

With the Alumni

ABILITY EARLY RECOGNIZED.

"Mr. J. M. Ramsey of the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College, '06, an engineering apprentice now in the dynamo test of the Westinghouse Electric Company, has been appointed assistant instructor in electricity and physics. Mr. Ramsey will have the Post Graduate class in the electrical laboratory work, on Saturday afternoons."

The above note was taken from a bulletin issued by the Casino Technical Night school, Turtle Creek, Va.

The school was established for the purpose of giving an opportunity to the men in the Westinghouse, and other electrical works, to carry on their studies and work at the same time. Besides a large number of electrical machines, instruments, etc., the school has a well equipped machine shop in which iron and wood working is taught.

Encouragement From J. M. Davis, Jr.

Through the courtesy of the business manager, Mr. W. E. Moore, we are enabled to publish the following interesting letter from J. M. Davis, Jr., familiarly known as "Farmer Jim." He played right half on the team that won the championship of the South in 1902.

Forney, Texas, Oct. 30, '06.

W. G. Moore,
College Station, Texas.

Dear Sir: The football team has started off nicely, all I want them to do can be put in a few words, "Beat 'em—out of Texas."

Don't believe my head ever swelled as much as when we beat them in 1902.

I am going to be in Austin on Thanksgiving day and if A. and M. "puts the blocks under them," well, "nuff said."

Yours,
J. M. Davis Jr.

Mr. D. E. Pendleton, writing from Grand Lake, Ark., says: "Mr. Windrow and I have been here about a week now, but may go back to Vicksburg in a few days. A sub-contractor took part of the work off the contractors' hands, but after getting on the grounds is about to draw out. The ground is perfectly flat and a muck ditch four feet deep is required. Within fifteen minutes after digging a hole it will fill with water to a point about two feet from the top, so he is unable to dig his ditch by ordinary methods. We have three hundred and thirty thousand cubic yards of dirt to get up here, and may have to wait for the lowering of the ground water later in the season. I got the contract at Omega, La. well started, and left Mr. Eberspacher in charge."

Mr. M. F. Thomas, '01, who is an instructor at Cornell University, and at present trying for a Masters degree at Cornell, says: "It is certainly a deplorable condition of affairs when 'Our Texas' cannot take care of the students who desire to enter the A. and M. college, when so many other states are able to meet the demand." We are certain that this condition of affairs will not exist after the next legislature meets, for the people of Texas who are so proud of their great state will not have it said of her that she is "niggardly" in her policy toward her institutions of learning.

We are glad to note in looking over the letters received from the Alumni, that they are very much interested in the A. & M. football team, and all hope that our present success will continue throughout the season. Among the old players heard from during the past few weeks were Ned Davis, Sterns, and McFarland. Ned Davis and Sterns were members of the team that won the championship of the south in 1902.

A number of the members of the class of '06, were the guests of Prof. J. S. Dean at the box party at the Bryan opera house, Saturday night. The play was "The Mysterious Mr. Raffles." During the intermission the guests repaired to the Exchange hotel, where a bountiful supper was served.

Mr. F. G. Elliott, L. E. '06, is overseer of the card room of the Belton Cotton Mills, Belton, Texas. Mr. Elliott went to work with the Belton mills immediately after commencement and has received rapid promotion and is now satisfactorily filling the responsible position mentioned above.

Geo. W. Risien, '03, says "Farmer Jim" has just married a Yankee girl and now lives in New York City."

Mr. R. J. Windrow '06, is also an instrument man with the U. S. Government. His present address is U. S. Engineers Office, Box 404, Vicksburg, Miss.

Mr. F. Eberspacher, '06, is at present located at Omega, La. on levee construction work. He is an instrument man for the U. S. Government.

A brother of Mr. J. W. Ramsay of Houston is now working with him in the works of the Westinghouse Manufacturing Co. at Pittsburg, Pa.

Mr. Chas. Hauch has been promoted to the position of captain on a dredge boat. The boat is at present engaged in dredging work at Galveston.

Mr. Hofmann Baines was called home from Lynn, Mass., last week on account of the serious illness of his father.

Joe Welboan, A. '06, came up from Houston to see the Haskell game last Monday.

Get a fountain pen. I handle the Parker "Lucky Curve" and the Standard self-filler. I can furnish any size, price or design in either gentlemen's or ladie's pen. Fountain pen ink for sale also. W. W. Washburn, 30 Ross.

EXPLAINED BY STOREY.

Tells Why Side Trip Tickets Were Reported Adversely.

Austin, Nov. 13.—Chairman Storey of the railroad commission addressed a letter to the Randle-Gibson Real Estate company of Corpus Christi explaining the action of the majority of the commission in ruling against side trip tickets to homeseekers. Commissioner Storey says that upon investigation it was found that the railroads of the state had been carrying two forms of what they termed homeseekers' rates. One was a straight round trip ticket applying from and to points on the line. To this class of tickets the commission has no objection. The other form is what is called homeseekers' side trip rates and is available only to holders of homeseekers' tickets from interstate points. Under this plan the purchaser of this ticket at Corpus Christi or other points may take a side trip to Brownsville or other points and by exhibiting the ticket get a round trip ticket at a much reduced rate. This class of ticket, in the opinion of the majority of the commission, is discriminatory and prohibited by law, says Commissioner Storey, which caused the commission to make such a ruling.

Under the ruling of the supreme court in the Love gross receipts tax case against railroads, the Texas and Pacific will be called on to pay over to the state, should the case financially go against the roads, \$36,252, the Katy \$36,119 and the Santa Fe \$7,287. The other large companies will pay in the neighborhood of these amounts.

Governor Lanham has returned from Houston, where he formally opened the carnival. He said he was given a cordial reception, and that the attendance was exceedingly large for the first day.

The Interstate Warehouse and Forwarding company of Dallas, capital stock \$100,000, has been chartered. Its purpose is the maintenance of railroads.

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STOCK JUDGING AWARDS.

All San Antonio Prizes Captured by College Boys.

Prof. F. R. Marshall and the cadets who went to the San Antonio fair returned last week. The prizes in each class of stock were \$15.00, \$10.00 and \$8.00.

Van Zandt came out first in cattle judging, while R. F. Miller, Evans and North were second, third and fourth, respectively. In sheep judging, Changers, first; Evans, second; Burns, third; Van Zandt, fourth. In swine judging, C. E. Jones, first; Chambers, second; Van Zandt, third; A. J. Smith, fourth. In the judging of horses, Minter, first; White, second; C. E. Jones, third; Chambers, fourth.

This is the third year this contest has been conducted at the San Antonio fair and has the hearty support of all breeders and stockmen who have observed the work as done by the college judging team.

The contestants are allowed to examine the animals being officially judged, and to hand in a card showing how, in their opinion, the animals should be treated. After the judging is completed these records are compared with the work of the official judge to determine the percentage to be allowed each student. Where time permits they are also graded upon cleanness and correctness of reasons they can give to substantiate their placing.

Several local and county fairs are now sending for students to judge the live stock. H. E. Hanna, '04, awarded the premiums at the Denison fair, giving excellent satisfaction. Cade Hodges, '08, is now at the Eastland fair judging stock.

On Tuesday morning the Angers' breeders offered two cash prizes for the best work in judging Angers' cattle. These were won by W. G. North and F. B. McKie.

Prof. Marshall reports that the stock exhibitors at the fair are determined to see that at an early date, the college shall receive funds to permit the further development of the work of teaching the judging, by the feeding of live stock to the farmers of Texas. If the stockmen would throw as much enthusiasm and effort to have the legislature provide funds for the A. and M. college as Prof. Marshall and his boys do in their efforts at thorough work, the live stock interests would receive a benefit that would be almost incalculable, we believe.

The following from College attended the fair: Prof. F. R. Marshall, A. J. Smith, C. E. Jones, W. W. White, F. B. McKie, W. G. North, R. F. Miller, C. J. Minter, J. C. Halcomb, A. L. Miller, E. P. Norwood, J. C. Maloney, R. W. Faust, John M. Chambers, A. C. Burns, E. P. Van Zandt.

THE \$5,000 ARMOUR SCHOLARSHIP.

The board of directors of the International Live Stock Exposition in their annual meeting, Thursday, October 18, 1906, upon accepting the \$5,000 annual scholarship money from J. G. Armour, appointed as a committee, Messrs. Leonard, Sanders and Ogilvie, to meet with the deans of the Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges of America to arrange details concerning the distribution of the scholarship awards beginning with 1907.

This committee issued a call for a meeting November 2, at a club house at the Union Stock Yards, Chicago. Fourteen colleges were represented showing the wide interest in the fund so generously given by Mr. Armour. Fourteen deans of other colleges wrote letters of regret because they could not attend, and expressed their opinion on the subject in writing.

After discussion the following plan of distribution was agreed upon: The scholarships to be divided among the colleges whose teams do the most efficient work in the students' judging contest as follows:

For best work on judging horses—1; judging cattle—1; judging sheep—1; judging hogs—1; judging corn—1; judging grains, feed and forage exhibits—1. Total 6.

For the college whose teams do the most efficient work in all of the classes, one more, thus providing for seven of the scholarships. A scholarship is worth \$250.

It was further agreed to distribute the remaining thirteen scholarships on the basis of cash prizes won by the colleges in the open classes of the exposition that is now on the grain and forage exhibit not to be counted in this item.

It was also agreed that any one college should not be allowed more than 40 per cent of the whole.

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