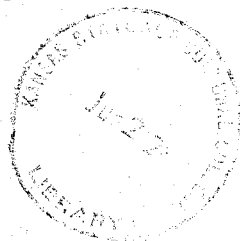


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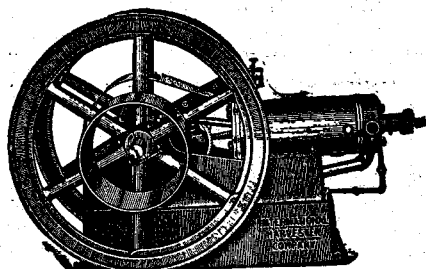
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Nevada Corner.

Here at the Carson Indian School, out of some twenty-five employes, three are former K. S. A. C. men. Mr. Robert McIlvaine, '92, has recently been installed as principal of the teaching force. His duties might be termed strenuous, as he has a shift of pupils in the forenoon and another in the afternoon and the whole body for an hour of study in the evening. This arrangement is to permit the pupils to put in several hours each day at some industrial work. Mr. and Mrs. McIlvaine are both K. S. N. graduates.

Mr. R. H. Darrow, the school engineer, is a former apprentice in the College shops, finishing in 1903. He has served at two other Indian schools and in the Reclamation Service as electrician. His wife is a Utah student and teacher, now devoting herself to two private pupils. The young one is quite promising.

The writer, formerly of the class of '03, is the school farmer. He has fifty acres of sage brush land to clear and level and as much more under cultivation—all to be intensively cultivated. At this season there is a dairy herd and other stock to handle, hauling and road work enough to keep the three teams busy, and plenty of other things to see to. To assist him are several details of four to ten Indian boys, any of them large enough to make a hand, so that his hardest work is to work them.

It has been shown by these boys that they can be depended upon to let a team run away every quarter of the moon, to break every week-old calf to ride, and to take care of any tool harder to break than a twelve-pound

sledge with the handle out. As a consequence, all loose straps and lines about the harnesses are riveted in place to keep them there and make the teams safe, the calf pen has a spider's web of barbed wire stretched across the top to dismount riders, and the tools are kept in the farm house.

Mrs. Wright comes on from Denver, shortly, as soon as the farm house—an old way-side inn of wagon-trail days—has been refitted. I expect to instruct her fully in history and politics and she in turn will teach me German and correct public appearance.

Regarding the physiography of this section, a state university professor speaking in the East expressed the conditions thusly: "Nevada is a place where there are more rivers and less water, more cows and less milk, and where you can see farther and see less, than in any other state in the Union. He might have added that there are more laws and less order, but of that we only hear indirectly. To make close inquiry might result like showing some inquisitiveness about any stranger's record. One might recover, but the chances would be against him.

Gold production, either from the ground or by some wild cat stock scheme, seems to be the main business of the people. We recently met a man, a common, every day sort, who had grub-staked an Indian. He had just sold the mine for \$65,000, after giving the Indian \$10,000 for his half. Since then we met the Indian, but his money was gone—gambled away. Mining stock selling last year around ten cents per share since then has reached \$22 and started back at the same pace. A

thousand and one stocks once worth five cents to fifty cents per share are now as worthless as any old newspaper of that day. You read about the successes and guess at the rest. An old soldier and prospector says that all the gold mined would not pay expenses and wages of the prospectors, and the same amount of gold, again, would not pay for the total expense of labor and machinery now used in mining it. All the same, the only ones who seem to be immune from the gold fever are those too poor to buy shares at one cent or up.

We are fifty miles or so above Fallon, the center of the U. S. Carson-Truckee reclamation project—the first one to be completed. The climate is more favorable there than here, and big markets are at the door. The cost of clearing and leveling the land, and the price of \$3 per acre payment on water, beside other necessary improvements, seem to be pretty burdensome for some of those who thought they could earn a home for themselves out of Uncle Sam's broad acres, even as their sires had done in the middle states without capital or equipment at the start.

Hoping that these few items and observations and the order for subscription will merit a passing grade, even though they never face a critical public, I subside again into a back seat. By the way, speaking of a new College president, the "crowd" here is wondering if the Regents couldn't reach an alumnus of the S. W. Williston, '72, calibre for that important position.

WALTER S. WRIGHT, '06,
Stewart, Nev.

The Alumnus:

Anent the recent agitation concerning our College, our course of study, the movement of the University to deprive us of important branches of our curriculum, and the more or less apparent willingness on the part of

those of our own household to see such things accomplished, may I say a few words—and they will be right to the point and no one need ask for a diagram.

It is permissible to think, if not to charge, that for some three or four years there has been a quiet and determined effort to bring about such things as those planning must have expected the accomplishment of in the recent bill brought before our legislature. This has at this moment failed, and the writer is not the least "agitated" nor "alarmed" nor even "concerned," because the attempt if successful will but eventually greatly benefit the Kansas State Agricultural College and result in harm to the State University. This is true because if this legislature is foolish enough to pass that bill because of the jealousy of private interests and in furtherance of a comprehensive educational and political alliance and "scheme," then another legislature will be elected from the farming interests of this State that will bring about such a change as will make the Agricultural College even more of a school of mechanic arts than it now is. And the stampeding, rantankerous assaults upon the entire courses of study will but show that our Regents and teachers have, for the purposes and character of the work for which our College is founded, planned exceedingly well.

That is all I care to say along that line. The meat in the cocoanut which I want to crack for the benefit of my Alma Mater is this: I propose now and here that the ALUMNUS start an agitation which will forever set at rest and put a crimp into the designs of any jealous State institution, private interest for revenge, for any or all motives.

As many of us know, the commissioner of education for the United States in the year nineteen hundred ruled that for agricultural colleges

founded upon and using the benefits of the Morrill bill these certain and named branches of study in agriculture and mechanic arts should become incorporated in the curriculum of such schools. I regret that your space will not permit the insertion of such, but, for the benefit of our State University and my friend Regent Taylor and others who may not have seen this, the writer suggests that if you possibly can you insert this "ruling."

The difficulty, however, dear alumnus, is this: The ruling of Commissioner Harris is but a ruling. Commissioner John Doe next year might knock Mr. Harris clear off the perch, so to speak, and for an agricultural college to teach electrical engineering would then be "*lese agricultural*."

Therefore, be it resolved by the Alumni Association of the K. S. A. C., by the Regents and Faculty of the College, by the citizens of the State of Kansas and all other states of the Union where agricultural colleges exist, that from and after January first, nineteen ten, it shall be unlawful for any scheming, jealous educational institution of Kansas, or elsewhere, to in any way interfere with the regents and faculty of any agricultural college in their attempt to build up courses of study along lines laid down in the ruling of Commissioner Harris.

In other words, here is the *crux*: Congress should be asked to definitely legislate into existence an established curriculum of studies which regents and faculties may use in the development of the industrial and mechanic arts as parts of the coördinate work of agricultural colleges. Our Alma Mater should be the pioneer mover in this respect, and the citizens of Manhattan should solicit Congressman Calderhead to initiate a movement that will bring about this desirable result.

Some of us alumni are desperately tired of the mean, petty, pestiferous "politics" in the College. The Lord

knows its high time a halt was called on the infernal personalities that for some years past have hampered the institution. If there were regents or are regents or are to be regents who cannot boss the shebang, get out; if there were teachers or are teachers or are to be teachers who cannot dominate the faculty to the great advantage of themselves and the harm of some other work in the school, give them the grand bounce.

Let's get busy for Heaven's sake with our political machinations in the University, the Agricultural College and other State institutions and brand and turn loose the mavericks.

For one that has been thirty-five years, more or less, identified with the College, permit me to say that as an alumnus I consider it my right to protest in any kind of language except profanity against any further hampering of our College, whether it be the jealousy of other institutions, the jealousy of other private interests, the inefficiency of tutors, the incompetency of regents, or the general cussedness of any one or all forms of cussedness.

H. C. RUSHMORE, '79.

The following extract from a letter written by C. H. Thompson, '93, to the ALUMNUS is a good preface to a letter written to him by T. E. Lyon, '93, and which we reproduce here. Mr. Thompson says: "Our class always had the highest esteem for "Tommy" and we feel justly proud of him. We are big hearted enough to wish his success to reflect not alone upon the class of '93, but upon the training given by our alma mater. Tommy was popular and honored by all his College acquaintances regardless of class affiliations. He was a member of the Hamilton Society, and it was in their hall that the embryo statesman received much of the training that stands him in hand to-day. I was not a Hamilton, but I always knew of much of his work there. I

saw Tommy last summer and I feel free to prophesy that in coming years we will hear of his attaining higher honors than he now holds. He is absolutely incorruptable, and his success has been built up largely on that reputation. The people of to-day (not the politicians) are alive to the fact that such men are the ones to hold public trust. His tremendous plurality in the last election is a clear testimony of that fact."

Mr. Lyon's letter reads as follows:

Dear Friend and Classmate:

Your card reached me several days ago, in which you again ask me to send you something for the ALUMNUS. I will admit that I have been very slow in complying with your request, for I think you have made one at least twice each year since the ALUMNUS was started; but I have always felt that there was little in my record worthy of publication, and have an extreme dislike to getting my name in public print. As the ALUMNUS, however, is largely in the nature of a private publication, open principally to those who have gone to the K. S. A. C. and are interested in the young men and women who have gone through her halls and in their present and future welfare, I don't mind sending you a short statement of my doings since graduation in June of '93.

As you very well know, I had "to work my way" through the four-years' course at the old College, and closed quite heavily in debt, so that it was necessary for me to take up some occupation by which I could "liquidate" regularly; and so my attention was turned to teaching. At the close of the first year's work, or in the spring of '94, I returned to the old home farm to find father and mother in very poor health and a mortgage due equal in value to the best price obtainable for the farm. At my uncle's request (who held the mortgage), I assumed charge of this farm in coöperation with my youngest sister,

who kept house for me. It was the only way by which father and mother might leave with enough money to buy a little home in a climate that was better suited to their condition. For three years sister and I struggled with that mortgage, with drought and with cholera, and closed in the summer of '97, \$1230 in debt, with nothing to retain for our years of labor but a stronger determination to win.

Always longing for another college course, I arranged through the kindness of a dear college friend (also a Kansas boy) to carry this debt while I should attempt to work my way through a three-years' law course in the Michigan State University at Ann Arbor. Finishing there in the spring of 1900, I located in this city, opening my office practically on January 1, 1901, over \$2300 in debt, with \$2.25 in my pocket, no one in the world to draw on, and with only one acquaintance in all Central Illinois. Here in a city of about 45,000 inhabitants with 130 lawyers for competition, I was to attempt to hold my own through the five years of starvation that comes to every young lawyer who starts in his practise without a pull, and to gain a foothold in what I thought, and still think, would be the center of political and business activity during the natural period of my life. No one who has not gone through a like experience knows the hardships of those first two or three years, but never once did I lose faith in my ultimate success. I had chosen a profession that was congenial. The years of struggle for an education had taught me that the world was not looking so much for men of brilliancy and genius as it was for men of honest purpose and right habits, for men of industry and faith. Along this line I have tried to run my course and the world has helped me succeed far beyond my largest expectation.

The people of this community have been very good to me. Those with

whom I have come in contact have gradually learned to have faith in me, and from time to time have expressed it, especially so in the campaign of 1908, when, by a vote of 20,425, the largest ever given to a member from this district, they elected me to a seat in the Illinois state legislature from the forty-fifth senatorial district. I have served in some minor places already, and it is with a keen interest that I assume the larger responsibilities and duties of this office and enter upon the work which begins with the calling of the next session in January; and I shall try to so discharge my duties in this office that at the end of the session my record will be one that the friends here and the classmates and friends of bygone days shall not be ashamed of.

My life and ambitions have not, however, been centered on political preferment, and my success along that line has been due, not to any superior knowledge of the political game or extreme aptitude as a politician, but it has come to me as a reward for right living and the open and honest support of a principle that the people wanted.

You of '93 who knew me intimately will remember that one of the dearest wishes of my heart was to have a home of my own, where the cares and ambitions, the responsibilities and duties of life would be anesthetized by the love-lite eyes of the waiting wife and the joyous greetings of little ones as they met me when the day's work was done. I have them. Our home is not yet paid for, but love is there in abundance, and no cross words or quarrels have yet crossed its threshold. I have a wife who is a companion, a helpmate, an inspiration. Three of the brightest and most physically perfect boys that ever gladdened any home are ours, and place nor price could ever have filled our hearts with such joy or gratitude.

In this busy, beautiful, growing city,

now numbering nearly 70,000 in population, the home of Lincoln and Hay and many others whose names are written on the pages of our country's history, I am content to live and work out my future, not forgetting the place nor friends of my earlier life, but extending to you one and all a most cordial welcome to visit us here.

T. E. LYON, '93.

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*Dear Editor:*

There is a bill presented before the legislature of Kansas providing for the discontinuance of engineering courses in the Kansas State Agricultural College. This bill should and must be defeated. As it is now, we have an agricultural college which fits men for the great work of life and in a way no other institution anywhere does it. The graduates of this school hold their own in life against any and every other man or woman, no matter where educated.

Does anybody consider that a man is educated who knows law, medicine, dentistry or any other business or profession to the exclusion of all other things that go to make up life? Emphatically, no. Neither is a farmer educated who only knows how, when, where and what kind of seed to plant and the kind of stock to raise. Even more so with the farmer—he must know the foregoing; he must also know how to handle the harvester, how to set the plow, and how to run his engine, both steam and gasoline, and many other mechanical schemes which to-day are crowding out the old style of hoe and shovel which did not take anything much but practice to manipulate.

Just as important and inseparable from and a part of any agricultural training is the training along mechanical lines, and these are furnished by the Mechanical Engineering Department of the State Agricultural College. Then the time is fast coming when electricity is going to be used

extensively on our farms and is now used to some extent. Would you desire to keep our boys in ignorance of these essentials of the farm?

Now any right-thinking person can see that it is necessary to teach our farmer boy these two parts of agriculture. These cannot be separated from it any more than a man can lose one limb and still do full duty. Now if it is necessary to maintain these two departments for our farmer boys, why not give a good course in these for the benefit of those desiring to make it their specialty in life? Then we recognize that these courses would not be dropped from the curriculum of Kansas University. But which needs engineering most, a farmer who handles machinery every day, or a lawyer, physician, pharmacist, scientist, anthropologist and others who but seldom do this work. Even when these ride in their automobiles they have their chaffeurs.

Then from the State's economy side of the question or proposed bill. Why remove the machinery and apparatus from K. S. A. C. at great expense to the State and why vacate these fine buildings which have cost quite a sum and then erect others in another place and purchase new machines and apparatus at so great an expense to the State? There can be no economy in so doing. Every facility is obtainable in Manhattan that is in any other location in our State. This would be only one step toward the complete extinction of the largest and one of the best agricultural colleges in the world, for it cannot be maintained without the above.

Of course it would fall to the University to teach the farmer boys. Then why this centralization of students? There are no advantages and much against it. Our state educational institutions each have about as many students as they can handle, and there is no economy in herding them all into one school, for there will be need

of as many teachers in one case as the other.

What we citizens of Kansas are in need of is a better and larger Agricultural College and not a lop-sided institution with its machinery cut out. Do we wish an institution of which we would be ashamed?

Only those who know nothing of our Agricultural College now have anything but praise for it. Of course all institutions have some enemies, and the larger and better the institution the more jealous enemies it will have, for we who know something of the attacks made on the State's great institution can conceive of some jealousy prompting it.

There are some who are connected with K. S. A. C. who are as millstones about her neck, and if it were possible to at once cut them loose and replace them with others who really have the institution at heart, all this talk, trouble and insane introduction of such bills would cease, for it seems that this originated in the mind of some Judas somewhat affiliated with the institution. We are prone to disbelieve any sincerity on their part toward the institution's good, but believe they sought their offices only that they might be in a good position to knock.

There are those who seek the downfall of the institution, that they thereby may gain personal glory and help build up things in which they are interested. They profess to be educators, but at the same time are trying to tear down one of our greatest educational institutions.

The remedy, in the minds of many, for a great deal of this trouble would be to have alumni of each institution as its regents, exclusive of faculty alumni. These would be elected by the Alumni Association of each institution. The alumni know the needs of their institutions better than any one else. This would take the schools out of politics. A bill to this effect would be of great benefit.

The graduates of the different state schools harbor no ill feeling toward either of the other state institutions of learning. Every truly educated Kansan is desirous of seeing each one grow, and the more, the better.

In most any of the districts the representatives and senators can be elected by the farmer, and each and every farmer should put his senator or representative right on this question. What do we elect these men for but to do the will of the people as nearly as possible?

It is impossible to believe that any real Kansan can honestly seek to destroy one of her greatest institutions.

J. W. FIELDS, '03.

#### *Alumni Meet in Seattle.*

On Thursday evening, January 21, a number of alumni and former students met at the home of F. M. Jeffery on Renton Hill. For various reasons quite a number were kept from coming, and those who could not certainly missed one of the most interesting and enjoyable meetings ever held in Seattle. Mr. Jeffery is our oldest graduate, having finished in 1881, but has never lost his College spirit or his interest in College affairs. Mrs. Jeffery, while having been at K. S. A. C. only upon one occasion, and then as a visitor, has probably interested herself more in this College club than has any other of our "in-laws." Both Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery are born entertainers and Mrs. Jeffery is a genius in the culinary art, so that it seems improbable that any stayed away who could attend.

For some time the evening was spent in conversation with an occasional musical selection. Then Mrs. Jeffery passed a platter filled with geese. These were paper geese, and on each one was written the first line of one of the rhymes of famous Mother Goose. Each guest having helped himself to a goose was told to finish the rhyme for the benefit of the others or pay a for-

feit, which could be song or story as we saw fit.

It developed that the mothers assembled were generally the ones who could finish the rhyme. Professor Shelton finished his as he thought sounded well, but as no one had ever heard his version all insisted that the professor would be among those who later in the evening paid the forfeit. Mr. Roakes gave a new version of "Simple Simon" and when it wasn't accepted said it was "the way somebody told him!" Those who succeeded were credited with having used ponies, and considerable fun was had.

Mr. Dobbs was first called upon for his "forfeit" and he gave a most interesting talk on our native birds. The talk created considerable discussion, as during the recent snow, when for several days the ground was covered (an almost unheard-of thing in this Puget Sound country), many of us had fed the wild birds and had found out a number of interesting things about them.

Mrs. Moore paid her forfeit by singing for us, and those who have heard Mrs. Moore know how fortunate we were that she did not know her rhyme. Professor Shelton told us a story about a conundrum. The story was good. The conundrum itself was this: If the devil should lose his tail where could he go to get another? There is probably no need of giving the answer.

Mr. Roakes told the story of how the mule came to be tied to the flagpole on the south wing of Anderson Hall. After all were through a number volunteered stories of which they happened to think. Mrs. F. F. Davis read a poem that was of interest to all—one she had written about our Kansas motto. The poem follows this article.

President Dobbs called to order for a short business session. It was a surprise to everyone when he announced that we had not had an elec-

tion for over a year. A. C. Smith, '97, was chosen president for 1909 and the secretary, Mary (Waugh) Smith, was reëlected. The business session was interrupted with a dainty supper served by Mrs. Jeffery and her helpers, and was never resumed, as we all talked and ate till we were forced to hurry to get our cars for home.

Those present were: Prof. E. M. Shelton, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Dobbs and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. John Roakes, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred C. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Bachelor, Mrs. F. F. Davis and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Steele, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Arnold, Mr. Martin, student in 1895.

MARY (WAUGH) SMITH.

#### OUR MOTTO.

Ad Astra Per Aspera!  
'Tis recorded up there  
Where only the angles and God may know  
Of the hardships and trials  
And earnest attempts  
The right to maintain  
And the wrong to o'erthrow.

Ad Astra Per Aspera!  
Of all mottoes the best—  
The glory and pride  
Of the great Middle West,  
'Tis the finger of duty  
That points to the skies  
And binds every Kansan  
With brotherly ties.  
Abroad or at home,  
In our own native land,  
For the good of her people  
United we stand.

Ad Astra Per Aspera!  
Yes with noble intent  
Will we follow the cause  
That our forefathers meant.  
To the stars! ever upward!  
Through flood and through flame  
We have braved every trial  
The right to maintain.  
Her precepts are honored,  
Her victory sure,  
Her statues are noble,  
Her future secure.

Then here's to our Fathers  
Whose noble desire  
Awakens a spirit  
To climb ever higher.  
May the star that we worship  
In faithfulness shine  
And our zeal in the righteous cause  
Never decline.

MRS. F. F. DAVIS.

The basket-ball team will go to Lincoln, Neb., March 8, to play the Nebraska Wesleyan team. March 9 they will play Cotner University.

#### The Printing Department.

The following is a letter from Ewing Herbert, of Hiawatha, Kan., to the *Topeka State Journal*, suggesting a plan which is heartily in accord with the purpose of the College and which is a recognition of the efficiency of our Printing Department:

"I want to suggest to the legislature through the *State Journal* that a technical school in printing and kindred arts be established at the State agricultural school where the present excellent printing plant could be used as a starting point.

"Printers and operators of type setting machines who are competent are in demand. The large offices have little time to give apprentices—they want to employ finished workmen. The country offices also have difficulty in securing apprentices, and the better men soon go to the cities.

"A school that teaches printing, binding and all its branches would be of great value to the State and the country at large.

"Printing and binding is easy, pleasant work for men and women who have a taste for anything of the sort. There is a technical school in Minnesota that turns out masters of this trade—men and women. The students at Manhattan could be paid enough to support them in part by working and learning in the Printing Department.

"Some of the school books which the State should print could be printed there under direction of skilled men.

"All the blanks now sold by private firms could be printed by this school and furnished each county at somewhere near cost. All the blank books and election blanks and supplies could be printed here.

"Any work that the State printing-office could pass to the students with economy would be of value to those working and learning there.

"The State of Kansas should print all the supplies she uses in State and

county, in school and office, at either the State printing-office or at the technical printing school at Manhattan. Let's do something for the boys and girls along this line.

"The school of journalism is at Lawrence. A great technical school of printing should be established at Manhattan, or at Topeka as an adjunct of the State school system."

#### *Washington Alumni Meet.*

The members of the Washington branch of the Alumni Association of the Kansas State Agriculture College were very pleasantly entertained Saturday evening, January 23, by Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Fairchild at their home, 1331 Connecticut Avenue. Each guest had been requested to wear some rebus or other scheme to represent the title of some book. This was supplemented in many cases with rough drawings of the author. Considerable interest was aroused in the guessing of the titles, some of which were decidedly unique. A committee appointed for this purpose awarded the prize, which was a volume of Tennyson's "In Memoriam," for the best design to Mrs. W. C. Lee.

Following this pleasant innovation Mr. Fairchild gave a very interesting account of some of his travels and experiences in oriental countries. His talk was illustrated with a number of fine slides, which were thrown on the screen by C. L. Marlatt. Some pieces of native silk costume which Mr. Fairchild showed created much interest, especially among the ladies who were present. After this delightful feature the guests repaired to the dining-room, where light refreshments were served.

Before leaving all gathered around with Mrs. W. L. Hall at the piano and sang a number of old selections, as well as the College song. Copies of the following song, which had been composed for the occasion, were distributed, and all joined in singing it:

(TUNE—"We Won't Go Home Until Morning.")

I.

We love our Alma Mater, (Repeat.)  
And will forever More.

II.

'Twas there we learned our lessons,  
And well we learned them, too.

III.

We never used a donkey,  
A pony used instead.

IV.

Our knowledge was tremendous,  
Our teachers told us so.

V.

Prof. Walters gave us drawing,  
To draw his salary.

VI.

Oh, Failyer was a chemist,  
His hair's a failure, too.

VII.

The girls loved Mother Calvin,  
Because she loved them all,

VIII.

Prof. Lantz he poisoned gophers,  
Out on the Kansas plains.

IX.

Oh, Dickens was a nice man,  
To keep us off the grass.

X.

We used to work P. Ms., sir,  
But now it's mornings, too.

XI.

Prof. Mason taught us grafting,  
And we are grafting still.

XII.

Oh, Prexy gave us sheepskins,  
To hang upon the wall.

XIII.

And now we're all alumni,  
Out in the cold, cold world.

XIV.

But still our hearts are loyal,  
To K. A. C., our school.

XV.

Jay rah, gee haw, jay hawk saw,  
K. S. A. C., kaw, kaw.

XVI.

We love our Alma Mater,  
And will forever more.

(And so on *ad libitum*.)

And thus passed into history another annual reunion of the alumni and others formerly connected with K. S. A. C., who were in Washington and the surrounding vicinity.

Those present were: G. H. Failyer, '73, L. W. Call, '83, C. L. Marlatt, '84, and Mrs. Marlatt, M. A. Carleton, '87, and Mrs. Carleton, John R. Harrison, '88, and Mrs. Harrison, J. E. Paine, '88, Julia R. Pearce, '90, R. S. Kellogg, '96, J. B. S. Norton, '96, and Mrs. Norton, W. L. Hall, '98, Mrs. Gertrude (Lyman) Hall, '97, A. E. Oman, '00, J. F. Ross, '02, H. C. Kyle,

'03, Mrs. Corinne (Failyer) Kyle, '03, A. B. Gahan, '03, and Mrs. Gahan, H. T. Neilsen, '03, and Mrs. Neilsen, R. A. Oakley, '03, Nickolas Schmitz, '04, and Mrs. Schmitz, V. L. Cory, '04, W. R. Ballard, '05, C. H. Popenoe, '05, H. R. Reed, '07, W. G. Shelley, '07, A. B. Cron, '08, W. R. Spilman and Mrs. Spilman, C. W. Melick and Mrs. Melick, Prof. C. C. Georgeson, Prof. A. S. Hitchcock, Prof. and Mrs. D. E. Lantz, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lee, J. F. Strauss, Dr. and Mrs. Karl Kellerman.

### *The Recent Disturbance.*

Probably there are no alumni within the United States who have not heard at least rumors of the "battle royal" recently precipitated by the introduction of a bill in the Kansas legislature providing for the removal of the engineering courses from the College. Previous to that time the possibility of such an action had been considered rather lightly by most of the friends of the College; but when the bill, written by Regent Taylor of our own Board of Regents, was actually presented before the Senate the alarm was sounded and the supporters of the College came loyally to the defense. That this movement to discontinue our engineering courses was the result of a carefully formulated plan on the part of Kansas University, there can be no doubt. The promoters of the University made no secret of it until the tide began to turn against them. Their motive is obvious—jealousy of the greatness of a sister institution. The supporters of the bill worked on two main lines—first, duplication of courses resulting in needless expense to the State; second, the plea for agriculture, which, it was alleged, was being crowded out by engineering. These arguments were effectively answered, and committees from the student body and from the Alumni Association at once set about spreading the truth among

members of the legislature and the people of the State. Their efforts culminated in an invitation to the legislature to visit the College. The invitation was accepted. The expenses of the trip were paid by the students, and it was they who had the entire affair in charge.

February 3 was the greatest day in the history of the College. At 9:30 A. M. the special train, bearing every member of the legislature, reached Manhattan. Every available vehicle in the town was used to convey them to the College, where the tour of inspection immediately began. At 11:30 chapel exercises were held in the Auditorium. The statesmen occupied the stage, and the great room was crowded by College and town people. President Nichols introduced different members of the legislature, who gave short addresses—long enough, however, to convey to the minds of the listeners the welcome assurances that their mission was not "highway robbery." At the close of the exercises a three-course luncheon awaited the guests in the Domestic Science Hall. In the afternoon the inspection of the campus was completed, and the day closed with battalion dress parade.

Never before had the College received such advantageous advertising as on that day. The trip afforded a series of surprises to very many of the guests, who were free to admit their astonishment at the size of the institution and the scope of its work. The day was the forty-sixth anniversary of the College and could have been no more fittingly celebrated.

The girls' basket-ball tournament will open on March 8, and the games promise to be exceptionally good. The class of 1909 has held the Askren trophy for two years and, should they win again this year, they will, by the rules, have permanent possession of the cup.

*Local Notes.*

Prof. Albert Dickens, '93, has been reelected treasurer of the Kansas Good Roads Association.

Rev. W. H. Burbank, of Havre de Grace, Md., has accepted the pastorate of the Episcopal church.

The Y. W. C. A. cabinet members were the guests of the Y. M. C. A. cabinet the evening of February 1 at the home of the general secretary, Mr. William Davis and Mrs. Davis, on Bluemont Avenue.

The Y. M. C. A. gymnasium class gave an excellent exhibition in the Auditorium, January 18. A fencing match and a Jiu Jitsu wrestling match—the latter by two Japanese students—were especially interesting.

The following is the enrolment of the various classes this term: Senior, 134; junior, 234; sophomore, 370. There are 25 special students and a like number of graduate students. The short courses combined number about 300 students.

The Manhattan Posts of the G. A. R., assisted by Faculty members and students, held Lincoln memorial exercises, February 12, in the Auditorium. An enjoyable program was given, the chief feature of which was an address by Judge Manford Schoonover, of Garnett, Kan.

The Baptists of Manhattan will build a new \$13,000 church next summer. The trustees have not fully decided whether to tear down the old building and use the present site or to erect the new structure at the corner of Eighth and Leavenworth. In the latter event the old church will be sold.

The Music Department is doing good work these days, for the different organizations are practising regularly and preparations are well under way for the big spring concert. This concert will be held later this year than usual and the students will be assisted

by the church choirs of Manhattan. The big chorus, composed of something like two hundred voices, meets every Monday night at the United Presbyterian church for rehearsal. The members are working on the cantatas, "Paul Revere's Ride" and "Hero and Leander." Of the smaller organizations, the chapel chorus practises on Thursday afternoons and the men's glee club, newly organized, meets twice a week for practise. Later on the members of the vocal and instrumental classes will give monthly recitals, assisted by glee club and chorus.

Since the opening of the printing course last fall about twelve students have enrolled and several others below the sophomore year have declared their intention of becoming printers or editors. The opening of the winter term brought several more students into the course. With the coming of the latter addition came the urgent need of a publication on which the young printers might vent their knowledge of the art. The desired want was assured Thursday morning when Superintendent Rickman called the students of the course together to talk the matter over. It was decided to issue a journal in magazine form. The appearance of the new publication will be somewhat irregular at first, but after the students have had a little more work in the editorial and reportorial part of the course it will be issued more regularly. Once every three or four weeks will probably be the extent of issuance of the sheet in its infancy. The entire expense of printing, which will amount only to the cost of ink and paper, will be borne by the Printing Department. All the work on the paper will be done by students. It will afford a variety of experience to the embryonic printers, such as reportorial and editorial work, composition and ad. writing, business management, make-up, presswork, etc.—*Herald*.

# EDITORIAL

Never before in the history of the College have the alumni been drawn so closely together as in the past month when danger threatened our Alma Mater; never before have they been so willing and eager to lay aside for a time their personal interests for the sake of the College; never, probably, had they fully realized the warmth of their regard for the institution nor reflected with such pride upon their relation to it. This danger is for the time being averted, and whether the fight will ever be renewed is an open question. It is not unreasonable to believe that it may be or that similar issues may be raised; but, however the case may be, most of us have learned from our recent experience that the time when we could sit complacently by and allow matters to drift is a part of the past. We have been too sanguine and too content to shift responsibility; but now that we are aroused let us not sink into another lethargy but assume the privileges and responsibilities that are ours as alumni of the College and work thoughtfully and unitedly.

The question of having the alumni well represented on the Board of Regents has been renewed with more or less interest from time to time, and just now it is extremely important. Such an arrangement is entirely possible and only requires a sufficient amount of agitation by the Alumni Association to bring it to pass as an established custom. It is wholly unnecessary to dwell upon the merits of a system whereby the alumni of a college may be in a position to direct its affairs—we need only consider the means of bringing it to pass.

In the first place, our plan of organization is a crude makeshift at

best, and concerted action with us is not possible. The business at our annual meetings is transacted by the resident alumni and those visiting alumni who happen to be present. This latter aggregation varies in its individuals from year to year and thus has but a weak grasp upon the work of the association. The resident alumni should not be forced nor even permitted to direct the affairs of the organization. We need changes in and additions to our constitution and important among these should be provisions whereby every member of the association shall be given opportunity to vote upon all proposed measures. With this reform should come also that of levying annual dues which must be paid before an alumnus is eligible to membership in the association. We lack a fund with which to push an enterprise and, as it is now, we are powerless to raise one except by private subscription.

But the local associations must not be overlooked, for it is through these bodies that interest in the general association is promoted. Some of these organizations are doing noble work for the College—one in particular by its earnestness of purpose is proving its worth at every opportunity which presents itself.

Then let our watchword be *organization*. Where there are "two or three gathered together" in one city or section of the country we earnestly urge that they form an association whose main object shall be service to the College. We now have ten local associations, and the number should rapidly increase from this time on. Do not delay, friends, but start the movement at once so that in whatever place possible there shall be a loyal



band of men and women whose aim is to spread far and wide the gospel of the Kansas State Agricultural College.

Great credit should be given the students for their part in strengthening the hold of the College upon the people of Kansas. Their course has been a revelation to any one who has observed it from beginning to end. At all times has their attitude been characterized by dignity and self-control and by maturity of thought and deed beyond their years. At no time have they been actuated by that spirit of rashness too often to be found among college students. On the occasion of the mass meeting, when they were asked to contribute to the fund organized to forward the enterprise so near their hearts, it was a magnificent sight to see that great body of students rise to its feet as one man at the first request for contributions. It was all done quietly, without demonstration of any kind, and those who saw it saw also success ahead. All that may be said of the student body may be said too of its representative, the *Students' Herald*, which has carried its message to the people of Kansas clearly and convincingly, and which has won from all sides the respect and admiration which it merits.

During the time of greatest anxiety many encouraging letters came from alumni in all parts of the country, telling of their efforts in behalf of the College and proffering further aid. These letters show clearly the true and loyal spirit of our alumni, both those of earlier years and those of recent classes, and if our space would permit every one would be found interesting and inspiring to read.

Our greatest glory is not in never falling but in rising every time we fall.—*Confucius*.

### Oratorical Contest.

One more oratorical contest, with its unique costumes, its lively demonstrations, and its abundance of noise, has passed over our heads, and once more is the Hamilton Society victorious. The program this year was longer than usual, but at no time was it lacking in interest from the war note sounded by the Hamilton quartet until the close. After the usual nerve-racking period, during which Professor Kammeyer, who dislikes the appearance of haste, held the result in his hand, the twenty-dollar gold piece was awarded to Mr. John Z. Martin, Hamilton, and the ten-dollar piece to Miss Eva May Wheeler, of the Franklin Society.

The positions given the other societies are as follows: Third place, Eurodelphian; fourth, Webster; fifth, Ionian; sixth, Athenian; seventh, Alpha Beta.

Following is the official program:

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| Invocation.....                               | Reverend Hannum        |
| Music.....                                    | Hamilton Quartet       |
| Oration—Mind the Master of Matter.....        | John Z. Martin         |
| Music.....                                    | Ionian Quartet         |
| Oration—Keynote of Life.....                  | Stella Hawkins         |
| Music.....                                    | Eurodelphian Orchestra |
| Oration—What's the Chance.....                | Georgia A. Randel      |
| Music.....                                    | Alpha Beta Anthem      |
| Oration—Master of the Situation.....          | D. C. Bascum           |
| Music.....                                    | Instrumental Solo      |
| Oration—A Warrior of Peace.....               | Fritz Harr.            |
| Music.....                                    | Webster Orchestra      |
| Oration—The Defender of the Constitution..... | Harry Colwell          |
| Music.....                                    | Trombone Solo          |
| Oration—Education for Service.....            | Eva Wheeler            |

### A Home Song.

I turned an ancient poet's book,  
And found upon the page:  
"Stone walls do not a prison make,  
Nor iron bars a cage."  
Yes, that is true, and something more:  
You'll find, where'er you roam,  
That marble floors and gilded walls  
Can never make a home.  
But every house where Love abides  
And Friendship is a guest  
Is surely home, and home, sweet home,  
For there the heart can rest.  
—Henry Van Dyke.

Only what thou art in thyself determines thy value—not what thou hast.  
—*Auerbach*.



# PERSONAL



Fred Zimmerman, '98, lives at Cheney, Kan.

Vincente Manalo, '08, is teaching in Botang, P. I.

Nellie Mays, student a few years ago, is again in College.

Clara Pancake, '03, is living at 1422 Poplar street, Philadelphia, Penn.

The address of C. J. Axtell, '04, is 17 Barrett street, Schenectady, N. Y.

H. A. Spuhler, '06, is located at 1109 Cleveland Avenue, Kansas City, Mo.

George Melton, '93, may be addressed 500 No. Lake Avenue, Pasadena, Cal.

Warren Shamburg, student 1900-'01, is assistant cashier in a bank at Goodland, Kan.

S. D. Pomeroy, of Phillipsburg, Kan., student in 1906-'07, came to attend the contest.

Max Donly, '08, and Lulu Sterling, a former student, were married February 3, at Carlton, Kan.

C. A. Murphy, '87, is teaching mathematics in the Reno county high school at Nickerson, Kan.

Mabel Spencer, sophomore last year, now of Washburn College, came in for the oratorical contest.

George Kellogg, '05, who has been in the government service in Wyoming, is spending the winter in Manhattan.

Mrs. Martha (White) Abbott, '67, and her daughter Edith are spending the winter in the South, hoping to benefit the health of the latter.

Lillian Kendrick, student last year and soloist in the Music Department, is now supervisor of music in the public schools of Webb City, Mo.

Oley Weaver, former editor of the *Herald*, helped the Hamiltons to celebrate their victory, the night of the contest.

Miss Flora Rose, '04, is the author of a recently issued pamphlet on "The Laundry," given as the January issue of the Cornell Reading Course for Farmers' Wives.

Arthur F. Cranston, '90, was greeted with hearty applause when it fell to his lot as a member of the legislature to address the gathering in the Auditorium on the occasion of the visit from the legislature. Mr. Cranston's speech was greatly enjoyed, both from the fact that he is a member of the College family and because his heart was so evidently in the right place.

Senator H. W. Avery, '91, has introduced a bill into the Kansas legislature providing for a division of forestry in connection with the College, with a forester in charge. The provisions of the bill require a \$10,000 appropriation. The *Topeka Capital* makes the following comment: "Director Webster, of the department of forestry at Manhattan, and Professor Dickens, of the same department, say they are willing to carry on the forestry work in connection with their regular College work. The Agricultural College is carrying on effective work now with limited means. The fact that such men as Professor Hall, first assistant in the department of forestry at Washington, and Professor Kellogg, the second assistant, are both graduates of the forestry department of the Agricultural College, shows that this department is thorough and is in the proper hands to carry on the State-wide forestry work."

Helen Huse, '08, is assisting in the Domestic Science Department.

Mrs. Hattie (Gale) Sanders, '89, is living on the farm formerly owned by Prof. Henrietta W. Calvin, '86, on College hill.

Philip Westgate, son of J. M. Westgate, '97, and Inez (Wheeler) Westgate, '05, was born January 4 at Lanham, Md.

Prof. F. A. Waugh, '91, has written a book on "The American Apple Orchard," published by the Orange Judd Company.

Regent W. E. Blackburn was elected recording secretary of the Kansas State Editorial Association at their recent meeting in Topeka.

B. F. Snodgrass and Gertrude (Conner) Snodgrass, of Manhattan, both former students, have a little son, Glen Milton, born January 12.

A son was born, January 2, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Storbeck, of Lathrop, Mo. Mrs. Storbeck was formerly Anna Whipple, student 1902-'04.

R. S. Kellogg, '96, was in Manhattan last month for a short time. From there he went to New Orleans to deliver an address on some subject relating to forestry.

Gertrude Nicholson, '05, has returned from Wisconsin, where she has been teaching in an Indian school, and is filling the position of assistant cashier in the Wharton dry-goods store in Manhattan.

C. E. Whipple, a former member of the '07 class, is happy in the birth of a son, December 16, 1908, to whom the name Richard Faxon has been given. Congratulations may be addressed to Gorgona, Canal Zone.

A. D. Colliver, '05, has resigned his position as assistant agriculturalist at the Fort Hays Experiment Station to engage in the implement business in Hays City. His place will be taken by C. C. Cunningham, '03.

E. E. Greenough, '06, has recently paid a visit to the College.

Josie Holland, a former student, is stenographer for a grain-dealing firm in Wichita.

Dick Auer, student in '00, is manager of a men's furnishing store at Goodland, Kan.

Supt. J. D. Rickman attended the State Editorial Association in Topeka, February 3.

W. P. Schroeder, '06, is in the employ of the Continental Creamery Company, at Enid, Okla.

Walter Pangburn, a former captain of the College football team, is in business at Waldo, Kan.

Hespera Hougham, special student in College for the past year, has gone with her mother to live in Dayton, Ohio. She expects to enter Sanford Baptist College near Columbus, Ohio.

R. H. Haney, student 1900-'02, was looking up old acquaintances at the College, February 6. Mr. Haney is working with Contractor C. D. Lechner, '99, at Russell, Kan., and says he very frequently meets graduates and former students of the College. Among the latter whom he mentioned are A. J. Francis, surveyor of Russell county, and Carl W. McKeen, cashier of the Farmers' State Bank, at Russell.

The college of agriculture in the University of Wisconsin gave a women's course in home making February 9 to 13. Familiar names on the program are those of Mrs. Nellie Kedzie-Jones, '76, who gave three lectures—"Selection of Food for a Family," "A Woman's Education," and "Serving a Dinner;" Abby Marlatt, '88, who lectured on "Home and School Training;" and Laura Day, '93, with the subjects, "Home Decoration and Furnishing," and "Business Management of the Home." Mrs. Mary (Lyman) Otis, '94, was in charge of general arrangements for the course.

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Mollie Minis, '98, is deputy treasurer of Riley county, Kansas.

Edith Holmberg, '08, is teaching school near Hector, Minn.

G. P. Berger, '08, has charge of the electric light station at Abilene, Kan.

E. P. Hanna, a former student, is a solicitor for the navy department in Washington, D. C.

Herbert Strong, '08, is electrical engineer for the Fort Worth and Denver railroad at Childress, Tex.

E. G. Schafer, '07, of the Agronomy Department, has bought forty acres of land in the irrigating district of Idaho.

Lee Dougan and Gussie (McCormick) Dougan, both former students, are the parents of a son born December 23 at Tulsa, Okla.

Mamie Hassebroek, '04, has accepted the position of instructor in domestic science in the high school at Hayward, Wis.

Ed. Platt, student in the nineties, was in Manhattan for a few hours, February 9. Mr. Platt is an electrician in St. Joseph, Mo.

Carl Long, '08, is doing advanced work in electrical engineering in the University of Wisconsin with the expectation of taking his second degree at the end of two years.

Birdie Secrest, '92, and Ada Rice, '95, have perfected their plans for a trip to Europe next summer. On June 26 they expect to sail from New York harbor on the *Berlin* for Naples.

The following item regarding a member of the '05 class is taken from "Proceedings of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers:" "Mr. George Wolf has severed his connection with the Western Electric Company as assistant in the circuit laboratory and joined the engineering staff of the Duplex Metals Company, having offices at 208 Fifth Avenue, New York City."

E. R. Kupper, '07, is located at 511 Spofford Avenue, San Antonio, Tex.

Ethel Clemons, '05, is at home after an extended visit with relatives in Oklahoma.

G. H. Berenzen, student in 1905-'06, has successfully passed the civil service examination for construction engineer and has been appointed to Fort Sheridan, Ill.

The *Toledo Daily Blade*, of January 7, contains the likeness of Dr. M. F. Hulett, '93, as retiring president of the Ohio Osteopathic Society. At the election of officers of the organization Doctor Hulett was made chairman of the state examining committee.

We learn with regret of the death of Darwin S. Leach, '81, which occurred at Erokopondo, British Guiana, in October, 1908. Further particulars we have none. Mr. Leach had become well known to readers of the ALUMNUS through the delightfully interesting and valuable articles which he had contributed. Next month we hope to publish a full account of his life, written by a member of his class.

R. S. Kellogg, assistant forester in the government service at Washington, spent Saturday in Topeka. He held several conferences with the members interested in forestry legislation and in looking over the text of the forestry bills already introduced in the House. Mr. Kellogg was favorably impressed with these measures and stated that they contained many good points. He is in hopes that the members will get together and agree on a measure that embodies the good points of them all. Mr. Kellogg talked on forestry in Representative Hall this afternoon to all the members who remained in the city over Sunday. He goes from here to New Orleans on a forestry mission. Mr. Kellogg is an old Kansas boy, having been raised in Russell county. — *Topeka State Journal*.

Nellie J. Murphy, '85, died in Sterling, Kan., January 6.

F. L. Bates, '04, took the examination and was admitted to the bar, January 21.

Karl Bingham, sophomore last year, and Miss Pearl Sanford were married January 7, at Abilene, Kan.

Warren Boyd, once of the *Students' Herald* staff, was married recently. Mr. Boyd is editor of a paper at Goodland Kan.

Clifford Young, student in 1906-'07, has reëntered College, after a year spent at Lehigh University, Rochester, N. Y.

G. H. Failyer, '77, is author of Bulletin No. 54 on "The Mineral Composition of Soil Particles," lately issued by the Bureau of Soils.

R. N. Newland, '06, writes from Willard, N. Y., that he is just now engaged in installing an ice-plant at one of the state insane assylums situated at that place.

Regents Blackburn and Griffith and ex-Regent J. W. Berry, '83, were in Manhattan in the interests of the College during the heighth of the agitation, the first of the month.

J. E. Payne, '87, superintendent of the United States experiment station at Akron, Colo., stopped in Manhattan a few weeks ago on his way home from Washington, D. C., where he had spent a number of weeks.

Announcements are out of the marriage of Herbert J. Finley, former student, and Miss Emma Allgood, at Tacoma, Ore., February 2. They will be at home at Delhart, Tex., where Mr. Finley is an engineer on the Rock Island.

C. E. Pincomb and Mrs. Marian (Jones) Pincomb, both of '96, went to Tampico, Mex., last month, where Mr. Pincomb has real estate interests. Mrs. Pincomb will spend the winter there with Mrs. Mary (Pincomb) Moats, '96.

L. V. White, '03, of Havana, Ill., was called home to Manhattan by the death of his father, the first of the month.

Robert C. Johnson and Cynthia Bonebrake, both members of the sophomore class, were married, January 18, at the bride's home in Stockton, Kan.

Jessie L. Fitz, '04, and Martin L. Holcom were married on February 3 at the home of the bride at Vinland, Kan. They will be at home on a farm near Vinland.

Announcement is made of the marriage of Clifton H. Powers, sophomore in 1907-'08, and Miss Blanche Ford, in Kansas City last month. They are living in Junction City, Kan.

John L. Burtis, a former resident of Manhattan, died the latter part of January at the home of his son, Walter J. Burtis, '87, at Fredonia, Kan. The body was brought to Manhattan for interment, accompanied by W. J. Burtis and his sister.

Mrs. A. I. Horsefield was burned to death in Kansas City, February 10, and her sister, Miss Ida McConnell, severely injured in a fire which started in a drug store over which they were living. Both Mrs. Horsefield and Miss McConnell were students in the College a number of years ago. Miss McConnell is in the millinery business in Kansas City. Mrs. Horsefield was a widow and leaves a son fourteen years old.

News has just been received of the death of A. A. Cottrell on February 14 at his home in Wabaunsee, Kan. He was sick but a short time with pneumonia, which caused his death. Mr. Cottrell was the father of nine children, all of whom have graduated from the College between the years 1884 and 1904. Henry M. Cottrell, '84, the oldest son, was formerly professor of agriculture in the College. We extend sincere sympathy to the Cottrell family.

Archie Conner, '06, and Mrs. Conner are the parents of a son born February 8.

The Topeka Alumni Association will hold its annual banquet March 5 at the National hotel.

Jessie Wells, a former member of the '07 class, is an instructor in the high school at Russell, Kan.

William Ljungdahl, former student, was married, February 10, to Miss Anna Fay, at Eureka Lake, Kan.

At the fifth annual meeting of the Ohio State Forestry Society held in Columbus, January 13, Edmund Secrest, '02, delivered an address on "Forestry Operations on the Vanderbilt Estate, Ashville, N. C."

The following item from the *Russell Record* refers to Ethel McKeen, '08: "During the absence of Probate Judge McKeen, his daughter, Miss Ethel, is acting Probate Judge. Miss McKeen has the ability to fill the office successfully, being an exceptionally bright young lady, and no mistake was made in leaving this important office in her care."

L. A. Fitz, '02, was at the College, February 11. Mr. Fitz has charge of the government work in the coöperative milling experiments conducted by the Department of Agriculture and the state experiment station at Fargo, N. Dak. He touched this point on a trip which he is making through Kansas and the Middle West, for the purpose of securing special samples of wheat and visiting various flouring mills.

Dr. J. D. Walters has written a history of the College, which will be published soon. The book will be issued as a second edition of the one which was published for free distribution at the time of the Columbian exposition. It will contain two hundred fifty pages and will consist in an exhaustive survey of the College from

its organization down to the present. State history bearing indirectly upon the College and attractively written biographies of men and women who have helped to build up the institution are parts of its contents. The book is illustrated by entirely new cuts.

Blanche Stevens, '05, writes from Barber Seminary, Anniston, Ala.: "I shall not attempt to describe all I know about Alabama—its people, climate, and the like. First let me say I would be glad to have you visit our sewing department. I teach seven forty-minute periods daily and have one hundred fifty girls in all. I teach from model making on through dress-making. Some of the girls do beautifully. Most all do very well, but there are a few whom I wish would put in their sewing periods feeding pigs or singing with the birds! I am delighted with my work here. The days pass quickly and Sundays come about every three days. We have a faculty of eleven. Most of this year's teachers were here last year, so we are very much at home with each other. The school grounds comprise over sixty acres. The Seminary is within five blocks of the street-car line. Barber has a beautiful location, fifty feet in elevation. East of the Blue Ridge mountains on the north and south, valleys intervene, while on the west a most picturesque spur of the same mountain range stands boldly before us. The sunsets from behind the mountain are gorgeous. The valley between the mountains furnishes the site of its triplet cities, Anniston, Oxanna, and Oxford. I wish you might visit the latter place. It is a very, very old town—you'd like it. The climate here is exhilarating most of the time, but along toward spring the change comes and it is for our worse. The dear little violets bloom for us all winter—have a plate of them before me now. Some other flowers keep in bloom, but not the roses this far north."

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John Peterson, '08, is farming near Wichita, Kan.

Miss Ethel Edwards, stenographer in the Experiment Station, and Frank Robbins, sophomore last year, have lately announced their marriage, which occurred last March.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kimble have returned to Fort Adams, R. I., after a visit with Judge and Mrs. Sam Kimble in Manhattan. Rob Kimble was formerly a member of the '03 class.

Dr. Charles Eastman, '02, who is employed in the Bureau of Animal Industry, has been transferred from Cambria, Cal., to St. Louis, Mo. Doctor and Mrs. Eastman stopped over in Manhattan for a short time on their way through.

W. B. Thurston, '06, assumed his duties, the first of February, as manager of the creamery at Seneca, Kan. This position has pleasing advantages over the one he has been holding in Enid, Okla., and Mr. Thurston is to be congratulated upon his advancement.

Prof. A. M. TenEyck has recently returned from an extended trip through Texas and Oklahoma. He addressed the meeting of the State Board of Agriculture of Texas and addressed another agricultural meeting at the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College at Stillwater.

C. T. Gibbon, '08, is manager of a rubber tire company at Denver, Colo.

Gertrude Rhodes, '98, is spending the winter with relatives in Fort Neches, Tex.

A. G. Philips, '07, made an address at the State Poultry Association held in Topeka in January.

Minnie Copeland, '98, is enjoying her new position as head nurse of the Santa Fé hospital at La Junta, Colo.

Mrs. Emma (Haines) Bowen, '67, is spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. May (Bowen) Schoonover, '96, at Marietta, Ohio.

W. J. Lightfoot, '81, United States examiner of surveys, is home from Los Angeles, Cal., to spend a month's vacation with his family in Manhattan.

Mary Manchester, '07, short course graduate, visited Alice Melton, '98, for several days this month. She had just finished a six-weeks' visit with her sister, Inez (Manchester) Allison, '98, at Florence, Kan., and was on her way home to Chiles, Kan.

Lawrence Brink, senior in 1903-'04, has a position in the English department of the Michigan Agricultural College. Mr. Brink is a son of Prof. C. M. Brink. He is a graduate from the classical course of the University of Rochester, class of '06, and until recently has been teaching in the high school at Marquette, Mich.

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Priscilla Lewis, a former student, is attending the Salina Business College.

E. H. Perry, '86, is one of the firm of Perry, Dowden & Son, of Plainview, Tex., which has opened a real estate office in Manhattan.

J. H. Hollar, of Chicago, Ill., formerly foreman of an industrial school in that city, has been made foreman of the College blacksmith shops.

F. E. Hodgson, '05, visited Manhattan in January on his way home to Little River, Kan., from Kansas City, where he had attended the Implement Dealers' Convention.

Doctor Schoenleber was a guest at the Copeland hotel in Topeka on the night it was destroyed by fire and was the first to sound the alarm. He occupied a room on the second floor and experienced no difficulty in making his way to the street.

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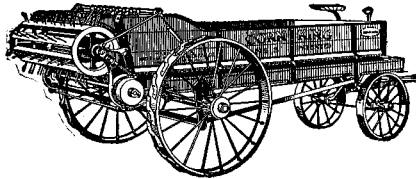
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