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Although we are soon to be engulfed in our studies, men, let us not forget the various duties which devolve upon us outside of these.

We would like to call especial attention to the poem from our honored Prof. J. A. Lomax. Read it twice before you make a decision as to its merits.

The majority of the cadets are now returned and things are getting lively. It won't be long till commencement, boys. Just work, that's all that is necessary.

We desire to wish all our subscribers and exchanges a happy new year. Now begins the real earnest struggle in all our colleges, among college men, to reap a harvest of knowledge from the remaining year's work. May we all be successful.

Should The Battalion not come up to its usual standard of excellence the reader must not be surprised. The editors have just returned from a glorious Christmas trip, and it is not reasonable that they should forget all, this soon, for the mere publication of a small college sheet.

It is a well known fact that no man is educated until he knows something of his fellow men, and of the world at large. It has been illustrated time and again that a man can study better, and do more efficient work, if he loses sight of his studies occasionally and allows his mind to be refreshed by some outward influence. We have here at this college a number of institutions which make for this end. We name among these, the Austin Literary Society, the "Staggs," the Glee Club, the K. K.'s, and the Y. M. C. A. Also in their seasons come, Foot Ball, Base Ball and track athletics. You cannot afford to stand aloof from these things. They are the making of the man. They develop your personality and self control. They make you leaders among men. Come out of your dust and cobwebs my earnest student and drink from the refreshing fountains of fellowship and good cheer. You will not then grumble at the tasks that are imposed upon you, but your increased vitality will make them light. "The spirit and the bride say come, and let him who hears say come and drink of the waters of life freely."

Haskell Free Press: Because of an idea said to be prevalent in the State that Texas salt is inferior to Michigan salt, and will not cure meat so well, the chemist of the Texas A. & M. College has made thorough comparative analysis of the two, and he states that there is no justification in the statement that it will not cure meat. It is said that 500 or more car loads of Michigan salt are annually sold in Texas for \$50 more per car than Texas salt. The chemist says that

there is a slight objection to the Texas salt in that it hardens in the barrel more quickly than the Michigan product, but that is due only to the fact that it is finer-grained and absorbs moisture more readily, causing it to run together. Buy Texas salt and save \$50 a car, and at the same time help a State industry.

Any supposition that Michigan products are superior to Texas products may be safely set down as erroneous. Texas manufactures as good "health foods," as good furniture, as good beer, as good lumber, as Michigan, and better Democrats.—Dallas News.

A visit to the A. and M. College will convince any thoughtful and observant person that each of the special appropriations to be asked of the next legislature are based on necessity that can no longer be ignored if the welfare of the institution is properly regarded and its usefulness appreciated. The scattered engineering departments are too crowded to accommodate their equipment and admit of even a fair opportunity for instruction, hence the crying need of an engineering building. The existing condition of students living in tents is certainly forcible enough to illustrate the need of another dormitory. The longer inconvenience of such a large and growing institution using stoves for heating purposes is equally apparent, aside from the question of economy in using a steam heating plant. The farm equipment building is also of great importance, not only for the proper care of all implements and utensils, but for the more important reason that instruction in the care and protection of such implements is one of the economies which has been generally neglected in Texas, and which is annually the cause of great waste and expense throughout the state. Last but not least comes the request for selected animals of the best strains for the work of the animal husbandry department which is destined to revolutionize stock raising for profit in this state. All of these matters deserve earnest and careful consideration at the hands of the legislature and should be provided for at the earliest possible moment.—Bryan Eagle.

Study is an antidote for flunking; it is as bad on ponies as rough on rats; it stimulates the mind; it puts reference books out of commission and memory above par; it helps along the Standard Oil company's trade in oil, and eventually will destroy the art of horsemanship; it prevents laundry bills by preventing the decoration of white cuffs with trigonometric formulas; it puts us all on a level; is a good investment and easy to get.—Ex.

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EXCHANGES.  
 The Long Star, Austin, Texas.  
 The Tarletonite, Stephenville, Texas.  
 The Plain Texan, Weatherford, Texas.  
 The Lariat, Baylor University, Waco, Texas.  
 The High School Tuba, Sherman, Texas.  
 The Texan, University of Texas, Austin, Texas.  
 The following exchanges have been received.

The Maverick, Allen Academy, Bryan, Texas.  
 The Tome, The Tome School, Port Deposit, Md.  
 The Skiff, Texas Christian University, Waco, Texas.  
 The Purdue Exponent, Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind.  
 Can a "cow-hide" in a shoe store? No, but "calfskin."—Ex.  
 The Academy Record, San Antonio Academy, San Antonio, Texas.  
 The Huisache, San Antonio High School, San Antonio, Texas.  
 The Ohio State Lantern, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.  
 The Rocky Mountain Collegian, Colorado State Agriculture College, Ft. Collins, Colo.  
 Our latest exchange is the initial copy of the Maverick, from Allen Academy, Bryan, Texas.

EPITAPH.  
 Here lies the body of Jonathan Free,  
 Who died at the age of "23."  
 It has caused much comment and wonder, too,  
 Whether St. Peter did tell him at once to skiddoo.  
 Willie put his stocking on  
 Wrong-side out and thought it fun.  
 Mother didn't like his whim,  
 So she turned the hose on him.  
 —Philadelphia Record.

Quoth he, "Your lips look red to-night."  
 Said she, "Well, yes, perhaps,  
 But papa, darling, that's all right,  
 "It's only from the chaps."  
 —Princeton Tiger.  
 "Take back your heart!" The bitter words  
 She said with lips aquiver,  
 "Take back your heart, base  
 butcher man;  
 You know I ordered liver!"

There are meters of accent,  
 And meters of tone,  
 But the best of all meters  
 Is to meet her alone. —Ex.  
 She—"Your horse looks as though  
 it were going to die."  
 He—"It hasn't had anything to  
 to eat, so it can't di-jest yet."

As A. and M. is closer to Bryan than is any other college, we naturally believe that we were the first captors of the Maverick; hence it is our right to brand it. We have branded it well and we are sure that our brand, "the best preparatory school paper on our exchange list," will stay with it, as has well as the reputation that Allen Academy has gained of excellence in preparatory education.

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