

such a forest and they will speedily eat or trample down the undergrowth till the bare ground is exposed. The soil then rapidly dries out and becomes hard, and the trees soon die. Grasses, insects and wind usually hasten the destruction. Cattle and goats have ravaged the Hawaiian forests without hindrance for many years and have worked further each year into the heart of the dense tropical growth. The Hawaiian public lands consist of 1,772,640 acres. All of these lands, which are in forest, and many forest areas privately owned which the government can gain possession of by exchange, will be put into forest reserves, cleared of cattle and goats, fenced and preserved.

*Bradstreet's* says editorially: The enormous losses already suffered in Texas and the immense power for evil, not only to that state but to the entire south, contained in the onward march of the so-called Mexican boll weevil, lends interest to the fact that a convention has been called to meet in Dallas, November 5, to consider ways and means of checking its ravages. Invitations have been sent out to all parts of the United States interested in this problem, and especially throughout the cotton producing states of the south, not only to those handling cotton itself but to all principal dealers in kindred lines. Fully one thousand delegates are expected to assemble to consider the subject. The question is getting to be a serious problem, not only with Texas producers but the entire cotton producing section of the United States, and those interested regard it as a question that should be studied and considered by every section of the United States. Under the caption 'The Cotton Weevil, a National Danger,' *Bradstreet's* some six months ago advocated a careful consideration of this subject by Congress, and the beginnings of systematic work were laid in an appropriation by Congress of a sum of money to be used in studying the pest and, if possible, finding something to check its progress. We know of no single subject that contains more of importance to the entire country's economic interests than the devising of measures to arrest and, if pos-

sible, eradicate this scourge to the principal agricultural interest of the south.

#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

THE College for Women of the Western Reserve University has received from various donors \$50,000 for the enlargement of the campus.

At the last meeting of the trustees of Columbia University, gifts amounting to \$40,500 were acknowledged toward the fund for the purchase of South Field.

THE board of directors of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Philadelphia has instructed President H. C. Wood to appoint a committee to obtain plans for the proposed new library hall, on Twenty-second street, above Chestnut. The site was purchased some time ago, at a cost of \$80,000. The college now has on hand a surplus of \$24,000 toward the construction of the hall. Mr. Andrew Carnegie gave \$50,000 for that purpose, and \$54,000 was raised by the college.

THE University of Wisconsin is planning to celebrate next June, with a week's exercises, the fiftieth anniversary of the first commencement.

WILLIAM F. DURAND, professor of Marine Engineering, has been appointed acting director of Sibley College, Cornell University, in place of the late Professor Thurston.

THE following appointments have been made in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University: Dr. Samuel W. Lambert, professor of applied therapeutics; Dr. Joseph A. Blake, professor of surgery; Dr. George E. Brewer, professor of clinical surgery; Dr. John S. Thacher, professor of clinical medicine; Dr. Frederick Peterson, clinical professor of psychiatry.

At the Illinois Wesleyan University, Dr. J. K. P. Hawks has been appointed instructor in bacteriology, Dr. J. Whitefield Smith, instructor in biology, and Mr. Bartgis McGlone, instructor in botany.

EARL SPENCER has accepted the presidency of the Council of the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, in the room of the late Duke of Richmond and Gordon.