

MAIN BUILDING BURNS

Early Monday Morning Fire Entirely Devastates \$100,000 Structure. Most of the Exchange and Athletic Store Goods Saved. Official Records, Including the "Ram" Book Preserved.

LIBRARY A TOTAL LOSS.

A. and M. Cadets Prove Themselves Valiant Fire Heroes and Stubbornly Fight the Flames Until Clear That All Was Lost.

Captain Holiday's Third Visit.

He and Lieut. R. C. Burleson To Be Military Judges During Commencement—New Commandant Will Be Visitor.

Capt. T. W. Holliday and Lieut. R. C. Burleson, both of whom are officers of the Third Field Artillery, are to be the ones who will say which company of the regiment and which individual of each company is the winner at the commencement contests. This is the third year that Capt. Holliday has been assigned this duty.

Lieut. Burleson is a brother to Cadet Burleson of Company M. He went to school at A. & M. in 1902, but left for West Point before he was graduated. He lacked so little of graduating, however, that he was here on the 25th of this month for the purpose of taking examinations for his degree at this college. He will be back June 9 to assist Capt. Holliday in the awarding of the prizes.

Lieut. Levi P. Brown, our new commandant, who will make his debut here next fall, will also be on the campus during commencement. This will be his first time at A. & M., and the campus is certainly in a ragged condition to receive visitors, especially prospective residents, as he is destined to be. He will, though, get an insight to the adverse conditions which, in a large measure, it will become his duty to overcome.

These officers will be the guests of Capt. and Mrs. Fenton during their stay here.

First Fish—Fire! Fire! Fire!

Second Fish—Where is the fire?

First Fish—Didn't you see those niggers running up to second floor of Leggett with those fire extinguishers?

Second Fish—Oh! you fool. Those were not fire extinguishers. They are bug sprayers.

For the eighth time this year fire call sounded, the fire starting in the Main Building at 2:15 a. m. Monday. The underclassmen were all sleeping soundly, and were with difficulty aroused. Many of the Senior class, having examinations scheduled for the next day, were studying late. The fire was first discovered by Cadets G. W. Ashford and W. G. Church, who, hearing the crackling of flames, looked up from their books and saw the reflection of the fire in the windows of the distant Chemical Building. They immediately turned in the alarm. The hose and ladder companies appeared promptly on the scene. Hose lines

were promptly laid from every available fire plug and carried up the stairs to the third floor. The fire started at about the middle of the building on the fourth floor and was a raging mass of flames by the time the hose reached the top, having eaten its way over half the fourth floor and nearly down to the third floor. Although the pressure was heavy, and the quantity of water sufficient, the fire had gained such headway that it could not be checked, but on the contrary gained headway, spread all over the top floor and readily burned its way down to the bottom floor.



MAIN BUILDING A. AND M. COLLEGE BURNING.

When it was certain that the building could not be saved, everyone was

called from the work of fire-fighting and put to rescuing the official records and other valuable property. On account of the flames, none of the movable property of the third and fourth floors could be saved, but practically everything on the two lower floors was saved. The records of the secretary's office, those of students now in the school, those of the treasurer's, the dean's, the president's and the commandant's offices were saved, as well as the furniture and the Long Horns contained in the Press Club room, the stock of the Athletic Store and nine-tenths of that of the Exchange Store. On the third and fourth floors was

lost all the furniture of the section rooms, of the Austin Literary Society, and the property of the United States government kept in the armory, which was valued at about \$5000, and consisted of 300 rifles and the field equipment used by the corps of cadets on their practice marches. This property, as is required by the War Department, was completely insured.

Except for the building, the heaviest money loss is in the library of the college. In the early days of the institution extreme care was exercised in the purchase of the books for the library and some very valuable publications

Corner-Stone Laying At A. & M. College.

On Monday, June 3, Masons of Bryan and College to Lay Corner-stone of Harvey Mitchell Hall.

Monday, June 3, there is to be a ceremony incident to the laying of the corner-stone of Harvey Mitchell Hall at A. & M. College.

This hall is the new dormitory that is being erected at the college, and which will be ready for occupancy at the opening of the next session. The building is to be named in honor of Col. Harvey Mitchell, who was one of the most active men in behalf of locating A. & M. College in Brazos county. His work was recognized as being the pivotal activity that brought the college to this county and at the request of the people of Brazos county the board of directors named the building for him.

The ceremonies incident to laying the corner-stone will be conducted by the Masonic order. In this movement Gen. H. B. Stoddard of Bryan, one of the highest ranking Masons in the world, has been active. The arrangements for the corner-stone laying are now being made.—Bryan Eagle.

Corps Presents Perrin a Gold Watch.

At a meeting of the corps in chapel last Saturday night a gold watch, suitably engraved, was presented to Cadet Harvey Perrin of San Antonio. The watch is a present from the student body to Perrin for his untiring efforts in recovering the body of Cadet Hunter, who was drowned on the hike. The presentation was made by President Milner, who paid many compliments to Perrin for his heroism and perseverance in the work he did.

In Bull Ticks.

Flip Eason—That's sorter like the command, "Parade rest, front!"

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