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## Natural History Society.

Prof. Wheeler addressed the Natural History Society last Wednesday night on the subject, "History of Forestry in Michigan." On the outset he gave a brief history of forestry in Europe. He spoke of the oak as being almost the only wood used until the beginning of the present century. The oak then became somewhat scarce and as shipbuilding became an important industry some wood had to be found to take its place. Attention was turned to the cone-bearing trees in general, the principal ones used being the Scotch pine, European spruce and American white pine. The history of forestry in Michigan is in reality a history of the destruction of the white pine. He told of the beginning of lumbering and described to some extent its development as an important industry in Michigan. Some figures were given showing the amount of lumber cut in different years, its money value, and the number of men employed in this immense industry in the past. The location of the principal white pine districts in Michigan was quite fully described. The question which now confronts the people is not "How can we save our forests?" but "How can we reforest our land." The answer to this question is the great problem in Michigan forestry. "The only way," he said "for anything definite to be accompliahed, is by having an annual appropriation to be pat in the hands of a forestry commiseion to be expended in ad. vancing the work of forestry throughout the state." He closed by giving a brief account of how the forests of Germany wert managed and how a person wiehing to become one of the government foresters is obliged to prepare himeelf for his work. Forestry is one of the professions of the future.

Mr. Barlow gave some very interesting observations on how a snowbal! behaven when thrown slanting into the snow.

At the next meeting will be given a report of the arrival of our spring birds.
D. s. B.

## Botenical Clubs

The Botanical Club held its first meeting of the term last Tuesday evening. The program consieted of a report of the interesting thing* heard at the Michigan Academy of Science, by C. W. Kaylor and G. M. Bradiord. This was followed by interesting obeervations by several of the members. Prof. Wheeler and Mr. Longyear reported a remarkable distribution of seed shown by the finding of seedling Norway Spruce (Pices excelse) fully 80 rods from other trees of this sort. Four of our carliest flowers are already in blonsom and were shown, with interesting comments. They were pepper and salt, akunk cabbage, red pepper and sair, and smooth alder.

If the proper arrangements can bo exade the club will take a field escurnion for the otudy and collection of plants some time during the term.


## Death of an Old Alumnus.

The wide circle of the graduates and friends of M. A. C. will be pained to hear of the death of Charles E. Hollister, '61, who died at his home in Victor, near laingsburg, on April 11, of pneumonia.
Mr. Hollister was a member of the class of seven that-graduated from this College in 1861-the first class in the history or the College. Two members of this clas*, Lieut. H. D. Benham and Lieut. G. A. Dickey died in the army, fighting to save the Union, and put down the great rebellion. Prof. A. N. Prentiss, late of Cornell University, was also member of this first and famous clase. Only three members are still living.
Mr. Hollister received the degree of M. S. in 1865 . He was a warm friend of the College, slways attended the College Commencements and other gatheringe of pablic interest, and his presence on awch ocessions was always an inapiration. He was a man of the highest character, commanding the confidence of a wide community. He was county surveyor for a long sucesesion of years, and was a civil engineer of reputation, being employed by the general government to superintend the removal of the flood-wood nbstructions of Red River in Arkemses.
Hie woe, O. C. Holleter, ${ }^{\text {ºs }}$, in in the grovernment service in Cube, and will be uasble to ply the lant honors to his noble father. w. c. K.

## The Hasd-Fowst Sheaciag Mar Chine

The hand-pewer sheep-shearing machine recently ootained by the Farm Department for trial, wat teated leat week by some of the juniors. The monchine ruses entily, and with practice the workman would undoubterlly find it a decided improvement over the hasd shoers. On a cold day, there is a tendency in the clippers to becoms grmaned with yolk, unless they be plied with sufficient vigor to keep them warm from the sheep's body. Some trouble was experienced in clipping the belly wool, owing to the lack of yolk, and the admixture of foreign matter. For the farmer owaing a flock of ordinary size, the elipping machine would probably be a profit able investment, as any one can bearn to use it with a hittie experience, and the avving in wool, and time would soon compensate for the cose of the machine. However, with Merino sheep, the machine will probably never be very satisfactory, owing to the extreme strength and denaity of the fibre.

## Themian Party.

The Themian Society very delightfally entertained the "Phi's" last Friday evening in their new rooms. At promptiy 8 o'clock Pres. Irma Thompeon called the meeting to order and an excellent literary program: was carried out. Afterward the evening was given up to dencing and a vary pleasast tisue was enjoyed by all preseat.
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Farm Notes
The Farm Department has a Dorset Hornod lamh $5^{\text {s }}$ days old that weigh. 59', prounnte fhie is the kind of lam? that iv krown by the producers of baby minflom in New York and other eastern statea. This one, however, is going to he kept on the farm until next fall as it is ex. pected he will make a good record right along. There is also in the barns a grade Shorthorn calf 58 day. old. weimhing 236 poonds.
in the sheep harn, ane of the new atyle sheen shearing machures. The
ple of the ordinary power horse
clippers. The power instend of being chppers. The power instead of being
supplied hy the hand of the operator is conveyed throngh a Hevible shaft from a power gear apetated by a
second man. The advantagesgained by the we of the machine in the hands of a skilled operator are speed, increaseal clip of wool, and greater safety to the sheep. At the
great stock yaris where sheep wre heing shorn hy the thousand, this spring, wome of the beot shearers are able in take the wool from one hundred to one hundred and twenty five sheep in one day. The use of the machine in small flock is scarcely to be recommendeal, since avite from the molerate coat of the operation, and a certain amount of operation, and a certain amount of the heat ailvantage.

## Achietic Notes.

The first intercolloghe bell game of the remsen which was to have been pleyed last Saturday st Kalassirco, wate eaneoled on cecount of five inches of enow oa thetr growende.

Our special base ball couch, Mr, Fergueon, started last Saturday to jein the Sioux City team, with whom he signed early in the seavon.

Preliminary field day next Saterr. day on the College fiekd at 2 o'clock. The erents will be the 100 yerin, 330 yarde, 440 yardo, half mile, mile, relay, hammer, hurdies, hop top and jump, mile walk.

Owing to the unsuitableness of the traciz the bicycle rsees will not be run off.

Local field day on the 38 th in connection with the D. A. C. bree ball game.

Special football practice for new men and change of positions for some old men have begun.

## Resolutions Upoo the Death of Charies E Towneend, \%8.

Wueuras, It has plemed the All. Wise Father to call unto himuelt one of our beioved anembers, Charlea E. Townsend, ' 98 , therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the Columbian Literary Societ v , do estend to his parents and friends in their bereavement our beartfeit sympathy; and, be it further

Rasolond That there resolutiona be spread moon the records of the Society. R.A. Wimink,

## Gro. Sevexaycy,

R. L. Beown,

At the meeting held on Memiay the gth inst. to take up the matter of the hicycle path, Prot. Towar reed the following report of twat year's work:

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lows: Stusienta, $\$ 8.75$, down town peorle, $\$ 7.25$, total $\$ 16$.

A committee ennosoting of 1 l . 1 . Ciroahr, E. S. (iocol, sf., and V. M. Shoesworth, 'ibl, wat apprinted to collect funds and gis athe ad with the necesasry work to put the path into gool condition. The sreater pert of thome who have tailell in hand in the suma promived by them last year are atill near of hand and it is hopell that they will pay upat ouce.
The work on the path shoulad be done rught away, and though the sumi rectured will he by no meatio the commitier muat have enisurage. ment if a ouloutmential kimi.

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Prof. L. H. Batley, 233, Profemer af Hertionlture in Cormell Usiver. slty, addrooeed the $\mathbf{9}$. Lowlu Perlsgegicel slocioty on the eveming of yifirch 39 oa wivitare Etacky in Public Schoole". That it wa interasting asd insaractive bectupe no ose who has over hered Frel. Bailay would quootion, for there are fow publle apanters who heve equal ability whicis then to lestruct in audience in 00 plomeng a manauer.

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so beastaction abont taking the paper from the so beositece, for no eharge will be maila for it. The oaly way, hownver. L) securn THE Kni:OnD regularly le to subserito.


## This Pireutecturing of Maple Sugar. <br> M. 4 . Tilliams, " $\infty$

When the icy chains of winter are breaining, wiven the giants of the foreot hegin to awoketh, and when the sweet life blood of the maple in pulsing through its tiny vies, it to then tume for making -aple ougar. When a bright, wesk wiod, the sugar-maker becomee - buyy man. There is no slowneen of leiharg) atout him now, for if he doem not huatle, his day'b work is very linble to he lengihened fat into the might. Hisute as he may there
wif w. natch an hour or two of sleep whenever or wherever he can.
Itieal sugar weather consists of fretzing nights and thawing days, with now and then a hlurry of snow. When a freeze follows a storm, the sugar-maker is happy, for he knows the thaw which must quickly follow, will make the sap atart with a spurt and cause it to run freely for three or four days. A flow of sap which will fill a twelve-quart bucket within a day is considered a good run, hut there are days in exceptionally good sugar weather when twice that amount is obtained.
The sap is obtsined from the maple trees by boring a half-inch hole into its trunk about one inch in depth and from one to four feet above the ground. After the hole has been made, a wood or iron apout is driven firmly into the hole. The Post spile is a very good spout to use, as it provents the air from dry. ing up the walls of the aperture into which the spout is driven. Tin buckets for catching the sap are hung clowe under the spouts by means of hooks fantened to the apout or by naile driven into the tree just below the spout. As a sule, oaly one buekot in hung on a tree, but in sompe suger-lote, three or four buckets with two apowts esch are often eeen on large treee.

In appearance sap is like water, but it has a slight sweetish flavor. The sap is gathered into a tank or barrels drawn on a sled through the woods by horves. When the tank in full it in drawn to the sugar-house, which is located near the center of the sugar-bush, and the sap is run into a storage tank or cistern from which it is fed into the evaporator.
The evaporator is made of galvanized iron or copper and is placed over what is commonly called an "arch." This is a large brick stove in which a very hot fire can be made in order to boil the sap. The sap enters the front end of the evaporator from the supply tank through a regulator which keepe the sap in the evaporator at a uniform depth. The cold sap, entering the evaporator at the front where the fire is the hottest, is made to take, by means of partitions extending nearly acroas the pan, a zig zag course from front to rear, thus becoming thicker and sweeter, until at last it is drawn off an syrup.

Syrup is of the proper consistency to be drawn from the evaporator when it weighs about eleven pounds to the gallon, with a boiling point of $219^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{F}$. When the syrup is drawn from the evaporator it is run through a heavy flannel strainer, which takes out all the sugar-asand and other impurities. After the syrup has been atrained, it is poured into tin cans, or jugs, and realed ready for the consumer.

The arch, evaporator, and storage tankn are protected from the weather by being euclosed in a building, called the sugar house. The sugat house should te large enough to contain not only the hoiling fixtures, inut tike inuckets, whet not in use, and the wood.
The sap is never made into more than syrup in the evaporator. If hand sugar is wanted, the syrup is placed in a "sugar-pan" and the boiling constinmed yatir the bolieg. point reaches $25^{\circ}$ F. At this nem. perature, the liquid megur will eryetalise and bocome mard whea owld. There are varion waye of tollleg
when the megan is beiled enough.
loop at one end.' Dip this loop in the sugar and as soon as removed, blow through the loop and the thin, hot film of sugar covering the loop will form bubbles, feathers, or ribbons, if the sugar will cake when cold. But the thermometer test is more convenient and accurate. When the sugar has boiled sufficiently, it is removed from the fire, stirred a short time to give it a proper grain, and then turned into tin. molds where it crystalizes into hard cakes.
In making maple sugar or syrup cleanliness is abosolutely necessary I" every step from the time the rap collected until it is made into sugar. fireat care thould be taken that all the implements used to hold the sap or syrup are kept ciean and sweet. Sap should not be allowed to sour in the buckets, or burn in the pan. The souring of the sap means a large per cent. of glucose in the sugar; and burning gives a dark color to the sugar. In both cases the flavor is impaired. At the present time map.e sugar or syrup has become a luxury, as one-half the price is paid fur the sweet and the other half for the flavor. Maple trees are becoming scarcer year by year and the day is not far distant when maple sugar will be a thing of the past.

One would naturally think that such a sweet occupation would be pleasant work. It is when the weather is fair and it is not neces. vary to boil all night, but in cold torms, which are $q$ site frequent at this time of the year, it is quite another thing. Gathering sap in a cold, drizzling rain and plodding through slush and snow with numb fingers, cold feet and wet clothes is anything but fun. But there is one thing that is pleasant in connection with sugar-making, namely, the sugar parties where the young peo ple get together, eat warm sugar, pull taffy, and have a general good time.

## That Turnip Seed.

"It was right out there where that pond is now to be seen, that I sowed that turnip seed in the apring of 1858 ," said Dr . O. Palmer, of Grayling, as he showed us the place, after passing out of the Horticultural Laboratory and pointing to the north. As a student, he had been sent to sow the seed without any instructions, and the Doctor even questioned whether the man then in charge knew how much seed to sow to the square rod. He put it on thick, at the rate of a half bushel to the acre, more or less. The seeds came up, and the young plents covered the ground so thickly there was no room for the roots to spread themselves. The turnips were narrow and slim at the expense of broad diameters. They couldn't grow in any other direction. It was up and down or nothing. The crop attracted much attention and furnished the college free advertising for many years after. How iong aiter, zome may be curnous to know. F. E. Skeels, ' 78 , while a student at M. A. C., taught winter school in the emtern part of this county in the winter of 1877 78 , and at that date, the farmers were \&ill saying that no one at the C'allege knew anything about farm. ing, and all becajise Dr. Palmer put on plenty of turnip reed iwenty years before.

## H Wishes Wer

1 Iike the gentle oc-to-pus
Because he's such a funny cuss His eyes jut out likebar-na cles Or little half grown mussel shells. And though he boasts no other charma The creature has a hundred arms. So here with Maisic, 'neath the tree,
I fain the oc to-pas would be.

The Cantata Columbus.
The historical cantata "Columbus" will be given by the M. A.C. chorus Friday night in the Armory, beginning promptly at eight o'clock. Admission fifteen cents. Everybody come.

## A Soldier's Life.

The following are extracts from a letter written by Dale A. Smith, 'S8, from Manila, to his parents; clipped from the Portland Review
We have been quite busy here doing guaril and escort duty and patroling. I was provost sergeant for one week hut didn't like the job. I had charge of the prisoners at work, they swept the plaza and streets, hauled gravel, loaded wag. ons and many other odd jobs. The work kept me in the hot sun nearly all day, and it gave me a headache which bothered me for about two weeks but has left me now. I have to go on guard about every third day and now sometimes haveto go on a patrol telween guards. The patrol proposition is rather a hard one for we have to be out all night and sometimes until noon the next day. The object is to break up bands of guerillas and "Ladrones" or robbers. We have captured some of them, but it hasn't been my good fortune to meet any of them. When off duty there is practically nothing to do. I study Spanish some, read every paper and magazine I can get hold of, and sleep. It is a lazy life. Sometimes I am so broken of my rest that it takes two or three days to catch up enough to read. This is one of my ambitious dnys, as I have had two nights in and am thoroughly rested.

The days get quite warm but the nights are cool, and if it wasn't for mosquitos we could rest in peace. I have slept on the bare ground with neither bianket or potich three nights this month; didn't suffer with the cold although 1 was just a trifle chilly in the morning.

Life to me now is monotonous, and so little happens that I hardly know what to write about. We cat our meals, go bathing, do our guard duty and listen to the band concerts in the evening, and, of course, ta!k about being mustered out and getting an increase of pay.

We have a rumor department in our barracks, and the rules asy that if a man returns from an escort or tour of guard duty without a wel. defined rumor in which be thor oughly believes, his chewing tobecc:1. will be taken from him and he wil? be allowed but one meal a day. The result is that many of the boy, have cultivated imaginations that would do credit to the biggeet liarof ancrent or modern hisory.

I haven't mized a wingle call for duty since I've been in the servire. haven't boen sick a day, and I'm the only wergeant in compenay B tha: can say that." Bot I'm getting very thin; doa't think III weigh 140. thim; doast thunk inl weigh 180.

## At College.

"Columbus" at the Armory Fri. day night.

Miss Hinman spent Easter at her home in Milford.

Miss Bessie Lee Gaylord spent Easter in Chicago.

Mrs. M. L. Dean is visiting her sister in Grand Rapids.

Mise Beth Johns returned to her home on account of ill health.

Four hundred and eight students have classified thus far this term.

Mrs. Ella M. Kedzie teturned from her visiting teur last Wednes. day.

Mr. Antonio Aquilar Borrero, the Cuban, is at the hospital suffering from "grippe."

Miss Elsie Morrison was cailed home Saturday on account of the death of an uncle.

Miss Inez Noyes, with 'o2, is teaching, school near her home, Harrisville, Mich.

Prof. F. S. Kedzie has been confined to the house for several days with a severe cold.

The Big 4 are now growing (?) side-burns to make them, as they say, "look dignified."

Prof. Barrows was confined to the house a part of last week on account of an attack of tonsilitis.

Mrs. E. L. Newman, of Portland, is visiting for a few days with her son Chace New man.

Mrs. C. D. Smith returned Sunday morning from her visit at Farmer and Trumansburg, N. Y.

There will be a meeting of the society editors of the Record, Tuesday evening at $6: 45$, in the chapel.
C. B. Smith, '94, and H. W. Lawson, '95, of Washington, D. C., visited College friends last Saturday.

Miss Edna Deyarmond was prevented from attending classes Tues. day and Wedneaday on account of illness.
N. A. McCune, 'o1, will spend the summer months on the Homestead Stock Farm of W. A. Boland, Grass Lake, Mich.

The State Board will hold a session at the Hotel Downey next Wednesday evening; they will neet at the College Thursday.

The King's Daughters will meet Wednesday afternoon at 3 p. m. with Mrs. Kenney; text word: "Follow;" leader, Mrs. Babcock.

Charles E. Townsend, '98, of whose sickness mention was recently made in the Recorn, died at his home in Onondaga last Thursday.

Ira O. Johnson, who has been doing work in Dairy Bacteriology for the past eight weeks, left for his home in Grand Rapids last Saturday.

Rev. Nehemiah Boynton, D. D., pastor of the First Congregational church of Detroit, will preach the baccalaureate sermon Sunday evening, June ioth.

It is expected that Leon J. Cole, with 'gr, now instructor in the Zoological Department of the $C$. of M.s will deliver an illustrated lecture on Alacka, at the College some time mext month. The date will be announced later.

President Snyder and Miss Keller will visit Chicago, the University of Wisconsin, and perhaps other institutions, the fore part of this week to look up the furnishing and equipment of women's dormitories, preparatory to furnizhing the new Women's Building.

## Another Alumnus Promoted.

Prof. Thorn Smith, '95, has resigned his place as Asst. Prof. of Chemistry in the University of Idaho, to accept the position of Chemist to the Ducktown Copper \& Sulphur Co., Limited, of Isabelle. Tenn., at a salary of $\$ t, 500$. Prof. Smith will soon leave for his new field of work, passing through Michigan on his way, and we hope to see his pleasant face at his old quartere in the chemical laboratory.
R. C. $\mathbf{x}$.

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News from Graduates and Students.
Charles W. Fitch, with 'oom, is a machinist at Cleveland, Ohio.
Herbert L. Fairfield, with 'gs, is a railway postal clerk, Los Angelec, Cal.
Carl Kendrick, with 'or, of Flint, was a caller on the campus last Tuenday.
Hettie I. Fox, with ' 96 , is teaching drawing in the schools at Ligonier, Ind.
Francin J. Fairweather, with'g6m, lo a dealer in grains and produce, Imlay City, Mich.
Clarence E. Cornell, 'oIm, has boen at the College for neveral days visiting Frank Mitchell.
H. C. Newman, with ' 9 s, left Michigen lat week for Farming. ton, Iowa, to open a laundry.
Prol. Henry Thurtell, '88, of Reno, Nevada, will be in attend. ance at the alumni reunion in June.
E. E. Vance, '84, for the past two years in the sec'y of state's oflice, left for the Eest last Saturday.

Adem F. Foster, with '91, is a bookkopper with the Grand Rapids Siegraving Co., Grand Rapids, Hiets
At the apriag election, April 2, A. 3. Kremtal, '90, was elected clerk - Lamier tompehip by a large majority.
Georce A. Fiaher, with ' 96 , is a traveling furniture salesman. Residence 7o Wealthy ave., Grand Rupits, Dich.
A. C. Karkau, with 'or, visited the College Monday. He is attend. ing the fierman Lutheran Theologi. cal Seminary at Sagimaw.
William 1. Ewing, with 'w, is clerk of the circuit cont of Rich. mond Co. and, nisco, teputy registar for the same co, at Richmond, Quebec.
Milo J. Foster, with '92m, is Whegraph oporator for the Lake shore and Michigan Southern Railway and United States express agent - Suamit, Ind.

Herry A. Burnett, sp with 'ol, is 2 clerk in the stock department of Parke, Davia and Co. and a student at pharmacy at the Detroit Medical Colloge, Detroit, Mich.
The wife of Howard B. Cannon, '8s, provented him with twins, last woek, a boy and a girl. Howard and the twins are doing as well as can be expected under the circumstances.

Charlen E. Hollinter, ' 61 , of Victor Township, died at his home three miles west of Laingshurg, last Thursday, of pneumonia. He was one of the most prominent residents of this county, andi inad heid the position of county surveyor for many terms. He was 55 years ift.-Extract from Detroit Pree Press.
The board of trustees of the University of Illinois at their last meeting declinet to accept the resignation of Prof. P. G. Holden from the department of agronomy, but gave him leave of absence to serve in ling present engayement'sith the Itlinos ©ugar Kefining company until September 1, 1900, and made his onlary $\$ 2,500$ a year thereafter.
I. emuel Churchill, 9 , who is aison a graduate of the ( nivervity of
Michigan, receiving the ilegrees of M. S. and M. I). in isez, bus been a manufacturing chemist for five years, but since Auguot, tsyy has heen manager of the Newhro Drug Company, of Butte, Montana.

William J. Breese, '91m, structural draughtsman for the Carnegie Steel ( $n$. Ltd., of Pittsburg, Pe, since June, 1893 , has resigned his position on account of poor health. For the present he has taken up the cultivation of cmall fruits ard vegetablex and the raising of poultry at Coldwater. Mich.

The address of W. A. Welle, '68, hasn't been known by anyone at the College for four or five yenrs. Inquiries have cunstantly been made and some seven months ago some clue was found. Many letters were written and finally his address found. Two months ago a letter was sent and with it the usual circular with questions for reply. On April 7 th the following pootal was received:

Corning, Clay Co., Afk.
Here!
(Class '68.)
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W. A. Wells.

The address of but one graduate is still unknown. Joseph I. Bicknell, Jr., was last heard of in Peekskill, N. Y.

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