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ANNOUNCEMENT.

With this issue The Battalion makes its debut as a weekly newspaper instead of magazine. We realize the fact that the task set before us is no easy one, but we hope by constant effort and perseverance to publish a paper that will be a credit to ourselves and to our College.

Every college paper in our land has had to have a beginning, and many of them are bright and newsy sheets, and we, too, are confident that we can make The Battalion shine as brightly as any of the papers of our sister institutions. Should we err, should we blunder in our undertakings, we ask our readers to bear with us. "Don't view us with a critic's eye, but pass our imperfections by."

We are confident of the fact that we are "fish" in the newspaper business, and suspect that in all probability we may have to take a number three seat at the table and march with the rear rank for a while, but we do, we do not intend to stay there. We are going to get in line of promotion; we are going to have a number one seat at the table; we are going to get a corporalship and hold a number four in front rank. We are not going to stop there, we are going on for a sergeantship and to a captaincy, and then to a major in the ranks of college papers.

Join hands with us fellow cadets, and help us to push The Battalion forward to her place in the ranks she deserves, and let her reflect her sentiments throughout every home and college in our State.

Fellow cadets, remember that The Battalion will be what we make it, and it can be made to voice our sentiments and place us in the true light before the people of the State of Texas, and expel the idea from the minds of a great many people of the State that the

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students of the A. & M. College are of bad character, who are sent here to be reformed, and show to them that the majority of the corps are upright, straightforward and honorable gentlemen, pursuing their courses so as to enable them to take their places in the ranks with the men who have gone out from this institution in former years, and who are today marching along side-by-side with the leading men of their profession.

We do not intend to make war on this thing or that thing; but we do intend and hope to place the sentiments of the students in a fair and gentlemanly way before our readers; being careful to use our best judgment and remember the golden rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

THE LONG HORN.

Our vacation has glided past and another year at the Agricultural and Mechanical College has begun. Prospects are bright for a glorious session and the year of '04-'05 will be one to be remembered. After our football team has won for itself the title of champion of the South, after our track team has won for her alma mater honor, glory and gold medals, after our baseball team has knocked a few home runs and piled up a score larger than any its oldest inhabitant can remember, after all of this, what then? What can we do to render this year immortal, to cap the climax of our glorious achievements? Why this: We hope to issue such a Long Horn as will be a credit to the institution, to the State and to the South. And as the last notes of retreat sound upon our ears, we hope to be able to say to ourselves: Our task is well done.

We see no reason why we can not get out an annual that will be equal to any one in the South. We may be minus a good deal in financial matters but we, the corps of cadets, have the grit, and grit is more useful than money.

Mr. Forsgard, who has the distinction of being editor-in-chief, says that the work thus far has been somewhat handicapped by the absence of a business manager. It is to be deplored that Mr. Carruth, who was elected to this office, did not return, for he has had wide experience in that line. The senior class will as soon as possible elect a man to fill the vacancy. Mr. Dean has at last shown up on the campus and this veteran artist will lend his valuable assistance.

Among the faculty and instructors we are fortunate in having those who are able and willing to aid us in this work. Professor Giesecke, from Boston, will doubtless lend us the fruits of his experience. Last year's Long Horn was especially indebted to Professors Gideon, Lomax and Potts, who through their untiring efforts helped to make that issue a success. Thanks are due also to Professors Fountain, Spence, Campbell and Embry for much-needed assistance.

So we hope at the end of the year to issue such an annual that, when we present our only copy to our sweethearts, we will be glad to use the words of our honored commandant and say: "This is our school, this is our college."

A FALL TRACK MEET.

It cannot be denied that up to this time this College has made a very poor showing in track athletics. This was most forcibly brought home to us last May when, with the Southwestern meet here on our own grounds, we were unable to take first place on a single event, and scored but nine points out of a possible hundred and twenty, or thereabout.

It goes without saying that such a condition of affairs ought not to exist, and will not exist when we as a student body determine that it shall exist no longer. We cannot believe that this condition exists for lack of good track material in the corps. We have here three or four hundred representative men from all parts of the State, and they can do whatever they determine shall be done. Whenever we become thoroughly interested in track athletics, whenever we get up sufficient college pride and enthusiasm to see to it that A. & M. is properly represented at track meets, whenever we get a spirit in the barracks that will practically compel every man who can run, or jump, or throw the hammer, or put the shot, to go out and strive for a place on the team, then, and then only, will we be able to win victories and uphold the fair name of our alma mater.

Why not begin now to prepare for next spring's track meet? Athletes cannot be developed in a few weeks. It takes long and constant practice and training to accomplish the best results. Most of the weight men are now occupied by the football practice, and are getting plenty of physical training, if not practice in handling the weights. But this does not include the sprinters, the long-distance men, the jumpers and the pole-vaulters. They should get into their suits, and get out at least two or three times a week during the warm weather, and be getting their wind and developing form.

To arouse interest in this branch of college athletics, The Battalion would suggest that some time before cold weather an inter-class or inter-company track meet be held. Such a meet would serve the purpose of introducing the freshman class to this form of college athletics, and would make the fine material in that class available for the spring meet. It is a well-known fact that most freshmen come to College entirely ignorant of this branch of athletics, and they have not heretofore become interested in it in time to make the team for the spring meets. In this way from a third to a half of the best material in school is rendered unavailable for the track team.

A fall track meet would obviate this difficulty. Old men would get the training and experience and new men would become interested and begin to work for places on the college team. Our football is prospering and our baseball is a success. Is it not time for the A. and M. to develop a track team worthy of the institution?

Our commandant, Capt. Sargent, has been busily at work on his history of the late Spanish-American war. We have reason to believe that it will be, when completed, of unusual interest to the general reader, and very helpful to the student of military science. The Captain has had access, through the war department, to sources of information inaccessible to the public, and his treatment of these specialties of history, as shown by his Campaigns of Napoleon, is, whilst thoroughly scientific, at the same time so plain that the layman reads intelligently. We await the publication.

FOOTBALL.

Never in the history of the A. and M. College have football prospects been so promising. In the way of age and physical development the material now at hand is superior to any ever brought upon the College athletic field. The old men have had much valuable training, and it is encouraging to know that many of the new applicants have had experience in handling the pigskin. Both old and new players have entered into the first practices with a vim and determination which speaks much toward success.

Last year the cadets showed much interest in their team and never failed to do what they could towards its betterment. It is hoped that the same pride and willingness to help will be the spirit of the corps this season. The old students should arouse the freshmen and cause them to have an interest in the team.

There are many ways the cadets can assist the men who are to fight the football battles this season. For instance, the players should be shown some attention, causing them to feel that their efforts are appreciated. The new players especially need this attention, for they naturally feel their awkwardness at the beginning. No word at all is better than a word of ridicule. If a cadet is not capable of saying something encouraging and sensible it would be best for him to keep his knowledge to himself. The day has past at the A. and M. for babies. We have a corps of men this year and things will be run in accordance with such a body. It is true that perfection has not been attained by the men, but many weaknesses will be developed and the squad will soon

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