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WHAT OTHERS THINK OF A. AND M. BOYS.

Impression made on a practical Horticulturist by the Horticultural Seniors at the recent meeting at Abilene.

Mr. Halbert, a pecan expert, and budder says, "My mind runs back to our pleasant meeting at Abilene and dwells on the incidents that took place. I often think of the thorough painstaking manner your students did things. I do not know what I would have done on that preliminary contest is arranging the pecans if I had not had the help of those thorough young men; young men having the training to become so thorough at whatever they undertake are sure to succeed in life.

During the last two weeks Prof. Kyle has received nearly a hundred letters asking for definite information on working improved varieties of pecans on our native hickory and pecan stock. A number of these men realize the value of training in this line and are anxious to secure students to do this work for them during the summer. A number of men are taking work in preparation for this."

Cadets Allen and Beckert, who have been sick in the hospital, are home on furlough.

Mr. Crisler of the Feed Control, after a severe attack of grip, is able to be up again.

J. W. Carson has just returned from a trip to Wichita Falls and along the Denver, where he has been speaking on Farmers' Institutes.

"Big Jim" Ross is back and the record shot putters and hammer throwers had better look to their laurels.

Prof. Neff attended a Horticultural meeting at Tyler recently.

Mr. G. A. Smith spent a few days at his home in Kyle last week.

Messrs. Crum and Simmons were in Waco last week to see that masterpiece of Lew Wallace, "Ben Hur."

Paul D. Casey has just returned from one of his "pulse feeling" expeditions and seems much encouraged over the outlook.

Dr. Marsteller has been in the hospital for the past week but is again able to be out awhile each day.

There will be a meeting of the Scientific Agricultural Society on Friday night. Aside from the regular program there will be a general dis-

cussion of interesting subjects for thesis work. The following men are on the regular program: Jobson, North, Robinson and Evans.

The new veterinary hospital is nearing completion and will be ready for use in the spring term, much to the gratification of the veterinary department, and the students of animal husbandry.

Most of the Seniors have selected their thesis subjects and some of them have their research work almost completed and are ready to begin writing up the manuscripts as soon as the subjects are approved. Following are some of the subjects selected by students of agriculture:

J. M. McLeod—The Swine Industry in Texas.

W. G. North and R. W. Faust—Comparison of the Fattening Value of Indian Corn, Kaffir Corn, Milo Maize, and Black Strap Molasses for Steer Feeding.

C. E. Jones and A. J. Smith—Comparison of Indian Corn, Skim Milk, Black Strap Molasses for Fattening Hogs.

C. M. Evans—Stock Farming in the South.

J. R. Lauderdale—The Dairy Industry in Texas.

H. Schmidt—The Anatomy of the Horse's Foot.

CAMPUS NOTES.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Nagle were called to Manor, Texas, last Sunday to the bedside of Mr. Nagle's mother. They returned Tuesday night.

Dr. Ball and Mr. Sanburn went down to Prof. Smither's plantation Saturday night.

Mrs. T. P. Junkin visited her sister in Mexia, last week, returning to College Monday.

Mrs. J. M. Brown has been on the campus for some days visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Lomax.

Mr. T. P. Junkin made a flying trip to Houston the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Junkin expect a visit from Mr. Junkin's mother and sister this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvord and their guest, Miss Oaks of Chicago, went over to San Antonio and to Laredo for a sight-seeing trip. They report having had a delightful trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Childs, who have

spent a month or more with Mr. and Mrs. Alvord, leave this week for their home in Michigan.

Miss Virginia Spence gave a most delightful Valentine party. The table was decorated in ribbons and hearts, and long ribbons strung with hearts hung from the chandelier to the four corners of the table. All the young people on the campus were invited and everyone enjoyed the evening a great deal.

Mr. and Mrs. Wier had Mrs. Ball and Master Eben Junkin to take dinner with them Sunday.

Miss Ethel Hutson returned from Austin Friday. She has been to Houston and Beaumont also since leaving College a month ago.

Mr. H. T. Mathews, '03, was here for a day or so this week to see his friends and classmates.

Messrs. Flint McGregor, '03, and T. B. Warden, '03, were here between trains Sunday.

Mrs. C. W. Hutson left last week to spend a month in Houston with her daughter, Mrs. H. M. Rollins.

Every one is delighted at seeing Dr. Francis at home and looking so well again.

Mrs. Fermier entertained with Fort Euchre last Saturday in honor of her mother, Mrs. Barnhart. The tables had diminutive flagstaves on them and each side that won a game was given a flag to be put on this staff. The table winning the most flags was awarded prizes and the ladies at this table were Mesdames Spence, Blake, Giesecke, Gilbert and Misses Waite and Mary Hutson. The table winning the smallest number of flags was also awarded prizes of another sort and the ladies at this table were Mesdames Wier, Barnhart, Brown, Welborn, Moses, Fraps, Mackey, Lear, Lomax, Sbisas, and Miss Hutson. The other guests were Mesdames Childs, Ball, Sanburn, Fraps, Mackey, Lear, Lomax, Sbisas, Larson, Mitchell. The three Misses Giesecke, dressed in the costumes of Washington's times, served the delicious refreshments. Little Miss Minnie Giesecke in her purple coat, black breeches and powdered wig looked a perfect "young George" at his sixth birthday instead of his hundred and seventy-sixth.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The holidays are over so let's return to our Y. M. C. A. work. We have had a good long rest and should face our duties with zeal and pride. Our reading room looks like a haunted place, surely it is not, step in and make yourself at home. If you have a book or magazine that you would like to give to your fellow cadets leave it in the room.

We are to have with us the seventh prof. a man whom a great many of us love, Dr. W. D. Weatherford, a Texas boy of whom we are all proud. He is a college man and talks to college men from that point of view. Dr. Weatherford is not a "goody, goody," long faced preacher, but a whole-souled wholehearted man. He is one of the strongest men in the South. Don't miss the opportunity of hearing him. The time is drawing near to elect new officers. Have your men picked out for the different positions.

Let us organize our Bible classes again. Fifteen or twenty minutes spent each day in reading the Bible is time well used. Remember the report our delegates made at the Ruston conference. We must all work together to keep up that good record. Lesson for next Sunday: seventh and eighth chapters of II Corinthians. Knock the dust off your Testament and prepare the lesson.

Prof. Alvord will give us a talk Sunday evening at 7:15 p. m. Come and bring some one with you.

J. J. Caldwell has just returned from a visit to homefolks at Brownwood.

R. F. Miller and Sam McMillan have just returned from a visit to the "Commercial Colony."

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EXTRACTS FROM A LETTER TO M. L. HUTSON FROM N. LOCKETT, JR., '03.

La Paz Bolivia, South America. I wish you would send me some English news, magazines, etc. I haven't gotten a one since I have been here. I have not heard whether A. and M. beat 'Varsity or not, and I have had plenty of time to hear.

How many boys have you there now, and what are most of them taking? I hope they do not get overrun in C. E.'s. Have they ever put in a C. E. building or done anything to fix up things a little better?

What is all that crowd doing, i. e. the '03 part of it?

I ran upon R. M. Brown '01 here. He was store keeper when I first came, but is now in charge of track. A most of the track is on my residency, I see a great deal of him. I am going to move some time soon to another residency, as this one is nearly completed. I have only a few ditches and five or six small spans. There are sixty openings, but on one stretch of twelve kilometers there is only one bridge; this leaves fifty-nine or forty-eight kilometers.

The residency is very high work, considering the country. The summit is 12989 feet, which is pretty high, but not so high as the Peruvian Southern—14666 and the Orago—15600 nevertheless it gets your breath to stir around very fast.

The rainy season is now on, also the summer season. But the fine hall we

get nearly every day looks much like sleet or snow. Some mornings we have two or three inches on the ground.

To the east about sixty to one hundred miles, there is a snow capped range two peaks of which are Socata (7315 meters) and Illimani (about 6900 meters). Illimani is a very pretty peak and shows up a very glistening white from Viacha to about kilometer 150. The snowline of Illimani is about one day's ride from camp.

The Bolivia Railway is trying to build down to Tapiga near the Argentine Border. From Buenos Ayres they have a line to within 150 or 200 kilometers of Tapiga. From Viacha to Tapiga is about 850 kilometers. They have 100 kilometers of track laid now and about 100 kils. graded ready for track, except two small bad stretches. They expect rails in Oruro in July. Oruro will be the headquarters and they have a very nice reservation planned there for shop buildings, stations, hotel, offices and cottages for the employees. After they get to Oruro they may get along faster as they may be able to get the Antafogasta—Oruro line to haul some of the material. Heretofore they would not haul anything, as they are trying to delay construction.

From Antafogasta to Oruro it is a 30" guage 950 kilometers long. Their rates are very high and they pay better dividends than any road in the world.

The Bolivia railway will form a big gap in the Pan-American, but there will still be a larger gap farther north.

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