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TRIP ASSURED

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fect organization. Ike Ashburn, publicity agent, was placed in charge of the trip, and called upon to draft on the committee for any assistance he needed. The first step was to take a straw vote by companies to find how many men favored the trip and thought it possible that they would go. More than 600 names were placed on the petitions. Then a circular letter outlining the trip and announcing that the expenses would probably be in the neighborhood of \$65 per student, was sent out to the parents of each boy that signed the petition. Cards addressed to the management of the rip were enclosed and to date about 400 of these cards have been received. With the exception of about ten cases the parents have expressed the hope that their son may be a member of the party and have signified their intention of sending him unless providentially hindered. Sounds like the trip is possible, doesn't it?

It's a safe bet that at least 50 per cent of the Freshmen next year will go with the party, and that gives you an assured attendance of not less than 500 boys.

As yet the plans for the trip are pretty much in the rough. The Passenger Agents' Association of Colorado, which names the rates to and from the exposition, has set a \$50 rate from this part of the State. This rate allows a three months' stop in San Francisco. Just at the present we are interested in obtaining a lower rate

with, say, a thirty day limit, and there is some hope that we will get what we want. At any rate, we want cheaper transportation than \$50, and we are expecting some relief in that regard.

The trip will be made in a special train, maybe two trains if the attendance justifies. Tourist sleepers will be used, and these entail an additional expense of \$25 per day each. In talking the trip over most of the committee have expressed a desire to route the trip out there through Colorado in order that the boys might have the opportunity of enjoying the great scenery of the West. The trip back to Texas would be made straight through. In that event four days and four nights would probably be spent in going, allowing a stopover at Pike's Peak, and three days would be required to reach Texas after leaving San Francisco.

The United States War Department will maintain a military reserve and cadets who go with the corps will not be forced to tramp for hours searching for hotel accommodations or else sleep in a wagon yard. There will be tents and blankets for all and the mess conducted by the United States department will be open to our boys for a price of about forty cents a day. Those who are more choice with reference to eats will find plenty of restaurant accommodations. On the train a kitchen probably will be installed in the baggage cars and meals served there, company at a time. That takes care of the eating and sleeping on the way there and while present at the exposition.

Just a word about the benefits of making the trip as a corps and as individuals. Look here—railroad fare, \$50; sleeper fare for the round trip,

\$21. Then what about meals en route? Not one cent less than \$2.50 per day. Hotel bill and meals at San Francisco; daily entrance into the exposition grounds, whereas the cadet pays but once and then is given a season pass. That for the money side. And then how about a companion and how about trips into the great orchards, the chemical factories, trips of inspection to points of interest to civil, mechanical and electrical engineers. San Francisco is noted for holding an unusual interest for every sort of a student, and the trip out there, were there to be no exposition, would be well worth while for the boys.

Now the chief thing that faces us is to raise funds in order to cut down the expense per individual as much as possible. This is the only opportunity we will ever have to attend the San Francisco exposition and the celebration of the completion of the great canal. Heroic steps are going to be made to raise enough money to take care of some one feature of the expense, say the purchase of supplies for the mess en route there and back, or for payment of the sleeper charges. To that end the co-operation of every boy who wants to make the trip is urged. We need your help and your assistance.

Provision will be made for campus people, and it looks like the attendance of instructors and other employees of the college will be heavy according to expressions heard in talks with them.

It is going to take lots of work to make the trip possible for anything like the figure named, and it's up to us boys to hit the grit for we are the chief beneficiaries.

MANAGER JAMES' SCHEME WORKED AGAIN—WILL SEND THE A. & M. TRACK TEAM TO THE STATE MEET.

The A. & M. College is indebted to Cadet Captain O. J. James for most of the possibilities for an A. & M. track team this year. Through this active young track manager's ingenuity a picture show was staged last Thursday night. The proceeds from this enterprise will go to a fund to finance the team in the intercollegiate meet.

That the pictures, consisting of a three-reel drama and comedy, were greatly enjoyed was evinced by the enormous crowd present. Pictures of this kind, strictly noneducational, will always attract a crowd. If the M. E. department will again kindly lend a helping hand to make possible two more such shows, there will be enough finances on hand to enable our team to be represented in the State meet.

It is deplorable that our Athletic Association cannot supply all the funds needed to carry on our athletic functions in a first class manner. But it is gratifying to know that even with such obstacles in the way A. & M. has and will continue to come out on or near the top in athletics—if we retain that co-operative spirit of the departments of the college and the liberal patronage and support in every respect of the student body.

Prof. Chastain: "Did I not tell you to be prepared with your history lesson? And here you are unable to repeat a word of it."

Singletary (H. H.): "I didn't think it was necessary, sir. You've always said that history repeats itself."