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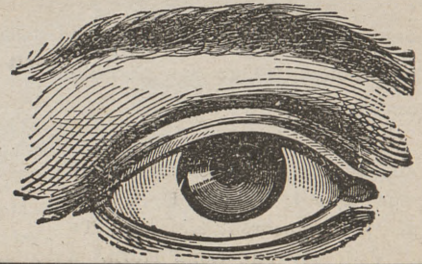
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The average student of the Agricultural and Mechanical College has too much work for the amount of time he has to perform it in. Is that not a startling statement? Didn't it make you look up from that math of yours and count the days until commencement? Any cadet of this college, whether he be bright, dull or hard-working, hasn't enough time to do justice to his work. He can not become thoroughly educated when he hasn't the time to give the subjects a thorough study. It's true that if the number of term hours were diminished that the rating of the college would be lowered just that much, but it is better that this rating be lowered than for young men to graduate lacking the two essentials of a successful technical life—accuracy and thoroughness.

At present there exists a ruling of the Faculty which entitles Junior and Senior classes to hold only one dance each term. We contend that this ruling is just and fair, but as yet the

Junior Class has never been allowed this one dance. Out of fairness and justice to the Class of 1912 we conscientiously believe that we should at least be allowed this one of our few privileges.

We wish to congratulate the student council of the University of Texas on their good judgment in adopting a "hog-tying" contest as a substitute for hazing. Such customs are being abandoned nowadays. We abolished the "cane-rush" several years ago, and Tulane has just recently abolished their famous "tank-fight." In case the Freshman Class should win, one can imagine what the state of feeling will be between the classes.

### BILLIKEN II.

The editorial staff of this week's Battalion feels greatly indebted to Mr. C. B. Hull for the cartoons contained herein.

Hull is all to the good when it comes to cartooning. He has original ideas and knows how to put them into tangible form.

### UNWRITTEN LAWS.

There is a class of unwritten law which does not and can not become written law, says Case and Comment, because it approaches too near the danger line that man dare not recognize it to the extent of publishing it and declaring it as a part of the positive law.

It is the unwritten law of the sea that a captain must go down with his ship. Men dare not write it into the contract, and nations dare not incorporate it in their navy or marine regulations, yet the tyrants of the sea know the law, and believe that to obey it betters their service, and there are few instances of its being disregarded.

It is the unwritten law of the army and navy that an officer shall not seek cover, or at least shall not show ap-

prehension of danger to his person, in time of battle and in the presence of enlisted men or common sailors. In the Franco-Prussian war nearly four thousand officers of the German army were killed and the great majority of them gave up their lives because they believed in this law of conduct.

In obedience to this law, Farragut bound himself to the mast, Lee rode to the head of his charging column at the bloody angle, and Lawton walked coolly in front of the line and was shot in the presence of his men.

The law of the right of revolution has been much talked about and much written about. Every intelligent citizen believes that he has the right under certain conditions to oppose the established government of his own land and join in an effort to establish another in its place. Just prior to and during the Civil war there was much discussion in this country by learned men on either side of the right of revolution and the "higher power" and the "greater law."

The law justifying one person in the killing of another has required the serious consideration of every country. Every criminal code provides certain punishments for homicide, and many of them graduate the punishment with minute particularity, according to the circumstances of the killing, so that any one of six crimes may be involved in a single tragedy. Such codes also attempt to define what killing is justifiable and what is excusable and with their interpretation by the courts attempt to describe the only conditions under which one human being can kill another and not be guilty of crime.

The Hebrew code almost stands alone in its recognition of man's desire to kill and his right to have that desire and that climax of all satisfactions which comes to him who under great provocation slays another. It is not at all strange that in this branch

there should be an extended code of unwritten as written law, unwritten now and always to be unwritten for the reason that the recognition given by its embodiment in the statutes would be taken as a license by dishonest men and would result in harm rather than good.

### CONTRIBUTED BY COMMERCIAL SECRETARIES' ASSOCIATION.

The recent federal census report given out on the manufacture of woolen goods serves to illustrate the value of the factory to a community. The report shows the cost of the raw material manufactured in the United States was \$273,466,000 and the value added by the factory was \$146,360,000. It is production that makes a country prosperous, and a dollar produced at the factory or the mine has as much prosperity in it as the dollar produced on the farm. Texas needs factories.

When its vast mines of wealth have been opened the Lone Star state will take its place as leader industrially and commercially, and as a producer of wealth never to be displaced and without fear of dangerous competition.

The commercial clubs of the state want secretaries who are builders. The directors of the Bowie club, in selecting a secretary recently, refused to consider an applicant who had not successfully managed a good roads campaign for bond issues. It is men who can do things that are in demand to manage the affairs of a community, and the secretary who depends upon newspaper interviews to keep his work before the public is fast giving way to those who can put brick and mortar together.

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