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EDITORIAL.

The interest that the college men throughout the country are showing in the political situation this year is surely an encouraging sign. A college man should certainly be interested in political matters. He stands for progress and improvement, and he owes it to his country to help improve her politics. He cannot do this by staying out of politics and allowing those who are influenced solely by selfish interests to run the political affairs of the country.

Nearly every college has a Republican and a Democratic club. Most of these are affiliated with the National College Leagues of the two parties, and are distributing pamphlets, pictures, and buttons sent to them by the National offices. The

colleges situated in places larger than State College are holding enthusiastic meetings and listening to addresses by local demagogues.

The excitement ran high when the Republican club was formed here last week; but the campaign would be much more interesting if the Democrats would get together and organize for the support of the Nebraska orator.

Those who attended chapel last Sunday had a rare treat in the sermon preached by President Crawford of Allegheny college. We understand that there are many more just such enjoyable treats in store for the students this year. Several other college presidents and well known ministers have consented to preach at our chapel services during the year.

Prof. Baker Makes Forestry Trip.

Prof. H. P. Baker, during the first two weeks in September, was sent by the United States Forest Service for conference with Governor Cummins of Iowa regarding the conservation of natural resources of that state. As a result of the conference the Governor appointed a State Conservation Commission made up of representatives from the State University, the State College, the Iowa Park and Forestry Association, a well known lawyer of the state and a large manufacturer. Prof. Thomas H. Mac Bride of the State University is chairman of the commission. Professor Baker left here again on Monday to meet this Commission for consideration of legislation to be presented at the next meeting of the legislature.

On his return from Iowa Professor Baker called on Governor Warner of Michigan and the State Forestry Commission for the purpose of

bringing the Forest Service and the State Commission close together in the cooperative investigation of the forest conditions in the lower peninsula of Michigan. The Michigan people were very anxious to carry on this cooperative work and immediately appropriated \$500, which amount has been duplicated by the Forest Service, and two men are now in the field investigating the injuries resulting from the serious fires of the past fall. This data will be published by the Forest Service and will be used by the State Commission in obtaining desired legislation. Prof. Baker spent several days at the State Agricultural College at Lansing and with Dr. Roth at Ann Arbor.

The Dedication.

Last Friday's exercises at the dedication of the Woman's building were very successful. Delegates were present from the women's clubs throughout the state, Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Williamsport, Clearfield, DuBois, Norristown, and other places being represented. One hundred and thirty sat down to the lunch prepared for them in the new building by the students in domestic science. The address by Dean Hunt in the morning at the Agricultural building on the importance of dairy and poultry products in domestic science, and the afternoon addresses in the Auditorium were well attended and greatly appreciated.

This gathering of women can bring nothing but the best results for the Woman's Department of the college. It will bring many new students here next year to take the domestic science course, and it will advertise throughout the state the twelve weeks course in that subject which will begin in January.

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