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"Forestry, an Economic Problem."

At Close Hall, Tuesday evening, Professor Charles A. Keffer delivered his lecture on "Forestry, an Economic Problem," to a fair sized audience.

Professor Keffer traced the history of Europe at the time of the founding of the United States. He showed that private ownership of natural resources prevailed everywhere. In opposition to this, the early political tendency of America is toward intense 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 forestry problem 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 national jurisdiction. The individual vigorously opposes such a plan as this, as tending to a too great centralization of government; but the nature of forests prevent them from being placed in the same category with railroads and similar enterprises, or, in fact, even with agricultural lands.

The first consideration that makes government control a necessity is the great length of time it takes for forest development. Americans must soon begin to realize that forest consumption vastly exceeds forest production; the growth of years are being destroyed annually in a wanton and extravagant manner. There is no incentive for the individual to grow a crop of pines to supplant those destroyed; neither he nor his children can live to reap the harvest of such a sowing. Nothing short of government control can successfully undertake such a stupendous task. Again, this complex nature of forest growth demands that scientific and general control of by government shall perpetuate these superior forms of tree life and cull out the inferior, that would naturally grow up to their detriment.

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 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 feeders for the streams. They insure a uniform flow of water, preventing both floods and droughts. The individual dwelling on the wood lands at the head waters of a river hinders and often destroys the happiness and prosperity of the 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 but a portion of all the vast sum thus expended be used to purchase and preserve the forests at the head waters of our streams the advantages in securing the perpetuation of our water courses would be inestimably greater than those attained by our present system.

Medical Department.

Geo. May, M. '97, was called to his home Thursday by the sudden death of his mother. This is a severe blow to him, having lost his father a few months previous.

The Junior and Senior classes are greatly interested in competitive class athletics. Among the sports in which the classes will compete a tug of war will be the most important.

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

W. L. Dean, of the Pathological Department, was called to Muscatine 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's issue of the VIDETTE-REPORTER 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 not be allowed to overshadow in importance the needs of the Collegiate Department of the University."

It is not the intention that the agitation of a hospital shall overshadow the needs of any other department. What has been written in the college papers concerning the subject has been by those mostly interested in a hospital, and who know the needs of the Medical Department.

The urgent needs of the University is very ably set forth in the report of the Board of Regents to State Superintendent Henry Sabin, and we would call the attention of the VIDETTE-REPORTER to the fact that the first thing mentioned there in the way of appropriations is a medical and surgical hospital. The attention of the Legislature is called to the growth of the University and needs occasioned by it.

First among these needs is that of a medical and surgical hospital, where the poor from throughout the state can obtain treatment free of charge, and at the same time furnish clinical 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, as offered by other states, has not been thought of. For this purpose only \$50,000 is asked—it ought to be \$150,000,—and yet the writer in Tuesday's issue states that the medical hospital agitation must not be allowed to overshadow the needs of the Collegiate Department.

We cannot think of a single build-

ing that could be erected on the University grounds that would be of greater practical value than a well-equipped hospital. In justice to the needy, who can't afford to pay for medical aid, and to the two hundred and more students, the hospital is of prime importance.

Again, the Medical Department is second in number of students and third in order of establishment of all the University departments, and thus far the demands of the department have been very few. The time has come when the state must settle the question of superiority of our Medical Department over other schools in the West. We believe that this medical school is the best west of the Mississippi, but to maintain this prestige our clinics must be improved and enlarged, which cannot be done until a modern, well-equipped hospital adorns the University grounds.

We have no fight to make with the Collegiate Department, and fully realize that more room is needed. Not that the University does not need a Collegiate building, a library, and a museum, but that it needs a hospital more, if only one building is granted by the Legislature this winter.

It is to be hoped, however, that the General Assembly will try to please all the departments by giving them ample appropriations. But in case that the limit is drawn for one building we truly believe that the Board of Regents' recommendation should be carried out, and that it will be for the interest of all to do what they can for a just and noble cause.

DOC. "DUGAN" AND HIS SISTER.

Doc. "Dugan" had a fair young friend,
Whose cheeks with health did glow,
And often where the Doctor went
His friend enjoyed to go.

He took her out to school one day,
Which was allowed by rule,
And yet it made the students gay,
To see the maid at school.

He therefore tried to shift about
And make the case appear
She was his sister, but no doubt
She was his darling dear.

"And why does Dugan love her so?"
Some eager Juniors cried;
"Because the girl loves him, you know,"
The Seniors bright replied.

N A O H.

Law Department.

M. H. Kepler is back from a week's business trip to Davenport.

W. E. Hooper, L. '95, has formed a partnership with G. H. Stillman, a prominent attorney of Rock Rapids, Iowa.

The Junior class have 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 number of the "Law Students' Helper" contains a fine portrait and biographical sketch of "The New President of the Section on Le-

gal Education of the American Bar Association. The new president is no other than the Chancellor of our Law school, Emlin McClain.

The crowded condition of our University is no better illustrated than in the continual changing and shifting about of the place of recitation for the Senior 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. The forthcoming number of the Bulletin will contain "Exercises in Pleading," which will take the place of the pamphlet of "Exercises" formerly used.

Hammond Law Senate.

A fair sized audience occupied the galleries of the Hammond Law Senate chamber at their last session.

As the opening of the audience were favored by an excellent vocal solo by Miss Wood, which was heartily encored, after which Senator France read a well written and instructive essay on Venezuela, setting forth its present controversy with Great Britain, and the duty of the United States in regard to it under the Monroe doctrine.

The declamation entitled "Bernardo Del Carpeo," by Senator Walsh, was well delivered. The Senator enters well into the spirit of his work.

Senator M. E. Geiser's oration on "The Pilgrims," was well rendered, and merited the hearty applause it received.

Senator Corbett, in a well written essay, showed the lax and too lenient condition of our remedial laws and procedure, especially in the branch of criminal law.

A bill was introduced by Senator O'Connell, providing "That all bachelor citizens of the age of 32 and over be taxed." Strong speeches were made by Senators O'Connell and Tourtellot advocating its passage, while the opposition found able leaders in Senators Shutts and Wische. A very general spirited discussion followed, but the Senate adjourned without taking a vote on this important question.

Notice.

The Hesperians sent the following communication to the Erodophians in business session yesterday:

We the members of Hesperian Society do respectfully challenge the members of Erodophian society to an all around contest to consist of debate, oration and declamation, said contest to take place sometime during the winter term."

We believe that this is a move in the right direction, and hope to see such a contest established as an annual occurrence.

The Princeton preliminary catalogue shows a total graduate and undergraduate enrollment of 1980 for the present year, a decrease of 26 from last year.

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If there is one thing to be commended above all others it is the increasing interest that is shown in the joint debates. They are important factors in our University life, and are, yearly, better receiving that recognition which they deserve. In the debates held between S. U. I. and Minnesota we have made a fair showing, the honors having been equally 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 all lines, these debates will, to a great extent, raise the standard and reputation of our University, as well as proving highly 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 prospect is 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 in 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 stu-

dents to endeavor to secure some one 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 be pleased to have all students take an interest in this University Extension movement.

The committee in charge for the coming Olympic games contains representatives from Greece, France, Russia, Bohemia, Sweden, New Zealand, England, the United States, Uruguay, Hungary, Italy and Belgium, which would seem to insure the most comprehensive gathering of athletes the world has ever known. The American contingent will probably be large. Crum, the famous Western sprinter, 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. Choate, William M. Sloane, 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 audacious and felicitously conceived 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. Altman 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 Altman's ball, while it took Bradley fifty-nine hundredths 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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Fact and Rumor.
Joe Allen is in town.
Junior Laws had examinations Friday.
Fred Irish was out of town on business Thursday.
Hanson, of the Junior's foot ball team, is able to be out again.
Rodney Arey was elected captain of the base ball team last night.
R. J. Gaines is out after a severe attack of congestion of the lungs.
The Tabard meets Thursday evenings now instead of Tuesday.
Maud Gray went home Thursday to spend the remainder of the week.
C. M. Work, D. '91, was married at Wilton, Ia., Nov. 12, to Miss Anna Snodgrass.
Some of the public school teachers of the city visited University classes yesterday.
St. Katherine's Guild will give one of their popular parties at the Armory Nov. 22.
Professor Calvin went to Le Clair, Friday, to attend to his duties as state geologist.
Dr. Becker, lecturer in the Homeopathic Department, met his classes the fore part of the week.
Professor Rohbach gave the Junior class their examination in Elementary Law yesterday afternoon.
Miss Celestine Fejervary, of Davenport, has just presented to the German library of our University, through Professor Charles Bundy Wilson, a complete set of the bound volumes of the German edition of Puck.

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The foot ball team had their picture taken yesterday afternoon at Coover's, and left this morning for Missouri.

The marriage of Arthur J. Cox and Miss Elizabeth Gardiner, occurred at St. John's Church, Clinton, Thursday evening.

The VIDETTE-REPORTER is now moved into its new office over Startzman's jewelry store. All visitors will be welcome is they can find us.

Our foot ball has been considerably strengthened by recent changes, and if their treatment at Missouri is good, we may hope for favorable results.

Wm. O. LaVake, L. '95, and F. E. Malloy, L. '95, have hung out their shingle at the corner of Main and Seventh streets, Dubuque, Iowa.

Professor McBride delivered a lecture in Cedar Rapids in the University Extension course Friday evening on "The effect of Plant life upon the universe."

Arrangements are being made to begin a series of cross country runs next week. A medal will be given the winner of the most runs. Watch for further notice.

Professor W. G. Noss, who has filled the chair of Mathematics at Indiana for the past five years, has arrived from Chicago and will take up his duties as instructor in Mathematics, assisting Professor Weld.

The following men comprise the Varsity team that left for Missouri this morning: Leighton, Iverson, Walker, Stanton, Gardner, Holbrook, Sawyer, Brown, Gaines Hobbs, Maines, Cutting, Scripture, Allison and Powers. Cavanaugh, trainer; Lawrence, manager.

A new movement has been started by some of our University girls who live in the region of Summit Street and Kirkwood Avenue. Instead of walking home ten or twelve blocks for dinner, the young ladies have a room uptown where they prepare their own dinners.

The S. U. I. Reserves left last evening for Monticello, where they will meet Lenox College. The team is composed of the following men: Melchret, Sigworth, Brown, Graves, Powers, Capell, Willis, Hetzel, Chelse, F. Capell, Rank. Subs., Kallenberg, Burge, Rogers. Aldrich, manager.

Notice.

The third eleven hereby challenge S. U. I. Reserves to a game of foot ball to be played some time in the near future.

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College Notes.

The Y. M. C. A. reports an increase in membership in North America of 12,000 last year, and an increase in property of \$1,000,000.

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No. 49. Freight for Cedar Rapids, 3:00 p.m.
No. 39. Passenger for Elmira, Cedar Rapids and West Liberty, - 6:32 p.m.
No. 41. Passenger for Cedar Rapids, Minneapolis and St. Paul; also for Columbus Junction & Burlington, 9:15 p.m.
No. 34. Passg'r. for Riverside, What Cheer and Montezuma, arrives at 8:40 a.m. and leaves at - 9:25 a.m.
No. 37. Passenger arrives from Riverside and Muscatine - 10:50 p.m.
No. 40. Passenger arrives from Cedar Rapids and Clinton - 10:20 p.m.
No. 48. Freight for Riverside leaves 10:50 a.m.
No. 4. Passenger for Burlington and St. Louis leaves - 4:00 p.m.
No. 38. Passenger from Clinton, Cedar Rapids and Davenport arrives, 7:30 p.m.
No. 39. Passenger for Muscatine and Riverside leaves, - 5:15 p.m.
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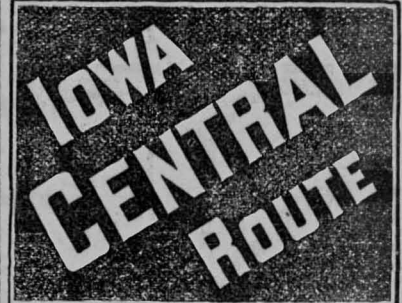
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