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INTERSCHOLASTIC TRACK MEET

PURPOSE, IMPORTANCE AND
BENEFITS FROM THIS IN-
TERESTING EVENT.

It is recognized by all educators that good strong bodies are a first requisite for good students and for successful men in the battles of life. It is also apparent to everyone that a certain amount of diversion and amusement is absolutely necessary for students in any kind of school in order to furnish recreation and keep their minds really fit for study. Both of these ends are accomplished better, perhaps, through the medium of school athletics than by any other means. We therefore find all of our colleges, universities and other institutions of higher learning with regularly organized athletic departments or athletic associations which are designed to look after this important line of work.

While the colleges have made much headway in the organization and management of athletics, it is a much more difficult problem to have good athletics in the high schools and academies scattered all over the State. Usually the number of students capable of taking part in athletics in such institutions is comparatively small. They cannot stage any big games to bring in money, and the school itself is usually unable to finance athletic teams to any considerable extent. It is for these reasons that our secondary schools are behind the colleges in the development of athletic teams and the building up of recognized sports along strictly modern lines.

Recognizing this situation and wishing to contribute all that we possibly can to the assistance of the secondary schools, as well as to build up athletics at the college, the athletic management of the A. & M. College some years ago undertook to organize a

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"ON TO FRISCO" TRIP ASSURED

Excursion of Cadet Corps to Panama-Pacific Ex-
position No Longer a Dream.

PLANS WELL UNDER WAY

By Many Considered the Chance of a Lifetime

When Juniors began to talk of a trip to the San Francisco Exposition in 1915 the "doubting Thomases" ridiculed the idea and said that the corps would never stack arms in the exposition grounds. But now all doubt about that has been dissipated and the plans for this excursion extraordinary are pretty well under way, and about 400 boys are pledged to go, provided no unforeseen difficulties arise to prevent and provided further that the actual expenses of the trip do not exceed \$65.

It is hardly necessary to dwell at length on the advantages of such a trip. No one can doubt that a visit to the Panama Pacific Exposition will be worth much to the cadets and instructors alike. It will broaden their viewpoint, introduce them to new people and to new climes and give them a bird's eye view of the world, so thoroughly will all civilized nations of the universe be represented. Travel and study are the great educating in-

fluences and when the two are combined in an efficacious manner with pleasure and amusement, such as the proposed trip to Frisco will offer, the result is going to be highly beneficial.

It hasn't been many months since the agitation for this trip was begun. It was urged for several weeks by one or two cadets, and then the idea generally began to take root that the trip was possible. No one ever questioned its benefit to the student or to the college. That wasn't the idea, but many of them doubted that the deal could be swung. Then a corps meeting was held. Professors and cadets alike gave the project their approval, and the matter was placed in the hands of the Junior class for final organization and suggestions.

An "On to San Francisco" committee, composed of representatives of the underclasses, was formed to per-

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A. & M. CORPS IS INSPECTED

This College Has Always Held High
Rank With Military Schools
of Country.

Annual inspection of the military organization at the Texas A. & M. College to determine the rating of that institution in the War Department's records was conducted here Saturday by Captain H. L. Laubach of the infantry, now on the general staff at Washington. The cadet corps of the college was put through a severe test by the representative of the War Department.

Regimental drills, dress parade, work in extended order, company drill, guard mount and practically all forms of drill were viewed by Captain Laubach. He also made a thorough inspection of the hospital, mess hall, dormitories and of the records in the in the commandant's office.

A. & M.'s rank with the War Department rests solely on the recommendation of the inspecting officers. This institution now ranks as one of the ten distinguished military institutions of the United States, and while the Texas college's standing in that ten has never been made known officially, the college people have been given to understand that she stands at the top.

This year the military rating is slightly different from what it has been. Instead of only one group, there are two divisions, military colleges and military schools. Military colleges are those colleges which give thorough instruction and whose graduates, averaging twenty-one or over in age, receive B. S. degrees. From the showing which these colleges make at inspection a list of the ten highest ranking in the United States is made. A. & M. comes under the division of military colleges and beyond any doubt

