In the last issue of the Youth's Companion there was a short article by the Father of Arbor Day, Secretary J. Sterling Morton, which was substantially as follows:

In January, 1872, J. Sterling Morton introduced a resolution at a meeting of the State Board of Agriculture, declaring the thirteenth of April each year "to be Arbor Day." In the twenty-first century this day is observed in the State of Nebraska on the first day of May, beside which is a corresponding Arbor Day, as the date of this Arbor Day is April 15, each year. This is a date that is celebrated as "Arbor Day" in many parts of the world. Hence, it may be said that the celebration of Arbor Day is becoming more widespread, and it is likely to continue to grow in popularity in the future.

In considering the division of the topic that has been assigned to me, the celebration of "Arbor Day on the Farm," it is very naturally divided into planting a forest, setting out fruit and nut trees, decorating the grounds about the house, and roadside planting.

From what has been said by previous speakers regalizing, it is a reasonable expectation that the cost of Michigan forests will be doubled in the present year. In the absence of any better knowledge, it may be assumed that the cost of Michigan forests will be doubled in the present year.

It is reported that upon the first Arbor Day in Nebraska 12,000,000 trees were planted. The benefits of these earlier plantings became so marked that up to 1858, the 18,000,000 acres of forests were in good condition. In sections of the State where most of the land was planted in that State, the soil was not considered to be of the utmost importance, and the present time over twenty billion trees have been planted in Nebraska upon "Arbor Days." In his article in the Youth's Companion, Secretary Morton said: "A grove of nut trees would add much to the attractiveness of a farm and a windbreak, and besides would make an excellent windbreak. In the same year, a grove of nut trees, here again would seem to be an admirably a windbreak.

Although not likely to be commonly successful, some of the Pecans and of the hardier, late blooming varieties of the English, or more properly the Persian walnut, may be grown in the State of Michigan; it is today viewed rather as an ornamental tree, so called. The chestnut is a very common forest tree, and thrives best in a moist and shady soil. The filbert is the most common forest tree, and thrives best in a moist and shady soil. The chestnut is a very common forest tree, and thrives best in a moist and shady soil.

As for the children. If the patrons of the school will aid in preparing the lawn, and in building walks and fences, the work of planting and caring for them can be done by the children under the direction of the teacher.

Lowsell, he says, "No man does anything more visal and practical to the world than a man plants a tree," and this may well be true, but it is inimitable in its results. When the child is encouraging the work of the forest, and the pleasure afforded the aesthetic taste of his occupant, would repay its entire cost. Roadside planting should also receive attention, making use so far as possible of native trees and shrubs. In some sections, fruit and nut trees can be used for this purpose, and besides would make an excellent windbreak. Surmounting an eminence as it would, be there is a marvelous work of the forest, and the pleasure afforded the aesthetic taste of its occupant, would repay its entire cost.

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At the college.

Prof. and Mrs. Babcock have new Victor bicycles.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Hume, '87, a girl, April 13, at 10:30 a.m., to Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Tabor.

Prof. W. H. Barrows took his class in geology to Grand Ledge for a field day last Saturday.

Miss Kate Tracy, of Olivet College, and W. W. Tracy, '77, of Detroit, are to be married by Revs. S. W. and J. W. Tracy, the first of last week.

Married, April 23, 1896, at Croswell, Mich., Dr. J. B. Hinckle, '72, to Miss Bertha MacIeiken. At home May 13, at Wasaga Beach, Ont., Miss Belle L. Harris, '92.

One day last week a T in the main steam pipe in the Mechanical Laboratory exploded. Luckily the T was under the floor so that no damage was done.

Mrs. Lound, Miss Lillian Wood, Miss Mary Stump, Miss Nora C. Widdess received ovations of a shower of tangerines sent them by R. C. Bradley, stovard of the Newberry Apery.


Our ball team went to Kalamazoo to play last Saturday but the game was called in the second inning on account of rain. Neither side had scored. Two games will be played next Saturday with the Kalamazoo College team.

The last meeting of the M. A. C. Grange for this term will be held next Friday evening, at which time the ladies and gentlemen who have done so much will be present to participate in the grand and inane.

On Saturday evening the M. A. C. Grange will furnish the program for the Capital Grange in Lansing.

Among the visitors at College last week were C. C. Miller, St. Cloud, Mich., mother of our student, Geo. D. Miller, '70; Mr. H. D. Ward, Chicago, Western Field Secretary of the Presbytery; Dr. M. G. Purser, South Skiddle, Conn., and Mr. Richard Bryarves, Mason, Mich.

Prof. P. B. Woodworth left Saturday for New York to attend the national electric light convention at which time he will be an exhibitor of a new system of electric lights. While there he was elected a member of the New York Academy of Science.

Our alumni association and all friends are cordially invited to attend the annual dinner to be given by the Alumni Association on May 5, at 6:30 p.m., at the College Hotel. The entertainment will consist of a dinner. A special feature of the evening will be the address by Prof. Prentiss Ely, C. F. Wheeler, '91, and Mr. E. A. Edgerton, engineer of the M. A. C. heating, water, and lighting plant has resigned from his position, having accepted an offer of the E. O. B. S. M. Smith & Co., State Printers and Binders, Lansing, Mich.

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Jewell’s injuries, which seem to be mainly concussion of the brain, were severe and caused him to be taken to the hospital. It is feared that Mr. Jewell’s condition will not improve quickly, and he may remain unconscious for some time. The accident occurred during a cattle drive, and both Jewell and his father, C. A. Jewell, were passengers in the rig, which had seven occupants in total.

The decoration and title upon L. G. Carpenter, ’79, of “Columbia College” were awarded to him in recognition of his public spirit and his leadership in organizing community events.

The program was well-received, with good music and a variety of speeches. The outdoor sports, which began in the armory at 7:30 PM, were very lively and much more interesting than the indoor sports. The events included:

- Mile Walk, won by Libby in 10:34.
- Pole vault won by Lundy, 8 ft. 1 in. Mr. Lundy is a nephew of our former pole vaulter, Thos. Bradford.
- High jump, won by Laitner, 4 ft. 8 in.
- Running broad jump, won by A. C. Krentel, 17 feet.
- One mile run, won by J. Tracy.

Immediately after the Arbor Day exercises last Friday, there were no record-breaking events. Following are some of the events that were won:

- Light weight, Green won from Redman.
- Welter weight, Laitner won from Lowry.
- Heavy weight, drawn between Woodworth and Redman.
- Middle weight, Boit won from Hong in fourth bout.

The last indoor event was a team wrestling in which Laitner, Woodworth, and Elliot were pitted against Redman, Corey, and Green. This created much amusement and ended in a victory for the former team.

**Grass Seeds.**

Dr. W. J. Beal.

Seedsmen of this country are showing an increased interest in the kinds of seeds they buy and sell, at least some of them display this interest. This week a prominent seed firm in New York sent out to this department a barrel of sheep’s fescue, which some of their customers objected to in the lawns. This very species is often sold in high-priced mixtures for lawns, notwithstanding it grows in bunches and does not make a close turf. A coarse variety of sheep’s fescue with a bluish shade stands dry weather well and the trampling of student traffic. It is usually of very poor quality unless cut early in the spring.

**The Three New Wheats for Michigan.**

No. 2. Voigt’s White Star Wheat.

S. C. Knowles.

Among the valuable new varieties of wheat brought to notice last year was a white winter wheat raised on the farm of J. C. D. and J. E. Lewis near Corinth, Ganessa township, Kent Co. A load of this wheat was brought to Voigt’s mill, Grand Rapids, and was offered for sale as White Clawson, but Mr. Voigt saw at a glance the origin of this wheat as the White Clawson, especially in its hard and flinty character, in strong contrast with the soft and starchy Clascon. Voigt sent some to this college for examination, and the general opinion here was that it was not Clascon, the hard flinty appearance of a cross section of the kernel being in marked contrast with the starchy appearance of a section of Clascon. Robert Gibbons of the Michigan Farmer said it was not Clascon. It was also observed and a marked difference in the composition of the two wheats.

As the wheel differs so much from Clascon, that name is rejected for this wheat, and I propose to name it Voigt’s White Star Wheat.

**Character of the Wheat.**

It is a white winter wheat, full, the stalk and head resembling the Clascon, and ripening at the same time. Very prolific, and said to have produced forty-two bushels per acre on forty acres. The wheat of these forty acres was mostly used for seed as farms near Corinth because of its great value, and it is probable that seed wheat could be obtained in quantity from these farms. Mr. C. C. A. Voigt of Grand Rapids can furnish information upon this point.

I have not been able to trace the history of this wheat. If it shall retain its good character for productivity and richness in gluten, it will be prized by farmers and millers.

**Chemical Department.**

**Local Field Day.**

Immediately after the Arbor Day exercises last Friday the events of the sporting season local field day were run off. While most of the sports were interesting, there was no record-breaking events. Following are the list of sports and their winners:

100 yards dash, won by Partridge, in 12 seconds.
220 yards dash, won by A. C. Krentel, in 26 seconds.
Quarter mile run, won by T. Bailey, in 4 minutes 12 seconds.
Half mile run won by Partridge in 6 minutes 59.34 seconds.
One mile run, won by J. Tracy.
Running broad jump, won by A. C. Krentel, 17 inches.

Running hop step and jump, won by Sees, 20 ft. 83.5 inches.
Standing broad jump, won by Eastman, 9 ft. 74.5 inches.
High jump, won by Sees, 6 feet 8 inches.
Shot put won by Warren 30 ft. 54.5 inches.
Pole vault won by Lundy, 8 ft. 1 inch. Mr. Lundy is a nephew of the well-known Claflin vault. Thorn, Bradford, hammer throw, won by Marsh 74 ft. 3 inches.

Mile Walk, won by Dibby in 10 minutes.
One-half mile run, won by Sees, in 2 minutes 34 seconds.
One-quarter mile bicycle, won by Thomas 49 sec.
Mile bicycle, won by Brown.

The lawn bowling, which began in the armory at 7:30, were very lively and much more interesting than the outdoor sports. The wicket and feather weight wrestling were especially fine, and the exhibition boxing by Meers, Porter and Mills and Vandervelde and Miller called forth considerable applause. The events were won as follows:

Wrestling: Heavy weight, drawn between Woodworth and Redman.
Middle weight, Boit won from Hong in fourth bout.
Welter weight, Laitner won from Lowry.
Light weight, Green and Jewell by forfeit after one fall had been won by Corey.
Feather weight, Elliot won from Dibble by forfeit and Dibble had won a 9, 7, 3, 1 match.

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