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WHAT SHALL I WRITE?

I am in a dilemma. It is caused der the bed, in the wardrobe, and by a sort of mental deficiency of up the flue, but I could not see which I am suffering, coupled with her. I will confess, however, that even be worthy the notice of that a demand made upon my imagina- I have never seen a Muse and I am august court, the Battalion staff. tion by my instructor in English not sure that I would recognize one composition.

An announcement was made last did not find any strange looking Silly week in the Battalion that all animal. However, I risked one a fleeting vision; one passing beam juniors should hand in written call. I went to the window and of light spilled over the edge of the compositions on or before the 20th cried out, "Oh, Muse! Oh, Muse! flying clouds. Who bade Ambition compositions on or before the 20th cried out, "Oh, Muse! Oh, Muse!

broader, more important theme.' of the month; failing in this they If I write on the Russo-Japanese war I not only fail to produce anywould be declared deficient in thing of worth, but I show my ignorance; for my reading along English. I read this notice, and alas! consternation ensued. What this line has been of such a few ideas I may have had were desultory sort that I have gathered stampeded at the word. I have together only a few accurate ideas regarding the situation. Besides

Associate Editor-in-Chief - Business Manager Associate Business Manager Local and Exchange Editor - Athletic Editor another. I think things unspeakable instead of things golden. In my mental vacuum chaos reigns.

strange and unheard of places, un-der the bed, in the wardrobe and will touch the heart of my judge.

I shall have over-reached my Courage, dear heart. Everything comes to him who will but wait; and I have waited long. Who knows but I shall dream tonight some beautiful story which, in the

that, I am not a war expert.

If I try comicalities, the end is

sad; I fail to be funny and become

tedious. Tediousness makes would-

be wit unbearable. Therefore, I

Oh, Muse!" No answer came

The inevitable hour draws nearer and nearer. We must have our

compositions ready, Muse or no

Muse. If I hand in no essay what

will the Professor say ? "You tail."

a certain limit of that arbitrary co-efficient of proneiency known

as a grade, that co-efficient which,

once a month, delights our parents,

If I should write on athletics, the Professor would say, "too shallow," or "suitable only for

Freshmen, you should choose some

or else does not delight them.

"What is failing," It is the falling of to or beyond

back from the darkness.

But listen, the voice of ambition speaks to me. My story might "Visions of Dawn !" It might if I saw her; but I do know that I even be published in their great

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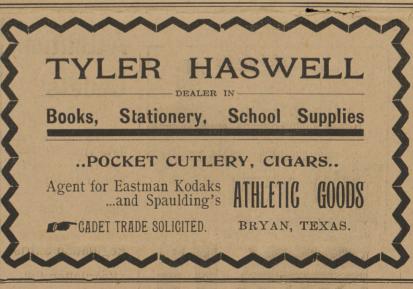


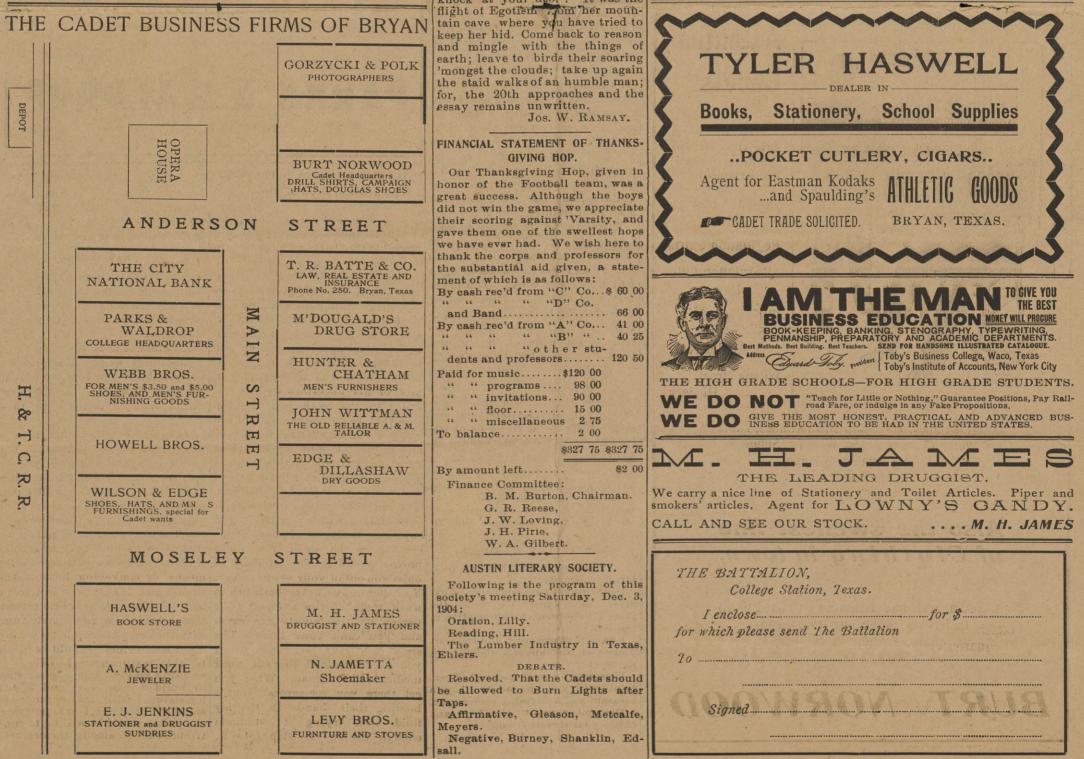
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The ancient Muse, who was the dare not try that, for in so doing inspiration of many a noble poet, seems to have vanished from the abilities-an unforgivable crime. earth. I have sought her long and faithfully, but without avail. I have sought her from 7 a.m. till 9 p. m., but have not found her. I have looked for her in many morning, I may transcribe with