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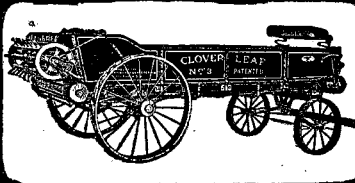
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April's Call.

(Written by a member of the Faculty, for his young son.)

I.

Blow, Blow, you April Winds!
Bloom out you April Flowers!
You budding trees your leaves unfold
Refreshed by April Showers!
You happy birds, break forth in song!
Flow on, you little streams!
You Mother Earth, wake up again,
Enjoy the Sun's warm beams!

II.

You boys and girls, come out and play,
Refreshed for books and schools.
You teachers, too, new joy to you,
Forget your tasks and rules!
Let every living creature wake
And list to April's call;
Let love spring up in every heart,
For God is over all!



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Athletics in K. S. A. C.

By Henry J. Waters.

The Nichols Gymnasium will be ready for occupancy a year from next September. This will give our students, for the first time, a building especially designed for physical culture. A competent physical director will need to be secured, to give instruction in this most important subject and to look after the physical welfare of all the students in the College. In the meantime the new athletic field, an outdoor laboratory in physical culture, located convenient to the gymnasium and to all of the College buildings, must be put in condition for use. The last legislature showed its interest in this phase of education by appropriating \$100,000 for the gymnasium and \$5000 toward the purchase or improvement of an athletic field.

THE FUNCTION OF COLLEGE ATHLETICS.

Relying upon newspaper accounts, the public is apt to imagine that the only sort of athletics receiving serious attention in an educational institution is the purely competitive sort, in which only those already physically well developed and strong participate. In the proper organization of a college these athletic contests ought to be and are merely incidental to the great work of instruction in physical culture for the entire student body. Under the guidance of a master of the subject, each student ought to be taught how to strengthen his or her body and how to do the most work without impairing its future usefulness. In other words, the student

ought to be taught how to live an efficient life.

With our new equipment of gymnasium, athletic field, and physical director, it is proposed that every student, upon entering the College, be required to undergo a most thorough physical examination. An accurate inventory of the deficiencies of each will be made, and after careful study of each case, the sort of exercise and training best suited to correct the deficiencies will be recommended. As to whether the student will be required to take this course of training, or whether it is to be optional, is a matter that has not yet been determined.

COMPETITIVE ATHLETICS.

Competitive athletics, in the judgment of many competent authorities, has received altogether too much prominence in college life. On the other hand, it should be remembered that it is only by this means that an interest in physical culture has been awakened and can be kept alive. Students who take no interest in the development of their bodies and who, if required by college rules to take physical culture would take it perfunctorily, will, under the influence of intercollegiate contests, catch the spirit, and train as faithfully and as enthusiastically as the most accomplished athlete. In my judgment, the doing away with athletic contests altogether would be a serious mistake. That they should be regulated better than they have been in the recent past may be accepted without question.

THE NEW ATHLETIC FIELD.

This, as I have already said, is the outdoor gymnasium or physical cul-

ture laboratory, and is not primarily for the benefit of the first and second teams in football, baseball, basketball, etc. It is to afford facilities for all students to acquire proficiency in such athletic sports as they may be interested in and adapted to. The Board of Regents had in mind, in granting larger space than was originally asked for by the Athletic Association, the laying out of numerous tennis-courts, providing at least separate baseball and football fields, and ample track facilities, so that in addition to the regular College teams the largest possible number of students might be accommodated in the ordinary practice of strictly amateur games. It is a practice ground for good weather; the gymnasium a practice ground for inclement weather. It is expected that the athletic work on the field as well as in the gymnasium will be in charge of the physical director.

The \$5000 appropriated by the legislature will not be sufficient to properly grade this field, build the tennis-courts and track, and fence it, much less erect a suitable grand stand. A field of this sort, once built, is built for practically all time. The students must either look to the next legislature for funds with which to complete the field, or appeal to those who are interested in the welfare of the College and its athletics for private contributions.

Kansas State Agricultural College has made an excellent record in athletics. With these added facilities, even greater achievement ought to be possible.

An Athletic Field for the College.

By M. F. Ahearn.

Lovers of athletics believe there is a bright future in store for football, baseball, basket-ball, track and tennis teams. That an added impetus to athletics will be given by the completion of the new gymnasium and the new athletic field is the opinion of the

student body and of those who are intimately connected with the physical side of College life.

An appropriation of \$100,000 by the legislature assures the erection of the gymnasium. An appropriation of \$5000, by the same body, does not assure an athletic field for the College, but it gives it a fine start. To get a new gymnasium we have simply to watch and wait. In order to secure a new athletic field we must be up and doing, and many difficult problems must be met and overcome.

The first and most difficult task was the selection of a site for the proposed athletic field. Advances were made to several property holders in Manhattan, but without avail, and it became necessary for the Regents to seek for a suitable place on the College campus. Many suggestions were offered, some very good, and some that were foolish in the extreme. After much thought and a careful study of the question, the committee decided that the southwest corner of the College grounds was the best site for the new athletic field, principally because it was the only available place. This plot of ground, 1000 by 600 feet, has many features that make it a desirable location, and one or two features that make it anything but a desirable place for athletic contests.

The advantages are self-evident to those who have seen these grounds. The south and west sides are bounded by public roads, the street-cars are within two blocks of the east end, and last, but not least, it is convenient to the new gymnasium.

To offset these advantages the land is low and wet, and only a year ago Professor Ten Eyck planned to have a lake in this very plot. Perhaps he was thinking of future boat races and swimming contests. At present there is a young orchard growing on this field and a small creek winds its crooked way in and out among the

hills and hollows. A tremendous fill is necessary, the course of the stream must be diverted, and, in the writer's opinion, the field should be tile drained. Any improvement, however slight, will need funds.

The legislature has given \$5000, the Regents have presented the Athletic Association with the necessary ground, and the alumni and students of this College should put their shoulders to the wheel and complete the undertaking. Thousands of dollars will be needed to carry on the work, and we look to our graduates for aid in raising the necessary funds. Many plans for raising money have been proposed by those who have this project at heart. Those interested believe that a plan will be adopted whereby each person who so desires may lend a helping hand. A committee has been appointed to draw up plans for a spirited campaign, and it behooves every alumnus to loosen his purse strings and send his mite, however large. Now is the golden opportunity for the alumni to come in closer touch with the College and the student body. What have the graduates done for athletics in this school in the past? Most of those we have heard from have censured rather than praised. However, we feel that the vast majority are in sympathy with student life and that they feel a touch of pride when they hear that K. S. A. C. is victorious in her athletic contests. Here is the chance to erect a lasting monument to those who have graduated and to those who graduate in future years. "Alumni Field" has a pleasant ring. Let everyone who feels a throb of K. S. A. C. spirit get behind this movement and give to their College the best athletic field in the Missouri Valley.

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The great deeds for human betterment must be done by individuals—they can never be done by the many.  
—George Peabody.

Fort Shaw, Mont.

March 21, 1910.

*Editor Alumnus:*

I surely cannot decline to at least reply to a letter from the editor of the ALUMNUS, particularly when so good an authority as Professor Dickens has vouched for me. Yet, I am not sure that my reply will be in all ways satisfactory, hence you have my permission to use it or not, without prejudice.

My own son is willing to admit that in some ways his father is a little old-fashioned, although the father does not yet feel that "ossification of the bones" that comes with extreme age. There once was plenty of room for baseball around the Gale house, and we also did some fair hurdling around the apple orchard there in the days of Professor Hood, the hand-capping being done by loading the blouses of the fleet ones with apples more or less green and heavy.

I realize that the boys now need much more room than we did, and that they have much less room than we had. It is essential that an athletic field be provided on the College property. Doubtless the boys now in College are able to do more than we should have been able to do in a financial way, and yet it is too much to expect that they could bear all or a very large proportion of the necessary expense, and the fathers of future students should help.

My judgment would be that the amount of aid which members of the alumni would feel like furnishing to such an enterprise would depend first on the tastes and interests of the individual, on his financial ability, and then on the general athletic sentiment and management now in vogue at the College. Athletics in many modern colleges and universities is now carried to such an extreme development that they seem to me to be of doubtful educational value, if not a positive detriment. If our College sought to

emulate or rival such examples, the movement would not appeal to me successfully.

Would it not be wise to have an authoritative statement from those in charge of athletics, including the President of the College, as to the plan for fostering athletics? Personally, I should like to see College athletics encouraged most heartily and intercollegiate contests abolished, or restricted to institutions in the same locality. Is it possible to do these two things at the same time? I really do not know, but will cherish the hope that it is, and will be ready to give "aid and comfort" to the project in so far as rather modest circumstances will allow. Very truly yours,

JOHN B. BROWN, '87.

*Editor Alumnus:*

In response to the call for suggestions regarding the raising of money for the athletic field, I submit the following:

In the first place, it seems to be a mistake to try to raise a dollar until the site of the field is definitely located. Then it will be possible to make a general plan of the field and an accurate estimate of its cost, both of which should accompany any letters asking for subscriptions. And right here is a chance for the alumni to exert an influence and do K. S. A. C. a real service. We need their opinions now, their money later. Let's do all we can to see the field started right and started so that it may be improved as the years go by. K. S. A. C. now has about 1300 alumni and in ten years she will have perhaps twice that number, all of whom should be called upon to contribute unless the field is perfect in every detail before that time. We should lay the foundation now and trust to future classes to keep the structure growing. There seems to be no doubt in the minds of most of the alumni that they should contribute

the greater part of the necessary funds, and any campaign that is not allowed to drag will surely bring the desired results. Perhaps a plan based on class competition would stimulate an unusual amount of interest. The essential thing, though, is to have the plans in hand so that the necessity for the field and an idea of how it will appear when completed can be clearly set forth.

It is perhaps true that the student body of K. S. A. C. supports athletics better than that of any other college or university in the United States, and each alumnus has been a part of the student body during some part of his life cycle. We thus have a right to suppose that when a call is issued for support at a time when support means so much to the future athletic standing of our College, that the alumni, one and all, will realize that "it is not a request for aid—it is a summons." RAY R. BIRCH, '06.

**Letters from the Class of 1904.—Continued.**

*The Editor of the Alumnus:*

In reply to your request for information concerning my whereabouts and whatabouts since my graduation from College in 1904, I beg to submit the following:

On June 23, 1904, I entered the United States Military Academy at West Point, becoming a "plebe" at that institution and a member of the class of 1908. The vicissitudes of cadet life have been described more artistically than I can hope to present them, and should I try to recount my experiences I should run the risk of being considered a mild Doctor Cook, for I never could make my story agree with those that commonly circulate as stories of cadet life. I will explain it all by saying that your idea—if you have one—of life at West Point is most probably wrong, and wrong it will remain for all me. If any readers of this column would



really like to know something about the spirit of the Corps of Cadets, they can hardly do better than read Gen. Morris Schaff's "The Spirit of Old West Point," a work of recognized literary and historical merit, combining accuracy with interest of statement in a way quite foreign to much modern literature.

I staid at West Point two years, as all are required to do, before being allowed a leave of absence. Capt. Frank W. Coe, a student at K. S. A. C. in the eighties, was adjutant of the Academy during the first of these years. In June, 1905, Carl Duehn, '04, and Claude Thummel, '05, entered with the class of 1909.

After a leave of absence for two months in the summer of 1906, I returned to the Point and continued my work until my graduation in February, 1908.

I spent my graduation leave in Kansas, and at its close was assigned to the Corps of Engineers, as second lieutenant, and ordered to report for duty in Panama. I sailed from New York and reached Panama early in May, 1908. I spent a year and a half on the Isthmus, serving in various engineering capacities under the immediate orders of the chief engineer. I saw C. H. Whipple, junior in 1904, occasionally. He is chief draftsman of the Gorgona Shop drafting rooms.

My experiences in the tropics were rather interesting to me and the opportunities for observing a work of the magnitude of the Panama Canal could not fail to fascinate one with a taste for engineering.

I feel safe in giving it to the readers of the ALUMNUS, as a "straight tip" that the Panama Canal is not going to be a failure. Various interesting engineering opinions, inspired by bitter prejudice, colossal ignorance, or the transcontinental railroads—who knows?—to the contrary notwithstanding, I can say confidently, that the canal is not too deep nor too

shallow, too crooked nor too straight, too wet nor too dry, too high nor too low: it is just right and we have every prospect of seeing completed, in 1915, the most gigantic engineering work ever undertaken by man. It will be an American Canal, built, owned and operated by the United States.

I hope I may be pardoned if I take this occasion to remark that some credit will be due the army engineers if the canal work is carried to a successful conclusion. After two commissions, embodying the most prominent engineering talent in the world, had demonstrated their inadaptability for the work at hand, it remained for a commission headed by a major of the Corps of Engineers, and with four of the seven members engineer officers, to organize and conduct the work on its present highly successful basis.

While connected with the Isthmian Canal Commission, I had the opportunity of visiting several of the interesting little countries of Central America. In Guatemala I had several amusing experiences. On first landing at Puerto Barrios, I hired a black and tan person who looked like a tramp or a wharf rat to show me about the city. This he did and for a very modest compensation indeed—ten cents. I later learned that he was a politician and diplomat of more than national renown. The versatile gentleman had been an excellent guide for me and had every appearance of being equally well qualified as a stevedore.

In the same city I purchased fifty cents worth of wares in a little shop and gave the shop keeper an American silver dollar in payment. He brought me my change in Guatemalan currency—seven dollars and a half. In Guatemala City, one of my friends bought a small hand bag and some linen for a total of two hundred and forty dollars. The salesman accepted an American twenty dollar gold piece

and returned sixty dollars in native currency.

In September, 1909, I was relieved from duty with the Canal Commission and assigned to duty at Washington Barracks, Washington, D. C. My residence is at 1810 Eye street, N. W., where I should be very glad to see any of my old College friends.

Very sincerely,

GLEN EDGERTON, '04.

*Dear Classmates:*

As I glance back over the last six years, I wonder what has come into my life which would prove of interest to my old College friends. I have achieved nothing which would seem to reflect any particular glory on either myself or my Alma Mater. Possibly the very fact that I have kept out of the newspapers and politics is a "feather in my cap." Be that as it may, I have kept out of the courts and penitentiary and am glad for this opportunity to give an account of myself.

In the spring of 1904 as Commencement time approached, I could feel within my veins the irresistible call of Nature; so as soon as my sheepskin was securely packed in the bottom of my trunk I "hiked" for the farm, there to wrestle with the problems of every-day agriculture. I fully expected that within a few short years my name would be mentioned in the same breath with such names as Rockefeller and Carnegie. How easy it was to figure out a cash balance of \$2000 or \$3000 in the farm management class! But to extract this same amount of real lucre from a Kansas farm has proven to be a vastly different problem.

In partnership with the other R. B., I farmed my father's farm in McPherson county until the autumn of 1906, when I leased a different farm and took Miss Hattie Forsyth, '04, as a partner in the new firm. As a word of encouragement to backward '04

boys, allow me to remark that this new firm has proven a great success and my injunction is: "Go thou and do likewise."

In '06 and '07 it was my pleasure to occupy the position of county Sunday-school secretary of McPherson county, a position bringing with it a wealth of experience in the Sunday-school work and ample pay (not financially) for the time and effort expended.

At present I am on a stock farm of five hundred sixty acres in Morris county, keeping one hundred twenty-five head of cattle, one hundred fifty hogs and fifteen to twenty horses most of the time. While I am talking about live stock I must not forget to mention Mrs. Felton's large flock of Orphington chickens, in which she takes great delight.

So far I have not acquired the habit of frequent investments in stocks or real estate, but have succeeded in keeping the "wolf" at bay and am well satisfied with the farmer's lot, combining, as it does, contentment, health, and happiness.

RALPH B. FELTON.

Snyder, Colo.

*Editor Alumnus:*

I thought I had wandered so far from the ALUMNUS that that word "contribute" would never confront me, but here it is. If Professor Brink will promise not to criticize my English, I may make the attempt.

Mine has been only the commonplace life, filled with its joys and its sorrows, nothing very startling to tell. While in school they told us, "The benefit of an education is learning to do the thing you do not want to do at the time you do not want to do it." That sounded poetic then, but I have long since proved it a fact.

When I found myself confronted with the reality, that I had the care of two small children and business affairs to look after, it seemed at first

that I could not; but here I am caring for them, while holding down and improving a portion of Colorado's choice irrigated land. Any of the '04's who may be passing on the Union Pacific from Omaha to Denver, just stop off at the little town of Snyder where you will find a welcome and get a full taste of pioneer life.

I may never strike a gold mine, achieve fame or fortune, but if I can store up a few dollars so that my boy and girl can enjoy the benefits of K. S. A. C. in the distant future, I shall be content.

VIVA (BRENNER) MORRISON.

*Dear '04's and Others:*

"Howdy." Verily, Ray and Ralph were good prophets. Some time after graduation T. W. returned to the home farm in Texas, while Marian toiled in the world of commerce. January, '06, found us "one," which same we have remained until this very day.

Our united efforts have been expended in the various activities of the farm. Wheat raising was our chief occupation. Seasons of excessive rainfall and periods of serious drought rendered work in agronomy more productive of experience than of profit. Present indications, however, point to normal seasons and favorable crop prospects. In '07 we added a small dairy herd, which proved a source of more experience, some profit, and considerable pleasure. In '09 we removed from Roanoke to Grand Prairie where, for a time, we "specialized" in butter making and egg production. Later, after a severe spell of typhoid fever on Marian's part, we disposed of our property and moved to Fort Worth temporarily. Now we are in Kansas once more, contemplating a change in our means of obtaining a livelihood.

The advent of William Allen Buell in January, '08, introduced new responsibilities and pleasures. He is just a healthy, happy, ordinary young man.

We had the pleasure, at times, of visits from V. L. Cory, '04, F. E. Balmer, '05, V. M. Emmert, '01, H. A. Ireland, '07, Paul Lyman, former student, our sisters, Amy Allen, '04, and Jessie, '08, and our mother, Mrs. Flora M. Allen. We also met H. P. Hess, '05, in Dallas.

Another source of pleasure to us has been the circular letters, especially that among the '04 "Ags," which seems to be the only successful one. These have kept up ties which we hope will strengthen as the years pass.

We often think of our classmates and friends and wish to hear of them and their experiences, successes, and failures. We can rejoice in the one and sympathize with the other.

If a summary of the circular letters of each group could be sent to the ALUMNUS occasionally each one thus would hear from all. A good old-time class meeting each year would add to the attraction of Commencement time. And especially do we hope for a great gathering in '14, our decennial.

With best wishes for all, we are yours as of old.

MARIAN (ALLEN) BUELL, '04.  
T. W. BUELL, '04.

Fort Monroe, Va.

*Dear Classmates:*

It seems almost incredible that nearly six years have passed since that always-to-be-remembered day in June, 1904, when we were "it." But I refuse to believe that those six years have lessened in any degree our love for and interest in that great College of the Kansas people.

During that last year in College I acquired the idea that it was soon to become a memory of stone buildings, Faculty, and classmates. But what a mistake! That inevitable College spirit stays with us. I feel certain that we take just as much interest and possibly more than the present undergraduates in any proposed change in

the policy of the institution. And who of us does not devour the printed accounts of athletic contests with the University with as much interest today as when Towne circled an end for forty yards or Sidorfsky batted the ball out of the lot in our own day?

It has been my good fortune to meet a few classmates and many alumni scattered from Seattle to Washington, D. C., and never yet have I found one who was not giving a good account of himself; and not a few have been conspicuously successful. Of course six years may be a short time in which to judge results, but I have every reason to believe that future editions of the catalogue will show the '04's holding their full share of the honorable and profitable positions. They have inherited the true purple spirit and no apologies are required.

LOUIS B. BENDER,  
2nd Lieut. Coast Artillery Corps,  
U. S. Army.

*Dear Classmates:*

When I received a letter from my former classmate, Mrs. H. V. Harlan, asking me to contribute to a '04 number of the ALUMNUS, I did not have anything sensational to present and so decided to keep silent. But my conscience bothered me from day to day and I could not help thinking what kind of showing the good old '04 class would make if everyone should assume my attitude.

In the six years that have passed since we left K. S. A. C., fate has wrought many miracles among our classmates—miracles that even the fertile imaginations of our gifted class prophets, the Felton brothers, could not picture. Most of us have learned in that sad school which the transgressors used to hear about from the College rostrum, that Success is not always ready to pour forth her bounties upon the College graduate who goes out into the world ready to receive them.

After leaving K. S. A. C. I took a law course in the University of Michigan and am now practicing law—and economy—in Kansas City, Kan. While I have not quite as much leisure as at first, I still have plenty of time to have a good visit with any of our classmates who happen to be in Kansas City, Kan., and drop into 313 Husted Building. FRANK L. BATES.

*Dear Mrs. Harlan:*

I am in receipt of your letter regarding an article for the ALUMNUS. I regret very much that nothing has happened in my life since graduation which I think would be of any particular interest to the rest of the class. If I had something to write about, I would gladly do so, but my life has been only ordinary. Success in my work has been neither strikingly good or bad. I have always tried to do my work, the pleasant with the unpleasant, as it has presented itself and I have thoroughly enjoyed it all. The only complaint I have to make is to the Almighty for not making man so he could work more—or perhaps it would sound better to say, stay awake longer and sleep less if it pleased him to do so now and then. Yours truly,

NICKOLAS SCHMITZ.

Spokane, Wash.,

*Editor of Alumnus:*

I think I have been running along about the same as the rest of the '04's. Some things I have succeeded in and some things I have failed in, but taking all in all I have received my share of the good things in life.

I have met a great many K. S. A. C. people in Spokane, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Broom, '06 and '05, Mrs. Broom's sister, Adelaide Strite, '01, Mrs. Anna (Summers) Galleger, '01, Mr. Nash, '04, and Mr. Nash, '06. There are several other K. S. A. C. people here in Spokane, but I have not seen them yet.

I am with the Inland Railroad.

For pastime, I am football, baseball and basket-ball coach to the young people of the Northwest, so I naturally watch the College papers closely. I take them all. I was married on the 22nd of December, 1909, to Miss Lucy Della Robideaux, of Ponderay, Idaho. As this is where trouble will start, I will close.

Very truly,  
J. A. JOHNSON.

Louisville, Kan.

*Dear Classmates:*

I think the editor of the ALUMNUS has "hit upon" a bright idea. I am sure that none will appreciate the '04 letters more than your humble servant. However, there has been nothing eventful come into my own life, not even a helpmate. The first three years of my life after leaving Alma Mater were spent in chasing dollars, in and around Chicago. At the end of that time I became optimistic and decided that there is "more pleasure in pursuit than in possession." This fact accounts not only for my profession but for my "singular" blessedness as well. I am now teaching my third term in the secondary schools. During the holidays I enjoyed a trip to the K. S. A. C. as chaperon of a half dozen high school pupils.

With best wishes I remain,

Your comrade,  
R. T. KERSEY.

*Dear Classmates:*

I was asked to tell the readers of the ALUMNUS what I have been doing since graduating in 1904. I do not think much has happened that will be of interest to others. After graduation nothing of much interest happened until December, 1906, when I was married to my dearest College classmate. The first year of my married life I spent on a quarter in McPherson county. The next year we moved to Dwight to live on my father's place. We are still on the place and expect to be for some time. It is

a large farm of five hundred sixty acres. This has always been my home and naturally I like it here very much. I greatly enjoy the free life of a farmer's wife and I do not know where I could be happier.

Last summer we spent two weeks in the mountains of Colorado. We enjoyed it greatly. While there I spent one day in Pueblo with Marjorie Smith, '04. I found her very pleasantly situated.

I so often wish to see some of my old College friends. I wish that our lives were not so strenuous, that we might more often meet in reunions at dear old K. S. A. C.

HATTIE (FORSYTH) FELTON.

Wichita, Kan.

*Dear Classmates:*

I will say that the main item of interest concerning me is the presence in our home of two precious children—one a boy, Paul, now three and one-half years old; and the other a baby girl, Evelyn, now eight months old. Both have added infinitely to the happiness of their parents.

With best wishes, your classmate,  
EMILY (WIEST) JOSS.

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Fletcher M. Jeffery, '81.

The K. S. A. C. people in Seattle were shocked last Saturday morning to hear that their friend and fellow alumnus, Fletcher M. Jeffery, had gone to his last long home after a serious illness of one week, terminating fatally April 7, in the afternoon. We telephoned the news one to another and still it seemed hardly real that this robust man could have left us so suddenly, and our hearts went out at once to the little woman who had been widowed and the dear little girl and laddie who would never more know a kind father's care; for this man had been a very fond, ambitious father for the two promising little people. The funeral was delayed several days awaiting the arrival of the brothers

and sisters who came from other states to look once more upon his face and comfort those he left behind. Tuesday afternoon the services were held in the First Unitarian church of Seattle, attended by friends, fellow church members, lodge people, and our own College folk who were in town. The church was beautifully decorated and the many beautiful, fragrant flowers spoke silently of the esteem in which he was held. The minister began the service from the beautiful lines from Tennyson's "Crossing the Bar:" "And may there be no moaning of the bar when I put out to sea." Yet our hearts were sad, for although he called this "a joyous hour, this day of second birth," to those who are left behind there must ever be "The moaning of the bar."

Two solos were beautifully, feelingly sung, by our own people. Mrs. Moore, wife of our Harry E., '91, sang "The Home of the Soul," while Miss Shelton, daughter of our own professor, sang "Abide With Me." Three of our boys acted as pall-bearers, and our pillow of College colors in violets mutely spoke of the happiness of past days. And so they laid him away in beautiful Mount Pleasant overlooking the scene of what had been a part of his activity for nine years.

He was the oldest of our graduate members, having finished his College work with the class of 1881. "Ancient History" he used to call himself, and yet he was in the prime of life. His loyalty to the College has always been strongly apparent.

In the fall of '91, when many of us had not been long on the western coast, and each was ignorant of the existence of others from the old school, we received an invitation from the Jefferys to meet the College people at their home. This was the first delightful meeting that afterward grew into an association, and Mr.

Jeffery was our first president. His wife has always shared his College spirit, and in the fall of '04, on their return from the St. Louis Exposition, she took pleasure in visiting the scene of his boyhood school days. Of his early life you who knew him in those days can speak better than I. He was a native son of California, raised by a Methodist minister father, so he must have lived many places before he entered our school with his brother, William, who has "gone on before." Since graduation he has ever made the law his profession, practicing in California, Connecticut, Colorado, and Washington. He was at one time mayor of West Cripple Creek and had much to do with its stormy history. He held high offices in lodges and was a man always prominent in whatever work he engaged in. His passing is a loss to the College, in which he was ever interested, as well as to his church and many friends.

SADIE (MOORE) FOSTER, '94.

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Box 234, Long Beach, Cal.

April 14, 1910.

*Dear Editor:*

I have just received a letter from Mrs. Walter E. Mitchell, of Seattle, containing the sad news of the death of Fletcher M. Jeffery, class of 1881, on the afternoon of April seventh. He was ill but a few days. He left a wife and two children, a girl of nearly ten and a boy five and a half years old. These brief statements and a few others make up the newspaper clipping sent me.

In the death of Mr. Jeffery every alumnus of K. S. A. C. lost a brother. Those of us who ever came to Seattle with trouble of any sort found actual help in his office in the New York Block or a welcome home up on the hill at the 16th Avenue residence. No one of us who live in Seattle had as deep a love for the College, if words and actions count. Mr. Jeffery was of the older graduates and lived at

the College when there were fewer of us and all were acquainted with each other, intimately, and so, I think, he always felt intimately acquainted with all who came from there.

He was the first president of the Seattle organization and always our most active member. The only time, I think, that we have ever met without him he took the time to run out to Mrs. Foster's and stay a little while when he hadn't time for the entire meeting. I hardly think any of the rest of us would have ridden fifteen extra miles on a street-car during a busy afternoon to have a few moments with a K. S. A. C. picnic.

Yours sincerely,

MARY (WAUGH) SMITH, '99.

#### *Washington Alumni Reunion.*

On the night of February 22 we of the Washington branch of the K. S. A. C. Alumni Association met in annual reunion at the New Willard Hotel.

After friendly greetings we became interested in the photograph and souvenir gallery under the charge of Professors Norton and Ballard. These pictures were of College friends taken years ago, or of familiar College scenes. Some were especially amusing, as, for example, a picture of Kellogg with a flourishing beard and a picture of Peairs with a "would be" mustache. Then there were class pictures, society pictures, and one of the Faculty of '92-'93 that awoke memories of days of old. The guests of honor were Congressmen Murdock and Scott, who by their addresses and lively discourse added greatly to the enjoyment of the occasion.

Professor Hitchcock, with a piece of paper, some paste, and a pair of scissors, enlightened us to the mysteries of the double surface and magic rings. After a few timely remarks President Hartley invited us to an elegant buffet supper. It seemed to be the opinion of those present that this reunion was one of our most en-

joyable evenings of the year. Our one regret was that, owing to previous engagements, some were unable to be present. Those in attendance were: Congressmen Victor Murdock and Charles F. Scott, Prof. D. E. Lantz and Miss Lantz, Prof. A. S. Hitchcock and Mrs. Hitchcock, Prof. G. H. Failyer, '77, C. L. Marlatt, '84, David G. Fairchild, '88, and Mrs. Fairchild, J. R. Harrison, '88, and Mrs. Harrison, Miss Julia Pearce, '90, Chas. P. Hartley, '92, and Mrs. Hartley, J. B. S. Norton, '96, and Mrs. Norton, W. L. Hall, '98, Mrs. Gertrude (Lyman) Hall, '97, C. H. Kyle, '03, Mrs. Corinne (Failyer) Kyle, '03, A. B. Gahan, '03, and Mrs. Gahan, H. N. Vinall, '03, Nickolas Schmitz, '04, and Mrs. Schmitz, H. V. Harlan, '04, Mrs. Augusta (Griffing) Harlan, '04, Lieut. Glen Edgerton, '04, W. R. Ballard, '05, L. M. Peairs, '05, Lois Failyer, '07, Ernest Adams, '07, Wilson G. Shelley, '07, A. B. Cron, '08.

#### *Alumni at Cheyenne Wells, Colorado.*

It may be a trifle late to report a meeting of the loyal sons and daughters of K. S. A. C. which took place last December, but the spirit moves me so here is the report.

The occasion, a farmers' institute, in Cheyenne Wells, was seized by Ellen (Norton) Adams, '96, and Elizabeth (Finlayson) Zuck, '04, to have an evening session for the K. S. A. C. family. Those present were J. E. Payne, '87, H. M. Cottrell, '84, J. W. Adams, '98, S. J. Adams, '98, Viola Norton, '04, and the promoters of the plan. After supper the guests spent a pleasant evening talking of the various members of this great family. The two youngest members, the '04's, sang Alma Mater for the benefit of those who had not heard it.

Talk was made of forming a permanent organization, and while no steps were taken to form one it is the hope of the few who reside on the plains to do so in the future.

# EDITORIAL

In this issue we are presenting statements from President Waters and from Coach Ahearn in regard to the new athletic field. In the March issue we invited comment upon the subject from the alumni, but thus far we have had only two responses. It is probable that others who may be interested, one way or another, have preferred to wait until they could hear more of the matter before committing themselves. From these we again invite an expression as to whether the Alumni Association should bear its share of the expense of instituting the new field.

The Athletic Association has chosen a committee which will conduct a systematic and vigorous campaign for funds. Those of the alumni who have been especially interested in athletics will probably not wait to be solicited before subscribing to the fund. It cannot be expected, however, that all of the alumni, or perhaps even a very large proportion of them, will greet the project with unbounded enthusiasm. Many, while agreeing with the spirit of the thing, will realize that the struggle for existence has left them with very few extra dollars. The *Students' Herald* estimates 1300 alumni who may be relied upon to give something. The *Herald* suggests that each alumnus subscribe ten dollars per month for one year. Such a proposition would be very likely to cause heart failure in cases where there are two alumni in a family. There are very likely some who will be glad to do as much, but for the great majority such figures are out of the question.

We are in accord with the policy for athletics in the College as briefly outlined by President Waters, and we believe that even the most conservative will agree that it is sensible and

sound. The properly fitted "laboratory," under the supervision of a competent physical director who may devote all of his attention to the physical well-being of the young men of the College, will be of very great and constantly increasing worth to the institution. We believe that the alumni, if they become convinced of the importance of the measure, will stand ready to push it along as far as it lies in their power.

In this issue we must record the death of another member of the College family—that of Fletcher M. Jeffery, '81. Mr. Jeffery was best known to the younger generation of alumni through his articles in the ALUMNUS. He was a stockholder in the magazine and has done much for it through active service, as well as words of encouragement and appreciation. Letters from the Seattle alumni which appear elsewhere in this issue show the tender regard with which he was held by those whose privilege it was to know him intimately. We extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family.

We had hoped before this to be able to discuss the efficiency of the Student Council, which was inaugurated this year. The institution is yet in its infancy and it is hardly yet the time to discuss it, either pro or con. We believe, however, that whatever rough edges are to be found in the organization will be smoothed in time and that the council will, if it has not already done so, prove itself a power for the very best in student life.

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"I know what pleasure is, for I have done good work."

The Baseball Schedule.

Six games have been played on the home field this season, with the following results:

K. S. A. C. 6, Neb. Wesleyan 2.
 K. S. A. C. 7, West'n State Normal 0.
 K. S. A. C. 7, Univ. of Nebraska 2.
 K. S. A. C. 11, Univ. of Nebraska 3.
 K. S. A. C. 10, Mo. Valley College 1.
 K. S. A. C. 7, Kansas Wesleyan 3.

The following games are yet to be played:

AT HOME.

Ottawa, April 27.
 State Normal, April 29.
 Bethany (Lindsborg), May 7.
 Washburn, May 14.
 William Jewell, May 20.

Games have been arranged, but no dates definitely settled, with Fairmount, Haskell, and Baker. There will probably be two games with the Manhattan League team, and three or four other dates are being considered. There is also the usual game with an alumni team on Commencement day.

AWAY.

University of Arkansas, at Fayetteville, May 9.
 Drury, at Springfield, Mo., May 10.
 William Jewell, at Liberty, Mo., May 11.
 Haskell, at Lawrence, May 12.
 Nebraska Wesleyan, Cotner, and University of Nebraska, at or near Lincoln, Neb., May 23, 24, 25.

Russell County Alumni Organize.

The plan to organize a county alumni association of the K. S. A. C. graduates resident in Russell county has been long in contemplation, and was finally carried out March 19, on the occasion of President Waters' visit to Russell to address the Golden Belt Educational Association. After the close of the afternoon program an informal reception was held in the Public Library in honor of Mr. Waters and Miss Frances Brown. Fifteen or more persons, graduates and former students of the College living within a radius of ten miles about Russell, at-

tended this function, and thus had the opportunity of meeting personally President Waters. Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Johnson, both graduates, were unavoidably out of the city, but will enter heartily into the spirit of the organization. Other graduates and former students were kept away by business and other duties, since the city was entertaining about 300 visiting teachers.

President Waters in his informal talk carried us back to College days, and all were glad to receive from him the greetings from our dear alma mater. His heart to heart talk concerning the value of live energetic alumni associations—the best assets of an educational institution—left no doubt in our minds about the necessity of getting together and doing something for the College and the young men and young women growing up in our county. Miss Frances Brown, '09, of the College Extension Department, also gave us a short talk. Mrs. Eva (Phillbrook) Jones, at present county superintendent of Trego county, was the only visiting alumnus present. She, too, gave us a talk, and seemed glad to be again among K. S. A. C. people. It will interest graduates of the '90's to learn that it is comparatively recent since Eva Phillbrook became Mrs. Jones, but she is the same jolly, good-natured individual she used to be in College days.

After greetings from President Waters, Miss Brown, Mrs. Jones, and all those present took the opportunity to renew their allegiance to the College, and all were of one mind as to the necessity of organizing a county association. The organization was perfected by electing F. J. Smith, president; Hagan Eastland, secretary and treasurer; Laura (McKeen) Smith, vice-president. A committee was appointed to enroll all graduates and former students in Russell county, and another committee to draft by-laws. As soon as these committees are ready to report, another

er meeting will be held and arrangements will then be made to hold a picnic and reunion.

Those present certainly enjoyed the privilege of meeting personally the new president. His zeal, earnestness and pleasing personality captured us all, and from henceforth you may count on organized and united effort in behalf of the College on the part of the graduates and students resident in Russell county.

Dear Editor:

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Reed, 6135 Racine street, Oakland, Calif., entertained the K. S. A. C. delegation yesterday evening in celebration of George Washington's birthday. The Reed home was tastefully decorated with flags, hatchets, and red, white and blue streamers.

A permanent organization was formed, known as the "Golden Gate" association, and a constitution adopted.

For diversion, the men wrote a description of their present or future wife's wedding dress, and their favorite cake recipe; and the ladies wrote the uses of many carpentry tools. When these were read it was as funny as seeing "preps." knocking on the doors of the College buildings. Piano selections were given by Mrs. Haselwood and Leon Davis.

In due time the hostess served a substantial and delicious luncheon. It required the warning voice of the whistle of the last train back to San Francisco, verified by the setting of the street lamps, to break friendship's spell and start homeward the happy guests. Those present were Mesdames Laura (Paulsen) Reed, Cole, Maud (Zimmerman) Haselwood, '02, Crete (Spencer) Fielding, '06, R. C. Mitchell, Spencer, and Dorothy Reed; and Messrs. M. S. Cole, '02, 1018 Filbert street, Oakland; A. J. Reed, '03; L. W. Fielding, '06, 1954 Buchanan street, San Francisco; Leon Davis,

Davis, Cal.; Frank Neal, 1148 Leavenworth street, San Francisco; R. C. Mitchell, 963 Seventh street, Oakland; Charles Cole. AN OAKLANDER.

Local Notes.

The baseball suits for this season are white with a purple K on the left side of the shirt. The stockings are purple with wide white stripe and the caps are white with purple visor.

Joint committees from the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. are preparing for a May festival to be held on May 21. The program will include a Maypole dance, the crowning of a May queen, and contests of various kinds. The exercises will probably be held in Lovers' Lane and a small admission will be charged. The proceeds will go to the Cascade fund.

In the intercollegiate debate between K. S. A. C. and Fairmount, held in the old chapel April 14, the College team won, after debating affirmatively the question: "Resolved, That the United States government should establish a permanent tariff commission." Miss Lynn Sandborn, Ionian, won first place. At Wichita the same evening the other half of the College team lost to Fairmount. The subject for debate was the same, but the College team took the negative argument.

The College orchestra delighted the people of Manhattan with a concert at the Marshall theater a few weeks ago. The orchestra, which is made up of forty pieces, is becoming more and more a credit to the College. Following is the program given on this occasion:

March, "Royal Purple".....	<i>Atherton</i>
Overture, "Poet and Peasant".....	<i>Suppe</i>
Moreau, "Les Papillon".....	<i>Bendix</i>
Flute, Rauner; Clarinet, McKirahan.	
Fantasia, Favorite Opera Themes...arr.	<i>Tobani</i>
INTERMISSION.	
Selection, "Madame Butterfly".....	<i>Puccini</i>
Solo, "The Bandolero".....	<i>Stuart</i>
Olof Valley.	
Valse Oriental, "Salome".....	<i>Joyce</i>
Finale—from "William Tell".....	<i>Rossini</i>



PERSONAL



Clarence Hawkinson, '06, is farming near Marquette, Kan.

Jessie Apitz, '09, will spend the summer at her home in Manhattan.

Edith Ingham, '09, is teaching domestic science in Brownwood, Tex.

Dr. John J. Johnson, '95, is a practicing physician at Mondamin, Okla.

O. S. Kenyon, junior in '93, is in the real estate business in Cherryvale, Kan.

Dora Harlan, '08, has spent the year teaching sciences in the high school at Wahoo, Neb.

Roy E. Spriggs, '09, teaches manual training and drawing in the Creston (Iowa) High School.

Marie Williams, '09, is teaching domestic science in Washington High School, Portland, Ore.

The little eight-months-old daughter of Prof. and Mrs. C. O. Swanson died on April 8 of pneumonia.

C. F. Kinman, '04, is a horticulturist for the Porto Rico Experiment Station, Mayaguez, P. R.

Marion Williams, '09, is professor of domestic science in the State Normal School at Kearney, Neb.

Dan Sullivan, '08, reports to the College that he is engaged in stock raising in Valles, S. L. P., Mex.

D. A. Kratzer, '09, is an instructor in mathematics and manual training in the Gas City (Kan.) High School.

Ruth Cooley, '06, has recently taken the position of assistant stenographer in the Agronomy Department of the College.

P. J. Meenen, '09, is a veterinarian at the biological laboratories of the H. K. Mulford Company in Glenolden, Pa.

Regent W. E. Blackburn is a candidate for railroad commissioner at the next election.

Mary Gaden, '08, is a teacher of domestic science in Chandler School, Lexington, Ky. Her address is 627 N. Broadway.

T. B. Sears, freshman in '91, is professor of civil engineering in charge of field work in the University of California.

Harry E. Kiger, '09, has a position as assistant in animal husbandry in the Purdue agricultural experiment station at LaFayette, Ind.

The ALUMNUS has recently received the belated announcement of the birth of a son, on December 19, 1909, to T. L. Pittman and Elizabeth (Sweet) Pittman, both of the class of 1904.

J. W. Adams, '98, has been selected to have charge of the Cheyenne County (Colo.) Experiment Station. Mr. Adams is well fitted in preparation and experience to fill the position.

Retta Womer, '04, visited friends in Manhattan for a few days in March. Miss Womer spent last fall and winter in California and Mexico and was on her way to her home at Womer, Kan.

Dr. C. A. Pyle, '04, and wife, Vera (McDonald) Pyle, '04, of St. Paul, Minn., are spending a month's vacation in Manhattan, while Doctor Pyle is recovering from a recent severe illness.

Joseph Claude Johnson was born in Kansas City, March 16, 1910. His parents are C. A. Johnson, '95, and Myrtle (Hood) Johnson, '97. The Johnsons have recently built a modern bungalow in Russell, Kan., and will hereafter be residents of that place.

F. A. Kiene, '06, has taken a position on the *News* at Coffeyville, Kan.

J. T. Skinner, '04, and Emily (Smith) Skinner, '06, are the parents of a son born in December, 1909.

Claro Pendon, '09, is an assistant agricultural inspector in the Bureau of Agriculture, Manila, P. I.

C. M. Breese, '87, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia for several weeks, is slowly improving.

Prof. H. F. Roberts has been ill for some time and unable to meet his classes, but is now convalescing.

Margaret Cunningham, '07, has finished her school at Atwood, Kan., and is visiting in Fairview, Okla.

F. H. Mayer, '09, holds the position of draftsman for the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company in Los Angeles, Calif.

"Forestry in a Real Sense" is the name of an article by Edmund Secrest, '02, in the *Ohio Forester* for March, 1910.

Lieut. Harvey Adams, '05, expects to return from the Philippines next fall for a visit with relatives and friends in Kansas.

J. B. Peterson, '08, and Carrie York, '09, were married on March 27, in Seattle, Wash. They will live on a farm near Montborne, Wash.

Effie Jeanetta Zimmerman, '91, writes to the Secretary of the College that she is a chautauqua worker, with headquarters at Bendena, Kan.

W. E. Miller, a former student, now editor of the *St. Marys Star*, addressed the students in the Printing Department one day this month.

Helen K. Huse, '08, assistant in the Department of Domestic Science, is taking a six-weeks' vacation before the beginning of the summer school.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Howe, of Wood River, Neb., announce the marriage of their daughter Lola Lucy to Norman Lee Towne, '04, of Waverly, Kan.

Mamie Cunningham, '05, writes of the continued pleasure of her visit in Michigan. Recently she went to Chicago to see Maud Adams in "What Every Woman Knows." Miss Cunningham expects to spend Commencement week in Manhattan.

Cecile Allentharp, '07, writes that she is teaching at Medicine Bow, Wyo., which is, she sometimes thinks, almost at the "jumping-off place." Her pupils are four little boys, all sons of one ranchman. She says there are four similar schools in the district, none as large as hers.

Mr. E. L. Holton, graduate student in Teacher's College of Columbia University, New York, has been made professor of industrial education of the Extension Department. He will introduce agriculture, shop work and home economics in the schools of the State and will take charge of boys' corn clubs, corn contests, and the new correspondence courses.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Edwards) Hartley, '92, was the victim of a rather serious accident recently. She was driving on a street in Manhattan when her team ran away, throwing her out with such force that her collar bone and one rib were broken. Her little daughter remained in the carriage, unharmed, until the team was stopped. Mrs. Hartley was taken to the home of Miss Ada Rice, '95, where she is recovering.

"Chas. Haines ['09], who has been teaching in the manual training department of the Albia, Iowa, schools, was unanimously reelected for the coming year at the meeting of the school board there last week. He had received an offer from Ottumwa, Iowa, at a higher salary, but preferred to stay at Albia another year. The board agreed to give him \$750 for the year if he would remain, although this is more than they have ever paid for this position before."—*Nationalist*.

Mr. and Mrs. S. James Pratt, of Manhattan, are the parents of a son born in March. Mrs. Pratt was formerly Helen Knostman, '01.

The Topeka K. S. A. C. Alumni Association met on Friday evening, April 8, with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Turner, at 920 West Fourteenth street.

Mrs. Phoebe (Haines) McKeen, '83, has just returned to her home in Manhattan after an extended visit to her niece, Mrs. May (Bowen) Schoonover, '96, in Marietta, Ohio.

In *Popular Science Monthly* for April is an article: "The Denominational College," by Dr. Ivy Kellerman, a daughter of Professor Kellerman who is so well known to the older alumni.

Dr. George W. Smith, '93, trained a chorus from Howard Memorial church, which was one of the attractions at the musical festival held two weeks ago in Convention Hall, Kansas City, Mo.

Geneva Henderson, '09, has resigned her position as instructor in manual training and domestic science at Le Sueur, Minn., on account of her recent severe illness and will be at home this year with her parents at 704 Harrison street, Topeka, Kan.

Clyde Rickman, a former student, and son of Supt. J. D. Rickman, was in Manhattan a few weeks ago, accompanied by his wife (Bertha Dana, former student) and family. Mr. Rickman has left his work in Wilkes Barre, Pa., to accept a better position in a job printing-office in Topeka, Kan.

Louis Aicher, '10, finished his course at the close of the winter term and has gone to Caldwell, Idaho, where he has a position at the head of one of the state experiment stations. His work will be chiefly with irrigation. Mr. Aicher was an important member of the baseball team last spring and he will be greatly missed in that capacity this season.

Many of the alumni will be interested to learn of the marriage of Dr. Herbert R. Groome, of Jewell City, Kan., to Miss Maud McClain, also of Jewell. Dr. Groome graduated from the general science course in '05 and from the veterinary course in '07.

E. G. Schafer, '07, has been elected assistant professor of farm crops in the College and will assume his work the first of July. It will be remembered that Mr. Schafer was assistant in agronomy for two years after his graduation. Last fall he went to the University of Illinois, where he is now doing advanced work in plant breeding.

Fred V. Dial, '97, who has been conducting the Glen dairy south of Manhattan for several months, has entered into a partnership with two other Manhattan men, to supply certified milk to Manhattan customers. They will combine three Jersey herds and expect to have one of the largest dairying enterprises in the State. The lot on which the old skating rink stood will be converted into a cooling and bottling plant, of which Mr. Dial will be placed in charge. The company will be incorporated with the members of the firm as chief stockholders.

Mrs. Mary (Waugh) Smith, '99, and her children have spent the winter in Long Beach, Cal. Her husband, Alfred C. Smith, '97, attended a meeting of the Shriners in New Orleans, the middle of April, joined the family on his way north, and in another month they will return together to their home in Seattle. Mrs. Smith says: "I haven't hunted up any of the graduates down here in Southern California because I have tried to get as perfect rest as possible, and taking three active children about isn't exactly restful. So I've stayed near to the Beach and the Public Library and hope to be forgiven for not hunting up old friends."

Ida Rigney, '09, is assisting in the Domestic Science Department this term.

R. K. Farrar, '96, of Osborne, Kan., spent several days in Manhattan this month.

C. W. Fryhofer, '05, announces the birth of a son, Willard Wesley, borne on March 15 at their home in Nutley, N. J.

Edna Brenner, '06, has completed her term of school in the College Hill district and has entered the State Normal for the spring term.

George C. Hall, '96, editor of the *News* at Green, Kan., has leased the Leonardville *Monitor* for a year and will, hereafter, publish the two papers.

R. S. Kellogg, '96, has left the Bureau of Forestry to become secretary of the Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers' Association, at Wausau, Wis. Mr. Kellogg took up his new office the first of the month.

J. E. Payne, '87, and Mrs. Mary (Cottrell) Payne, '91, have moved from Akron, Colo., to Fort Morgan, Colo., in order that their children may have the advantage of the excellent schools at that place. Their address is 717 Ensign street.

Lynn Daughters, '09, has accepted a position with *The Packer*, a produce magazine published by the Butterick Publishing Company in Kansas City. His work will consist in editing correspondence for the paper, writing headlines, and soliciting advertising.

C. H. Kyle, '03, is traveling in South Carolina and Georgia in the interest of corn investigations. He will have headquarters at Augusta, Ga., this summer and will be joined shortly by his wife, Corinne (Failyer) Kyle, '03, and their daughter Claudia, who are still in Washington, D. C. They will be at home on the hills west of Augusta, and they extend a warm invitation to their College friends to visit them there.

Miss Abby L. Marlatt, '88, who has been making a brief visit to her mother in Manhattan, has gone to Washington, D. C., accompanied by her mother, who will visit her son, Charles L. Marlatt, '84. Miss Marlatt expects to resume her work soon in the University of Wisconsin.

Prof. Vernon M. Shoesmith, formerly assistant professor of agriculture in the College, has recently been elected professor of farm crops in the Michigan Agricultural College. Professor Shoesmith has been assistant professor of agronomy at the Ohio State University for the last two years.

F. J. Smith, '95, writes to the ALUMNUS: "We begin to realize that it will not be long until we have children of our own to attend the Agricultural College. Our oldest boy, Dean, will complete the grade work this year, so it will not be long until he will have completed the high school, and then he will be ready for college."

W. B. Banning, '04, writes that he spent his first year after graduation in mining in Arizona. Since then he has been farming. Recently he moved from Lyndon, Kan., where he was township trustee, to Delphos, Kan. His hands have been too full this winter, putting up a new house, to spend the necessary time to write a lengthy account of himself for the ALUMNUS.

Crete (Spencer) Fielding, '05, writes that her husband, Lathrop Fielding, '05, has been placed in charge of one of the home telephone offices in San Francisco, in another part of the city than that of his former station, and that an increase of salary accompanies the promotion. Because of the change in location, the Fieldings were obliged to leave their home in Oakland for one nearer Mr. Fielding's work, and they are now very pleasantly situated at 1954 Buchanan street, San Francisco.

At the March meeting of the Board of Regents, R. A. Seaton, '04, and Mr. A. A. Potter were made full professors and heads of departments under Dean McCormick. Professor Seaton has been granted a year's leave of absence, which he will spend in advanced study in some eastern college, probably the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

W. E. Watkins, '06, is conducting various crop experiments on his farm at Anthony, Kan., and is working in conjunction with the Extension Department of the College. He has planted thirty varieties of corn, half as many of cow-peas, and a number of varieties of wheat, oats, and field peas. Mr. Watkins finds his work both pleasant and profitable.

Mrs. Jessie (Bayless) Staver, '98, writes from McAllen, Tex.: "Accompanied by my small son and daughter, I have spent a very enjoyable winter in the Sunny South. I will soon return to Lenexa, Kan., where my husband, Allen W. Staver, second-year student in '96, and myself will be pleased to meet any of our College friends at any time."

Mrs. Gertrude (Hole) Campbell, '06, and her little daughter, visited relatives in Manhattan the latter part of March. Mrs. Campbell was enroute for Chicago, where her husband, Dr. D. M. Campbell, has a position in the veterinary department of the Abbott Alkaloidal Company. Doctor Campbell has until recently been city milk inspector of Topeka. He is editor of the *Missouri Valley Veterinary Bulletin*, which position he will retain.

O. H. Halstead, '95, will resign his position as secretary and advertising manager for the Knostman clothing firm the first of next August in order to take post-graduate work in some eastern university for the next two years. Before entering the firm of Knostman's, Mr. Halstead was assistant professor of mathematics in the

College. His postgraduate work will be in higher mathematics and physics. Mr. Halstead will be succeeded in the Knostman firm by Mr. I. A. Robertson, a former student at the College, who has been manager of the Alma (Kan.) store for the past four years.

W. J. Griffing, '83, writes to the ALUMNUS: "If you choose you may say that my wife and I are still living at the old home on Colledge Hill, after more than twenty-six years of married life; that our latch-string is always hanging out for any old classmates who may chance to remember us; and that if they will cross their feet under our dining-table, we will provide them with the best the farm affords in the way of fruit, vegetables, bacon, poultry, and dairy products."

H. N. Whitford, '90, has been highly recommended by Major George P. Ahern, director of forestry in the Philippines, to assist in the exploration and investigation of the forests of the province of Mozambique, Portuguese, East Africa. In response to a letter from the Inspector General D'Exploracao, of Mozambique, asking for recommendations, Major Ahern says: "Of all the men who, under my direction, have had charge of the forest work in the Philippines, chief credit is due to two foresters for what has been accomplished. They are Dr. H. N. Whitford, chief of the division of investigation in this bureau, and Mr. H. M. Curran, forester in the same division. Both of these men are not only excellent botanists and foresters, but with extensive experience of several years in tropical forests they combine a practical knowledge of lumbering and trade and market conditions which make them peculiarly well fitted to undertake such an investigation as you propose. Under ordinary circumstances I would not recommend them for outside work, because they can ill be

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Rev. F. L. Courter, '05, writes: "Though my work is not that of a tiller of the soil, yet I find it not at all difficult to get in touch with those who have chosen that calling, as I am out among them on my circuit work; and no doubt I 'will be to blame' for some fellows going to old K. S. A. C. to 'rub off the rust,' or perhaps some younger fellows to be moulded intellectually. We do not often meet with any of the alumni out this way. Guy and Arthur Hutchinson, both former students at the College, are successful business men in our little village—the former in the elevator and the latter in a grocery store. This month closes the conference year for us. Our conference meets at Plainville, Kan. Anna (Tolin) Courter, '07, and myself have had a profitable time as circuit

riders and have indeed enjoyed our home in the cozy parsonage at this place."

The Mountain Goes to Mohammed.

The Extension Department has recently instituted "movable schools" in domestic science and art for the benefit of women and girls over the State who desire this work. Each school begins on Monday afternoon and continues until the following Saturday noon, and includes five lessons each in cooking and sewing. A class must have not more than twenty-four nor fewer than fourteen members. A dozen or more Kansas towns have already secured dates for these schools. The College is sending out two teachers for each school. The following instructors will have charge of the work: Miss Ula Dow, '05, of the Domestic Science Department; Miss Frances L. Brown, '09, of the Extension Department; Alice Skinner, '09, and Minnie Forceman, '09, assistants.

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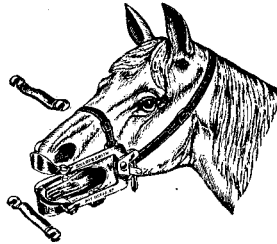
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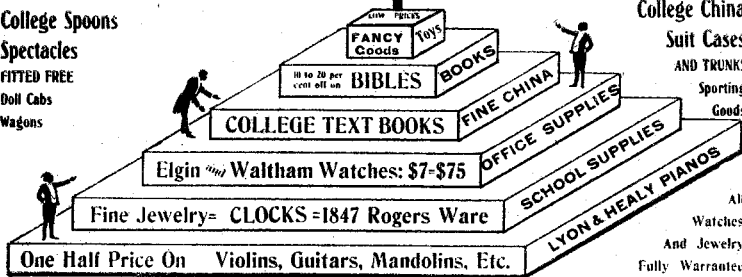
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