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Henry Jackson Waters.

The search of months is ended and a new chief executive for the College has taken his place among us. Although his administration is just beginning, those who meet him are inclined to feel that through him the plea for a "big" man, an "all around" man, is likely to be satisfied. A summer issue of the *Orange Judd Farmer* contains a character sketch of President Waters which seems especially good and which we reproduce here:

Henry Jackson Waters, farmer, student, professor, dean, director, president, the gifted son of a noted farmer, the late Col. G. W. Waters, was born in '66. His early days were spent on one of Missouri's noted farms, surrounded by every influence that would tend to create a deep and lasting interest in improved agriculture and highly bred stock. His early education was secured in the common schools. He was graduated from the University of Missouri way back in '86, and that year was the only student who received a degree in the college of agriculture. This environment naturally resulted in a high reward for improved agriculture and deep seated determination to devote his life to applying scientific principles of grain and stock raising to the practical every-day life on the farm.

From 1886 to 1888 he was assistant secretary of agriculture for his native state. He edited the annual reports and bulletins from that office, and did it to his everlasting credit. For this service his reward was postponed, but in 1909 he was made the president of this same board of agriculture—a recognition also of his efficient serv-

ices as a member of the executive committee since 1895. But his efforts were not confined to the state board of agriculture. He was rapidly becoming a power in the agricultural world. This was recognized by the University of Missouri, and he is called to the experiment station as assistant agriculturist. While occupying this chair, he did a large amount of practical experimental work under the leadership of Prof. J. W. Sanborn, then director of the station.

But his fame was traveling far and wide. It began to penetrate the chilly and exclusive atmosphere of the East. The depleted soils and the rocky hills of Pennsylvania felt the need of a man imbued with the progressive spirit of the West and began to sing seductive melodies in his ears. He listened and hesitated, for he realized the monumental nature of the task. What was he to gain by leaving the friendly hospitality of Missouri and embracing the chilly exclusiveness of the East, where a man's standing in the community is measured by his ability to wear evening clothes with grace, and order gout-producing concoctions from a bill of fare written in a foreign language, rather than by the ability to be of real benefit to the human race? The measure of young Waters is indicated by the fact that in spite of these terrible obstacles he tackled the job—for three years was professor of agriculture in Pennsylvania State College. He strove to teach the self-satisfied eastern farmers that even their methods might be improved upon. It was indeed a bitter pill that this improvement was suggested by a man from west of the Alleghany mountains,

where it is popularly supposed by those who dwell along the Atlantic Coast that ignorance prevails and stupidly rules. But so affable was Professor Waters, and so eminently capable, that the shield of reserve was penetrated, and his stay in the Keystone state was marked by triumphant progress. While there he did some experimental work in the feeding of dairy cattle and production of milk that will stand for all time.

But Professor Waters could not forget his early training. He longed for the freedom of the great West; where true merit is recognized, departure from narrowing traditions tolerated. In the fall of '95 he was invited to return to the University of Missouri as dean of the college of agriculture and director of the station. Did he accept? Yes, it took him only a fraction of a second to decide. Was he welcomed by Missouri? He was hailed as a favorite son. But although again among friends, he still had a difficult problem. The college of agriculture in common with similar institutions in those days had been neglected. The intention of the author of the Morrill bill had been ignored. The institution had been hampered in every way, so that the work of the scientific farmer was looked upon with contempt by the majority of men. It was up to Dean Waters to correct this error, and to show that scientific principles could be applied to practical operations with great profit. Did he succeed? Yes. To-day, out of 114 counties in Missouri over 90 have established coöperative experiment fields and farms. The wide-awake farmer is enthusiastic concerning the work of Missouri agricultural college. Its professors are honored and respected. Dean waters and his able assistants are responsible for this sentiment. From one student in '86, the number has increased almost 500 fold. The institution itself had buildings that would have disgraced the home of a

Georgia cracker. These have been replaced by commanding stone structures, a dozen in number. Dean Waters received and deserves the major part of the credit for this wonderful transformation.

This large ability, remarkable resourcefulness and untiring energy has had its effect. Dean Waters' reputation had traveled far beyond home, and it was but natural that when the progressive State of Kansas was looking for a President for its Agricultural College, it decided to call Dean Waters. In the meantime, he had become a national character, respected and honored as a leader, for, while laboring assiduously for Missouri, he had found time to take part in the graduate school of agriculture in 1903 and 1906. He considered it worth his while to visit Germany, where, surrounded by pipes and steins, he became imbued with the scientific atmosphere of this great land of investigators. He studied nutrition problems in Leipsic and Zurich, and became an authority on those subjects in his native land. For the Louisiana purchase exposition, he collected an agricultural display for Missouri, which was complimented in the highest terms, and was considered one of the most valuable collections of its kind ever assembled.

Is it to be wondered that Kansas is to be congratulated in securing the services of a man with so much native ability, such thorough preparation, such finished attainments, and such large executive ability? The Sunflower state is the gainer and Missouri the loser. Dean Waters will find a large field for his many activities, and who dares intimate, in the face of Secretary Coburn's frequent statements, that Kansas is not the greatest agricultural state on the face of the earth!

But with all his scholarly attainments, H. J. Waters is no clam. The atmosphere of learning has not thinned his blood nor impaired his diges-

tion. He is a wholesome, healthy, optimistic, cheerful specimen of humanity, from whom emanates good cheer and good fellowship. As one of the boys, he is a prince. He believes in play and in all kinds of wholesome recreation. As a fisherman, he is an authority. In the northern wilds, he actually caught a muskellunge longer than the longest one that ever got away. He can tell fish stories, but the delightful part about them is that they are true, at least as true as any fish story can be. He also has a reputation as a hunter. When he takes his annual trip, the denizens of the forest and the inhabitants of the plains run to cover, even as they do when the appearance of another—one Theodore Roosevelt—announces his arrival. Not being as well acquainted with the press agent, his exploits are not as well known, but they are classic just the same. He is not bloodthirsty, and does not slay simply for the joy of killing. He is one of the kindest hearted of men. He believes that game was provided for the needs of man and acts accordingly. He is a tireless hunter, being strong physically and enthusiastic naturally. He makes the native guide in the wilds of Canada pant like a hunted deer.

He is an optimist of the most pronounced type. He enjoys a good joke, and he believes there is some good in everything. He is just the type of man for the high office to which he has been elected at Manhattan, Kan., and which he will assume September 1 of this year. He carries with him the best wishes of thousands of those with whom he has worked. He has the support of the great State of Kansas, and that he will succeed goes without saying. He does not know what failure means. The State of Kansas is to be congratulated. President Waters is to be congratulated, so everybody is happy.

Editor Alumnus:

Permit me on the part of the alumni to thank Professor Willard for his article in the last ALUMNUS. There are many things concerning the College which we alumni who live in foreign parts understand but imperfectly; we must perforce depend upon those who come more intimately in relation with the institution for much of our knowledge. I know that we ought to visit our alma mater oftener than we do, but it is a long way there for some of us, and we are, most of us, busy people. However, Professor Willard, as also President Nichols in his remarks at the Chicago alumni meeting, leaves me, and I think some others also, in a hazy doubt about some things, concerning which I seek more explicit information. If I read its catalogue aright, the College admits to its halls pupils coming directly from the grammar schools of Kansas; that is, it requires no high school preparation of any kind for admission. Until within recent years it graduated such pupils with the degree of B. S. after a course of four years' duration; that is, the course was presumably equivalent in amount, though very different in kind, to that required by the best high schools of Kansas and the adjoining states. At the present time it requires five years of work of the candidate for the bachelor degree; presumably, then, its graduates have a training equivalent in amount to that received by the average freshman in our reputable colleges. All other respectable colleges in America require, or at least advertise that they require, at the very least three full years of work beyond the high school for graduation, and nearly all require four. Indeed, these requirements are made compulsory for all those colleges that would receive the benefit of the Carnegie Foundation.

Now, unless my arithmetic is badly at fault, the graduate of the Kansas

Agricultural College has completed when he receives his degree the amount of work required in reputable colleges for admission to the sophomore year. And this is the construction placed upon the catalogue and its course of study by many, if not most of the colleges and universities of America. The graduate of our College must spend nearly or quite three years at the University of Chicago before he is admitted to the "ad eundem" degree of B. S., and I happen to know that this university tries to be very just in its estimates of work done elsewhere. The University of Kansas likewise requires at least two full years of work before granting the bachelor degree to K. S. A. C. graduates. Professor Willard states in his article that a graduate of the College has recently been admitted to the senior year of the Illinois Agricultural College upon his work done at our College. I am told that the Illinois Agricultural College demands the same amount of preparation for admission to its freshman year as do the other departments of that university—four years of high school work. Now, if the ordinary Illinois student could save two years' time, or even one, by first getting the B. S. degree from the Kansas Agricultural College before entering the Illinois college, it is a matter of importance which should be widely made known to the young men and women of Illinois. However, I am inclined to the belief that either the young man so favored had had exceptional preparation or else that the Illinois Agricultural College, like so many other institutions, does not practice what it preaches. How is it, Dean Davenport?

But, perhaps I am incorrect in my premises and do not understand the catalogue aright. Will Professor Willard answer the following questions? Are students of the Kansas Agricultural College admitted directly from the grammar schools of Kansas,

without examination, and without high school preparation? Do such students ordinarily graduate after a course of five years with the degree of bachelor of science? Will he name any two other institutions in America, of whatever character or degree (save perhaps agricultural colleges, though I am not sure about them even), which advertise in their catalogues to grant the bachelor degree at the completion of five years' work after the completion of the work of the eighth grade of the grammar school? I challenge him to name even one such institution.

I wish there were no such things as college degrees, for I believe that they are doing more harm than good in higher education; that, as President Jordan has said, they belong properly to the kindergarten stage of higher education; to that stage when colleges existed only for "culture." But, the fact is that we do have college degrees and that they are becoming every year to mean more and more a certain amount of advanced work, and the Kansas Agricultural College can not, with honor to itself, oppose that tendency. My serious advice to both the Faculty and the Regents of the College is, that, rather than to oppose this upward tendency, it should abolish the degree altogether and give its graduates simply a certificate of proficiency in the work accomplished. At the present time its degree is deceptive and misleading; I have recently heard one of our alumni resent with emphasis the fact that she had found the degree of much less value than she had supposed it to be when she offered it to another institution for advanced standing. Suppose, for instance, that Washburn College at Topeka should advertise, as does the College, that it would receive students directly from the grammar school and give them the degree of B. S. at the expiration of five years' work. It may be that the College is right in saying that cultural studies are not at all needed for

success, that it is not necessary for its graduates to know how to write the English language correctly or to read any foreign language, and that the time so gained might well be devoted to professional studies. But it remains to be seen whether such contentions will receive the approbation of the American people.

Many of the alumni have, I fear, gained the impression that I would advise the immediate elevation of both admission and graduation requirements in our College to the equivalent of those of the State University; that I would permit none to enter the College for any purpose without a high school preparation. Nothing can be further from the truth. On the contrary, it has been one of my hobbies for years, one that has won for me some little ridicule on the part of colleagues, that the doors of all colleges should be opened wide to every one who can profit by what they give and that every college should strive to give something that will be of good in the daily lives of all. To use a term of Judge Grosscup's, I would "people-ize" higher education, business education, trade education to a far greater extent than is now done by most of our colleges. I would have our College gather into its halls at Manhattan, as Wisconsin Agricultural College is doing at Madison, hundreds, yes thousands, of farmers and their wives, and even plumbers, carpenters, and day laborers, that they may learn how better to do their daily duties. But educating the mass is a far different thing from granting them certificates of proficiency unless they have earned them. I would have it very easy for all to enter College, and very hard for them to get its diplomas. The bachelor degree to-day, if it means anything, means seven or eight years of faithful work above the grammar school. It will not suffice to say that these eight years are largely wasted in other schools, in the study

of English, of history, mathematics, or the like: that our College has reached the only true system where everything counts and nothing is wasted. I do not believe this, and the world in general does not believe this. I have visited nearly all the chief educational institutions in America, from Berkeley to Cambridge, but, for the first time in my life I saw at Manhattan last autumn "college" students in knee pants! If I read the catalogue aright, were the College to receive all its students from the Kansas City, St. Louis or Chicago schools, to say nothing of the Kansas schools, the average age of its matriculants would be less than fifteen years, and of its graduates less than twenty. I am told, however, that the average age of the graduates of our College is between twenty-two and twenty-three. I can conceive of reasons for this greater age, though not very clearly. Will Professor Willard explain them more fully? I can also understand that graduates of this more mature age must be of a distinctly higher type, even with but five years of preparation above the grammar school, than would be those of a more tender age. Perhaps this will account for the relatively high standard of our graduates; but does any one presume to believe that this condition will last indefinitely in Kansas?

These criticisms of the College policy are given in the utmost good faith—I yield to no one in my love for my Alma Mater. I have it to thank for whatever of good I have been able to accomplish in life, for whatever of usefulness I may have been to my fellow man, and I earnestly desire that many thousands yet unborn shall participate in its benefits in a far greater measure than did I. But I do hold, first of all, that honesty should underlie as its basal principle all that it does, and the giving of certificates of proficiency, supposed by the recipients to be the equal of those given by other

colleges, for three, or even two years less work, seems to me, as to many others, neither honest nor politic. I have deprecated with all the power that lies in me the unrighteous attempt on the part of friends of the university to limit the activities of the College, because I earnestly believe, as a teacher for many years of professional students, that agriculture needs the stimulation and the immediate sympathy of other branches of technical education in order to reach its highest ideals, to raise it to that dignity which it deserves and must have. Medical education in America was cheap and poor till the university raised it to its present high rank; agricultural education is passing through the same conditions. The College must have all branches of industrial education, it needs them far more than does the university. S. W. WILLISTON, '72.

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*Editor Alumnus:*

I had no desire to enter upon any extended discussion of our College courses, still less of the broader question of the significance of our degrees. On page 226 it is distinctly stated that I did not purpose entering upon a defense of the courses and hinted that they did not altogether meet my approval. I tried, however, to show my readers that the College authorities are subjected to the criticism of extremists of all points of view. Doctor Williston thinks us far too lax, others far too severe. The policy adopted, and from time to time modified, has been the outgrowth of the attrition of ideas from many minds, and represents the contemporary judgment of the Regents and Faculty as to the best means of meeting the needs of the industrial classes of Kansas. The degree is to me a minor matter so long as it does not stand for work *too* far below that which it represents in other institutions. It is, however, right that we should know just where we stand on the academic ladder in order

that we may not be disappointed, or make ourselves ridiculous.

Doctor Williston asks me some questions. "Are the students of the Kansas State Agricultural College admitted directly from the grammar schools of Kansas without examination and without high school preparation?" Students are so admitted to classes adapted to their advancement, not to the freshman year. "Do such students ordinarily graduate after a course of five years with the degree of bachelor of science?" It is quite possible. I have no data as to the proportion who do. Hundreds who enter upon study never pursue it to the end. Scores at every examination fail to reach the required standard and must repeat the work. Industrious students of good ability can get through in the five years.

As to what other institutions "advertise in their catalogues," it may be said that the average college catalogue is as good as a Chinese puzzle when one wishes to get down to clear-cut, definite statements as to what is required for graduation. Probably no institution advertises the situation in just the bald way indicated by Doctor Williston, even if it does the thing in fact. The best we can do is to study their requirements for entrance upon the freshman year and use our best judgment concerning the subsequent work required. To make such comparisons quantitative in respect to entrance requirements, college and university officers have adopted as a "unit" of measure five recitations per week for a high school year of about thirty-five weeks. Fourteen or fifteen such units are required for entrance to the freshman year of those colleges maintaining the highest entrance requirements. The Carnegie Foundation has made exhaustive inquiry touching the entrance requirements of the educational institutions of the country, and we may safely be guided by its results without searching the cata-

logues ourselves. Bulletin No. 1, March, 1907, contains the data.

Taking the figures afforded by the bulletin, we find that of 39 state universities reported upon, 21 required 14 or 15 units for entrance. All but four require 10 or more, but the lowest, South Carolina, requires but 5.2. On the other hand, of the 25 land-grant colleges included in the report only four, viz., New Hampshire, Iowa, Purdue, and Washington, require 14 or 15 units, and only 8 require 10 or more, while 12 are below 6.6. Among those lower than Kansas are: Michigan, Maryland, Oregon, Virginia, and Alabama. The average of all is 7.15. The figure for Purdue was given in anticipation of the requirements that would be in force the next year, and Doctor Pritchett in the text says: "Purdue University, which holds a place high among the engineering schools, has up to the present time consistently maintained requirements of admission not to exceed 6.4 units. The requirements for the fall of 1907 have been advanced, with provisional conditions, to about 15 units. The faculty at Purdue has felt that there is sufficient ground for rating technological institutions on a somewhat different basis from colleges of liberal arts. For all applicants coming direct from the high schools to Purdue it has decided to enforce strictly the 15 units. But for a constituency of applicants who do not come direct from the high schools, and who are men in years and experience, a set of examinations involving only the most essential studies in preparation for the curriculum of Purdue are administered. These examinations, which do not represent a total of 15 units, are varied in individual cases. Years and experience in practical work of a technical nature are considered the equivalent of school subjects in satisfying the requirements for admission. In the past about twenty per cent of the students have been admitted under

such provision and, judging from the records of these students, the Faculty feels entirely justified in its action." Doctor Williston is well aware of the high rank of Purdue in engineering, and is there not something worth considering in her experience? Her reputation has been made on a curriculum based on "not to exceed 6.4 units."

For an estimate of our own preparatory work in "units" I am indebted to President Nichols. The student just entering the freshman year has 6.6 units to his credit. He makes 7.4 units during the freshman year. In this estimate it was assumed that two hours of laboratory work are equivalent to one of class recitation work involving home preparation. It was also assumed that students of the maturity of ours and under our conditions will do as much in two terms, *i.e.*, two-thirds of a college year, as they would in a whole year in the high school. That this assumption is conservative is shown by the fact that the University of Kansas rates a semester, *i.e.*, one-half the University year, as equivalent to a high school year. On pages 81 and 82 of the catalogue, 1907-'08, we read: "A subject running one year, *i.e.*, thirty-five weeks, five recitations per week with at least forty minutes for each recitation, constitutes an 'entrance unit.'" "Fifteen units are necessary for unconditional admission to the College." "A temporary deficiency of not more than three units will be permitted." "In making up deficiencies at the University a 'College unit', *i.e.*, five hours a week for a half-year (one term), is considered equivalent to an 'entrance' (or high school) 'unit' as above defined."

This brings us to the fundamental fallacy, as it seems to me, in Doctor Williston's criticisms, not only in this article but elsewhere.

Doctor Williston asserts that our graduates "have a training equivalent in amount to that received by the average freshman in our reputable

colleges." Again: "Now, unless my arithmetic is at fault, the graduate of the Kansas Agricultural College has completed, when he receives his degree, the amount of work required in reputable colleges for admission to the sophomore year." Doctor Williston's arithmetic, or something, is seriously at fault, as he certainly does not mean to contend that three years at our College is necessary to make good some seven or eight high-school units. We maintain that our graduates have a training and have done an amount of work far beyond that. Training and amount of work are not measured by the revolution of the earth about the sun, but by the weight of the burden placed upon the student and the success with which he bears it. The amount of work demanded here day by day on a given subject is far beyond the day-by-day demand in the ordinary high school on the same subject. The students meet this demand by reason of their earnest ambition, their greater maturity of mind and body, and the fact that here their entire time is available for study much more completely than in the high school. The average age of the freshmen for the last 16 years has been 19.72 years; for the seniors, 22.80 years. Earlier published reports do not state the age. As to the knee pants, I wonder if Doctor Williston did not mistake visitors for students. The latest student that I recall who wore knee pants was a senior well beyond twenty years of age who explained his practice by pointing out that an old and worn pair of trousers could be taken, and, by reinforcing the seat with the superfluous parts of the legs, one could have a new pair!

That our graduates actually have a training far beyond that indicated by Doctor Williston is shown by the success with which they are doing the world's work. A prominent official in the United States Department of Agri-

culture noting the marked efficiency of our men made special inquiry touching its cause. Now, what is the use of trying to measure "training" and "amount of work" *merely* by length of time?

Doctor Williston refers to the young graduate who entered the University of Illinois as "favored." He went there unknown, without letters of introduction, went alone to the registrar and to the several heads of departments, presented his credentials from this College, and was admitted to the university as a whole, not merely to the Agricultural College, and received 101½ credits toward graduation from the agriculture course, 130 being the total required. He may have received liberal treatment, but Dean Davenport had nothing to do with it, nor was there any favoring. Further, another of our graduates from the agriculture course went there two years ago and was admitted as a graduate student. Another of our graduates in agriculture was admitted to the University of Wisconsin as a graduate student and received the Master's degree at the end of one year. Another was admitted to the University of Missouri as a graduate student, full faith and credit being given to his bachelor's degree here. Still another was similarly admitted to the Agricultural College of Cornell University as a graduate student and candidate for the Master's degree. There may be many more, but these have recently come to my knowledge and indicate the reputation of our College among other agricultural colleges.

Now, in conclusion, let us admit frankly that at the end of the freshman year our students have reached a point equivalent to only 14 units, or, as stated in my original article, we are just about one year behind university entrance requirements. We grant the bachelor's degree then upon three years' college work, and different preparation, if you please, but

those three years are, I believe, crowded fuller and in them a heavier burden is imposed than is the case at most other institutions. I am of course aware that it may be said that, while we nominally impose more work, with a less requirement better work on a given subject would be done. That, however, would depend on the student and on the teacher. My belief is that our students actually do more work than those of many other institutions. This belief has been created by repeated statements of comparison made by persons whose opportunity to make such comparisons has been much greater than mine.

Do our graduates lose anything by reason of the fact that we do not use the standard high school courses as required preparation? Yes. One in the high school who studies languages aright should acquire the dictionary habit; should gain the power to command words and accurately to distinguish them in meaning; he should be able to exhibit the trenchant power of expression shown by Doctor Williston, and for which he is doubtless in part indebted to his classical training; through modern languages one gains access to the writings of the masters of science, art and industry of other nations, a tremendous advantage to one who hopes to attain eminence. On the other hand, for many the time spent on languages might better far be otherwise employed. Accuracy of verbal expression; conscientious endeavor to obtain the entire and the exact meaning of words and sentences is a habit which can be drilled into students by special courses and special attention in connection with their daily work of all kinds. If every teacher in our College insisted upon clearness of thinking and accuracy of statement the student would obtain a training that would minimize his permanent deficiency due to lack of study of foreign languages. Really, the high

school is merely the door to some university of the old type. It does not prepare its constituency for the life that now is in the immediate locality, neither does it prepare for technological schools. It needs a radical overhauling.

J. T. WILLARD, '83.

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Jayhawker crowd, Jayhawker crowd,  
That's the reason we sing so loud,  
'Cause we're from Kansas.  
That's the reason we feel so fine,  
Feel so fine, as we feel so fine,  
We're awful good talkers  
Because we're Jayhawkers.  
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K! S! A! C!  
Rah! Rah! Rah!

Saturday, July 3, 1909, was the day our Pullman, "The Sydney," left Kansas City for the Pacific Coast. At Junction City the last member joined our party, which then numbered nineteen. They were: Mr. Rushmore, '79, and wife and daughter Marilla, of Kansas City; Prof. Albert Dickens, '93, and wife, Bertha (Kimball) Dickens, '90, their three children, Elizabeth, William, and Richard, and Mrs. Sarah Dickens (the professor's mother); Miss Ina E. Holroyd, '97, Gladys I. Nichols and Arthur Hopp, undergraduates, all from Manhattan, Kan.; Mrs. Lizzie (Cox) Kregar, '80, of Junction City, Kan.; Wm. L. Hall, '98, and wife, Gertrude (Lyman) Hall, '97, of Washington, D. C.; and Daniel H. Otis, '92, and wife, Mary (Lyman) Otis, '94, of Madison, Wis. Two young ladies of Topeka were with us as far as Denver.

The party was under the personal conduct of Mr. Rushmore, who proved himself a martyr to the cause. We know this, for when a man will stand

pat for his side of a bargain with tears in his eyes, fists doubled up, and showing his teeth, even railroad employes find it well to sit up and take notice. The through train was one hour late out of Kansas City because of this settlement. We found Mr. Rushmore and his amiable wife excellent chaperons, who were indeed faithful to the end.

Our route was over the Union Pacific and the Oregon Short Line, taking us through Denver, Cheyenne, Ogden, down to Salt Lake City and back to Ogden (through the courtesy of the railroad), on through Idaho and Oregon to Portland. We reached that city late Tuesday night, having made the entire journey without a change. The side trip to Salt Lake City afforded us a good opportunity to see and learn many things about that beautiful city and also the rare pleasure of hearing the mid-day concert in the Auditorium in which is that superb pipe-organ. It was Monday, the fifth of July, so the program was patriotic throughout. Mr. J. J. McClellen, chief organist, rendered the selections in a masterly manner. He charmed us with music from that great instrument that seemed, in many passages, to be veritable human voices singing in a chorus choir in some distant room of the building. We had to forego the pleasure of bathing in the Great Salt Lake on account of limited time. There was mutual regret over this, for we had hoped to find who were level headed in our party.

We cannot say that our route was decidedly picturesque, but it lay through a part of our great land that is awaiting development. Great sand wastes, in parts poorly covered with sage brush, lay there, while in other parts the sand dunes held possession, defying, so far, every commercial project to control them. The railroad makes its way through these ever shifting heaps of sand only by keep-

ing squads of men along its tracks, shoveling, day and night.

These dunes lie along the Columbia river and are blown there by the strong wind that blows up this gorge. I assure you we thoroughly enjoyed the beautiful scenery along this great river after leaving "The Dalles," and on through to Portland. Here we were loath to give up our car and our faithful and trustworthy porter, James Jackson. We were like a family of spoiled children, for he had been very indulgent with us. We spent the night in Portland, going on to Seattle the next day (Wednesday morning at 4 a. m.).

At the Union station we found a most cordial receiving line ("impressive" is a more fitting word when we recall the dimensions of most of the men). These were representatives of the K. S. A. C. contingency in Seattle, whose names are Mr. F. M. Jeffery, '81, and wife, Madames Sadie (Moore) Foster, '94, Ray (Davis) Bacheller, F. F. Davis and daughter, Aurel (Davis) Steele, and Messrs. C. J. Dobbs, '90, H. E. Moore, '91, J. A. Rokes, '93, Alfred C. Smith, '97, and Mr. and Mrs. Cox. Mr. Cox is a brother of Mrs. Lizzie (Cox) Kregar, of our party. Pardon this personal mention, but while greetings were in order an innovation was introduced by Mr. Jeffery. "An old classmate," he said when he found Mrs. Kregar present, and lost no time in presenting himself. Then followed a most touching scene in which each responded heartily, but Mrs. Kregar now insists that she thought it was her brother, Mr. Cox, as she was expecting him to be there. But Mr. Jeffery seemed prompted by this query: "Should auld acquaintance be forgot? Not this time." My! what a pace to set the young tribe.

The K. S. A. C. association of Seattle should have the palm passed to it for the royal entertainment it furnished the visiting K. A. C.-ites while in their aggressive city. Each mem-

ber was so liberal with his time, means and his very self that we are greatly indebted to them. On Friday we spent the day sightseeing, in the forenoon through the city, at noon lunching at a cafeteria where we had some "Good Eats." In the afternoon we visited the Government Navy Yards at Bremerton with its many points of interest, beside the enjoyable ride on Puget Sound. We returned between five and six o'clock, chilled and ravenous, but I can testify for Mr. and Mrs. Hall, Mr. Otis and myself that our needs were amply supplied in the cheery home of Alfred and Mary (Waugh) Smith, where we spent a delightful evening. In this connection I wish especially to write of the pleasure Mr. and Mrs. Foster afforded Mr. Otis and myself by entertaining us at their three-acre "ranch." Here we found a cozy home, flowers in profusion, loads of fruit of many kinds, real live chickens, and fresh eggs. Personally, I did justice to the tempting viands that Mrs. Foster served us, for I responded to this diet at a marvelous rate.

We greatly regretted that Mrs. Nellie (Little) Dobbs, '90, was not with us on account of her mother's critical illness, also that the genial face of Prof. E. E. Sisson, '86, now of Washington University, was not seen, for the reason that he was out of the city.

Oh yes indeed we had time at our disposal to see the Alaska Yukon Pacific Exposition. It is unique, and a charm pervades the entire place. Variety in type of architecture is very marked, and each building is further enhanced by a beautiful setting of flowers, shrubs and trees that grow so huge and so perfect because they are right at home. The exhibits from Alaska, the Yukon Valley, the Hawaiian Islands, were extremely novel and interesting. Saturday, July 10, was Kansas Day at the exposition. Hundreds of Kansans were in evidence

that morning in the Auditorium to hear Doctor Quayle's address. He knew we needed something light and breezy, reminding us the more of Kansas, see? Mrs. Harry Moore, an "in-law" of the class of '91, sang very sweetly on this occasion. Much of the day was spent in visiting, but when 6:30 p. m. came we K. A. C. folks had a picnic supper on the exposition grounds. There were about forty who ate together, and twenty-two of these were graduates.

We ate, we talked, we sang our Seattle song and gave our yell over and over. Then later we paid our respects to Pay Streak. All of this made a grand finale of the week's festivities. Here's to Mr. H. C. Rushmore and to our Seattle hosts! May the best ever be their's.

MARY (LYMAN) OTIS, '94.

#### *Football, 1909.*

October 2, Kansas Wesleyan, at Manhattan.

October 9, Missouri University, at Columbia.

October 16, Kansas University, at Manhattan.

October 23, Southwestern, at Manhattan.

October 30, Kansas Normal, at Emporia.

November 6, Creighton University, at Manhattan.

November 13, Oklahoma Aggies, at Manhattan.

November 20, Fairmount College, at Wichita.

November 25, Washburn College, at Topeka.

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# EDITORIAL

In our relief and gratitude that a suitable man has been brought to our aid as head of the College, we do not forget the man whose ovation last Commencement attested the place he held in the majority of student hearts. Loyal to him and to the memory of the strength of purpose which has given strength to the growing structures upon the hill, as well as to the culture and attainments, we shall all the more prove ourselves loyal to the one who has been found worthy to take his place.

At the annual business meeting of the Alumni Association in June, ways and means of strengthening the alumni organization were discussed as fully as the limited time would permit. The plan of Mr. C. H. Thompson, '93, presented in the June ALUMNUS, was read and considered, as was also a similar plan which was prepared several years ago and afterward rejected. A committee was appointed to draft a new constitution, but, according to our present constitution, no definite action can be taken until the next annual business meeting. Probably one feature of the new constitution will be a system of voting by mail. Just as important a provision will be the payment of annual dues by all alumni who would be active participants in the business of the association. This latter provision appears to have been "the rock upon which they split" in the previous attempt to strengthen the association. It would seem obvious that all alumni who are interested in the welfare of the organization would be willing to help bear the expenses which must necessarily arise when anything is to be accomplished. It is greatly to be hoped that every alumnus of the College, most especially

those who expect to vote at the next annual meeting, will study the situation carefully during the coming year so that they will know exactly what they are voting for or against when the new plan is taken up for action.

One noticeable feature of the Commencement, 1909, was an unusual evincement of interest among the alumni in class organization. The classes of '06, '07 and '08 held reunions and elected officers whose business it will be to arrange for some attractive form of reunion on the Wednesday preceding Commencement day of each year. The officers, most of them, are necessarily resident alumni. Their work will include the notification of class members of these events, and it is hoped and expected that increased attendance will, in consequence, mark the annual home coming. It is natural that the younger classes should take the initiative in the matter of organizing, since a larger proportion of their number is likely to return for the first few years after graduation. However, class organization should appeal even more forcibly to the older graduates, since it will bring them into closer unity and make them feel that they actually have a "place prepared for them" when they assemble in reunion. It is common to hear from the older alumni, "I feel like a complete stranger on the campus," and that feeling the general reunion cannot entirely dispel, valuable as its place is. It may be objected that only a few members are likely to be present. Then let these declare a quorum and elect themselves to office! By the next June or the next triennial reunion a very little effort and expense will bring to-



gether a larger gathering. It is the intention of the organizations mentioned to elect officers at each triennial reunion, and on such occasions the reunion will be made a more important event than those of ordinary years. These class gatherings would in no wise conflict with the established alumni reunion but rather supplement it, and, preceding it, better prepare the alumni to enjoy that always glorious occasion.

A number of inquiries have been received from ALUMNUS subscribers regarding the July and August numbers of the magazine. It should be understood that it is published only during the College year—from September to June, inclusive.

We acknowledge with gratitude the letters we have received from the different alumni expressing appreciation of the Fairchild Memorial issue of the ALUMNUS.

#### ***Dr. Ernest Fox Nichols, '88.***

The election of Dr. Ernest Fox Nichols, '88, as president of Dartmouth has called forth much favorable comment from the press of the country, and statements of hearty recognition of his worth from prominent educators throughout the United States. The retiring President Tucker, of Dartmouth, says of him:

"Few scholars in any department have gained the position which he holds as a man of forty. It is also his distinction that he has won his place in a department crowded with workers intent on research. The change which he makes to administration does not require of him the sacrifice of repression of powers which have given him success. Doctor Nichols is essentially a man of imagination. He sees things that are to be, as well as things that are. For this reason, I anticipate from him as brilliant a service in administration as he has rendered in research or in-

struction. I anticipate no less that through his personality he will establish himself at once in the hearts of undergraduates and graduates of the college."

The election of a specialist of his class to the presidency of an institution of the type which Dartmouth represents truly shows the trend of the times in education. Yet it is thought that his record of high efficiency in the field of science had as little to do with his election as did the fact that President Eliot was a chemist influence his election to the presidency of Harvard. The world recognizes more and more that the ability to do things as well as to know them is an infinitely great factor in the moulding of a man in the image of God.

#### ***Changes in the Board of Instruction.***

The number of new instructors and assistants is unusually large this year. Seventeen of the number will fill newly created positions, and a half dozen or more changes have been made. The following are the names of the new members of the board of instruction and their departments: Mechanical Engineering, G. E. Bray, Minn., E. A. McClaskey, K. S. A. C.; Civil Engineering, Don A. Stone, Cornell; dairy commission, M. R. Alleman, K. S. A. C.; Botany, Dean H. Rose, K. U. and University of Chicago, Paul W. Graff, Connecticut Agricultural College and Harvard; Veterinary Science, E. F. Kubin, K. S. A. C.; English, A. C. Klinger, Ohio Wesleyan, Miss Estelle May Boot, S. D. and Northwestern; public speaking, E. P. Johnson, Oberlin; Bacteriology, R. H. Wilson, K. S. A. C.; Agronomy, Charles Doryland, K. S. A. C.; Physics, J. R. Jenness, Denison University; Domestic Science, Helen Huse, K. S. A. C. The following are farmers' institute assistants: Horticulture, C. V. Holsinger, K. S. A. C.; Dairying, C. H. Hinman, Nebraska University; Domestic Science, Miss

Frances Brown, K. S. A. C.; education, S. W. Black; Animal Husbandry, G. C. Wheeler, K. S. A. C.; road making, W. S. Gearhart.

A. E. White, of Purdue University, will become an assistant in mathematics to take the place of J. D. Magee, who has recently resigned to take post graduate work at the University of Chicago. The vacancy left by the resignation of Assistant Professor Freeman in the Botany Department will be filled by W. E. Davis, M. S., of the University of Illinois. Among the resignations are O. A. Stevens, of the Botany Department; Assistant Professor Ward, English Department, whose position will be filled by Instructor L. H. Beall; Miss Florence Latimer, assistant in music, who will be succeeded by Miss Ada Baum, Purdue University; Professor Rudolph, band director, who will be succeeded by James A. Harris, of Beethoven Conservatory, St. Louis; E. C. Crowley, of the Chemistry Department; Miss Nellie Cave, of the Music Department.

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#### *Local Notes.*

The Manhattan street arc lights have been replaced by Tungsten lamps, this summer.

The resident members of the Eurodelphian Society were entertained one evening last month at the home of Misses Frances and Irene Case, on Manhattan Avenue.

The street-car line is being extended to the athletic park. From this point the line will run west on Bluemont Avenue to the campus, where a connection will be made with the main line. The Street Railway Company has proved to its satisfaction that the line has been a good investment, even during the dull summer months, and they expect far greater returns through the College year. A station will be built at the west terminus for the accommodation of students and the

crowds who attend evening entertainments at the College.

The old cinder walks are fast being replaced by cement walks. Much varnishing and frescousing is being done in the administration and experiment station offices, and the latter offices have been extended to include the office and class room on the first floor, southwest corner of Anderson Hall, formerly used by the English Department. The partition between the old entomology laboratory and the hall leading to the library reading room has been removed, and this room will constitute a new reading room, to be used chiefly for history reference work. The immense new engineering building is steadily growing—not into a thing of beauty, but into a model of usefulness. The structure contains three great divisions, the first to be used as follows: The basement will contain the equipment for testing concrete, stone, and other bridge and road material. The first floor will be devoted to the offices of the dean of engineering and of the assistants in mechanical and civil engineering. The drafting rooms will occupy the second floor. The second division will be devoted to the testing of large machinery, such as that for refrigerator plants. This room will extend to the roof, but a gallery will be placed about the room fifteen feet above the floor. The third division will be devoted to boiler testing.

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# PERSONAL



Fritz Harri, '09, is a scientific farmer at Salina, Kan.

Edith Jones, '09, is secretary for the Agronomy Department.

J. E. Martin, '09, spent the summer studying at Ann Arbor.

Amanda Kittell, '09, is in the office of Superintendent Miller.

Roy Spriggs, '09, is employed by the Mechanical Department.

Alberta Wenkheimer, '09, is teaching in the Clay Center (Kansas) city schools.

Virginia Meade, '09, has been elected assistant in domestic science in the College.

J. E. Brock, '08, has been employed as secretary of the Farmers' Institute Department of the College.

Raymond Brink, '09, has accepted the position of assistant in mathematics in the University of Idaho.

Grace Leuszler, '09, and Juanita Sutcliffe, '09, attended normal during August and will teach this winter.

Ida (Norton) McClure, former student, of Buffalo, N. Y., visited her parents in Manhattan this summer.

E. W. Jones, '09, has a position as irrigation engineer for the Hydro Power and Irrigation Company of Denver, Colo.

John Houser, '04, and Bessie (Mudge) Houser, '03, spent a part of the summer with Mrs. Houser's parents in Manhattan.

Cards have been received announcing the marriage of Caroline Neil, former student, to Mr. John Childress, of Ameythist, Colo.

Fred G. Kimball, '87, who has been engaged in mining at Innoko, Alaska, for a number of years, is in Seattle on his way home to Manhattan.

Thomas M. Wood, '06, attended Stout Institute this summer. He will have charge of the metal work in the Manual Training Normal at Pittsburg, Kan., this year.

At the annual reunion at Randolph, Kan., July 22-24, Dr. J. T. Willard spoke of "The Pure Food Law." Dean Webster spoke on "What Are Our Experiment Farms Doing for the Farmers?"

The wedding of Miss Jennie Morgan Thayer, former Y. W. C. A. secretary, and Mr. Perry Sharp Walker took place August 26 in Wichita, Kan., at the home of Miss Thayer's father, President Thayer, of Fairmount College.

Announcement has been made of the marriage of R. W. DeArmond, junior in '02, to Miss Elizabeth Davidson at her home in Orting, Wash., June 30. They are at home in Sitka, Alaska, where Mr. DeArmond is in the employ of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Louis M. Jorgenson, '07, took a special course in manual training in Stout Institute, Menomonie, Wis., this summer. He will superintend the work in manual training in the Cleveland High School, St. Paul, Minn., the present school year. His address is 905 Arkwright street.

Harry Umberger, '05, and Miss Rachel Kolck were married on June 3 at the home of the bride's parents in Wilmington, Del. They came west at once and after a short visit with Mr. Umberger's parents at Hymer, Kan., went on to Moro, Oregon, where Mr. Umberger will be engaged for the next few months in starting an experiment station under the department of agriculture.

Francis Williams, '09, is engaged in fruit raising near Los Angeles, Calif.

H. A. Spillman, '03, has been transferred from Oriental Negroes to Opon, Cebu, P. I.

Carl Mallon, '07, is playing baseball this summer with the Abilene (Kansas) team.

Perry Daniels, a former member of the '03 class, now of Topeka, has a newly arrived son.

T. N. Hill, '09, is teaching science and mathematics in the Eldorado (Kansas) high school.

C. A. Utt, of the Chemistry Department, and Mrs. Utt are the parents of a daughter, born last month.

A. B. Gahan, '03, and Mrs. Gahan, of the Maryland Agricultural College, have a little son, born July 19.

Geneva Henderson, '09, will teach domestic science in the high school at Le Sueur, Minn., the coming year.

W. N. Birch, '04, is in the employ of the Bureau of Animal Industry, with headquarters in Manila, P. I.

Leon Davis, '09, has accepted the position of instructor in dairy husbandry in the University of California.

C. C. Smith, '94, and Florence (Beverly) Smith, former student, are happy in the birth of a son, Winton Cogswell, August 10.

Venus Kimble, '08, and Lucy Needham, '08, left Manhattan in July for a trip through the West, which included Seattle and other points of interest.

Charles Blachly, '05, visited his parents in Manhattan for a week in August. Mr. Blachly is with the Remy Electric Company at Anderson, Ind.

Dr. C. E. Bassler, '07, was severely burned in a gasoline explosion at Greensburg, Kan., early in July, and was brought at once to his mother's home in Manhattan for care and treatment.

P. A. Cooley, '06, who has been secretary to President Nichols for the past few years, has accepted the position of professor of commercial art in the South Dakota State Normal, at Ellendale, S. D.

Helen (True) Goddard, '01, died July 30 at her home near Seward, Okla., after an illness of six weeks. Funeral services were held at Maple Hill, August 1, and interment made in the Maple Hill cemetery.

H. H. Conwell, '07, is again teaching mathematics in the University of New Mexico, after the summer spent in the University of Chicago doing advanced work in mathematics.

Roy Graves, '09, and Grace Smith, '08, were married August 7 at the home of the bride's mother in Manhattan. Mr. Graves is superintendent of the Pure Milk Commission of Kansas City and they are living at 2410 College Avenue.

J. C. VanEveren, the "Van of Van's Xpress," well known to every student for years past, will be missed by the returning students at the opening of College this fall. Mr. VanEveren left Manhattan with his family in August, to reside permanently at Pocatello, Idaho. "Van" has perhaps been best known of late years in his capacity of care taker of the athletic park; and the familiar figure of the man with the broom has been as closely identified with the place as have the athletic teams themselves. It will be remembered that, in those days before the College baseball team ever dreamed of winning the State championship, "Van" used to promise the boys that he would shave half of his burnside whiskers if they should win a certain game. Occasionally the unexpected would happen and, true to his promise, he would go about with one side of his face shaven, the other side with its customary burnside, until the time when the team was fortunate enough to win another game.

Helen Halm, '08, spent the summer with her mother in Manhattan.

C. S. Conner, '08, is practising veterinary science at Blue Rapids.

Roy Spriggs, '09, is teacher of manual training in the high school at Craston, Ia.

O. W. Hunter, '09, will be in College this year, working for his Master's degree in bacteriology.

Margaret Justin, '09, was ill with typhoid fever for several weeks this summer at her home in Manhattan.

Corinne (Failyer) Kyle, '03, is expected, early in October, for an extended visit with relatives in Manhattan.

Prof. and Mrs. Roland J. Kinzer are the parents of a son, born July 8. Mrs. Kinzer was formerly Maude Failyer, '03.

James Daniels, '09, will enter Chicago University this fall. During the summer he has worked as a life insurance agent.

Vera Holloway, '09, will be in charge of the domestic science department of the Pratt City (Kansas) High School this year.

Augusta Amos, former student, and Ernest A. Wright, '06, were married in Manhattan in June. They are at home in Milwaukee, Wis.

Ruth Neiman, '06, attended the Butler county institute in June and has been elected to teach the third and fourth grades of the Whitewater schools.

Guy Noel, '09, who was elected as assistant in the North Dakota Agricultural College last spring, has resigned and will teach in the Olathe (Kansas) High School.

J. R. Coxen, '07, has spent the summer doing special work at the State Manual Training Normal at Pittsburg, Kan. This year he will teach manual training in the New Mexico Normal University at Los Vegas.

J. B. Thompson, '05, who has been in the office of forage crop investigation, Washington, D. C., for the past few months, has lately been transferred to Agaña, Guam.

Miss Jessie R. Burton, general secretary of the Y. W. C. A., has been ill this summer at her home in Galesburg, Ill., with nervous prostration and will not be able to return to her work this year.

Harrison E. Porter, '07, was married in July to Miss Louise Vorhees Pierce, at West Springfield, Mass. They will live in Manhattan, where Mr. Porter will continue as assistant in mathematics in the College.

Virginia Meade, '09, and Edith Ingham, '09, have been giving domestic science lectures and demonstrations at chautauquas this summer. Daisy Harner '06, and Louise Fleming, '08, have been doing the same kind of work, together.

Miss Ethel K. M. Ping, of Sherwood Conservatory, Chicago, has been selected from among fifty applicants to fill the vacancy in the Music Department caused by the resignation of Miss Nell Cave, who will teach music in the University of Nebraska.

Miss Abby L. Marlatt, '88, has resigned her position as teacher of household economics in the technical high school at Providence, R. I., and has accepted that of teacher of domestic science at the State University, Madison, Wis. Miss Marlatt visited her parents in Manhattan this summer.

The marriage of Elsie Tulloss, '08, and Willis W. McLean took place July 8 in Denver, Colo. Mr. McLean was general secretary of the College Y. M. C. A. for six years and is now secretary of the city Y. M. C. A. of Mexico City. Mr. and Mrs. McLean visited friends in Manhattan, then went to California to be with Mr. McLean's parents for a few weeks before going to Mexico.

H. L. Popenoe, '09, is farming near Topeka, Kan.

Mrs. Mary (Pierce) VanZile spent her vacation in Winfield, Ia.

J. W. Norlin, '09, is working in a creamery near Windom, Kan.

Walter King, '09, is teaching in the high school of Carrolton, Ga.

John Richards, '09, is an instructor in the high school of Ida Grove, Ia.

Maurice Oteyza, junior in '07-'08, is entering upon his senior year at Yale.

A. B. Pincomb, a former member of the '09 class, is farming near Lenexa, Kan.

H. A. McLennon, '08, of Monrovia, Kan., announces the birth of a daughter.

A. H. Wright, '08, is in the employ of the Bureau of Agriculture, at Clayton, N. M.

Mabel Hazen, '09, will teach domestic science this year in a high school in North Dakota.

M. R. Alleman, '09, began his work July 1 as assistant to State Dairy Commissioner Wilson.

Charles Haines, '09, is a teacher in the Albia (Iowa) High School and coach of the football team.

On August 4 occurred the wedding of Georgia Quinn, former student, and Mr. Camille T. Leonard, at Tempe, Ariz.

Alma McRae, '06, and Mattie Pittman, '06, did advanced work in domestic science at the College during the summer.

Prof. C. W. Melick, of Ohio University, who was assistant in dairying at the College three years ago, visited with friends in Manhattan this summer.

Gertrude Vance, '04, has returned to Manhattan after a year's absence in Ohio, and has taken the position in the Secretary's office in the College formerly occupied by Miss Margaret Butterfield.

Arthur F. Cranston, '90, of Parsons, Kan., announces, through the *Topeka Capital*, that he will be a candidate for congress from the third district.

Mrs. Emma (Haines) Bowen, '67, has returned to Manhattan after an extended visit with her daughter, May (Bowen) Schoonover, '96, in Marietta, Ohio.

Mrs. Alida Winchip, former superintendent of sewing, and her daughter, Miss Margaret, of Peoria, Ill., were the guests of Manhattan friends this summer.

O. W. Hunter, '09, is beginning an extensive investigation of tuberculosis in chickens. A. G. Philips, '07, assistant in poultry husbandry, is working with him.

Nellie (Little) Dobbs, '90, came to Manhattan August 23 because of the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. C. F. Little. Mrs. Little died August 26, after an illness lasting several weeks.

The following is an extract from a letter written by Clara Pancake, '03: "It is nearly three years since I left Kansas for Philadelphia. The intervening time has been spent mostly in the latter place, with the exception of a year in the mountains of northeast Georgia. This summer I am at Eagles Mere, Pa. The 'Lake of the Eagles,' beautiful, though not extensive, lies on the crest of Mount Lewis, one of the highest peaks of the Alleghenies. Numerous summer cottages and hotels are clustered about the lake. None of the usual 'attractions' are here. The water sports, and the picturesque walks and drives provide sufficient entertainment. The whole place is pervaded by an atmosphere of rest and refinement. For six weeks, of the nine I have spent here, I have had a friend from Philadelphia with me. By September most of the summer guests will have gone, and Eagles Mere will be a lonesome spot. Then I shall go down to a mountain village, in a lower altitude, to remain during the fall."

Stewart Young, '08, is working with an electric company at Coffeyville, Kan.

Edna Brenner, '06, will teach the College Hill school, west of Manhattan, this year.

Anton H. Hanson, '09, was a student in the summer school at the University of Kansas.

Prof. R. R. Price spent his vacation at the summer session of the University of Michigan Law School.

The marriage of Nellie Nixon and Irving Ingraham, both sophomores last year, occurred August 10.

Bessie Nicolet, '07, assistant in the Music Department, visited relatives in Chicago the early part of the summer.

Myrtle Oskins, '09, after a short vacation trip to Iowa, enrolled as a student in the Manhattan Business College.

Prof. A. S. Hitchcock's family, who have spent the summer in their College Hill home, will go to Washington, D. C., for the winter.

Dr. N. S. Mayo, formerly at the head of the Veterinary Department, has been elected professor of animal husbandry and veterinary science at the Virginia Polytechnic School.

Married, September 15, at Soldier, Kan., Rev. Forrest L. Courter, '05, and Anna Tolin, '07. They will be at home in Bellaire, Kan., where Mr. Courter is pastor of the Methodist church.

Assistant C. S. Knight, of the Agronomy Department, has resigned his position and has gone to Reno, Nev., where he will be at the head of the department of agronomy in the University of Nevada.

Many alumni will learn with regret of the death of Mrs. G. W. Evans, formerly of Manhattan, who died June 14 at the home of her daughter, Bertha (Evans) Jolley, in North Chicago, Ill. She was buried June 18, at Manhattan.

Bunn Thurston, '06, was operated on for appendicitis in Manhattan in July. His recovery was rapid and he was able within a few weeks to return to his work.

Cora E. McNutt, '06, and Dr. Joseph N. Davis were married August 10 at the home of the bride in Ottawa, Kan. Miss McNutt has been secretary of the Topeka Y. W. C. A. for the past two years. Doctor Davis is a former student and is now a practising physician at Hudson, Wyo.

Assistant A. G. Phillips, '07, attended the meeting of the American Poultry Association at Niagara Falls this summer. He was also present at the convention of the International Association of Instructors and Investigators in Poultry Husbandry, at Guelph, Ontario, where he appeared on the program.

The '06 girls who were in Manhattan this summer talked over old times at a picnic in Lovers' Lane in July. Those present were Mattie Pittman, Edith Forsyth, Laura Lyman, Daisy Harner, Harriet Esdon, Winifred Dalton, Helen Inskeep, Edna Brenner, Kate Alexander, Stella (Campbell) Thurston, Mary Copley, and Margaret Cunningham, '07.

Grace Umberger, '05, after her graduation from the Illinois Training School for Nurses in Chicago, has spent a busy summer in her profession. For a few weeks she supplied as surgical nurse at Bridwell, Cook county jail, where there were two thousand prisoners and where her experiences were varied and interesting. Miss Umberger was offered the responsible position of superintendent of a contagious hospital and tuberculosis camp at Grand Rapids, Mich., but refused it because of her preference for private duty nursing. She has recently returned from a two-weeks' vacation on and about Lake Michigan and is now again at work with headquarters at 2025 Lane Place, Chicago.

Cecil Barnett, '09, has returned from California to finish her course in College.

Amer B. Nystrom, '07, has been elected assistant in dairying at the College.

W. T. Grant, former student, announces the birth of a baby girl, September 14.

Elmer Watkins, '06, is vice-president of the Harper county (Kansas) Farmers' Institute.

Flora Hull, '07, will take Miss Jessie Burton's place as secretary of the College Y. W. C. A.

Minnie Copeland, '98, writes that she finds pleasant work in private nursing in Bartlesville, Okla.

Margaret (Minis) Snodgrass, '01, and Milton D. Snodgrass, '06, are the parents of a daughter, born July 28.

J. C. Cunningham, '05, was in charge of the College horticultural exhibit at the Hutchinson fair this fall.

W. P. Tucker, '92, and Stella (Kimball) Tucker, '94, are living in Prescott, Ariz., where Mr. Tucker has interests in a smelter company.

Mrs. Grace (Pierce) Price, of Winfield, Ia., and Mrs. Kate (Pierce) Baker, of Wapalo, Ia., both students in the eighties, visited their sister, Mrs. Mary (Pierce) VanZile, in June and attended the Commencement exercises.

Maud Hart, '01, is greatly enjoying her work as matron in the Menaul mission school at Albuquerque, N. M. She spent a most enjoyable vacation this summer, in company with a sister teacher, at Grand Canyon, Ariz., and on the Pacific Coast.

Asst. Prof. Geo. F. Freeman, of the Botany Department, has accepted a position as head of the department of plant industry in the University of Arizona at Tucson, Ariz. Mr. Freeman and wife, Adelle (Blachly) Freeman, '01, left in August for their new home in Tucson.

Asst. Prof. Andrey A. Potter, Mrs. Potter (Eva Burtner, '05) and their son spent the summer in New York, where Mr. Potter has been doing advanced work in the line of his department.

W. H. Edelblute, '92, of Rathdrum, Idaho, visited relatives in Manhattan the first of the month on his return from the National Shooting Contest in Washington, D. C. Mr. Edelblute is major of the Second Idaho Infantry, and in addition to his military duties he finds time to work at civil engineering.

Mary Kimball, '07, gave a house party for a number of '07 friends at her home in Manhattan, immediately following Commencement. A few weeks later, guests of the party were entertained for a week at the homes of May Umberger, '07, at Hymer, Kan., and Mamie Frey, '07, at Elk, Kan.

Walter J. Burtis, '87, according to the *Fredonia Daily Citizen*, has the distinction of producing the largest wheat yield in Kansas this year. The crop was on twenty-six acres and averaged forty-two and one-half bushels to the acre. The wheat is Fultz variety and the seed was secured from the Agronomy Department of the College.

News comes from Tucson, Ariz., of a serious accident which has befallen Adelle (Blachly) Freeman, '01, and her little nephew, Edwin Clothier, son of Prof. R. W. Clothier, '97, and Libbie (Blachly) Clothier. A cesspool, twenty-four feet deep, had just been completed near the Clothier home and the little boy, in playing about, fell into it. Mrs. Freeman, hearing his screams, rushed to the spot and, in her excitement, fell over some loose earth into the hole. The boy received serious injuries, the extent of which have not yet been fully determined. Mrs. Freeman received some painful bruises and suffered from a nervous shock so that she was confined to her bed for several days.



Curtis Smith, a former member of the '08 class, was married in June to Miss Nona McDonald, of Davenport, Ia.

F. V. Dial, '97, and wife, Katherine (Cooper) Dial, '08, have purchased a dairy farm in Hackberry Glen, near Manhattan, and will move there from Cleburne at once.

Clara L. Hughes, student last year, was married, September 16, to Howard L. Moorehead, student in 1907. They will live in Wichita, where Mr. Moorehead has a position as electrical salesman.

Kathleen Selby, '09, who was elected assistant director of physical culture at the College, took a six-weeks' course in physical culture, this summer, in Seattle at the exposition school.

Miss Ella Weeks, assistant in the Art Department, taught art in a summer school for teachers in Rustin, La., the early part of the summer, and later took up work in Tulare University in New Orleans, La.

A. H. Johnson, '03, of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, is enjoying a vacation in the States and paid a brief visit to the College a short time ago. Henry Sidorfsky, '03, also of Rio de Janeiro, expects to come home for a visit this winter.

Mr. E. Dana Trout, who has been secretary of the Department of Agronomy for the past few years, has resigned to become assistant director of the experiment station at Tucson, Ariz. He will be assistant to Frederick W. Wilson, '05, director of the station.

George C. Wheeler, '95, has resigned his position as assistant in the Department of Animal Husbandry to become an assistant in farm management in the Farmers' Institute Department. Mr. Wheeler's place will be taken by J. G. King, of the University of Missouri.

The following alumni are teaching near Manhattan: Sarah Davies, '02, Helen Inskeep, '06, Edna Munger, '08, Tillie Trunk, '08, Chloe Willis, '09.

F. W. Haselwood, '01, and Maude Zimmerman, '02, were married, June 3, in Provo City, Utah. They are at home at 903 Filbert street, Oakland, Cal.

Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Walters have returned from their very delightful summer in Europe. They spent most of the time with their daughter in Solothurn, Switzerland, making short journeys through the Alps into Italy and southern Germany. Doctor Walters reports the visited countries, and especially Switzerland, as highly prosperous. There were 1800 American tourists in Switzerland during the first week in August, and English was spoken in every large hotel and railroad station. Doctor Walters visited a large number of educational institutions, among them the agricultural schools of Ruetti, Sursee, and Turgovia. He says that Switzerland has progressed very much since he left that country over forty years ago. Many towns looked so different that he did not recognize them, and new roofs were visible everywhere. Miss Birdie Secrest, '92, and Miss Ada Rice, '95, joined Doctor and Mrs. Walters in a very pleasant foot tour in the Jura mountains. Miss Rice and Miss Secrest visited the former home of Elizabeth (Edwards) Hartley, '92, in Wales, and made other visits in England, so in addition to the regular sightseeing they were enabled to observe home life at first hand. They returned on the White Star Liner, Lusitania, which on that trip broke the world's speed record, accomplishing the journey in four days, eleven hours, and forty-six minutes. Miss Jessie Reynolds, '06, who also spent the summer in Europe, was with another party and did not meet the other College tourists.

Sixteen members of the class of 1908 living in Manhattan entertained themselves at an evening picnic one night last month.

Vera McDonald, '04, and Dr. Charles A. Pyle, '04, '07, were married, September 16, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett McDonald, in Manhattan. They will live at 300 Fifth Avenue, N. E., Minneapolis, Minn.

Helen Thompson, '03, goes this year to teach household economics in the technical high school, Providence, R. I., the place recently vacated by the resignation of Miss Abby Marlatt, '88. May Umberger, '07, will have Miss Thompson's former position as director of domestic science, Lincoln College, Lincoln, Ill.

Among the alumni visitors at the College this summer were the following: Emma E. Glossop, '83, May Secrest, '92, John V. Patten, '95, Mabel (Crump) McCauley, '97, Estella Fearon, '03, J. J. Biddison, '04, Arthie Edworthy, '06, Dr. J. H. Cheney, '06, E. W. Thurston, '06, J. L. Dow, '06, Georgia (West) Allen, '07.

The wedding of Laura L. Lyman, '06, and Chauncey I. Weaver, '06, took place Wednesday evening, September 15, in the Congregational church of Manhattan. The ceremony was performed by Rev. O. B. Thurston, of the Congregational church, assisted by Rev. W. T. McLain, of the Christian church. Before the ceremony, Mary (Lyman) Otis, '94, sang Schubert's Serenade. Mr. and Mrs. Weaver left on a night train for Minneapolis, Minn., where they spent two weeks at a lake resort before going to their home in Duluth, Minn. Among the out-of-town guests at the wedding were Mary (Lyman) Otis, '94, Gertrude (Lyman) Hall, '97, W. B. Thurston, '06, Stella (Campbell) Thurston, '06, Edith Forsyth, '06, and Winifred Dalton, '06.

Carrie (Painter) Desmarias, '99, is living in Mulvane, Kan., where her husband is conducting a mill and elevator business.

Married, September 15, at the home of the bride in Tescott, Kan., Lestlie E. Hazen, '06, and Ella V. Brooks, '09. They are at home on Mr. Hazen's farm, Centralia, Kan.

The June number of the *Railway and Engineering Review* and of the *Railroad Age Gazette* both contain large-size half-tones of George W. Wildin, '92, elected president of the American Master Mechanics' Association at the annual convention held in Atlantic City, N. J., in June. Mr. Wildin's name also appears as captain and first baseman of the railway men in the annual baseball game between the railway men and the supply men. It may be well to mention that Mr. Wildin's was the winning team.

We take the liberty to publish herewith a part of a letter read at the alumni meeting in June:

*Dear Friends at the Kansas State Agricultural College:*

I regret that I cannot be with you on Wednesday evening of this week. I cannot go west until June 26, and I must miss the commencement at Oberlin where Eulalie, my younger daughter, is to be a graduate on the 17th from Oberlin Academy. She will enter Oberlin College in September. Juliet, the elder of my girls, will take courses at the University of Chicago, this summer, and next year will teach as assistant to Professor Shotwell, of the modern history department of Barnard College at Columbia University. My term in the schools of Jersey City closes June 25, and I go then to spend the summer in Oberlin, Ohio. I should enjoy a visit to the Agricultural College at any time, especially, however, at Commencement.

With kindest remembrances to all alumni friends,

ALICE (STEWART) POINTS, '75.

Edna Cockrell, '09, is teaching in a mission school in Mississippi.

Jesse Hirst, '09, is employed by the Curtis Steam Turbine Co., of Fall River, Mass.

Alice Marie Correll was born on September 9 to J. A. Correll, '03, and Ella (Criss) Correll, '04.

Ralph Armstrong, '09, has been made foreman of the Experiment Station blacksmith shops at Hays, Kan.

Dr. Leonard W. Goss, instructor in veterinary science, and Miss Florence E. Joyce were married September 7, in Columbus, Ohio.

Coach M. F. Ahearn and wife, Mary (Davis) Ahearn, '04, spent the summer vacation with Mr. Ahearn's parents in Massachusetts.

Ruth Inskeep, a former student, was recently married to Mr. Charles Springer. They are at home on Mr. Springer's farm near Manhattan.

W. H. Irving, Franklin Adams, and Lloyd L. King, all of the class of 1909, are employed by the Union Switch and Signal Company at Pittsburgh, Pa.

Milo Phelps, who was formerly a member of the class of 1906, brought his wife to visit College friends in Manhattan this summer. Mr. Phelps is now in the railway mail service.

C. V. Holsinger, '95, has been made assistant in the Farmers' Institute Department. Mr. Holsinger and wife, Olive (Wilson) Holsinger, '95, have moved to Manhattan and are living on Moro street.

Fred A. Marlatt, '87, barely escaped serious injury in being struck by an automobile on Manhattan Avenue a few weeks ago. Mr. Marlatt was driving down the avenue in his buggy when an automobile, just behind him, struck a rock, breaking its steering gear and dashing against the buggy. Mr. Marlatt was thrown out with such force as to fracture a rib and injure his head.

Asst. Prof. George Freeman has resigned from the Botany Department to take a position in the Arizona Experiment Station. Mr. Freeman and his wife, Adelle (Blachly) Freeman, '01, left Manhattan in August for their new home in Tucson, Ariz.

Dr. Duren J. H. Ward, who occupied the chair of English during President Will's administration, is editor of the magazine, "Up the Divide," published in Denver, Colo. The periodical stands for advanced thought in religion and sociology.

Mrs. J. G. Foster, on the site of whose old farm a part of the campus lies, has sold her residence on Eleventh and Laramie streets—the large stone house where she has lived for so many years—and is living with her nephew, Mr. Ed. Greeley, in Manhattan.

In the presence of a large circle of friends and relatives, Miss Ellen E. Sodergren and Carl P. Thompson, '04, were united in marriage at the Methodist Episcopal Church, Garrison, Kan., on Wednesday evening, September 1, at eight o'clock. Mabel Thompson, short course '00, was maid of honor and Lawrence V. Sanford, '04, acted as best man. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson went immediately to housekeeping on a farm south of Garrison, where they will be at home to their friends.

Mattie (Mails) Coons, '82, will soon be mistress of one of the largest and handsomest homes in Manhattan. The house, which is now being built, will contain twelve large rooms, exclusive of baths, closets, and hallways, and is beautifully situated, facing the city park from the north. The entire house was planned by Mrs. Coons. George E. Hopper, '85, is also adding to the glory of Manhattan in the erection of a beautiful residence of red brick and shingles, on Dennison street.

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Edna Munger, '08, is teaching school in Riley county, Kansas.

John Richards, '09, is teaching in the high school in Ida Grove, Ia.

Born, August 3, to Dr. K. P. Mason, '04, and Lena (Finley) Mason, '05, a son.

Ida Rigney, '09, has been given the position of dietician in Emsworth's Hospital, St. Joseph, Mo.

Perle H. Skinner, '07, and Josephine (Walter) Skinner, '07, are the parents of a baby girl born this month.

J. W. Zahnley, '09, and wife, Mabelle (Howell) Zahnley, '09, are both teaching in the city schools at Dwight, Kan.

Ruth Cooley, '06, is home in Manhattan from Cananea, Mexico, where she has been employed as stenographer for the past year.

Mabel (Groome) Gawthrop, junior in 1905, now of Los Angeles, Calif., made an extended visit with her parents in Manhattan this summer.

Captain Pearl M. Shaffer, former commandant of the College cadet battalion, will arrive in America from the Philippines, October 15, on leave of absence.

Assistant E. G. Schafer, '07, has resigned his position with the Agronomy Department and will take special work in agronomy at the University of Illinois this year.

J. O. Parker, '09, is working for an electric power company in Garden City, Kan.

Last week J. C. Christensen, '94, received an appointment as deputy bank examiner, under the bank commissioner of Kansas. Mr. Christensen is especially well qualified for the place and will give the State excellent service. He has resigned his position as cashier of the Farmers & Merchants bank at Leonardville, to take effect as soon as a successor can be secured. He takes up his duties as examiner at once, but will spend Saturday in Leonardville. His territory will be from Republic county west.—*Manhattan Republic*.

The resignation of Lorena E. Clemons, '94, as Secretary of the College, was accepted with much regret at the June meeting of the Board of Regents. The president of the Board was instructed to draw up a memorial expressing the appreciation of the Board of the faithful service Miss Clemons has given the institution since her work began at the resignation of I. D. Graham in 1897. Miss Clemons left Manhattan the first of August to go with her parents and sister, Ethel Clemons, '05, to North Yakima, Wash., their future home. Miss Margaret Butterfield, who has proved a capable assistant to Miss Clemons, has been elected Secretary.

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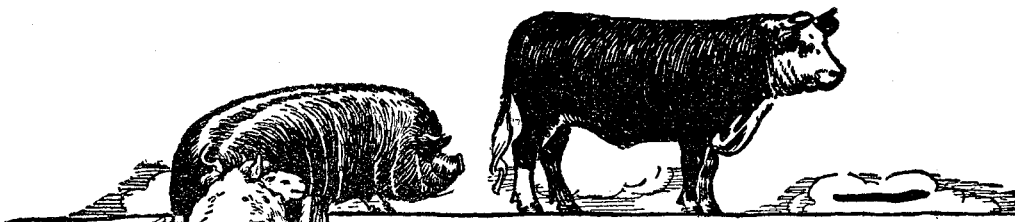
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