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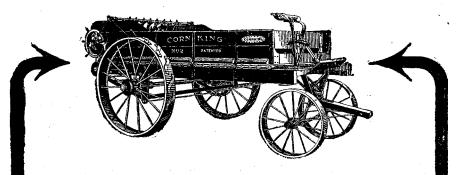
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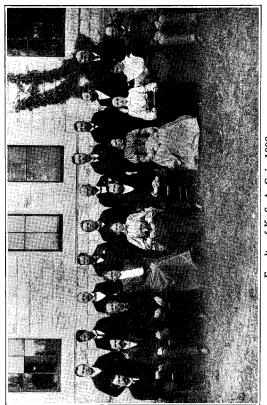
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### Glimpses of Old Santa Fe.

Harriet (Nichols) Donohoo, '98.

There isn't another spot within the length and breadth of this land of ours more redolent of the incense of the old and antique, more teeming with historic lore, than is that ancient city in New Mexico, where civilization was old when Plymouth Rock entered upon the scenes, the capital city of Santa Fé, "city of the Holy Faith."

Geographically, this city of seven thousand inhabitants is at an elevation of about seven thousand feet. sheltered in a basin at the foot of the Sangre de Cristo range of mountains, some of the peaks towering, to the north, to an elevation of twelve thousand feet, while the foot-hills, stalwart guardians of the little city, encircle protectingly about it on the east, north, and west: while away to the south stretches the plain, with a dim, distant line of low mountains defining the horizon. Indeed, from the sight of old Fort Marcy, rising abruptly over two hundred feet above the city below, the view is simply grand! To the east, one makes out against the background of mountains in the National Forest Reserve the gleaming tents of "Sunmount," the consumptives' city, while nearer at hand is the canyon of that mountain stream that flows through and supplies the city, Rio Santa Fé. Along its banks, and over the plains to the west, the low, square, flat-roofed, adobe houses of the Indians and Mexicans glow white among the green trees, and the red brick or grey granite of the public buildings, the distant dome of the capitol crowning an eminence, the spires and towers of churches and schools, all combine into a picture of indescribable beauty. The air is perfectly clear and limpid and inspiring, the October sun warm and beaming, the weird strains of "La Paloma" float about one from the plaza below, this peaceful Sunday afternoon, and to complete the picture, two old Mojaras, black shawls wrapped about them, shrouding them, sit upon the old embankment nearby, quiet and still, evidently enjoying to the utmost the harmony of the peaceful, dreamy scene.

The old Plaza, or Square, is the center of the city's life, and at all times of the day one sees all classes, old and young, seated here under the trees enjoying the sunshine, the air, the music, and the crowds. On Sunday, especially, everyone seems to be here, and all day long the band makes wonderful music while the throngs weave in and out. Here in the center, at the intersection of the walks, is a high monument to the brave men who fell in battle with Indians, and in conflict with the rebels at Canon del Apache and La Glorieta in the year Then there is a smaller mon-1862.ument to one side, bearing this inscription:

> In this Plaza Gen. S. W. Kearny, U. S. A., Proclaimed the Peaceful Annexation of New Mexico, August 19, 1846.

And opposite to this is the Lamy Fountain of bronze, erected by the Women's Board of Trade in memory of the great and good Archbishop Lamy, who introduced, among other important works, the planting of orchards in Santa Fé and the surrounding country. In this old Plaza Onate

set up the banner of Spain in 1598; the Pueblos in 1680 here burned the historical records that then came into their hands; in 1692, de Vargas camped here, after driving out the Pueblos; and here, in 1846, General Kearny planted the Stars and Stripes, the last act in the drama.

Along the north side of the Plaza, across the street, extends the Old Palace, the only real palace in the United States and the oldest of all government buildings. It was constructed in 1598, and has been the executive building under four different peoples—the Spaniards, the Pueblos, the Mexicans, and the Americans. The building itself apparently covers the block, but in reality there is a long and narrow tier of rooms along the north and west streets, while the rest of the space within the high adobe walls is a Court, as can be seen through the great gates on the south. The walls are five feet thick, the building is of one story and flat; along the south side is a wide porch, supported by heavy pillars. The windows are large, of twenty-four small panes each, and usually barred. Now the Old Palace belongs to the Federal Government, and is the home of the only School of Archæology in America, and of the Historical Society Museum, which contains the finest collection of New Mexico, Mexican and Indian antiquities in the world, as well as one of the finest libraries of old chronicles, old maps, and old paintings. Then there is the Ben Hur room, within whose walls were written the last chapters of that great favorite, when General Lew Wallace was serving as governor of New Mexico, 1878-1881. The post-office is housed here also.

Another landmark near, of almost equal interest, is the old hotel, "La Fonda," now the Exchange Hotel, then the end of the old historic Santa Fé Trail, and the scene, we may well believe, of many exciting times in those early days.

All about the city the old is bewilderingly placed with the new, and at every turn there are the narrow, meandering streets, and the low, flat adobe walls, up hill and down, the dwellings often one continuous, sinuous white wall, with doors at irregular intervals, but few windows. And the water spouts, sticking straight out from the flat roofs about half the width of the walk, promise an interesting experience for the passing pedestrian, should it happen to rain.

North from the Plaza are the modern library, in mission style, the Elks' Theatre, and a little further on, the Palace Hotel, and just beyond, the Federal Building of grey granite. In front of this building is the monument to Kit Carson, the leader "Pioneer Pathfinder, Soldier." Santa Fé was his home and he was a member of the Masonic Lodge organized there. A few minutes' walk a little further on. and one reaches the foot of the hill upon which stood old Fort Marcy. The steep climb to the top is rewarded by being able to trace upon the crest the outline of the groundworks of the old fort; while just below one to the west can be seen the ruins of the old Spanish Garita, where malefactors and traitors were once executed.

Wandering on eastward over the hills, then turning once more toward the city, one passes through the residence section, seeing many modern homes, as well as the ever-present adobe, past the new court-house, the Sisters' of Charity Sanitarium and Orphans' Home, to the beautiful Cathedral of St. Francis, built of grey granite, cruciform, the twin steeples rising majestically and visible for miles, above the trees. Clinging to the rear is the old adobe original, commenced in 1862. Within are many fine old paintings, while beneath the alter rest the bodies of the great Archbishops Lamy and Bourgabe, apostles and builders.

Passing on to the south of the

Plaza, down a narrow street and across the river, one notices the fine buildings of the Loretto Academy and Convent; between them is the dainty Chapel, said to be the most perfect bit of Gothic architecture in America, and surely none would dispute it who has seen it. This is the oldest school for girls west of the Missouri. And soon there appears in view the object sought-old San Miguel Church, the oldest church in the United States. It is a small adobe church, with stone ballasts, and is in the care of the Christian Brothers, who conduct nearby St. Michael's College, the oldest school for boys west of the Missouri. Within the church one could revel for days. There is the old hammered brass bell, cast in Spain in the fourteenth century, and of wondrous tones; there are the rough walls showing that the mud was laid on with the hand instead of a trowel: above one there is the puncheon floor of the old choir loft, and on one of these beams an inscription in Spanish, telling by whom it was rebuilt in 1710. On the wall, to the left, hangs an old painting of Our Lady of Guadalupe, painted in 1535 by Juan Diego, an Indian, to whom she appeared seven times. Before one, behind the alter, is a large copy of "Raphael's St. Michael and Lucifer," one of de Vinci's "Ecce Homo," and others of Ferdinand III and of St. Francis of Assisi, the founder of the Franciscans. But the treasures of all are two large paintings by Giovanni Cimabue, painted in 1287. The one, of the Annunciation, is wonderful, in its deep, rich colorings. This picture has two holes in it, near the center, made by Indian arrows when carried at one time in a procession. Of the statues in this church, one of our Savior, carved of wood by German artists some thirty years ago, is beautiful. This church is supposed to have been built in 1541, and is known to have been in existence in 1598, the year the old Palace was built. Nearby, across a small side street, is a little square adobe house of one story, the oldest house in the United States. Onate occupied it in 1598, and ever since that time it has been continuously occupied.

From here wandering on westward, there are the ever recurring surprises of the promiscuous blending of the old and the new, with glimpses through the trees of the capitol, soon in full view before one, a beautiful building of the usual order of architecture, beautifully finished within in marble, black and white and mottled. In these grounds is to be found the greatest variety of trees in New Mexico within the confines of one park. And all about the city are fine old shade trees-maples, poplars, box-elders, cottonwoods, elms-while there is scarcely a home that has not about it a small orchard.

Across from the capitol, in the midst of grounds in a state of preparation, is the new executive mansion of colonial style, and back of it flows the Santa Fé; beyond is the city, and to the west is one long, low, undulating wall of adobe housesagain the new and the old! As this street is followed, there is never-ending pleasure in the oddities of life and structures greeting one at every turn, and soon there comes into view ahead a seemingly commonplace building, but upon the top of it is an old Indian cart, with wooden wheels and poles, that excites one's curiosity and interest. But all is clear when the name "Candelario" is seen. Candelario's is known all over the territory as the oldest and most noted curio store in New Mexico, and surely no trip to Santa Fé would be complete without an exploration of this old shop, where seemingly all that is Mexican or Indian, from times remote to the present day, is represented. It is a truly bewildering array, but intensely interesting.

Aside from the Federal Building, all the government buildings are in a group just beyond the city, to the south, and are all of red brick. There is the Territorial School for the Deaf and Dumb, the penitentiary, the Indian Industrial School of eighteen large structures, and nearby the only National Cemetery in New Mexico and Arizona. The Federal activities mean a great deal for this little city, for here are the headquarters of the Federal Land Office, the Internal Revenue Service for Arizona and New Mexico, the Surveyor General, Weather Bureau, Forest Supervisor of the Pecos, Jemez, and Taos National Forest Reserves, the U.S. Attorney for the Pueblo Indians, and others.

And all this rich mine of historical lore and modern interests is found within the boundaries of this one small "city of the holy faith;" and nearby, easily reached in carriages or on horseback, are untold wealths of mountain scenery, the old pueblos of Tesuque and Taos, among the oldest in America, the picture writings, the cliff dwellings, the historic battlefields of Apache Canon and Glorieta, the petrified trees of Los Cerillos, the turquoise mines-New Mexico's are the largest in the world, and produce the finest stones—the mines of gold and coal, and myriads of other places of interest. Indeed, the surrounding country is a fit setting for this old historic gem. Santa Fé. And the government, in establishing here the one Archæological school for America proclaims the now recognized truth that here, as in no other spot in the United States, is to be found a field for historic research of unequaled richness, hitherto unappreciated. But from now on we have the assurance that the field will be thoroughly exploited, and may all anticipate with certainty the pleasure and pride of Americans in a more thorough knowledge of this historic region.

#### The Alpha Beta Society.

(The ALUMNUS editor, feeling that much of the best in College life has centered about the literary societies, has asked two members from each society, belonging to widely different periods, to tell something of the society as he or she knew it. The Alpha Betas have been the first to respond.)

### EARLY DAYS IN THE ALPHA BETA SOCIETY.

By Louis E. Humphrey, '77.

The Alpha Beta and Webster literary societies had their inception in the early history of the K. S. A. C. Previous to this, the literary work of the College was conducted by Prof. J. H. Lee, assisted by Prof. J. E. Platt. Each Friday afternoon was devoted to rhetorical work, when all students met in the chapel to listen to a literary program rendered by the students who responded by divisions from week to week, alternating so as to accommodate all. From year to year the number of students increased so much that the Faculty thought best to have the two literary societies attend to the work of rhetoricals and turned this responsibility over to them. The societies took up the work very heartily and with unprecedented vigor, and pushed it forward with marked success. As a result, through our forty-six states we note with pride that many a senator, congressman, lawyer, and orator received his first incentive and training at the hands of one of these societies.

An incident in one of our sessions will be long remembered, when a certain member (I will not say who) was indicted for sheep stealing and brought to a speedy trial. Through the shrewd work of Mortmer Grover, attorney for the defendant, an interesting suit was prepared and fought to a finish. The jury impanel was exhausted, but from the court-room a jury was at last obtained. Expert testimony was brought in. Ten witnesses were sub-

poenaed. The plea of insanity was introduced. The cross questions were to the point. The case was seasoned with hot shot from the attorneys. The judge presiding was W. C. Howard, who maintained the dignity of the court, and his gavel often brought order in the court-room as the case progressed. Mortmer beat the air. frothed and foamed. Flights of oratory were frequent, with much gesticulation which was unique. At last the case went to the jury and after a deliberation of ten minutes the defendant went "Scott free."

Of course we thought the Alpha Beta Society was the better of the two societies, but the keynote of success was struck when it was decided to admit women as active members. From that time, this society received the benefit of the best lady talent the College afforded. A social impetus was thus awakened.

Then it was that the Websters were our rivals sure enough. Joint public debates between the two societies were common occurrences, when warm discussions on up-to-date questions insured full attendance. Mock courts, oratorical contests, plays of tragedy and comedy were enjoyed, and every member helped to make each meeting enjoyable and beneficial. Music was an important feature in our programs. The literary organ of our society was the "Gleaner," which was true to its name. It was always prepared with great care and was a source of much amusement and interest.

You could tell an Alpha Beta by his or her address and general appearance. The members were always polite and courteous, up to date in literary work, efficient as teachers, qualified for business, and general favorites!

## THE ALPHA BETAS OF RECENT YEARS. By Amy Allen, '04.

To our older alumni the year 1901 may seem a comparatively recent date, while to the ones who have

joined our ranks within the past few years this time may lie in the dim past. However, it was in 1901 that I cast my lot with the Alpha Beta Society and hence, being asked to write of the society as I know it, it must be from this time that my remarks date.

The first event that brought glory to the society after I became a member was a victory that has proven to be one of the greatest the society has ever won. This was the winning of the first intersociety oratorical contest, by Mr. T. J. Woodworth. Every one knows of the enormous growth our College has had in recent years, and consequently there has been increase in the number of literary societies. While there are seven now, there were then but four, and this first contest took place in the old chapel. To-day there are yells and yells and songs and songs, composed for the occasion and practiced upon weeks before time for the contest. And there are demonstrations and colors galore, until so much enthusiasm and society spirit is aroused that the noise is deafening to the quiet onlooker—not to mention that it can be heard for blocks away. At this first contest I think the Alpha Betas had one yell. It was the regular society yell—the one printed in our constitution. But who dares to assert that the yell of the winning society today has a more loyal or hearty ring than did ours at the first contest? What society to-day is prouder of its representative than we are of our Mr. Woodworth?

Referring to later contests, three of our representatives—Mr. T. W. Buell, '04, Mr. W. R. Ballard, '05, and Mr. R. R. Birch, '06—won first place in thought and composition and second place in the contests. At each of these contests there were five contestants, there being five societies.

Aside from the good and profitable times that the society enjoyed every Saturday afternoon at their regular meetings, social affairs was always a prominent feature with us, and many were the socials, picnics, hayrack rides, etc., that broke the monotony of the more serious duties of College life.

In the fall of 1902 a digression was made in the manner of arranging for programs. Instead of this being done by the board, as usual, the society was divided into four divisions and each division was controlled by a leader. A contest then ensued to see which division could produce the best programs. The various numbers on the programs were graded by competent judges, and at the close of eight weeks the division having the highest number of points to their credit was guest of honor at a reception given by the other three divisions. I belonged to the lucky division, and this, of course, added to the enjoyment of the occasion.

In the fall of 1903 the society gave a reception to new students, and this is an event that stands clear in my mind to-day, not only because it was greatly enjoyed, but because it added a number of excellent members to our roll.

In the fall of 1903, also, the play "East Lynne" was presented to the public by the society, and many were the hours of practice spent in improving its presentation. But the time was profitably spent—profitable (?) in more ways than one, for those practice evenings opened the road to matrimony in one or two cases. Besides this, however, those long hours of practice, and the faithful services of Professor Kammeyer, brought success to the undertaking, resulting in an entertainment that was a great credit to the society.

In the winter of '04 the Alpha Betas carried off honors in debating lines. The Hamiltons were victorious over the Websters 2 to 1, then the Alpha Betas won against the Hamiltons 5 to 0. The debate took place in Assembly Hall and considerable interest was

aroused, hence the result was an honor and a joy to the society.

I cannot pass without here mentioning a picnic that took place in the spring of '04 at the Griffing home on College Hill. This was a social affair along with the rest not soon to be forgotten. Gathering wild flowers, sailing boats on the pond, etc., created an appetite that caused the delicious viands of our spacious lunch baskets to disappear like magic; and the long ride home with stories and song arouses a wish to live that part of life again.

But four years have passed. There are twenty senior Alpha Betas, and the time has come for them to say good-bye to College life and to each other. Ere long, the good times together will exist only in memory.

Of course, we wondered how the society could possibly run without us; but I have remained on the campus, and I have witnessed with pleasure the continued growth and welfare of the society. I have visited their sessions and been present at receptions, and the wheel of progress is rolling along just the same.

One of the most enjoyable social affairs it has been my pleasure to attend for some time was the Alpha Beta reception and banquet, on Monday evening, October 18, 1909, in celebration of their forty-first anniversary. gathered in society hall and enjoyed social chats with old-time friends, also making new acquaintances. During the evening we were entertained by a musical program, and then asked to adjourn to the Gymnasium. in the spacious drill room, which was beautifully decorated with autumn leaves and the society colors of blue and gold, we were treated to a delicious three-course banquet. After the toasts and responses we sought our homes, with a warm place in our hearts for the present members.

One of the most enjoyable features of late years is the annual reunion at

Commencement time. Here the old members gather together and participate in society reminiscences.

At the oratorical contest which has just passed it was my pleasure to sit with the Alpha Beta Society and help them yell and sing their songs. seemed like the good old times, and after it was over, although we ranked next to the last, we celebrated our victory over the Euros, and the occasion generally in a new and unique way. A street-car had been chartered, and with our never-dying songs and yells, together with the aid of Roman candles, we made ourselves known up and down the length of the car line. Then another good time had passed into history.

Long live the Alpha Betas. They have a history to be proud of. May the advantages of to-day and to-morrow be grasped with such enthusiasm as to carry them ever on to a higher and higher goal.

## An Incident of the Sophie Days of the Class of 1902.

As I look back over the three years from the fall of 1899 to the spring of 1902, during which I was a member of the 1902 class of K. S. A. C., I am of the opinion that this class had more "get up" as sophomores than at any other stage of their development. They tried to have something doing all the time.

The inside story of one of their pranks may not be without interest to the readers of the ALUMNUS, so here goes.

The Faculty decided to hold a formal reception on Washington's birthday, 1900. The student body, as a whole, was invited. There was to be a program in the old chapel, and the reception proper was to be in the domestic science building—now occupied by the Printing Department. There was considerable friction at the time between Faculty and students. A very

popular junior had been reduced from his rank as sergeant-major of the cadet battalion, as a punishment for alleged "cribbing" in a quiz under an exceedingly unpopular professor. The students would not believe there was anything in the charge. Something was expected to happen.

The sophies wanted to do something especially devilish, and, as the Faculty had passed a rule against the displaying of class colors in chapel, they decided to take advantage of the opportunity afforded by the "Faculty Annual," as the reception was called. In class assembled they agreed to make a banner and Joe Young, Henry Sidorfsky and myself were appointed a committee to determine on the means of displaying the colors without laying any members of the class liable to expulsion.

The first scheme was to attach the banner to a number of toy balloons. sufficient to carry it to the ceiling of the chapel. But we could not find the balloons in town. Then Joe Young, who always took a huge interest in chemistry, and narrowly missed flunkat each mid-term ing and examination, proposed that we secure some bladders and fill them with hydrogen, assuring us that such an arrangement would be highly satisfactory. As neither Henry or myself knew any different, we adopted this plan, or at least, made the attempt.

At Willard's drug store we secured a quantity of hydrochloric acid, and at a tinshop some scraps of zinc, and met by appointment one night in the seclusion of Joe's room to manufacture the hydrogen. A wide-mouthed bottle, some glass tubes, a cork and some rubber hose completed our paraphernalia.

But the gas didn't come off in appreciable quantities, and one of us held a lighted match to the tube to see if any was liberated. The result may be readily imagined. Luckily, the

cork blew out without breaking the bottle, thus saving our eyes. We realized that we were on the wrong track.

Finally, we decided that we would sieze the bull by the horns and show our contempt for the Faculty ruling by boldly carrying the banner into the chapel on a staff. If any one got into trouble about it we intended to take advantage of the technicality that the meeting was not "chapel" proper. Anyway, we figured that the professors had about all the trouble on hand right then that they wanted. So, in an enthusiastic class meeting, Henry Sidorfsky was unanimously chosen to carry the banner on the eventful night, he being the biggest one in the class. He was to have a bodyguard of some twenty picked men, while all the boys in the class were to hold themselves in readiness and rally to the defense of the banner. in case the freshies or the juniors showed hostile tendencies.

Everything went off nicely. Of course, the loyal bodyguard suffered during the program from such missiles as muddy rubbers, chalk boxes, erasers, and snowballs, which were hurled at their devoted heads by the unhallowed freshies in the gallery. The reception was very formal and highly satisfactory to every one.

The sophies were triumphant from start to finish. They protected their own banner at all times, captured and destroyed one which had been hurriedly improvised by the freshies and, best of all, there was no afterclap from the Faculty. There were no casualties except some of a minor character. Custodian Lewis, in trying to separate two rushing gangs of students, was jostled rather roughly, and Henry Sidorfsky, the grenadier into whose charge an admiring class had placed their sacred guidon, was struck in the eye by a snowball, thrown with unerring aim by one of the enemy's sharpshooters. Henry at once handed

the honor of being the chief target to one of his bodyguard and retired from the fray.

GLICK FOCKELE, '02.

LeRoy, Kansas.

### The New System of Grading.

The Faculty has adopted a new system of grading student work, which is being introduced this term and which is expected to be an improvement over the old numerical system. Following are the rules which were adopted by vote of the Faculty:

1. There be established a system of grades designated by letters, and having the following significance and order of rank:

E, signifying "Excellent."

G, signifying "Good."

P, signifying "Passed."

C, signifying "Conditioned."

F, signifying "Failure."

2. The Student Council having requested the granting of certain exemptions from final examinations, the committee recommends:

That any student achieving a grade of "E" for the term, in any subject, and who shall be charged with not to exceed six absences for all causes from the class in such subject during the term, may be excused from the final examination in that subject at the discretion of the instructor. Provided, however, that instructors are to announce such exemption lists in their respective subjects at the last session, only, of the class preceding the final examination.

- 3. It is recommended that conditional examinations be reported simply as "P" (Passed) or "F" (Failure), and that conditional examinations not taken, or taken and not passed, be recorded "F" (Failure).
- 4. It is recommended that only grades "C" (Conditioned) and "F" (Failure) be reported at the mid-term.
- 5. It is recommended that a system of honors be established as follows:

That, to not exceeding five (5) per cent of the students of the junior class

having the highest standing for the College year there shall be awarded "Junior Honors" at Commencement.

That to not exceeding five (5) per cent of the senior class having the highest standing for the College year there shall be awarded "Senior Honors" at Commencement, and it is further provided, that in the case of any student's achieving senior honors he shall be entitled to receive one credit toward the Master's Degree, and in case the same student shall have achieved both junior and senior honors, he shall be entitled to receive three credits toward the Master's Degree.

6. It is further recommended that the following system of awarding honor points be established, viz., that the grades received by the student shall carry plus and minus "points" in order as follows:

Grade E (Excellent) shall carry +2 points. Grade G (Good) shall carry +1 point. Grade P (Passed) shall carry 0 point. Grade C (Conditioned) shall carry -1 point. Grade F (Failure) shall carry -2 points.

#### EXAMPLES.

Trigonometry calls for 5 hours a week with no laboratory work. If a student received "E," his honor points would be plus 2x5 or plus 10. If he received "F," his honor points would be minus 2x5 or minus 10.

Plant Physiology calls for 5 hours per week class work and 4 hours per week laboratory. A student might receive a grade of "E" in the class work and "G" in the laboratory work. This would entitle him to plus 2x5 or plus 10 points in the class work, and plus 1x2 or plus 2 in the laboratory (the laboratory hours being divided by 2 to obtain the multiplying factor).

Farm Motors calls for  $2\frac{1}{2}$  hours class work and 4 hours laboratory or practice per week. A grade of "E" in both class and laboratory would entitle the student to plus  $2\times2\frac{1}{2}$ , or plus 5 points for the class work, and plus  $2\times2$ , or plus 4 points for the laboratory work.

Blacksmithing or Sewing III calls for 4 hours a week of laboratory work, only. Grade "E" in one of these subjects would give a student plus 2x2, or plus 4 honor points. Grade "F" would give minus 2x2, or minus 4 points.

The award of honors in the junior and senior classes shall be to those achieving the highest algebraic sum of honor points, according to the foregoing schedule and under the limitations provided in paragraph 6.

### EXPLANATORY.

The committee submits to the Faculty, together with this report, an outline of the system of student grading at present in vogue in a number of representative and leading educational institutions of college and university From these, it will appear that the numerical percentage system is not directly followed in any of these institutions, although in some of them the grades (as indicated by letters or numerals) are given a certain percentage range of value. Your committee thought best to attach no percentage value to the grades as recommended, letting them represent a qualitative rather than a quantitative estimate of standing.

Those of the institutions examined which use letters to indicate grades take them in alphabetical order, as A, B, C. The committee, however, considered that the initial letter of the grade conferred would carry more direct personal significance to the student, and we have consequently preferred to recommend this system, which, in the committee's judgment, carries more meaning than the method of using either the letter in sequence or the numbers 1, 2, 3, etc.

An important innovation is the honor system. It is the committee's judgment that our students need the stimulus which such a system would afford. In endowed institutions an honor system in one form or another is very generally found, the honors awarded

being in the form of exemptions from tuition, scholarships, and other rewards of similar financial value. Such a system is obviously impossible here at present. However, it seemed to the committee that, by establishing a system of junior and senior honors, awarded, in the case of students' achieving the latter, by one credit toward the Master's Degree, and to the student achieving both junior and senior honors, of three credits, we would promote better scholarship and encourage the best of the upper classmen to take up more advanced work after graduating.

It will be noted that we have furnished an extra stimulus by making the honors cumulative, giving three credits instead of two to the recipient of both senior and junior honors.

By limiting honors to not exceeding 5 per cent of the classes in question, a large enough number is allowed for to make the honors seem reasonably possible to superior students, without their becoming large enough on the other hand to cheapen the award.

The system of awarding honor points we have taken from the University of Chicago. The system of weighting the honor points according to the number of hours the subject is taught we have taken from the system devised by Dr. Max Meyer of the University of Missouri (see "Science," 28-243).

We beg to remind the Faculty that, in as much as 18 credits are required for the Master's Degree, our system of honor awards does not involve a deduction that could be considered unreasonable.

Signed H. F. ROBERTS, W. A. MCKEEVER, R. R. PRICE, B. F. EYER, J. O. HAMILTON.

A man educated in mind but not in morals is a menace to society.—Roosevelt.

#### Tenth Annual Oratorical Contest.

The contest of 1910 was not essentially different from the contests of previous years in respect to unique society demonstrations and abundance of noise. For a time before the contest it had seemed as if the unusual amount of interest in debating had left little enthusiasm in the literary societies for the oratorical contest. There were few contestants in the preliminaries and it was even prophesied that the glory of this annual affair was on the wane. However, on the night of the contest the old society spirit proved to be there with all the accumulated strength of the past. The program follows:

Invocation......Rev. Dr. Arthur E. Holt

#### IONIAN

Music	
Oration-"The Mission of Wom	
,,	$\dots$ Wilma Orem

#### EURODELPHIAN

Music	
Oration—"Our Heroes" Lilla C	J. Farmer

#### ALPHA BETA

Music		
Oration-"Child I	Labor''	Clyde McKee

#### ATHENIAN

MusicViolin Ti	rio
Oration—"Truth and Her Champions"	
L. G. Folso	m

#### WEBSTER

	Vocal Solo
Oration-"The	Impending Crisis"
	James B. Bond
	James B. Bond

#### FRANKLIN

Music	
Oration—"The American	
	Jesse Keeble

#### HAMILTON

		milton Glee Club
Oration-"The	Advantage of	Adversity"
		Edgar Vaughn

Society Demonstrations, Two Minutes....
Conducted by M. F. Ahearn
Decision of Judges and Awarding of Prizes..
Prof. J. E. Kammeyer

The decision of the judges placed the societies in rank as follows: First place, Athenian; second place, Webster; Hamilton, Franklin, Ionian, Alpha Beta, Eurodelphian.

Mr. Lucius G. Folsom, the winner

of first place, was first a student of the College in the nineties. He has taught school a part of the time since then, and last year reëntered as a sophomore in agronomy. Mr. James B. Bond, the winner of second place, is a special student, in his third year.

The judges for the contest were all men of large ability. The judges on thought and composition were Professor Gilmore, of Rochester, N. Y., Professor Simmons, Knox College, Galesburg, Ill., and Professor Weltnor, superintendent of Edwards county, Kansas. The judges on delivery were Professor Hopkins, of Kansas University, President Sanders, of Washburn College, and Professor Leach, of Baker University.

### The Athletic Banquet.

The first annual athletic banquet was held in the Women's Gymnasium on the night of January 23. The members of the two rooters clubs were hosts and hostesses and their guests were the members of the various athletic teams, officers of the Athletic Association, members of the Faculty, and town people. The guests assembled in Anderson Hall and at 8:30 moved to the banquet hall, which was profusely decorated in purple and The tables, decorated with ferns and white and red carnations, were set for three hundred fifty persons, and the following menu was served:

> Fruit Cocktail Wafers

Roast Chicken
Dressing Gravy
Mashed Potatoes Escalloped Oysters
Cranberry Marmalade
Red Bean Salad Sandwiches
Coffee

English Pudding
Fruit Sauce

As the close of the banquet, Coach M. F. Ahearn, as toastmaster, intro-

duced the speakers of the evening in their turn. The program follows:

Our Appreciation of Athletics...Coach Ahearn Presentation of Football "K's".....A. J. Ostlund Presentation of Track "K's"......J. B. Whelan Presentation of Basket-ball "K's"...A. W. Seng The General Manager's Viewpoint........

Team, and the Presentation of Purple Blankets to the Team by the President of Girls' Rooters' Club....Miss Carrie Gates Toast to the Girls' Rooters' Club by President of the Boys' Rooters' Club..L.C. Aicher

Relation of Athletics to College Life......
President Waters
Alma Mater.

Editor Alumnus:

B. R. Elliott, '87, in a letter written home, under date of January 16, reports himself and "Nigger" (his cat) in good health. He and the cat are keeping house in his cabin on Paradise Hill, about sixteen miles from Dawson City, Yukon Ty.

He reports the weather from November 20 to December 20 as quite cold, getting down as low as 60° below zero. Bert seems to have many good friends among his neighbors. He and a number of his batchelor neighbors took Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. James McAllaster, and were treated to roast turkey, cranberry sauce, and all the other things. At Christmas time it had warmed up to about zero and was so summery that he went to the Christmas exercises at Gold Bottom without an overcoat. These exercises were held in the Presbyterian church. The church was very prettily decorated, tree in one corner, with decorations and presents for the children. After a program Santa Claus appeared and made the children happy. A deficiency of \$55 to pay for such supplies as had not been donated was announced; the hats were passed and this soon disposed of. Then a tank of hot coffee and an abundance of sandwiches, cakes, nuts and candy were brought in from an adjoining cabin and made use of. The preacher received \$100 cash for his Christmas present.

Bert reports January 15 as a bright, beautiful day, and says that the sun shown into his cabin window about two hours, but did not warm up much. As he was writing it was clouding up and looked like snow. They will be glad to get more snow at any time, as it is needed to furnish them with water for spring work.

Bert has not made his pile yet, but like all the miners is still hoping. He has gathered together a good bunch of claims, but they are all Placer claims, and the expense of building miles of ditch and flume, to get water to them, is no small item. This, together with every year's expense of keeping up ditches, working the claims. and occasionally buying an additional claim or a water right, to protect your interests, together with an accasional season when you are short of water, has a tendency to make the annual output a little short of the profit point. Much of this expensive preliminary work has now been done, and with favorable seasons he is expecting to have the results show up better.

F. B. Elliott, '87.

### Washington Alumni Hold Business Meeting.

The business meeting of the Washington Alumni Association was held the evening of December 13 at the residence of Nicholas Schmitz, '04, College Park, Md., and the following officers were elected: President, C. P. Hartley; first vice-president, J. B. S. Norton; second vice-president, J. R. Harrison; secretary, Mrs. Corinne (Failyer) Kyle; treasurer, A. B. Cron; assistant secretary, W. R. Ballard.

#### Department of Suggestion and Comment.

Editor Alumnus:

In the last number of the ALUMNUS you asked for opinions in regard to the value of the literary articles. I think articles similar to the ones in the December number are interesting and each number should contain one such article. However, I think the local items are of more interest, especially those relating to the people we know. The local page is the first I read.

Could a department be added and maintained that would give the alumni an opportunity to comment and "knock" on present affairs at the College? I know the paper is open for such articles, but if that was made a regular department I think more would respond.

You are giving us a splendid paper and we appreciate your desire to improve it. Sincerely yours,

A. D. HOLLOWAY, '07.

Dear Alumnus:

I imagine the editor would appreciate it if each alumnus would send in at least one short paragraph, a sort of heart-throb, yearly. If the item or article did not meet the editor's plan of copy, it would at least give her a thought from the family which would help her in making other copy and so be beneficial to all. Very truly,

F.E. UHL, '96.

#### Basket=Ball,

K. S. A. C., 0; K. C. A. C., 2.\*

K. S. A. C., 19; K. U., 44.

K. S. A. C., 27; Baker, 30.

K. S. A. C., 50; Bethany, 39.

K. S. A. C., 100; Washburn, 5.

K. S. A. C., 30; Nebraska, 17.

K. S. A. C., 28; Neb. Wesleyan, 24.

\*Forfeited.

"The mintage of wisdom is to know that rest is rust and that real life lies in love, laughter, and work."

# ¶ EDITORIAL ¶

Within the past few weeks a new system of grading has been instituted in the College. It is generally conceded that the new method is several steps in advance of the old, vet there are points upon which opinions differ. At first thought, exemption from examination upon the achievement of a grade of "E" seems entirely fitting. There is an incentive for the student to do his level best, and if his record at the close of the term is sufficiently high an examination appears in a measure superfluous. On the other hand, there is a question as to the real purpose of examination. President Waters, in explaining the new system before the student body, said that an instructor under normal conditions is able to determine the standing of his students through the daily recitations, and that an examination is not needed to test the ability of the student. The examination, he said, is in itself a form of mental discipline. The student is taught to think and act quickly, often under adverse conditions, and he is thereby in training for the many tests of that kind to which he is likely to be subject all his life. Taking that view of the matter, an examination need not be a thing to be dreaded, but rather, may be accepted as an opportunity for helpful discipline.

The system of honors is an excellent innovation and ought to add zest to the getting of an education. A reward of this sort is entirely normal and lacking in objectionable features. The engineers are said to be strongly opposed to the manner of awarding these honors, and it would seem that their point of view is reasonable. They feel that they have small chance of winning honors when placed side

by side with students in the lighter courses and insist that the awards should be made to those persons having the highest averages in each separate course.

Whatever defects the new system may have will be brought out in its application, but however that may be, as a whole, it will mean better unity in the classification of student work and advanced standing for the College.

#### Local Notes.

The girls' basket-ball teams are practicing twice a week in preparation for the class tournament, which comes in March.

The Athenian Literary Society has fitted up the room across the hall west of the Hamilton-Ionian society hall for a society room.

The Dramatic Club is at work on the play, "Half-back Sandy," which will be given in the Auditorium some time the latter part of the winter term.

The question for debate with Fairmount next spring will be: "Resolved, that the United States government should establish a permanent tariff commission."

Room 60 in the Physical Science Hall is being fitted for a club room for the Engineering Association. Furniture has been secured and arrangements have been made to decorate the room.

The old building at the foot of Humboldt street, known as the "Auditorium" or the "Skating-rink," has collapsed. The building was put up by the Deweys and has been used as an armory for the K. N. G., a skating-rink, and as an audience room for public gatherings.

The seniors have this year adopted the regulation caps and gowns which have caused so much excitement and discussion in classes of previous years. This will be the official dress at all functions during the spring term and at Commencement exercises.

The Students' Coöperative Association has discontinued the operation of its dining-hall for the reason that it was not a paying proposition. The constantly growing business of the bookstore greatly offsets the deficiency of the other branch of the association.

Next fall the football team will proudly display on the gridiron some handsome purple blankets, the gift of the Girls' Rooters Club. The girls are having a set of fifteen blankets made, all wool, with a large white block letter K woven into the texture of the goods.

Baseball and track men have begun to come out from their hibernation at the summons of Coach Ahearn and Coach Whelan. Aspirants for the position of pitcher have already begun to prepare for the coming season, and the long-distance track men are also at work.

The Department of Milling which is soon to be instituted in the College is meeting with much favor from the millers of the State. They have appointed a committee to raise \$5000 to be used in connection with the work and give every evidence of a desire to coöperate with the College in every way to achieve success for the undertaking.

The College is at last to have an official pin! This statement has been made from time to time for several years past, but after heated discussions one class after another has rejected the designs presented. This year the senior class has adopted a pin designed by Charlotte Morton, '08, and it is thought that the other three classes will approve it, for the reason

that the committee from the four classes who had the affair in charge voted unanimously for this design. The pin, if adopted, will be worn only by seniors and alumni.

With the first of the year a contract was made whereby the Manhattan Republic, the Manhattan Mercury and the Riley County Democrat became consolidated under one management. They are issuing a Daily Mercury and a weekly made up from the three papers. The papers are edited by C. A. Kimball, '93, and C. M. Vernon, of the Mercury, and are politically for the "square deal."

The contract for the construction Gymnasium of Nichols has awarded to Walter Stingley, of Manhattan, for \$84,190. The contract for lighting and plumbing was let to the Salina Plumbing Company \$14,000. Some changes and omissions have had to be made from the original plan in order to come within the appropriation. The swimming pools will be left out for the present, but arrangements will be made whereby thev can be added. The society rooms will not be finished and the societies will have to wait awhile for new homes.

The Y. W. C. A. is to be congratulated on the work it has accomplished this year. The time of the weekly meeting has been changed from 12:30 Saturday to Thursday evening, as it gives the girls more time, and more attractions are offered in the way of good speakers. They have secured some of the best workers in the college work to talk to the girls, such as Mrs. Percy Walker, Miss Wilbur, and "Dad" Elliott. The Bible classes are especially good, too, this year. On the whole, it has been the most successful year in the history of the College. -Students' Herald.

The lad who lassos an idea and hog-ties it is the only one who really counts.—Elbert Hubbard.



## PERSONAL



Ruby Deaver, '09, is teaching school near Ovanda, Mont.

- A. G. Kittell, '09, came from Topeka for the oratorical contest.
- J. F. Morgan, a former '07 man, is manager of a lumber company in Salina, Kan.

Leaffa Randall, '09, teaches a grade in the Oklahoma City schools and lives at home.

Florence Christensen, a former student, is a new employe in the Secretary's office at the College.

Wayne White, '05, and Kate (Robertson) White, '05, are happy in the birth of a daughter, February 7.

News has reached the College of the death of Burton L. Short, '82, which occurred last July in Kansas City.

Fred Ritner, a former student, has composed the piano solo, "Pessimistic Pete," which is having a run of popularity.

A. F. Turner, '05, and wife, Trena (Dahl) Turner, '01, are living near Formosa, Kan., where Mr. Turner is engaged in farming.

Carl E. Rice, '97, has for the past year held the office of Chief Inspector of Customs at Manila, P. I. He may be addressed in care of the Bureau of Customs.

Margaret Copley, '09, teacher of domestic science in the Deaf and Dumb Institute at Olathe, Kan., is under quarantine because of diphtheria in the school.

Prof. B. F. Eyer has lately been appointed an advisory engineer to the city of Topeka. He was also called by Fred Fockele, '01, mayor of Waverly, Kan., to advise the city council as to the apparatus to be installed in the new electric light plant there.

H. W. Avery, '91, is the new president of the Kansas Stock Breeders' Association and I. D. Graham, formerly Secretary of the College, is secretary-treasurer.

Roland McKee, '00, has returned to Chico, Cal., after a few months spent in Washington, D. C., on government work. On his way he visited at his home in Marysville, Kan., and at Manhattan.

Harold T. Nielsen, '03, is farming at his old home near Vesper, Kan. Mr. Nielsen has been lecturing upon agricultural subjects at farmers' institutes, this winter, for the Institute Department.

Carl Forsberg, '08, who has been working for the Department of Electrical Engineering most of the time for the past year, has taken a position with the General Electric Company at Schenectady, N. Y.

T. W. Buell, '04, and wife, Marian (Allen) Buell, '04, and their little son came to Manhattan the first of the month from Fort Worth, Texas. Mr. Buell intended to take up some graduate work in agriculture in the College, but an attack of malaria fever interfered with his plans. However, at this writing he is doing well at the home of Mrs. Buell's mother on College Hill.

Earl Wheeler, '05, has resigned his position as director of the department of electrical and mechanical enineering in the Engineers School, U. S. Army, to become electrical and mechanical engineer of the Electric Speedometer and Dynamometer Manufacturing Company in Washington, D.C. His address is "The Benedick," 1810 Eye street, Northwest, Washington, D. C.

P. H. Ross, '02, of Montrose, Kan., visited the College on February 9.

Prof. and Mrs. W. A. McKeever are the parents of a son born the first of the month.

Blanche Peck, freshman last year, and Earl A. Cole, former student, were married on February 9.

Myrtle Oskins, '09, has enrolled for the teachers' training course in the Manhattan Business College.

Dean E. H. Webster has returned from a ten-days' trip to Chicago, Washington, and New York.

Minnie Copeland, '98, asks to have her Alumnus sent to 165 East 63d street, New York City, for the present.

Clara Hungerford, junior last fall term, was married on February 5 to Mr. Wilson N. Knapp, of Winona, Kan.

E. T. Pattee and Mrs. Pattee (Tillie Harold), both former students, are the parents of a son born about Christmas time at their home in Chicago.

A daughter was born on January 3 to J. L. Pelham, '07, and Mrs. Pelham. Mr. Pelham is foreman of the Underwood Orcharding Company, Hutchinson, Kan.

Grant Arbuthnot, student in the '80's, visited his son and daughter at the College recently. Mr. Arbuthnot lives near Cuba, Kan., and is a successful farmer.

L. C. Criner, '92, of McPherson, who visited in Manhattan this week, is slated for the democratic nomination for secretary of state. Criner's old friends wish him success.—Manhattan Mercury.

L. W. Fielding, '05, and Crete (Spencer) Fielding, '05, have moved from San Francisco to Berkeley, Cal. Their address is 2634 Regent street. Mr. Fielding will continue his work in San Francisco, but finds Berkeley a more desirable residence place and the thirty-five minute ride across the bay not unpleasant.

President Waters spoke on "The Meat Boycott" at the Kansas Day Club banquet, January 29, in Topeka. President Waters has the distinction of being the only Democrat who has ever addressed the Kansas Day Club.

Mrs. Winnie (Cotton) Olin, wife of Walter H. Olin, '89, died on January 23 at her home in Denver, Colo. Mrs. Olin attended the College at one time and had many friends among the alumni who will regret to learn of her death.

Winifred Johnson, '05, writes that she is at home with her father in Solomon Rapids, Kan., this winter, and gives the added information that her sister Ethel, a former student, was married in December and is now living in Chicago.

F. W. Haselwood, '01, E. W. Doane, '01, and Ernest Greenough, '06, have recently bought ranches near Merced, Cal. The soil, which is especially fine for the growth of corn, alfalfa, and figs, is irrigated by the block system from the Merced river.

At the fifth annual banquet of the Kansas Society of New York, which took place at the Hotel Plaza, New York City, on January 29, Henrietta Hofer, '02, appeared on the program with the vocal solo, "Spring," by Weile, and later in response to an encore sang a song written by Humphrey Jones, '88, of Topeka. The chorus follows:

Of Kansas, sunny Kansas, I am dreaming, No matter where my wand'ring steps may go; In her skies the star of hope is ever gleaming— In Kansas where the sunflowers grow.

Albert B. Kimball, '89, is living at Durando, Colo., but expects to move, in the spring, to his farm near Allison, N. Mex., just across the Colorado line on the San Jaun river. Near Mr. Kimball live Rev. Robert U. Waldraven, '89, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Durando, and David E. Bundy, '89, missionary to the Navajo Indians at Farmington, N. Mex.

Mrs. Martha (White) Abbott, '67, is now living at 437 Oakley Boulevard, Chicago, Ill.

Otto Hanson, '05, asks to have his address recorded 1225 N. Market street, Wichita, Kan.

Kate Zimmerman, '00, went to Sitka, Alaska, the first of the year, where she is teaching in the Sitka Presbyterian Training School.

Julia R. Pearce, '90, has just returned to her work in the Bureau of Plant Industry, after being away from the laboratory for several weeks on account of illness.

Dr. T. M. Robertson, '97, was elected president of the Southeastern Kansas Dental Association at its annual business meeting, which was held at Parsons in January.

C. F. Johnson, '05, and Harry Oman, '07, visited the College for a few hours on February 10. They were on the way home to Leonardville, after taking a car-load of stock to Kansas City.

George Greene, '00, and wife, Alice (Worley) Greene, were in Manhattan a few days this month on their way home to Plainville, Kan., from a trip to Kansas City, where they bought goods for their store.

Clara Paneake, '03, is assistant to Prof. Henrietta Calvin, '86, in the short course in home economics at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind. Her address is 225 University street, West Lafayette.

A. W. Kirby, '08, has resigned his position with the Kansas Natural Gas Company at Independence, Kan., to take a position as superintendent of an electric light plant to be installed at Wakeeney, Kan.

Frank S. Shelton, '99, writes to the ALUMNUS: "The company by whom I am employed moved me from Ketchikan to Vancouver in September and I am still here, but expect to be moved back to Ketchikan almost any

time. However, I am giving my address as Vancouver and will notify you to change it when I am moved to Alaska again."

L. B. Pickett, '05, and Mrs. Pickett (Nell Paulsen, '05) have moved from Whiting, Kan., to Horton, Kan. They will continue their business in market gardening for the present, but are becoming interested in floral nursery work.

Stella Hawkins, '09, and Ralph F. Gallup, K. U. '07, were married on February 14 at the home of the bride's parents near Marysville, Kan. Among the guests at the wedding were Alice Melton, '98, Annie Harrison, '09, and E. E. Bealey, '09.

Henry Sidorfsky, '03, who is with the Rio de Janeiro Electric Tramway Company in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, expects to leave for the States sometime in March, and will try to visit K. S. A. C. and his Tau Omega Sigma fraternity brothers about Commencement time.

A. L. Hallsted, '03, who has been in Washington, D. C., for the past two months, has returned to his work in Hays. On his way home he made a brief visit in Manhattan, joining Mrs. Hallsted (Mamie Helder, '04), who had been visiting her parents and who accompanied him home.

L. A. Fitz, '02, who has been acting professor of grain standardization in the University of North Dakota and an employe in the United States Department of Agriculture, has accepted the position as head of the new department of the College known as the division of milling industry.

Dr. E. F. Nichols, '88, president of Dartmouth College, visited for a short time in January with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Fox, in Manhattan. He was on a tour of the country, for the purpose of visiting the Dartmouth alumni associations in the larger cities and becoming acquainted with the alumni.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Blanche Robertson, '08, and Jay Latimer Smith, '08, on February 21.

Mabel Stevens, a former student, and sister of Blanche Stevens, '05, is teaching domestic art in Tillotson College, Austin, Tex.

Asst. Prof. George A. Dean, '95, and Minerva (Blachly) Dean, '00, are the parents of a baby daughter born last month, to whom has been given the name, Lona Margery.

M. W. Schottler, '07, and Miss Ina Glick, student in '07, were married at the bride's home, Summerfield, Kan., on January 5, 1910. Mr. Schottler is in business as an electrical contractor in Emporia, Kan., and they will live at 222 Exchange street.

Kansas Day was celebrated at Fargo, N. D., by the former Kansans now at the North Dakota Agricultural College. The following alumni of the College were present: L. A. Fitz, '02, and Mrs. Fitz, Jessie Hoover, '05, H. F. Bergman, '05, O. A. Stevens, '07.

Robert H. Wilson, '09, and Miss Mary Haney, former student, were married on February 14 at the home of Miss Haney's sister at Russell, Kan. Miss Haney has been, for the past three years, a stenographer in the Chemistry Department of the Experiment Station. Mr. Wilson is an assistant in bacteriology in the College.

W. P. Tucker, '92, and wife, Stella (Kimball) Tucker, '94, have gone to Arcadia, Fla., where Mr. Tucker has purchased land and where he expects to engage in fruit growing. Fred G. Kimball, '87, has also bought fruit land in Florida and will probably spend at least part of his time there, although his mining claims in Alaska will continue to absorb a share of his attention. Mr. Kimball thinks that for him the ideal existence would be to spend his summers in Alaska and his winters in Florida.

C. A. Scott, '01, has been chosen by the Board of Regents as State forester. This position was created by the last legislature, and Mr. Scott will be given the work of organizing the department. He has resigned his position as professor of forestry in the Iowa State College. After his graduation in 1901 he remained for a year of graduate work. He spent seven years in the Bureau of Forestry, during which time he had charge of the work in Kansas and western Nebraska. He has been in Iowa for two years. Mr. Scott has a wife and two children, whom he will bring to Manhattan about the first of March.

H. H. Conwell, '07, a pupil of Coach Ahearn's on the 1907 football team. has developed a winning team at the University of New Nexico. This is the second year that Mr. Conwell has coached the team, and it has not been defeated this year but instead has won the championship of New Mexico and Arizona. The following item from the U. of N. M. Weekly may be of interest in connection with the foregoing: "Professor Conwell is said to have graced the supper table the other evening in his good old football sweater. It reminds us of Benjamin Franklin when he attended a royal ball in London in his old, time-hallowed corduroys."

The following letter was written by A. B. Carnahan, '05, to the Secretary of the College: "This is to announce to the College friends that I was elected to, and have two weeks since entered upon the duties of a teacher of mathematics and science in the high school at Gilbert, Minn. I secured the position through the Albany Teachers' Agency. My work atpresent is in bookkeeping, geometry (plane and solid), chemistry, and physics. I have been appointed to choose apparatus for demonstrations in physics. Gilbert is a new town established upon the destruction of another town called Sparta.

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production of iron ore in enormous quantities is the principle interest here, now that the timber has been worked off. Where Sparta was there is now a great open pit, out of which iron ore is taken by means of steam shovels. Some energy is here being expressed in the building of a superbly appointed high school and a water system. However, one and one-half years has not been sufficient to establish many substantial buildings. One of the avocations of the people is indicated by the number of open saloons -thirty-two among thirty-five hundred people. Give my best regards to all and be reminded that I am still on the climb."

The following is from May Secrest, '92: "I have put off sending my subscription to the Alumnus week after week hoping the time would come when I could sit down and really write something for our ALUMNUS, but the days go by and each one is as busy as the last. I was very much interested to learn that the Bay people had organized. I passed through San Francisco in September and again at Christmas time, but both were hurried trips and I did not have time to look up Maude (Zimmerman) Haselwood, '02, as I intended. Located as I am midway between San Francisco and Los Angeles, I do not have much opportunity to meet with either association, and only occasionally do I meet

members of the alumni. Last summer I had a delightful trip to dear old Kansas. Took the Santa Fé east, stopped two days at the Grand Canyon, and four days in Denver for the National Home Economics Conference. There I met Laura Day, '93. After a delightful visit of six weeks in Randolph and Manhattan I returned to the Pacific coast by way of Omaha, St. Paul, and the Canadian Pacific. Do take this road when you come west. The Canadian Rockies are wonderfully beautiful. We stopped a day each at Bauff, Lake Louise, Field, and Vancouver. I visited a few days at Bellingham, Wash., with a cousin, Rev. Edwin S. Secrest, a former K. S. A. C.-ite. At Seattle of the K. S. A. C. contingent I saw only Mary (Waugh) Smith, '99. In her cosy home she told me of all the others, and we exchanged news of families and College friends. Long live the ALUMNUS!"

Mamie Cunningham, '05, writes that she expects to take part in a "regular old-fashioned maple sugar camping party," the first of March. She says: "We will live out in the woods most of the time, boil the maple sap in a large pan over a camp-fire, tramp in the snow and endure the cold; we will be very 'near to nature's heart;' we will work hard and be uncomfortable, but withal very happy." Miss Cunningham spent a week in February

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with Jessie [Sweet] Arnold, '05, in Grand Rapids, Mich. She speaks of Mrs. Arnold as being well, but very busy with the work in the parish where her hurband is pastor. Their church is being remodeled and refurnished and Mrs. Arnold, as usual, is taking upon herself a good share of the extra work.

The Honolulu Evening Bulletin of January 11 announces the appointment of Willis T. Pope, '98, by Governor Frear, of Hawaii, to the office of superintendent of public instruction in the Islands. The Evening Bulletin says: "Professor Pope is well and favorably known among local educators, and it is believed that his appointment by Governor Frear will be received with satisfaction by the personnel of the school department. He has had extended experience in industrial training and prepared the relief maps of the territory that were sent to the Alaska-Yukon exposition at Seattle. The name of Professor Pope was selected from a list of twenty-three candidates, the governor taking a week to reduce the list of availables to three, and finally to his decision to select Professor Pope."

Milo Hastings, '06, is the author of the book, "The Dollar Hen," which is advertised in the Saturday Evening Post in connection with a certain poultry journal. This is what is said of the book: "The only book that really tells how to make money raising poultry. The book that has been cussed and discussed more than any other-but its sale is increasing daily. Why? Because it tells factsnot theories." Mr. Hastings' literary efforts, however, do not run exclusively to the subject of poultry, as may be seen from the following item taken from Students' Herald: "Milo Hastings, '06, has a column to his credit on the editorial page of a recent edition of the New York American. He discussed a purely economic subject, which may surprise those here who believe his mind is overrun with the various breeds of poultry."

A '07 class pin was recently found in a room at 1017 Laramie street, Manhattan. The owner may have it by applying to Charles Doryland, '08, K. S. A. C., and paying for advertisement.

The Athenaeum literary society of Kansas Wesleyan University, a young women's society, has accepted a challenge from the Ionian society of the College for a debate, which will be held in the Auditorium February 26. The question for debate is "Resolved, That the advent of American women in business and professional life is justified by its results in the economic world." The Ionian team will take the affirmative side.

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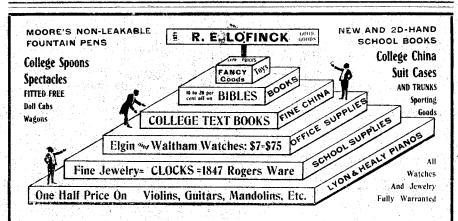
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