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## THE FORMATION OF A. AND M. CLUBS AS A STEP IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COLLEGE.

Many of us have read in the newspapers of several of the large Texas towns that A. and M. Clubs have been formed at these places. We are naturally interested in the fact that former students of A. and M. have been organized into clubs, but aside from this the movement has a deeper significance that should not escape us. The formation of these clubs is closely connected with the future of the A. and M. College, and it may even affect our personal success in life.

The clubs have, we believe, two main purposes. First is to bring ex-students together in a social way, to make them more loyal to themselves and to their *alma mater*. The second is to advertise the A. and M. College throughout the length and breadth of Texas, not so much for the sake of A. and M. as for the sake of the young men of the State. Incidentally, the clubs will be the means of assisting men just graduated in obtaining good positions.

It seems to us that the club movement marks the beginning of a new period of growth in the history of the College. Few things are better for a college than a strong alumni association, and if this applies anywhere, it applies here. With a body of graduates in every Texas city, united in working for a greater A. and M., what may we not expect?

## LEGISLATOR EDUCATED AT A. AND M.

Churchill Jones Bartlett of Marlin, Representative of the Sixty-Seventh District, was born in that city June 6, 1862. He was educated in the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College, 1878-79, and is a farmer. He is a democrat and was postmaster at Marlin under Cleveland's first administration. He has held no other public office until elected to his present position.—Dallas News.

## Knowing Human Nature.

Hotel Proprietor—You have given the most elegant and most expensive rooms to Herr Lhamann. Can he pay for them?

Clerk—Certainly. He is enormously rich.

Proprietor—How do you know that?  
 Clerk—Because he is old and ugly and his wife is young and beautiful.—Muskete.

## His Explanation.

"When your mother-in-law fell into the water why didn't you help her out?"

"My dear madam, you must know that nothing I ever have done has pleased her."—Figaro.

## MANAGER OF RANCH WANTED.

The following letter explains itself:

January 18, 1907.

To the Editor of the Battalion.

Dear Sir,—Please give publicity in your columns to the following letter:

"I have a small ranch of 8 sections in Shackelford County. The stock registered and practically pure bred, consisting of Hereford cattle, horses and mules.

My health is not very good, and I am not as young as I was 40 years ago, and I wish very much to secure the services of a young man capable of acting as foreman, or better of taking charge. Have you any graduates who would fill the position? I have a house in which a family boards the extra men and with whom he would board, or if married, I would expect him to board the one or two extra men needed. I have telephone connection with the city of Abilene and the town of Albany.

"If you can assist me in securing a suitable man I will greatly appreciate the favor. Thanking you in advance for the courtesy, I remain, yours very respectfully."

If there are any graduates of the College from the Department of Animal Husbandry, or any under graduates who feel themselves sufficiently qualified for this position and who desire it, I shall be glad to be advised.

H. H. Harrington, President.

## THE JUNIOR BANQUET.

Juniors Will Have Class Banquet on February 21.

The Junior class, after some deliberation, has decided to have a banquet instead of a reception, as proposed by some members. At a meeting last Sunday, February 21 was fixed as the date, this being Washington's Birthday and a holiday.

Skaggs was elected Chairman of the Arrangement and Program Committee. Cornell, Chairman of the Finance Committee, and Lem Adams Toastmaster. The class of '08 expects to score one of its usual successes in the coming affair.

## Ballade of Aladdin's Lamp.

Aladdin was a lucky man,  
 The genii wrought, at his behest,  
 According to this simple plan:  
 He rubbed the lamp, they did the rest  
 But you should be as greatly blessed—  
 Your magic lamp, unrubbed still,  
 Lies all forgotten or unguessed—  
 The genii wait to work your will.

That princely castle that you scan  
 With envy on yon mountain crest,  
 Uprose, obedient, arch and span,  
 To slave into his service pressed  
 By one who heeded jibe nor jest,  
 But rubbed his lamp serenely till  
 'Twas finished.—Laggards, distressed.  
 The genii wait to work your will.

If only you do what you can  
 And put your magic to the test,  
 The palace that in dreams began,  
 The rainbow treasure of your quest,  
 With form and truth you will invest,  
 For diligence is served by skill;  
 So rub your lamp and do your best,  
 The genii wait to work your will.

## Envoi

Oh, brother dreamer, East and West,  
 Whose great air-castles comes to nil,  
 Wake! rub the lamp by each possessed,  
 The genii wait to work your will.  
 —Thomas L. Hunter.  
 In Saturday Evening Post.

## Better Said Differently.

Elderly Young Lady—Today I drank some wine as old as I am.  
 Gentleman Friend—My! That must have been good.—Figaro.

## A. AND M. COLLEGE MATTERS.

Dry Farming Congress—Indian and Kaffir Corn Feeding Test—Neff in Charge Steam Plant.

President Harrington is in receipt of an urgent invitation to attend the Trans-Missouri Dry Farming Congress, which convenes in Denver on the 24th and 25th instant, or in case he can not be present to have the college represented.

It is not probable that President Harrington will be able to go, but the college will perhaps be represented by some one else. The object of the congress is to discuss the development of the semi-arid West, and speakers of note are promised every state west of the Missouri River. A permanent interstate organization will be formed, and the authorities of the college feel that much good is likely to result from the meeting, and much matter will be gone over that will be of interest and importance with the conditions prevailing in the western part of our State.

The president of the college is in receipt of a letter from a Western ranchman asking for a young man that has been trained at the college to go out in Shackelford County and take charge of a small ranch of improved stock, but there is not on file in the office of the president at the present time the name of even one graduate who is out of employment and seeking a position.

The Department of Animal Husbandry is just beginning a feeding experiment to test the relative feeding value of Indian corn, Kaffir corn, milo maize and black strap molasses. Twenty head of high-grade shorthorn steers have been purchased from Mr. J. M. Reynolds of Alice, Tex. They will be divided into four lots of five each. One lot will be fed on a ration of Indian corn, along with roughage, which will be given to all lots alike. The second lot will be fed on Kaffir corn, the third on milo maize and the fourth on molasses. They will be weighed at the beginning of the experiment and from time to time until its close, about May 1. The relative value of the four feeding materials will be shown by the gains made by the four lots. The cattle will then be put on the market. A similar experiment is now being conducted in the Panhandle country to test the relative value of milo maize and cotton seed meal.

Mr. A. J. Neff arrived yesterday from Brownwood to take charge of the college water and light plant, this position having been made vacant a few days ago by the resignation of Mr. George Grupe, who takes charge of a Government dredge boat engaged on the Harrisburg cutoff in the Buffalo Bayou. Mr. Neff is a man of excellent character and ability. He graduated in mechanical engineering here in 1903 and was for two or three years connected with the creosote works of the Texas and New Orleans Railroad at Houston. More recently Mr. Neff has been running a small iron foundry on his own responsibility at Brownwood.

Mr. Neff's family, consisting of wife and one child, will move about the first of February and will occupy the cottage formerly occupied by Mr. Grupe.

They stood beside the meadow bars,  
 Beneath the twinkling sky;  
 Above them evening's stars  
 Dike diamonds shone on high.  
 They stood knee deep in clover,  
 But whispered not of vows;  
 As silently they lingered there,  
 Two peaceful Jersey cows.—Ex.

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