

## With the Alumni

**LETTER FROM SHANKLIN.**  
Temosachic, Chihuahua, Mex.  
October 28, 1906.

Prof. J. C. Nagle,  
College Station, Texas.  
Dear Professor: I received your letter of the 23rd yesterday. I intended to write to you sooner, but on account of a reduction of the force, and I being the shortest time on the job, I lost my position at Ocampo on the 5th of August. I left Ocampo August 8th and went to San Jose, at which place is located one of the Greene Gold and Silver Co. mines, and did some surveying in the mine. When I finished at the mine the book-keeper here wanted a vacation and the superintendent asked me to take the position while the book-keeper was absent.

I remained there until the 22nd of October and then came in to Temosachic.

I received \$125.00 in Mexican money and my board for this work.

I saw J. W. Oliphant '03 last Monday, and he said if the Company makes a deal they are figuring on, he will give me a job with him, so I am waiting here a few days to see how things turn out.

Many thanks for letting me know about the vacancy with the company you mentioned. If I can get in with Oliphant it will suit me better. I like Mexico fine, with the exception of the cold weather we are having. Signed,  
R. W. Shanklin.

### LETTER FROM HOLMAN.

The following is a letter received from J. R. Holman, '95.  
Portland, Oregon.  
Oct. 24, '06.

Prof. J. C. Nagle,  
College Station, Tex.

Dear Sir: The field book purchased from you in 1898 is worn out, from use in the field, and I have long been promising to make this an excuse to write to you, but have neglected it so far.

I have been requested by one of the transitmen to get one of your books for him, so will ask you to send me two.

I have been in this country since May, 1905. I came up here directly after Mr. Boschke, who you will remember as builder of the sea-wall at Galveston. I am at present his principal assistant at \$300.00 per month. We are having a good deal of work to do, and have had since I have been here.

I have not done much actual location, or any direct construction work, but have been in the office; though I have done a great deal of reconnaissance work.

Since I have been up here I have made examinations of the states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana, as well as Southern British Columbia and the province of Alberta; looking up feasible railroad routes, and the general resources of the country.

Mr. S. A. Cobb of 1896 is in charge of a locating party on the

Clearwater River, for this company, and I see him occasionally.  
Signed,  
J. R. Holman.

### W. W. LILLARD IN DALLAS.

W. W. Lillard, '08, who until a month ago was employed as masonry inspector on the G. C. & S. F. railroad, has accepted a position with the Ball-Carden Co. of Dallas, who have a contract for building all the permanent roads and bridges for Dallas County. His regular work is assisting the general superintendent, both in the office and on the field. On account of the lack of a sufficient number of concrete foremen, Mr. Lillard is at present bridge foreman on a bridge about eight miles from Dallas. The bridge above mentioned is built of reinforced concrete through girder bridge, with one 40-foot span. It is not as strong a type of bridge as the elliptical arch bridge, and is harder to build. Mr. Lillard says, "The experience I am getting on this kind of work is pretty valuable, I think, and I am studying about reinforced concrete a good deal. I am handicapped with a lack of reliable information on the subject."

"I see a good deal about it in the engineering magazines, but very few of the writers agree upon a set of laws or formulas regarding reinforced concrete."

Mr. Lillard's address is 372 Wood street, Dallas, Texas.

### ALUMNI NOTES.

T. P. Clonts, '04, is in Davis, I. T., with the Santa Fe railway.

T. L. Fountain, '01, is an engineer in New York City. His address is Room 31, 143 Liberty st.

T. B. Warden, '03, is employed as Resident Engineer on the G. V. G. & N. Ry. at San Carlos, Ariz.

Thos. Blake, '04, has resigned his position as book-keeper in Huntsville, and has accepted a position with a lumber company in South Texas.

J. E. Washburn, '05, is employed by the National Carbon Co. at Cleveland, Ohio, as a mechanical engineer. His address is 165 Wyandotte Ave., Lakewood, O.

S. J. Fountain, '01, who was architect for the Texas Woman's College building, in Bryan, is attending school in Paris, France. His address is care American Art Association, 74 Rue Notre-Dame-Des-Champs.

Through the kindness of Prof. J. C. Nagle, we are permitted to publish a few letters from various Alumni of this College. We hope they will be of interest not only to the Alumni of this institution, but also to the students who can thus see what the graduates of previous classes are doing.

Remember Benson, the College barber, when you want good work and clever treatment. tf

### PROF. FERMIER, THE HEAD OF THE NEW M. E. DEPARTMENT.

Professor Emile Jerome Fermier, who has recently come to take charge of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, succeeding Professor Whitlock, received his general education in the schools of Indiana, in which State he was born.

At the age of eighteen he received the degree of B. S. from the Indiana State Normal school at Valparaiso. His technical education was received at Purdue University where he was graduated in 1894 with the degree of B. M. E. He was at that time selected by the Faculty to represent the School of Mechanical Engineering at the Commencement exercises.

In 1895 he received his advanced degree from the same institution, having been instructor in the Mechanical Department during 94-95.

While yet an undergraduate at Purdue he was engaged as assistant in the University of Michigan where he taught descriptive geometry and photography.

He has had experience in teaching mathematics and the sciences in the Military Academy at Upper Alton, Illinois, and established and organized Manual Training in the city of Detroit, Mich. He also was for some time Director of Manual Training at Oak Park, Illinois, from which position he was called again to Purdue where he remained until coming to the A. and M. College of Texas.

At the time of his resignation at Purdue, he occupied the position of Assistant Professor of Applied Mechanics. Professor Fermier, while at Purdue, conducted considerable research work in matters pertaining to the strength of materials, in which subject he was particularly interested.

He was a charter member of the Purdue chapter of Tau Beta Pi, an honorary Engineering Fraternity, and for a number of years a member of the National Executive Council of this organization.

He is also a member of the American Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education.

He was married in June 1905, to Miss Nora E. Barnhart of Grand Rapids, Mich., who accompanies him here.

### FOOTBALL BURSTS.

And Creates Excitement at New Haven.  
(Chicago Record-Herald.)

New Haven, Conn., Oct. 22.—As exploded football broke up the game today between the Sons of Belial, composed of Yale seniors, and the Mount Carmel team. The Sons of Belial took up an old varsity football, and it lasted fifteen minutes without any scoring by either side, when Bowen, the Belial fullback, shot out for a clear field. The giant farmer fullback of the Mount Carmel team crouched to meet him, and as they collided a loud explosion was heard.

The crowd saw the Yale man fall and they yelled "He pulled a gun on him!" The fullback gasped as he saw the crowd making for him, turned and legged it over fields, clearing fences, till he made his escape from the infuriated throng in a swamp. Here he passed as he saw the enraged crowd stop and call venomously for the murderer to emerge. The crowd then turned their attention to the supposed victim, and they found the Yale man arising with the wreck of a football in his hand.

Bowen told the crowd that when he was tackled by the farmer fullback the ball burst and blew up, causing the report. The trembling fullback was enticed back from the swamp and shook hands with Bowen, whom he feared he had somehow killed, but the game could not proceed, for there was no unexploded football in Mt. Carmel.

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