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and it is going to take a long time to build down to the Argentine border too.

Everything in Bolivia is very high. For instance a pair of \$3.00 American shoes costs 22-25 Bolivianos—a Boliviano is about 39 cents gold. They have practically nothing in resources except minerals and they are not accessible for any transportation, I mean in the part where the Bolivia railway is. Down in the valleys they can grow anything, and have fine timber, but they can not get it out. There is not much prospect of getting a railroad to it.

All the Bolivian money (nearly) is paper. They do not value the money very highly, for if they want 50 cents change, they tear a \$1.00 bill in two. Any bill can be torn in half. They say that they are going to get some gold money soon.

The Indians here are very "low-grade" and only a few of them speak Spanish, and it is not easy to learn the Aimara which they speak. I am not sure, but I think there are only 80,000 pure Spanish speaking people in the republic.

The Bolivian can not compare with the Mexican in intelligence, energy, looks or any thing else, and the Indians are almost worthless. They are waiting now to get several hundred Japanese for the railroad work.

The Indian dress is peculiar. The men wear "eton jacket" for a coat and it is "kinder scalloped" on the bottom and on comes only to the waist. The trousers come only a little below the knee, and from the knee down are split and lined with some kind of colored cloth. They wear the hair about

six inches long and cut the same length all the way round and a string tied around the head.

The women wear a tight fitting waist but a very loose skirt, and the skirt comes about half way between the knee and ground. I do not know, but I imagine that a hoop skirt would not be "in it" with one of these Indians.

There are eleven engineer assistants here. One is an American, one Swiss, one Hungarian, one Russian, one Peruvian, and the others Bolivians. The cook is a Frenchman and I think the waiter is an Italian. You see we have a pretty good mixture.

The company is very liberal with requisitions, so we live pretty well. Well, I am too sleepy to write more so will close.

Remember me to every one I know and love.
N. Lockett, Jr.
C Bolivia R. R. Casilla 428.

FORMER PROFESSOR HEARD FROM.

Friday evening, January 24th, the Clemson College Science Club held its January meeting. The program for the evening consisted in the discussion of two topics—one by Prof. Styles Q. Howard, "A Dynamometer for Testing Automobiles," the other by Prof. A. F. Conradi, associate professor of entomology, "Bug versus Bug."

Prof. Howard gave in detail the mechanics and use of the new testing apparatus by which purchasers and prospective purchasers of automobiles can satisfy themselves that the claims made by manufacturers of machines as to horse-power, hill climbing ability, etc., are true or not as the case may be.

The subject of Prof. Conradi's paper suggests the general trend of the thought in it—to fight insect pests by means of predaceous insects which are the natural enemies of those pests. It is a striking fact that our native or indigenous insect pests are not of any considerable damage in our own country; only the introduced species are very destructive and this is because very destructive, and this is because their natural enemies have not yet been brought into the country or have not become established. This point was brought very clearly and by several illustrations showed that, though spraying and other artificial means may be applied with a considerable degree of success, the cheapest and most effective way of checking the spread of an insect is by seeking out in the original home of the pest its natural enemy and introducing that by acclimation. The case of the boll weevil in Texas was an illustration given. In Cameron country, the little red ant, a predaceous insect lives in abundance, and is very fond of the boll weevil as a food. As a consequence, the two cannot thrive well together, and the ant gets the better of the struggle. A large crop of boll weevils means a large crop of ants; and often the ants become so numerous that the boll weevils do not supply a sufficient quantity of food for them. This ant has been distributed to other parts of Texas with success. Other, though, such a large number of natural enemies are developed on account of the large crop of the pest, that upon the destruction of the latter, there is no danger lest the beneficial insect should be starved to death. This should be attended to, and a supply of the species always kept on hand.

The cabbage louse and melon louse were other instances cited. They both have the same natural enemy, the lady bug. If a crop of rape be planted previous to the planting of the melons, and near the same place, the cabbage lice infesting it will be sufficient food to grow a sufficiently large number of lady bugs to control the melon lice when they occur. If the rape be killed at this time the lady bugs are forced to migrate to the melon patch and feed upon the melon lice. In the future the principal aim of economic entomology will be the introduction and propagation of the natural enemies of the insect pests with which we will have to contend.

CHAPEL SERVICES.

Rev. Williams of the Baptist Seminary at Waco occupied the pulpit Sunday morning. His theme, the Supremacy of Christianity was handled in a very able manner. By comparing the Bible with the Vedas, the Koran and the works of Zoroaster and Confucius, the beauty and strength of Christianity was shown. Many passages from the scriptures were quoted in support of his subject. The address was delivered in a forcible manner and was heard with interest by all.

TEXAS WORK RECEIVES RECOGNITION.

Prof. Welborn's Book Adopted by State Board.

Prof. W. C. Welborn, vice-director of the Experiment Station, has been successful in placing his book, "The Elements of Agriculture" before the public. His work was adopted by the State Text Book Board for the public schools at their recent meeting. The farmers' institute movement is to profit by this as the profits from the sale of the work are to be used in its furtherance. The book was written with the double purpose of furnishing information to the stockman and farmer and still not made so technical as to make it unfit for use in the public schools. Many farmers have expressed themselves as desiring to read the book.

ALUMNI NOTES.

R. S. Black, '07, writes that he is now employed as levelman on the C. R. Y. & P. Ry. at Nogles, Mexico.

F. S. Pfeuffer, '85, is manager of the American Colony of Omaja, Real Estate, Cuba.

R. G. Littlejohn, '91, is deputy city assessor and collector, city hall, Ft. Worth, Texas.

H. Rubenkesing, '04, is now with the Kansas City Southern R. R. Co. His address is 1603 N. Grand Ave., Pittsburg, Kansas.

E. G. Abott, '94, is captain in Coast Artillery Corps, U. S. Army, at Fort Warden, Washington.

C. E. Burgoon, '95, is chief Engineer, Custom House, at New York City, room 69.

J. L. Cruse, J. M. Carson Jr., J. W. Carson, A. J. Neff and G. R. Abney attended the meeting of the A. and M. Alumni in Houston last Saturday.

F. M. Law and R. W. Howell represented the Bryan Alumni at Houston Saturday.

B. C. Pittuck, '94, was in Bryan last week to attend a meeting of the executive committee of the alumni association. He is now president of the Powhattan Milling Co., Dallas, Texas.

V. H. Foy, '02, was on the campus a couple of days last week. He was sent down by the Palestine A. and M. Club, to inquire into the recent trouble.

W. E. Crow, '98, is a practicing physician in Dallas, Texas.

E. C. Carlyle, '06, attended Sunday school in Bryan Sunday.

Set the Pace.

Young Mabel had a habit when soup was served at the table of mashing her crackers or bread in it until it was a great mess. Her mother made many efforts to have her correct this strictly primeval habit.

One day there was to be company at the table, and the mother said:

"Now, Mabel, Mrs. Brown is to dine with us tonight, and I want you to act at the table just as nicely as she does. Please don't 'mush' your soup."

Mabel promised faithfully to follow the example set by Mrs. Brown, and the dinner opened with every promise of a fine time. However, Mabel was using a pair of very sharp eyes on Mrs. Brown and in an instant blurted forth at the top of her voice:

"Oh, mamma, Mrs. Brown is 'mushing'! May it!"

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