherever he goes, the fear of detection like a tireless demon will haunt him, night and day, and finally the certain knowledge of eternal justice will rise before his death bed and make it a rack of tortured agony.

May the dead rest in peace. Maybe it was best that at

one stroke all the burdens and cares of life, all its hopes and regrets and its cruel misfortunes were put aside before the iron had burned itself upon the spirit, and left that, too a ruin. Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon by Rev. Chase of the Congregational Church.

August 1891--Some farmers in this vicinity had 80 bushel of oats to the acre.

The C. M. and D. quarry of Alden will furnish thirty carloads of chip stone and 100 carloads of building stone for the new court house in Eldora. The chip stone is used for making a concrete foundation.

The colt show Saturday which took place on Water Street between Wagner's Drug Store and the Library, attracted much attention not only from men and boys, but from a respectable bevy of ladies as well who found the Library a convenient place from which to watch the graceful movements of the little animals on exhibition. Long before the Judges Messrs. Geo. Todd, Dr. Frisbee, Geo. Groner, and I. G. Whitney had tied the red ribbon on the neck of the winning springling it was conceded that every one of them - the colts - was pretty as a picture and the work of deciding which was at the best, not easy. Finally, the judges came forward and put the red band down around the neck of a high headed, broad shouldered mousy chestnut fellow belonging to MR. A. F. Buckman. After a careful discussion of the merits of each colt, the crowd

dispersed satisfied, the judges decision was correct.

September 1891--Spencer, Steele and Company have introduced a glove called "New Economy" for the working men. It has detachable fingers that may be turned and both sides used until worn out. It was the forefunner of the double thumbs Mittens and gloves.

Rev. C. N. Lyman arrived here from Onawa, Illinois, Friday evening. He preached his first regular sermon Sunday A. M. The family and household goods arrived Wednesday. Spencer and Steele advertised all wool scarlet blankets for \$2.50 a pair-100 pounds of granulated sugar was \$4.75.

The Alden Schools had the best exhibit at the Hardin County Fair, of all county schools at the fair. They received an award, and will show the exhibit at Des Moines, if they win there it will find its way to Chicago, at the time of the World's Fair.

Mel Bigelow's trotter "Hartington" won first prize money in the 2:40 race at Eldora Friday. In the first heat he threw one of his weights, and so fell behind, but when that was corrected he went to work and took three straight heats easily, in the time of 2:37. Mel now has a trotter that can trot as he got \$100.00 by the performance, he is correspondingly happy.

The Iowa Falls Citizen complimented the Alden School Exhibit as the finest ever made, to Professor Nimocks belongs

the honor. The exhibit exceeded all others in neatness and in general appearance. The Botannical work was espically fine, outline maps, designs in peoper, designs in colored pencils, bound examination papers, free hand drawings, original designs and bookkeeping all were espically fine.

October 1891--The Alden Market report is as follows: hogs \$4.00 to \$4.25 per hundred, butter 16¢ to 18¢ a pound, oats 20¢ to 25¢ a bushel, flax 69¢ to 74¢ a bushel, and eggs 15¢ a dozen.

The Honorable John Duncombe of Fort Dodge addressed a Political meeting at Alden's Hall Tuesday evening from the Democratic standpoint. Almost one-third of his audience was Republican in faith, and we are hoping our Democratic friends will be as fair and give to Senator Dobson a similar good patronage next Monday evening.

Iowa is a Republican state, but it will go Democratic this fall unless the republican voters go to the polls. Two years ago 35 repulican voters in the Alden Township did not take enough interest in the election to attend, and it is therefore the duty of every republican to come out and vote.

Many person oppose the prohibition law because of the great expense caused by the liquor prosecution and honestly think that there is more violation of the law now than when there was a license system. The record of the court for the past 16 years, have been carefully reviewed because it in-

cludes the 8 years before and 8 years after prohibition so a fair comparison can be made. During the entire 16 years 644 persons went before the court-289 were charged with violations of the liquor law, 101 for crimes caused directly by the use of intoxicating liquors and 254 for all other crimes, 179 were charged with violating the liquor law during 8 years of licenseing, and 111 during 8 years before prohibition went into effect the averages were \$2,622.21 and 8 years after went into effect the average was \$1,292.53 per annum for all criminal prosecution or not quite one-half as much and the cost per capita of criminal prosecution. In Hardin County the average of 22.2 cents under the license laws and 7.9 cents under prohibition.

Judge Stevens of the 11th Judicial district say hardly one-half as many charges in court since prohibition has been the law as there were during licenseing days that preceeded it.

H. W. Bennett moved into his store building. They have one of the best lighted and pleasantest stores to be found in Hardin County or anywhere around.

The first of a series of the Union Gospel Temperance services are to be held during this fall and winter, and will be held at the Congregational Church Sunday evening November 1, 1891. They will be conducted by Rev. Schaub of the German Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Rev. Lyman of the

Congregational Church. The meeting will be of interest to all though something of a departure from the usual Sunday evening services.

Look out for the charming female who is now visiting many Iowa towns and who is selling raffle tickets for some of a painting on exhibition at some store in town. By some strange circumstance the raffle never comes off and the charming young miss departs from town with her money and with the picture to try another town. Iowa Falls and Webster City sports are now bemoaning the fact that they have many more lottery tickets than dollars, while the demure looking young lady and the picture are not to be found.

Spencer, Steele and Co. are evidently doing a wholesale business. Within two weeks they have unloaded a carload of kerosene oil, a carload of apples, a carload of salt and a carload of flour. It probably pays to buy in large quantities still holds true.

When the sun rose on Alden Sunday A. M. it looked a great deal as if all movable things in town had been taken with fits and started for Doc. Houpts establishment after medicine. Most of them wagons, dray wagons, buggies, boxes, barrels, etc. succeeded in getting there and stayed there until removed by their respective owners. We have learned of no particular damage and Halloween still comes but once a year.

November 1891--The Defeat--The election of Tuesday was not a drawn battle in which it is difficult to see which of

the great parties was victorious and which was vanquished. On the one hand it was clear cut decessive and unmistakable .

The defeat of the Republican Party the supremacy of which has gone without question in Iowa for nearly half a centure, was as complete, in almost every detail as its former triumphs.

As the official returns come in it is natural to endeavor to find a substantial reason for the result. It was not an accident, or a mistake or overnight on anybody's part. Both sides knew for a certainty weeks before the polls opened that an important crises lay before them and preparations were made to meet it with all the coolness and precision possible to soldiers on the eve of battle. The crisis came the combatants met and the contest was carried through to the finish under the eyes of all the civilized world.

Eight years ago, the people of Iowa, not as a party, but as a people, asked for legislation to more rigidly restrict the sales of intoxicating liquors. The Republican party being in power undertook to crystalize the expression of the people into law. This they were pledged to do, not as partisans, but as officials bound by a solemn oath to govern according to the will of the governed and from state executive to county sheriff, without notable exceptions the vows have been faithfully kept.

For this fidelity, the party and its candidate receive their regard. From the first the democratic consistency has

steadily fought the attempt to restrict the sale of intoxicants in the manner prescribed by the people of Iowa, in their sovereign capacity as voters. It is a part of history. There has been no desire or attempt on the part of the Democratic party to obey the mandates of the majority and the work of prohibition has been mocked and spit at wherever democracy has had a footing the state over, night and day, week after week and year after year, ever since it first appeared in the code.

There is no need to seek invasion. The campaign of 1891 in Iowa has had but one issue. There might have been and was doubt in mens minds as to the meaning hidden under the ballots of 1879. Not only by his executive decisions but by his express words in everyone of the many speeches made in August, September and October. Governor Boles has sought to bring this child of the people of Iowa into direpute and shame. He has succeeded, his party has succeeded. Let them have the full credit, the unshorn honor of it, but let them plow well before they sow again. Let them look well to their intents, before they shoulder this crushing responsibility they have fought so hard to win. For the next two years the curse of greatly expanded sales of intoxicants must lie at somebodys door for they are sure to come. The outline of the resurrected Iowa saloon, is not so very shadowy. Somebody must answer for it. Over the state to a great degree,

the larger populated counties, won for the democrats. All of hardin Counties Republican ticket received a substantial majority.

M. J Furry, co-editor of the Times with his brother, Frank Furry delivered an address before the graduating class of Iowa State Agricultural College at Ames, Saturday evening.

The corn crop of the country is the largest ever know. It is estimated to be over 2 billion bushels. Iowa corn averages about 37 bushels to the acre and Iowa leads all other states as a corn producer.

December 1891--The countys woman's sufferage convention is in Iowa Falls, Friday and Saturday, December 11th and 12th. Mrs Carrie Lane Chapman will be present.

December Market report--eggs 20¢ per dozen, butter 22¢ a pound, chickens 4¢ a pound, turkeys 7¢ a pound, hogs \$3.45 per hundred corn 26¢ a bushel, oats 26¢ a bushel, and apples \$2.25 to \$2.85 a bushel.

January 1892--The formal opening of the new library building was on Friday January 15, 1892. The women have been working on it for many months.

It is a well lighted, cozy building large enough for our present needs, and in an easy accessible location. It has been needed for quite some time.

The building has a 18 foot front, 36 foot length, 14 foot posts and a 10 foot by 12 foot addition for coal, etc.

The whole exterior of the building was covered with paper and drop siding and interiorly finished with plaster, hard pine casing and quartered flooring.

Among the new books placed in the shelves of the library is a set of Grant's Memiors. In additon to the periodicals here-to-fore taken Harpers Weekly, The Century Magazine will be added. Drop in some afternoon or evening and brouse a-round a while.

Statistics show Iowa is the leading Agricultural state of the whole Union. The January report of the Department of Agriculture shows that Iowa cattle are worth more than those of any other state, amounting to \$75,271,866.00, Texas is second, and New York third, and Illinois fourth. The Iowa hog also takes first place numbering over seven million, valued at \$41,000,000.00 being almost as many as Illinois and Missouri together, these states ranked second and third on the list. On horses Iowa only outnumbered by Illinois, that state having less than two per cent more. Iowa horse crop is worth over \$86,000,000.00.

March 1892--The Congregational Church parsonage south of the church was completed and moved into by Rev. Lyman and family on March 24.

April 1892--In April 1892, the H. J. David & Co. Drug, Book, Jewwlry and Notion Store were advertising 8,000 rolls of wall paper at 10¢ to 40¢ per double roll.

The April 22, 1892 Issue of the Alden Times has a good short history and all the Bussiness, the professional people listed. Population of Alden is about 600 people.

The material for a new iron bridge up the river arrived Saturday and is being unloaded from railroad cars and transported by wagons. Of hip truss construction manufactured by Mt. Vernone, Ohio Bridge Co. Known by Alden residents for years as the Red Bridge, now painted black. The expense is equally divided between Hardin and Franklin County.

The Alden school was accepted by Iowa State Normal as a registered high school.

June 1892--The Old Settlers Picnic was held June 15, in the Kemp Grove. If interested in the program and the people on it see the June 10, 1892 issue of the Alden Times. See the June 17 issue for what went on.

Alden's first High School graduation report is carried in full in the June 17, 1892 issue of the Times. The exercises were held at the Alden Hall.

July 1892--The market report is as follows: hogs \$5.25 to \$5.45 per hundred, cor 25¢ to 30¢ per bushel, oats 27¢ per bushel, butter 10¢ to 13¢ per pound, and eggs 11¢ per dozen.

A large amount of tiling is being put in around Alden. It won't be many years until all farms will be supplied with more or less tile drainage. A good tile drainage will pay

off itself in a few years. This still holds true.

August 1892--Steam threshers will be on the road in a few days and it may be well to call attention of the owners of such machines to the law passed by the legislature here last winter. It is now compulsory for persons running traction engines on the roads to keep one man in advance of the engine to take care of any horses that may be scared at the puffing and snorting affairs.

F. E. Furry, editor of the Times went with others to Denver Colorado to a Knight Templar Convention. He writes about the city of Denver and the state of Colorado in the August 19, 1892 issue of the Alden Times. It is very interesting reading.

A large number of people went over to the Furry farm to see Charlie Rouch's new threshing outfit work. It is one of the most complete machines in this part of the country. It had a patent feeder, patent measure and rotary stacker, so all the help the farmer now has to furnish is two men to throw the bundles of grain into the feeders and someone to haul away the oats as they are elevated into the wagon. Prior to this a small army of men and teams were required as compared to now only two or three extra hands are needed.

In the August 26, 1892 a full page ad for the Hardin County Fair at Eldora can be seen. The fair is to be held September 6-9. The ad is very interesting reading.

M. O. Peet & Co., Alden merchants were selling all stand-

ard prints except blues and reds at 5¢ per yard even tho these good had advanced 2¢ per yard in the market.

The Alden Baseball club still holds championship with a season of no defeats. (They won another game in September). Charlie Frisbee became a Major League baseball player.

September 1892--You can read all of the Republican Senator Allison's great speech in the Alden's Times issue of September 9, 1892. For people or students interested in the political parties and issues of those days it is great reading.

The Alaska Creamery of Alden took both first and second Premiums at the County Fair in Eldora this week. Several other establishments in the County competed with Mr. Cook for the honor but he out distanced them all.

October 1892--The threshing season is about over in this vicinity and Charlie Rouse is talking about taking his outfit to Dakota where the work is said to be good in that line.

Spencer, Steele and Co. are advertising boys clothing, Nobby double breasted suits sizes 6-13 years at \$3.75-\$4.50- and \$7.50. Mens overcoats \$2.00 for a good jean coat up to \$25.00 for the finest which was a satin lined Beaver Coat. Mens suits \$4.00 up to \$25.00.

The new turntable for the C. I. and D. switch yards arrived Tuesday making a good load for two large flat cars.

When put in place it will be six feet longer than the present wooden affair that has given so much trouble, and though stronger and larger in every way will turn much easier. They started work Saturday morning with a large gang of workmen. They made their first turn on Tuesday morning and the result was the smashing of the stone foundations it was on. A large amount of sand was used in the repair of the damage.

Public Sale: I will sell at my place west of Alden on Saturday October 29, 1892 the following described property:

14 head of horses and colts

30 head of cattle, consisting of 10 number one milch cows, 1 full blooded Durham bull, the balance in mostly young stock.

About 40 head of shoates and pigs

Farm machinery consisting of

1 good stirring plow
 1 hay rake
 2 drags
 1 good champion binder
 1 corn cultivator
 1 road car

Other articles too numerous to mention. Sale to begin at 10 A.M. Terms of the sale: Sums of \$5.00 and under cash, Sums over \$5.00 one year's time, at 8% interest, on approved notes, 2% off for cash. Alden Catlin, O. J. Thomas, Auctioneer. Free Lunch.

The Alden Township Democratic Tickey for Justice of the Peace-Wm. Keating and C. J. Fox, for Constables Fred Draper

and W. B. Miller, for Township Trustee Al Richardson, for Township Clerk-Ben Lighthall, for Township Assessor -W. R. Cox.

A good many hundred's of bushels of potatoes are being stored in farmers cellars in the expectation of a rise in price. 75¢ a bushel is the expected average price.

1892 is the greatest boom year so far for construction in Iowa, there are not enough carpentars and masons available, not only in Alden but over the entire state.

The ballot box to be used in all voting in precincts of Hardin County in the November election is a short iron cylinder about 15 inches in diameter and 3 foot high and looks something like a big powder keg. In the top is a split into which the judge thrusts the ballot where it comes in contact with a pair of rubber rolls. The turning of a crank then draws the ballot in. As the crank cannot be turned backward and as one of the rolls has some brass teeth on it, a ballot once started cannot be withdrawn.

November 1892--Republican Ticket for the National Election--For President-Benjamin Harrison, for Vice President-Whitelow Reid, State Candidates were-for secretary of State W. H. Farland, For Treasurer -B. A. Beeson, For Attorney General John Y. Stone, For Auditor -C. G. McCarthy, For Railroad Commissioner G. W. Perkins, Congressional for member of Congress 3rd District D. B. Henderson, County Candidates were For Auditor J. M. Stout, For Clerk of Dis-

trict Court Frank W. Crockett, For Recorder S. F. Edginton, For County Attorney Geo. W. Ward, For Supervisor Walter Carpenter, For Surveyor F. L. Clampitt, For Township offices the candidates are: For Justice of the Peace W. M. Cousin and John Tomlison, For Constables M. F. Bigelow and O. Y. Thomas, For Township Trustee S. L. Pierce, For Township Clerk F. E. Furry, For Assessor A. F. Bushman.

Our town has been pretty free from sneak thieves for some time past and there has been very little complaint, but last week, on Tuesday morning and again on Saturday evening, some unprincipaled scoundrels stole a large number of blankets, whips and robes from wagons on our streets. Also some groceries and harness rings were taken. We also hear that on Saturday evening some pigs and calves were stolen. A committee on safety with a few good raw hide whips properly applied could put a stop to such proceedings.

November 1892--As the dairy law of Iowa is very strict, and as the state inspector is liable to drop down on any part of the state at any time to enforce its provisions, we have been requested to publish it. Here it is:

Section 1. That section 4042 of the code of 1873 is hereby repealed and the following is enacted in lieu thereof: If any person shall sell or exchange or expose for sale or exchange for sale or exchange deliver or bring to another for domestic use, or to be converted into any product for human food whatsoever, any unclean or unpure, unhealthy, adulterated unwholesome or skimmed milk, or milk from which

has been held back what is commonly known as strippings, or milk taken from an animal having disease, sickness, ulcers, abcess, running sore or was taken from an animal fifteen days before or less than five days after parturition shall upon conviction there of be fined not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$100.00 and be liable in double the amount of damages to the person or persons upon whom such fraud shall be committed. Provided that the provisions of this act shall not apply to skimmed milk sold as such.

Section 2, For the purpose of this act milk which is proved by any reliable method of test or analysis, to contain less than three pounds of butter fat to the one hundred pounds of milk shall be regarded as skimmed or partially skimmed milk.

Section 3. It is hereby made the duty of the dairy commissioner to enforce the provisions of the foregoing sections.

Cleveland, a democrat wins Presidency. The solid south with New York, Illinois, Connecticut, Wisconsin, California and Indiana are Democratic. Iowa is republican by 20,000. The democrats gained a big victory. Hardin County has a big republican majority.

A number of Indians with their ponies, dogs and other camp equipment passed thru Alden Saturday to go into camp up the river.

South Dakota has a crop of wheat this year that beats all records. The railroad being unable to handle the grain with any show of success. An adequate supply of cars cannot be obtained and the result is that all elevators are running overfull and farmers cannot find a market for these crops. Evidently they had trouble getting cars in those days also.

December 1892--Alden Market report: Hogs \$5.00 to \$5.25 per hundred, Corn 28¢ to 30¢ per bushel, oats 26¢ to 28¢ per bushel, butter 20¢ to 22¢ a pound, eggs 20¢ a dozen.

Furry's Bargain Bazaar advertised 7 to 17 jewel watches of the best makes for \$25.00 to \$50.00.

John Crabtree has sold his farm in Buckeye Township to Peter Ackerman a brother-in-law of Charlie Kollmansparger for \$30.00 per acre.

There are bargain pricess, see J. M. Fisher, agent of the C. I. and D. railroad. Avoid blizzards northerners go to the Gulf cities of Florida, California or Mexico, excursion rates, bargain prices, luxurious thru sleeping cars, elegant coaches, splendid connections, fast trains.

The Alden Roller Mills, H. T. Williams, Proprietor, is now prepared to do all kinds of CUSTOM GRINDING on the shortest possible notice. I desire to call a special attention to my facilities for exchanging flour, graham, corn meal, etc., for wheat, corn and oats. I keep all kinds of ground feed.
H. T. Williams.

January 1893--Alden Market report--hogs \$6.75 to \$7.00, per hundred, corn 30¢ a bushel, oats 25¢ a bushel, butter 23¢ to 25¢ a pound, eggs 25¢ a dozen.

The school needs a new furnace, they are presently trying to heat five rooms with five stoves. The first cost of a furnace is large but it will pay out in the end.

February 1893--January and February there was lots of snow and below zero weather. It is cold all over the United State and also in Europe. Lake Erie is frozen over more than ever before known. There has only been two inches of snow in Lyons County so far. In only 14 hours, from Sunday afternoon February 6, until Monday morning February 7, the thermometer fell 59 degrees. The Illinois Central Railroad put on a new \$15,000.00 rotary snow plow. It cleans out the drifts with neatness and is dispatched by the telegraph operator.

Alden is a good trading point and a good point to locate. Our three firms of stock buyers and two grain buyers pay the highest prices for what the farmer has to sell. Alden has three first class dry goods and grocery stores, two hardware stores, one clothing store, one jewelry store and two drug stores. One hotel and three restaurants provide the hungry with plenty to eat. Two doctors look after the physical ills of our people and four churches all having resident pastors and good congregations, look after the mortal welfare of the community. There are two first class blacksmith shops in

town, one furniture store, two livery stables and two well equipped lumber yards. One bank with a solid backing makes your cash deposit safe. Two agricultural implement stores will sell the farmers goods at low prices. There are two barber shops, one photograph gallery and a boot and shoe shop. There are two millinery stores, and one dress making establishment. Insurance agents are plenty. The Alden Roller Mills can turn out flour enough to feed the entire community, unless the people wish a change of diet and then the meat market will provide first class steaks and roasts. There are also carpenters, coopers and masons to do any work in there respective lines. A flourishing library and an excellent public school furnish instruction to both old and young, and the Times pays it weekly visits to about every family in town and keeps them posted. Taking about everything into consideration Alden is a pretty good point for trading or for a permanent residence. J. F. Byers harness dealer was almost omitted from the above.

February 1893--February made a spectacle of herself in getting off the stage this year for sure. Sharp thunder and lightning the morning of February 27th a steady rain all day, then sleet at the evening, hail at nine O'clock and snow at ten. The snow continued all night with a steady blizzard from the northwest that blocked all the trains in this part of the world and drifted the roads, in places, deeper than

they had been before this winter.

March 1893--Furry's Bargain Bazaar listed mens, womens and childrens shoes all at \$1.25.

Furry also said "why don't you put on a little style with a jumbo Gold Watch at only \$1.50."

Hardin County is now forty years old. Before February 12, 1853 Hardin County had been a part of Marshall County, but on that date Judge Atwater holding court at Marietta, Marshall County made an order for the organization of the County of Hardin which was composed of only two townships, the township of Morgan comprising the north half of the County and the township of Latham the south half. The first election was held on Tuesday, March 1, 1853 and the county started out for itself.

Some farmers are quite busy getting corn out of the fields that they had failed to husk last November. Prarie chickens have had three months of good feed in their fields.

April 1893--Notice--In view of the approaching hot weather and the danger of the spread of contagious diseases I heartly, and earnestly request that all our citizens owning or occupying lots abutting on the alleys will remove all accumulations of manure, ashes or other filth from the same within ten days from this date and as this is absolutely necessary to instruct the street commissioner to remove the same in which case the expense will be assessed against the adjoining

lots. Signed E. W. Crockett, Mayor. Dated, April 12, 1893.

There was a severe blizzard on April 20th.

May 1893--In May yet there is a lot of rubbish around, so they had better take heed of the Mayor's proclamation, again.

On Wednesday, May 31st, Terry's Uncle Tom's Cabin Company advertised as a larger and more complete than any company in existence, showing under canvass. Guaranteed to be a better show than ever given by any Uncle Tom's cabin Company in your town. The band, and orchestra will also play and there will be a big street parade.

July 1893-- See the July 15, 1893 issue of The Alden Times for a very good account of the Pomeroy Tornado which occurred on July 6, 1893 at about 6:30 P.M.

Mrs. J. E. O'brien formerly Miss Emma Schultz of this place arrived here after the Pomeroy storm, from which she and her child had a narrow escape. After supper Mrs. O'brien was induced by her hired girl to step out of doors to look at the clouds, and in another moment she caught up her child and was fleeing, across the street to a neighbors cellar, there being no cellar under the house where she was living. After the tornado was over she ran out into the streets with her child and did what she could thru the long night to relieve suffering and care for the dying and dead. Her sister-in-law, Mrs. D. L. O'brien and her 7 week old child were killed in the storm and her father-in-law lived until 5:30 the next

morning. You can read the complete article by Mrs. J. E. O'Brien in the July 21, 1893 Issue of the Alden Times.

Many people in the Alden area went all out in sending clothing and money to the disaster victims. The German Evangelical Church sent about \$30.00 to their former pastor A. Johnsen whose household goods were totally destroyed.

The big Kemp barn was about completed by the end of July 1893.

Deacon (Jesse) Rogers one of Alden's earliest and best known citizens died July 25, 1893. The obituary in the July 28th Alden Times.

In the same issue Spencer, Steele & Co. announced a mid-summer clearance sale. No summer goods will be carried to another year. Bargain prices 12 ½¢ to 15¢ gingham at 8¢ a yard, mens light weight coats and vests reduced from \$5.00 to \$2.00.

August 1893--F. L. Spencer received a letter this week from Pomeroy State Bank acknowledging the arrival of Alden's contribution of \$128.00 for the cyclone sufferers. The good people of Alden have been very liberal in this matter and the Pomeroy folks fully appreciate this kindness.

Martin Pritchard and S. M. Massey have leased the Peter Taylor elevators at the C. I. and D. and Illinois Central Depots. They will handle the grain and livestock and pay the highest market prices.

Atwood and Reynolds dealers in coal, lumber, lime and brick advertised our yards near the C. I. and D. depot, and are conveniently located and supplied with a full line of building material of all kinds. Try our Standard Scales for quick and accurate weight.

Postmaster Button took possession of the Alden post-office Saturday night and Sunday morning patrons got mail at the new headquarters. Mr. Button purchased a very fine outfit of carved oak with nickel lock boxes and has one of the finest equipped offices of any town this size in the state.

September 1893--The Illinois Central is advertising a round trip ticket to the Chicago Worlds Fair for \$11.90 round trip and the holder to have all the privileges of a first class ticket.

The Ladies Missionary Society of The Congregational Church will give a novel supper at the parsonage Friday, September 8, 1893. The supper was served at 6 O'clock. The following tempting menu will be served: One of Noahs sons, Unruly member, Old Boston comforts. Fruit of rine, Cane of existence, Tree Cake, Maid of Orleans, Government Java, Bo Boston overthro, Solomon's Comfort, Lactious fluid, Butter of kine, Sprckles cubes, Chloride of Sodium, Eiper Nigrum, Ivory manipulators, all are invited. There will be no charge for the supper, but all who come are invited to make an offering for the missionary cause. A short program will be rendered after the supper.

The Iowa Crop Bulletin says the corn crop will average 40 bushel per acre. The total yield for the state will be about 240,000,000 bushels. This is larger than ever before and much larger than any other state.

September 28, 1893--The Market Report for Alden is hogs \$6.00 per hundred, oats 22¢ a bushel, corn 28¢ a bushel, butter 15¢ to 18¢ a pound, eggs 13¢ a dozen.

Most of Alden Carpenters are busy this week building step-ladders for the farmers near town who will use them for husking corn. The corn has grown so high this year that the old plan of husking it on horseback had to be abandoned.

October 1893--All the railroads agreed on the round trip ticket price to Chicago for \$7.95 for Chicago day at the World's Fair. Many from Alden took advantage of this and went.

The Oakes Company of Comedians and Swiss Bell Ringers will appear at the Alden's Hall Saturday evening October 1, 1893. This is the same old Oakes Company that has traveled for years and their reputation of the past is certainly a guarantee for a first class entertainment. Among the many interesting features of the show is the selections on the Swiss Bells and the musical glasses. Also the antics of Nat Blossom, the excentric black face comedian, who keeps the audience in an uproar from beginning to end. Mr. Edward H. Mead in his great impersonation of Bill Nye as seen upon the

stump and in the newspapers is said to be whole show in himself. The other members are fully up to standard. The entertainment is closed with a very funny afterpiece entitled "As in a Looking Glass" which is full of funny sayings and absurd grotesque situations which call forth one continuous storm of applause. Tickets are on sale at Furry's Store. Admission is 25¢ and 35¢. Children are 15¢. They had a packed house.

Do you want a Geared Windmill for \$50.00. We furnish the airmotor, at this astonishing price. Other kinds furnished if desired. We sink wells and fit them out complete. Repairs for all kinds of pumps and windmills, Snider and Vandenberg. Alden, Iowa.

Wanted: A ton of choice butter at 25¢ a pound and 1,000 dozen fresh eggs at 11¢. In exchange for full and winter goods. Spencer, Steele and Company.

November 1893--Over 300 Alden residents have visited the World's Fair at Chicago since the first of May.

Only a few years ago the whole northwest part of Alden Township was considered swampy and unfit for farming but a ride through that territory shows every acre of land taken up and a half dozen farm houses on each section. The lowland that was passed by as unsuitable for farming by the early settlers turns out to be the very best farm land in the County. It has a depth of soil not to be found on the higher

more hilly land.

Last Saturday, A. M. Peterson of near Dows took 66 hogs to Alden selling them to Pritchard and Massey for \$6.00 per hundred weight. They weighed an average of 309 pounds each. The total received was \$1,233.64. Thats what we would call a good figure for hogs. Who says it doesn't pay to feed it to such an advantage as that?

Apples are a luxury this year the price being \$4.85 a barrel.

December 1893--Spencer, Steele and Company are advertising clay teapots that can be put on the stove for 30¢ a piece.

The market report for December 28, 1893 is as follows: hogs \$4.75 to \$4.85 per hundred, corn 22¢ a bushel, oats 22¢ a bushel, butter 20¢ a pound, eggs 20¢ a dozen, chickens 4½¢ per pound, turkeys 7¢ a pound.

We have quite a number of heavy tax payers in Alden Township. Listed are all who pay over \$100.00

J. N. Barnhite	\$121.54
Benjamin Birdsall & Son	201.28
Thomas Clayton	108.80
John W. Cox	147.12
H. Fletcher	101.35
S. Kemp	126.81
John Laird	112.61
F. Lambert	170.17
E. R. Moon	136.85
A. M. Merrill	149.71
Wm. Pagel	158.79
L. Rummel	130.76
Peter Taylor	222.75
L. H. Utley	198.30

The grand lodge of the Iowa Masons were instituted at

Iowa City, Iowa, on January 8, 1843 and as last Monday was the 50th Anniversary of that event the prominent Masons of the state gathered at Iowa City to properly celebrate the birthday of the Grand Lodge in due Masons form.

The weather here now is much more like April than January.

January 23, 1893 after much nice weather we now have a blizzard and it was down to 34 degrees below zero by Thursday A.M.

Alden Township reached the age of 30 years it being established by order of the County Judge Alexander Smith in the year of 1856, although the town of Alden had been laid out and named the year before.

February 1894--The average farmer is complaining of lack of snow as it is generally thought that an abundance of snow in the winter will provide greater fertility in the summer and better crops for the farmer.

March 1894--The Alden Times had seeds for sale any 6 packages with coupon 10¢ each. Mark 6 seeds desired in 6 space on the coupon. By mail 5¢ more.

1. Sweet Mignonette
2. Carnation Flowered Poppy
3. Sweet pea- mixed colors
4. Prolific German Wax Bean
5. Improved Blood Turnip Beet
6. Early Wakefield Cabbage
7. Premium Flat Dutch Cabbage
8. Wicks Earliest of All Corn
9. Early Russian Cucumber
10. Early Tennis Ball Lettuce
11. Grand Rapids Foreign Lettuce
12. Wicks Extra Early Peas

13. Early Round Dark Red Radish
14. Hubbard Squash
15. New Stone Tomato
16. McCollum's Hybrid Tomato

Among the Alden Teacher and prospective teachers attending the Normal Institute at Eldora were:

Lucia Burnham
 Ora Combellie
 Mabel Combellia
 Celia David
 Emma Huston
 Alma Johnson
 Cora Olson
 Byrd Utley
 Mary Mason
 Allie Olson
 Eunice Palmer
 Clem Rummel
 Alice Redner
 Dora Spencer
 Mabel Whitney
 Lillie Holmes
 Marcia Kellogg
 Orson Kellogg

April 1894--Blind Boone the great pianist and his company will be at the Alden Hall, Tuesday evening April 24, 1894. An overflow crowd many of whom made the practice of keeping time to the music with their feet is not to be recommended because the accompanying jar and vibration could cause the floor, although strongly built to collapse.

May 1894--All able bodied men were being called upon to work out their highway taxes.

An affair occurred in town Friday night which, although just now is fairly popular and is talked on the streets as an act of a rather praise worthy and commendable nature, will

come, in the course of month or years, to mean a very different thing. It will seem to a large number of our readers like flying in the face of a sealed and settled verdict to say that the treatment given Lon Calkins, Friday evening at the hands of a number of strong men was hasty, ill advised, unwarranted and cruel, but if so, so much the worse for the sealed and settled verdict.

If the sudden snatching of a man from his home in the quiet of the night for the purpose of covering his face with his own blood without the remotest sanction of law is to be upheld as righteous, then no life is safe and no home is secure. Such a course as this does not lead to anarchy- it is anarchy itself. This much can be said irrespective of any and all rumors that have been set afloat, the repetition and exaggeration of which lead up to the scene which was evicted in the presence of an audience of forty or fifty people, including several women, Friday evening.

To cut a distasteful subject as short as its gravity permits, the rumor got afloat that a child of about twelve years had been whipped unnecessarily hard by its uncle, as a punishment for running away. The whipping, complained of, occurred Wednesday evening and by Friday evening, such an excitement had been worked up over the matter that it was thought best to go to the extreme of mob violence for its correction. It may be added that the neighbors who have been and still

are quoted as having seen marks indicating brutal treatment on the child distinctly deny having said so, and do not believe they exist. In fact the family has given a general invitation to the ladies of the neighborhood to examine her person for the alleged marks of cruelty, but so far as we can learn, nobody here has taken the pains to do so. There are indications that the girl has been dealt with somewhat harshly heretofore and especially has been required to work quite a good deal too hard for a child of her age, but when followed up a little, the statements she was chocked, knocked down, kicked and rendered black and blue generally, on Wednesday evening, dissolve into thin air.

Nevertheless these rumors were accepted and believed and a general descent made on the family Friday evening, The most vulgar language and swearing seems to have been bestowed on the woman and the most of the pounding on the man. In short it was a typical mob, incensed with the spirit of revenge, and will continue to receive some applause until sober second thought has shown how preferable reason is to passion in the settlement of any difficulty. While the assemblage to begin with was an unlawful one, it may be added in a partial extenuation of many of its members that the indecent language and violences were not intended, but burst out, in the excitement of the moment, from the hot headed ones, who on such occasions are always soonest to the front.

June 1894--Write up concerning Memorial Day--In the Alden cemetery lie the remains of nine soldiers who loyally wore the Union blue during the war of the rebellion. They are Fred Awe, H. Crawford, Edward Kamberling, William Meyers, George L. Spring, Charles Treat, Robert Treat, Cyrus Wyatt and A. B. Wallace. Through out all of the north it is the loving custom to decorate the graves of the nations defenders of the 30th of May, and in accord with this custom Fairbanks Post and the people of this vicinity again held appropriate services.

On Sunday Union memorial services were held at the Methodist Church, the address on that occasion being delivered by Rev. Stevens, Chaplin of Fairbanks Post G.A. R. and on Wednesday afternoon the regular services were held in Kemp's grove west of town.

Promptly at 1:30 the procession was formed at the Central House with the Alden Cornet Band in the lead followed by Fairbanks Post G. A. R., a delegation of school children and a large number of citizens in carriages and on foot. At the graves the exercises consisted of vocal and instrumental music, prayer by Chaplain Stevens, reading of the Ritualistic service by Commander Lyman, and an oration by the Honorable J. H. Funk of Iowa Falls. Mr. Funk's oration was a masterpiece and was fully appreciated by the large audience assembled there. As a patriotic orator Hardin County's Repre-

representative has few equals in this part of the country and fortunate in securing his services.

After the closing of the exercises in the grove the veterans and a large party of citizens proceeded to the cemetery and decorated the graves in accordance with the G. A. R. services.

Notes: About twenty five veterans marched in the procession.

The Alden Cornet Band furnished excellent music, and by the way Alden has a first class band now.

Vocal music was furnished by L. H. Utley, M. Utley, E. Catlin, L. B. Rogers, and Misses Bryd Utley, Bertha Bennett, Maggie Holmes, and Laura David organist.

All of the business houses in town were beautifully decorated with the national colors in honor of the occasion.

A new way of stealing hogs in Iowa Falls area is being talked about, the men enter the yard, butcher the animal, clean it, cut off its head and then disappeared with the dressed product. The plan is a very bad one, but has succeeded several times lately.

A small tornado hit the rural area of southwest Alden Wednesday evening, June 20, 1894. It demolished the George Harrison barn, unroofed J. A. Spencers barn, while trees, windmills and a small shed were practically demolished.

The subject of rainmaking has been discussed quite a

little in town this week and if some morning, people are awakened by a succession of big noises they need to have no fear that either anarchists have broken loose among us or that we are being invaded by Cripple Creek miners. It will simply be the committed on rain getting in its experiment on some neighboring hilltop.

July 1894--In the July 6, 1894 issue of the Alden Times is a complete coverage of the July 4th celebration.

Wm. Pagel and Son took over the mill operation again.

It has been a dry year in Iowa so far this year, we have had little or no rain June. A heavy local rain in July helped our gardens some, and a good shower when the heads were filling helped the yield.

Alden Market report for July 19, 1894--Hogs \$4.25 to \$4.50 per hundred, corn 32¢ a bushel, new oats 25¢ a bushel, butter 13¢ a pound, eggs 7¢ a dozen.

August 1894--The Mississippi River is so low boats cannot run any further north than Keokuk.

Popejoy is interested over a curious find made four days ago by Mrs. Cad Dodd of that place. While at Wall Lake, Mrs. Dodd picked up a curious shaped stone, which when it had been washed, was found to be a semi-transparent variety somewhat similar to an agate and to contain imbedded in the stone about a sixteenth of an inch beneath the surface, the distinct portrait of a child. Those who have seen the

stone are firm in their conviction that it could not have "happened so" or have been formed by nature, but that the hands of a true artist must have left the portrait there, perhaps thousands of years ago by a process now unknown. Mr. Ed Popejoy, who is quite a relic hunter examined the stone and immediately offered the best hog on his farm in exchange for it; but the offer was declined. People are flocking to see the picture from all the surrounding towns.

The Iowa River above Red Bridge has been reported dry in the later part of August.

Alden is in the center of a pretty well favored locality as far as the rains have been this year. Our corn crop will be good while only a few miles in any direction north, south, east or west, many of the corn fields will not yield enough corn to pay for the seed. The few showers we have had have come at just the right time. All traveling men who have been over the state say the crops in the vicinity of Alden are the best in the state.

September 1894--The business part of Dows goes up in smoke, 25 business houses are in ashes. About 100 men fought it valiently, but with the limited means at hand it availed nothing. Many people from Alden went later in the week, in carriages, to see the damage done. Loss is estimated to be \$138,000.00 or more.

Alden had on January 1, 1895 four general stores, 2

drug stores, 2 furniture stores, 1 bank, 3 doctors, 2 hardware stores, 1 lawyer, 1 flour mill, 2 restaurants, 3 barber shops, 2 agricultural implement stores, 1 meat market, 1 hotel, 1 millinery store, 1 lumber yard, 2 grain and stock dealers, 1 newspaper, 1 poultry dealer, 2 blacksmiths shops, 1 cooper shop, 1 livery stable 1 shoe shop, 1 harness shop, 2 railroads, 4 churches 1 public library and about 700 people.

March 1895--Martin Pritchard has decided to tare down the old vacant stone building just west of Mrs. Lighthalls millinery store and in its place erect a fine stone building with a pressed brick front. The Radiant Lodge No. 366 will buy a half interest in the building and they will occupy the upper floor for a Lodge room.

April 1895--William Keating and Utley each erect new buildings. They are finished by the middle of July and are two of the finest in Alden.

June 1895--The Ivanhoe Stone Co. at Idlewild burned down causing a loss of about \$14,000.00 in the building and machinery. The plant will not be in operation for some time. It is believed the fire was started by spontaneous combustion by coal dust in the coal bins.

A hail storm damage crops and window lights in the Hubbard area at the end of June.

July 1895--The Alden Market Report for July 2, 1895--Hogs \$4.25 to \$4.50, corn 35¢ a bushel, Oats 24¢ a bushel,

Butter 12¢ a pound, eggs 9¢ a dozen.

For qualified electors a special election to issue a \$5,000.00 bond for remodeling and enlarging the school building.

Persons wishing to vote for the proposition will have written or printed on their ballots the words "For Bonds", and the persons wishing to vote against the proposition will have written or printed on their ballots the words "Against Bonds". The polls will be open from 12 O'clock to 7 P.M.

The Knight of Pyphias dedicated a new hall in the new Keating building.

The Russian Thistle made an appearance in the west part of the Township. The editor urged the farmers to fight it as it had damaged many acres of Dakota Farmland. It should not be allowed to get a foothold in this area. There will be a Russian thistle plant on display at the Hardin County Fair.

As evidence this section of Iowa is not included in the corn crop failure of last season, see the large pile of corn cobs at the Central Depot. It is being disposed of as fuel. It is desired they be used up to make room for the immense crop already in sight. The farmers are harvesting one of the greatest crops ever harvested in this area.

August 1895--The Radiant Lodge No. 366 A. F. and A.M. of Alden now have a permanent home that is all their own. Last Friday night they held their first meeting in the new

hall in the M. Pritchard building, opposite the post office, and now have the satisfaction of owning, not only their own furniture, but their home as well. The C. I. and D. railroad brought a large party from Eldora and many were present from Iowa Falls, Williams and other places. The Lodge Hall was filled and all had the pleasure of seeing J. A. Button raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. The Central House Hotel served a splendid banquet to which all did justice.

September 1895--Five steam threshing outfits were shipped to Alden from southeast Iowa and Illinois. The immense amount of grain here yet created the need of the threshing machines before it spoils.

W. W. Hale brought in a specimen of the Russian Thistle in time to be turned over to the Fair authorities for display.

The new Methodist Episcopal Church at Burdette will be dedicated September 23, 1895. There will be three services during the day. 10:30 A. M., 3:00 P.M. and 7 P.M. The Rev. Robert Bagnell of Emmetsburg will have dedicatory sermon at the morning service. Other ministers will also be present.

The week of September 20 to September 27 the thermometer lingered near the 100 degree mark, but Sunday it took a change and a slight frost greeted the early risers.

October 1895--For a very good report of the Burdette area see the Friday October 4, 1895 issue of the Alden Times.

One cent a copy, The twice a week edition of the Sioux

City Journal, issued on Tuesday and Friday of each week. It contains the very latest telegraphic news and complete market reports, fresh from the wires at the time of going to press. It will be sent to any address at the following cash in advance rates--One year \$1.00, Six months 50¢, three months 25¢. Sample copies free. Address Perkins Brothers Publishers, Sioux City, Iowa.

For a very good report of Popejoy, the country around it and the town itself see the October 11, 1895 issue of the Alden Times.

Chris Boyer sold a few hogs Wednesday that weighed something. Two of them were full blood Poland Chinas and weighed together exactly fifty five pounds more than half a ton or 1,055 pounds. Twelve others averaged 355 pounds a piece. Mr. Boyer has had excellent success in the hog raising and this sale is only one of many similar sales.

In the October 25, 1895 issue of the Alden Times is a very interesting article on Oakland Valley, the town, the farms and the farmers around it.

Dr. Frisbee hands in the following recent additions to the population: October 13, at the John Haines home a girl, October 15, at the B. Woodon home a boy, October 16, at the Hanson home a boy, October 19, at the O. S. Cleveland home a girl, October 20, at the Frank Button home a boy, October 22 at the Dick Mensing home a girl. This makes six new arrivals in the past nine days. If this rate is kept up right along for ten years the area would have a growth of 2,434.

November 1895--Postmaster Button has erected a flag pole over the post office and he will soon be able to display the weather signals there on. The different flags have the following meanings. White flage means clear weather, blue flag means rain or sonw, blue and white flag means local rain, white flag with a black square in the center means cold wave, while the black triangular flag is a temperature flag and if placed above one of the other flags mean a rising temperature, while if place below one of the other flags it means a falling temperature.

Last Saturday evening a number of boys came to town and desired to have a good time so some drinking was indulged in and when they were sufficiently drunk a quarrel was started between some of them and George Mullin and Wm. Hagedon agreed to go outside the corporation and fight it out. Accordingly the two principals and a number of their companions went up near the cemetery and a fight was started. The principals being abetted and encouraged by a number of their friends.

Hagedon was getting the better of Mullins when Mullin pulled a knife and stabbed Hagedon twenty five times about the neck and shoulders. The wounded man was brought back to town and Dr. Lewis was called to dress the wounds which he found were serious, but not necessarily dangerous and so Sunday afternoon he was removed to the home of his Aunt Mrs. Ewerts. Monday Mullin was arraigned before Justice W. H.

Cousin on preliminary information charged with assault with the intent to murder. He plead guilty, waived examination and was bound over to appear before the grand jury at the December term, his bail being fixed at five hundred dollars, but in default of bail he was sent to jail at Eldora.

In the 1895 November elections the Republican won out by a big majority in the United States, Iowa, Hardin County, and Alden Township.

Furry's Bargain Bazaar-Ladies underwear 29¢, German socks 65¢, Mens and boys caps 39¢, ladies circulars 75¢, choice line of calico and gingham 5¢ and 6¢ a yard, 100 paper novels 9¢, 75 cloth bound books 15¢, 50 pair of gloves and mittens worth up to \$1.00 for 65¢, ladies skirts worth 50¢ now only 22¢, oak and walnut clocks worth \$4.00 to \$5.00 for only \$3.38, 27 pair of shoes worth up to \$3.00 for \$1.67, 39 pair of shoes worth up to \$2.00 for \$1.35, new line of dress goods 10¢ to 50¢ a yard, Lamps 17¢ to \$3.50.

January 1896--The new creamery is going up near the center of town as the other one is too far away and there is too much bad road to get there.

January 9, 1896, Alden market report is as follows: Hogs \$3.25, corn 16¢ a bushel, oats 12¢ a bushel, butter 18¢ a pound, eggs 16¢ a dozen.

A good natured farmer living a few miles southwest of town has a number of ideas that are worth scattering among

the people. He came in the other day to settle with the printer and while doing so expressed himself as follows:

No it isn't hard times with one at all. Why should it be? Of course corn is only 15¢ a bushel, but look at the crop. I raised 50 acres of corn. Seventeen hundred and fifty bushels would have been a good yield, but this year I got four thousand. A farmer can't expect the whole earth can he? The highest yield of oats I ever had until this year was forty bushels. This season I got sixty bushels to the acre. When ground yields like this I call 12¢ a bushel a good price. That is \$7.20 per acre. Other people can quarrel about the low prices if they want to, but I don't want to. Why I had a low rough piece of ground that never bore anything before and I sowed it to wheat and I threshed out one hundred and twenty five bushels from this piece. I account for wonderful crops this way. We have had two or three seasons so dry the ground could not give up its strength. Rain came the past season and all the fertilizer of three seasons were piled together in one. If there are good rains next summer there will be just as good, or nearly as good crops as the one just gathered.

A silver communion service was sent to the Alden First Congregational Church by the First Congregational Church of Coanan, Connecticut. Several years ago the Honorable W. E. Raymond of New Coanan, at one time Secretary-Treasurer of

his state came to Alden, made a good visit and became acquainted with many Alden people and also purchased a considerable amount of property in and near town. Up until the time of his death he had a mutual regard for Alden and its people. Through Mrs. Raymond's wishes the church gets this service.

The creamery association has employed Robert Rishworth, of Superior, Iowa.

Alden dealers have already cribbed about 150,000 bushels of corn this winter and there is still a lot of it in the hands of the farmers.

February 1896--The Alden Creamery Company is to commence business on February 24.

March 1896--On March 20, 1896 the creamery is already handling 4,000 pounds of milk a day and expect to be handling 7,000 pounds daily by the first of April.

The Alden Times is again advertising 34 different kinds of seeds available for this spring's planting.

April 1896--Charlie Frisbee has secured a contract to play baseball with the Portland, Oregon team of the Pacific League during the coming season. He will leave here about the 9th of April to join his team. He is a first class all around ball player and will be heard from out on the Pacific Coast.

Another firm has located in Alden to do business. The firm of Rink and Riedel merchant tailors, cleaning and re-

pairing in all branches, recently moved from Chicago. They have rented the building just east of the engine house and commenced business there with the intention of making Alden their permanent location.

Tramps haven't been so numerous in Alden since the word has gone out that they are required to pay for their lodging by working on the streets. Work on the Alden Streets is a genuine job.

The cream vat originally put in the new creamery was too small and a bigger vat will be secured.

The C. I. and D. railroad didn't go to Oakland Valley, but the Rock Island went through on the plains to the north-northeast and a new town of Popejoy sprang up and is still growing right along. Popejoy can boast of a sidewalk and will have walks later on, on all principal streets. The little village has live, energetic men who are working for the improvement for the community.

A. W. Richardson and his son Fred stopped their regular farm work long enough Thursday afternoon to go on a wolf hunt. They soon found the nest and proceeded to dig and although the old wolf had decamped they found eight youngsters squalling or pawing around. There will not be so many chicken thieves around hereafter for the eight youngsters were sent to Eldora and the county paid sixteen dollars for their capture.

University of California
Berkley, California

April 9, 1896

W. W. Hale
Alden, Hardin County, Iowa

Dear Sir:

Yours of March 27, and the sample of soil received. Examination of the letter shows the entire absence of alkali of any kind. It is very highly calcareous, almost a marl, and perhaps that is what is the matter with it. If so plow in plenty of straw or green manure (any weeds) that is the remedy in Virginia for overmarling. Without further analysis I should feel satisfied that the soil is a very rich one and might in its wild state have borne honey locust or crab apples as do similar soils in Mississippi and Alabama which like yours refuse to grow good crops.

Truly yours,
E. W. Hilgard

Mr. Hale is accordingly satisfied that the soil in question is not at all alkaline and that the plenty of straw well plowed under will remove the difficulty.

June 1896--A bad gasoline stove is a dangerous nuisance. A good gasoline stove is the cheapest, handiest most reliable cooking contrivance made. Ask to see the Quick Meal Gasoline Stoves at W. B. Miller's.

A dollar invested at the right time often saves hundreds.

The Quick Meal Stoves are cheaper than you think they are, and save fuel, dirt and women's lives. Examine them.

Professor Nat Spencer who arrived here from Denison, the first of the week is becoming something of a bicyclist as the fancy figure he is cutting on the state map shows.

In order to reach Alden he came by way of Spirit Lake something less than 200 miles out of his way. Next week, after a rest, he will wheel his way to Des Moines by the way of Marshalltown. The Professor will attend the National Teachers convention at Buffalo, New York, next month, but he will probably make a portion of this trip on the cars.

Charlie Frisbee returned from Portland, Oregon, Monday night, the baseball league of the Pacific Coast having disbanded.

July 1896--At the invitation of the Alden Evangelical Church, through the Pastor Rev. Bendigkest, the annual mission feast of all the neighboring churches of that denomination was held at this place Sunday, June 21, 1896. A large delegations were here from Tipton, Hubbard, Wall Lake and Geneva, and smaller delegations from other places. Services beginning at 10:30 in the morning and lasting all day were held at Kemp's grove just west of town, with a mid-day intermission for dinner partaken under the leafy shade from well filled baskets.

The morning services were conducted by Rev. M. J.

Damman of Hubbard assisted by the regular Alden Choir. After dinner Rev. Scheidemann of Horn, Iowa, addressed the audience on the subject of Inner Missions and Rev. Kunz of Pomeroy on Outer or Foreign Missions. While not making any of the principle addresses the Rev. Bendigkeit did whatever he was able to, to assist in the exercises, and make the meeting at once profitable and pleasant to all participants. The collection amounted to \$48.75.

A long account of the above Mission Fest was printed in the July 3, 1896 issue of the Alden Times, in German for the benefit of the German readers and also for a record to be preserved in the German tongue.

Under the east pillar of the bank articles were deposited during the process of erection; one was the last issue of the Alden Times, all were in a tin case, which in turn was encased in cement.

Davis Gasoline Engine Company of Waterloo, Iowa advertising in the Times-The Davis Modern Motor expense for operating one cent per hour for each horse power used. Power for every purpose. Simplest engine built. No engineer, operates without steam, coal, dirt, ashes or danger. Durability guaranteed hundreds of testimonials. The Davis is recognized as the standard gasoline engine. All sizes and styles. Sold on its merits.

Fred L. Spencer is advertising chillies 3¢, standard

prints 4¢ a yard, Gingham 5¢ a yard, Indigo blue prints 4½¢ a yard, 10 pounds granulated sugar \$1.00, Ginger snaps 5¢ a pound, soda crackers 5¢ a pound, good rice 3¢ a pound or 38 pounds for \$1.00, Battle Axe tobacco 19¢, Climax tobacco 33¢, 8 bars of Lenox or Magic soap 25¢, Kerosene oil 10¢ a gallon, sweet corn tall can 5¢, tomatoes 7¢ a can.

Improvements still are the order of the day at the creamery. A new cream vat was put in, the old one thrown out still under the guarantee. The engine supplied with a new generator and screens put on the windows and doors and curtains on the windows. There are now 95 patrons and 1,300 pounds of milk handled daily, with the packing of 11 to 13 tubs of butter, exclusive of the retail trade.

Some small boys about town had formed the habit of unscrewing the air valves of bicycle tires which happened to be standing in front of the buildings. Among the riders it was decided it would be unhealthy for any kids caught at this business.

The dreaded army worm had made its appearance in great numbers in the vicinity of Oakland Valley. The ground around seemed to be alive with them in place and great damage had been reported in oat fields. In many parts of the state where their ravages had begun earlier, fields of oats have been left out worth cutting and the crop has been burned to protect adjoining fields of corn.

August 1896--Furry's Bargain Bazaar was advertising, brooms 25¢, mens wool suits \$5.50, Boys suits sizes 1 to 6 \$3.00, mens pants \$1.00, Mens Shirts 27¢, Mens sweaters 33¢, Mens gauze shirts 25¢, Ladies gauze vests 7¢, Ladies Corsets 35¢, 25¢ neckties now 15¢, 25¢ suspenders now 15¢, 75¢ Ladies waists 45¢, 5¢ thimble now 1¢, 1 dozen safety pins 2¢, 5¢ package of hairpins now 2¢, 1 dozen collar buttons 5¢, 1 dozen lead pencils 5¢, one-half dozen teaspoons 5¢, 10¢ tooth-brushes now 5¢, 25 envelopes 4¢, 26 sheets of notepaper 5¢.

The cornerstone for the new addition to the school house was laid August 18, 1896.

September 1896--Mrs. G. W. Brown of Chicago, a former Alden resident presented the Congregation Church with a large and beautiful baptismal bowl. She had a close association with the church for many years. Rev. Lyman pastor at the time was requested, by a vote of the congregation to convey a thankful acknowledgement of its acceptance.

October 1896--A musical treat of unusual excellence will be given in the Alden Methodist Church ~~under~~ the auspices of the Exworth League next week on Wednesday evening by the wonderful instrument, Edison's latest improved phonograph which sings in the human voice so loud that audiences of 1,200 people can hear with pleasure. It does likewise for instrumental music. All great singers, instrumental organizations of the time as Sousa's Concert Band, speech

makers etc., the cost is 50¢ per person.

Market report for October 22, 1896--Hogs \$2.75 to \$3.00 per hundred, old corn 18¢ a bushel, oats 13¢ to 14¢ a bushel, butter 10¢ to 12¢ per pound, eggs 14¢ a dozen.

Election time is nearing, in order to vote a person must be a citizen of the United States, have a 6 month residence, in the state, 60 days in the county, and 10 days in the township.

Whitney and Cox grocery, had New York apples at \$2.00 a barrel.

November 1896--In the National election on November 4, 1896, Republican McKinley won over Democratic Bryan likewise in Iowa, Hardin County and Alden Township. Bryan an outstanding orator has made hundreds of speeches to millions of people some in Iowa, but his speeches and policies were not vote makers.

The Board of Directors of the creamery voted to employe for another year and to raise the salary of superintendent Risworth something over \$100.00. The creamery is doing well under his management.

At the annual election of officers, Monday evening the local camp of Modern Woodmen elected the following officers

Venerable Consul	E. C. Rogers
Worthy Advisor	B. G. Wood
Excellent Banker	E. F. Furry
Clerk	C. I. Christian
Escort	W. H. Lewis
Camp Physician	Dr. Lewis

Sentry	A. B. Hunt
Manager for 3 years	A. G. Wood
Manager for 2 years	C. A. Rummel
Delegate	E. C. Rogers
Alternate	F. E. Furry

An outfit of camp jewels was ordered at the same meeting, and will be here in time for the installation if not before.

John I. Popejoy, died December 24, 1896, at the age of 72. He died at 3 O'clock, Thursday morning. He had been in rather poor health for some weeks; but was not thought to be seriously sick until within about two weeks of his death and then with a foresight that was prophetic he stated that he knew he would not recover and he also had stated that on December 24th the summons would come.

He came to Franklin County, Iowa in the fall of 1853 and settled on a farm along the Iowa River, northwest of Alden in 1854 and he lived there until his death. He held many offices of honor and trust in the county. The funeral was conducted by the It. Elma Commandry Knights of Templar in accordance with their beautiful ritual. A special train on the C. I. and D. brought members from Iowa Falls and Eldora, while many others came from Hampton, Dows, Williams, Clairon, and other points. In the absence of Mr. Popejoy's minister, Rev. Crum the Honorable J. H. Funk delivered a short and appropriate address. An immense procession came with the remains to Alden, and from the Lodge hall there

the remains were escorted to the cemetery by a large number of Knight Templar, Masons and Oddfellows on foot and he was laid to rest in the lot which he himself had selected years ago.

He had accumulated around 200 acres of land, the Town of Popejoy also took his name.

The Popejoy family monument is the largest in the Alden Cemetery and one of the highest points in the cemetery. He was also a member of the Radiant Lodge No. 366 A.F. and A.M.

January 1897--January 1 was the warmest New Years Day since Iowa records were kept. The thermometer over the state was 50 to 70 degrees in most places.

The Alden Market Report of January 7, 1897 is as follows: butter 15¢ a pound, new eggs 15¢ a dozen, 1896 corn 10¢ a bushel, oats 11¢ a bushel, hogs \$2.83 to \$3.00.

Charlie Frisbee has recently signed a contract to play baseball with the Quincy team of the Western Association, next summer. He will play a field position and gets a gilt edged price for his service.

A diphtheria epidemic in the Alden area occurred in the later part of 1896 and the forepart of 1897. There were many deaths of children and also some of the older people.

February 1897--The Priscilla Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star was organized at the Masonic Hall Tuesday evening with a charter membership of 25, by the election of the follow-

ing officers. Worthy Matron Mrs. Lucy F. Schultz, Worthy Patron H. E. Button, and Associate Matron Mrs. Annie Byers.

The Grand Worthy Matron has been asked for a dispensation and will probably institute the new chapter at an early date. The order is a ladies auxiliary to the A. F. and A.M.

The name Priscillia is most happily chosen and will call to mind at once the Puritan Legend of another Alden and another Priscilla of the old Mayflower days.

The number of mills, on the dollar of assessed valuation in the seven principle towns of the county is as follows: Eldona 66 mills, Iowa Falls 66 mills, Ackley 61 mills, Union 55 mills, Hubbard 50 mills, Alden 48 mills, and Radcliffe 47 mills.

F. L. Spencer is advertising 40 pairs of ladies shoes and slipper for 40¢ a pair.

Public Sale: Having sold my farm will sell at auction five miles southwest of Alden, Tuesday February 16, 1897 the following describe property:

6 head of Horses--1 bay horse 5 years old, 1 bay mare 6 years old, 1 bay mare 9 years old, 1 sorrel team 6 years old, 1 yearling colt.

8 cows-- 2 fresh ones, 1 Durham bull 2 years old, 4 yearling calves

40 head of hogs as follows: 5 sows with pigs, 5 shoats 8 months old, 1 male hog, 6 pigs two months old, the balance with their mothers

Farm Machinery as follows:

3 wagons

disk corn planters
 2 stubble plows
 2 double harness, new last May
 creamery cans
 1 top buggy
 2 corn plows
 1 riding steel harrow
 Cook stove
 Bed Stead
 Table
 Washing machine

50 to 60 chickens

15 bushel of seed corn

Canned fruit, potatoes and other things to numerous to mention

The sale to be at 10 O'clock. Free lunch at noon. Terms of the sale, all sums of \$5.00 and under cash, 1 years time from date at 8% on sums over \$5.00.

O. J. Thomas Auctioneer: E. W. Crockett, Clerk:

J. H. Watson

Patrons of the Alden Creamery for the past ten months have received an average of 16¢ a pound, net for their butter in cash every month. The creamery paid the Alden vicinity farmers \$10,000.00 in the past 10 months.

Auction Sale: I will sell at the L. T. Beard farm in Buckeye Township 4 miles southwest of Alden on March 1, 1897, the following described property:

14 head of Horses--consisting of 2 brood mares in foal, 2 - 7 year old geldings, 4 - 5 years old geldings, span (team) of 8 year old roan mares, 1 - 6 year old gelding.

23 Head of cattle consisting of 10 cows, 2 - 3 year old steers, 4 - 2 year old steers, 1 - 2

year old heifer, 1 - 2 year old bull, 5 year-
ling calves

110 head of hogs: consisting of 12 old brood sows,
25 young brood sows, 2 thorough bred Boars,
72 stock hogs.

Farm Machinery

2 lumber wagons
2 Hay rakes
1 Riding stirring plow, nearly new
1 corn planter with 160 rods of wire
1 Riding cultivator
1 breaking plow
1 Fanning mill
2 pair bobsleds
1 drag
1 grinder with jack
1 large milk tank
12 milk cans
1 set of trucks
1-10 foot seeder, nearly new
2 walking stubble plows
1 disc, nearly new
1 new pair light bobsleds
5 sets of good harness
1 Acme Drag
1 set platform scales
1 large churn
200 Oak fence posts

Other Articles to numerous to mention.

Grain:

1,000 bushel of corn in the crib
250 bushel of good oats
60 bushel of barley
20 tons of tame hay
5 tons of second crop timothy and clover

The sale to begin at 10 O'clock sharp. Terms of the sale,
sums over \$5.00 one years time at 8% interest, approved sec-
urity. 3% for cash on sums over \$5.00. Free lunch at noon.

O. J. Thomas Auctioneer: E. W. Crockett, Clerk.

Mrs. L. T. Beard.

Most things went pretty nigh at the L. T. Bears sale last Monday.

Laird and Son of Alden grocerymen were advertising 9 bars of the Celebrated Golden Crown Soap 25¢

The Priscillia Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, was organized Tuesday evening March 9, 1897. The following officers being installed by Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Delia Meredity, of Newton.

Worthy Matron	Mrs. Lucy Schultz
Worthy Patron	Mrs. H. E. Button
Associate Matron	Mrs. Anna Byers
Treasurer	Mrs. Emily Button
Secretary	Mrs. Jean Button
Conductress	Mrs. Lucy Fritchard
Associate Conductress	Mrs. Mary La Ferta
Ada	Mrs. Celia Schultz
Ruth	Mrs. Ida Gordon
Esther	Mrs. Clara Alden
Martha	Mrs. Flora Popejoy
Electa	Mrs. Ada Cousin
Sentinel	S. M. Massey
Warder	Mrs. Mary Hartinger
Chaplin	Mrs. Klemme

Assessor A. F. Bushman said there were in Alden Township on January 1, 1897. 1,144 horses, 10 mules, 3,355 head of common cattle, 76 thorough bred cattle, 21 sheep, 4,155 swine and 75 stands of bees.

During the year of 1896 the township produced 2,687 bushel of apples, 3,600 pounds of honey and planted 276 acres of wheat, 9,438 acres of corn, 6,474 acres of oats, 602 acres of flax and lost 4,211 hogs by disease.

H. T. Williams of the Alden Roller Mills died while at work at the mill. He was born in Taunton, Massachusetts on

May 17, 1833. He then moved to Eagle City and then to Alden in 1870.

April 1897 Whitney and Cox Company were advertising

3 pound can choice parred & pitted peaches	10¢
9 pound can choice canned corn	5¢
3 pound can of good tomatoes	8¢
Good biscuit ginger snaps per pound	5¢
Good soda crackers per pound	5¢
Good California plums per pound	5¢
Good choice dried peaches per pound	5¢
8 Bars Lenox soap	25¢
"Down to Date" coffee per pound	15¢
25 pounds clean Louisiana rice	\$1.00
Good uncolored Japanese Tea per pound	25¢

Pritchard's store is advertising good coffee for only 10¢ a pound.

F. L. Spencer and Company advertised roasted coffee 11¢ per pound. If you use better coffee try our 30¢ grade.

May 1897--The long line of teams in front of the creamery Sunday May 9th was a novel sight but the Board of Directors after carefully considering the matter regarded Sunday runs a necessity until the receipts begin to fall, probably in July and August.

Frank Wood ditcher, was doing some excellent work in the township.

Hardin County Sunday School Convention was held in Alden May 25 and 26, 1897. A full report of the convention was carried in the May 28, 1897 issue of the Alden Times.

June 1897--The creamery had to decline to receive the milk from over 2 dozen patrons the past three weeks. Neigh-

boring towns wondered what makes the Alden Creamery take so well. The answer is /Nr. Rishworth a most excellent butter man and who understands the business thoroughly. At the meeting of the creamery Company it was decided to throw out the "one cow" patrons around town. Not profitable to make the tests and do the bookkeeping for such small amounts.

The class of 1897 was the first class from Alden High to be honored with a Baccalaureate service and the Rev. Robbins had the honor of delivering the service at the Methodist Church, on Sunday morning before a large audience.

A complete report of the 5th Annual Commencement Exercises of the Alden High School can be read in the July 2, 1897 issue of the Alden Times. This is a very good article.

July 1897--The Thursday 12, 1897 Market report is as follows: Butter 10¢ a pound, eggs new (not Preserved) 7¢ a dozen, oats 10½¢ to 13¢ a bushel, Hogs \$3.00.

The town of Alden was almost deserted on Wednesday July 7th as most of the folks were at Iowa Falls attending the Ringling Brothers Circus.

Alden people who went to the 4th of July celebrations divided up between Dows, Iowa Falls and Eldora. The C. I. and D. Railroad had rates of 50¢ and 25¢ round trip depending on the mileage distance. Other people stayed in Alden or nearby areas and enjoyed picnics.

Old Sol pushed the mercury up into the 90's in the

middle of June and has kept it there ever since until Saturday's rain. A thermometer stirring around at 96, 98, and 102 degrees makes the corn grow, and is of course a good thing, but as far as personal comfort goes the change to cooler has been very welcome.

A person intent on putting tiling near willow trees should see the willow roots on display at C. A. Rummels shop. They formed in a five inch tile on the Littschwager farm in the two seasons past and were sufficient to completely choke it up.

The creamery has just made a contract to sell its entire output of butter to a New York firm who will put it for export to England. The butter will be placed in 56 pound square boxes instead of tubs to take up less room while shipping. The butter will no longer be colored as the English don't like it that way. The creamery will get one cent a pound, and will have to be more careful than ever about quality, so the patrons are asked to govern themselves accordingly.

Only 4 creameries in Iowa make butter good enough to export and Alden is one of them. Emmetsburg, Nashua and Manchester are the others.

August 1897--Hunters will be permitted to shoot prairie chickens from September 1 to December 1. You should get the farmers permission to go on their land.

E. S. Ellsworth bought about 13,000 acres of land in

South Dakota land this month.

Someone unknown stole Knute Olson's light spring wagon. It was hooked onto some other vehicle and the tracks could be followed for several miles. Mr. Olson put cards in circulation describing the buggy. It is very likely some unlucky farmer has bought it from the thief and Mr. Olson's description will bring it to light.

September 1897--Mrs. Rich was indicted by the Grand Jury last week for the shooting of L. W. Parks, the charge being "assault with intent to commit great bodily injury". The case will not be tried at the present term of court.

The Alden schools opened September 6th, with the enrollment of 169 pupils.

Dora Spencer and Clem Rummel returned to Grinnell the first of the week to continue their studies at Iowa College. They are the only 2 representing Alden there this year.

A. Tjarks was arraigned before Justice Tomlinson Wednesday, September 23, 1897 on the charge of inhumanly attacking and striking a girl. The evidence showed the weapon used was a pitchfork. The girl his own daughter Minnie who was not tramping hay to suit him. After hearing evidence the Court assessed a fine of \$5.00 and costs, but remitted the farmer on his good behavior. The cost of \$5.15 was promptly paid.

October 1897--Benshoof Brothers threshing machine

burned last Saturday night, September 25, 1897, and the origin of the fire is a mystery. Saturday evening they pulled the threshing outfit to John Crosser's expecting to thresh there on Monday and stayed there until the fire in the engine was entirely out before they went home. About midnight a party returning from a neighboring dance discovered the threshing machine was on fire and before help arrived at the fire the threshing machine was entirely consumed together with a large amount of oats in the stack belonging to Mr. Crosser and some of his hay. Many are sure that it was of an incendiary.

Knute Olson is just now busily engaged in taking care of his crop of sorghum. He planted about six acres last spring and he expects it to make about 900 gallons, first class molasses. This will bring him in \$360.00 or about \$60.00 per acre from his ground. Of course that is not all clear gain for there is a vast amount of work connected with the process of making molasses, but it still beats raising oats and selling them at 15¢ or 16¢ a bushel.

This has been a warm dry fall. There are people who look for the world to come to an end by burning. They could hardly find a dryer and more ignitable time than now. Severe dust storms Tuesday and Monday made travel almost impossible.

The engine hauling the Republican special train ignited the grass and weeds in 20 places along the C. I. and D.

right away between Alden and Eldora.

Fred L. Spencer and Company are advertising they wanted 10,000 eggs at 15¢ a dozen, 500 bushel of potatoes at 40¢ a bushel, 10,000 pounds of butter at 15¢ a pound, in exchange for New and Stylish Fall and Winter Dry Goods, clothing and Shoes.

After interviewing several contractors the creamery board finally awarded a contract to B. F. Fargo and Company of Lake Mills, Wisconsin for an even \$1,000.00. There will be additions of a 14 x24 foot and an 8X20 foot. New machinery to go in under the contract as follows: 1 Alpha separator, 1 combined churn, 1 skim milk weigher, 1 400 gallon twin cream vat, 1 3000 gallon skim milk vat, 1 No. 3 rotary pump, 1 heating vat, bottling, pulleys, shafts etc. to connect.

An ad in the issue of the Alden Times:

Eggs-actly

Feed, your hens, make them lay
Take the eggs to Jones any day
And he will exchange with you sure
Any of the first class furniture.

I have decided to take eggs at the market price in exchange for furniture. My stock is complete and up to date in style, price and finish. Come and see for yourselves.
Yours as ever. W. W. Jones.

November 1897--In the off year election in Hardin County and all of the Township went Republican with the exception of

Etna and Pleasant which went Democratic. L. W. Shaw for governor and legislature went republican by a wide margin.

The case of the State of Iowa versus Mrs. Rich was to be tried this week at Eldora. She and her husband went to Eldora where she was taken sick and a physician called in. He pronounced it diptheria. She was immediately taken to a private house in Eldora and quaranteened. The case will be next term of court on January 8, 1898.

↘ The question of waterworks in Alden has come up several times in the past. The law provides that to authorize the council to call a special election for the establishment of the water works. 50 property owner should unite in a petition to ask for such an election and the voters settle the matter at the polls. 50 property owners were easily secured to sign the petition.

At the regular meeting of Dirigo Lodge K. of P. Tuesday evening December 7th, the question of declaring a dividend among the membership in good standing at the time will be put to a vote. A full attendance is desired.

All most all of the farmers have their corn picked and stored away at this time. The weather has been excellent this fall and if any farmer has corn still in the field it is most likely his own fault.

Supper will be furnished to all who come at the Alden Hall on Friday and Saturday evenings of next week. The price will be 15¢

Enough snow has now fallen that the sleighing is excellent.

A special election on having a waterworks at Alden will be held Monday January 10, 1898. All women over 21 are entitled to vote at this election the same as the men. There can be a good water system with hydrants all over town where needed. It is up to the voters to study the matter and act accordingly.

The three blacksmith shops of Alden have been kept busy for some days past shoeing horses. Dry roads make business brisk for the blacksmiths.

At Alden's Hall Friday evening December 17th, the 7th Industrial School Boys will present, the charming military opera in 3 acts entitled, "The Merry Company". There will be 50 people taking part including the actors and the orchestra.

All Alden merchants were advertising Christmas bargains of every kind and description.

The Industrial School Boys played to a packed house and everyone was more than pleased with their performance. Iowa has good reason to be proud of the State Institutions she has built up in Hardin County and the more it is brought in contact with the people in these ways, the more its benefits will be appreciated.

Chicken stealing is becoming so common that an example

will have to be made of somebody in order to have it stopped. The theft of a few chickens may seem a small matter, but it often represents the only visible chance the tired wife or mother has to get a little spending money that she can call her own, and the chump who steals it from her deserves more punishment than if he stole a horse. Put the clamps on some of these fellows, boys lets call a halt.

The thermometer is down to 20 degrees below zero on the 18th of December. It looks like a cold winter is ahead.

Mr. Schultz proprietor of the well known Alden Roller Mills will put a system of electric bells in the mill by which the engineer and miller will be able to communicate the same as a captain and engineer of a vessel. By this means the miller can order the engine stopped when he is in any part of the building by merely pressing a button and can order it started the same way. Before the engine starts bells will ring on every floor and possibilities of an accident from a misunderstanding between the miller and the engineer can be entirely avoided. It had been put in operation by the first of the year.

Notice: December 30, 1897--The following firms will close their stores at 8 o'clock; J. Laird and Son, M. Fritchard, Whitney and Cox Company, Fred L. Spencer and Company, O. F. Wagner, Schultz Brothers, W. B. Miller, M. Utley and C. L. Furry.

January 1898--January 6, 1898 Alden's Market Report is as follows: Butter 18¢ a pound, eggs 18¢ a dozen, oats 15¢ to 17¢ a bushel, Hogs \$2.50 to \$3.10 per hundred.

Coasting parties are taking advantage of the smooth conditions of the hills, and still smoother moonlight to enjoy themselves in the good old fashioned amusement of sliding down hill. Boys and girls of 10 to 14 years of age may be seen and heard every night, making the distance from the Cousin's residence to Rummel's shop at one zip.

While other hills are somewhat in use the Cousin hill seems to stand in higher favor and while small sleds, cellar doors and barrel staves do a small part of the carrying trade, the most of it is done by a borrowed pair of heavy bobs that will carry all who can climb on and not spill off on the way down.

The vote for Alden waterworks was 90 to 32 and the only reason we haven't a hydrant on every corner and a big fountain in the park is because the council could not move fast enough to do it. We will have them pretty soon and a whopping elevated tank and whirling sprinklers on the lawns to boot. Farmers can come to town and water their horses by turning a thumbscrew and all we will have to do in case of fire is to ring the bell and unbox the moisture. The Times editors have been preaching the need of such in their papers for 15 years. 21 ladies voted in favor of the waterworks, you could

say Woman's Suffrage started in Alden that day. Charter members of a movement that will eventually be state and nation wide.

The case of the State of Iowa versus Lena Rich was tried. At Eldora about 20 witnesses went from Alden to Eldora. The jury was out a short time, and came in with a verdict of not guilty. It seemed to meet the approval of the most of these who heard all the evidence.

February 1898--In February 1898 Schultz Brothers were selling Laxative Bromo Quinane for colds. They are still selling it in 1982.

March 1898--A. J. Rummel went to Fort Dodge this week and is getting contracts for new drays for that city.

The farmers are putting in oats the later part of this month.

April 1898--A sunrise prayer meeting will be held on April 10, 1898 at the Congregational Church on Easter Morning, by the Christian Endeavor Society. The first bell will ring at 6:00 and the services will commence at 6:30. The meeting was well attended.

It is unlawful to catch any game fish such as bass, pickerel, pike or crappies in any streams of the state until May 15th. The law provides a fine of \$5.00 to \$20.00 for each offense, each fish being taken as a separate count.

C. E. Patterson of Iowa Falls has just placed the Pope-

joy monument in the Alden Cemetery. It is a splendid granite pile, the total weight of almost 20 tons. It is on the highest part of the cemetery and fittingly marks the last resting place of John I. Popejoy.

May 1898--Schultz Brothers advertised wall paper at 3¢, 4¢, 5¢, 6¢, and 7¢ a roll.

An article appeared by E. W. Crockett, Mayor, which denounced the keeping of the creamery open on Sundays. It is well worth reading. Both barber shops, which have been open on Sunday, after reading the mayors article decided to stop.

The creamery Journal printed a list that contains upwards of 100 creameries, giving the price paid by each, by hundred weight. Only two in the area are given in the list which paid more than Alden Creamery which was 76th.

June 1898--Graduation exercises were held at the Methodist Church on Friday evening June 3rd. General admission was free. Reserved seats 15¢.

Alden has a "Jack the Button Critter" who in some mysterious way strips off the peoples pant buttons, when they are least aware of it, and even when they are standing on the street in broad daylight. His identity is unknown and consternation is broadcast. Thus far his depredations have been confined to men and boys. Look out for your pants buttons.

The frame of the Fred L. Spencer house, on the hill is

up and one can see what its general appearance will be. It certainly will be a very fine and beautiful home. (Authors note: It has been occupied by many different families and changed in some respects, especially on the inside, but as then, it is still one of the best homes in Alden, and is now occupied in 1982, by the Loren Larson family.)

For the order of the day and the program see the June 24 issue of the Alden Times, for the July 4th Celebration.

The gasoline boat is a sure thing and will be one of the cutest attractions of our attractive town. Mr. Keating will put up a jaunty boat house near the park with a wharf and seats where people can wait for the next boat. Other wharves will be arranged wherever wanted up the river and regular round trips will be made as far as the water stage will allow which will doubtless be nearly to the upper bridge.

July 1898--The creamery is turning out an average of about 1,500 pounds of choice butter every day. The average price paid for milk during May was 62.3¢ regardless of test.

A boat made its appearance on our placid lake, and was conveyed to its wharf a few rods above the mill dam. Owner F. E. Furry, boat was built for safety and load rather than speed, in its former home in Iowa Falls it was never tipped over. It will fly the American colors and have "Idler" printed on its awning.

There was a cableway at Pond Lily Park, which had a

swing like arrangement to also transport people to the other side of the river and back. To get on this cableway you had to climb a ladder to a platform in the tree top.

The Market Report for Alden July 17, 1898 is as follows: Butterfat 12¢ a pound, eggs 8¢ a dozen, oats 20¢ a bushel, hogs \$3.30 to \$3.50 per hundred weight.

The 4th of July celebration in Alden was a success. For a complete program, of this celebration see the July 17, 1898 issue of the Alden Times.

Timothy and clover hay is selling for \$4.00 a ton delivered.

A boat landing has been put in near Kemp's spring so that the boating parties can stop and drink their fill of the purest and coldest spring water to be found anywhere. (Authors Note: The spring is still there in 1982 and the water is still good).

A steadily growing settlement of campers has sprung up on the north bank of the river northwest of town. The camp is situated just where the prairie leaves off and the timberland begins, one door east of Pond Lily Park, and has accordingly been called Edgewood.

All of the grain is now harvested and is all ready to thresh.

The great topic of conversation in town is in regard to the street lines and corners in various parts of the town.

For years there has been a sort of running dispute in various quarters and some years ago Judd Bradley made a partial survey for the purpose of laying our Pritchard's Addition and if his survey is the correct one all of the southwestern part of the original town will have to swing east 15 to 20 feet. On the other hand many old inhabitants claim that the fences were built by the original survey states and that everything is all right. It is proposed to have the whole thing accurately surveyed soon, and then we look for some people to make some pretty full grown protests.

Farmers and others get the weeds out along the highways before August 15, or they will be cut at your expense.

Lots of fine pickerel have been caught in the mill pond this week, one weighing 5 3/4 pounds by Geo. Hurst.

Charlie Frisbee our Alden member of the Kansas City baseball nine is highly spoken of by the dollies in every game played. At Toledo, Ohio the other day, he did some of his finest work ^{and} ~~or~~ brought the club up to the second place in the league.

We are still in it
 We give no rebates or prizes
 We sell goods so low, we
 Don't have to
 We sell goods at the lowest living
 Rates
 We sell most Goods for \$1.00, and
 can demonstrate all we advertise.

M. Pritchard and Company

The Pritchard and Wagner Stores are both lighted by

acetylene gas and gives a decidedly city air to that part of town. The talk of electric lighting in Alden is gradually dying out and the prospects are, it will be a long time before a plant will be built. Gas seems to fill the bill and new buildings are being fitted with pipes instead of wire.

The Old Settler's Picnic program of exercises are to be held at Kemp's Grove in Alden on Wednesday, August 17, 1898.

1. Call to order at 11 O'clock A. M.
Music by the band.
2. Invocation by the Rev. E. Robbins
3. Welcome Song--Come, Come away
4. Address of Welcome by Mark J. Furry
5. Response by the Honorable L. O. Bliss
6. Adjourn for dinner
7. Music by the band
8. Business meeting, reading of the minutes of the last meeting, selection of a place for the next meeting and election of officers.

Toasts

9. Our Pioneer Citizens, Honorable John Porter
10. Our Pioneer Women, Mrs. B. Chassell
11. Our Soldier Citizens, Rev. C. N. Lyman
12. Song
13. Reminences of Hardin County and roll of deceased members by S. Whitehead
14. Music by band
15. Impromptu speeches
16. Chorus "God be with us till we meet again"
17. Benediction by Rev. Fuller

The Ladies Band of Eldora will furnish the music.

The C. I. and D. railroad will run a special train, one for the round trip as follows. Leave Eldora Junction at 8:45 A.M., Eldora at 9:00, Hughes at 9:15, Owasa at 9:30, Iowa Falls at 10:00. They will arrive at Alden at 10:15. The return trip will leave Alden at 4:40 P.M. All regular Illinois

Central trains will carry passengers on account of the Picnic for one and one-half fare round trip.

J. S. Spencer
Secretary

L. H. Utley
President

A large crowd attended both young and old among them are Judge Weaver, Representative Funk and the Honorable W. J. Moir, they all made impromptu speeches. The next session will be held at Eldora. The newly elected officers are the Honorable W. J. Moir, President, J. F. Hardin, Secretary S. Whited, Treasurer, Township Vice Presidents Hardin T. B. Knapp, Etna John Rath, Alden S. Kemp, Jackson Bob Simpson, Clay R. M. Higgenbotham, Union George Lehard, Providence B. T. Blain, Ellis F. Lake, Buckeye A. P. Kellogg, Pleasant S. P. Hubbard, Tipton L. A. Loudon, Concord D. Hodson, Sherman A. N. Drake, Grant Mr. Granner.

The sum of \$4,000.00 was distributed among our farmers for milk purchased Saturday. The average test was 3.4 a price of 19¢ a pound was paid.

The finest watermelons ever bit into have been selling at our stores at from 10¢ to 15¢ each during the past week. Its much cheaper than stealing them.

The County Sunday School Superintendent Mitchell reports that he has visited every home in the Alden Township outside the town and finds the following facts: Schools organized 1, Schools aided 2, Home classes organized 3, Home class mem-

bership 46, Families visited 195, persons in the families visited 852, persons in Sunday Schools 256.

September 1898--Patrons of the creamery made up a purse to show appreciation of the work of Supertintendent Risworth and turned it in to him in the form of an elegant \$15.00 leather covered easy chair.

One of the severest windstorm in many years passed thru the southern part of Buckeye Township. One to three miles wide it seemed to be a straight blow from the west. Most fields of corn were flattened to the ground. Oats and hay stacks were scatted in all directions. No persons were injured and the greatest loss was to sheds, outbuildings, and windmills. John O. Ahrens windmill was blown down and his barn was unroofed while all the hay he had stored in the barn was taken out slick and clean and scattered all over the surrounding territory. Windmills were demolished on the following places: W. H. Briggs, R. Vierkandt, John Schueman, Ira Kinney, Wm. Littschwager, Fred Radohl, Gus Littschwager, Emil Neunenfeldt, N. E. Smith, Sam Monson, and Ole Harris. Passing further east it destroyed mills near Cottage and farther south and east. The same storm inflicted even more damage in Hamilton County.

A large crowd attended the Hardin County Fair last week. Thursday's crowd was exceptionally large. The Fair is considered one of the top County Fairs in the state. The L.

C. Procks red Polland China hogs came in for a large share of prizes. First on the yearling bull, first on heifer calf, first on 3 year old cow, first on grade heifer, and first on grade heifer calf.

The tower for the waterworks has risen like a giant on the hill the past week and will soon have a head put on it in the form of a big tank.

The Kansas City baseball club has ^{won} ~~wound~~ the Western League Pennant and townsman Charlie Frisbee, was right in it all the time.

October 1898--The Pauper List: Our readers should spend a little spare time reading the supplement of this weeks Alden Times.

We began several months ago to call attention to the fabulous sums paid out of the County Treasury for pauper relief, and our supervisors, in an effort to better matters have ordered the printing of the paupers names. It is a move in the right direction, but it is doubtful if the supervisors can go much further. When a board of township trustees certifies a person as a pauper the supervisors are bound to give aid and to be a trustee and to be teased for help is Hades on earth.

Undoubtedly a great deal of good can be done by the general public. We know who the paupers are, their names are in print. Why are they unable to sustain themselves? Do they work? Are they able to work? Have they come to regard the

feeding from public charity an honorable and satisfactory thing to do? Do they know in what light their act places them? Are they willing to go to the poor farm? It is our belief that a great many cases, if the matter is talked out "in meeting" will come to see and feel the pressure of public opinion and will make an effort to keep off the list.

The Fred L. Spencer store is placing an acetylene gas plant in position this week. This makes the third plant of this kind now in successful operation in Alden Businesses.

The Board of Trustees of the creamery will select a superintendent for next year this afternoon. The services of Mr. Rishworth have been so good he is assured of re-election.

The water works plant and water mains is practically completed, all that remains is to put on the finishing touches. Comparatively few of the people along with the water mains are making provision to connect on. The rest evidentially view it as an arrangement to put out fires.

November 1898--In the election of November 8, a Republican victory was announced. Iowa gave plurality sending an entire Republican delegation to Congress, also plurality to all state and county offices.

December 1898--The President and the buttermaker of the Alden Creamery have offered their resignations and have made plans to move to Ocheydan. Maybe their minds can be changed and they will stay in Alden. We hate to see these excellent

people leave the community. Their places have to be filled by the best men obtainable, irrespective of salary, or the well known Alden Creamery will turn into a mediocre business.

It is said Rainsworth, Rogers and Company have purchased a creamery at Ocheyday in Osceola County, Iowa and will get it in shape to open by March 1, 1899. Mr. E. C. Rogers will go to Ocheyday about the first of January and his family will move there later in the winter. Rogers will attend to the refitting of the machinery. If the Alden Creamery Trustees can't get R. M. ~~Rainsworth~~^{Rainsworth} to stay at Alden another year he will go with his family to Ocheyday, sometime, before March 1, 1899.

Although it is 98 feet straight down into the earth from the base of the pump to the bottom of the hole, it begins to be apparent our town well is too short at the lower end. At first it was hard to believe that such a deep well could be so promptly emptied of its contents, but the skeptical must now take a back seat and wait until somebody finds out what ought to be done. Several plans are under consideration. One is to bore the hole deeper. Another is to put in a filter and turn the river thru the filter, into a well. Somebody has suggested "shooting" the well with dynamite as they do the oil wells in Pennsylvania and some think if the cylinder was lowered ten or fifteen feet the object would be accomplished. Meanwhile the standpipe is always full

and some water is always in the tank. The pump is started every afternoon, but Sunday, and enough water is obtained to keep everybody who uses it well supplied.

Fred L. Spencer and company advertised that from now to January 1, 1899, they will give 20% off on every item in our Jewelry Department.

Opinion is still divided on how to get a lot of water from the town well. Some still say it should go deeper. The "water witch" people are willing to put up money that the well isn't in the right place and should be moved to a big underground vein, which they will point out any day in five minutes time free gratis.

We have never had a better run of sleighing than we have had since November 22, when the snow first came, and it may also be said that we have seldom had as continuous a cold spell with practical no thawing weather.

I will sell at Public Auction at my place, one half mile west of Alden on Tuesday, December 20, 1898, the following described property:

4 head of Horses consisting of one mare, 1 - 8 years old, 1 gelding 4 years old, 1 gelding 3 years old, and 1 gelding two years old.

33 head of cattle mostly Grade Jerseys, consisting of 15 milch cows, two fresh, the balance to be fresh soon, 6 heifers coming 2 years old, 5 of them springling, 1 full blood Jersey Bull, thirteen months old, 7 calves nearly yearlings and 4 young calves

My entire herd of full blood Poland China Swine,
 consisting of 25 brood sows, mostly bred;
 a few male pigs, and a lot of shoats of all
 sizes

Farm Machinery

1-6 foot standard mower
 1 Osborne binder nearly new
 1 Acme pulverizer
 1 riding plow
 2 stirring plows
 3 cultivators
 1 Endgate seeder
 Corn sheller
 Lumber wagon
 Top Buggy
 1 combine Hay Rack
 Wagon box and Hog rack
 2 sets of work harness and a variety of small tools

Household Goods;

1 hard coal heater with oven
 Bed Steads
 Chairs and many other numerous items.

Grain:

800 bushels of corn
 700 bushels of oats
 700 bushels of barley
 15 acres of shocked corn
 20 tons of tame hay in the barn

The sale is to begin at 10:00 A.M. Lunch at noon. Terms
 of the sale, all sums of \$5.00 and under cash, Sums over \$5.00
 on good bankable not due January 1, 1900 will be taken or dis-
 count of one per cent, will be allowed for cash.

O. J. THOMAS, Auctioneer
 M. J. Furry, Clerk

E. C. Rogers

The herd of cows to be sold above tested 5.10% for

November at the Alden Creamery.

The largest crowd ever at a sale in the Alden Community and everything brought good prices.

Coming: The Frank Howard Grand Concert Company at the Alden's Hall, Thursday night, December 29, 1898. This company has the reputation of being the first on the road this season and they promise us the best entertainment ever given in Alden. "Frank Howard" is the author of the popular songs "Only A Pansy Blossom" and "When the Robins Nest Again" for which he gained a world wide reputation and he is considered one of the finest ballad singers on the American stage today. Don't fail to hear him and his company of artists including Miss Charolette Sellick Tarrant she is the renounced lady harpist, one her thousand dollar harp.

A big crowd attended this concert despite inclement weather.

January 1899--Charlie Frisbbe will play ball with the Baltimore Club of the National League during the coming season. This is a decided honor for him and must be very gratifying for it shows that he played good ball while with the Portland, the Quincey and the Kansas City Teams, the past years.

Seven weeks of excellent sleighing are breaking all previous records in the locality.

~~_____~~ F. J. Moss, the gentleman who had charge of the construc-

tion of the waterworks last summer arrived in Alden this week to test the well. He found the well only yielded about 20 gallons per minute, while the pumps capacity is 70 gallons per minute. It was decided to enlarge the well by exploding a charge of dynamite at the bottom which will soon be done and then the pile will be extended to the bottom of the well.

Alden Market report Thursday noon January 5, 1899 is as follows; Butter 20¢ a pound, eggs 20¢ per dozen, corn 25¢ a bushel, oats 23¢ a bushel, hogs \$3.00 to \$3.20 per hundred.

The rate of taxation for Alden and Buckeye Townships will be a little higher this year than last. In Alden Township outside of the independent district the rate this year will be 24.3 mills, last year it was 21 mills. Inside the independent district of the corporation the ruate will be 54.8 mills against 52 mills last year. In Buckeye Township the rate this year is 29.3 mills, while last year it was but 20 mills.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregational Church and Society was held at the Fred L. Spencer home, Monday evening January 2, 1899 and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year. Trustee F. L. Furry, Clerk Allen Spencer, Treasurer L. B. Rogers. There was talk of repairing or rather remodeling and rebuilding the church. The three

trustees were appointed, a committee to look into the whole matter and to report as soon as anything definite can be learned. It was thought that the present church building might be reconstructed in a manner somewhat like the schoolhouse was rebuilt and so get a new and more appearing edifice to take the place of the one that has been in use so long since 1866.

The New Year of 1899 opens most favorably for Alden. We have a progressive and wide awake community for all the classes of trade coming to our town. January first finds us with four churches, a fine public school with six teachers, a public Library, eight secret societies, and several literary and educational clubs. In addition to this Alden has two good railroads, five general stores, four restaurants, one hotel, one bank, one meat market, two drugstores, two barbershops, one furniture store, two hardware stores, two millinery stores, one livery stable, one harness shop, another dealer in harness, three blacksmith shops and three firms who handle agricultural implements, three physicians, one dentist, one lumber dealer, two grain and stock buyers, one large flour mill, one photograph gallery, one attorney, four notaries, six insurance agents, one creamery which will soon establish a branch in Lee Center, one post office, two dray lines, one boot and shoe store, one tailoring establishment, one billiard hall, a waterworks plant and one newspaper. During the past year a

large number of new buildings have been erected which will amount to over \$30,000.00 and we have one of the finest farming countries in the world surrounding the town. We therefore have a good right to look forward most hopefully to the future.

Last week a five pound charge of dynamite was exploded at the bottom of our town well, a column of water was sent up out of it, fifty feet high. Since then the flow of water has been measurably increased.

Pricilla Chapter of the Eastern Star, installed the following officer for the ensuing year at their last meeting:

Worthy Matron	Annie Byers
Worthy Patron	Grant Lemoine
Associate Matron	Lucy Britchard
Secretary	Jean Button
Treasurer	Addie Whitney
Conductress	Mary Bigelow
Associate Conductress	Clara Alden
Ada	Lucy Schultz
Ruth	Ethel Eastman
Esther	Cecilia Schultz
Martin	Mrs. Gordon
Electa	Laura Frisbee
Chaplin	Mrs. Robbins
Warder	Mary Hartinger
Sentinel	H. A. Schultz

Dirigo Lodge, Knight of Pythias gave one of their pleasant socials, to their Lady friends Tuesday evening which was attended by a large number of Knights and Ladies even though several were sick with the grip. A. G. Belt had his gramophone in running order and entertained the crowd for a long time with selections from that. Then a lunch was enjoyed in

summer picnic style with tablecloths spread on the carpets.

The Annual Meeting of the Alden Creamery was Tuesday January 17. The Alden creamery is now ranked as one of the best in the United States. 1898 business exceeded 1897 by a little over 75%. The average price paid for butter over the year is a fraction was 21¢. The lowest price was in June and July, at 17½¢ a pound, and in December it was 24½¢ per pound. The largest amount of butter fat paid for at any one time was in July the total at that time being 31,432.4 pounds of butter fat requiring the distribution of \$5,276.78. In January 1898, 11,375 pounds were paid for with checks amounting to \$2,566.24 the lowest of the year. The total amount of milk received during the year was 6,625,921 pounds from which 306,526 pounds of butter has been made. 293,504 pounds were shipped away. Following are the officers for the ensuing term are:

President	Geo. Stringer
Vice President	A. F. Bushman
Secretary	T. E. Huston
Treasurer	C. Kollmansperger
Trustee for one year	O. W. Bailey
Trustee for two years	E. H. Heuer
	W. W. Fisk
Trustees for three years	-D. Mensing
	O. A. French

Officers of Mizpah Temple Rathbone Sisters were installed Friday evening.

A surprise going away party was held Monday January 16, for Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Rogers. E. C. left Tuesday evening for Ocheydan, and his wife will follow in February. On behalf of

the Congregational Church and Sunday School in which they took such an active interest, they were presented with a commodious pair of rocking chairs and a small stand.

J. A. and J. D. Brande will have a public sale February 1, 1899 at their place 4 miles northwest of Alden. This is a very large sale.

The large thaws of Friday and Saturday of last week about spoiled the sleighing; but as it had lasted about nine weeks we could afford to let it go.

February 1899--Fairview Dairy; W. A. Boldon and Company Proprietors: Fresh milk delivered daily at Treats Restaurant will have prompt attention.

Bread, Pies and Cakes at the Restaurant and Bakery. All kinds of baking done to order at Geo. Bigelow's.

At the dairy and buttermakers convention in Souix Falls, South Dakota the convention did the right thing by election R. M. Risworth Vice-President for the State of Iowa.

The Methodist Episcopal Ladies Aid Society will serve a 15¢ supper next Wednesday evening February 8th at the residence of Mrs. J. A. Button. All are cordially invited. Many attended despite the fact it was 25 degrees below zero.

A real milk wagon with all of the modern appliances made its appearance on our streets Monday morning from the Fairview Dairy. The milk is deliver in glass packages as required by boards of health in the cities, instead of being

carted around in a large tin can and the last customer on the route gets as much cream as the first one.

Wednesday February 8, 1899 was the coldest day we have had for four years, the thermometer being down to 30 degrees below zero in the morning and not going above 20 degrees below zero all day. School was dismissed in the first and second primary.

Due to an absence of snow on the ground the cold wave has severely damage the fall rye, tame meadows and the pastures. Potatoes even froze in cellars, house plants froze, cisterns and wells also froze up.

March 1899--Geo. Bigelow intends to put several row boats on the pond next summer and will operate a boat livery.

Fritz Groenhoff moved to the Alden area farm in 1871.

Charlie Frisbee started for Durham, North Carolina, Monday night where he will join the Boston Baseball club of the National League for spring practice before opening of the season.

April 1899--John Rouray was advertising as an Artistic Decorator, Painter, and Paper Hanger. Orders filled promptly, but a few days notice of your wants will be a great accomodation. Yours Respectfully, John Rouray.

Mr. C. Brown and Peterson enterprising boot and shoe dealers sold their store building and moved their stock to Latimer. It was a surprise to all in Alden.

The lateness of the spring in April 1899 has not been equalled in this part of the state for 18 years.

The entire faculty and also the janitor of the Alden Public School were elected for the ensuing year of 1900.

The Township schoolboard met in a special session Saturday afternoon and elected the following Teachers to fill the schools of the Township for the summer term.

District No. 1	Edith Awe
District No. 2	Mable Richardson
District No. 3	Grace Roberts
District No. 4	Laura Frisbee
District No. 5	Emma Huston
District No. 6	Helen Fitch
District No. 7	Maggie Lutterman
District No. 8	Emma Awe
District No. 9	Luella Catlin
District No. 10	Stella Ostheimer
District No. 11	Grace Todd
District No. 12	Beckie Shriner

The Alden Times reaches the age of manhood 21 years. Appropriate changes and improvements were made. But if no other feeling than pride animated us this time we would be ungenerous. To the friends old and new who have contributed to the building up of a newspaer worth its surroundings, we acknowledge our indebtedness, and it is our desire that to them first of all shall receive the benefits of the new conditions. The policy of our paper, the mutual friendliness between its family of readers, its joy in their successes, and respect and sympathy for their tears will not be changed. It will be the same Times in new clothes and a brighter and better face.

The month of March 1899 was the coldest March since records have been kept in the state. A large number of Kodaks caught pictures of the ice going out last Monday April 10, 1899. Nearly all of the clover was killed due to the hard winter both old and new stands.

April 1899--Geo. Bigelow finally received his new boat from Racine, Wisconsin. He will have 4 or 5 boats on the mill pond this summer.

C. L. Furry has furnished his store with new gasoline lamps.

J. A. Rink has moved his tailoring establishments into the building he purchased of Brown and Petterson.

Measels are on the rampage in the Alden area for some time and nearly everyone got them at one time or another.

A telegram was received in Alden, Tuesday announcing the death of Fred Schultz of Fort Scott, Arkansas who died that morning of congestion of the lungs, after a very short illness. Mr. Schultz was one of the early settlers of Alden, having lived here until the spring of 1870 when he went to Kansas. He was the brother of H. A. Schultz, H. E. Schultz, Mrs. I. Rummel and Mrs. Lewis Taylor all of this place.

Alden lost its shoe vendor for the first time in history. No body stands ready to half-sole and patch our foot gear anymore, and we must either buy a new pair, or go bare-foot, or go to another town to get the old ones mended.

There is a good opening just now for a shoe shop.

From Assesor Wood's books we glean the following items in regard to the assessment of Alden Township outside the limits of the town of Alden. There are 2,562 cattle valued at \$72,067.00, 3,359 Swine valued at \$12,972.00, 892 horses valued at \$23,862.00. The total value of all personal property was \$112,040.00. The total value of all land was \$1,058,961.00 for a grand total of \$1,168,811.00.

A property is assessed at 25% of its value. The assessed value of the township foots up \$292,153.00 or \$6,699.00 more than two years ago when property was assessed at about 40%. There are 144 persons in the township subject to military duty and 118 dogs.

At the Hotel Alden, A. R. Hixron is proprietor. The rates are \$2.00 per day.

A number of Alden Knight of Pythias went to Dows, Monday evening April 25, to assist at the inauguration of the new K. of P. Lodge there. They reported a good time and the Dows boys are fine entertainers.

May 1899--The evenings of May 1 and 2, at the Alden Hall the Dayton group of entertainers consisting of the Santaesnes, jugglers, Hewell and Chinquaita Musical artists, Margarent V. Dayton balladist, Princess Chinquila skirt dancer and a vocalist S. Dinufrio harp soloist all high class vaudeville entertainers. Admission 15¢ and 25¢, Reserved seats 5¢ extra.





