"Forestry, an Economic Problem."

At Close Hall, Tuesday evening, Professor W. H. M. Guest delivered his lecture on "Forestry, an Economic Problem," to a fair-sized audience.

Postponing the question of the history of Europe at the time of the founding of the United States, he pointed out that private ownership of natural resources prevailed everywhere. In opposition to this, the early political tendency of America in towns and cities was individualism. Our early statesmen had no thought for the preservation of our resources.

The tendency of the succeeding periods, however, drifted toward the study of governmental functions, and, growing out of this tendency, it is only to-day we see the forest, taken as a whole, becoming one of transcendent importance.

The first difficulty met with in the consideration of this question is that the forests of this country have passed from public to private control. In order to find a happy solution for this problem, it is absolutely necessary that the forests be placed under constitutional jurisdiction. The individual vigorously opposes such a plan as this, as tending to a too great centralization of government, but the nature of forests prevents them from being placed under city, town, county, state or federal roads and similar enterprises, or, in fact, even with agricultural lands.

The government takes over the control of this article, the government, it means, government control of necessity is a great length of time it takes for forest development. Americans must soon begin to realize that forest conservation vastly exceeds forest production. We must guard the forests for centuries, for the good of the present generation and for the good of the future generation. Nothing short of government control can successfully undertake such an enterprise. In view of this, the complex nature of forest growth demands that scientific and general control which will enable us to maintain these resources in such a way that the present and future generations will be able to enjoy the same benefits as the present generation.

The largest owner of forest land in the country owns but an infinitesimal portion of the whole forest area, and no matter how he would regulate his possessions by wise observance of forestry science, it will all avail nothing to him or his neighbors, who are equally progressive, unless the same wise rules are universally observed. For this reason the only manner in which to attain to a scientific regulation of our forests is by national action.

Forests, as affecting the water supply and climate, are a most important factor considered physically or economically. The forests are great reservoirs and streamers. They store up a uniform form of water, preventing both floods and droughts. They act as giant sponges, the lands at the head waters of a river and more often destroys the happiness of a whole country along the river course by clearing away the forest lands. The government expends millions of dollars in order to make our streams navigable, whereas, if a portion of the forest was used to purchase and preserve the forests at the head waters of our streams and more, we might be securing the plentiful supply of our water courses would be insensibly greater than those attained by our present system.

Medical Department.

George P. W. M. Guest, was called to his home Thursday by the sudden death of his mother, who was a very kind and loving mother.

Professor Littig brought the Senior and Junior classes into the hospital wards at Tuesday's clinic to see some very interesting cases. The greatly appreciated by the students, who wish that wherever practical they may visit the hospital wards in this way.

W. L. Dean, of the Pathological Department, was called to Mississippi one day this week to hold a post-mortem over a case that has puzzled the doctors of the city for several days. He discovered the trouble and brought back the results of his investigation.

The Tuesday issue of the "Iowa Foreman" editorially takes exception to some of the statements made concerning a hospital stating: "that the agitation of the subject of a new hospital is appropriate, but it should be held in the proper light, and the agitation should be kept in a proper light, and the agitation should be overshadowed in importance the needs of the Collegiate Department of the University."

The urgent needs of the University are so very ably set forth in the report of the Board of Regents to State Superintendent Henry S. Ives, and we would call the attention of the "Iowa Foreman" to the fact that the first thing mentioned there was the way in which appropriations are made to hospitals and medical and surgical hospital. The attention of the Legislators is called to the growth of the University, and needs occasioned by it.

First among these needs is that of a hospital where the medical and surgical hospital will be able to give the same time duration of patients for the students' instruction. For more than twenty years the great state of Iowa has invited students to come to her medical school, and at the same time ample hospital facilities. We feel it in the interest of both parties to be able to hold at the same time for the same period of time.

The Junior class has completed their course in Elementary Law and were examined therein yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The attendance at the Iowa College of Law, a department of Drake University, is the largest, in the history of the school, being not far from one hundred students.

The last member of the "Law Student Helper" continue to demand the notes of the Professor and biographical sketch of "The New President of the Section on Legal Education of the American Bar Association. The new president is no other than the Chancellor of our Law School, Professor E. H. K.

The course of our University is no better illustrated than in the continual changing and shifting about of the faculty. The position for the Sophomore class. Four recitation rooms in three different buildings have been employed and a number of the students on different occasions have "lost their class."

The course in Code Pleading under Professor Hayes will be begun on Monday next. The last number of the Law Bulletin contains an article and outline on Code Pleading, and will be used by the class in their study of the subject.

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PERRY: It is an interesting fact that is shown in the joint debates. They are important factors in our University life, and are aptly, better, receiving that recognition which they deserve. In the debates held between S. U. I. and Minnesota we have had a fair showing, the honors having been quite divided. Judging from the preliminary debate held a week ago, we are going to be well represented in the Iowa-Chicago debate, which will be held in this city in a few weeks. The two literary societies have gone to considerable labor and expense in arranging these debates, and it is to be hoped that they may have the hearty support and interest of the public. The benefits to be derived from this line of work can not be overestimated. By good, methodical, systematic work along these lines, debates will, to a great extent, raise the standards and reputation of our University, as well as proving beneficial to those connected with them.

The University Extension course this year promises to be unusually strong. This feature of University work is increasing in strength and popularity each year. Courses of lectures have already been arranged for in several cities of the state, and the prospects are quite gratifying. In no other way can the University be brought as closely in contact with the people of the state as through these lectures given by our professors, which indicate the kind of work done by the University. The people of a large part of the state know little about the State University except that it is located at Iowa City, and many seem to think that it is Iowa City University, and accordingly do not give it the sympathy they should. An excellent way to dispel these popular delusions would be for each of our stud-

tents to endeavor to secure some of our courses of lectures for his home town this year, and thus awaken a stronger educational interest, benefiting both his home town and the University. A few of our students have already done this and results have been good. Professor McConnell is chairman of the University Extension department, and would it please to have all our students take an interest in this University Extension movement.

The committee for the coming Olympe games contains representatives from Greece, France, Russia, Bohemia, Sweden, New Zealand, England, the United States, Uruguay, Italy, Hungary, Italy, and Belgium, which would seem to insure the most comprehensive list of athletes the world has ever known. The American contingent will probably be large. From the famous Western sprints, is said to intend to compete, and many athletic clubs contemplate sending their champion performers. An honorary committee, with President Cleveland as chairman, and comprising among others, Jos. H. Conant, William M. Steane, President Dwight, President Eliot, President Gilman and President Low, has just been formed, and the executive committee expects to issue announcements very shortly, which will give to the public some more detailed information concerning this ambitious and felicitously executed undertaking.—Ex.

Some experiments were made last week at Princeton with a view to test the speed of a base ball pitched under normal circumstances. A distance of sixty feet was measured off, and by means of an electrical attachment in the pitcher's hand and another in the catcher's, the exact time of the ball in transit was read off a chronoscope. Allison and Bradley, Princeton's star twirlers, pitched a number of times, but on account of the season their speed was not up to the usual rate. The result was that six tenths of a second was recorded as the rate of Allison's ball, while it took forty-two. Only half of a second to throw the ball. These interesting experiments will be continued in warm weather, when it is the intention to measure the speed of the swiftest pitchers in the country.—Ex.

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