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STOCK AT THE M. A. C. BARN.

To the agriculturist, one of the most interesting features of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, is the farm barn and its associations.

Owing to the earnest efforts of those having the matter in charge the last few years, a valuable collection of live-stock has been procured.

A change has lately been made so that instead of a number of cows, kept simply for milk production, there has been procured, herds consisting of nineteen Ayrshires, five Guernseys, eight Holstein-Friesians, seven Jerseys, and six Shorthorns, which, counting the young stock, makes a total of about sixty head. The different breeds are separated and a strict record kept of the milk produced by each animal. The cows are fed on hay, and a mixture of cob-meal and bran, while the small calves are given new milk until about three weeks old, when they are fed on ground oats and skim milk. The bulls are given hay alone, three times daily.

The cattle floor of the barn has been rearranged, making very comfortable accommodations for the stock, giving plenty of fresh air, and at present affording more than enough room for the cattle, but the natural increase will soon crowd the buildings. The cattle are provided with roomy stalls, which are continually kept neat and clean for the health and comfort of the animals. There is, at present, about twelve varieties of stanchions in use, with a view of experimenting with each kind, and finding the good and bad qualities of each variety.

The bulls are provided with large box stalls, where they are separated from the rest of the stock, and effectually secured. The milch cows, of which there are sixteen, now yield about 307 pounds of milk per day, the cream of which is sent to the Am-

herst Creamery, to be manufactured into butter, while the skim milk is fed to the swine and calves. At present there are six horses on the farm. One pair of roan mares, four and five years old; one roan horse, five years old, and one grey horse, nine years old which are used for general farm work. Also, two pure bred Percherons; a stallion, three years old, and an imported mare, five years old. These valuable animals were presented to the College by Lawson Valentine, of Houghton Farm, Mountainville, N. Y.; with the understanding that they are to be used for improving the stock of the State, and for draft and general purposes. Temporary accommodations have been provided for these Percherons, but there is great need of more and better stabling, which will probably be provided during the ensuing year.

The small Yorkshire swine have proved remunerative, but they could be raised to much more advantage, should the accommodations permit. At present, there are three large boars, and three sows, beside which are twelve small pigs, seven of which are males. Their food consists of skim milk and bran.

A large flock of Southdown sheep is kept which have been found profitable, but here too is great need of better accommodations. The flock consists of one ram, three years old; two rams, one year old; twenty two sheep, and thirteen lambs. The sheep are fed on cut turnips, hay, and oats, while the lambs are given bran, and oats, mixed.

The care of these animals is entrusted to the students and other employees, under the direction of Mr. David Wright.

In order that they may see for themselves the advantages of keeping first class stock, the farmers of the State, and especially of the vicinity, should avail themselves of the first opportunity to visit the M. A. C. barn.—[Editor.]

Don't fail to read the adv. on page 4.

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In the interests of Agriculture and Education, we this month and hereafter, devote a portion of our space to items of news concerning Amherst College.

The farmers of Amherst and of the State have done a great deal for Amherst College from the time of its early struggles for existence to the present day, and will be glad of information concerning the things that Amherst College is doing for Agriculture and the Agriculturist.

The organization of the Hatch Experiment Station of the M. A. C. has been accomplished. A committee of trustees will look after the work, and Pres. H. H. Goodell has been chosen director. Prof. Maynard will direct the work in Horticulture, Prof. Fernald in Entomology, Prof. Warner in Meteorology, and the Professor of Agriculture in his department. The experiments in Chemistry will be conducted by Prof. Goessmann. A room in the tower of South College has been fitted up as the headquarters of the Station. Correspondence is solicited in regard to matters connected with any of the departments. Bulletins will be published from time to time

giving the results of investigations, and will be sent to those who apply for them.

The Grange.

THE COUNTY GRANGE

met at Northampton, April 11, in the G. A. R. Hall, and the officers elected at the last meeting were duly installed by Thaddeus Graves of Hatfield. Essays were read and a resolution adopted and forwarded to Congress, condemning the Mills tariff bill so far as it related to farmers produce.

AMHERST GRANGE.

New furniture has been placed in the hall including a fine Estey organ.

Miss. Lizzie Wilson, Miss Emily Cook, Miss Minnie Graves, Frank Dickinson, and H. Ward Cook were initiated into the first and second degrees, Friday, April 27. They will be initiated into the third and fourth degrees on Wednesday and Friday evenings of this week. On Friday evening the initiations will be completed under the supervision of the inspector, after which all present will enjoy a sugar festival.

At the meeting held April 27, it was decided that, owing to the few meetings to be held during the coming season, no programme should be prepared.

Lecturer Myrick of the Springfield District Grange, is arranging for a discussion of the Tariff question at a meeting to be held at Granby, early in June.

The contest over the Oleomargarine Bill in the legislature is drawing out from the Granges resolutions strongly favoring the protection of the dairy interests of the State.

Base Ball, Aggies vs. Northampton Firemen, April 28, 13 to 2, in favor of Northampton.

A sportsman is a man who stays all day away from his business, spends two dollars for powder and shot, and comes home tired, ugly, and cross, dragging a fourteen cent rabbit by the ears.

AMHERST COLLEGE.

...The Gym. Ex. comes May 9.
 ...The Blakefield grand stand needs painting.
 ...The Freshmen have ordered suits for their nine.
 ...Many Seniors are hard at work on their graduating theses.
 ...The Lester prize speaking will come off the evening of May 9.
 ...Pictures of the Glee and the Banjo clubs have been placed in the library.
 ...The candidates for the Worcester Athletic Contest are training faithfully.
 ...The fifties have been chosen and are practicing for the exhibition at the Gymnasium, May 9.
 ...A game came off with the Boston University, Saturday, April 28, resulting in a victory for Amherst, the score being 11 to 2.
 ...E. E. Jackson '89, has been reelected Business Manager of the Board of Editors for the STUDENT, and D. V. Thompson '89, holds the same position on the "Lit."
 ...The Co-operative Society have issued a neat pamphlet which gives the objects of the Society, a list of co-operative firms, and terms of agreement with merchants.
 ...We gladly announce the marriage of Rev. John C. Wilson, graduate of this college. He will settle at Stonington, Conn., and preach in the Congregational Church there.
 ...A college Band, consisting of sixteen pieces, has been organized, with Jewett '88, Pres.; Hunt '90, Sec'y; Merriam, '89, Treas.; Howland '90, Leader. Subscription papers have been started to raise money to buy instruments.
 ...The following Base Ball schedule has been prepared. Season tickets for ten of the games [May 21 excluded] will be sold for three dollars. May 1, Amherst vs. Cuban Giants, at Amherst; May 2, Amherst vs. Harvard, at Cambridge; May 12, Amherst vs. Brown, at Amherst; May 21, Amherst vs. Yale at Amherst; May 25, Amherst vs. Wesleyan, at Amherst.

M. A. C. NEWS.

—The Senior's Question— What shall my thesis be about?
 ---Arbor Day was celebrated by the different classes by setting out trees.
 —April 24, the Seniors won a game from the Freshmen, the score being 18 to 21.
 —The first game of Base Ball between the classes occurred April 13, the Seniors defeating the Sophomores 9 to 6.
 --The damage on South College caused by the blizzard has been repaired and other parts of the building strengthened.
 —April 17, a game of base ball was played between the Freshmen and Sophomores, the score standing 21 to 6, in favor of '91.
 --Prof. Levi Stockbridge, formerly President of this college, is supplying the vacancy caused by the resignation of Prof. Alvord.
 --The base ball ground has been graded, the foot ball goals removed and a suitable back stop built, making a very suitable place for the seasons work.
 --Mr. N. S. Burnette, present proprietor of the College Boarding House, has bought a place in So. Amherst and will soon move there and carry on the chicken business.
 —The lawn tennis courts are being prepared for use. There are at present three: the Q. T. V. back of South College, the D. G. K. back of North College, and the Shakesperian back of the Laboratory.
 --The following men comprise the M. A. C. Base Ball Team. Bliss, C. E. c.; Rice p.; Noyes 2b.; Newman 3.b; McCloud ss.; Russell f.; Richards cf.; Dickinson rf.; Paige sub. Rice was chosen captain and Noyes Business Manager.
 —Through the kindness of Manager Noyes, we are able to present the following Base Ball schedule. May 5, Willistons, Amherst; May 12, Willistons, Easthampton; May 26, Wesleyan, Amherst; June 9, Wesleyan, Wilbraham. Other games will probably be announced later.
 —The first regular game of Base Ball occurred here, April 21, with the Northampton Firemen, and resulted in a victory for the Aggies of 6 to 4. Another game was played with the same team at Northampton, the result of which will be found in another column.

The Office Cat.

A very good thing for a newspaper shop,
 Where copy by bushels comes in,
 And only quick hands can keep up with
 the crop,
 Or tell at which end to begin,
 And where the best head must grow weary
 at times,

So bothered by this and by that,
 Is an excellent office cat—
 A capable, knowing, and quite thorough-
 going,
 Responsible office cat.

This business like cat in its feline way,
 So silently wanders about,
 Absorbing in quiet by night or by day,
 All copy that lies under doubt;
 And so bosh by the yard becomes lost to
 the sight,

And many a bore is laid flat
 By this sensible office cat -
 This useful, laborious, never uproarious,
 Efficient old office cat.

The Editor, missing some lothersome
 thing,

No longer the subject pursues,
 But strokes the sleek cat as it sits at his
 side,

With a smile that is meant to amuse;
 His conscience is clear and his labor is
 saved.

So be sure he will never say "Seat!"
 To that beauteous old office cat,
 That careful, industrious, highly illustri-
 ous,
 Truly good old office cat.

—[Selected.]

Our pocket-book is now in so feeble a
 condition that it cannot stand a loan.

An editor published a long leader on
 Hogs, and the rival paper upbraided him
 for bringing family matters before the pub-
 lic.

There is a difference in milkmaids: the
 milk made in the city is not like the milk
 made in the country.

Stop Thief!!!

STOLEN from the premises of the subscri-
 ber— ons signal flag. A liberal reward
 will be paid for its return and no questions
 asked. Charlie M. Walker.

Amherst, April 22.

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