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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 accomplished, is by having an annual appropriation to be put in the hands of a forestry commission to be expended in advancing the work of forestry throughout the state." He closed by giving a brief account of how the forests of Germany were man-aged and how a person wishing to become one of the government foresters is obliged to prepare himself for his work. Forestry is one of the professions of the future.

Mr. Barlow gave some very interesting observations on how a snowball behaves when thrown

slanting into the snow.

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

#### Botanical Club.

The Botanical Club held its first meeting of the term last Tuesday evening. The program consisted of a report of the interesting things heard at the Michigan Academy of Science, by C. W. Kaylor and G. M. Bradford. This was followed by interesting observations 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 earliest flowers are already in blossom and were shown, with interesting comments. They were pepper and salt, skunk cabbage, red maple, and smooth alder.

If the proper arrangements can be made the club will take a field excursion for the study and collection of plants some time during the

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 class, 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 a member of this first and famous class. Only three members are still living.

Mr. Hollister received the degree of M. S. in 1865. He was a warm friend of the College, always attended the College Commencements and other gatherings of public interest, and his presence on such occasions was always an inspiration. He was a man of the highest character, commanding the confidence of a wide community. He was county surveyor for a long succession of years, and was a civil engineer of reputation, being employed by the general government to superintend the removal of the flood-wood abstructions of Red River in Arkansas.

Hie son, O. C. Hollister, '89, is in the government service in Cube, and will be unable to pay the last honors to his noble father. R. C. K.

## The Hand-Power Shearing Ma-

The hand-power sheep-sheering machine recently obtained by the Farm Department for trial, was tested last week by some of the juniors. The mechine runs easily, and with practice the workman would undoubtedly find it a decided improvement over the hand shears. On a cold day, there is a tendency in the clippers to become gummed 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 owning a flock of ordinary size, the clipping machine would probably be a profitable investment, as any one can learn to use it with a little experience, and the saving in wool, and time would soon compensate for the cost of the machine. However, with Merino sheep, the machine will probably never be very satisfactory, owing to the extreme strength and density of the fibre.

#### Themian Party.

The Themian Society very delightfully entertained the "Phi's" last Friday evening in their new rooms. At promptly 8 o'clock Pres. Irma Thompson called the meeting to order and an excellent literary program was carried out. Afterward the evening was given up to dencing and a very pleasant time was enjoyed by all present.

#### Farm Notes.

The Farm Department has a Dorset Horned lamb 56 days old that weighs 501, pounds. This is the kind of lamb that is grown by the producers of baby mutton in New York and other eastern states. This one, however, is going to be kept on the farm until next fall as it is expected he will make a good record right along. There is also in the barns a grade Shorthorn calf 58 days

old, weighing 226 pounds.
There has been on trial this week, in the sheep barn, one of the new style sheep shearing machines. The machine proper, works on the principle of the ordinary power horseclippers. The power instead of being supplied by the hand of the operator is conveyed through a flexible shaft from a power gear operated by a second man. The advantages gained by the use of the machine in the hands of a skilled operator are speed, increased clip of wool, and greater safety to the sheep. At the great stock yards where sheep are being shorn by the thousand, this spring, some of the best shearers are able to take the wool from one hundred to one hundred and twenty. five sheep in one day. The use of the machine in small flocks is scarcely to be recommended, since aside from the moderate cost of the outfit, two men are required for its operation, and a certain amount of practice is necessary to handle it to the best selvantage. 1. 1. 1.

#### Athletic Notes.

The first intercollegiste bell game of the season which was to have been played last Saturday at Kalamesoo, was canceled on account of five inches of enow on their grounds.

Our special base ball coach, Mr. Ferguson, started last Saturday to join the Sioux City team, with whom he signed early in the season.

Preliminary field day next Seturday on the College field at 2 o'clock. The events will be the 100 yards, 230 yarde, 440 yards, half mile, mile, relay, hammer, hurdles, hop step and jump, mile walk.

Owing to the unsuitableness of the track the bicycle races will not

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

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

#### Resolutions Upon the Death of Charles E. Townsend, "98.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the All-Wise Father to call unto himself one of our beloved members, Charles E. Townsend, '98, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the Columbian Literary Society, do extend to his parents and friends in their bereavement our heartfelt sympathy; and, be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the records of the R. A. WHITNEY, Society. GRO. SEVERANCE,

> R. L. BROWN, Committee.

#### Bicycle Path.

At the meeting held on Monday the 9th inst. to take up the matter of the hicycle path, Prof. Towar read the following report of last year's work:

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A committee consisting of 1). [. Croshy, E. S. Good, sp., and V. M. Shoesworth, 'or, was appointed to collect funds and go shead with the necessary work to put the path into good condition. The greater part of those who have failed to hand in the sums promised by them last year are still near at hand and it is hoped that they will pay up at ouce.

The work on the path should be done right away, and though the sum required will be by no means as much as was needed last year, the committee must have encourage. ment of a substantial kind.

#### Mature Study in the City.

Prof. L. H. Beiley, '32, Professor of Horticulture in Cornell University, addressed the St. Louis Pedisgogical Society on the evening of March 29 on "Nature Study in Public Schools." That it was an interesting and instructive lecture no one who has ever heard Fret. Bailey would question, for there are few public openhers who have equal ability with him to instruct an audience in so pleming a manner.

Not the least interesting feature of the occasion was the fact that the auditorium of the St. Louis high school huilding should have been well filled with an appreciative audience of city teachers anxious to learn how to teach children concerning those things with which farmers more than any other people have to do. The fact of the matter is, the world is rapidly coming to restize that the business of farming is one of highest dignity when rightly understood, calling into nervice a range of knowledge unequaled in any other field of human activity, knowledge which, to a greater or less extent, all should possess. Hence, it is that educators are giving incremed attention to nature study. May our rural school teachers be not behind these of the cities in interest in this line of work-Colman's Rural World.

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## The Manufacturing of Mapie

H. A. WILLIAMS, 'OO.

When the icy chains of winter are breaking, when the giants of the forest begin to awaken, and when the sweet life blood of the maple is pulsing through its tiny veins, it is then time for making maple sugar. When a bright, warm day comes, with a light northwest wind, the sugar-maker becomes s busy man. There is no slowness on lethargy about him now, for if he does not hustle, his day's work is very liable to be lengthened far into the night. Hustle as he may there are times when he must be contented to enatch an hour or two of sleep whenever or wherever he can.

Ideal sugar weather consists of freezing nights and thawing days, with now and then a flurry 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 start 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, but there are days in exceptionally good sugar weather when twice that amount is obtained.

The sap is obtained 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 spout is driven firmly into the hole. The Post spile is a very good spout to use, as it prevents the air from drying up the walls of the sperture into which the spout is driven. Tin buckets for catching the sap are hung close under the spouts by means of hooks fastened to the spout or by nails driven into the tree just below the spout. As a rule, only one bucket is hung on a tree, but in some sugar-lots, three or four buckets with two spouts each are often seen on large trees.

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 horses. When the tank is full it is 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 keeps 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 across the pan, a zig zag course from front to rear, thus becoming thicker and sweeter, until at last it is drawn

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" F. When the syrup is drawn from the evaporator it is run through a heavy flannel strainer, which takes out all the sugar-sand and other impurities. After the syrup has been strained, it is poured into tin cans, or jugs, and sealed ready for the consumer.

The arch, evaporator, and storage tanks are protected from the weather by being enclosed in a building, called the sugar house. The sugar house should be large enough to contain not only the boiling fixtures, but the buckets, when not in use, and the wood.

The sap is never made into more than syrup in the evaporator. If hard sugar is wanted, the syrup is placed in a "sugar-pan" and the boiling continued until the boilingpoint reaches 245° F. At this temperature, the liquid sugar will crystalize and become hard when cold. There are various ways of telling when the sugar is boiled enough. One very pretty and nevel-way is to take a small wire, or stick, and form

a 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 absolutely necessary in every step from the time the sap is collected until it is made into sugar. Great care should be taken that all the implements used to hold the sap or syrup are kept clean 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 maple sugar or syrup has become a luxury, as one-half the price is paid for 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 necessary to boil all night, but in cold storms, which are quite 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 people get together, eat warm sugar, pull taffy, and have a general good

#### That Turnip Seed.

"It was right out there where that pond is now to be seen, that I sowed that turnip seed in the spring 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 plants 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 long after, some may be curious to know. F. E. Skeels, '78, while a student at M. A. C., taught a winter school in the eastern part of this county in the winter of 1877-78, and at that date, the farmers were still saying that no one at the College knew anything about farming, and all because Dr. Palmer put on plenty of turnip seed twenty years before.

"The purse by no means makes the person."

If Wishes Were ---.

I like the gentle oc-to-pus Because he's such a funny cuss : His eyes jut out like bar-na cles Or little half-grown mussel shells, And though he boasts no other charms The creature has a hundred arms. So here with Maisie, 'neath the tree, I fain the oc to-pus 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

#### A Soldier's Life.

The following are extracts from a letter written by Dale A. Smith, '88, from Manila, to his parents; clipped from the Portland Review:

We have been quite busy here doing guard and escort duty and patroling. I was provost sergeant for one week but 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 have to go on a patrol between 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 days, 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 blanket or pouch three nights this month; didn't suffer with the cold although I 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, talk about being mustered out and getting an increase of pay.

We have a rumor department in our barracks, and the rules say that if a man returns from an escort or tour of guard duty without a weldefined rumor in which he thoroughly believes, his chewing tobacco will be taken from him and he will he allowed but one meal a day. The result is that many of the boy have cultivated imaginations that would do credit to the biggest liars of ancient or modern history.

I haven't missed a single call for duty since I've been in the service. haven't been sick a day, and I'm the only sergeant in company B that can say that. But I'm getting very thin; don't think I'll weigh 140. I'm going to print some pictures

this afternoon.

#### At College.

"Columbus" at the Armory Fri-

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.

Miss 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 returned from her visiting tour last Wednesday.

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

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

Miss Inez Noyes, with '02, 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 Newman.

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 Tuesday and Wednesday on account of illness.

N. A. McCune, '01, 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 RECORD, 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., paster of the First Congregational church of Detroit, will preach the baccalaureate sermon Sunday evening, June 10th.

It is expected that Leon J. Cole, with '99, now instructor in the Zoological Department of the C. of M., will deliver an illustrated lecture on Alaska, at the College some time next 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 furnishing 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 Isabella, Tenn., at a salary of \$1,500. 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 quarters in the chemical laboratory.

R. C. K.

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#### News from Graduates and Students.

Charles W. Fitch, with 'com, is a machinist at Cleveland, Ohio.

Herbert L. Fairfield, with '98, is a railway postal clerk, Los Angeles,

Carl Kendrick, with 'or, of Flint, was a caller on the campus last Tuesday.

Hattie I. Fox, with '96, is teaching drawing in the schools at Ligonier, Ind.

Francis J. Fairweather, with '96m, is a dealer in grains and produce, Imlay City, Mich.

Clarence E. Cornell, 'oim, has been at the College for several days visiting Frank Mitchell.

H. C. Newman, with '98, left Michigan last week for Farmington, Iowa, to open a laundry.

Prof. Henry Thurtell, '88, of Reno, Nevada, will be in attendance at the alumni reunion in June.

E. E. Vance, '84, for the past two years in the sec'y of state's office, left for the East last Satur-

Adam F. Foster, with '91, is a bookkeeper with the Grand Rapids Bagraving Co., Grand Rapids,

At the spring election, April 2, A. B. Krental, '90, was elected clerk of Lansing township by a large

George A. Fisher, with '96, is a traveling furniture salesman. Residence 707 Wealthy ave., Grand Rapids, Mich.

A. C. Karkau, with 'ot, visited the College Monday. He is attending the German Lutheran Theological Seminary at Saginaw.

William J. Ewing, with 'oo, is clerk of the circuit court of Richmond Co. and, also, deputy registrar for the same Co. at Richmond, Quebec.

Milo J. Foster, with '92m, is telegraph operator for the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway and United States express agent at Summit, Ind.

Harry A. Burnett, sp with 'or, is a clerk in the stock department of Parke, Davis and Co. and a student of pharmacy at the Detroit Medical College, Detroit, Mich.

The wife of Howard B. Cannon, '88, presented him with twins, last week, a boy and a girl. Howard and the twins are doing as well as can be expected under the circum-

Charles E. Hollister, '61, of Victor Township, died at his home three miles west of Laingsburg, last Thursday, of pneumonia. He was one of the most prominent residents of this county, and had held the position of county surveyor for many terms. He was 55 years old .- Extract from Detroit Free Press.

The board of trustees of the University of Illinois at their last meeting declined to accept the resignation of Prof. P. G. Holden from the department of agronomy, but gave him leave of absence to serve in his present engagement with the Illinois Sugar Refining company until September 1, 1900, and made his salary \$2,500 a year thereafter.

Lemuel Churchill, '89, who is niso a graduate of the University of Michigan, receiving the degrees of M. S. and M. D. in 1892, has been a manufacturing chemist for five years, but since August, 1899 has been manager of the Newbro Drug Company, of Butte, Montana.

William J. Breese, '91m, structural draughtsman for the Carnegie Steel Co. Ltd., of Pittsburg, Pa., since June, 1893, has resigned his position on account of poor health. For the present he has taken up the cultivation of small fruits and vegetables and the raising of poultry at Coldwater, Mich.

The address of W. A. Wells, '68, hasn't been known by anyone at the College for four or five years. Inquiries have constantly 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 7th the following postal was received:

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