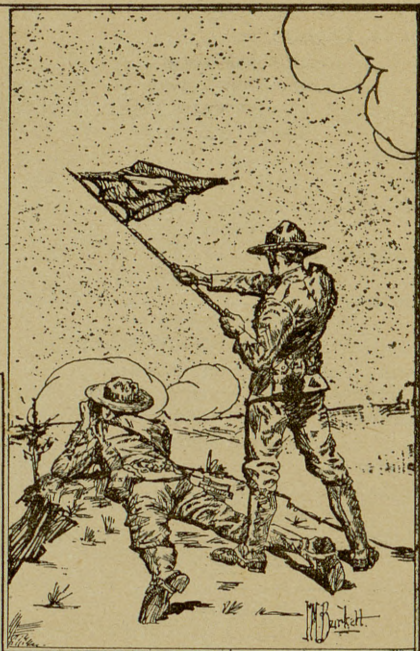


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DES MOINES TRIP WAS ENJOYED BY A. & M. MEN

Association With Y.M.C.A. Men From Many Schools and Countries Impressed all Delegates.

At 7:40 p. m., December 31, an anxious and jubilant nine boarded the Texas Special which ran as second section of the Katy Limited No. 4, to Kansas City thence to Des Moines over the Chicago and Great Northern arriving there at 9:00 a. m., Tuesday morning.

The trip from Dallas to Des Moines was one of constant happenings. One of the A. and M. delegates, perhaps with the near approach of Sbis's chow, attempted to get a piece of pie at Greenville, with the result that he, Fish Seals, had to join us in Parsons Kansas on the following morning. But with characteristic A. and M. resourcefulness he came thru all o. k.

Arriving at Kansas City at 1 p. m., a twelve hour stop-over was found necessary and the delegates were given a chance to see that very interesting city. Sight-seeing in general was the order of the afternoon. Little parties of twos and fours were to be seen everywhere and a jollier bunch would be hard to imagine. Early in the game seven of the cadets monopolized the C. I. A. bunch and left the other two very reticent and rather timid members of the party to 'kid the natives' and to become acquainted with the girls from T. W. C., Howard Payne, Kidd-Key.

The Texas Special was one of the first of the eighteen trains to arrive in Des Moines, December 31st for the Convention. After registering at the Court House, a place improvised for that work on account of its nearness to the station, we proceeded to the place where we were to live during our stay in the city. Some of the A. and M. bunch were quartered in hotels while the more fortunate were placed in homes, in the homes the bunch were shown every courtesy, (Continued on Page 5)

TROPHY OF LIVE STOCK JUDGING TEAM ARRIVES

Large Bronze Bull Awarded to A. and M. Boys Will be Placed in the Main Building.

The pride and delight of the members of the Champion International Stock Judging Team has been revived and made keen by the arrival on the Campus of the large bronze bull the trophy awarded them at the International Livestock Exposition as a prize for their merit in stock judging.

To a number of students and officials who were here from 1913 to 1916 this object is familiar from the fact that it remained here those three years as an emblem of excellence of the 1913 Stock Judging Team.

The base, is about thirty-six inches in length and in height from base to tip is about twenty-four inches. It weighs four hundred pounds. As a piece of sculpture it is a true work of art, executed in bronze. The group represents a prize bull in care of an ancient exhibitor who has been crowned with a laurel wreath.

The trophy was presented for the first time to this College. This took place in the fall of 1913. There was no international contest in either 1914 or 1915 but in 1916 it went to Purdue University of Indiana. Nebraska won it in 1917 and then it was carried to the Guelp Agricultural College of Ontario in 1918. It comes here direct from there.

As soon as clement weather permits appropriate ceremonies will be arranged and the statue will be transported to the Main building in pagant fashion placed in a glass protecting case and located in the rotunda there to remain.

If the 1920 team is as successful at the Exposition this coming fall as the 1913 and 1919 teams, then its stay will be permanent.

MEMBERS ROSS VOLUNTEERS IN BUSY MEETING

Prepare for Active Drilling and Appoint Committe Chairman for Annual Hop.

Capt. W. F. Burns recently assembled the Ross Volunteers for the purpose of deciding upon uniforms and making arrangements for measure taking at same time of letting the contract to Brandon and Lawrence for them. This was made necessarily early because of the fact that pictures must soon be made for the Longhorn—and again the moral of late purchasing from last year was remembered. The dance question was brought up and the chairman of various committees elected which were as follows:

- Arrangement—Tom Cheeves.
- Reception—Alec Harris.
- Finance—R. G. Higginbotham.
- Floor—Red Thompson.
- Decoration—Jack Mahan.
- Program—Scott Alexander.

The date for the R. V. Hop was set at April 23—to be preceded by the Queen's Ball on the 22nd and possibly followed on Saturday night by a carnival and jitney dance. The plan is to make these dances record breakers in their classes as no effort toward this end will be left unexercised. The showing of those present was fine and it is not only desirable but demanded that all members attend all meetings. In years past the R. V.'s have meant but little, but in line with everything else that has been done and is being done, a transformation can be expected. Plans for drills will be made in the near future and these will be conducted with 100 per cent membership or not at all.

Let a word to wise cadets and sons of rest be sufficient—make that date with little angel eyes because the future holds something for all of us.

FARMERS OPEN SEASON WITH A DOUBLE VICTORY

McQuillen, Forbes and Ehlert are the Outstanding Stars for the Farmers.

In the first conference games of the season the Farmer Five had little trouble in their double win over the Baylor Bears. The first game went to the speedy Aggies at a 52-10 tune while the second game was annexed by a score of 36-10.

In the first game the Aggies were never stopped and for a while it looked as if the score might be unlimited. With the whole second team on the floor however, the Bears held and prevented further scoring by the home team. Forbes was the brightest star of the night, shooting a total of eleven goals from the field and also scoring on several foul goals. Hartung and Williams at guard showed up well and upheld the A. and M. reputation for close guarding. Porter for Baylor, played a hard, steady game and guarded exceptionally well.

Saturday night saw a still harder game, for the Bears came back strong. The passing of both teams was fast and at times very good. Ehlert aroused himself and scored six field goals in the first half while Covington did most of the scoring for the Baylor quint. The Farmer's as a whole look pretty good; they seem to have speed, passing ability and fight and these are the three main essentials. Right now the problem confronting Coach Driver is in the picking of the best combination. There is an abundance of good guard material while the forwards and center positions seem well taken care of. As soon as the Farmer's improve their shooting eyes a bit and start passing the ball and not dropping or holding it they will begin to resemble an A. and M. Basketball team. The series with Baylor demonstrated the rough