

publicity and helped greatly to stimulate the industry.

Dr. Nelson, who is at the head of the veterinary department, was away and could not be seen. His work in the college involves instruction in the various branches of the veterinary profession. During the school months diseased horses, cattle, sheep and swine are treated in the presence of students. Last winter five horses were dissected for purposes

The investigations of Prof. Piper, the entomologist, have attracted wide attention. We described in our last issue his researches, jointly with Dr. Nelson, on the squirrel pest. The writer found him in his laboratory deep in his work and yet, busy as he was, took the time to give us a great many points on the progress of his work, some of which we will present in future issues.

Stanley Piper, a younger brother of Prof. Piper, has made a creditable beginning for a collection of the birds and mammals, mice, chipmunks, squirrels and rabbits. The specimens are mostly in the form of skins, but a considerable number of them are mounted.

Prof. J. A. Balmer has about 35 acres in orchard, none of which is over five years old. In this orchard he has a large number of varieties of fruits, principally of apples, there being 600 varieties of this fruit. There are but two experimental stations in the Union that conduct larger experiments of this kind, namely California and New York. Among other things, he has an unusually large collection of seedlings. The number of valuable or promising seedling apples originating in this section is something quite remarkable, as has been shown in the Spokane fruit fair each year. Of course many of the imported varieties will be discarded as soon as results have shown them to be of poor quality, and the stocks will be worked over with more promising fruits. The orchard is thoroughly tilled and cultivated up to the first of August and kept perfectly clean. After that date there is no further tillage so that the wood may be allowed to ripen. The older part of the orchard is beginning to bear this year.

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