

ers' institutes, would say that it has been my privilege to be present at several such meetings, and my observation stamps all such reflections upon such meetings as absolutely false. We find the meetings to have invariably been well advertised and well attended. In fact, eastern institute workers whom we have met pronounce our farmers' institutes equal to those held in the more thickly settled communities of the east, both as regards the lectures given and the attendance. In institute matters we are without a doubt right up to date.

Regarding the bulletins, we sent in our application for them and we receive them as they are published.

LETTER FROM A STUDENT

H. F. BLANCHARD.

[The following excellent communication is from the son of H. L. Blanchard]

Editor The Ranch: In looking over your paper for Oct. 17th, I find there an article entitled "Washington Agricultural College; an Impartial Review of Its Status and Tendencies."

As a member of the Washington Agricultural College and a student of the course in agriculture I cannot but feel the injustice that the writer of the article referred to, is trying to do this institution and its directors.

As a student I have been connected with the college since February, 1896, and have taken up both preparatory and collegiate work, making in all a six and one-half years' course. Although perfectly loyal to the progress of agriculture in the state of Washington and a supporter of it, I have had not the slightest reason to feel as has been expressed in the article to which I refer.

"The Hayseed" asserts (I feel that he does not deserve the name), that the majority of preparatory students of the college are probably from the vicinity of Pullman. I will say that last year's lists show that of the 183 students enrolled in this department 93 are from outside of Washington county and a number of these coming from the western part of the state.

This preparatory course is a bonanza to the young people living in the country as it is especially adapted to the fitting for college those who do not have the privileges of city high schools. I feel sure that our agricultural people cannot find cause for complaint in a course that is so well modeled to their interests. The same is true of

the summer science school for teachers, by which they are fitted for better work in our country schools, enabling them to impart to their pupils the very fundamentals of agricultural science.

Again "The Hayseed's" statement with reference to David A. Brodie shows his unfamiliarity with the work here. Mr. Brodie graduated in the spring of '98, instead of last spring, and has had charge of the experiment station at Puyallup for nearly three years. He also says: "It is said to be a fact that students entering the department of agriculture of our state agricultural college are rather looked down upon, etc., by those taking the classical, scientific and business courses, etc." Now, all know, who have any interest at all in the college that such statements are utterly false and that instead, students of the agricultural department have always been looked upon as among the strongest students of the college, while the agricultural course has never been questioned as being the strongest and

been slightly misinformed; either that, or he has not attended the district school long enough to appreciate the meaning of the term "classical." If he refers to the rapid progress in the biological sciences and mechanic arts he is right, but what is the agricultural work of the college supposed to be but a biological science? Hence its development is evident. If he means to infer what we must all understand by his manner of expression, I can only state that he is entirely wanting of the knowledge necessary to write an article such as he has presented to the readers of The Ranch.

As regards the experimental work of the station I need but refer "The Hayseed" to the intelligent farmers of the state. The experimental work carried on with grasses, fruits, livestock, etc., by the station staff is unlimited as compared with the amount of money set aside for that purpose. At present experimental work is being done on the wheats of a number of years duration. If successful, and I have every

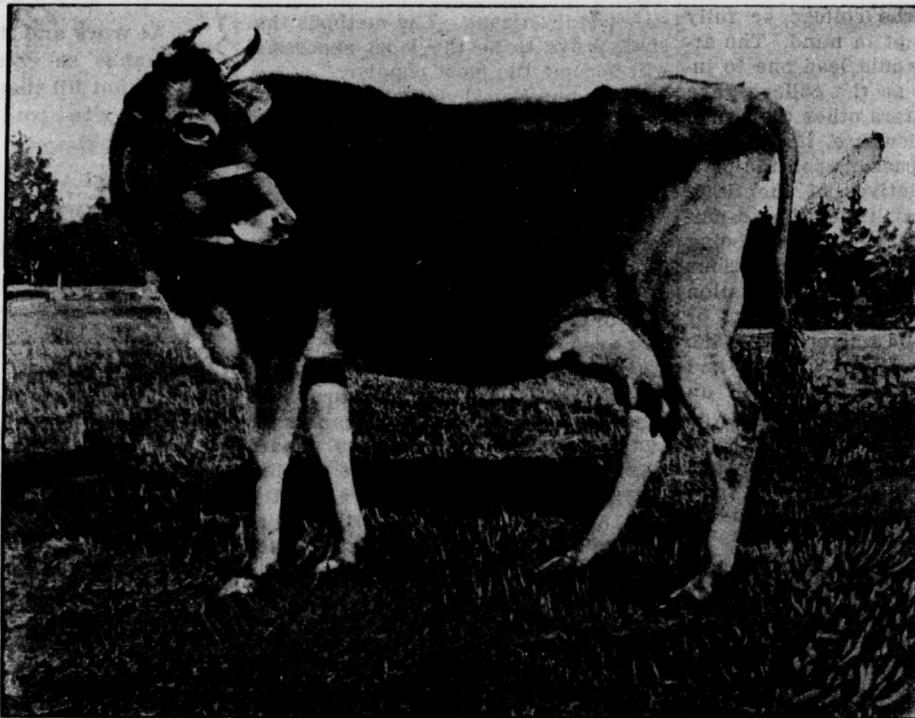
ditions were as "The Hayseed" seems to delight in picturing them. It will be noticed that the same issue in which his article appears contains a full list of farmers' institutes and where they are to be held.

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broadest course that the institution affords a course worthy of any who wish to become deep and able agriculturists.

As to the building up of a classical institution by those at its head, I am led to believe that "The Hayseed" has

reason to believe that it will be, this experiment will be worth a very great deal to the wheat growers of the state.

With reference to the advertising of farmers' institutes much depends upon the farmers themselves. However I have never heard of a case where con-

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