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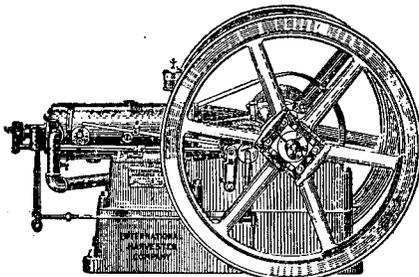
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Pittsburg.

By James Coxen, '07.

Pittsburg has been variously described as grimy, smoky, ugly, industrious, and terrible, but recently an Englishman used another word and wrote about "Romantic Pittsburg." Another person, long before, had described the city in another way; he spoke of Pittsburg as "Hell with the lid off," and his description still lingers.

I suppose that most people think of Pittsburg in some such way as the above. Before I came here I thought of it as a city of furnaces, foreigners, and millionaires. I had heard of

"Grim Pittsburg, the city of smoke,
Where the sky is a mem'ry and sunshine a
joke."

and I believed all that I heard. When I left Kansas I took a farewell look at the sun, filled my lungs with air, and then started for the place of exile. When I reached here I was a little surprised to find that the sun shone here, too, and that people breathed air as well as smoke. I soon found that Pittsburg was not as it had been described, but that it was a big, busy American city: a manufacturing city first—the greatest perhaps in the world—but a city in other ways as well.

Pittsburg proper is located between two rivers, the Allegheny and the Monongahela, which unite here to form the Ohio. Across the first one lies Allegheny, the North Side of Greater Pittsburg, while beyond the other lies South Side. Farther back, along the banks of both rivers, lie the dozen or more boroughs which will in a few years become a part of the city

in name as they now are in reality. Then perhaps will Pittsburg have "a million people," the mark for which they are striving. On the wedge-shaped piece of land between the two rivers lies the business section of Pittsburg. Land is scarce here and valuable, so the streets are both short and narrow. Smithfield, the principal business street, is only eight blocks long and not more than fifty feet wide. Fourth Avenue, "the Wall Street of Pittsburg," is so narrow that there is room for only one car track with space on each side for but a single wagon. A blockhouse, the only remaining part of old Fort Pitt, still stands at "The Point" where it was built to overlook the three rivers. It is entirely surrounded now, however, and were it not for the flag, which can just be seen above the surrounding buildings, a person could hardly locate it. Grant's Hill, where the English were once defeated by the French and Indians, is now the location of the Frick building and the court-house, each of them more than three hundred feet high. The scarcity of building space has caused buildings to be put "up," not "out," and a person can count a dozen sky-scrapers from any place in the business district.

Pittsburg is not all like this, however. Fifteen minutes' ride will take a person over into Allegheny to West Park, where a good view of the city and of the Ohio river can be obtained. Twenty minutes in the other direction and Highland park, on the Allegheny river, with its beautiful examples of landscape gardening, its drives and the Zoo are located. Here, too, is Loch Carnegie, one of the many gifts

which the "Pittsburg blacksmith" has made to the city. Perhaps the most beautiful place in the city, however, is Schenley Park. It contains three hundred acres of rough, rugged land, most of it in its natural state. Here are located a driving park, a stream for boating, several monuments, the Phipps conservatories, the Carnegie Technical Schools, and the Carnegie Institute. The latter building, finished only a year ago, is one of the most beautiful in America, covering six acres of ground, built of grey granite, finished inside with marble and costing six million dollars, it is indeed the pride of "the smoky city." An inscription on the front cornice tells its history and its purpose: "This building, dedicated to science, literature, and art, is the gift of Andrew Carnegie to the people of Pittsburg." It contains the central library of the city, the department of fine arts, and the museums. There are galleries of statuary, paintings, drawings, architecture, and bronzes; a dozen museums, filled at an enormous expense, and a splendid music hall where free concerts are given several times each week.

A trip along the rivers shows still another view of Pittsburg, and it is this part of the city which has given to it the suggestive name mentioned before. For a total distance of forty miles along the banks of the three rivers are located the factories and mills whose products are sent to every country on the globe. Steel products stand first, but there is hardly an article of any kind which can not be made here. The steel mills are especially interesting. A visitor along the rivers sees the banks lined with the mills, the water covered with coal fleets carrying their fuel, and the air filled with their flames and smoke, and he then realizes why the pay-roll of Pittsburg is a million dollars a day. Everything, from a watch spring to a locomotive, from shingle nails to

armor plate, is made in these mills, and more than a few human lives are lost in the process.

Pittsburg might be called a city of extremes. It has one of the finest library systems in the world and one of the poorest street railway systems; one of the largest police forces and about the smallest street-cleaning force. I have seen it so dark at 9 A.M. that it was necessary to have the street lamps lighted, and I have seen it so light at 9 P.M., from the flames of the converters at the steel mills, that no street lights were necessary in that section of the city. It has advantages and disadvantages. There are about ten reasons why a person should stay here and eleven why he should not. People who have lived here all their lives like the smell of the smoke and the roar of the mills, but a person who has lived in the West, where there is plenty of air and lots of space, will probably like it only until the novelty wears off. At least that is my experience, and as soon as I can overcome the force of gravity the eleven reasons will overcome the ten, and then "I'm going West."

A Visit to a Sugar Camp.

From the scarcity of communications from the '91-ers, it is to be presumed that they are still busy in their pursuit of the earth. But since we have such an excellent medium of intercourse as the ALUMNUS has become, it seems as if we should patronize it and let it be known to the rest of our classmates just how much of this old mud ball which we inhabit has come into our possession since we declared, in 1891, "We want the earth." It is supposed that many of the class added, sotto voice, "And we are going to have it, too," for it is known that many have acquired more or less acreage in one corner or another of the earth.

For ourselves, our present and latest ambition is to own a sugar orchard,

because yesterday we made a trip into the country with our next-door neighbors to visit a sugar camp. The man of whom we very recently bought our supply of fresh maple syrup invited us to drive out to his place, five miles east of the village. He said if we would telephone to him just when we were coming he would be ready to do some "sugaring off."

The drive was beautiful, as we were going toward the Adirondack mountains, and, while we could not see any of the real mountains, the foothills stretched away before us, rising higher and higher, until they grew blue and dim in the distance.

Arriving at the home of Mr. Wallace, we proceeded to explore the mysteries of sugar-making. The first thing was to examine the covered sap buckets, learning how the covers are removed, and then helping ourselves to sap, while a saucy "sap sucker" sat on a tree near by and scolded us. When covered sap buckets are used less dirt and dead leaves blow into the sap, and the sugar is whiter for this precaution.

The "camp" was our next point of interest, as here the sap is brought and here the interesting transformation takes place. The modern methods of syrup- and sugar-making are not to be compared to the old times when the sap was boiled in a big iron kettle out of doors.

At Mr. Wallace's camp the sap runs from the tank in which it is gathered in the orchard into a heating vat. From here it runs into a shallow pan about four feet wide and ten or twelve feet long. This is divided by partitions which do not go quite across, one partition lacking a little of reaching at one end, and the next lacking at the other end. The pan is thus divided about once in eight inches, and one end of the pan is higher than the other. So the sap runs back and forth through these long, narrow divisions of the pan, boiling all the way,

for there is a fire under the whole thing. By the time it reaches the last division it is quite like syrup, and is drawn off and strained while hot, through white flannel cloths. Over this boiling pan is a large hood, which carries off the excessive amount of steam, leaving the air in the rest of the room clear and easy to work in. All boiling pans do not have this hood, as we could tell by seeing the steam pouring out of the doors and windows of the many sugar camps which we passed on our way to and from Mr. Wallace's.

After the syrup is drawn off from the boiling pan and strained, it is boiled again in a small vat on a separate fireplace. This vat is about as large again as an ordinary wash boiler, and will hold all that two men can easily handle, as the syrup and sugar are very heavy.

Mr. Wallace makes his syrup and sugar with a thermometer, and it is thus all alike. If he is making syrup he boils it until it registers 219° F. Then it will weigh eleven pounds to the gallon, which is the standard test for pure maple syrup in New York state. If he desires sugar, he lets it reach 248° F. and removes it from the fire at once.

A curious thing which Mr. Wallace illustrated for our benefit is the precaution which they take to keep the syrup from boiling over. They had at hand a cup with a small amount of sweet cream in it. Mr. Wallace put the tip of a spoon into the cream and let all drain off that would. He then drew the tip of the spoon through the boiling, bubbling syrup. It appeared as if the bottom had suddenly gone out of the vat, the boiling went down so quickly. The mass fell at least eight inches, and did not rise in the vat again for several minutes.

As we had been promised a "sugaring off," the syrup which was in the vat on our arrival was boiled to 248°. It was then lifted from the

fire. We were each provided with a saucer and teaspoon and given some of the hot stuff to stir. We were rewarded by having some delicious, fine-grained, warm sugar, which we proceeded to put where it would do the most good.

The men had gotten some pans of snow from some near-by fence corners, and on this was poured some of the hot syrup, and we had "wax"—another treat of the sugar camp. This we all thought better than the warm sugar (if possible).

While we were filling up on the various kinds of sweet things our host was industriously stirring that mess of hot syrup. As soon as it became cool enough he poured it into pans which will hold exactly five pounds of sugar each. He had what looked to me to be about two good large milk bucketfuls of the syrup. When caked it made over fifty pounds of the finest maple sugar I have ever seen. It takes sixteen quarts of sap to make one pound of maple sugar, when it is done in the thoroughly honest way of Mr. Wallace. Maple sap averages three per cent sugar.

The orchard which Mr. Wallace works contains about 1000 maple trees. It has been worked for over 100 years, the trees having been tapped by the Indians before it came into the possession of white men in 1806. Mrs. Wallace's father has operated it since 1867, and still lives there and helps around. Mr. Wallace keeps planting young trees each year, as some old ones have to be taken out occasionally. Mrs. Wallace said that since she had learned that syrup and sugar are best made by the thermometer she had been experimenting with boiled frosting and had discovered that her sugar should be boiled to 236°, and since then her frosting is always the same. I pass this on as a good thing for the housekeepers who read the ALUMNUS.

I wish I could pass around some of that delicious maple sugar which we

saw made and some of which we brought home. The best I can do is to send a little to the busy editor to sweeten her up a bit and get her to testify.

But I want to say that I know of one place in this United States where good ("lickin' good" at that!), pure, unadulterated maple syrup and sugar are made.

And when we got home didn't our good Hibernian domestic have warm biscuits and maple syrup ready for supper! Oh-h-h!!

Yours for the earth (with a good sugar orchard somewhere on it),

FANNY (WAUGH) DAVIS, '91.

A Trip to Tuskegee.

J. A. Conover, '98.

For a number of years I have had a desire to visit Booker T. Washington's school, and at last the opportunity came, unexpectedly of course, as many things come to those working for Uncle Sam. Leaving Washington at eleven P. M., I woke in the morning to find myself among the red clay hills of North Carolina. All day the train sped through this red land, crossing South Carolina and into Georgia, without much to break the monotony except the towns and villages through which we passed, and the evergreen pine. Early in the fall this land would be white with cotton, and the "niggers" would be busy with the picking.

I arrived at Tuskegee in the morning. It was warm and balmy, not much like January mornings we have in Kansas or more northern states. I was little prepared for the sight that greeted my eyes as we drove out of the village and got in sight of the institute.

Tuskegee Institute was established in 1881, the first teaching being done in one room of a cabin. A little later a small church-like building was secured, and this was the first building of this now famous school. A "life

size" model of this building now stands on the campus, that all who run may read.

To-day there are about thirty substantial brick buildings and a number of frame ones, making forty-two in all. These have been put up entirely by student labor. The brick are made by students, the "stone trim" is made of cement and sand, all the window and door frames are made by students, and all other carpentry and mill-work is done by them. In fact, everything about these buildings represents student labor.

The students are taught other useful things. The boys learn printing, tailoring, shoe-making, painting, buggy- and wagon-making and repairing, tinning, plumbing, blacksmithing, and cabinet-making; in addition, they work on the farm, in the orchard, in the barns, dairy, and greenhouse. The girls are taught to cook, sew, wash, iron, and keep house. They make their own clothes and hats, as well as many other things, such as baskets, mattresses, mats, and brooms. They are taught how to convert the things that grow in the fields and woods into useful articles. I saw mats and baskets made of "pine straw," the leaf of the yellow pine. Then there were hats "fearfully and wonderfully made" out of corn husks, and I thought, when I saw them, what a lot of hats the women of Kansas could have if they would only learn to make them of corn husks.

Every one works early and late about this institution. Breakfast is at five-forty, after which the student returns to his room and puts it in shape. Quarters are inspected about seven o'clock, and everything must be in perfect order. From this time on it is one continual round of duties until chapel closes at nine P. M.

No doubt you wonder how the students get time to do all the work that is done about the school. The regular students work three days and go to

school three. Then there are about five hundred boys and girls who work all day and attend classes at night. These, for the most part, are new students who have not saved enough to start on the regular course.

About sixteen hundred students, in all, are enrolled, five hundred of whom are girls. Strict discipline is exercised in all departments, and I confess that I have seldom seen a better behaved body of students. One hundred thirty teachers are employed, besides a few student assistants, but, like many another institution, Tuskegee is overcrowded, and, though the requirements are raised every year, still they come.

Miss Poston, K. S. A. C. '07, has about three hundred fifty girls under her instruction in cooking. Her classes begin at seven A. M. and continue until five P. M., with one hour for luncheon. I visited one of her classes and did myself credit in the way I handled the creamed turnips that were prepared during that period.

Mr. George Owens, '99, has charge of the dairy herd, which consists of pure bred, grades, and scrubs, in all about one hundred twenty-five head. This, and the student helpers he has, keep Mr. Owens pretty well occupied.

I nearly forgot the short course. We had a lively one, with a total enrolment of four hundred ninety, and everybody interested. The last day was the crowning feature, with a mock auction sale of cattle and horses. After the animals were sold the judge went over each one and pointed out wherein the purchaser had exercised good or poor judgment in buying. Then there was the plowing contest. I tell you it takes a good driver to turn a straight furrow with some of the mules furnished; but there were good drivers, for two of them plowed straight furrows and walked off with the prizes. After this there were exercises in chapel, consisting of speaking, plantation songs, and a very able address by Dr.

H. E. Stockbridge, editor of the *Southern Ruralist*, Atlanta, Ga. The last number on the program was a basket dinner out on the campus. The "game" was called at four o'clock sharp, and everybody was ready. This may sound a little cool to "you all" for the twenty-first of January, but it was plenty warm.

This ended my stay in Tuskegee, a very pleasant and, I trust, a useful trip. It is a great school, doing a great work, and a living monument to its founder.

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#### **Chicago Alumni Reunion and Banquet.**

On the evening of April 11, at the Hamilton Club, occurred one of the most pleasant reunions the K. S. A. C. Alumni Association of Chicago has enjoyed since its organization.

After exchanging greetings with former students, classmates, and fellow alumni, we were summoned by the president, E. T. Martin, '90, to the banqueting room where, in well-chosen words, he introduced our well-known alumnus, C. E. Freeman, '89, as toast-master, who presided in his characteristic humorous manner over the following program, after all had done justice to the excellent menu:

D. H. Otis, '92, gave us some agricultural facts to think about, and some good reasons why Kansas is at the front, and Mary (Lyman) Otis, '94, sang to us in her old-time pleasing way.

Mabel (Crump) McCauley, '97, Ione (Dewey) Sutherland, '93, Jessie Sweet, '05, and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer House contributed to the musical treats of the evening.

We were all glad to greet Samuel Wendell Williston, '72, who always has his Alma Mater close to heart, and who gave us some excellent ideas as to the future growth of the College.

Jane Chapin Tunnell, '89, in clever rhymes, with alumni names, told us "Who's Who, and Why," and E. C. Gardner, '04, gave us a vivid review

of the frolics and adventures, incidents and accidents, in which College boys participated.

Mr. Munger was voted the thanks of the association for his kindness in securing for us such a pleasant meeting place.

Space forbids a full description of all the good things we enjoyed together, and as usual the time to sing "Auld Lang Syne" came too soon, and ere we dispersed Grant Dewey took a snap shot of the College family.

The greetings and good wishes of the association were telegraphed to President Nichols, and all regretted that no representative of the College Faculty could be with us.

The following graduates, former students and friends of the College were present. It will be noticed that there were representatives of all the classes from '86 to '95, inclusive, covering a period of nine years of College life; seventeen different classes were represented, and many and varied were the reminiscences, names and faces recalled: Mrs. Kate E. (White) Turley, '71, and Mr. Turley, Dr. S. W. Williston, '72, and Mrs. Williston, D. G. Robertson, '86, and Mrs. Robertson, W. E. Whaley, '86, S. N. Peck, '87, and Mrs. Peck, Lora (Waters) Beeler, '88, and Mr. Beeler, C. E. Freeman, '89, Jane Chapin Tunnell, '89, Grant W. Dewey, '90, E. T. Martin, '90, Madeleine Milner, '91, D. H. Otis, '92, Laura Day, '93, Ione (Dewey) Sutherland, '93, Fannie Cress, '94, Mary (Lyman) Otis, '94, E. H. Freeman, '95, Hortensia (Harman) Patten, '95, John V. Patten, '95, Mabel (Crump) McCauley, '97, and Mr. McCauley, C. M. Correll, '00, W. F. Lawry, '00, R. G. Lawry, '03, E. C. Gardner, '04, Jessie A. Sweet, '05, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Munger, Mrs. Geo. Dewey, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer House, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Knostman, Miss Elizabeth Tunnell, Dr. Stella M. Gardner, Misses Lillie and Elva Abbott, Miss Elva White,

Mrs. Hattie Zeigler Shaffer, Philip Shaffer, Mr. Royce, Mrs. Moore, Miss Florence Coon.

The program committee were E. H. Freeman, Madeleine Milner, E. A. Munger, John Patten, and C. M. Correll. The officers for the next year are: President, W. E. Whaley, '86, secretary and treasurer, Lora (Waters) Beeler, '88.

LORA (WATERS) BEELER.

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Baseball.

The score of the games thus far played is as follows:

- K. S. A. C. 3, Topeka White Sox 9.
- K. S. A. C. 8, William Jewell 2.
- K. S. A. C. 2, St. Mary's 2.
- K. S. A. C. 1, Washburn 3.
- K. S. A. C. 2, C. of E. 1.
- K. S. A. C. 6, Southwestern 0.
- K. S. A. C. 13, McPherson 1.
- K. S. A. C. 4, Epworth 0.
- K. S. A. C. 3, St. Mary's 2.
- K. S. A. C. 5, Highland Park 2.
- K. S. A. C. 13, Kansas Wesleyan 1.
- K. S. A. C. 1, Washburn 0.
- K. S. A. C. 10, State Normal 4.

Other games on the schedule are:

AT HOME.

- May 23, Kansas State Normal.
- May 27, Drury College.
- June 5, Kansas University.
- June 6, Kansas University.
- June 12, Haskell.
- June 18, Haskell.

ABROAD.

- June 8, K. U., at Lawrence.
- June 9, Haskell, at Lawrence.

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**K. S. A. C. Reunion at Ames.**

On the evening of April 16, 1908, the K. S. A. C. alumni of Ames, Iowa, in response to an invitation, gathered at the home of Prof. and Mrs. J. H. Criswell to spend a few hours socially and to partake of the bounteous feast prepared by those of our number who represent the Department of Domestic Science.

The evening was spent in telling

of some of the exciting College events that took place from the early eighties down to the present time. To those of us who could keep a connected line of thought of the recital of three or more events at one time, it was very evident that the world revolves around K. S. A. C.

The dining-room was beautifully decorated in College colors. Cut flowers adorned the table. At each plate was found a K. S. A. C. pennant that was worn as a personal adornment the rest of the evening. One side of the room was tastefully decorated with sunflowers, through which ran the motto, "I want to be in Kansas when the sunflowers bloom."

The event was truly a pleasant one. It was a family gathering and renewing of acquaintances. Those present were: Prof. J. H. Criswell, '89, Mrs. J. H. Criswell, '94, Mrs. Martha (Nitcher) Sower, '01, Chas. A. Scott, '01, S. S. Fay, '05, L. Greene, '06, Mr. E. R. Snapp, freshman '06-'07, Mr. George Sower, and Mrs. Chas. A. Scott. C. A. SCOTT.

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A committee representing the literary societies of the College is planning for the introduction of an official College pin, and they have offered a prize of ten dollars for the best design presented. It is expected that it will be of a monogram nature, embracing all or a part of the initial letters of the College. The sale of the pins will be in charge of the Executive Department, and only students of the four-year courses or alumni of the College will be eligible to wear them.

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The exhibition given by the Department of Physical Training, May 15, in the Auditorium, was especially good, and decidedly out of the ordinary. Some of the exercises must have been difficult of execution, but the excellent training of the girls showed itself in the skill with which they performed their work.

# EDITORIAL

The executive committee of the Alumni Association is completing plans for the Commencement reunion. Announcement of these plans will be made at an early date, and it is hoped that a large number of alumni will plan to be in attendance at the meetings. An early hour—two o'clock—has been set for the business meeting, Wednesday afternoon, leaving the latter part of the afternoon open for class and society reunions. A number of classes are making preparations for reunions at this time, but as yet no definite plans have been announced. The triennial alumni address will be given in the Auditorium, Wednesday evening; and according to custom the triennial reunion and banquet will be held Thursday evening. The Y. M. C. A. building has been chosen as the place for the meeting. Beside being the best place in the city for such a gathering, this building offers the advantage of being centrally located and more easily reached than the College, and visiting alumni will enjoy the opportunity of seeing the new quarters of the Y. M. C. A.

The proposed change in name of the College that has been agitating College circles and causing so much comment throughout the State, appears to be yet far from settled. The advocates of the change seem to be found chiefly among the students and the more recent alumni, though there are many other people who are not wholly unfriendly to the idea. Friends of the movement base their plea for a change in the name on the fact that the graduates from the agricultural course are greatly in the minority and suggest that the name "Kansas State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts" be

adopted. This name, they hold, would not in any way infringe on the rights of the partisans of agriculture, and at the same time would be fair to the other courses. The engineering courses are the ones most affected in the way the matter now stands. These courses have become a strong rival to the ones at Kansas University, and those most interested in them feel that they do not receive the name and support that they should have, because men not well acquainted with the College would hardly expect to find a great engineering school at an agricultural college.

Again, the advocates of the new movement quote from the act of 1862, regarding land-grant colleges, which act is in part: "The leading object shall be, *without excluding other scientific and classical studies . . . to promote such branches of learning as are related to agriculture and the mechanic arts, . . . in order to promote the liberal and practical education of the industrial classes in the several pursuits and professions of life.*"

The opposition movement, on the other hand, contends that we have in the State both a Normal School and a University, and that the prime object of the Agricultural College is to promote the science of agriculture, which is every day becoming more important. It appears to them a plan likely to defraud the farmers of Kansas of their just dues, and they make the rather unjust accusation that the other faction is ashamed of the name, "Agriculture." There really seems, to an unprejudiced observer, little ground for this criticism, for one side is probably as sincere in its view as the other. So far it appears that the "Pros" and "Antis" are arguing at angles with

each other, and it may be that if they could reach common ground they would not be so far apart in their aims as they now appear to be. Be that as it may, it is evident from the reading of the act which established the College that a new act of the legislature will be necessary before the College can officially be called anything other than "Kansas State Agricultural College."

The ALUMNUS is in sympathy with the movement for the change of name, and, in so far as it may affect the opinions of the alumni, would add its influence to bring about the change. The paper, however, is primarily the organ of the alumni, and every one who is interested in the movement on either side is urged to add his voice to the discussion.

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Alumni May Assist in the Selection of a New President.

The following communication from the Washington alumni should be given the immediate attention of all other local branches of the Alumni Association. Here is an opportunity for us to make our influence felt in the administration of the College.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 24, 1908.
To the Alumnus, Kansas State Agricultural College, Manhattan, Kan.

The resignation of Pres. E. R. Nichols has given opportunity to the alumni to express themselves in the matter of choosing a successor. Hon. A. M. Story, the president of the Board of Regents, has very kindly extended to the Washington alumni an invitation to offer suggestions and help in the matter of choosing a new president, indicating in his letter that suggestions would be gladly received from not only the Washington alumni but from every member of the association, wherever he may be. The Washington Association held a meeting on April 21 and appointed a committee of five to secure the names of suitable men for the position and

get all possible information regarding these men, with the idea of presenting a list to the Board of Regents for their consideration.

It is hardly to be presumed that united action by all the alumni associations and the individual members can be secured, but it is very desirable that everybody interested express his opinion in the matter. It is suggested by the committee of the Washington alumni that the various similar organizations have meetings and decide on the course of action that will best meet the situation. It is hoped that similar committees will be appointed from the various other organizations and that they will work with the end in view of getting the names of the best men before the Board of Regents. These organizations might also take steps towards having representatives at the triennial reunion in June, and a definite stand taken by the entire organization at that time. It is earnestly hoped that those not in reach of the local organizations for meetings will communicate with them, expressing their desire in the matter. In case you are in doubt as to where to write, it is suggested that communications be directed to the secretary of the association at Manhattan.

This seems to be a favorable time for the alumni to express themselves and do the association and the institution, and the State of Kansas as well, a good turn, and it is to be hoped that they will avail themselves of the opportunity. Respectfully yours,

H. T. NIELSEN,
Secretary of the Committee.

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The Extension Department of K. S. A. C. has established a bureau for the purpose of aiding seniors and alumni to secure positions in high schools and colleges, or in their chosen line of work. Graduates in considerable numbers are already patronizing the department and express themselves as pleased with the idea.



# PERSONAL



Richard Reece, '06, is principal of the Beacon (Mich.) High School.

Effie Stuart, '05, of Humboldt, Kan., is the guest of friends in Manhattan.

W. J. Yoeman, '93, was about town and College for a few days this month.

Del Mar Akin, '01, graduated this spring from the University Medical College, Kansas City, Mo.

J. H. Blachly, '00, graduated May 8 from the Western Dental College, and will begin practice with his father in Manhattan.

H. W. Johnston, '99, reports from San Antonio, Tex., (113 Fourth street) where he is inspector for "The Commercial Underwriters."

Prof. Oscar Erf, late instructor in dairying, and Mrs. Erf are the parents of a son, born at their home in Columbus, Ohio, recently.

De Verne Corbin, '03, is a colporteur for the Watch-tower Bible and Tract Society, in Allegheny, Pa., with headquarters at 610-614 Arch street.

Nellie Baird, '05, and Mrs. Cora (Baird) Bruce, a former student, of Marquette, visited friends in Manhattan and renewed College acquaintances last week.

Contractor Geo. E. Hopper, '85, is in charge of the work of moving the water-tower. The tower is being moved on a track, just as it stands, about seventy-five yards west of its original position.

John S. Hazen, '89, of the Weather Bureau of the United States Department of Agriculture, has returned from Tampa, Fla., to Springfield, Mo. He writes that he expects to be at the College for the Commencement reunion.

R. C. Bowman, '07, will teach the sciences, including agriculture, in the Crawford county high school next year. He will also start the work in manual training.

Arthur Helder, '04, who has been taking an active interest in practical parking and road building, was made clerk of the Kansas City, Kan., park board, a short time ago.

May Secrest, '92, director of domestic science in the California Polytechnic School, will give instruction in foods and home sanitation in the summer session of the University of California.

George C. Hall, '96, is the lucky man who won the \$325 piano in the penmanship contest of the Olney Music Co. Mr. Hall wrote on a postal card, 1508 times, the sentence: "Olney Music Co. sells reliable pianos."

Mark V. Hester, '94, who has been for some time engaged in educational work in the Philippine Islands, is located at present in Paete, Laguna, where he is a supervising teacher in the Bureau of Education, U. S. Civil Service.

The friends of Prof. B. F. Eyer, of the Electrical Engineering Department, will be interested to know that he is one of ten men who will receive the advanced degree of electrical engineer from Armour Institute of Technology in June of this year.

Harry Hess, '05, who is with the Western Electric Company, and has been stationed in Kansas City, has recently been transferred to Dallas, Tex. Mrs. Hess (Kate Paddock, '00), after visiting her parents in Manhattan for a few days the past month, went to join him in their new home.

A daughter was born, April 19, to Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Logan. Mr. Logan graduated in 1905.

Clarence Hood, of Washington, a student in '93, is spending a few weeks in Manhattan with his father.

Archie Connor, '06, and Miss Nellie Feese were married, May 14, at Mitchell, Kan. They will make their home on a farm near Mitchell.

A. D. Holloway, '07, has charge of over a thousand boys enrolled in classes of practical summer gardening in the boys' department of the Omaha Y. M. C. A.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Purdy, of Wichita, were recent visitors in Manhattan. Mr. Purdy was a student here in '99-'01 and Mrs. Purdy was formerly Jean Day, of this city.

Percy E. Lill, '07, and Helen Bottomly, '05, were married, May 6, at Cherryvale, Kan., the home of the bride. They will be at home on a farm near Mount Hope, Kan.

Alma McRae, '06, stopped in Manhattan for a few days last week on her way to her home in Goodrich, Kan., after a visit with W. B. Thurston, '06, and Stella (Campbell) Thurston, '06, in Enid, Okla.

J. J. Biddison, '04, was married, May 20, to Miss Florence Atwood in Topeka, Kan. Mr. Biddison is city editor of the *Arkansas Gazette*, in Little Rock, Ark., where they will make their home.

Lieut. Glenn Edgerton, '04, lately graduated from West Point, has been assigned to service in the engineering corps at the Panama Canal. He left Manhattan early in May for New York, enroute to Panama.

H. M. Thomas, '98, of Harrisburg, Pa., recently had a visit with Professor Bemis, former teacher of history and economics at the College. Professor Bemis is in Cincinnati now, and is considered the greatest expert on gas and water systems in the country.

Laura Lyman, '07, is just recovering from a nervous collapse, which she suffered on account of her heavy work in the Bethel Mission. Miss Lyman will resume her work soon, and expects to continue it next year.

Viola Norton, '04, who recently accepted the position of domestic science teacher and governess in the Washburn Orphans' Home, of Minneapolis, Minn., has returned to her home in Manhattan, having found the position an unsatisfactory one.

Tillie Harold and Eliphalet Patee, both former students, were married on Easter Sunday at the home of the bride in Manhattan. Mr. Patee will do advanced work in the Northwestern Medical School, and they will be at home at Thirty-fourth and Dearborn streets, Chicago.

E. L. Hougham and family, of Bakersfield, Cal., are visiting in Manhattan, after an absence of nine years. Ed. was a senior student in 1897, and will remain until after June 18 to participate in the Commencement festivities, and to visit with other old-timers who will be here during the Commencement season.

R. P. Hibbard, Ph. D., who has been stationed here for the past year conducting work for the government Department of Agriculture, in soil analysis, left recently for Pittsburg and Washington. From there the doctor goes to the Mississippi College to take the chair of plant pathology and bacteriology.

Among this season's brides-to-be are Rees Washington, '05, Nell Baird, '05, Jewell Spohr, '06, and Florence Sweet, '07. The marriage of Miss Washington and Mr. E. D. Sampson, of Quinter, will take place May 27; Miss Spohr will wed Mr. Vernon Heath, of Peabody, June 3; Miss Sweet's marriage to Earl J. Evans, '06, will probably occur late in June; and Miss Baird will soon become the bride of Harvey Hubbard, '07.

Professor and Mrs. A. L. Peck are the parents of a son, born May 7.

E. C. Thayer, '91, is draftsman in the office of the U. S. surveyor general in Helena, Mont.

S. R. Vincent, '94, of Deer Creek, Okla., was a recent visitor at the College. Mr. Vincent is considering locating in Manhattan in the near future.

Lorraine is the name of the little daughter born May 10, in Harrisburg, Pa., to Henry M. and Jeanette (Perry) Thomas, both members of the '98 class.

Z. L. Bliss, '00, was married, March 13, to Miss Mildred E. Wiggin, of Saginaw, Mich. Mr. and Mrs. Bliss are at home since May 1 in Grosse Pointe, Mich.

Coburn Thomas Tomson was born, March 26, to Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Tomson, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Mrs. Tomson was Tina Coburn, of the class of 1891.

A son, who has been named George Carter, was born March 20, at Delavan, Kan., to Dr. W. A. McCullough and Josephine (Wilder) McCullough, both of the class of '98.

Dr. R. F. Bourne, '03, of Kansas City, writes that he and Mrs. Bourne have recently bought a handsome little home at 3308 Garfield Avenue, where they will be glad to welcome any K. S. A. C. friends visiting in the city.

Howard D. Matthews, '04, of Carthage, Mo., and Miss Elizabeth Faulkner, of Schenectady, N. Y., were married March 30, 1908. Mr. Matthews is an engineer with the General Electric Company, and they will reside at 362 McClellon street, Schenectady.

Dr. M. Ione Hulett, '93, has gone from Cleveland, Ohio, to Alamogordo, New Mex., where she is practising osteopathy and living on the ranch with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Alberta (Dille) Hulett. A. B. Dille, '99, lives on an adjoining ranch, and John A. Harvey, '99, just beyond him.

The Evanston (Ill.) *Index*, of April 11, publishes the speech made by John U. Higinbotham, '86, at the Press Club luncheon given in honor of Secretary Taft, and among other comments says that the speech was easily the best made at any of the affairs at which Mr. Taft was the guest of honor.

The Philadelphia *Press*, of May 6, gives an account of the marriage of Rev. F. O. Woestemeyer, '99, to Miss Margaret E. Durboraw. According to the *Press*, Mr. Woestemeyer was sent as a missionary into the mountains of Kentucky, three years ago, by the Home Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church. While there he met Miss Durboraw, whose home is in Philadelphia, but who had been sent on a similar errand by the Philadelphia Board of Missions. When he was called to a charge in Rossville, Kan., Mr. Woestemeyer found it easier to leave the mission work than to leave his fellow missionary, so they were married, May 7, and came to Kansas together.

Prof. and Mrs. H. F. Roberts sailed, May 10, for Europe, where they will spend the summer. Professor Roberts' purpose is to study varieties of wheat, especially with regard to hard winter wheats which might be suitable for introduction into the plains regions of the west and middle west states. He goes first to Paris, next to the Mediterranean region, thence north and east through the Balkan states, followed by a trip through Germany and the Scandinavian peninsula, returning by way of England. He will visit various plant-breeding stations, where he will come into contact with some of the most successful plant breeders in the world, and where he hopes to secure information which will be of use in breeding operations of the Botanical Department. Mrs. Roberts will confine her time to viewing scenery and visiting the principal art centers.

Will Boys, '04, and Dovie (Ulrich) Boys, '03, of Goodland, Kan., are the parents of a daughter, born April 17.

Pontus Ross, '02, and Esther (Hanson) Ross, '03, are living in Idaho, where they have bought land in the irrigated region.

In addition to his work as teacher in the Portland City Schools, H. A. Darnall, '92, is editing the *Beaver State Herald*, of Gresham, Ore.

The Board of Regents has voted to employ two assistants for Custodian Lewis, both to be men from outside the College. One will be employed during the day and the other will act as night watchman.

K. C. Davis, '91, dean of the State School of Agriculture, Canton, N. Y., is to teach agriculture and nature study in the Summer School of the South, at the University of Virginia, this summer. The term opens June 18 and closes July 31.

Miss Flora Rose, '04, is having a busy year at Cornell, where she is lecturer on home economics. Miss Rose expects to be in New York in June, finishing her thesis for her Master's degree at Columbia University, but will return to Ithaca later.

Fanny (Waugh) Davis, '91, is the winner of first prize for the best four cooking-box menus for breakfast, luncheon, and dinner, offered recently by the *Record-Herald*. Mrs. Davis has been experimenting for three years with fireless cookery, and says she cannot keep house at all without a cooking box.

Henry Brinkman, '07, now located as practicing architect in Emporia, Kan., reports that he has plenty of high-grade work on hand. Among the buildings now on his drawing table are two large brick churches (at Emporia and Olpe), a fine residence at Bazaar, the new government post-office building at Manhattan (a \$50,000 structure), and several smaller residences and cottages.—*Industrialist*.

The *Springfield Sunday Republican*, Springfield, Mass., comments upon the recent development of the art of photography, and describes an exhibit recently instituted at Amherst, Mass., by Prof. F. A. Waugh, '91:

"The magazines have lately been making a good deal of capital out of their discovery that photography is a fine art. Hundreds of pages of text and illustration have been printed to show that, in the hands of the real artist, the camera gives the same result as the pencil and brush. Of course such discussions do not refer to photography as ordinarily practiced. But the men and women who have mastered the photographic technique now bring forth broad, artistic effects, pictures full of poetic suggestion, dreams of line, mass, atmosphere, and story. These new photographers take themselves and their work very seriously. They maintain their art clubs and give their annual and local salons with as much dignity as the painters, and with almost as wide a popular acceptance.

"Such a salon is now open to the enjoyment of Amherst people. It is instituted by Prof. F. A. Waugh, and originated in his wish to show his classes in landscape gardening what there is in landscape which appeals to an artist. It happens that professor Waugh is himself something of a photographer and a member of several of the aristocratic photo-art clubs already described. This puts him into personal relations with many of the leading photographic artists of the country, and he has been able, therefore, to levy on them for contributions to the present salon. The pictures are hung in Wilder hall at the agricultural college, where the classes in landscape gardening meet. While these rooms were not originally designed for use as an art gallery, they are well lighted and serve the purpose fairly. There are eighty-four pictures exhibited by ten artists, there

being enough from each artist to enable the observer to gauge the manner and ability of the individual workers. A very neat little catalogue of the exhibit has been printed and special invitations sent to lovers of art in Amherst and vicinity to see the show. Aside from this, the public is cordially invited to come in at any time within the coming week and make the most of it."

John U. Higinbotham, '86, of Chicago, is the author of a new book, "Three Weeks in Holland and Belgium," a delightfully entertaining volume, illustrated with fifty-two half-tone pictures, all taken by the author himself. Four years ago Mr. Higinbotham, who is an energetic business man, wrote a book entitled "Three Weeks in Europe," or the vacation of a busy man, based upon his own experiences while traveling abroad. In all particulars unlike the professional guide-book, it is a narrative, full of incidents and humor—just the things one wants to know, and full of pertinent suggestions. The book made a "hit," and is now selling in its fifth edition. Out of this first success came the idea that there was a field for a series of travel books showing what a busy man could do by taking a week to go and a week to come, with two or three weeks on the other side—just about the time the average man could spare for a vacation trip. And now there is announced a "Three Weeks Abroad" series, under the authorship of Mr. Higinbotham and published by the Reilly & Britton Co., Chicago. "Three Weeks in Holland and Belgium," just published, is the second book in this series; it is written in the same bright humorous style as "Three Weeks in Europe," and promises to be as great a success. Mr. Higinbotham expects to leave soon for a vacation in England, where he will utilize his time in coaching

through the country, and next year a new book will cover this interesting trip.

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**Program for Commencement Week,
1908.**

Sunday, June 14.—Baccalaureate Sermon, College Auditorium, 4 P. M., Rev. Robert E. L. Jarvis, D. D., Pastor Presbyterian Church, Winfield, Kan.

Monday, June 15.—Recital by Music Department, College Auditorium, 8 P. M.

Tuesday, June 16.—Examinations from 8:35 A. M. to 2:40 P. M. Senior Play to Invited Guests, College Auditorium, 8 P. M.

Wednesday, June 17.—Examinations from 8:35 A. M. to 11:50 A. M. Business Meeting Alumni Association, 2:00 P. M. Class and Society Reunions, 3:30 to 6:00 P. M. Triennial Alumni Address, College Auditorium, 8 P. M., Ernest F. Nichols, '88, Professor of Experimental Physics, Columbia University.

Thursday, June 18.—Annual Address, College Auditorium, 10 A. M., Dr. Albion W. Small, Dean of Graduate College, Professor of Sociology, University of Chicago. Presentation of Diplomas. Cadet Band Concert, College Auditorium, 2 P. M. Military Drill, 3 P. M. Triennial Reunion of Alumni and Invited Guests, Y. M. C. A. Building, Corner of Fremont and 11th streets, 7:30 P. M.

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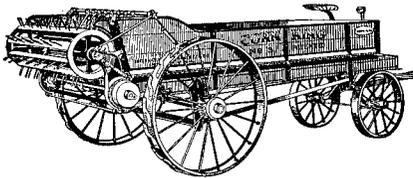
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