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He Made Good.

More years ago than I like to tell, I was a reporter on the New York World, which Mr. Pulitzer had not yet bought. Ballard Smith, then city editor, used to say that the office was a club which cost every member of the staff from \$200 to \$1000 a year, the expenses being the difference between what he earned on the World (then known as "the American gentleman's newspaper") and what he could earn on some one of the other dailies.

Nevertheless, it was a blow to me when I discovered that Julian Ralph, the new city editor, and I could not get along together. As brother reporters, we had been great friends. As editor and reporter, we clashed. Despite my appeal from his rulings, he forced me out of "the club," and I was obliged to hustle for a job. I had done it before and I knew the difficulty of it in a dull season, but there was no alternative. Moreover, I knew the formulae of the city desk, and did not propose to leave my name and address, so that I "could be sent for when I was wanted."

I went straight to the Herald office, where "Billy" Meighan was city editor, and told him I wanted work, getting, of course, the usual reply that the staff was full.

"I know that," I said. "Every newspaper man knows there are never any vacancies on the Herald staff, but there's always room here for a good man."

"Are you a good man?" asked Meighan.

"I'll show you," said I, "if you'll let me report a case that is to be tried by a Justice of the Peace on Staten Island tonight."

"Go ahead," said Meighan—and I went.

That night, when I told him what had happened in court, he said:

"Write three-quarters of a column."

I wrote as I never had written before, and next day I had a column and a quarter in the paper. And I stayed on the Herald staff ten years.—Saturday Evening Post.

THERMOPYLAE AND THE ALAMO.

The following, from the San Antonio Express, must be of interest to every Texan, especially at this time, when the Alamo is again in the public eye.

On the Alamo register appears the name of John Boalt, Thermopylae, Greece, and all the interesting names that have been written in the sacred old fort of Texas the name will probably be recalled by Miss Eager, the custodian, with more pleasure than any other, for Mr. Boalt came from far-away Greece and from the famous old battlefield of Thermopylae, which is sacred to every Greek, that he might say that he had seen the two battle grounds, of the world upon which the last drop of heroes' blood was shed and the last soldier died in defense of his country before the field was taken by the enemy. Mr. Boalt said all his life had been spent at Thermopylae and from his childhood he had wished to see the Alamo, because he felt the dauntless men who died within those walls must have had souls akin to the heroes of Thermopylae. He viewed the bloodstained and battered walls of the Alamo with intense interest. When Boalt was leaving he told Miss Eager that if it would be permitted he would like to carve upon the walls of the Alamo that well known line, "Thermopylae had her messenger of defeat, the Alamo had none."

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"THE TEXAS CLUB" AT BOSTON TECH.

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J. R. Tabor, '06, sends us the following: Mr. Tabor writes that any A. & M. boys would be heartily welcomed at Boston Tech.

There are thirteen men at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology who hail from the Lone Star State. At the beginning of the year a club was organized with the thirteen as members. This club was to be known as the Texas Club of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Its object was to promote the trend of good fellowship; and keep fresh in our minds the memory of our state by having suitable celebrations on our state holidays.

On the night of March 1, on the eve of Texas Independence Day, the Texas Club met at the Tech. Union and partook of a dinner, after which the piano and other musical instruments were resorted to, and the hall rang with southern songs for an hour. Then feeling that we had celebrated our independence "day well enough, we stole the remaining portion of the ice cream, while the proprietor was getting our coats, and went out into the bleak night to our respective abodes.

The Texas men who are attending Technology are as follows:

H. B. Thompson, Austin; F. M. Hildeberg, Houston; H. C. Pastoriza, Houston; A. E. Hartwell, Houston; V. O. Westervelt, Corpus Christi; J. H. Leavell, Temple; (U. of T.) J. W. Maxwell, Austin; (A. & M. '04), G. D. Whittle, Georgetown; Keuline, Austin; Alva, Galveston; (U. of T.), S. S. Bundy, San Antonio; Robt. Byars, Houston; J. R. Tabor, Houston; (A. & M. '06).

INSTRUCTIVE TRIP FOR AGRICULTURAL STUDENTS

The following men, Reagan, Minter, Miller, R. F., Holcomb, Williams, J. S., Furneaux, Hodges, Faust, McKie, McCowan, Jones, C. E., Cutter, Van Zandt, Edsall and Evans, intend making a trip up to the Ft. Worth Stock Show next week. This trip is looked upon as one of great importance to those students taking a course in animal husbandry, as they may go among the breeders and herdsmen at the show and make comparisons of ideals and methods pursued by both the successful and unsuccessful breeders. Besides the educational feature of the trip, its value as a training for our next year's International Stock Judging Team at Chicago cannot be over estimated.

It is expected that the show this year will surpass in magnitude and grandeur all previous events of its kind in the south. Several prominent northern firms will have splendid representations of the several breeds and types of draft and coach horses—a thing which southern show visitors have never been treated to before.

Cadets C. M. Evans and E. P. Van Zandt will leave on March 14, in charge of the exhibit belonging to the College. The exhibit consists of eight steers of different breeds which have been presented to the College by different stockmen over the state. The steers are fair representatives of their kind and as they are in good show shape the boys have high hopes of winning for A. and M. a fair share of the premiums offered. In addition to these they will have charge of the stallions and bulls belonging to Mr. G. O. Creswell and Mr. J. E. Boog Scott, which have been at the College for some time.

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A. AND M. APPROPRIATIONS.

The Eagle learns that the house and senate committees have agreed on the special appropriations for the A. and M. College as follows: Engineering Building, \$75,000; Dormitory, \$50,000; Farm Implements Building, \$4,000; Veterinary Hospital, \$5,000; Natatorium, \$10,000; Live Stock Shed, \$5,000; Extension of Sewerage System, \$3,000. It is hoped the appropriation bill will be passed finally with all these items included.

This embraces all the items asked for except the steam heating plant. In addition the bill locating the pure food commission, which carries its own appropriation, at College has passed to engrossment in both houses, and a two-thirds vote would be required to change it.

Items for Prairie View Normal: Three Cottages, \$5,000; Additions to Trades Building, \$5,000; Dormitory, \$17,500; Sewerage Improvements, \$5,000.

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