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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30

A NORTH TEXAS BRANCH OF THE A. & M. COLLEGE.

Dr. J. M. Carlisle of Arlington, according to the Dallas News, is in favor of establishing a branch of the A. & M. College in north Texas. The News quotes Dr. Carlisle in the following words:

"I endorse the view many times expressed that the number of pupils at an educational institution may be too large to produce the best results. I think that it would not be wise to enlarge the present A. and M. College at its home location. Besides the reasonable objection to large numbers the accessibility and the agricultural conditions should receive careful attention. We have in the immediate section in which Dallas is situated ideal conditions for a branch of the A. and M. College.

"All favorable conditions exist at Arlington—accessibility, suitable soil, good health conditions and good climate conditions. So I desire to put Arlington before the public for such a branch of the A. and M. College. This suggestion is made in the interest of the State and one of her great institutions and our people would be pleased to see The News continue its efficient efforts for better agricultural conditions by opening its columns to a discussion of this matter."

To us it seems that some years will pass before anyone need say that "it would not be wise to enlarge the present A. & M. College at its home location." The A. & M. College is centrally situated in the state, so begin with, and the accessibility of College Station is quite as good as that of Arlington. As to "the reasonable objection to large numbers" we may state that a college with five hundred students is largely to be considered as possessed of a large enrollment. When A. & M. has five thousand students, perhaps Texas may reasonably think of establishing a branch somewhere, but not till then.

Arlington is doubtless blessed in many ways, but all the favorable conditions as enumerated by Dr. Carlisle are also found at College Station. Our soil is very probably not as good as that found at Arlington, but a rich soil is hardly necessary for experiment work.

We are convinced of the sincerity of Dr. Carlisle in his suggestion, but we believe that in establishing a branch A. & M. College, especially at this time, Texas would make a huge mistake. Our idea is to have one great institution at College Station, with as many stations to carry on experiment work in different parts of the state as are required. This opinion is by no means original with us, but is held by nearly every person who understands and appreciates the work and scope of the A. & M. College.

UPS AND DOWNS.

"Well, I turned the gas down—"
 "Yes"
 "And she turned it up again."
 "Ah, turned you down, eh?"
 —Cleveland Leader.

MARY CARSON KIDD.

The Glee Club is certainly to be congratulated in securing Miss Mary Carson-Kidd for an engagement here, and the lovers of music may well look forward to the greatest treat. It may safely be asserted that never before has a singer of such note been heard here on the campus. Goldmark, the distinguished lecturer on music, says of Miss Kidd's voice: "She has the richest notes I ever heard from a coloratura soprano." This is sufficient guarantee, but the verdict of the students of the University of Virginia will appeal more strongly perhaps to us here. *The College Topics*, of that institution, on December 13, 1905, said:

"The Arcadians lived up to their usual reputation, so far as the quality of their entertainments goes, when they presented Miss Mary Carson-Kidd, last Friday, before an enthusiastic audience assembled in Madison Hall. Probably never before has an entertainment been given here that received such universal praise, and never before has a singer equal to Miss Mary Carson-Kidd been heard by a gathering at the university. Her voice was sweet and clear, and her range remarkable. In fact, from the time she appeared until the end, she was encored after every selection, and held her hearers' undivided attention.

Concerning the concert in Houston on the 4th proximo the Houston Post of January 27th has the following to say:

Preparation for Miss Mary Carson-Kidd's song recital on the evening of February 4 at the Houston theater presages an unusually brilliant and popular event which will be as important socially as it is musically.

Miss Kidd's popularity in Houston and the prominence of the promoters of the entertainment would insure splendid success, and when the artistic merit of the recital is considered it is safe to predict the theatre will be crowded with the friends and admirers of the artist. The boxes have all been taken and two added, and a number of theater parties are being formed—Mrs. Lewis Thompson's and one from Richmond.

The program she is to present, assisted by her brother, Mr. Aldridge Kidd, and by the violinist, Mr. Steinfeldt, stands as follows:

Part I—
 Legende della Fille du Paria (Lakme).....Delibes
 a. Long Ago, Sweetheart, Mine.....MacDowell
 b. Wyken, Blynken and Nod.....Aldridge B. Kidd
 Scherzo.....Chopin
 Mr. Kidd.
 Je suis Lieureuse (Louise).....Charpentier
 a. Until God's Day.....Aldridge B. Kidd
 b. The little Dutch Garden.....C. Manson-Marky
 Michaela's Aria from "Carmen".....Bizet
 Part II—
 Spinning Song (Flying Dutchman).....Wagner-Liszt
 Mr. Kidd.
 Senta's Ballad (Flying Dutchman).....Wagner
 a. Oh, That We Two Were Maying.....Nevin
 b. Irish Love Song.....Margaret Ruthven Lang
 Aria—II Re Pastora.....Mozart
 Violin Obligato by Mr. Steinfeldt.
 Indian Love Lyrics.....
 a. The Temple Bells. b. Less
 Than the Dust. c. Kashmiri
 Song. d. Till I Wake.....
 Ah, Non Gunige (La Sonnambra).....Bellini

Certainly no professional, however famous, has ever given us a finer program than the above. Two of the numbers are entirely new to Houston audiences, the song from Charpentier's exquisite opera, "Louise," and the Mozart aria, "The Shepherd King." This last is for recital programs, the cheval de bataille of Melba. Miss Kidd scored a brilliant success when she sang this last season with the Boston Symphony, Mr. Frederick Mahn playing the violin obligato. This obligato to the Mozart song was written by the famous violinist, Lauterbach.

Miss Kidd will give practically the same program in the college chapel on Saturday night, Feb. 9th. Some changes will be made by special request, some lighter numbers being added.

For 50 cents here one may enjoy the same privilege for which he would pay \$1.50 in Houston the Monday night before.

HONSTON A. & M. CLUB

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something of the work of the college and are enabled to appreciate its service to the State. I believe it is more popular than any other institution in Texas. But there is a vast amount of misinformation, and that you members of the various clubs in the various Texas cities can do a great deal to dissipate and discourage. We are glad we have such hearty sympathy and support from the press of Texas. It has indicated in no small manner its appreciation of the worth of the college. With the press for us, and with the alumni and ex-students in every city and earnest and devoted exponents of the college, we can hope to do in the future what the opportunity offers.

"There is no reason in the world why we can not double the attendance at the college in five years time if we have adequate facilities provided for the accommodation of the students. In ten years time we ought to have 2000 students easy. And no money could be better invested by the State. We can look all over Texas and see the men who have gone out of the Agricultural and Mechanical college substantial farmers and ranchmen, engineers and mechanics and industrious citizens in every line. The citizenship turned out by the college will compare favorably with that of any other class of citizens in the State."

ALUMNI REUNION.

Plans are being laid for a great reunion of alumni and ex-students at College Station next June. It will be the first meeting of the alumni since the forward movement was inaugurated, and it promises to be something extraordinary. Mr. Law stated that it has been proposed to offer a prize cup to the club having the largest percentage of its membership present. The Harris county club forthwith becomes a competitor. It proposes to go down to the college in a special car, and it will take the old collegiate community by storm. If there is any cup to be won, the Harris county club will be in on the deal.

It is proposed to amend the constitution of the Alumni association so as to admit all ex-students of the college to its membership. The Alumni association of Harvard, Yale, the University of Virginia and several of the largest universities of the land include not only graduates of the institutions but also any reputable ex-student. And the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical college will have an Alumni association formed on the same broad plan.

Plans for the smoker to be given by the local club have not yet been completed. President Harrington of the college will be here, the Harris county members of the legislature will be invited, and all the local alumni and ex-students of the college will be on hand. Announcement of the date and place will be made later.

"THE KILTIES" AT COLLEGE.

Famous Canadian Band to Appear at College Station.

It is doubtless a surprise to many that the Long Horn management has succeeded in securing an appearance of "The Kilties" at College Station—a famous regimental band of Canada. It is usually to be heard only in the principle cities. The band is now on its way from Mexico to Florida, with few intermediate stops.

The performance at College will be in the chapel at 2:30 p. m., Saturday, Feb. 2. The price of admission is fifty cents, which is unusually low. We remember the sensation "The Kilties" created in Dallas a few years ago, where the admission was two or three times what is asked here.

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PROF. JOHNSTON RESIGNED.

Has Accepted a Position as Vice-President and Treasurer of Texas Land Development Co. of Dallas.

Prof. F. S. Johnston of the department of Agriculture of the A. & M. College has resigned his position as professor of agriculture to accept the position of vice-president and treasurer of the Texas Land Development Co., an incorporated organization of Dallas. This offer has come to him on account of his knowledge of the agricultural conditions of Texas and his familiarity with general agriculture in northern and eastern states. This offer to Prof. Johnston may be considered in the light of a compliment to present day education in agriculture. Professor Johnston will enter up-

on his new duties as soon as proper arrangements can be made for carrying on his present work at the College, which will probably be about February 15.

Icosahedrons.

On the evening of Jan. 28, a meeting of twenty "A" Company fish was called in order to form a club for the promotion of good fellowship among the fish of Ross Hall. The following are members of the new club: Anderson, Armstrong, Bogel E., Byars, Carroll, Connor, Crockett, Copeland, Eversberg, Hooker, Hamilton, Munson, Meador, McIlhenny, O'Connor, Reading, Sloan, Sherrard, Tucker Williams.

Chairman Carroll called the meeting to order and the following officers were elected: President, Williams; secretary, McIlhenny; treasurer, Byars; floor manager, Hamilton; orchestra leader, O'Connor.