Probability of a Tax.

President Schaeffer went to Des Moines last night, where he will meet the President of the Agricultural College to-day. The State Normal School at first intended to unite with these two institutions in asking for a special tax levy, but afterwards decided it would not be for its best interest. A bill has been prepared by the University and the Agricultural College which grants to the University one-fifth of a mill on each dollar of the assessed valuation of taxable property in the State, $35,000,000. This tax would yield an annual income of about $1,650,000.

The prospects for the success of the bill are very flattering. President Schaeffer is sure of a good report from the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, and of the support of a majority of Senators, and he is reasonably sure of the House. The bill will be introduced immediately, and it is hoped will be pushed to an early passage.

German Seminary.

At the regular meeting of the German Seminary last evening Mr. P. B. Van Oosterhout presented a well written paper on Goethe "Goetz Von Berlichingen." The hero of the drama lived in the 15th century during the rule of Maximilian the First. This play was the first work which Goethe submitted to the public and it at once excited a great deal of attention and sympathy.

F. J. Langenhorst, reported on Maximilian Wolfgang Duncker a German historian and statesman of the 16th century. Miss Barber gave an interesting synopsis of Victor Hugo's attempt to prove Beethoven the greatest man in Germany. The Brockhaus conversation Lexicon, was the subject of Mr. Reimers' report. This work is to the Germans what the Britannica is to the English speaking people. It is an invaluable work, paying as it does, especial attention to the needs of the American Germans. Professor Wilson then exhibited and explained the New Stiers Hand Atlas, a recent addition to the German library. This great work contains ninety five colored maps with an alphabetical list containing over 200,000 names found on the maps. The next meeting will be held Feb. 3d. Mr. Reimers will present a paper on Clarigo.

Zetagathan Banquet.

There has been a long-felt need in our literary societies for something which should bring the individual members composing the society nearer together, to form closer and more intimate ties of friendship between them; for they felt that the literary work could be instilled and improved by awakening a new interest in society matters. In order to accomplish this aim the Zetagathanians on Tuesday evening gave an entertainment which in every respect was a decided success. Games, refreshments and music added to the pleasure of the evening. Toast-master W. T. Chantland called upon a number of members to respond to toasts for their respective classes. H. F. Rall 91, spoke for the Alumni, Frank Nelson and J. Mekota for 92, O. H. L. Mason for 93, E. E. Hopkins for 94 and H. O. Pratt for 95. About fifty members were present.

University Extension.

The following is an abridgment of the syllabus of the course of twelve lectures now being delivered at Davenport by Professors Calvin, Melbridge and Nutting:

BY PROFESSOR CALVIN,

Geology and the Geologic Record.
I. Definition and scope of Geology.
II. Relations of Geology to other Sciences.
III. The Geologic Record.
IV. Geology deals only with Crust of the Earth.
V. Crust made of Aggregates of Mineral Substances called Rocks.
VI. Definition of Rocks.
VII. Classes of Rocks. How they have Originated.

Lecture II, January 16.
Erosion, Transportation, Deposition.
I. Origin of Sediments.
II. Erosion.
III. Transportation (by Flowing Water).
IV. Deposition and Rock Formation.

Lecture III, January 23.
Evolution of Continents and Continental Forms of Relief.
I. Geological History of North American Continent.
II. Minor Topographical Features of Land Auras.
III. Forms of Relief.
IV. Mountain Making.
V. Mountain Sculpturing.

Lecture IV, January 30.
I. Definition of Glaciers.
II. Sources, Origin and Essential Conditions.
IV. Properties of Ice on which Movements depend.
V. Erosion and Transportation by Glaciers.
VI. Moraines.
VII. The Glacial Period.

BY PROFESSOR McBRIE:

Lecture V, February 6.
Plants — Their Relation to the World, Organisms and Environment.
I. Our Knowledge of the History of Plant Life on the earth comes from a knowledge of that which now exists.
II. The Plant Cell.

Lecture VI, February 13.
Simplest Plants.
I. The Earliest Plants on Earth were probably of Simple Type.
II. Mosses and Liverworts.

Lecture VII, February 20.
The Fern World.
I. What is a Fern?
II. The Allies of Ferns.

Lecture VIII, February 27.
The Flowering World.
I. A Flowering or Seed-bearing Plant.
II. Distribution and Dispersal of Plants.

BY PROFESSOR NUTTING.

Lecture IX, March 5.
Geological Succession of Animals, Embryology.
I. Preliminary Considerations.
II. Order of Succession of Animals.
III. Facts of Special Significance.
IV. A Side Light from Embryology.

Lecture X, March 12.
Geographical Distribution of Animals.
I. Preliminary Considerations.
II. What determines the Location of a Species?
III. Distribution of American Mammals.
IV. Distribution of American Birds.
V. Individual Cases of Special Significance.

Lecture XI, March 19.
Natural Selection, The Origin of Species.
I. Pre-Darwinian Theories.
II. Natural Selection.
III. Complexity of Relations between organisms.
IV. Artificial Selection.

Lecture XII, March 26.
I. Facts to be explained.
II. Protective Coloration.
III. Aggressive Coloration.
IV. Directive Coloration.
V. Attractive Coloration.
The Vidette-Reporter

The annual banquets held in Sioux City by the State University Alumni Association affords not only an opportunity for its alumni to come together, but it also helps to advertise the University. The alumni of Sioux City are doing a good work for their Alma Mater. There are hundreds of S. U. I. alumni in the larger cities, not only in Iowa, but in other states. If we are rightly informed, there are enough S. U. I. alumni in Burlington, Des Moines and Omaha, to constitute a strong association in each city. If we would have three or four of these associations in the state and a few in the bordering states it would help largely to bring our University before the public and in a very creditable manner. An institution to prosper needs the support not only of the faculty and students, but of friends and alumni. The good work of the Sioux City Alumni should be imitated by others.

University of New York.

It is amusing occasionally to find intelligent persons who confound our State University with the institution known as Iowa College, and we think their ignorance rather strange. But, really now, how many of us know the nature of the State University of New York? an institution in existence since the close of the Revolution, honored with the counsel of such men as Governor George Clinton, John Jay, Philip Schuyler and Alexander Hamilton in its earliest years? We would naturally expect it to be like other universities, an institution for the instruction of large numbers of students in the varied branches of higher education.

It is entirely different. It is a University which is not a university in the ordinary sense of the term. It is, instead, and has always been, simply a supervisory body, consisting of a Board of Trustees, or Regents, whose duties are to supervise the educational interests of the state, visiting and inspecting all colleges, academies and schools which were or might be established in the state, to examine into the condition of education and make a yearly report to the legislature. They are empowered to confer the highest degrees, to charter, or revoke the charters of colleges and academies, and to promote academies to collegiate rank.

The powers of the board have been extended from time to time until now they have charge of the state historical and scientific documents and research, the state museum and finally the state library.

The influence of the university upon the colleges of the state, has been to raise the grade of academic instruction so that pupils are much better prepared for undertaking college work. It also calls together annually the teachers and officers of the colleges and academies to a convention for the discussion and promotion of general educational matters. It has charge of the university extension movement of the state.

In a recent address before this body Chancellor George William Curtis states: "Its character and functions are like no other. It is an educational institution of large powers and opportunities and consequently of large responsibilities, as the representatives of the people, and of the various institutions of which the university consists." Mr. Curtis prefaced his address by a witty allusion to the general ignorance of educated New Yorkers as to the real character of their time honored institution, and the lack of information as to its nature frankly acknowledged by a friend, recently graduated from Harvard.

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Arguments in Moot Court began yesterday.

Mr. Shimek is confined to his home by sickness.

The Executive Committee held its monthly meeting yesterday.

The gymnasium classes were re-graded by Mr. Kallenberg this week.

Experiments are now being conducted in the bacteriological laboratory.

M. C. King, '80, is located at Sutton, Neb., and is having a good law practice.

About two hundred people have been attending Professor Calvin's lectures in Davenport.

W. T. Chantland, '92 has succeeded L. B. Elliott, '93 as Business Manager of the Quill.

Dr. Wood Hutchinson will deliver a lecture in Close Hall auditorium, Wednesday evening, Feb. 3.

The Astronomy class observed from the Observatory last Tuesday evening.

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