

discover America. That is dreadfully cheap and detracts a great deal from the glory of Columbus and America.--Ex.

A law that will demonetize "brass" is what this country needs.--Ex-

All learning is self teaching. It is the working of the pupils own mind that his progress in knowledge depends. The great business of the master is to teach the pupil to teach himself.--Texas School Journal.

The Texas School Journal is urging its readers to use their influence toward securing an increase in the school tax. Let the good work go on.

We gather the following from the catalogue of the Sam Houston State Normal. Four hundred and eighty matriculated; eighty-four have graduated; one hundred and twenty-two counties are represented and two hundred and seventy-seven are native born. A very credible showing for that institution.

The Pope Manufacturing Company have been offering by-cycles to persons finding the greatest number of errors in school books. They have issued a pamphlet containing all the errors reported so far, We find the following relating to one of the text books used here.

REMSEN'S ELEMENTS OF CHEMISTRY.

"Here appears an erroneous statement concerning the formation of a salt by the action of an acid on metal: 'Every metal can form a salt with every acid.'

F. W. HARKINS, Chicago, Ill.

The statement on page 93 is erroneous and it will be changed at the first opportunity, and I thank my critic for calling attention to it. A letter addressed to me when this error was first discovered would have received prompt attention, and I regret that my critic did not inform me at that time.... (Signed) IRA REMSEN."

"..... We wish to renew our thanks to you for services rendered. HENRY HOLT & Co."

Necessity of Music in the College.

We have for the past four or five years been entirely without music, and it is just as necessary to have an orchestra as it is to have a glee club, societies, base ball or foot ball teams, or a gymnasium, for it not only refreshes the body, but the mind also. It has been the custom in all the institutions in the United States to form musical clubs first, for without music no public meeting can be successfully held. The A. and M. is greatly deficient in this line, and to make us equal to any of the other institutions we must start on this one particular and important point at once. We have any amount of talent, which, if properly trained by constant practice, would reflect not only credit upon ourselves, but our college also. There is not a student here who does not love music, and it would make him feel proud to think that we could make fine music, and he would come to hear us whenever we might play; for there is nothing that can produce the same effect that music can. The societies would grow, and they can find nothing which will excite enthusiasm better than to have music at each meeting. As it is now, the new cadets go up to the societies to see what is going on, and they find that they have a few orations, and a debate, and no matter how interesting it is there is nothing to break the monotony, and the same thing is repeated. The result is that they leave disgusted, declaring that they will never go to the societies again; where, on the other hand, they go up and hear good music and would become enthusiastic and the societies would grow and prosper as they never have before. Hoping to see that this organization is soon enrolled among the others, I remain
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LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

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One of the new boys wanted to know if we drilled with target guns.

The college atmosphere is strongly impregnated with "Heps" every evening between 5 and 6 o'clock.

The boys are beginning to wonder what has become of those noble face adornments that were so lately worn by Captain Gilbert and Lieutenant Lockett. Perhaps they were in need of a new pillow.

One of our professors was so unlucky as to be thrown into the tank last week while out riding and had his Sunday clothes slightly dampened. Murder will out. And yet the C. E's had an instructor Monday morning.

All the barns and other buildings connected with them received a fresh coat of paint during the summer, which adds greatly to the appearance of the college campus.

Fish—Say, what is the use of reporting when you cross the hall?

Old Boy—So they won't know who you are.

Fish (to old boy as retreat was sounding)—I can understand what these other calls are for, but I don't see any sense in this. Say that to let 'em know we are coming, so as to fix supper, aint it?

Notwithstanding the stringency of money matters and the general cry of hard times, the college began this session with nearly forty students more than at the same date last year.

Professors Giesecke and Smith who spent a large part of the vacation in attendance at the summer school of Cornell University, report having had a most enjoyable as well as profitable summer there.

Assistant Professor Guenther, who resigned last June, has entered Cornell University and expects to take a degree in mechanical engineering.

L. L. Lewis returned from a visit to the world's fair on the 18th of last month and will take a post-graduate course at the college.

B. C. Parsons, our senior captain of last year, is one of the Columbian Guards at the world's fair.

First Cadet—"Harry J. is getting mighty high-toned since he got his new office."

Second Cadet—"How's that?"

First Cadet—"He's got so now he picks the flies out of his milk."

Guns and swords were issued to the cadets on the 19th instant.

Cadet Corporal Dirr returned home on the 11th of last month on account of severe injuries received from falling out of a third-story window. We hope to see him back soon and restored to perfect health.

The many friends of Cadet Staples will regret to learn that he has left the college for good. Although we are sorry to lose him we hope that it is for the best and that he will be successful in whatever he undertakes.

The C. E. students miss very much Messrs. Dayton and Mitchell, who did not return to the A. and M. this year. Mr. Dayton is attending school at Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Mrs. Morse and her children are visiting at the home of uer parents at Mackinac Island, Michigan, and will probably return to the college about November 1st.