FARM NOTES.

Professor Mumford is prosecuting an experiment in fattening steers that promises to be of great interest to the cattle feeders of Michigan.

There has been a growing interest in the subject of fattening corn in the silo as the most economical method of harvesting the corn crop for the dairy cow. It has been found valuable for fattening steers.

Many of our farmers who have fattened steers on the dairy farm have argued that it would be equally valuable for fattening steers. But, as Mr. Mumford has shown, these arguments are based on a misconception of the value of corn silage.

The annual meeting of the association held at Ann Arbor on Monday, January 15, was attended by nearly all the members of the organization. The first paper of the afternoon meeting on Friday was a paper by C. W. Prescott & Son, of Iosco county, Michigan, on "A Separation of State and Local Taxation," which was the subject of the first paper of the annual meeting.

The second objection is that since the tendency of wealth in our day is to mass itself into great corporate aggregates at the expense of smaller corporations, the division of burden under the present regime is not equitable. For instance, the great corporate aggregates pay the share of the burden of the whole government, but do not bear their proportionate share of the burden of local government.

In its confession of ignorance. The case is a Macedonian one, "Come over and help us!" which Professor Seligman pursued. It was amusing to note in the next day's paper the desperate floundering of the reporter over the matter. He evidently thought that, however litigious and learned, as the discussion of the history of taxation and institutions had been, the plan of division of burden under the present regime is not equitable. But he could not get away from the fact that he is proposing practically a doing away with the present tax law and in its place a new system of taxation. The paper was a good one, and was of much crimination and recrimination, which, in reference to the subject of taxation, is a matter of indifference to the rest of the world.
beginning, the training of eye and ear. No one will maintain that training of the eye gives training of the ear, or vice versa; the discrimination of qualities of leather does not give or in any way help to give the power of judging the qualities as it is. It is none the less true, also, that keen powers of observation with any given science are greatly helped to help to give power of observation with the same sense in an unrelated field. Much is said of the keen observation of savages in the wild forest; but place him on the broad ocean and he is "all at sea"—as has been said of a child’s and "old salt" by his powers of observation is able to find his way within his territory.
Fraternity at the last meeting of the Michigan Alpha Chapter. They bring the total undergraduate membership up to ten, a much larger number than has ever been reached in the previous history of the fraternity at M. A. C.

Prof. Beal, at the request of the State Forestry Commission, met with them on the 16th to consider several bills that are about to be introduced into the legislature with reference to improving the condition of the Michigan stump lands. C. W. Garth, '70, is president of the commission. Fremont E. Sheets, '78, was present at the meeting also, by special invitation.

The sad news of the death of Mrs. Shakespeare, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Monroe cast a gloom over her friends on the campus, and Mrs. C. J. Monroe seemed to come, as it were, as a foretaste of similar pleasures in the future.

A number of the faculty have been away during the past week in connection with professional work. President Snyder addressed two institutes at Hudsonville and Grand Rapids. Professor Towar attended a meeting of the day institutes in Lapeer county, and Prof. Smith addressed meetings of farmers at Galesburg and Grand Rapids. Prof. L. R. Taft read a paper before the Wisconsin State Horticultural Society at Oshkosh last week. Prof. E. C. Green ('97) of the University of Illinois also addressed the meeting on "Injurious Insects and Their Treatment."

Prof. Hermann K. Vedder attended the annual convention of the Michigan Engineering Society at Ann Arbor, January 8-11, and read a paper on "How the Society Can Promote the Education of Young Engineers." Many friends seemed to know him, and Prof. Francis Hodgman ('63, M. S.'85), secretary of the society since 1886, during which time he had not missed a meeting, was this year detained at home on account of sickness.

As evidence of the growth of the department of mechanical engineering it is interesting to note that the number of juniors taking the course is 27 as compared to only 12 seniors. This means that the department will graduate twice as many engineers next year as this. The lower classes show a proportional increase in size. It is very gratifying to see the engineering department increasing in this way, but it means that every available desk is occupied in the designing room used by the seniors and juniors, and that in another year enlarged quarters for the designing work will be imperative. The department has recently acquired a Lynn Indicator for testing the power of steam engines, and also a Carpenter separating calorimeter.

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