

FORESTERS' ORGANIZATION

CLUB CONVENES EVERY OTHER TUESDAY IN NEBRASKA HALL.

THE FOREST CLUB.

If you want to see a real, live, enthusiastic society, whose purpose is not the promotion of social activities, but the study of technical problems, come out some evening to a Forest Club meeting. Down in Nebraska Hall, Room 2, every other Tuesday evening this club meets and has its regular meetings. The meetings are always addressed by men of experience in forestry or related subjects, and instead of a sleepy, halfhearted audience that might be expected to listen to unending details and data you will see a bunch of keenly alert students, each with a pad of paper taking notes. Everything is heard and digested, for this is one of the places where valuable material and knowledge is gathered that will aid later in the practical field work.

But the social side is not overlooked. Each fall soon after school begins, the great "pow wow" is pulled off. This furnishes a means of getting acquainted with the freshies and breaking them in to the ways of a true forester. The event is held in some available woodland near town and it takes a big one to contain the bunch. The general raising, which lasts till evening, is followed by a good feed around the camp fire after the sun has set. When all are satisfied so far as eating goes, the songsters and story tellers get busy and the day ends in a most enjoyable time about the fire. This event is followed some time during the year by a couple of smokers and informal dances, at which no one is ever known to have anything but the best of times. In fact, when you see a bunch of foresters together you may know there's something doing and there is!

FOREST CLUB PUBLICATION

NEBRASKA FIRST SCHOOL TO HAVE ANNUAL—EXAMPLE FOLLOWED.

The fourth number of the Forest Club Annual will be ready for distribution in a few days. This Annual is a student publication dealing with forestry subjects. The material for the book is contributed by students and alumni, along lines of work with which they have been connected.

Nebraska was the first school in the country to put out a technical forestry publication, but others are now falling in line. Harvard last year published a Forestry Annual, and the Penn State College foresters took charge of one number of their College Annual.

The Nebraska publication this year is larger than ever before, containing 160 pages and a number of illustrations. The dope presented in this book is new and is sure to be of great interest to foresters, and its country wide distribution means a big boost for the Nebraska forest school. The staff this year is: R. T. Guthrie, editor; J. R. Bruff, assistant; E. T. Wohlenberg, business manager.

MEDICAL STUDENTS TRY IT.

Embryo Doctors Make Sacrifices of Selves in Painful Experiment.

Friday afternoon numerous moans and groans were heard coming from the fourth floor of Nebraska hall.

When the writer, in search of the cause, appeared at the door there were to be seen lying across the three radiators weird and almost inanimate forms of embryo doctors, and flying

about the rooms were students carrying numerous stomach pumps.

At first it was thought that, being election day, they had been spending their "vote" money too freely, but upon investigation it was learned that they had been trying the effects of the internal administration ("Internal," they said) of potassium iodide.

DEAN BESSEY TELLS OF FORESTRY DEPARTMENT (Continued from page 1.)

dress I became quite enthusiastic over the subject, and laying aside my notes I turned from the audience to the chancellor and said with much emphasis that some day the University of Nebraska would have a course of study in forestry. This was said in a spirit of prophecy, under the inspiration of the theme and the responsive audience, but the words "fell on good ground," for before I sat down Chancellor Andrews took me by the hand and said, "Professor, I want you to lay out a course of study in forestry for the forthcoming catalogue." I protested that I was not a trained forester, but he would not listen to my excuses or protests. And so I went to work and planned the course essentially as it is now in its general features. This was printed in the new catalogue, and at once attracted the favorable notice of students. In the course as it was then planned the sciences and other subjects that precede and underlie forestry were all massed in the freshman and sophomore years, while the remaining years were given almost exclusively to the more or less technical phases of forestry.

When the course was laid before the chancellor we agreed that we should wait two years before creating the chair of forestry, since there were no strictly forestry studies in the first and second years. And then the unexpected happened. In the fall semester of 1902 quite a number of men, who were freshmen transferred their work from other courses, and at once were able to take advanced standing in the new course. So it turned out that it became necessary to have a professor of forestry by the opening of the second year of the existence of the course.

Accordingly I was commissioned by the chancellor to find a man for the place, and after a conference with Mr. Frank G. Miller, in New York City early in July, 1903, I closed the preliminaries of an engagement with him by which he was appointed to be the first professor of forestry in the University. Upon his arrival here Professor Miller was met by a much enlarged company of earnest young foresters, and from that day to this the company has grown in numbers and earnestness.

During Professor Miller's four years of service here he greatly improved the course of study, and laid the foundations for the brilliant work that has been done in the ten years of the existence of forestry in the University. On the resignation of Professor Miller it fell to me again to find a man for the position, and the result was the appointment of Professor Frank J. Phillips, whom we all remember and whose untimely taking off we still deplore. His brilliant administration of the department is so recent that I need not speak of it in detail. It was a period of growth, and intense enthusiasm. On his death most naturally his efficient assistant, Professor O. L. Sponsler, was promoted to the head of the department, and a new man, Professor William J. Duppert, was brought in as an assistant. It is unnecessary to comment on the high class of the work now being done; it is enough to say that it meets with the approval of the forestry students on the one hand, and the "powers that be" on the other.

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