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## THEODORE H. PRICE LAUDS A. AND M.

Just a short while ago the College Community was honored by a visit from Thomas H. Price who is editor of Commerce and Finance, a magazine devoted to financial and economic conditions. In the issue of Wednesday, March 24, he relates the experiences of his trip through the South in the article "A Mental Movie of the Southwest." Following is an excerpt from same:

"Journeying northward from San Antonio and the King ranch I gratified a long cherished desire by visiting the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, which is just south of Bryan. It is a state institution where some 1700 or 1800 young men are being educated as farmers and agricultural or mechanical engineers. It was my privilege to address them and I preached a little sermon upon "The Sin of Conservatism" to which in my opinion the slow progress of the South in agriculture is so largely due.

"I have never seen a finer lot of young men than those who assembled to hear me. The College is under military discipline and the appearance of the student body is a powerful argument in favor of universal military training. The tuition is free but as many of the boys have to earn enough to pay for their board and lodging they do most of the work required to keep the plant and grounds in order. For this they are paid at the rate of thirty cents an hour and they are to be seen laboring on the demonstration farm, the chicken ranch, in the cow barn and elsewhere.

"Their enthusiasm is obvious and I should say that they were certainly one hundred percent efficient. The curriculum of the College combines the practical and theoretical throughout. Its faculty are devoted and enthusiastic and the reports I have heard of the value of the work it is doing were fully confirmed. It is undoubtedly one of the great agricultural colleges of the land."

The College is certainly indebted to Mr. Price for such a favorable comment. His visit here was appreciated and a standing invitation to return is extended.

Our athletic record, so far, is an enviable one and will probably cause the year of 1919-20 to stand out as a standard and incentive for our efforts in future years. The year is

not over as yet and the prospects of our having a winning baseball club and track team are very good. The latter, however, deserves this little consideration. In track work training is perhaps the most important factor in developing a winning team, just as in other forms of athletics. To train properly, however, nothing is more vital than that they be given an adequate amount of food of certain quality. It is realized that this has and is receiving consideration and probably there are details with which we are not acquainted. However, may we request that still more effort be given over to this in order that every track aspirant may be supplied with food which will condition him correctly? A track man is prohibited from eating sweets, too much grease, etc., and is not allowed to smoke or keep late hours under any consideration. There are probably more hardships experienced and more sacrifices made than in any other sport. Those in authority give these men your earnest consideration and co-operation and see that they are provided with a training table if possible. We will guarantee that same will not only be appreciated but will get results—a clean slate for old Texas A. and M. for the year 1919-20.

## BOTTLE SIDES

Eighteen men from G Company have signed to go to the R. O. T. C. camp. This company produced some of the most distinguished men in camp last year and in all probability will repeat the performance this time.

The fact that no action has been taken in regard to excusing the company reporters from reveille all goes to show republics are indeed ungrateful.

Perhaps "cush" for the month of April will somewhat soothe the ruffled feelings of the Sophs and will also influence the decorati tendencies of the Fish.

H. L. Rreeke says that if they are to have mounted cops in the ball park they should at least clean the sand off the track—no inferences that they are sandblowers.

Paul Reverse looked kinder hot galloping around in Tom Mix manner and scaring one off in his brusque western way. What?

An old theorem was advanced in economics last week as to how to get rich quick. It was to buy up a bunch of these birds that belong to the "I hate myself" club at your price and auction them off at their own figure—\$576,329,751,000,031.

Miss Mabel Brown of Rockwall, who is attending Baylor University, was in College Station last Thursday, visiting her brother, "Reveille" Brown and friends on the campus. She was on her way to Houston to attend a house party.

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