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EULOGY OF THE DOG.

Which Deeply Affected a Crowded Court Room and Quickly Brought a Verdict for the Owner of a Faithful Dog That Had Been Poisoned.

By SENATOR VEST OF MISSOURI.

Gentlemen of the Jury—The best friend a man has in this world may turn against him and become his enemy. His son or daughter that he has reared with loving care may prove ungrateful. Those who are nearest and dearest to us, those whom we trust with our happiness and our good name, may become traitors to their faith. The money that man has he may lose. It flies away from him, perhaps when he needs it most. A man's reputation may be sacrificed in a moment of ill-considered action. The people who are prone to fall on their knees to do us honor when success is with us may be the first to throw the stone of malice when failure settles its cloud upon our heads. The one absolute unselfish friend that man can have in this selfish world, the one that never deserts him, the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous, is his dog.

Gentlemen of the Jury, a man's dog stands by him in prosperity and in poverty, in health and in sickness. He will sleep on the cold ground, where the wintry winds blow and the snow drives fiercely, if only he can be near his master's side. He will kiss the hand that has no food to offer, he will lick the wounds and sores that come in encounter with the roughness of the world. He guards the sleep of his pauper master as if he were a prince. When all other friends desert he remains. When riches take wings and reputation falls to pieces he is as constant in his love as the sun in its journey through the heavens. If fortune drives the master forth an outcast in the world, friendless and homeless, the faithful dog asks no higher privilege than that of accompanying him to guard against danger, to fight against his enemies, and when the last scene of all comes, and death takes the master in his embrace and his body is laid away in the cold ground, no matter if all other friends pursue their way, there by his graveside will the noble dog be found, his head between his paws, his eyes sad but open in alert watchfulness, faithful and true even to death.

With the thought of the recent brutal and unpardonable attacks upon the dogs of the Campus we publish the above selection relative to this canine friend of man. Some of the outrages in way of inhuman and cruel mangling of Campus dogs have been criminal in nature and the perpetrators, whoever they may be, fully entitled to the most severe penalties the law provides. There is a ruling at College Station that no stray dogs be allowed on the Campus. Hence such dogs as we generally see are owned and cared for by some local resident. Other dogs should be killed instantly or disposed of by some humane method. The recent outrages of which the treatment of the beautiful collie owned by Sergeant Brittain, night watchman, is an example, should be traced to the guilty party and just punishment meted him. The dog in question is well known by Campus people and cadets. Each night he strolled the Military Walk with his master in the long hours of watchfulness. So far as we have been able to learn, he has never made his presence undesired. Two other dogs have also been cruelly mangled and left to die from loss of blood unless some friend discovered them or the natural canine instincts caused them to creep to the Veterinary Hospital where they might receive attention. There is reason for most things but this is one instance when a purely malicious desire to hurt and injure seems to have been the origin of such attacks. We cannot believe that any man we meet face to face in the daily routine of college life could be guilty of such deeds and we deem it well worth investigation.

"Y" EXTENDS THANKS.

To every person, who in any way whatever assisted in making a success of the Texas Older Boys' Y. M. C. A. Convention held on our campus last Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the staff of the local "Y" wishes to extend a deep and heartfelt word of appreciation.

As Dr. Selecman said regarding the stokers on the ocean steamer, the hundreds of students and campus people who in small but sincere and helpful ways made the delegates appreciate the spirit of A. and M. as it shows itself on the every day life are responsible for the success of the conference.

The campus people and students who gave of their time so unselfishly, can not but feel conscious of the appreciation which the Staff of the Y. M. C. A. of the A. and M. College desires to express.

Never have we experienced such cooperation and when we may serve any other department of the college or any individual in any way, please command us.

Y. M. C. A. STAFF.

SCHOOL SCANDAL.

Appearances are deceitful. Who would suspect that good, staid, venerable old Dr. Mark Francis cuts up more in class than the most facetious freshman? For the good of his class he occasionally gets a ram.

On the sly—don't mention it to the income tax collector—Prof La Roche, head of the architectural de-

partment, draws more than Dr. Bizzell.

Dean Puryear is not as old as he looks—he still studies curves and besides teaching them has corrected many bad figures.

Although the Eighteenth Amendment is a thing of the past, Dr. Hedges, head of the chemistry department, still keeps a few quartz on the shelf.

We don't like to talk about Dean Kyle but really there is more grafting in the agriculture department than in any other branch of the college. That department also produces more nuts than all others combined.

Dr. Fermier may sure enough turn red when we publish to the masses that he teaches—well not exactly the doctrines of Bolshevism but most of his teachings are of a revolutionary nature.

Dr. Bolton is not exactly lazy but he does like light work. His ohm life is very ergs-ohm (irksome).

Dr. Bizzell, in his report to the Legislature, made the startling accusation that the C. E. Department, headed by Jimmy Nagle, had drained the college.

Scandal prevails in local social circles and garrulous busy-bodies are agog with gossip. Ike Ashburn recently took a Cook to the Bachelor's dance.

A few doses 666 break a cold.

STUDENT OPINION.

Should the Infantry Summer Camp be Changed?

This question came up at the meeting of the Infantry corps last Friday and there is a division of opinion on the subject.

The idea is this—Some of the students want the camp to begin immediately after the expiration of the present term so as to have a longer vacation without being interrupted by having to report for the camp. This seems to be a logical plan at first thought but we must consider the effect that it would have on the student body and the college as a whole.

The first and most serious objection to this plan lies in the fact that the Civil Engineering students have a three weeks field practice period after the regular session is over. To go to camp immediately after the term is over would necessitate the changing of the C. E. field practice period to a later date. The only time that could be substituted is the three weeks just preceding the Fall term of next year. That would work a hardship on the Civil Engineering department for several reasons. First, the instructors in that department are under contracts that expire on the first of September. The field practice would have to start on the 25th of August in order to finish by the time that the Fall term would begin. Thus we see that the instructors would be asked to report for one week work and then their contract would expire. These instructors will be working for private concerns and will not be able to report here for duty without seriously inconveniencing themselves. Then the whole teaching staff would have to be changed in the midst of the work and this would cause delay and get things mixed up in general.

The summer work is based on the theory of the preceding term. The student can derive more good and handle his work better in May while the theory is fresh in his memory than he can in August at which time he will have become more or less negligent in the courses taught.

All the other students will have a months vacation before going to camp. Things around home will settle down to the every day routine and a vacation in Colorado will be appreciated so much or more so then in May.

INTERCOLLEGIATE PRESS.

(Via Radio)

Preparation is under way for the presentation of a Pageant during the first week of May. The election of the Queen will take place next week under the supervision of the Woman's Council. Dr. Stockton Axson, Professor of English Literature will edit the theme of the spectacle. The theme will deal with the history of Rice up to the present day. The program of the Eighth Southern Intercollegiate Architectural Competition has just been received here and preliminaries are now being made.

Soph: "Which is correct, a herd of camels or a flock of camels?"
Senior: "Neither—a pack of camels."

STRANGE TO SAY

According to a newspaper report, Tatsukori Naito, the worlds greatest jiu jitsu artist has completed a course in agriculture at Penn State and intends to farm. We wonder if he will rent or, in keeping with his profession, buy some of his lands.

J. A. (Reg) Walker showed very plainly in Dallas Christmas that he was a country boy. In fact, he was so turned around that he was arrested for being A. J. Walker.

We don't know which insect possesses the worst temper but we have seen the bees wax hot.

General Strickland says the Irish women carry weapons in their skirts. How in the world would they ever be able to find them in an emergency?—Houston Post.

Well, George, if the General would look around on this side of the ditch he might see most of our girls bare arms. Too bad some of them are not covered by revolvers.

Stock Exchange Report—"Rice dropped 35 points last Saturday week. Farmers held Rice and cleaned up."

In a recent undertaker's publication it was stated that the art of embalming, attained by the Egyptians, is a lost art. As underwriters, we agree that embalming is a dead art.

A MIDNIGHT GAME.

The football game was over and before the parlor grate, A maiden and a man were lingering rather late.

They talked of punts and passes, Things which were rather tame. Till Cupid put on his noseguard, and butted in the game.

He lined that couple up; Then made them toe the mark. Soon he had them going With a scrimmage in the dark.

As they sat there in silence In their new found bliss, The man thought the scrimmage Ought to end with a kiss.

Thereupon he tried one, An amateurish affair, But he lost it on a fumble, And instead, it hit the air.

The next he landed on her ear And the maid did shily say: "You're penalized for holding, Jim; Likewise for off-side play."

Fiercely he tried another, This time succeeding fine, For he made a touchdown On that warm, red five-yard line.

As they sat there in silence, Communing soul to soul, The parlor door swung open, And father kicked a goal. —Exchange.

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