Frederick Monroe Tisdel

President of the University of Wyoming

LITTLE over a year after Professor Alderson was called to the Presidency of the Colorado School of Mines, Professor Frederick Monroe Tisdel was called to fill the same position at the University of Wyoming. Professor Tisdel is pre-eminently the man for the place. The University of Wyoming is a young and growing institution, and Professor Tisdel has the executive ability, the strength of character, and the "push" to bring it in the foremost rank of Western Universities. Those students who had the privilege of working under the guidance of Professor Tisdel know his sterling worth, and can fully appreciate the loss which the Institute has sustained. The officers of the Institute did not like to see Professor Tisdel go any more than the students, but the whole Institute unites in congratulating Professor Tisdel on his appointment, and the University of Wyoming on securing such a man for their president.

The following extract is from the "Wyoming School Journal" for January, 1905: "Frederick Monroe Tisdel was elected president of the University at a special meeting of the Board of Trustees last July. Though not a native of Wyoming, he came to the State at three years of age, his parents having moved there largely on account of the climate. His father was for many years assistant superintendent of the coal department of the Union Pacific, and the family resided at Rock Springs. After completing the course of study in the Rock Springs school, the boy was sent to the Northwestern Academy at Evanston, Illinois, and later to the Northwestern University. He was graduated from Northwestern with the degree of A.B. in 1891, receiving, at the same time, a diploma from the Northwestern School of Oratory. In the fall of the same year, he began his career as a teacher in the faculty of the University of Wisconsin, which, two years later, conferred upon him the degree of Master of Arts. In the fall of 1893 he resigned his position for the purpose of doing graduate work at Harvard University. After two years of study at Harvard, he was appointed Associate Professor at Oberlin College, where he remained for three years, and then returned to Harvard to complete his studies. At Harvard he was elected to a Morgan Fellowship, and in 1900 the degree of Doctor of Philosophy was conferred upon him. In the fall of 1900 he accepted a position as Professor and head of the department of English at Armour Institute of Technology, and remained there until he was called to the Presidency of the University of Wyoming." Professor Tisdel was born at Belvidere, Illinois, January 7, 1869.

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