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TRACK TEAM.

The following is the circular letter that Prof. E. J. Kyle is sending to the high schools of the State:
College Station, Tex., April 12, 1911.

Dear Sir—I am pleased to announce that the final arrangements have been practically completed for the annual meeting of the A. & M. College State High School Association, April 21-22. The indications now are that it will be the greatest event of its kind ever held in the Southwest.

Twenty-six high schools have written expressing a desire to enter the field games. Five private schools will be represented. The reports from the preliminaries indicate that a number of records will be broken.

I am enclosing blank entry cards which each school should fill out according to Sections 7 and 8 of the rules. These should be sent to Dr. J. C. Blake, College Station, Texas. In case of a preliminary being held as late as the 15th, every effort should be made to return the cards at the earliest possible moment after said meet. Those individuals scoring 12 or more points in a preliminary contest and not on a winning team should follow the above instructions.

Any school failing to win in a preliminary still has a perfect right to attend the college meet, and free entertainment will be given after arrival. Any school can bring as many as ten contestants. The committee, however, pays the way of only six.

Tickets will be wired on the 14th. If you should fail to get yours in time, go to your local bank and draw upon the A. & M. Athletic Association through the City National Bank of Bryan for the amount of your transportation.

The association does not pay the way of the oratorical contestants. ((See constitution, Article VII.) The committee suggests that the tickets be used only by actual contestants, and that each school pay the way of the coach and faculty representatives.

We wish to call special attention to the Round Table. (See Article VIII of the constitution.) We hope to make this of great interest and value to the representatives of every school.

The preliminaries will begin promptly at 9 o'clock on the 21st. It will be necessary for every school to be present at that time.

Train Schedule.

We are enclosing schedule which will give you time of leaving home and arrival at College. You can arrive in the afternoon or night of the 20th, to suit your convenience. A rate of one and one-third fare has been offered by all roads, so those

that do not get free transportation can take advantage of this.

Very truly yours,

E. J. KYLE,

President A. & M. College Athletic Association.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

Alumni of the University of Virginia resident of Bryan and officers of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas met Thursday night about a dining table heaped high with those edibles peculiar to Virginia, and organized the Brazos County Chapter of the Alumni Association of the University of Virginia, and hereafter that chapter will have the awarding of an annual scholarship at the University of Virginia.

It is the custom of the members of the Alumni Association of that university for chapters where two or three are gathered together to meet annually on April 13, and observe Jefferson's birthday as "Founders' Day," and to communicate with the parent chapter by telegraph. There being several in this county, Thursday evening was selected for the meeting and the organization was effected at a dinner given at the Shirley hotel. The members participating in the organization are:

Charles Puryear, professor of mathematics and dean of the Agricultural and Mechanical College.

Dr. Oscar M. Ball, professor of biology A. & M. College.

James Newton Michie, assistant professor of mathematics A. & M. College.

Nicholas C. Hamner, assistant State chemist A. & M. College.

Horace Edwin Hayden, Jr., instructor

in biology A. & M. college.

R. W. Canfield, instructor department of English A. & M. College.

J. Robert Astin, of Bryan, lawyer and member of the Texas senate.

Robert Armstrong, of Bryan, attorney.

Horace W. South, of Allen Academy, Bryan.

T. R. Batte, of Bryan, real estate.

Dr. George W. Emory, of Bryan, physician.

When these former students of the University of Virginia met at the dinner Thursday evening to effect their chapter organization there was much in a reminiscent way. Some of the gentlemen could go back farther than others in telling of happenings at the university, but each one was thoroughly impressed with the same traditions. There have been traditions about the University of Virginia, and these traditions are handed down from class to class. Those who met Thursday for this organization represented various periods in the history of the university, but all of them represented the same customs and traditions. They are all proud of the institution which Jefferson founded, and they are loyal to its sacred precepts.

At the meeting Thursday night Prof. Charles Puryear was elected president, and Horace Edwin Hayden, Jr., was elected secretary.

T. C. U. WINS THE FIRST.

Christians Are Outhit but Win by Good Fielding.

A. & M. put up a hard fight, but lost to T. C. U. at Fort Worth Wednesday by a score of 3 to 2. In the ninth inning two infield hits and a clean drive over second by Vesmirovsky filled the bases with only one man

down. Sorly caught a liner from Felt's bat, however, and a quick throw to third retired the side.

Score: R. H. E.

A. & M.000 200 000—2 9 1

T. C. U.000 020 001*—3 4 1

Batteries—Moore and Neyland;

Morton and Bettison.

(Details in next week's Battalion.)

FERTILIZERS AND ROTATION.

Dr. G. S. Fraps, state chemist of Texas at A. & M. college, says:

"It is not practical to maintain the nitrogen in the soil by buying the nitrogen in commercial fertilizers. The nitrogen in fertilizers may supplement that which is already present in the soil; it therefore increases the drain upon the soil and really makes it weaker than before unless it is used in connection with a rotation. There are some crops for which it would be profitable to purchase enough nitrogen to maintain the soil fertile, but the plant food is not the only factor in the production of crops and the physical condition of the soil as a rule renders the rotation of crops in which vegetable matter will be introduced in the soil as imperative.

"The question whether acid phosphate or phosphate rock should be used is merely one of cost and returns. I have not yet decided whether or not phosphate rock will give profitable returns on Texas soils. I am not, therefore, at present advocating the use of phosphate rock, and will not do so until the investigations which I have under way and others which I shall study show satisfactory results.

"In many sections of the South corn is now planted in rows five and six feet apart, and at the time of laying by cowpeas are planted in the rows and grazed off or turned under in the fall. The land may be planted in cotton the next year. It is also practical to institute a rotation in which oats or millet or some similar crop will follow by cowpeas, these by cotton, this by corn with cowpeas between the rows and with the oats or millet again.

"We have not completed our studies of the acidity of Texas soils and are not able to make definite statements concerning them, but the soils of Texas, as a general rule, are not acid. We do not, therefore, advise the use of lime or ground limestone rock except on alfalfa or peanuts on certain soils, or experimentally on a small scale."

