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the university overlap each other or shall each branch have prescribed legal limits?

We take pleasure in noticing that Mr. E. H. Whitlock, now of Cleveland, Ohio, class of 1886, has patented a drop hammer. We regret our lack of mechanical knowledge prevents giving a good reading notice of this invention. From his record as a student and from his work since leaving the college, it is no doubt worthy of the man and will prove a good thing. Success to our mechanical department.

It affords us pleasure to state that our representative Mr. W. L. Dean of Madisonville, has proved himself not only a friend to the college but an efficient one, so much so that it is doubtful if any A. & M. boy in this district could represent the interests of the college so well.

That our state educational institutions have to knock at the door of each legislature, and beg for funds necessary for their welfare is not only undignified and unbecoming but is an actual disadvantage to such institutions in that it forces the plans of their directory to be disjointed, disconnected and to extend only over a short period of time, forcing this condition of affairs by appropriations too small for the purpose, or by none at all as has been the case with the A. & M. college for four consecutive years and probably for six. The way to remedy this evil is to set aside a certain portion of the annual taxes for their support as has been done in Kentucky, Ohio, Michigan and other states and where the wisdom of such actions has been practically shown by the building up of some of the best A. & M. colleges in the United States. Do not make the tax a burden but only make it equal to the appropriations which have been made from time to time in the past for the support of these institutions. This would not be a burden to the people and would result in great good to our educational institutions in that the directory would have a