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Outline of ~~address~~ to be ~~delivered~~ by Thomas E. Will before the
Kansas State Teachers' Association, December 30, 1897.

THE DEMAND FOR THE PRACTICAL IN EDUCATION.

- I. Each child born into society is entitled to the most complete general or liberal education that he can receive. Society should provide it for him, and make it available.
- II. But a general education, tho the most rational and scientific, is insufficient for most departments of the world's work. It demands supplementing with a practical education.
- III. Unfortunately the general education is not yet in all respects truly rational or scientific. The knowledge grows, institutions of education, thru inherent inertia, lag behind. Teachers are often fettered by inordinate respect for authorities in science, and by dread of authorities exercising government of the institution. For these reasons the general education is made of still less value for the practical business of life.
- IV. A special practical education should be provided to supplement the general education and to supply the needs of those who as yet cannot avail themselves of a general education.
- V. The practical should include education for the actual world of work, and also education for citizenship.
- VI. Practical education should be furnished in trade schools, manual training schools, industrial schools, agricultural and mechanical colleges, engineering departments of universities, and in night schools. It should also be furnished much more largely than at present in the public schools, whether of city or country. The consolidation of rural ungraded schools into graded schools will make possible much more highly developed work along this line.

VII. Practical education should be made available. A direct connection should be maintained between the lower schools and the higher. All public educational institutions should be freed from tuition and other fees, save for breakages, damages, and the like. Public scholarships and opportunities for paying one's way should be furnished to the worthy and promising student by the state. Short courses complete in themselves should be provided for those who cannot take long courses. Free transportation to rural schools should be generally provided.

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Prof. E. N. Hopkins,

Dear Sir,

In compliance with the suggestion found on page 15 of the program of the Kansas State Teachers' Association for 1897, I send you herewith an outline of the paper I am to read on December 30th, and suggest that for purposes of discussion the points be divided up as follows:

I and II, E. N. Hopkins.

III, IV, and V, Luther D. Whittemore.

VI, and VII, J. D. Hewitt.

Should the gentlemen named care to make any other division of the work among themselves, any arrangement they may make will be entirely satisfactory to the writer.

Very truly yours,



Nov. 29, 1897.

Mrs. Rose M. Shirtcliff,

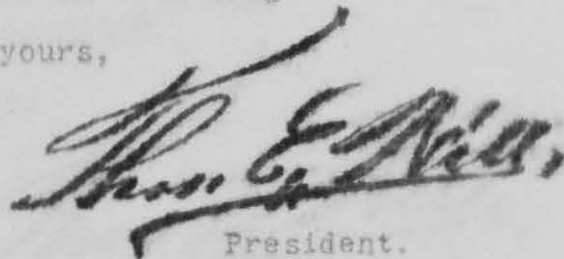
Otego, Kas.

Dear Madam,

Your favor of the 26th received. There are some cases of typhoid fever in the vicinity, tho it is believed that they are due to the drinking of unboiled well water. Experts say immunity from the disease may be had either by first boiling the well water, or better still, by drinking the city water.

The country well water is believed to be practically free from typhoid fever germs. I think your son would be safe in returning.

Very truly yours,



President.

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President J. L. Snyder,

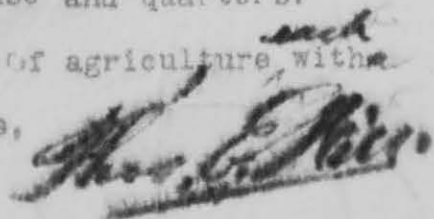
Michigan Agricultural College,

My Dear Sir,

Yours of the 27th is at hand. Replying I will say that the military officer at this institution performs no other duties than those belonging strictly to his department, save that he attends faculty meetings and performs committee duties as do other professors.

We do not furnish our military officer with house and quarters. The state furnishes the president and the professor of agriculture with a house.

Very truly yours,



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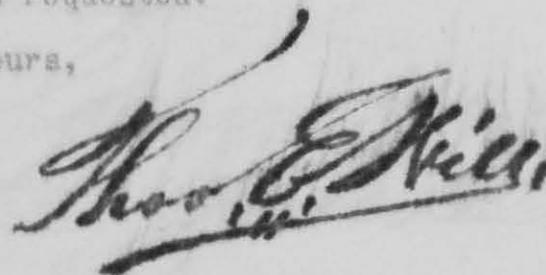
Mr. Louis Lehmann,

Elk, Ks.

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 27th is at hand. That the changes made in this institution, however wisely planned, or humanely carried out, should have aroused criticism is by no means strange. Changes are always opposed by people of conservative temper. The reorganization in the time of Hon. John A. Anderson's election to the presidency excited the most violent criticism, tho now all agree that these changes were entirely wholesome. Further, partisan feeling runs high in Kansas, and this fact alone explains much of the unfavorable comment you may have heard. I send herewith two copies of the statement requested.

Very truly yours,



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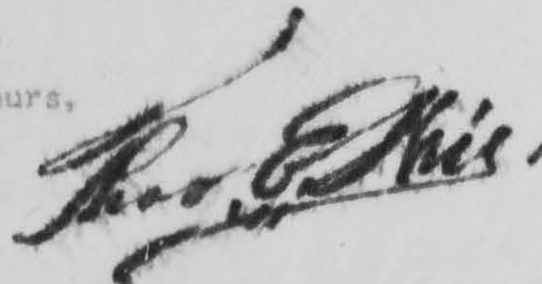
Hon. J. S. Parks,

Topeka, Ks.

Dear Sir,

Replying to your favor of the 27th inst., will say that the board of regents meet next on the 15th of December.

Very truly yours,



Mr. G. C. Clemens,

Supreme Court Reporter,

Dear Mr. Clemens,

Will you kindly inform me whether an income tax law would probably be constitutional in Kansas? Would it be practicable to reach the corporations, including the railroads, by some form of graded corporation tax?

Very sincerely yours,

Thos. G. Hill

Nov. 30. — W. H. Glenn was notified that the president & lieutenant agreed to excuse him from drill.

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Hon. C. B. Hoffman,

Regent,

Dear Mr. Hoffman,

Enclosed find a somewhat condensed account of the latest, and also a copy of the matter that appeared near the beginning of the college year. Do you think it worth while that anything be said in reply? As you can readily see, the two papers are filled with studied misrepresentations, which at times degenerate into positive falsehood.

Very truly yours,

W. H. M.

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Mr. John Frost,
Herkimer, Ks.

Dear Sir,

Replying to your card of the 23d, I will say that on Nov. 12th we sent to State Superintendent Stryker your K. S. A. C. grades, as requested. For additional information I advise you to correspond with Supt. Stryker.

Very truly yours,

Thos. E. Will.

*Board's Dairyman
Livestock Indicator*

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same { Publisher Kansas Farmer,

Dear Sir,

Enclosed find advertisement of our dairy school, which we desire inserted with one inch space for four weeks, beginning with your next issue. Please send bill on completion of work.

Very truly yours,

Thos. E. Will.
President.

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For full information address:

PRESIDENT THOMAS E. WILL.

Mrs. Marie Huberty James,

5 Oxford Terrace, Boston, Mass.

Dear Madam,

Your favor of October 28th was duly received. Inasmuch as the matter of which you write I regarded as of much importance, I have been devoting some attention to the examination of economic books, before risking a recommendation. All things considered, I am prepared to say that in my opinion Prof. Richard T. Ely's Outlines of Economics, published by Flood and Vincent, Chautauqua Press, Meadville, Pa., is the book I should recommend.

Pres. E. Benjamin Andrews's Institutes of Economics, published by Silver, Burdette & Co., is also excellent, a work of ripe scholarship; but is so closely condensed and peculiarly constructed as to lack the popular features of some other economic textbooks. I have used it in class, however.

Prof. Charles Gide's Political Economy, published by D. C. Heath & Co., I have also used as a textbook elsewhere, and with much satisfaction. Prof. Gide is a French author, who writes in a wonderfully clear and attractive manner. Like Prof. Ely and Pres. Andrews, he is quite progressive in thought, altho less so than the two writers named. His book is considerably the largest of the three.

Gen. Francis A. Walker's textbooks, large and small, are perhaps more widely used in the United States, than any other economic textbooks. They are also very ably prepared. On some questions Gen. Walker wrote with fairness and in a moderate and progressive spirit. Other portions of his writings, however, are quite otherwise.

I have taken the time to read a large part of Prof. Ely's book, which I have never used as a text; and will say that should I use a textbook again, that is the book I should put in the hands of my classes.

Very sincerely yours,

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Prof. Richard T. Ely,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Prof. Ely,

Mrs. Marie Huberty James, 5 Oxford Terrace, Boston, Mass., writes me, enclosing a quotation from a letter written by her husband, as follows:

"I want the clearest, ablest, and most reliable book on the subject (political economy). It must not be a great work as big and as old-fashioned as the Bible, but a moderate-sized, up to date, first class work."

Mrs. James explains that her husband is now in China as translator to the Chinese government; and implies that his influence in the choice of books is somewhat felt. I have taken occasion to read a large part of your Outlines of Economics, one of your books to which, I must say, I had not as yet given special attention; and have written Mrs. James strongly recommending your book to her husband. Next in order I should place Pres. Andrews's Outlines of Economics, and Prof. Gide's Political Economy, both of which in the past I have used as textbooks in my teaching. I write that you may take whatever steps you think advisable in pushing the matter.

Very sincerely yours,

Thos. G. Niles

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Hon. C. B. Hoffman,

Regent,

Dear Mr. Hoffman,

As you remember, Mr. Joseph E. Riggs, state accountant, requested us some time since to fill out certain blanks showing the expenditures and receipts of the institution by months. Certain of these blanks can be filled out without difficulty, and these we are forwarding to Mr. Riggs. Others, however, are much more difficult to prepare. That requiring statement of appropriations expended and unexpended is the most embarrassing. The first portion of the blank covering the heads account special can be filled out without difficulty. It is when we come to the latter portion, headed "permissible salaries", that we become entangled in the meshes of the requirements.

These blanks are required monthly. Those for the months of July, and August are easily filled, by reason of the fact that the salaries paid corresponded to the permissible salaries listed on the blank. When it comes to carrying unexpended balances over from August to September we find that so many changes were necessary in the reorganization that it is practically impossible to make these balances carried over correspond in any way with the list of salaries to be paid from September on. The blanks which we send you will perhaps show this better than can be explained by letter.

I infer that the state accountant has authority to demand this return. He has written me a second time insisting that we transmit them, and stating that the other institutions are doing so. We certainly do not desire to get into trouble with the administration on

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this point. Would it be too much to ask that you go to Topeka at college expense, taking with you the blanks, and that you endeavor to bring about an understanding with the governor and Mr. Riggs.

The state accountant probably has no conception of the relatively greater difficulty experienced by us, as compared with certain other institutions, in submitting to a hard and fast requirement, or fitting ourselves upon a Procrustean bedstead.

Very truly yours,

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Hon. William Larrabee,

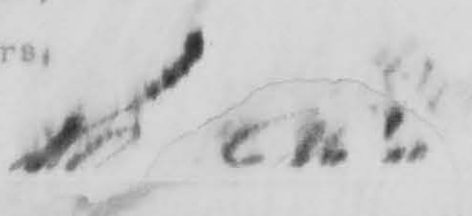
Clermont, Iowa.

Dear Sir,

A copy of your work, The Railroad Question, with which you were kind enough to favor me, I find on my desk, and shall take pleasure in examining at the earliest opportunity. No economic question of greater importance than that pertaining to the railroads could come before our people.

Thanking you for remembering me in this manner, I am

Very truly yours,



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Mr. W. T. McMakin,
Osawatomie, Ks.

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 28th is at hand. I regret to say that your son, being but thirteen years of age, is below the limit fixed for admission to this college. Our minimum age is 14. (See catalog, page 64.) I send you herewith a catalog, and trust he may be able to come to college next year.

Truly yours,

Thos. E. Miles
President.

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Hon. Charles N. Fowler, M. C.,

Dear Sir,

A copy of your address of March 31, 1897, on the reformation of the currency, sent by you to this office, is forwarded herewith to Dr. George T. Fairchild, at Albany, N.Y. I should be pleased to receive a copy myself, if you care to send it.

Truly yours,

Thos. E. Miles
President.

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Mr. T. E. Stephens,
703 Jackson St., Topeka,

Dear Sir,

Replying to your card, will say that I am entirely willing that my name should be used as requested in your card.

Very truly yours,

Thos. E. Miles

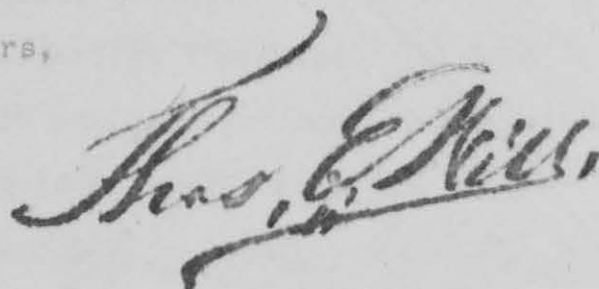
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Prof. E. A. Popenoe,
State University, Lawrence, Ks.

Dear Sir,

Can you throw any light on the enclosed question by Mr. Rizer?

Truly yours,



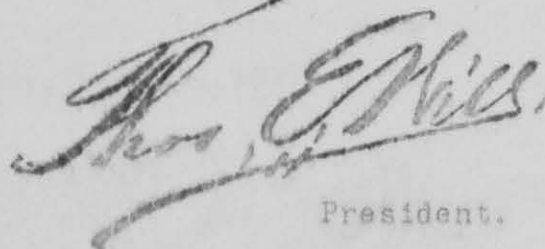
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Mr. Victor C. Haggman,
Kackley, Republic Co., Ks.

Dear Sir,

Chemistry is begun in the fall term, and the work in that science during the winter and spring terms presupposes that for the fall; so that unless you have had the fall work, I regret to say you could not carry on the other.

Yours truly,


President.

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Mr. John R. Tye,
Chanute, Ks.

Dear Sir,

We send you a catalog of the college, from which you will be able to learn the requirements for entrance (p. 64) and all other information. Teachers' certificates admit to college.

Yours truly,


President.

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Mr. F. U. Adams,

Editor New Time,

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 29th, together with proof, is at hand. The proof I have corrected, and return you herewith.

At the request of Mr. Flewer last spring, I promised him some three articles for the New Time. Would you care for more on certain aspects of the financial question; and if so, when could you use another?

Yours truly,

Thos. E. Will

TELEGRAM RECEIVED:

HERNDON, Ka., Dec. 1, 1897.

Pres. T. E. Will, K.S.A.C.,

If John Pettys is at college, wire my expense.

S. T. PETTYS.

TELEGRAM SENT:

Manhattan, Ka., Dec. 1, 1897.

S. T. Pettys,

Herndon, Ka.

John Pettys is attending classes today.

Thos. E. Will

Telegram.

Dec. 1, 1897.

Henry Markhenke,
Eureka, Ka.

John has typhoid fever. Insists on going home. Doctor forbids. Will detain him till you reply.

Thos. E. Will

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Miss Anna Kelly,
Wheaton, Ka.

Dear Madam,

At the instance of Mr. C. E. Bennett we send you today a catalog of this college. On page 64 and the following pages you will find conditions of entrance and other information. Those over 18 may enter the preparatory department. I shall be pleased to have you enter college.

Truly yours,

Thos. E. Miles

President.

Dec. 2, 1897.

Mrs. Conover,
Sabetha, Ka.

Dear Madam,

Your favor of the 30th is at hand. We should certainly close the college if we regarded the danger as more serious in the institution than outside. However, it is the practically unanimous opinion of physicians and experts that typhoid fever is due to drinking contaminated well water. There is no occasion for drinking any such water about the college---nor even in town. The hydrant water is regarded as entirely safe; and even the well water may be made safe by boiling. I enclose an article from Prof. Fischer.

Very truly yours,

Thos. E. Miles

President.

Dec. 2, 1897.

Capt. H. H. Brown,
Topeka, Ka.

118 East 8th St.

Dear Capt. Brown,

Yours of the first inst., together with Edward Carpenter's Modern Science, is at hand. I thank you for the same, and shall be pleased to turn over the pamphlet to Mr. Kellogg when I have had time to read it. I have known of Carpenter for a number of years, but have never taken the time to read any of his writings as yet. I think I must make special effort now.

Trusting all is going well with you, I remain

Cordially yours,

Thos. E. Rice.

Dec. 3, 1897.

Mr. Alfred Cridge,
429 Montgomery St.,
San Francisco,

My Dear Sir,

Your card of the 28th, together with pamphlets, is at hand, for which I thank you. Prof. Parsons will have charge of the teaching of this work; and inasmuch as he is thoroughly interested as well as informed on the subject, I trust we may at last have some good work done along this line in this college. My own teaching having been confined to economics, I have not been able to instruct in political science work here. Doubtless Prof. Parsons will be glad to correspond with you further on the subject.

Truly yours,

Thos. E. Rice.

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Mr. Davis,

Prof. Parsons writes, November 29th: "I do not receive the weekly Industrialist as yet, except spasmodically. I think I have had no copy for five or six weeks. Is it directed to me here at Lincoln House, 120 Charlotte Ave., Boston?"

Thos. E. Davis.

Dec. 3, 1897.

Mr. E. Horn,

518 Van Buren St.,

Topeka, Ks.

Dear Sir,

Can you make for us six doors of the following description:

3 doors 3'2" x 7'

3 doors 2'6" x 7'

These doors are to be of the same general character as those that you made for the new domestic science hall. The 3'2" doors are to have three vertical and three horizontal panels. The others will have two vertical and three horizontal panels. Thickness, not less than 1 3/4 ". If you can furnish these doors within ten days, I wish you would commence making them at once, and tell me so by return mail. As soon as they are finished, ship them over the Santa Fe. Send me the prices at once.

Yours truly,

J. D. WALTERS.

Supt.

for the

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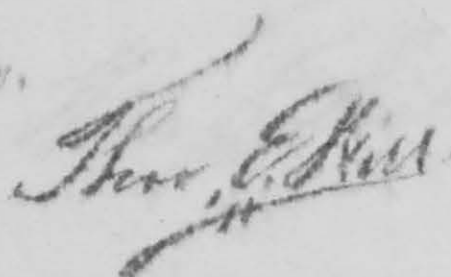
Educational Department,

Kansas City Star,

Gentlemen,

Enclosed find postoffice order for \$5 in payment on Encyclopedia Britannica.

Yours truly,



Dec. 3, 1897.

Messrs. Ulrich Bros.,

Gentlemen,

In reply to yours of December first I can say that we settled with Eversole December 2d, but before I got your letter. We forced him to pay all debts for labor and material against Mr. Griggs, but did not know of your account of \$3.72. There is still a balance coming to him, and I will see what we can do for you. It will be necessary for you, in the first place, to have the account signed by Mr. Griggs, as Eversole will not acknowledge any accounts that are not properly dated and signed. I would advise you to make out the bill in due form, and send it to George Griggs, Topeka, Ks., for acknowledgment and signature. You may then deposit it with the local regent.

Yours truly,

J. D. WALTERS,

Supt.



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Mr. Cecil Anderson,

Dear Sir,

By vote of the faculty you are hereby notified that, because of absences and other delinquencies on your part, any further lapses of this character between now and the end of the term will result in refusal of assignment to you for next term.

C. Brullman }
Harry Crump } same

Thos. G. Hill.

Dec. 3, 1897.

Mr. Watt H. Glenn,

The enclosed physician's certificate is thought to be of too general a nature to afford ground for a continuous excuse from drill. You can doubtless secure excuse from drill in bad weather by applying to the lieutenant, but for permanent excuse it will be necessary to have excuse stating that you should not drill at all.

Truly yours,

Thos. G. Hill.

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Mr. H. G. Miller,

Your request for excuse from freehand drawing and drill, because of a felon on your finger, is granted.

Thos. G. Hill.

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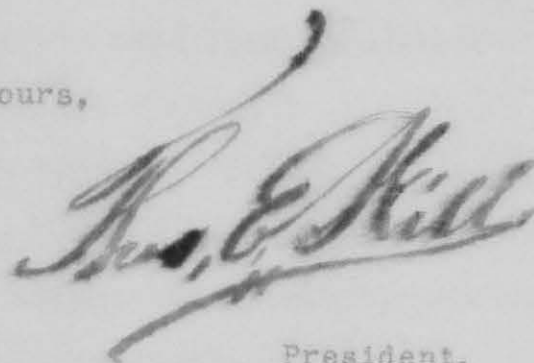
Hon. J. H. Brigham,
Asst. Secretary of Agriculture,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

Mr. W. J. Rhoades informs me that he is a candidate for a position as collector of data and statistics in the department at Washington, and desires a statement regarding his fitness.

Mr. Rhoades graduated from this institution in the class of 1897. I transmit you herewith his record as an indication of ^{his} general scholarship. I regard Mr. Rhoades as a young man of good moral character and disposition. Any favors you may be prepared to show him will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,



President.

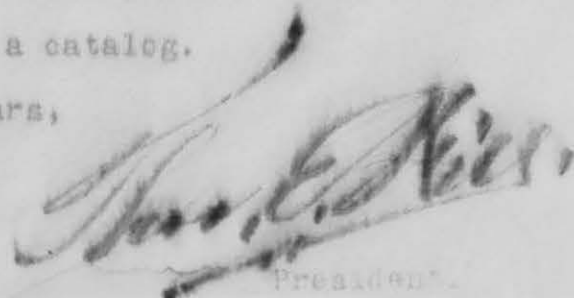
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Mr. Harry Truscott,
Virgil, Ks.

Dear Sir,

Telegraphy is no longer taught in this college, having been discontinued several years ago. I send herewith a catalog.

Truly yours,



President.

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Prof. Frank Parsons,
 Boston University,
 Dear Professor Parsons,

Yours of the 29th is at hand. Your letter of the 25th I am also prepared now to answer. You may not realize how thorough is the reorganization still in progress here. With the multitude of changes we are making in the course of study and other matters, it is, I fear, impossible to keep you thoroughly informed as to all the things of which you ought to be informed. However, I will do my best, and am glad you will soon be with us.

The faculty have just completed the proposed revision of the course of study to be passed upon by the board at their next meeting, beginning the 15th inst. Some of these changes we expect to put into effect in the winter term. The problem of grafting a new course on to the old one, and at short notice, is a difficult one.

I am prepared this morning to announce the sociology for the winter term, as it has been agreed upon. It is as follows:

General history	Second year students	}	Professors Par-
" " "	Third year "		sons and Bemis
Civics	Third year "		Prof. Parsons
Industrial history			Prof. Bemis
Postgraduate political economy			Prof. Bemis

You will observe that the psychology for this year is deferred until the spring term, thus lengthening your opportunity for any further

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preparation you may desire to make in that.

The faculty voted yesterday afternoon to sanction the change of textbook in civics from Hinsdale to Fiske. I think it would not be wise to ask the students to purchase two textbooks, but you are at liberty to refer them to any books you like. There will be no difficulty regarding the textbook in psychology; but that can be passed upon after you have come. This textbook matter could not be settled without a faculty meeting, and the first meeting after your letter came was too fully occupied for us to reach the matter of textbooks.

Please see or write Houghton, Mifflin & Co., and ascertain whether some favorable basis of exchange of textbooks may not be agreed upon, that students and book dealers already provided with the Hinsdale may not lose the entire value of that book.

The whole wheat flour may be had in bulk at 3c a pound here; and the whole wheat bread may be had at 10c per loaf.

Your letter of the 25th closes with the statement, "Perhaps you did not get my letter asking about these things." No, that letter failed to reach me.

Why you do not receive the Industrialist is a puzzle to us. I have referred the matter to the printing department several times, and they maintain they have done their best to get it to you. We will try again.

I think the matter of chapel lectures had not been mentioned to you earlier. In fact, at the beginning of the year, we had not decided who was to participate in this work, except that Prof. Bemis would give

certain of the lectures. Later I thought it might be well for you to be given an opportunity to speak to the entire student body and the faculty and visitors, especially since the chapel lectures may not be continued after this year. Knowing your ample preparation and readiness, I deferred longer than I might otherwise have done giving you definite notice. As it is, Prof. Bemis will go on with the course if you find it a hardship. I should be very glad, however, to have you appear in this course. The enclosed scheme of public exercises gives the dates for the lectures. Observe that there are still five remaining.

Any of the subjects you name would, I think, be of interest provided they do not duplicate the lectures already given. I send you again syllabi of Prof. Bemis's recent lectures. The subjects upon which you have made most extended preparation, including perhaps the initiative and referendum, proportional representation, public ownership, and mutualism, would all be of interest. Practically nothing has been given in any of the chapel lectures on any of these subjects except the matter of public ownership, and that has not as yet been strongly emphasized.

I believe this covers all the points. The winter term opens January 4th. If you are willing to give some of the lectures, but prefer not to give the first, I will try to make arrangements accordingly.

The matter of exchanging Fiske for Hinsdale should be attended to early, that those interested at this end may avail themselves of the opportunity, and that the text may be on hand.

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. B. D.

Dec. 3, 1897.

Mr. J. E. Payne,
Supt. Rainbelt Experiment Station,
Cheyenne Wells, Colo.

Dear Mr. Payne,

Yours of the 2d is at hand. I have known of the Cosmopolitan articles; have them in the house, in fact; but have found time to read but one. I have had some thought of sending something on, but have assumed that the writers were invited by the editor to contribute. That is the way in which the principle of supply and demand quite often operates in the magazine world.

I am glad to know that the good name of the college is improving, and is reaching so far even as distant Colorado. We are doing our best to make the institution all that could be desired. The work attending the continuous reorganization and readjustment is great, but it is cheerfully performed. With regards to Mrs. Payne, I remain

Very sincerely yours,



Dec. 3, 1897.

Mr. Glen O'Brien,
Supt. City Schools,
Kingman, Ks.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 29th is at hand. I think I can accept your invitation to speak in Kingman at some date after the holidays. If you will indicate certain dates that will suit you, I will undertake to choose one. The lecture will cost you nothing but expenses.

I shall be much pleased to see my cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Brown. Mrs. Will will probably be unable to accompany me, however.

Very truly yours,



Dec. 4, 1897.

Mr. E. E. Bloom,
Galatia, Barton Co., Ks.

Dear Sir,

The Agricultural College does not give a course in pharmacy. Chemistry is a part of the agricultural and general scientific work. There is a course in pharmacy at the state university, at Lawrence.

As to expenses here, you will find information on page 67 of the catalog sent herewith. You can very likely work your way partly, tho we can give no assurance of this, as there is great demand for such opportunities. You can enter at any time; it is better to enter at the beginning of a term, and the spring term will do.

Truly yours,



Dec. 4, 1897.

The Evening Post,
New York City,
Gentlemen,

Believing you have no desire to present but one side of an important controversy, I submit herewith certain documents bringing out facts to which your attention may not heretofore have been called.

Will you kindly furnish me with a marked copy of the paper in which your next notice of this matter appears, and oblige.

Yours very truly,

Dec. 4, 1897.

Prof. Albion W. Small,
Editor American Journal of Sociology,
Dear Sir,

Believing you have no desire to present but one side of an important controversy, I submit herewith certain documents bringing out facts to which your attention may not heretofore have been called.

Will you kindly furnish me with a marked copy of the paper in
(enclosing bill),
which your next notice of this matter appears, and oblige.

Yours very truly,

Dec. 4, 1897.

Dear Prof. Parsons,

Yours of 11/3 O is just received. Most of the questions I answered in a lengthy letter yesterday. I do not know that Dr. Bisbee was ever connected with "Today", tho he may have been. The Topeka dailies-- the Capital (Republican) and State Journal (independent)--and also many of the Kansas City dailies come here quite freely. Possibly the students might be induced to subscribe for a daily for a single term, tho any expense is likely to prove burdensome on some whose means are exceedingly limited. I wrote yesterday that Fiske was adopted, tho psychology ^{the textbook question} does not come until spring, and hence can wait; that considering our students' finances it would probably not be wise to ask them to purchase two books in a single study, unless these could be got at a very low figure. You will find an appropriation for books in your department, tho far less in amount than might be desired. When do you expect to reach Manhattan?

Anticipating much pleasure from our work together during the remainder of the year, I remain

Cordially yours,



Prof. Frank Parsons,

Boston University,

Boston, Mass.

Dec. 4, 1897.

Miss Emma Presto,

Paola, Ks.

We send you today a catalog, on page 59 of which you will find household economics and sewing. You can take sewing for your industrial. Every student is expected to take an industrial, and also three studies. It is not allowed ~~for~~ one to take only industrial work without any studies. You will find course of study on page 32. Hoping to see you here next term, I am

Truly yours,



President.

Dec. 4, 1897.

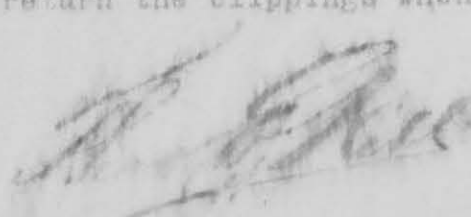
Hon. C. B. Hoffman,

Enterprise, Ks.

Dear Mr. Hoffman,

I enclose herewith some more clippings which will give an idea of the way in which the second Fairchild statement is being taken up. I have sent to each of the papers interested a copy of the board statement, and also of the enclosed Industrialist compilation on "Press Misrepresentations Rectified." Please return the clippings when you have finished with them.

Truly yours,



FALL TERM, 1897-8.

WEEKLY EXAMINATIONS IN ECONOMICS THAT HAVE BEEN MISSED.

Number.	Date.	Names.
2	Sep. 25	Cecil Anderson D. W. Randall Melva Avery O. D. Greene <i>J. M. Kessler</i> ✓
3	Oct. 5	George Brooks Jennie Needham <i>J. M. Kessler</i>
4	Oct. 12	H. V. Forrest ✓ F. E. LaShelle Laura Pritchard <i>J. M. Kessler</i>
	<i>Oct. 19</i> - - - - -	" "
Midterm		J. M. Kessler
6	Nov. 2	J. C. Bolton G. F. Wagner Stella Hougham
7	Nov. 8	A. E. Blair George Brooks C. Mansfield Laura Pritchard
8	Nov. 16	Cecil Anderson G. F. Wagner

Students will verify above list as to names and dates, and prepare to make up the missed examinations.

*This letter was sent
to all the regents.*

Dec. 4, 1897.

Hon. C. B. Hoffman,

Regent,

Dear Sir,

Enclosed find copy of the proposed course of study. In harmony with what is believed to be the desire of the board, the faculty are planning to put as much as is practicable of this course into operation at the beginning of next term. College closes on the 18th. The board meets on the 15th. We desire that the students shall have some opportunity to examine these courses before leaving college. We realize, however, that they are not final until accepted by the board. Will you kindly examine the courses and indicate any criticism that may occur to you? Unless you or some other regent objects, we will put these courses into the hands of the students on Saturday morning next, stating that they are provisional.

Very truly yours,

Thos. E. Hill

President.
Dec. 4, 1897.

Mr. A. A. Stewart,
Supt. of Kansas School for the Deaf,

Dear Mr. Stewart,

Your card received. We have been writing for reduced rates for the students, but have not yet received replies. We hope very much to be able to secure for them, as formerly, the 1 1/3 rate.

Sincerely yours,

Thos. E. Hill

Dec. 6, 1897.

Mr. C. W. Peckham,

President Reno County Farmers' Institute,
Hutchinson, Ks.

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 2d inst. is at hand. We greatly regret that the date you name conflicts with the date of meeting of the state board of agriculture. Both President Will and myself are due at the latter meeting. Could you without serious inconvenience put your date a few days later? Kindly inform us at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

H. M. COTTRELL,

Professor of agriculture.

per Lee.

Dec. 6, 1897.

Miss Josephine Raisner,

Marquette, Ks.

If you have not already done so you might address Mrs. Stephen Barnes, Manhattan, in regard to working for her. Mrs. Barnes lives close to the college, and desires two girls, each to work for half her board and pay for half. She is unwilling to have one girl work for all her board. Possibly you may find a satisfactory opening there.

You might also communicate with Mrs. Charles Paine, who may perhaps have need of student help.

Hoping you may find the opportunities you desire, I am

Mr. H. W. Campbell,
319 South 15th St.,
Omaha, Neb.

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 4th inst. is at hand. I send you in reply a catalog and statement regarding our short special course in dairying, the latter to be introduced at the beginning of the next term. We have as yet no short agricultural course. We are contemplating an extension of the agricultural work, however, and will send you a copy of our new curriculum as soon as adopted.

The work in soil culture has not as yet been organized, and the plans will not be definitely made for some months. We intend, however, to do some extensive work in this line, and when the plans are complete we will communicate them to you.

Dec. 7, 1897.

Mr. William J. Davis,
Arvonia, Ks.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of December 2d to Hon. Harrison Kelley (now deceased) was forwarded from here to Burlington to Mrs. Kelley; who after opening it referred it to me for reply.

You can enter the college at any time. The present term, however, lasts only until the 18th of this month. You might perhaps do review work to good purpose in that time.

The winter term begins Jan. 4th. The requirements for entrance you will find on pp. 64-65 of the accompanying catalog.

Hoping to see you here either this month or next, I am

Dec. 7, 1897.

Dear Mrs. Campbell,

I think it best that you drop all thought of work here until the beginning of next term; and if able to travel go at once on your vacation trip.

Miss Short will see you this afternoon in regard to the review work and examination in the hygiene class. She will also talk with you in regard to ordering the necessary supplies from Kansas City. Memoranda given her we will see are properly executed.

Prof. Walters is pushing the hall work with vigor. He has provided ten dozen chairs, 40 seats for classroom, is having 28 tables made in Topeka, is providing three sinks, the entire sewage system, a large 14-ft. dining table, straw matting for upper and lower halls (this is selected but not yet ordered), and Venetian blinds. He is flooring, and preparing to lath and plaster, all the basement rooms. Your book cases have been made; and the present furniture of your department he will have put into the basement.

If there are other suggestions you would like to make him before leaving, he can be telephoned here or at his house, or will call on you if you prefer, or memoranda given Miss Short for Prof. Walters will be satisfactory.

We have tried to get your place by telephone several times this morning, but unsuccessfully. Hence this note.

I think you should abandon all thought of institute or other public work until after the vacation; and if you will say so we will write the interested parties accordingly.

On arranging the few matters suggested herein, I think you should dismiss from your mind all thought of college and college duties and cares, and devote yourself until the beginning of the next term to rest and recuperation.

Yours with sympathy,

Dec. 7, 1897.

Hon. Lyman J. Gage,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

Will you kindly inform me under what law, since the repeal of the purchasing clause of the act of July 14, 1890, silver is coined by the United States? Also in what amounts such silver is coined?

Will you kindly inform me what nations, since the publication of the U. S. treasury department circular #123, have adopted the gold standard; and what provision, if any, such nations have made for the use of silver as money?

Very truly yours,


Dec. 7, 1897.

Mr. W. G. Riste,
Principal Thomas County High School,
Colby, Ks.

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 7th inst. is at hand. Replying I will say that after the holidays I shall be pleased to speak in your course, on an educational topic, if you so desire. My only charge will be expenses (travelling and lodging). If you will submit me a few dates from which to choose, I will take pleasure in giving you a date at once.

Very truly yours,


Dec. 7, 1897.

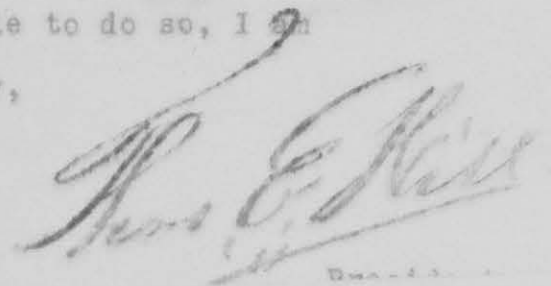
Mr. J. W. Gailey,

Burden, Ks.

Dear Sir,

Replying to your letter of the 6th, I will say that many students do make money enough while studying to pay part or all of their expenses. At the same time we cannot promise to anyone that he can do so; because the the opportunities are numerous, the students desiring to use them are still more so. If you can come for one term or part of a term, you may be able to work into some way of paying expenses for a continuance of your stay. Hoping you may be able to do so, I am

Yours truly,



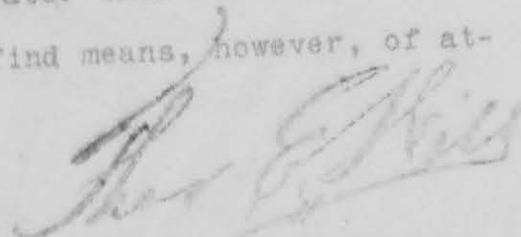
Dec. 7, 1897.

Miss Mae Garberson,

Phillipsburg, Ks.,

Your favor of the 6th is at hand. There are a few opportunities to work for board, and there are other means also whereby students make money to pay their expenses. You may be able to use some of these, but we cannot promise that they will be available, because the number of students desiring to earn their way is greater than the number of openings for them to do so. I hope you may find means, however, of attending college.

Truly yours,



Dec. 6, 1897.

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Rev. G. H. Woodhull,
Wabaunsee, Ks.

Dear Mr. Woodhull,

Replying to your inquiry as to where the book "Abnormal Man" may be obtained, I transmit to you the enclosed correspondence.

I have just had the pleasure of showing President Herrick of Washburn College, with Rev. Mr. Tunnell, over the college.

Sincerely yours,



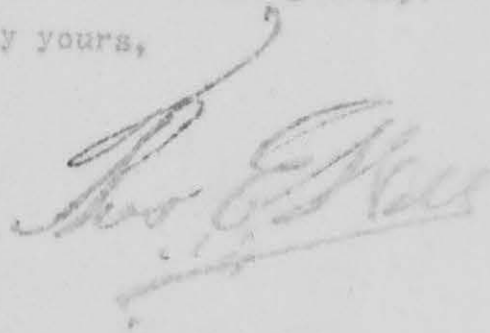
Dec. 7, 1897.

Mr. V. M. Reif,
Evansville, Minn.,

Dear Sir,

Your letter of Nov. 4th is before me. I am not sure whether it was answered at that time; and to make certain I send you a catalog today.

Truly yours,



Dec. 7, 1897.

Dr. Arthur R. Reynolds,
Commissioner of Health,
Chicago,

Dear Sir:-Permit me herewith to acknowledge the receipt of the biennial report of the department of health of the city of Chicago for 1896-6.

Truly yours,



Dec. 7, 1897.

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Mr. Frank Boylen,

Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sir,

I am sorry I did not see you before you finished with my piano. The varnish you applied ran badly in places, leaving the instrument quite unsightly. When will you return to Manhattan?

Truly yours,



Dec. 8, 1897.

Hon. J. N. Limbocker,

Regent,

Dear Mr. Limbocker,

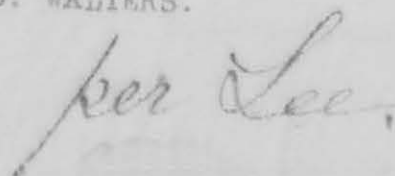
Until Tuesday noon we had received four bids for the plastering of the basement. The bids, as it was necessary to start the work right away for many reasons, I asked President Will to assist in opening, and in awarding the work. The bids were as follows:

J. M. Droun	19 c
A. Stinebach	20 c
Samuels & Ganoung	19 c
Duffield & Orris	18 3/4 c

Duffield & Orris being the lowest bidders, we awarded them the contract. I immediately notified all the bidders of the result, and urged Duffield to begin his work at once, giving him 15 days for the completion of the job.

Yours truly,

J. D. WALTERS.



Dec. 8, 1897.

Mr. J. H. North,

Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sir,

Your letter, with telegram by Walker, received. The name is not mine, and I do not know anything about the sender..

I will be down at Kansas City soon after the 20th of this month, and will call on you with regard to some of the needed furniture. How can you sell the college ten dozen cane chairs like #147 except the arm rests, which are not wanted.

Tell me also the price of ten dozen chairs #2720. Both chairs to be made of oak, very plain.

Yours truly,

J. D. WALTERS,

Supt.

per Sec.

Dec. 8, 1897.

Mr. J. M. Droun,

Dear Sir,

The plastering of the basement of the Domestic Science Hall was let yesterday afternoon to Duffield and Orris, they being the lowest bidders.

Yours truly,

J. D. WALTERS,

Superintendent,

per Sec.

Dec. 7, 1897.

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Messrs. Duffield & Orris,

Gentlemen,

The plastering of the basement of Domestic Science Hall has been let to you, your bid of 18 3/4 cents per square yard being the lowest of the four received by the committee. This bid includes, as we understand, all work and material of each and every kind necessary to the entire completion of the plastering of the basement. First coat to be first class Kansas stucco. Finishing coat to be white finish of lime and plaster of paris. All work to be completed within fifteen days from date.

Yours truly,

J. D. WALTERS,

Superintendent

of Construction of Domestic Science Hall.



Dec. 8, 1897.

Mr. George B. Levitt,

Long Island, Ks.

Dear Sir,

We send you a catalog of the college. There is no business that is, commercial, course in the college. We have agricultural and mechanical courses.

Truly yours,



President.

Dec. 8, 1897.

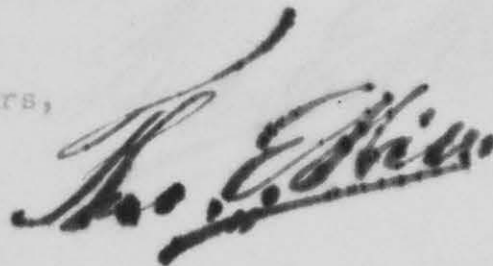
American Book Co.,

521 Wabash Ave., Chicago,

Gentlemen,

Your recent favor announcing the transmission of a copy of McMaster's School History of the United States is at hand. The text as yet has not arrived. I should be pleased to see it when it comes, and thank you in advance for the same.

Truly yours,



Dec. 8, 1897.

Mr. Frank Yeoman,

Lacrosse, Ks.

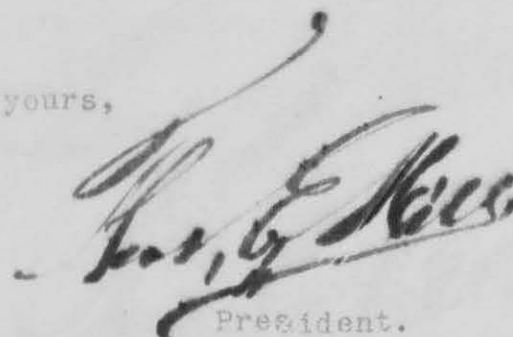
Dear Mr. Yeoman,

Your favor of December first is at hand. You will remember that on September 13th, by direction of the faculty, I wrote you as follows:

"The committee recommend that in view of the fact that there is no request by Mr. Yeoman for re-admission to college, and no evidence of regret on his part for past action, they deem it inadvisable to re-open the case at present."

Your last letter was considered yesterday, and the faculty desire that I write you that before re-opening the case they wish in the first place evidence of regret for past action, and in the second place guarantee of satisfactory conduct in the future.

Very truly yours,


President.

Dec. 8, 1897.

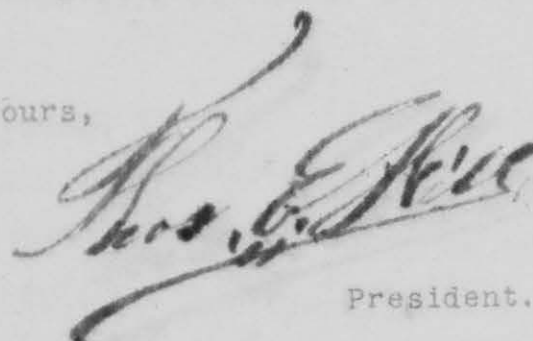
Mr. J. H. Jones,

New Lancaster, Ks.

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 6th inst. is at hand. I am glad you wrote, and will keep an eye on the person named.

Very truly yours,



President.

Dec. 8, 1897.

Hon. W. D. Vincent, M. C.,

Washington, D.C.

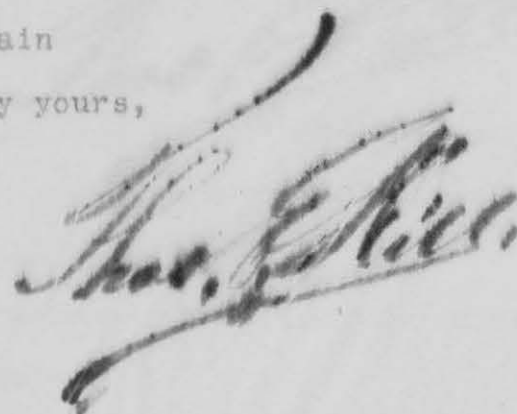
Dear Mr. Vincent,

I noticed in yesterday's State Journal that your family had experienced a railway accident, with somewhat painful, tho not serious results. Permit me hereby to express my regrets, and to trust that by the time this reaches you all will have recovered.

Can you send me a copy of the president's message, as published in separate form? In it the president mentions a resume of the communications between the French ambassador and Mr. Wolcott. I should be glad to receive a copy of this also. Any other public documents that can be used and that are within your reach I should greatly appreciate.

Thanking you for past courtesies, I remain

Very sincerely yours,



Dec. 8, 1897.

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Miss Georgette C. Brooks,
City,

Dear Miss Brooks,

Your recent note is at hand. I regret very much to hear that the trouble from last winter still continues. You will of course be excused from classes.

Very truly yours,



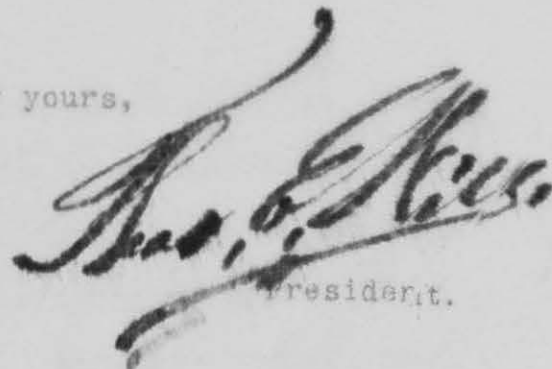
Dec. 8, 1897.

Hon. Tom L. Johnson,
Cleveland, O.

Dear Mr. Johnson,

Young Mr. Ladd, son of C. K. Ladd, tells me that his father mentioned to you the possible desirability of establishing a street railway line between the city of Manhattan and this college, and that you expressed some interest in the matter. Personally I believe in public ownership of street railways. We are not likely, however, to have any such line established soon in Manhattan; and if you were to build a line and charge a five cent fare, I see no reason why it might not yield a very considerable profit on the investment, and I am sure it would be appreciated by the college community.

Very truly yours,



President.

P. S. It is possible you remember our correspondence in 1893, after the completion of my work in Appleton, Wisconsin.

Dec. 9, 1897.

Prof. Frank Cramer,
Care McClurg & Co., Publishers,
Chicago,

My Dear Professor Cramer,

I have just received from McClurg's the announcement of your book, "The Method of Darwin." I am greatly pleased to know that you have been able to give this formal expression to views that I know you have been maturing for years, and to find the book so very favorably mentioned. I hope to see it before long, and read it, altho my multitudinous duties here make writing a difficult task. Where are you now, and what are you doing?

Sincerely your friend,

Dec. 9, 1897.

Mr. Fred M. Hopkins,
Review of Reviews, 18 Astor Place, N.Y.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of November 30th to former governor John P. St. John regarding the editorial in the New York Evening Post has been referred to me for reply. Our board of regents met on the 15th inst., and it is possible they may decide to make some formal statement regarding the matter mentioned. In the meantime, however, I send you certain other literature which may be of interest in the premises.

Very truly yours,

Dec. 9, 1897.

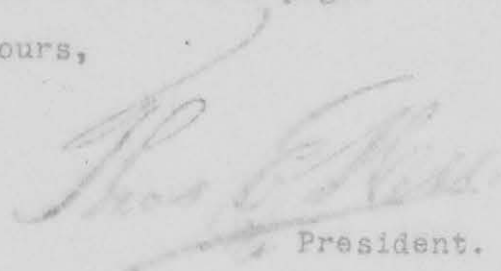
Miss Emma Fresto,

Paola, Ks.

The spring term begins March 29th. In the catalog which you have, you will find the requirements for admission, and also (on page 32) the course of study. All students are expected to take the regular course, unless there is special reason to the contrary. If you can pass any of these studies, you need not take them again. Further, not every study need be taken in the term designated in the course. The classes are divided for convenience. When you come, we can compare your needs and advancement with the program for the term, and so give you an assignment to work.

The cost of books you will find on page 67. This is not exact, but approximate. You will find cost of board on the same page.

Very truly yours,


President.

P. S. This is not a trade school, and if you desire simply to learn the dressmaking art, this is not the best place for you to study. We can give you plenty of dressmaking, however, as an industrial.

Dec. 9, 1897.

Mr. H. B. Hale,
Pittsburg, Ks.

Dear Sir,

There are many opportunities here for work, yet not so many of them as of students desiring to use them. Therefore we cannot promise that you will be able to do as you desire. Your business of organ tuning ~~will~~ ^{might} give you a better prospect of finding work than many ordinary students have.

Your second grade certificate no doubt has grades high enough to entitle you to admission to the college; ~~but requires a minimum~~ ^{14/70%}. We send you a catalog.

Dec. 9, 1897.

Mr. Elmer Burns,
America City, Ks.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 8th is at hand. Many students pay part of their way by work; but unfortunately the opportunities, tho many, are not so many as the students who wish to use them. Therefore we cannot promise that you will be able to get work enough; yet if you come you may be able. We send you catalog, and hope you will find means to come.

Truly yours,

Dec. 9, 1897.

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Hon. F. D. Coburn,

Sec. State Board of Agriculture,

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 8th is at hand. I am fully expecting to be with you on January 12th and present a paper on--"Experiment Stations; Their Work and Worth to the Farmer."

I had a pre-engagement with a farmers' institute the date of which was not fixed. Quite recently they sent in a date which conflicted with the date of the meeting at Topeka. I have written them asking whether their date can be changed.

If it should be impossible for me to go, I will at least see that our professor of agriculture is there. However, I hope to be there in person.

Truly yours,



Dec. 9, 1897.

Mr. Frederick U. Adams,

56 Fifth Ave., Chicago,

Dear Sir,

Yours requesting photograph is at hand. I send you herewith a copperplate which may answer the purpose still better; also a photograph. Please return plate and photograph, if you have no use for the latter.

Very truly yours,



Dec. 9, 1897.

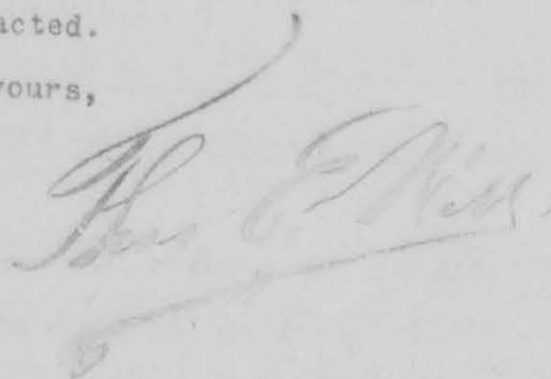
Messrs. George B. Harrison & Co.,
116 W. 6th St., Topeka,
Gentlemen,

Yours of the 8th, requesting my opinion of the suggestion made by Hon. Henry McLean in the Advocate & News for Dec. 8th last, is at hand.

In reply I will say briefly that I regard the principle of public ownership of public utilities as entirely sound and practicable; furthermore, that in my opinion public institutions should, in so far as practicable, be self-sustaining and mutually helpful. Mr. McLean's suggestions in the article mentioned impress me as well worthy of careful consideration. It should be noted that the state penitentiary now supplies the other state institutions with coal. Hence the precedent has been established, in accordance with which any state institutions may supply ~~any~~ other state institutions with anything that it can produce to advantage, and furnish them at cost.

While national legislation unquestionably has its place, and while state legislation is essential, it is also, in my opinion, of fundamental importance that we avail ourselves of the powers already within our reach without waiting for legislation not yet enacted.

Very truly yours,



Dec. 9, 1897.

Mr. Joseph E. Riggs,
State Accountant,

Dear Sir,

I send you herewith the blanks furnished us by you, and filled out to the best of our ability. Some of these blanks could be filled out without difficulty; others, however, we have found it impossible to fill except with much interlineation and modification; the reorganization having necessitated changes not foreseen by the legislature. The reports for July and August comply with the letter of the law; the later reports it is believed comply entirely with the spirit of the law, tho there are apparent deviations from the letter.

However, you will observe that section 3 of the act (approved March 12, 1897) provides as follows:

"The board of regents of the Kansas State Agricultural College are hereby ~~authori~~ empowered and authorized to employ professors to fill the various chairs said board of regents may establish and maintain, and also to employ instructors, assistants and foremen of the various departments, at salaries for each school year not exceeding the following schedule, to wit: (Here follows the schedule.)
and such other persons at salaries corresponding to the salaries already named in this act, for a similar grade of work as the necessities of the institution may demand."

In the proviso at the end of this section the regents are prohibited from expending in excess of their income from all sources. Such excesses of expenditure are carefully guarded against.

It is impossible to carry over the balances from September to October, because of the changed conditions resulting from the reorganization. The professor of history and political science has been paid in the past \$1500. He might readily have come in at the \$1450 or even at a higher rate; but the board were able to secure satisfactory service for \$1000. His services begin January 4th, 1898.

The total amount allowed for salaries by the schedule in the law, not counting additional permissible salaries, is \$41,770.

The total amount now being paid by the board is \$41,710, including \$180 for treasurer, and \$1000 for professor of history. ✓

As will be seen from this, the board are keeping quite within the limits indicated by the act.

In order to conform to the above mentioned law, the regents provided for terminating the college year on June 30th., the date at which the fiscal year ends. This would have meant, however, that in case a professor engaged for one year were removed at the end of the college year, he would lose two months salary. The attorney-general gave us his written opinion that such an action on the part of the board was not permissible. Neither was it in accordance with their desire to defraud the professor of one-sixth of his salary. The regents have therefore provided that during the present year the twelve months' salary shall be paid in ten months. The rate of payment is therefore higher per month during this year than it will be during subsequent years.

We have sent two blank forms, one containing the salaries for a given month, and the other omitting the same. The second form we could readily submit regularly, if this would suffice. Otherwise it seems

necessary that we continue the interlineations as indicated in the first form.

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The regents believe that it is not the intention of the law to hamper and harass the institution, nor the intention of the administration to enforce compliance with the technicalities of the law at the sacrifice of its spirit.

Trusting that the blanks, together with the above explanation, will prove satisfactory, I remain

Very truly yours,


President.

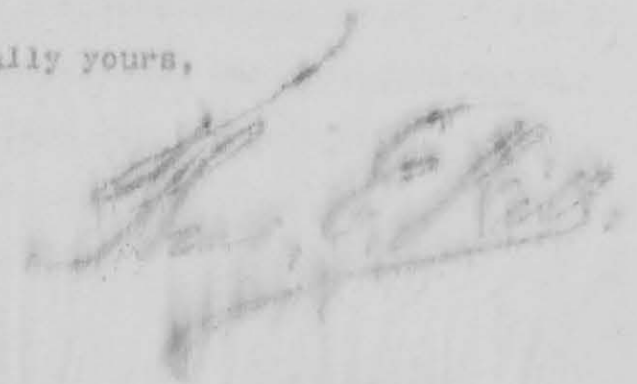
Dec. 10, 1897.

Prof. Frank Parsons,

Dear Professor Parsons,

Yours of the 6th is at hand. The book dealers tell us that we can sometimes bring about exchanges in cases similar to the one of Fiske vs. Hinsdale by asking of the publisher of the book about to be adopted a favorable rate, before informing him that such adoption has actually been made. A little pressure can be brought to bear in this way, that disappears as soon as the dealer knows his book has been finally adopted. Pressure is as necessary sometimes for publishers as for corporations of any other sort.

Cordially yours,



Dec. 10, 1897.

Mr. P. B. Donnellan,
Box 213, Herington, Ks.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of 9th is at hand. We have many students trying to work their way through. While opportunities for so doing are numerous, yet those who wish to use them are still more so; and hence we cannot promise to anyone that he will find work. Your mechanical skill would, of course, be in your favor; and if you desire you might come and take the chances. A catalog is sent herewith.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Pres.
Pres.

Dec. 10, 1897.

Hon. Wm. Stryker,
State Superintendent,

Dear Sir,

The enclosed letter to Prof. Nichols I herewith refer to you.

Yours truly,

H. E. Pres.
Dec. 10, 1897.

Messrs. W. J. Spilman & Co.,
Gentlemen,

Please order for us one of those books, for taking press copies of letters, having an index divided not only into the 26 letters of the alphabet, but further into the six vowels, under each of the 26 initial letters. If this cannot be had without the extension index, which the fastened to the book, is lifted out to one side like a map, when in use, then get us that kind. Please have it as soon as possible.

Yours truly,

Hon. T. J. Hudson,

Dec. 10, 1897 459

Dear Sir,

Will you kindly bring with you to the next board meeting the plate matter copy of Dr. Fairchild's letter regarding reorganization, &c, provided you still have it by you.

Very truly yours,

Thos. E. Mills

Dec. 10, 1897.

Mr. John Gartner,

You may consider yourself excused from chapel exercises on Saturday afternoons until notified to the contrary.

When applying for assignment for the winter term, please inquire for your father's letter to me written Dec. 8th.

Truly yours,

Thos. E. Mills

Dec. 10, 1897.

Mr. F. A. Gartner,

Fort Riley, Ks.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 8th inst. is at hand. I regret that I had not the pleasure of meeting you when you were here in the fall. I trust we may be able to make such assignment to your son at the beginning of the winter term as will be satisfactory to him and yourself.

He may consider himself excused from chapel exercises for the present, ~~until~~ he is notified to the contrary.

Dec. 10, 1897.

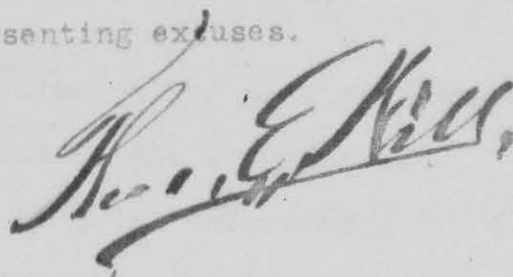
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Prof. Graham,

We need a still cheaper grade of envelope for use in notifying students to call at desk, and for sundry purposes.

In the "Process of recording and excusing absences", point G, there is an omission. G should be made to read: "If after _____ unexcused absences the student fails to fill out blank," &c. The committee on absences should insert a number into the blank space, and students should be promptly notified if delinquent in presenting excuses.

Has Mr. Street's bill been paid?



Dec. 10, 1897.

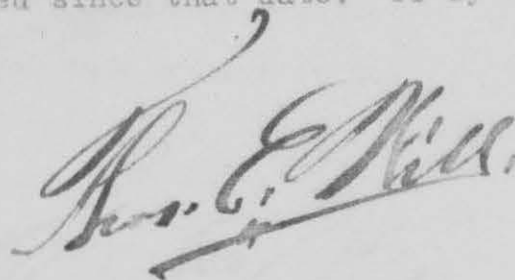
Mr. J. W. Beck,

Manhattan,

Dear Sir,

By the terms of our agreement you were to vacate the house on college land one mile west of the college not later than Sept. 1st. I understand that the house has been occupied since that date. If by you, please see me about it.

Truly yours,



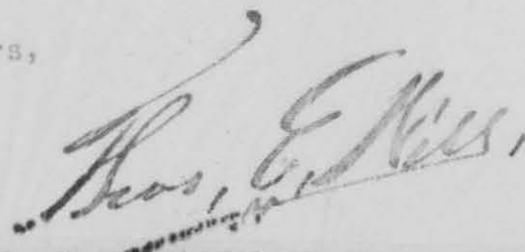
Dec. 10, 1897.

Editor New York World,

Dear Sir,

Will you kindly send me the copy of the World containing the facts and figures on the subject of municipal ownership in the United States.

Truly yours,



Dec. 11, 1897 .

Prof. Frank Parsons,
Boston University,

Dear Prof. Parsons,

I have received today from our state superintendent of public instruction a letter suggesting that a paper I am to read at the state teachers' association on December 30th will probably be quite unfavorably received by the three gentlemen put down to discuss it, and that it might be desirable to drop a hint in advance to some who are favorable to the ideas therein expressed, in order that the discussion may not be one-sided. It occurs to me that you will probably be here by that time. In fact, I think it quite desirable, if not seriously inconvenient to you, that you be present at the state teachers' association and participate in some of the discussions. I send you herewith a program, and also a copy of the syllabus of the paper. If some of the points therein indicated meet your approval, I should be glad to have you take a hand in the discussion.

Very truly yours,

Herbert C. Hills

Dec. 11, 1897.

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Hon. William Stryker,

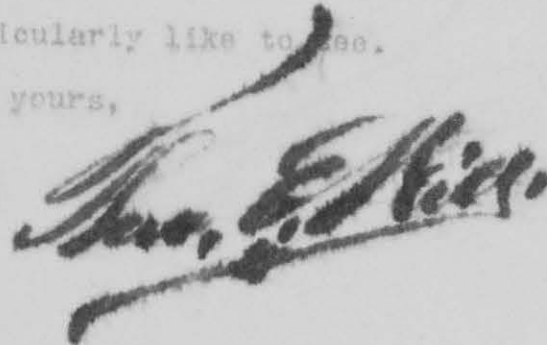
Superintendent of Public Instruction,

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 10th is at hand. I thank you for the suggestion therein contained, and shall be glad to act on it. I send you herewith a syllabus of the paper. You will observe that I advocate the consolidation of rural schools and free transportation thereto, a measure which I am glad you are pushing so vigorously. Prof. Bemis has also advocated it in college lectures. I have submitted the same syllabus to the gentlemen who are to discuss the paper, and suggested the following division of topics among them: I & II, Mr. Hopkins; III, IV, V, Mr. Whittemore; VI & VII, Mr. Hewitt.

I see by the papers from time to time mention of important matter mailed by you to the public school people. I should be obliged if you would put me on your mailing list. A recent statement in regard to consolidation of rural schools I should particularly like to see.

Very truly yours,



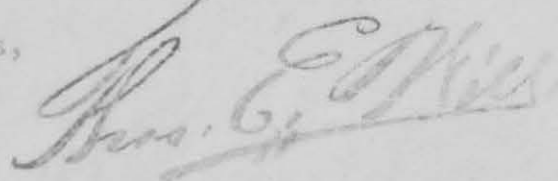
Dec. 11, 1897.

Mr. S. J. Adams,

Dear Sir,

I have just read your letter in the Phillipsburg Herald of Dec. 2d last. It is a very good letter indeed. I think perhaps a few students ~~may~~ realize how much they might help the institution, and thru it their friends and young people over the state, whom the college ought to reach, by so simple a means as the one you have in this case employed.

Very truly yours,



Dec. 13, 1897.

Miss Emma Frisco,

Paola, Kas.

I regret to say that opportunities for working for board are scarce, especially for young women. The two following ladies, however, were wanting someone to do such work; viz, Mrs. S. B. Barnes, and Mrs. C. H. Paine. Mrs. Barnes wants someone to work for only half her board, and pay the other half. Even if you do not find a place to work for board, you may find other ways to earn some money, tho this cannot be promised. The enclosed examination questions are to show

you about what is expected for admission. If you can answer all these readily you can doubtless pass for entrance to the first year. Students over 18, if they fail in one or more branches, can make those up in preparatory classes at the college.

Truly yours,



Dec. 13, 1897.

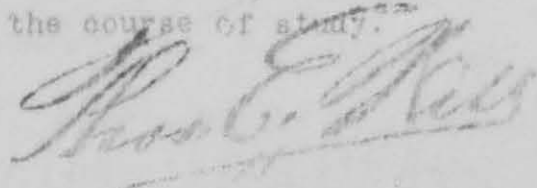
Mr. Oakley Coover,

Grafton, Chautauqua Co., Kas.

Dear Sir,

New classes will be organized at the beginning of the winter term, January 4th. The examinations are of the character of the enclosed specimen questions. There are no fees. The course of study (page 32) and expenses (page 67) you will find in the catalog sent herewith. Further descriptions of the several departments follow the course of study.

Very truly yours,



Dec. 13, 1897.

Hon. C. B. Hoffman,

Dear Sir,

You remember that a committee consisting of yourself, Regent Limbocker, Prof. Walters, and the writer was appointed at the last board meeting to assign the rooms and offices, consequent upon entering the new building next term. Prof. Walters and I have given a good deal of attention to the matter, and suggest the enclosed scheme. I send it now that you may have opportunity to examine it before the board meeting. You remember that the committee was appointed with power to act.

Dec. 13, 1897.

Hon. J. N. Limbocker,

Dear Sir,

You remember that a committee consisting of yourself, Regent Hoffman, Prof. Walters, and the writer, was appointed to arrange the rooms. Prof. Walters and I have given the matter considerable attention, and the enclosed scheme is the result. Should you care to go over the ground with us to consider the matter in detail, we should be glad to see you here at your earliest convenience before the rush accompanying board meeting. I send ~~you~~ a copy by this mail to Regent Hoffman.

PROPOSED ASSIGNMENT OF COLLEGE ROOMS AND OFFICES.

I. Assignments to members of faculty.

Prof. Brown	Three rooms on second floor, east side, Domestic Science Hall; for office and practice rooms.
Prof. Cottrell	In addition to present rooms, the room at northeast corner of Main Bg., on first floor; classroom for use of agric. assistants.
Supt. Davis	Printing dept. to be so extended as to include basement rooms now occupied by cooking department.
Miss Harper	2d floor, NE. corner main bg.; classroom and office.
Misses Howell and High	2d floor of domestic science hall, SW. cor. office.
Prof. Metcalf	2d floor, main bg., SW. corner; class room and office.
Prof. Nichols	First floor main bg., entire south end, including 2 classrooms and 2 offices. First floor main bg., entire south end, including 2 classrooms and 2 offices.
Miss Rupp	2d floor main bg., south end; classroom.
Prof. Winston	Main bg., second floor, north end; classroom. Office, north of chapel gallery.
President	Present reception room; as office.
Secretary	Add present office of president to rooms now occupied by secretary.

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next page.*

II. Other Assignments.

Assistant teachers, young men	Second floor main bg., NW. corner music room; office.
Janitor	Main bg., first floor, office room oppos- ite agricultural office; for office and living room.
Students' Herald	Main bg., basement floor, SE. corner, in connection with printing dept.
Y. M. C. A.	Meeting room, Hamilton hall. Office, with student teachers, young men.
Y. W. C. A.	Meeting room, Alpha Beta hall.
Young women's cloak room	Main bg., first floor, east side of hall To be provided in Domestic Science Hall; the present cloak room in main bg., first floor, east side of hall, to be turned into a classroom.

Dec. 13, 1897.

Mr. Vard Ramsour,
Briggs, Ks.

Dear Mr. Ramsour,

Are you still planning to be here at the beginning of next term?
If so, I think we can turn over to you the work of carrying the mail,
which in itself will probably pay your way almost, if not quite entirely.
The mail carrier usually employs a horse and vehicle. I think you are
able to command these.

Kindly write me promptly.

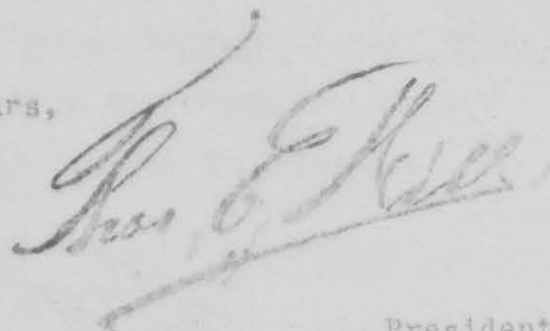
Dec. 14, 1897.

Hon. Lyman J. Gage,
Secretary of the Treasury,

Dear Sir,

Kindly send me a copy of your last report as secretary of the treasury, and oblige.

Truly yours,



President.

Dec. 14, 1897.

Mr. Oliver C. Montgomery,
Lock Box 125,
Clyde, Ks.

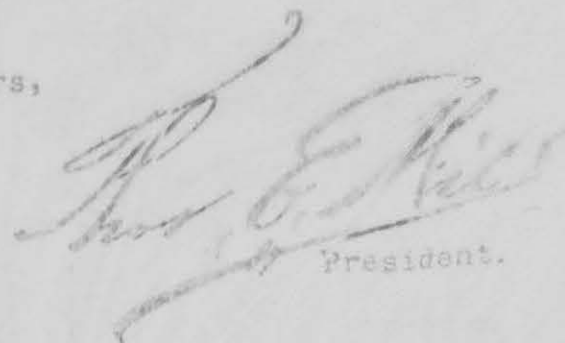
Dear Sir,

No short courses are offered for next term except the dairy course. Of that I enclose a circular. The regular course is available even tho a student can be here only one term. For this the faculty committee will make a selection for the student according to his advancement and needs; the studies not being necessarily all from the group laid down as belonging to the winter term.

New classes begin at the first of the term, and this is the best time for a student to start in.

There is no tuition. Other expenses you will find in the accompanying catalog.

Truly yours,



President.

Mr. Fred. J. Smith,

Russell, Ks.

Dear Mr. Smith,

I desire to congratulate you again upon the high character of your editorial page. I think I read everything that appears in it each week. It seems to me entirely accurate, and marked by a spirit of honesty and fairness highly commendable. I hope you will receive the financial support you deserve.

Cordially yours,



EXAMINATIONS OF STUDENTS IN MUSIC.

1. Students taking music as a special study. Examination to occur at last regular recitation hour.

2. Students taking music as industrial will take their examination (a) at their last lesson hour, in which case they are expected to continue the practice until end of term;

(b) at a regular examination hour.



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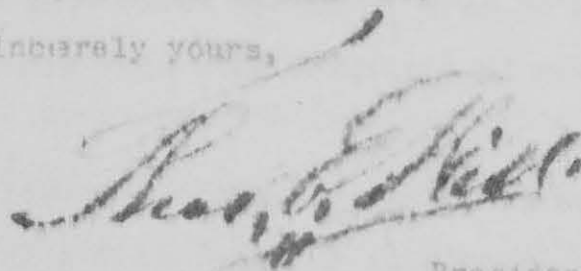
Mr. E. B. Cowgill,

Editor Kansas Farmer,

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 11th was referred to Prof. Cottrell, who, returning today from institute work, tells me he has already had conversation with you on the subject, and that it will be entirely possible, in fact it is a part of the plan already matured, to carry out such work as is mentioned in your letter. We desire to make the station work as practical and helpful to the farmers as it is possible to make it.

Very sincerely yours,



President.

Dec. 15, 1897.

Mr. C. Brullman,

By vote the former action of the faculty in your case has been suspended. This means that you have opportunity to continue in college during good behavior and attention to duties.

Truly yours,



Telegram to Prof. Parsons Dec. 17. 472
"Civics handled by local Dealers,
About sixty may be wanted."

Dec. 15, 1897.

Prof. Frank Parsons,

Boston, Mass.

Dear Professor Parsons,

Yours of the 11th, together with copy for Industrialist, is at hand. I thank you for your promptness in this matter, and am glad you have sent this paper. Your writings on this subject first opened my eyes to some of the weaknesses in the Spencerian logic regarding functions of government.

As to having the psychology and logic in the spring term, I realize that is open to objections; nothing can be done for this year, but we can consider the matter of a shift for another year after you come.

We have notified the booksellers to the effect that Fiske's Civil Government will be used in place of Hinsdale's, and hence the matter should be regarded as settled. We should be glad to have you do what ~~you~~ you can in the way of securing favorable exchange rates, tho if Houghton, Mifflin & Co. know at the outset that we have settled on their book they will probably charge all the market will bear.

If you can come in time to attend the state teachers' meeting, we should be glad to see you there, and I should be pleased to have you meet the teachers and have an opportunity to address them. You have been reported in some Kansas papers as more or less of a socially dangerous character.

Very sincerely yours,

Thos. G. Fiske

Dec. 17, 1897.

Mr. Oliver C. Montgomery,

Clyde, Kas.

Dear Sir,

We enclose copies of the proposed course of study for this college, which was adopted by the board of regents at their meeting just closed, and of the adaptation of this course to the present year, which began under the course set forth in the catalog. As you see, woodwork is expected of young men in the winter term. Without doubt the agricultural course which this college will be able to give from now on will be just

the thing to meet your needs, with the plans and prospects which you mention. The beginning of the winter term, January 4th, is the best time for you to start. Trusting you will be here at that time, I am

Yours truly,

Thos. C. Will
President.

Dec. 17, 1897.

Mr. George L. Kurtz,

Manhattan,

Dear Sir,

The latest address we have of John W. Holland is Montpelier, Idaho, but we think he has left there. The postoffice from which he came is Cokeville, Wyoming; and his father's address when he entered college was E. W. Holland, Saratoga, Wyo. By addressing the father you may be able to learn the son's address.

Yours truly,

Thos. C. Will

Dec. 17, 1897.

Mr. Peter H. Sanneman,
Fact, Clay Co., Ks.

Dear Sir,

The enclosed proposed course, now adopted, and the adaptation for this year, will show you the work usually required; but when a student is of advanced years, or when there is other special reason, the faculty will allow a special course to be taken. The specimen questions sent will show the nature of the examination. 70% is required for passing. When an applicant fails to pass any study, but is over 18, he may be admitted to the preparatory classes. I think the opportunities here will be just what you need. You can judge more fully by the catalog of the college, which is sent you.

Yours truly,

Thos. E. Will

Dec. 16, 1897.

Mr. N. A. Moler,
Mineral Point, Ks.

Dear Sir,

Your card of the 14th is at hand. We send you today a catalog. You may be able to work for your board, but the opportunities are rather limited for such work. Many students pay part or all of their board and other expenses by various kinds of work while carrying on their studies; but there are not enough of such opportunities for all who desire them, and therefore it is impossible to say positively that you can do so. I hope you may be able to attend college, however.

Truly yours,

Thos. E. Will

President.

Dec. 17, 1897.

Mr. N. P. Way,
Talgo, Ks.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 14th is at hand. I enclose you copies of the proposed course of study, now fully adopted, and the adaptation thereof for the present year. By this you will see next term's work. In some terms certain industrials are required; otherwise the student makes his own selection. We send catalog herewith.

Yours truly,

Thos. E. Will

President.

Dec. 18, 1897.

Dr. H. P. Roberts,

City,

Dear Sir,

The grades of Cecil Anderson, for which you asked, are as follows:

Geometry: Midterm exam., 71; daily recitations, 9, 7, 5, 0 four or five times, and 10 absences.

Economic science: weekly exams, 64, 88, 80, 83, 84, 80, 83, 76, 80, and two absences; no grade on midterm exam. because absent from part of the previous weekly examinations.

Inorganic chemistry: first half term grade, 62. Since midterm he has been absent frequently from both class and laboratory has not been called on often, but his record in class average is about 6 or 7, and his laboratory work is about the same. Is not above passing.

Carpentry: He is entitled to no grade, as he has not been present as much as $\frac{4}{5}$ of the time. If he makes up one hour more he will have a grade of 75.

Rhetorical: Has 1 excused absence, and 5 unexcused; no grade.

Very truly yours,

Thos. G. Niles.
President.

Dec. 18, 1897.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Mr. George Sexton has been foreman of the college farm during the past one and 3/4 years, and has performed the duties of this position to the satisfaction of all concerned. The disposal of the college ~~stable~~ herd, and the change in the plans for field work, whereby all field and feeding work fall hereafter to the experimental station force, made it impossible for the college longer to employ him on the farm.

We have found Mr. Sexton to be energetic and skillful, with a good knowledge of nearly all branches of farm work. He has no bad habits, and is an agreeable man with whom to do business; he is thoroughly trustworthy and careful in business accounts and transactions in general, and secures good service from his men without causing friction.

We recommend him to anyone needing a foreman in the usual lines of farm work; in addition he possesses general business training, and a versatility that qualify him for other lines of work than those in which he has been employed here.

Anyone desiring to inquire further as to Mr. Sexton's fitness is at liberty to refer to Prof. H. M. Cottrell, of the agricultural department of this college, or to the undersigned.

Thos. E. Hild.
President.

Dec. 18, 1897.

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Prof. Metcalf,

The board of regents have allowed the department of oratory for platform \$10, for stools \$6, total \$16.

They also allowed the rate of \$1 per hour, plus necessary hack fare, estimated at ^{not over than} \$2.50 per month, for the services of Mrs. Metcalf in conducting the class in calisthenics four or five hours per week.

The application of St. Mary's College for your services during term time it was not thought wise to grant.



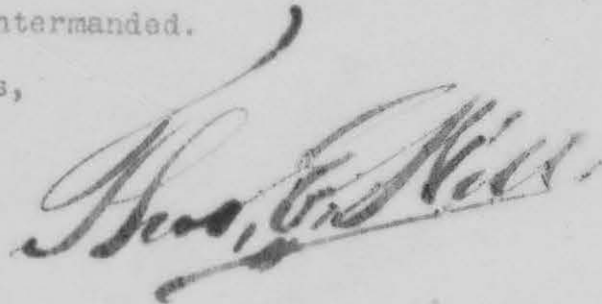
Dec. 18, 1897.

Mr. J. H. Winne,

Dear Sir,

The board of regents, at their meeting just adjourned, directed that, inasmuch as our stenographer had purchased a typewriter, she be allowed a rent on the same, and that ~~the~~ order for the Blickensderfer, that machine not yet having come, be countermanded.

Truly yours,



Dec. 18, 1897.

Secretary Graham,

At the late meeting of the board it was moved by Regent Munger that Sec. Graham be made a member of the experiment station council. The motion was carried.

Truly yours,



Dec. 18, 1897.

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Mrs. Mary Hanson,
Manhattan, Ks.

Dear Madam,

At the recent meeting of the board of regents the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, that Mrs. Mary Hanson be employed at the rate of thirty dollars per month, including board and domicile, for cooking and such other duties as may be assigned to her; subject to discharge by the head of the domestic science department, on seven days' notice, with consent of the president of the college, or by the president of the college. Her duties are to begin on December 20, 1897."

Very truly yours,



Secretary of board.

Dec. 18, 1897.

Prof. Cottrell,

The department of agriculture has been authorized by the board to purchase a good portfolio frame, and to rent a typewriter.

It was suggested that a satisfactory machine might be rented for \$1.50 a month.

It was voted that not to exceed \$500 be allowed for the expenses incurred by professors and assistants in the conduct of farmers' institute work during the present school year.



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Supt. Davis,

The department of printing has been allowed by the board of regents an appropriation of from \$12 to \$20, as its needs may require, for lights for the room now occupied by the cooking department, on the basement floor.

Thos. E. Skiles,

Dec. 18, 1897.

Miss Ida C. Barnes,

610 Kansas Ave., Topeka, Ks.

Dear Madam,

Your favor of December 11th, soliciting advertisement from the college, was referred to the board of regents, who decided not to advertise further at present.

Yours truly,

Thos. E. Skiles,
President.

Prof. Walters,

Dec. 18, 1897.

The board appropriated fifty dollars for recitation seats in the new building, provided the building fund will permit.

Thos. E. Skiles,

Dec. 18, 1897.

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Prof. Hitchcock,

The board of regents made the following appropriations for the botanical department:

One microscope	\$20.00
One support for chart	3.50
Repairing or purchasing of new objective	7.20
Herbarium account	100.00



Dec. 18, 1897.

To the Chief of Ordnance,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,

Please send me a supply of blanks for making requisition for ordnance
I wish to ask for the yearly supply of blank ammunition for the college.

Yours truly,



President.

Dec. 18, 1897.

Prof. Fischer,

It was voted by the board that the application for microscopes and
bacteriological laboratory be passed over.



Dec. 18, 1897.

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Prof. J. D. Walters,

Superintendent of Building,

Domestic Science Hall,

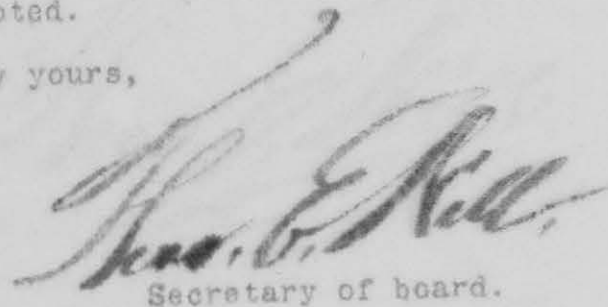
Dear Professor Walters,

At the recent meeting of the board of regents of this college, Regent Daughters offered the following resolution:

"Resolved, that the board tender a vote of thanks to Professor J. D. Walters for his very faithful and efficient work in superintending the construction of the Domestic Science Hall, and that they recognize the great value of his services in securing the best possible results for the college in the ~~the~~ conditions."

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Very truly yours,


Secretary of board.

Dec. 18, 1897.

Prof. Paville,

The following appropriations were made for the department of horticulture and entomology.

Repairs, on implements, wagons, plows, &c	\$25
Spraying outfit for spring work	35
Material for experiments in spraying	25
Harrow	11
Fruit models specimens to be placed in horticultural museum	100



Dec. 18, 1897.

Prof. Hood,

The following appropriations were made for the mechanical department:

Material for wagon	\$25
Replacing brass furnace	40
Equipping room for teaching machine design, &c	75
Regulator for generator	45

Kindly have a cover put on the drawerless table in the executive office, and the crack in the top of the table filled.

Please put an electric bulb in room 91.

Thos. E. Niles

Dec. 18, 1897.

Mr. Emrick,

It was voted by the board that eight waste baskets for various departments be allowed.

Also three Eclipse door springs for Science Hall, with checks to accompany same.

Also thirty yards of matting for the stairs in front of chapel.

Thos. E. Niles

Dec. 18, 1897.

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Prof. Nichols,

The requests made by your department for the following articles were granted:

Two marine clocks, at \$5 or \$6	\$10 to \$12
for automatic switch	\$ 5
German silver resistance wire	\$ 5
Switch and fuse plug	\$ 5

Thos. G. Hill.

Dec. 18, 1897.

Prof. Willard,

The regents allowed the department of chemistry \$250 for regular supplies for the department for next year, the appropriation being made thus early in order to afford time for importation.

Thos. G. Hill.

Pres. Will wants literature about experiment stations.

1. On the purposes of the establishment of the station system. Speeches in congressional records when Hatch act was passed---Meetings of agricultural college conventions---Reports, &c., of experiment station bureau at Washington.
2. What helpful work have stations already done? In what measure and where have they fulfilled their purposes?
3. Needs and recommendations of agriculturists showing what stations might do to advantage.

WHY DIRECT LEGISLATION?

1. Because concentration of ~~power~~ authority in the past has always resulted in the building up of some at the expense of the many, and in the ultimate overthrow of liberty. Examples are afforded by aristocracies and monarchies almost without exception, ⁺ by non-representative republics, as the Roman, in which authority ^{was lodged} ~~was concentrated~~ in the hands of a few citizens of the capital.

2. Power is now becoming concentrated in a few hands in American cities and states and in the American nation. The wielders of this power represent but few. They cannot be effectively reached by their constituents until their terms of office expire. The balance of power among ~~them~~ is often held by the venal, making possible the purchase of legislation by those possessing purchasing power. In consequence, legislation becomes often a matter of dollars and cents. When legislation can be bought, it not infrequently follows that the agencies of wealth production, and especially of wealth distribution, fall into the hands of the wealthy, the result being such a manipulation of ^{the} ~~our~~ industrial system as results in a further enrichment of the rich and ~~the~~ impoverishment of the poor. Among the most potent of these engines of inequality may be mentioned the machinery of taxation, both direct and indirect, ^{and} of currency and banking, and special privileges, as embodied in franchises and monopolies.

3. Direct legislation has been tried, as in Switzerland, and has proved eminently successful.

4. With us such legislation might be expected to enable the people to get what they ^{want} ~~and~~ in legislation, or to ascertain that their wants are unattainable; to check bribery by making it relatively impotent; to prevent the betrayal of ~~the~~ constituency by its representatives;

to ~~prevent~~ the accumulation of needless and foolish, and to render far more difficult the enactment of vicious, legislation; to concentrate attention on measures rather than on men, on real rather than on sham issues, and on the public good rather than on party success; to dissipate the fog as regards what an election has settled, and what the people have actually voted for; ^{(at present, with our medley political platforms,} and the immeasurable influence of ^{each fragment} the personal equation, it is practically impossible ^{to determine the meaning of an election} to cut the ground from under the feet of the advocate of violence by making attainable needed reforms and rendering possible peaceful progress. The danger, therefore, that necessarily accompanies the increasing delicacy of the social structure would be ~~economized~~ minimized, for without confinement there can be no explosion.

Dec. 20, 1897.

Mr. Eltweed Pomeroy,

Newark, N. J.,

Dear Sir,

I send herewith, in reply to your earlier letter, a somewhat fuller statement of my reasons for favoring direct legislation. If not too late, you may substitute this for the brief paragraph submitted before.

Yours truly,

P. S. I send a copy of this herewith
to Editor Adams.

Thos. E. Harris

Dec. 20, 1897.

Mr. F. U. Adams,
Editor New Time,

Dear Sir,

Mr. Eltweed Pomeroy requested an expression of opinion from me, as from others, on the subject of direct legislation. I sent him a very brief paragraph, but should prefer to substitute the enclosed, if it is not too late.

Very truly yours,

Thos. E. Hills.

Dec. 20, 1897.

Mr. Vard Ramsour,
Briggs, Ks.

Dear Mr. Ramsour,

The mail carrying business occupies 3 1/3 hours daily 6 days in the week, paying 10c an hour. You may begin upon it at the opening of next term, January 4th, or sooner, if you desire.

Very truly yours,

Thos. E. Hills.

Dec. 20, 1897.

Hon. T. J. Hudson,
Regent,

Dear Mr. Hudson,

The matter relative to bonds which I expected from you this morning has for some reason failed to reach me. Perhaps I can get it by the evening mail.

Truly yours,

Thos. E. Hills.

Dec. 20, 1897.

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Mr. Marshall E. Morlan,

Welcome, Geary Co., Ks.

Dear Sir,

I send you today a catalog of the college, and enclose herewith specimen examination questions. The branches on which the entrance examination is made are the same ones taught in the preparatory department in all terms. Any student who is unable to pass in one or more of these, and is over 18 years of age, may enter the preparatory classes. Those who can pass may be assigned to classes at any time in the year.

Yours truly,

Thos. E. Skis.

Dec. 20, 1897.

Mr. Noble Dunn,

Oxford, Ks.

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 15th is at hand. I send you herewith catalog. On pages 64-65 you will find the information you desire. You can enter at the beginning of the winter term, Jan. 4th next. Trusting to see you here then, I am

Yours truly,

Thos. E. Skis.
President.

Dec. 20, 1897.

Mr. O. D. Shide,

Dear Sir,

Our college clock in the executive office is at present a complete failure. We should be obliged if you could put it in order.

Yours truly,

Thos. E. Skis.
President.

Dec. 20, 1897.

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Miss Eva L. Hopkins,
Lebanon, O.

We send you catalog of the college, from which you will be able to get all information. Tuition is free. The next term begins January 4th.

Your's truly,

Thos. E. Mill
President

Dec. 20, 1897.

Hon. J. M. Limbocker,
Dear Sir,

Regarding the matter of Prof. Hood's assistant, we find in the minutes of the October meeting the following:

"On application of the professor of mechanics and engineering it was voted, first, That Mr. George Sexton be transferred from the position of foreman of the farm to a position in the mechanical department, to enter the latter position on the retirement of Robert Huddleson, engineer, and to hold the same until June 30, next."

The next minute reads as follows: "Voted that an assistant in the mechanical department be provided at a cost of not to exceed \$720 per annum, his term of service to begin with the next winter term."

This \$720 assistant was the one Prof. Hood nominated. Prof. Hood finds the appointment of this assistant absolutely necessary to the conduct of his new mechanical course.

I read these minutes to Regent Hoffman, and he advised that the assistant be secured. Unless you advise to the contrary, I will so notify Prof. Hood.

Very truly yours,

Thos. E. Mill

Dec. 20, 1897.

Prof. Hood,

Prof. Hitchcock mentions the fact that the radiator in his office is inadequate, and says that you have suggested an exchange of that radiator for the one in the south corridor of the main building upstairs. If you know of any other radiator more available, please mention the fact; otherwise make the exchange at your earliest convenience.

Truly yours,



Dec. 20, 1897.

Mr. D. H. Ehrlich,

Lehigh, Ks.

Dear Sir,

We send you a catalog of the college. On page 67 you will find the expenses of attendance. Students often make part of their expenses by work while studying, but we cannot promise anyone that he will be able to do so, because there are so many desiring to work their way. As you have enough money, however, to carry you part way thru, it is likely that by the time that is used up you may be in a way to make more.

Enclosed is the proposed course of study, now adopted, and adaptation for this year. You will observe the engineering course.

Yours truly,



President.

Dec. 20, 1897.

Mr. J. W. Asdel,
Cherryvale, Ks.

Dear Sir,

I enclose you a copy of our new course of study, just adopted, and circular of the dairy school. A catalog also goes by this mail. We have at present no short course in agriculture other than the dairy school, but the winter term of the regular course includes the study of agriculture, and will be very beneficial to a student who can spend only three months.

Yours truly,

Dec. 30, 1897.

Mr. C. G. Buell,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of recent date received. The pressure of board business prevented an immediate reply. I had not learned that the National Single Taxer used the article. I should be pleased to see the copy you mention.

Naturally the reorganization has caused much protestation on the part of the conservative classes, and especially on the part of some of those who went away from here. We are willing, however, to be judged by our works, and are grateful that there are people in the country who are disposed to give us credit for good intentions, and perhaps also for some small measure of ability.

Dec. 21, 1897.

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Hon. C. B. Daughters,

Dear Sir,

Copies of Dr. Fischer's report to be distributed among the regents were received too late for distribution before the regents left.

I enclose a copy herewith.

Yours truly,

*This to all
the regents*

Dec. 21, 1897.

Hon. John Davis,

Junction City, Ks.

Dear Sir,

Replying to your favor of recent date will say that I have read with great interest and pleasure your "Conquest of the Prairies by Abraham Lincoln." The I have been familiar with prairie life from boyhood, and tho I have lived in Lincoln's home town, I had not learned the important points you there bring out, that the transition from forest life to prairie life was practically began with Abraham Lincoln's breaking of the sod with oxen.

The question of ~~the~~ policy for the Industrialist is not absolutely settled as yet. In the past the contributions have been made principally, I think, by members of the college. The general question of policy will be referred to the Industrialist committee for report, and should it be thought wise to admit extended contributions from outside, I shall be happy to see a beginning made with "The Conquest of the Prairies."

Very truly yours,

[Handwritten signature]

Dec. 21, 1897.

Mr. David R. McGinnis,
Hotel Ryan,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 14th requesting representation from the Agricultural College at the American Livestock Feeders' & Breeders' Convention is at hand. I regret that conflicting appointments make it impracticable for us to be present at the meeting, tho it would afford the writer and other members of the institution much pleasure to attend. Thanking you for your kind invitation, I remain

Dec. 20, 1897.

Prof. C. F. Curtiss,
Ames, Iowa,
Dear Prof. Curtiss,

I see by the program for the January meeting of our Kansas State Board of Agriculture that you are to present a paper at that meeting on January 14th. While so near, I trust you will not let the opportunity pass to visit our college. We should be very glad to show you over it.

Cordially yours,


President.

Dec. 20, 1897.

Hon. J. H. Brigham,

Washington, D. C.

Department of Agriculture,

Dear Sir,

By the program for the 27th annual meeting of the Kansas State Board of Agriculture, I see that you are to present a paper on Friday evening, January 14th. Permit me on behalf of the college to extend to you an invitation, while so near, to visit the State Agricultural College at Manhattan.

Dec. 21, 1897.

Hon. James Wilson,

Secretary of Agriculture,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,

While I do not find your name on the program, I have heard it stated that you would probably be present at the 27th annual meeting of the Kansas State Board of Agriculture at Topeka, beginning January 12th. If this be true, we should esteem it an honor and a pleasure to have you visit, while so near, the State Agricultural College at Manhattan, where we shall be glad to show you what we have and what we are trying

Dec. 21, 1897.

Hon. William Campbell,
Mayor of Manhattan,

Dear Sir,

Some days since I was telephoned that a student, Mr. B. Quesnoy, was ill, and desired the county physician. I endeavored to reach you over the telephone, but without success. I then telephoned the county physician, Dr. Spencer, asking her to take charge of the case, with the hope that the matter might be made right with you later. The following day I tried again to reach you over the telephone, but unsuccessfully. I understand that the doctor made two visits, after which further treatment was unnecessary.

I understand that in such cases the regular course is for the order to go from the mayor to the physician, but from my information I could not say that this was not a case of emergency.

Very truly yours,

President.

Mr. Frank Dibert,

Eureka, Ks.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 13th failed to receive immediate answer because of the pressure of business accompanying the board meeting. I send herewith a catalog, Columbian history, dairy school circulars, and copies of recent issues of Industrialist, and of the new course of study.

I am glad to learn of the success of your farmers' institute. We believe the professors who visited you are good men, and we are glad they impressed you the same way.

It was not at Johns Hopkins, but at Appleton, Wisconsin, where I ~~did~~ my earlier college teaching. I am glad you are interested in other aspects of education than those pertaining purely to wealth production. Some of us believe that distribution also is worthy of study.

Very truly yours,



Dec. 20, 1897.

Hon. J. S. Parks,

State Printer,

Dear Sir,

I transmit you herewith the following extract from the minutes of the board of regents for December 16, 1897.

"Moved by Regent Hudson that Mr. J. J. Davis's bid for printing the experiment station bulletins, being the lowest, be accepted. Carried."

The board recognize that your appliances, and the work already performed by you on bulletins, are first class. At the same time, inasmuch as Mr. Davis had himself made the lowest bid after that made by Mr. Ewing Herbert, and as Mr. Davis was found to have a new and admirable equipment, it was felt that fairness required the awarding of the contract to Mr. Davis.

Dec. 20, 1897.

Mr. J. J. Davis,

Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure of submitting to you the following transcript from the minutes of the board of regents for December 16, 1897.

Moved by Regent Hudson that Mr. J. J. Davis's bid for printing the experiment station bulletins, being the lowest, be accepted, and that Mr. Davis be authorized to print the bulletins until the close of the current college year.

Moved by Regent Daughters that the above motion be so amended as to substitute the name of State Printer J. S. Parks for that of Mr. J. J. Davis. The amendment was lost.

A vote on the original motion was taken, and the motion carried.

Regent Hoffman offered the following amendment to the resolution: That a good and sufficient bond in the sum of one thousand dollars be required from Mr. Davis for the faithful performance of the contract for printing bulletins, and that hereafter all persons to whom printing contracts may be awarded be put under a good and sufficient bond, of not less than one thousand dollars, to perform the contracts which may be awarded. Carried.

Moved by Regent Hoffman that a committee consisting of two regents and the superintendent of printing be appointed to draw up a contract stipulating the kind and grade of work, time of delivery, and such details as may be deemed necessary by them. Carried. The following committee was appointed: Regents Hudson and Hoe and Superintendent of Printing Davis.

The contract will be submitted to you for signature shortly.

The publication of the following bulletins, estimated to cost approximately \$1000, has been authorized. It is expected that no others will be offered for publication in the next five months.

Two in the botanical department.
One in the chemical department.
Two in the farm department.
One in the veterinary department.
Two in the department of horticulture and entomology.

Two bulletins are supposed to be ready now for publication.

Both of these are in the hands of Prof. Hitchcock.

Yours truly,

Wm. E. Miller
Secretary of board of regents.

Dec. 22, 1897.

Mr. Thomas E. Layden,
West Point, Indiana.

Dear Sir,

I am authorized to inform you of your appointment to a position as assistant in the mechanical department of this college, at the rate of \$60 per month during the trial period ending with June 30, 1898. If at the end of that time your work should prove satisfactory, you will doubtless receive an appointment by the year, at the rate of \$720.

Your duties here will begin January 4th at the latest; you may begin Jan. 1st if here at that time; and Prof. Hood, the head of the department, would prefer that you should be here at that time if you can.

Very truly yours,

Wm. E. Miller
President.

Dec. 22, 1897.

Mr. T. W. Harrison,
Topeka, Ks.

Dear Sir,

Replying to your favor of the 21st inst., will say that we have already had under consideration the matter of crop breeding and cross fertilization, and that we should be very much pleased to work in the line suggested by the Oak Orange Institute.

Very truly yours,

Wm. E. Miller

Dec. 22, 1897.

Hon. J. S. Parks,
State Printer,

Dear Sir,

Your bills for bulletins, and also for covering and stitching, are at hand. On careful examination of the J. J. Davis bid we discover that there is a mistake, but not in the bid, nor in my letter to you transmitting copy of the same. The first line of the bid, you will observe, reads: "8000 copies of 16 pages (7000 stapled), \$60.00." The term "stapled" covers the binding. The extra 1000 copies (8000-7000=1000) were to be retained until the end of the year and bound up with the station reports. Mr. Davis says this bid is as he made it, and as he intended that it should stand. He makes no extra charge for the binding. I think, therefore, that the board will be unwilling to pay the additional \$13 on each lot.

Very truly yours,

Wm. E. Miller

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