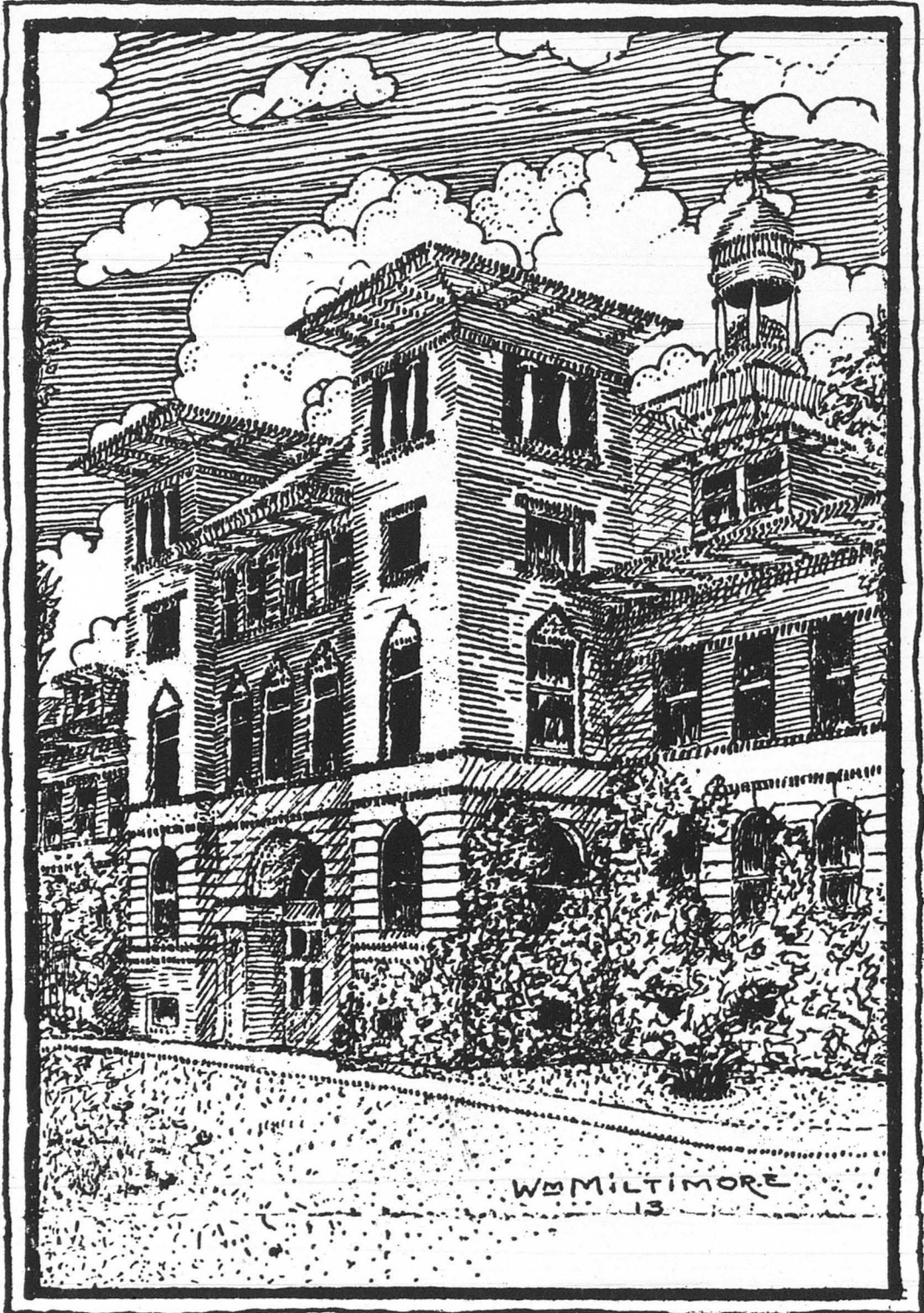


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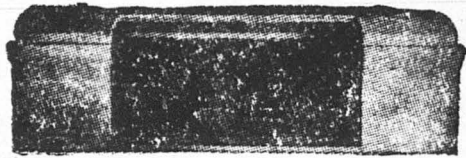
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# EDITORIAL

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Greetings—It is with the greatest confidence and hopes for success that we begin another year's publication of our school paper—The Pointer. We say with confidence, because, as Lord Bryon says, "The best of prophets of the Future is the Past," and so we feel assured that if this year's work lives up to the standard of former years we can hope for success. However, we shall not be satisfied if our work is just as good as in past years, but we desire to make it better. We have made a good start in this direction by enlarging the paper. The booklet contains not only more pages this year but they are longer and wider, making it resemble less an advertising pamphlet (as some one informed us.) The staff alone cannot make the paper a success, but must have the cooperation of the whole school, not only in a financial way, but also in contributing to the various departments of the paper. Boost the paper! Don't knock! If there is anything you don't like about it, contribute something better. Remember that The Pointer is the representative of the school and is one of the standards by which the school is judged. We want a paper which will creditably represent the school and all its activities. This will be impossible without your assistance.

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How pleasant it will be in after years to look back upon the days spent at S. P. N. ! One of the best mediums for helping you to recall pleasant memories of your school days is thru The Pointer. By subscribing for it, you will be able to keep a record of your years spent here. If you are an alumnus and wish to keep in touch with your Alma Mater, subscribe for the school paper at once.

## "Style Sheet."

The English department of the Wisconsin Teachers' Association has chosen a committee of which Mr. C. R. Rounds is chairman, and which is working out a "style sheet" of punctuation and capitalization to be used as a standard in the public schools. This plan is for the purpose of simplifying to some extent the work of English teachers and others who may have to look over written work.

A simple set of rules will be chosen, comprising from one to five rules concerning each punctuation mark, a few about the use of capital letters and some miscellaneous rules. A copy of this "style sheet" will be sent to each superintendent in the state, who will see to it that each teacher and each student under his jurisdiction is provided with a copy of the same.

This surely is a move in the right direction, as the usage of punctuation and capitalization in the present day is entirely in want of consistency and system. It is especially needed where articles must be literally "made over" to be at all printable. Most newspapers have a "style" based on common agreement, which is easy and reasonable and which simplifies to a great extent the work of the proof-readers. It has proved indispensable to this line of business.

In our own school, for instance, this "style sheet" will be of great help, as so much written work is required, and especially for the Pointer and Iris staffs. It takes a great amount of time and patience to go over all the material handed in for publication, and the more simple the better.

We do want your contributions to the Pointer each issue, and are very glad to get them; we also think a standard "style sheet" will be of great benefit to all.



# LITERARY



## Side Lights in Civics and Current History.

[Bald Statement by a Bald Prof.]

Mr. Gladstone once described our national constitution as "the most wonderful work ever struck off at a given time by the brain and purpose of man." The commentaries of normal school students on that immortal document are proof conclusive that Gladstone was right,—unless perchance said commentaries themselves may now claim to have succeeded to the distinction hitherto held by the constitution. In fields other than civics, also, the written answers of our students to inquiries, like the responses of the oracle at Delphi, frequently give information illuminating and "most wonderful." As a result of the educational investigation now going on in Wisconsin a set of test questions on current events was recently submitted to our high school graduates in the normal school. Here are some of the answers quoted verbatim from the papers of one section. Note especially the spelling, punctuation, capitalization, grammar and ideas (?).

### CURRENT EVENTS.

1. What is meant by a share of stock?  
By this we mean a certain portion of a stock.
2. Give some reasons why a dollar today is only worth about 60 per cent of what it was ten years ago.  
The silver dollar is worth less because as the dollar is handled the outer part of metal is worn off.
3. What is meant by municipal ownership of public utilities?  
a Munciple ownership of public utility is the joint ownership of the town in general to the use of the public.  
b This means one person or a few persons runs the affair of some public thing.
- c Munciple ownership of public utilities is meant that a certain Co. or bunch run the public rather than the people.
4. What important bills are now before congress?  
The important bills now before congress—
5. What is the Babcock test?  
a Babcock test is a test for the cleanliness of wholesomeness of foods.  
b The Babcock test is a test of milk to insure sanitary conditions.
6. What causes a common cold?  
a Commor cold by drafts and not plenty of fresh air occasionally.  
b The blood goes to the weakes organ from the skin when skin get schilled.
7. Why is Mexico in the throes of a revolution?  
Mexico has had trouble in her government because of the poor government.
8. What is a militant suffragette, and why do they act as they do in England?  
a The English suffragettes show that they have inherited the fighting spirit.  
b No one knows why they act as they do in England.
9. Name five European states that have recently been involved in war, state how they were divided and what state lost territory as a result.  
a Austria, China, Japan, France, Servia.  
b Turkey loses territory.
10. What governmental change has recently taken place in China?  
The Chinese has recently established a Republic form of government.

11. For what reasons are the following men nationally prominent: Luther Burbank, Benjamin Lindsey, Hiram Johnson, Ben King, Thomas Edison, John D. Rockefeller, Samuel Gompers, Marconi, Huerta?

- a Luther Burbank—Grew different
- b Ben King—Army officer
- c T. Edison—politician
- d Samul Gompers—For his great work along athletics  
—Gov. of New York
- e Marconi—Chinese affairs  
—For his help in the immigration problem
- f Whoerta

12. Name five men or women important either in recent literature, music or art, and tell why each is important.

Roosevelt—wrote The Wild West.

So much for the knowledge of the wide world accumulated by our juniors in the happy high school days.

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Following are sample offerings along other lines by normal classes of former years:

#### CIVICS.

1. The preamble \* \* \* \*—"secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our predecessors, and our posterities."

2. Executive power is invested in the President?

3. The difference between the Houses are that the House of Senators are a dignified body. House of Rep. during the session there is much noise going on. The President has power to send out declamations.

4. The school board enforces the compulsory law by fining the apparents.

5. And independent school district may impose upon teachers for further obligations than a common district.

6. Teachers must attend the teachers' accosications.

#### U. S. HISTORY.

1. Columbus first landed on the island of San Salvador and next he landed on Central America.

2. The founder of Georgia colony was James Oglethorpe.

3. Occupation in N. Carolina was small farms of tobacco, rice and pitch, tar and lumber.

4. The poorer class had to get along without schools if because could not afford to hire any teacher.

5. The religion of Maryland. Most of the people were Catclics, but there were a few Prodestants, but they were allowed to worship the church they belonged.

6. Gag resolution was that all petitions that said anything about slavery shoud be laid up on the shelf.

7. The principal which the wigs party stood for were protected tarriff.

Enough for the nonce. More anon, maybe. Do you get the point in the above? If not you are "it."



# FACULTY

We extend to the new members of the faculty a most cordial welcome. They have already won the esteem and respect of the student body and we hope they will enjoy their work here with us.

Miss Allen and Miss Hansen are the new domestic science teachers. Miss Allen has the cooking classes and Miss Hansen has charge of the sewing and millinery. They have done much to make the course interesting and beneficial to the girls, especially by organizing a Home Economics Club. Miss Allen comes here from Normal, Illinois, where she was highly recommended and greatly liked. Miss Hansen is a graduate of Western Illinois State Normal, later receiving an honorary diploma from the same school. She is also a graduate of the Bradley Polytechnic school of Peoria, where she has since done post-graduate work. She also comes highly recommended.

Miss Wilson now has charge of the eighth grade, and Miss Langwill is the critic teacher for the sixth and seventh grades. She has shown herself very efficient in this work and has given her practice teachers a great deal of valuable information. Miss Langwill is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin.

Miss Vail is now in the Normal building taking charge of the third and fourth grades. Miss Schrodé has the fifth grade.

Miss Brewster, a former teacher in the New London training school, takes Miss Burce's place. She is class officer for the new classes of sub-freshmen and has proved a true friend and advisor to them. Miss Brewster is an alumna of our Normal, has attended the University of Wisconsin and has done work at Columbia University of New York.

Mr. Watson is the new geography teacher. He is well liked by all who know him and seems to be the right man in the right place. He takes an active interest in the athletics of the school and has given some good talks at the mass meetings. Mr. Watson is a graduate of Flatteville Normal and has taken the degree of Bachelor of Arts at the Uni-

versity of Chicago, where he has also done post-graduate work.

The faculty has been taking part in a great deal of outside work. Teachers from Stevens Point Normal are in demand for institutes, conventions and educational programs. This seems to show the quality and superiority of their work.

At the meeting of the Northwestern Teachers' Association held in Eau Claire, Oct. 17-18, four of our teachers took part. Mr. Hyer spoke on the teaching of phonics in the public schools, a subject in which he has specialized. To help him in his address were four little girls from the Normal Model school. They illustrated his points with work in phonics very ably. They also took part in Miss Parkhurst's talk on rythm and folk-dancing in the primary grades. Mr. Phelan gave a very interesting talk on his special line of work, rural schools, and Mr. Herrick spoke on agriculture in the rural schools.

Mr. Sims, Mr. Herrick and Mr. Phelan spoke at the Central Wisconsin Teachers' Association meeting held at Wausau, Oct. 24-25. Other members of the faculty attending were Miss Wilson, Miss Vail and Miss Baker.

Mr. Phelan, Mr. Ames and Mr. Hyer have been conducting institutes in different counties throughout this part of the state. Mr. Phelan also spent a week visiting schools in Adams county.

Miss Brewster acted as a judge in a baking contest while visiting the New London training school in Waupaca county.

Mr. Sims has had the honor to be chosen one of the two delegates from Wisconsin to attend the National Educational Association convention to be held in Salt Lake City.

We were glad to see Dr. Allison again and to have her with us for a week. She has won a place in the hearts of all the students and they take to her all their pains and ailments for help and advice. We will be glad to see her again next spring.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Spindler.

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The Senior class officers were elected for this year as follows:

President—Worth J. Dafoe.  
Vice Pres.—Earl E. Edes.  
Secretary—Lilia Johnson.  
Treasurer—Pearl E. Richards.  
Sergeant—Earl R. Moxon.

The annual Senior reception for the Juniors was held Friday evening, October 31st, in the gymnasium. The hallowe'en decorations were very effective with corn stalks, pumpkin jack-o-lanterns and a very cosy fireplace at one end of the gym. The grotesque figure of a witch riding a broomstick hung from the center of the room.

A novel entertainment was given the first part of the evening, in the form of a mock wedding. The bridal party consisted of fifteen people, all the necessary characters for such a function being in evidence. This extract was taken from the "Little-Doing Journal," September 1st:

"The Gould-Scherer wedding last evening was rudely interrupted by the objections of Scherer's barn boss, O'Connell, who said the bride belonged to him, after which Bill assumed the role of the groom and the ceremony proceeded. Preacher Dafoe met the party in front of the fireplace and 'spliced them together in sight of the faculty.'"

After the ceremony the bridal party formed a receiving line and the guests were allowed to congratulate all members of the party. Then followed a grand march led by Farmer Smith and wife, after which dancing was enjoyed by all. Refreshments were served later in the evening.

The most significant thing about the party was that there were only about five fellows who did not join the dancing and get acquainted. Good work!

## OBSERVING SENIORS

One of the Seniors in a forty-five minute class counted twenty-nine (29) "in general," said by one of the faculty during his lecture.

The all important question which is annually put to the Senior class, "Shall we have a class pin or ring, and what shall it be?" was settled in short order this fall. The 1914 class selected a simple design to be used either in a ring or a pin and a number of both have been ordered.

' Seniors, why so pale and Pensive  
On this bright November day?  
Art thou weeping, ever weeping,  
'Cause our Ness dear, went away?"

When one of the members of the following "combinations" are seen separately—Hope and Cossey, Nina and Sophy, Alf and Chris, Lulu and ?, Hazel and Lena, Robenstein and Robenstein; when certain faces are seen at general assembly, when all the class dues are paid, when Billy doesn't have to sit up till morning working for the Pointer, when the President doesn't talk after 12 m., when the D. S. girls haven't anything to do, when we don't have to go from a 90 degree in the shade room to a 6 degree below zero, etc., when there is no faculty meeting Tuesday at four, and when there are no "finals" for Seniors, then, then, it will be time to, oh well— There'll Be Something Doing.

If one may believe what the most interested party has stated as true, Mr. Cummings is no more enjoying single blessedness. We feel rather disinclined to believe this, however, for it has been rumored that his two weeks' visit to Montana was only for the purpose of "proving up" his claim there.





The Junior class of 1913 is one of the largest in the history of the school. Now that we have the quantity, let us show the other classes that we also have the quality. We not only have the Sophomores of last year, but we have a number of hustlers of the High school. Let us now enter into the school spirit and work! Remember, we are to be the Seniors of next year.

On the second Thursday of the school year, the Junior class had its first business meeting. The following officers were quickly elected:

- President—Albro Walters.
- Vice President—Percy Dafoe.
- Secretary—Ignatz Rubenstein.
- Treasurer—Mabel Clements.
- Sergeant at Arms—Prosper Kluck.

On October 13th Mr. Sims explained to the school the annual Junior debate with Oshkosh. This year it will be held during the early part of March. The question will be submitted to Stevens Point on November 1st, and we are to choose the side. He explained the benefit which would be derived from this work, after which the victors of last year—Worth Dafoe, Lilia Johnston, Earl Edes and Clarence Strand—each in their turn urged the Juniors to go in for the debate. They told us not only of the hard work, but also of the pleasant times to be had in connection with it. Two days later a preliminary meeting was held in Mr. Patterson's room, with twenty-seven Juniors in attendance. After a short introductory talk by Mr. Patterson, the assembled students suggested probable questions for debate. After careful consideration, it was finally decided that the subject, "Resolved, That the Philippine Islands Should be Granted Immediate Independence," was the most suitable.

The preliminaries were held in the Normal assembly room on the evening of Oct. 30th. The six best individual speakers were chosen at that time and those selected are to start work on the Oshkosh debate soon after Christmas. The prospects for a high standard of work are very favorable, as we have a number of experienced debaters with us.

Mr. N., to a group of five young biologists (?):—"You talk more than thirty people ought to."

Small Voice—"That means that we talk like six apiece."

P. S. They were Juniors, too!

Bright Junior, to Mr. Ignatz Rubenstein on his taking a pencil from a desk somewhat remote from his own:—"Why don't you swipe a pencil that's nearer home?"

Mr. R.—"I beg your pardon, Miss, this is my pencil."

P. S. Bright Junior squelched by Mr. R. Ahem!

She—"How old do you think I am?"

He—"About eighteen."

She—"I'm a whole lot older than that; but I shan't tell you which way."

Mr. Bowman, in manual training class:—"There is one thing which you can do very nicely, Miss C - - r - ll."

Miss C., looking encouraged—"What?"

Mr. Bowman—"Make shavings!"

# Sophomore Notes

We wish to announce to the school that the Sophomore class is once more in existence, filled with importance and ready for anything. We have advanced in more ways than one since our entrance into the school curriculum and honestly believe ourselves a match for any Junior. Freshmen are beneath our notice and we refer to them only as a thing of the past. The enrollment this year is much greater than that of last year. The class also contains many of last year's Freshmen, which fact alone should render sufficient assurance of said statement, that we are predestined to accomplish great deeds. We are entering on the eve of a year which we either can make the most glorious in the history of the Sophomore class of S. P. N., or we can pass into a dormant state and force the year's class history to remain stagnant. Sophs! it's up to you! What will you do about it? Will you be right there with the goods if called upon to take part in some class function? Will you pay your dues regularly and uncomplainingly, and will you come to every basket ball game which represents the purple and the gold and at which two Sophomores appear in the team?

Let us be up and cheering  
With good lungs for every game.  
While the victory we'er nearing,  
Fight on for old S. P. N.'s fame.  
Do not sit around so glumly.  
Do not labor to be bores.  
Do not try to start in bumly.  
Win you fame as Sophomores.

## Ten Commandments for Sophs:—

- I. Look down upon the lowly Freshmen.
- II. If a Sub-Freshie asks for directions, give him the wrong ones.
- III. Accept no advice from Juniors.
- IV. Fear not the Senior colors.
- V. Honor and respect your school.
- VI. Be polite to the faculty. It pays.
- VII. Burn not the midnight oil.
- VIII. Make a reputation; next year you can live on it.
- IX. Fear not the study of botany; it is a pleasant recreation.
- X. Be loyal to your class.

At a recent meeting of the Sophomore class, the following officers were elected:

President—Frank P. Hyer.  
Vice President—Pierce Reilly.  
Secretary—Elizabeth Hatch.  
Treasurer—Harold P. Brady.  
Sergeant—Millard Newton.





# FRESHMEN

The Freshmen class of 1913 is by far the most wonderful of any in the history of the school, both in quantity and quality. As we have the qualification, or disqualification, of being green ones, both in appearances and actions, we shall not attempt a lengthy discussion setting forth our prowess as the Junior and Senior classes. Nevertheless, we do assert our school spirit in all the social functions, especially at dances, in which every one participates. In case you do not believe this, look for Messrs. Pelmer and Ambrose at the next dance and you will see them doing the light fantastic on all parts of the floor at once. At love making Mr. Ambrose is very proficient, so much so that he has become an experienced "ladies' man."

In athletics we are also foremost, our most illustrious man, Mr. Raymond Pett, entering all forms of contest. If one uses a microscope, he can be found with its aid on the

gym. floor during all times of the day, as his course consists of physical culture work.

Putting all foolishness aside, we wish to notify the school of our presence, and wish to challenge the Sophomores to any kind of a flag rush or physical contest.

As the year advances we improve both in knowledge and appearance, which will lead to but one possible result, and that is our annual reception. We are informed as to the actions of other classes toward our reception, and wish to state here that our refreshments in the form of wafers and ice cream will not be taken.

As this is our first attempt, we shall not take up too much of your time, but will come forth much stronger in the Christmas issue.

# SUB-FRESHMEN

Hitherto Normal proper has been composed of four main classes, Senior, Junior, Sophomore and Freshmen. Last year a course preparatory to these classes was organized, which would give country school graduates an opportunity to enter Normal school and increase their education. By means of this class many more are brought in contact with the influence of a higher education, and the first foundations of this higher learning are laid in an atmosphere teeming with inspiration.

The name Sub-Freshmen was given this class, as it acts as a direct preparatory to the Freshman class. During its existence many wonders have been accomplished. Under the supervision of Miss Brewster, a

new and welcome addition to our faculty, what formerly appeared as chaos has become an organized assembly. Much interest and willingness to participate in school functions is shown by the members of this class. William Gilson, a member of this class, displayed his ability in declamation when he gave the famous selection originally given by Patrick Henry, "Give me Liberty or give me Death." Work of this kind should be encouraged and it looks bad for the other classes when a new man, and one just beginning the course of a higher education, can show up men supposedly competent in all public functions. We as a class are proud of our members and feel assured that in years to come many of our classmates will do "big things" for the school.

# RURALS SCHOOL

With the beginning of the regular school term, once more, we assemble, increased both in numbers and in knowledge. Our hopes and ambitions are heightened by the records of last year's graduates. Our course is gaining prominence in the educational field, and is one to be proud of. As yet, the class officers have not been elected, but with a prophetic wisdom we may speculate as to the future.

Prof. John Phelan, who has charge of we rurals, is as ever jolly and full of energy. Under his auspices the Seniors gave a grand celebration, in the form of a picnic, Oct. 9th. The party started from Mr. Phelan's home on the corner of Normal avenue and Phillips street, going from there to the Boy Scout park. When the park was reached, four groups were formed, each of which made their own campfire, boiled coffee, fried bacon and boiled corn. The other refreshments consisted of pickles, boiled eggs, sandwiches, cake and fruit. The tables were artistically decorated with autumn leaves and flowers. After luncheon all gathered around the campfires and sang the school songs and gave the school yells. Besides the students, the

following people were present: Mr. and Mrs. Ames, Mr. Sims, Miss Frances Bannach, Miss Baker and Mrs. Short. The party reached home in the twilight and all voted it a very pleasant and profitable pastime.

The Rural School Course affords many opportunities, especially to students who intend to teach in district schools. How to interest the country boy in school work, how to make him a better farmer and also a better citizen are some of the problems under discussion. All these problems are answered in this course, and the graduate of the Rural School Course is entrusted with a great responsibility—a responsibility to be proud of—one which presents problems, difficulties and hardships which can be overcome only by hard work and deep thinking. Much has been done in this field; more can be done. It is our aim to progress, not to become stagnant. We live in the present, but hope for the future. What we do today is as but one rung in the ladder of attainment. Let us make that rung a firm one, so that those who follow may have a stable foundation to build upon.



# DOMESTIC SCIENCE

With the opening of school this fall, Stevens Point Normal has surpassed all former records made in the enrollment in the domestic science course. This is proof that the people of Wisconsin and some of the neighboring states are becoming aware of the superior work accomplished in the Normal school and the great demand for teachers from this Normal.

The Junior class, which is the largest of the classes enrolled in these courses, boasts of the enrollment of over seventy young ladies. The Rural school people may well be proud, as they have over twenty students in the cookery class this semester.

The drawing class, supervised by Miss Flanagan, has been doing work in water colors from nature.

The sewing class, supervised by one of our new and most delightful supervisors, Miss Hanson, has been making a note book of "samples." This is for the purpose of learning all the stitches now and will save time by applying them to the various garments afterward.

The cooking class, supervised by another most vivacious supervisor, Miss Allen, has been kept busy very beautifully. We have studied fruits, vegetables, milk, eggs, cheese and meats very extensively. We shall be able to tell the various cuts of meats if we see the animal whole, and should be able to tell them when seen in the butcher shops cut for market.

We may well be proud of and thankful for our friend and teacher, Miss Allen, who has so beautifully and tactfully set about to help the young ladies of the school to become better acquainted and helpful to each other along social and educational lines by the organization of the Home Economics

Club. Here may be shown to the teachers and to the girls themselves, not only the educational ability and that phase of the young ladies' lives, but also the social side of their lives. We may be good in one and inferior in the other line, and this organization should help us to excel in both phases or lines.

At present the class is employed in preparing for some outside functions, of which there are many, and for which domestic science girls are called upon to assist.

Last, but not least, we have our millinery department, which has gained renown for its most attractive and pleasing "creations" in hats, caps and bonnets. Now we are renovating and repairing hats so that they will look presentable for present-day wear. Here our own taste in colors and combinations is used. We are very proud to state that one of our milliners was very much interested in the finished products from the Normal. She picked up a hat and examined it very thoroughly and a very surprised expression was upon her face when she saw the wired lining. She then asked the question, "Did you make that at the Normal and put the lining in as neatly as that?" The answer was, "Yes." Then the reply, "Well, I am really surprised, because I did not think that such pains would be taken with the work. As long as the outside was presentable and well finished, what did it matter about the inside?" Further conversation took place, whereupon followed this statement, "Seeing such beautiful work from the Normal, I may even ask for help during the busy season if I should want it, because it would be valuable assistance, I am sure. The assistants would not need to be watched every minute for fear they will not finish things neatly but leave ragged edges."

Thus ends the brief summary of events during the first quarter of the school year.



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# Society Notes

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The editor of these columns would be pleased to receive news contributions at any time.

Mrs. Matthais of Glidden, Wis., spent a day with her sister, Miss Anna Thompson, some time ago.

Miss Margaret Dartt of Packwaukee, Wis., spent a day with Misses Edna Taylor and Alma Purdy a short time ago.

Dr. Allison came to our school again Oct. 16th. She was able to remain with us only a week this time, but promised another visit.

Misses Bessie Berg and Ruth Peterson, class '13, spent a few hours with us on their return from the Wausau convention. They both have positions as teachers in the graded school at Iola, Wis.

Miss Elizabeth Hagan's brother visited her on Sunday, Oct. 25th. He left, with the rest of the family, for Canada at the end of the week. Elizabeth, we understand, is to follow them at the end of the quarter. We wish her all success.

Miss Irma Clark enjoyed a visit from her mother and sister some time ago. They were on their way to Toronto, Canada, where they will make a short visit. From there they will go to Jacksonville, Fla., which is to be their home in the future.

The Normal dance given on the evening of Sept. 21st was well attended in spite of the unpleasant weather. The High school students were especially prominent. Music was furnished by the Anderson orchestra. Everyone reported a fine time.

On the evening of Sept. 5th a goodly number of people responded to the invitation to the reception given annually by the faculty to the students of the Normal school and to the public. A short program was furnished by Miss Baker and Mrs. Watson, which everyone enjoyed greatly. Miss Baker's singing "speaks for itself." Everyone enjoys hearing her. We were greatly pleased with Mrs. Watson and are glad to have one more to be able to call upon when we want something good.

Miss Dorothy Dickinson was surprised a couple of weeks ago by a visit from her sister, Mrs. Hall of Eagle River, Wis. Mrs. Hall has won considerable distinction as an elocutionist, having won the diamond medal from the Chicago School of Oratory.

Football write-ups are not in our line, but we cannot overlook the serious (?) accident which happened to two of our young ladies who attended the Grand Rapids game. (There is a question here also.) We believe the accident to have been in some way to Pearl's new hat.

Miss Minnie Thompson was called from her duties here to accept a position as instructor of English in the Wausau training school. She took special examinations in her studies on Monday, Oct. 26th, and left the same evening for Wausau. We wish her success in her new work.

Mr. and Mrs. Patterson were host and hostess at a six o'clock dinner at their home, Sept. 12th. Among those present were Pearl Richards, Lilia Johnson, Worth Dafoe, Earle Edes and Willis Clack. A social evening followed the sumptuous dinner, both of which were heartily enjoyed by all.

Mr. Rounds, a graduate of this school, was with us for two weeks this quarter. He was appointed by the board of regents as inspector of English work in the Normal schools of the state. He takes the place of one of the old board of visitors. His work is to report to the regents on the work being done in English by the various schools; to assist in unifying courses as far as he thinks feasible and to pass from one school to another the elements of strength he finds in each. On two occasions he read to the student body from a little book of legends by Kenneth Grahm. On permission of various teachers he questioned several classes about the stories. It was interesting to note the different opinions passed, especially on the significance of the stories. Mr. Rounds is an able reader and we believe we voice the student body and faculty in hoping that we have not seen or heard the last of him.



# DRAMA

The Dramatic Club has met and made out the year's program. The program includes two out of town trips, one of which is a three days' tour with the play, "What Happened to Jones," and the other a trip to Spencer with two farces. "What Happened to Jones" was put on at the opera house here in Stevens Point by the summer school students and it is hoped will make as big a hit out of town as it did here.

The Dramatic Club is an organization to which every member of the school is eligible. Any student may enroll and become an active member when he has appeared successfully on one of the club's public programs. Any member of the faculty may belong to the club but does not have the power to vote.

The club has three faculty directors, Miss Baker, Miss Gilruth and Mr. Smith. This year Mr. Smith is president of the club, Worth Dafoe being secretary and treasurer.

There are only six old members of the club in school this year, but the membership will soon be increased to about twenty.

The first program under the auspices of the club was given Saturday, Oct. 25th,

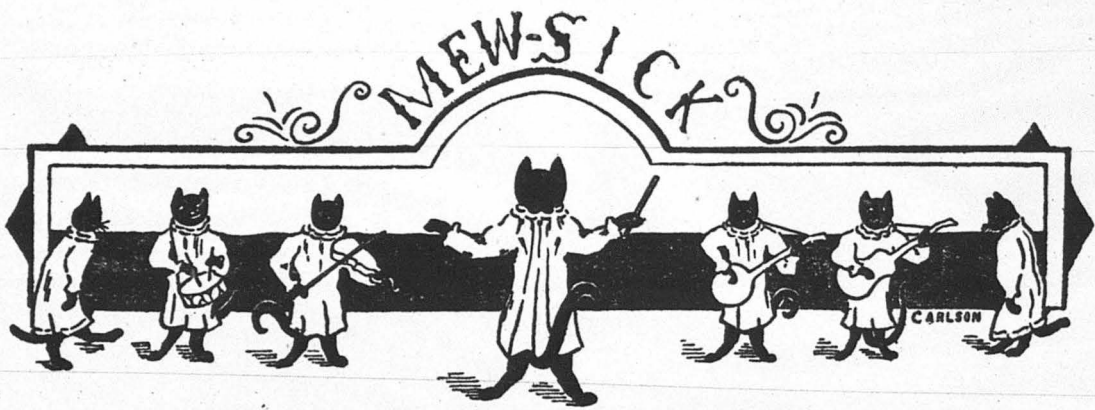
under the name of "A amateurs Night." It was a decided success due to the fact that there is talent to be found in the student body. The program consisted of five parts:

Selection from "School for Scandal" by Pearl Richards and Worth Dafoe.  
Solo Dance—Madge Crandall.  
"Country School."  
Music—Miss Baker.  
Comedietta—"Thorn Among the Roses."

Miss Gilruth had charge of "A Country School," and certainly made it a success. The selection was entirely original, being made up from personal experiences. Miss Bronson had charge of the dances and helped in a great measure to make them a success. Of Miss Baker's music nothing need be said, one of the greatest joys of Normal school life being the privilege of hearing her sing. Mr. Smith had charge of the rest of the program, so things went off smoothly as usual.

On the 3d of October Mr. and Mrs. Smith entertained the old members of the club at a six o'clock dinner, those present besides the host and hostess being Miss Baker, Miss Gilruth, Mrs. Short, Miss Pearl Richards, Miss Madge Crandall and Messrs. Conant, Dafoe, Brady and O'Connell.





All lovers of music, as well as all other members of the Normal school, are delighted to have Miss M. Phena Baker back again this year at the head of our music department, and under her competent supervision we know you may expect to hear some very fine things along the musical line later. Already she herself has favored us with a number of beautiful solos upon various occasions.

Previously chorus has been a thing required of all students, with the exception of students taking special courses. This year, thanks to the untiring efforts of Miss Baker, chorus has been placed upon a different basis. All students had their voices tested, then a chorus of about seventy voices was chosen to do special work and the others remained in the general chorus.

The girls' musical organization, the Treble Clef Club, has had several meetings and has elected the following officers for the school year:

President—EJna Taylor.  
 Vice President—Virginia Hodges.  
 Secretary—Jessie Burce.  
 Treasurer—Adelaide Porter.

They have chosen Wednesday evening after school for the time of their weekly meeting and all appear much interested in the work. The outlook is promising for splendid results during the year.

Another school organization in which a goodly number of our students are interested is the Normal orchestra. Earl Moxon has been elected president of the club, with Alf Anderson, vice president; Henrietta Bergholte, secretary; James Ostrum, treasurer; Wm. Miltimore, assistant director; Miss Baker, director.

To whomever it is fitting, we wish to extend our sincerest thanks for the new piano

in the gymnasium. No longer will our ears be tortured with the twang and death agony of the pensive old piano, for now we can go joyously through the tripping of the light fantastic toe to music that ripples along in harmony.

The Boys' Glee Club met on Wednesday evening, Nov. 13th, and elected the following officers:

President—Rial Cummings.  
 Vice President—Richard Van Tassel.  
 Secretary—Earl Edes.  
 Treasurer—Alf Anderson.  
 Sargeant—Charles Blume.  
 Librarian—Clarence Strand.

The Boys' Glee Club is a new organization, last year being the first of its existence. Several entertainments of high merit were presented last season. Entertainments of the same class will be presented during the year, and plans are being made for a several nights' engagement in various towns at some time in the spring. A double quartet will also be selected and it is expected that we shall hear from them.

The Normal Band organization met and elected its officers as follow:

President—Earl Edes.  
 Vice President—Fred Hamilton.  
 Sec. and Treas.—Alf. Anderson.

Plans were discussed for a booster year for the band. The organization is desirous of having the largest band possible, so if any one in school has any ability along a musical line, please report at band meeting. The proposition is being considered whether or not the Normal and High school bands should unite under the direction of Prof. Steckel of the High school. This appears to be a good proposition, as the band would then be larger and it would also stimulate a good spirit between the two schools.

# ART

Former readers of The Pointer will no doubt notice the difference in the headings of this issue and those of last year. Part of this change was planned by the department editors, the rest was due to circumstances beyond their control. The Seniors, who have had experience in design work, are so very busy that it is impossible for them to assist us very much, while the Juniors are inexperienced and modest. However, as the year progresses we hope to unveil several geniuses, who will add hope and courage to the department and produce masterpieces in art.

We believe in ideals. We also believe that more and better work can be attained when there is an ideal—something to strive for, something to gain. The ideal of our department is simplicity, good lines and unity throughout the book. Help us to carry it out. If you can draw or have suggestions which you think would work out successfully, tell us about them and we shall be most grateful for your co-operation.

The following Senior girls have practice work in the art department: First grade, Grace Polebitski and Edna Alley; second grade, Jessie Burce; third grade, Dorothy Hamilton and Madge Crandall; fourth and fifth grades, Jessie Wolt; sixth, seventh and eighth grades, Sarah Buck.

The Junior class in drawing has done pencil sketching, studied compositions and color theory, working almost entirely with studies from nature. The class in construction and elementary hand work has completed the primary grade work and is now doing the upper grade work. Pupils who are in the country school drawing class have done some construction work in drawing and hand work, which will be applicable in rural communities.

The new student or a visitor at our Normal often remarks about the great number of statues and pictures which adorn the hallways and main room of the building. The art department hopes to have labels placed on these as soon as possible, but the necessary funds are not available as yet.

But there are some of these that are copies of such famous pieces of sculpture that no Normalite ought to require a label to tell him what they are; it is a matter of general culture that he know the name, something of the subject represented, and the history connected with it. One often hears stories of Americans at home and abroad who display their "ignorance" on matters of universal culture in a manner quite amusing to better informed persons. A particularly good one was told recently of a mother and daughter who stood before the Laocoon group. After a moment the girl turned and said, "My, anybody could tell they was [firemen!]"

The editors realize that students, although they would like to know more about some of these works of art, may never do so for various reasons. They may lack time in which to look up the subject; they may not know where to look for information; they may find the subject written up in terms too technical for their limited knowledge of art. For these reasons the art department will publish from time to time little sketches on the more famous pieces of sculpture of which the school has copies. In these we shall strive to tell the most interesting facts about them.

# ATHLETICS

## Boys

Athletic stock at the Normal was well above par at the beginning of the football season. Shortly after school commenced the following athletic officers were elected and plans laid for an eventful season of football:

President—Earl Edes.  
Vice President—Doris Mason.  
Secretary—Earl Moxon.  
Treasurer—Rial Cummings.

Those remaining from last year's team who reported for practice were Blume, Brady, Edes, Grover, Van Tassel, Moxon and Johnson. Besides these, many new candidates reported, among whom were P. Kluck, H. Kluck, Rabenstein, Cummings, Dobeck, Reilly, Hills, Walters, Sanford, Miltimore and others. Practice was vigorously pushed to prepare the team for the annual game with the local High school scheduled to come off Sept. 20th. But Nature interposed by sending a rain storm so that the game was postponed until the following Monday. The result of the game is known to all. We were defeated by a score of 26 to 6.

Practice was continued with renewed vigor. We went to Wausau with high expectations, but we came back with a score of 31 to 6 in Wausau's favor.

The full strength of the Normal team was probably seen in only one game this season. This was at Menomonie in the game with Stout. Every regular player was able to be in this game. During the first half Stout pushed over a touchdown but failed to kick goal. After intercepting a forward pass in the center of the field, the Normal team pushed over a touchdown by straight plays. During the second quarter Stout worked several forward passes over center and again scored. Both teams fought like tigers during the third quarter, the Normals having a little the better of the argument until Stout, seeing that they were weakening, put in at the beginning of the last quarter a substitute who was blessed with a solid 200 lbs. of avoirdupois. He put four of the Normals out of the game, and we were defeated by a score of 24 to 6.

Weakened by the loss of our back field, we again were defeated by La Crosse Normal on our own ground by a score of 67 to 0.

Following is the line-up of the team for the majority of the games: Carl Blume, c;

Rial Cummings, lg; Lynn Grover, rg; Bernard Dobeck, lt; Pierce Reilly, rt; Robt. Hills, cap, le; Richard Van Tassel, re; Harold Brady, q; Prosper Kluck, Earl Edes, lh; Earl Moxon, rh; Earl Edes, Murial Rabenstein, fb; H. Kluck, E. Johnson, F. Patterson, A. Walters, Miltimore, subs.

Following are the scores for the season:

S. P. N. 6—Stevens Point H. S. 26.  
S. P. N. 6—Wausau H. S. 31.  
S. P. N. 0—Grand Rapids H. S. 25.  
S. P. N. 0—Superior Normal 83.  
S. P. N. 6—Stout Institute 24.  
S. P. N. 0—LaCrosse Normal 67.

As a final ending to our football season, the football squad was treated to a "feed" in the domestic science room on Thursday evening, Oct. 30th, by Pres. Sims. The room was prettily decorated for the occasion, able toasts were given and the evening closed with enthusiastic yells, after which the football season of 1913 became history.

## Girls

The gym. classes of the school have been organized under the supervision of Miss Bronson and have started the year's work, which is drill in gracefulness and toe dancing. It is improbable that exercises which tend to develop these qualities are necessary in a Normal school composed mostly of beautiful young ladies. However, it is the purpose of Miss Bronson to further develop these admirable qualities, and thus the lessons in toe dancing.

Another phase of gym. work, which is of vast importance to the school, is basket ball. The girls, as well as the boys, participate in this game and derive great pleasure from it. Each class has a team comprised of five players. Practice is strictly maintained according to schedule of the tournament. The basket ball tournament takes place in January. All teams meet and contest for the supremacy. The winning team retains the cup, which can be seen in the lower hall, for one year. The next year there is another tournament and the winner carries off the cup for that year. In this way added stimulus is given to the players, which always results in a hard fought contest. If you wish your class to win, if you have any desire to play, go out for practice. As in most cases where there is fair play, the best team wins. Make your team the winning team and carry off the cup.



# SOCIETIES

## Forum-Athenaeum.

The first program of the Forum-Athenaeum was held Friday, Nov. 21. The attendance was larger than any other previous meeting this year. Much enthusiasm was shown and the prospects are very bright for the society this year.

Following are the officers for the first quarter:

President—Wm. Miltimore.  
Vice Pres—Harry Lampman.  
Treasurer—Arthur Murp y.  
Secretary—Harold Brady.  
Sergeant—Leon Sanford.  
Program Com.—Harry Lampman, Lynn Grover, Archie Gould.  
Membership Com.—Beggs, Brady, Murphy.

The following program was rendered on Friday, Nov. 21:

Song.....Imperial Quartet  
Talk.....Prof. L. G. Schneller  
Parliamentary Practice.....W. Junck  
Debate:—"Resolved, That the prospects for a teacher are better in agriculture than manual training." Affirmative, Arthur Murphy, William Junck; negative, Carl Blume, Rial Cummings.  
Violin Solo.....Alf Anderson  
Impromptu Debate

## Arena.

A meeting of the Arena society was called Sept. 19. The society found itself greatly diminished by the passing of the class of 1913. The purpose of this meeting was the election of officers for the first quarter, which were as follows:

President—Jessie Neale.  
Vice Pres.—Grace Fries.  
Secretary—Mercy Williams.  
Treasurer—Lauretta Schilling.

As the aim of the old members remaining in the society was to increase the enrollment and to make the society a success, a program and marsh mallow roast were given to the new students. Both were immensely enjoyed by every one who attended.

One of the numbers on the program was a

talk by Miss Brewster on "The Value of Being a Member of a Literary Society." Miss Brewster having been a former student here and a member of the Arena society, spoke of the training which she obtained and of the great value it had been to her in her work. It is the earnest wish of the school for every girl to join a society. It gives her an opportunity to develop along any special line of talent, as work along all literary lines is offered. Girls of S. P. N. who are not members of either society, join at once the wild Indians, the Ohiyesa, or the sober Romans, the Arena.



## Ohiyesa.

The Indians have renewed their work with vim and vigor. The first meeting was given over to the discussion of plans for the ensuing year. Ex-President Pearl Richards gave a heart to heart talk on "Loyalty." It was decided at this meeting to adopt "Loyalty" as our motto.

Last year's squaws and chiefs entertained the girls of the school on September twenty-seventh. We felt especially honored to have Pres. Sims with us on this occasion. His address was very interesting. Our president, Mollie Olson, had the attention of all when she spoke of the noble things the Ohiyesa stood for. Ice cream and cake were served at this reception.

Our membership exceeds that of any previous years. With such a large enrollment and with such sterling qualities as these Indians possess, we want to surpass any previous record, even though it be difficult to set a pace greater than that of last year. Following are the officers for the first quarter:

President—Mollie Olson.  
Vice President—Anna Thompson.  
Secretary—Edna Taylor.  
Treasurer—Lucile Daley.  
Corr. Secretary—Pearl Richards.

On October 16th a trio of young ladies entertained the Normal students and citizens under the auspices of the Ohiyesa. Miss

Caroline Taylor rendered a pleasing repertoire of selections suited to the best musical appreciation. Miss Hazel Fletcher proved herself a fine pianist and Miss Carol Brown won the hearts of her audience by her readings.

The following program was rendered Oct. 24th:

Reading..... Lucile Daley  
Recitation..... Elsa Nagle  
Recitation..... Florence Meade  
Impromptu Debate—"Resolved, That Goats be Used at the Ohiyesa Initiation." The negative speakers received the decision of the judges.

The characters who took prominent parts in the play, "The Love of Whispering Wind," will take part in the initiation exercises to be held in the gymnasium, Oct. 31st.

## Y. W. C. A.

We are members of a world-wide organization, 300,000 strong. We represent no one church but are working for the advancement of all. It is our aim to be a real force for good in this institution. Not by setting ourselves up as a standard for others to follow, but only by coming in contact with others in a friendly, helpful way can we hope to obtain any effectual results.

Our association has met with pleasing success thus far. Our roll call has reached the one hundred mark. While we wish an increase in membership, still we believe that our strength does not lie wholly in numbers but in the quality of the work done. To all those who have helped to advance our interests, we extend our thanks, especially to President Sims, who on every occasion has shown the true spirit of loyalty and helpfulness.

During the first week of school, the cabinet met and planned work for the coming year and made arrangements for the annual reception. On Thursday of the third week we gave our annual reception to the girls of the school and members of the faculty. A short program was carried out, at the close of which refreshments were served. A large number were in attendance and all reported a good time.

On Thursday of the fourth week Miss Dunning of the High school faculty gave us a report of the summer conference at Lake Geneva. This was very much appreciated by the society, as conditions were such that

none of the girls were able to attend the past summer. At the close of her talk delegates were chosen for the Central Field convention.

On Friday of the fifth week initiation services were held, at the close of which Miss Allen favored the girls with a very helpful talk. Miss Allen comes to us from Normal, Illinois, where forty-one years ago the first Y. W. C. A. college organization of the world was started. That organization is today one of the strongest in the field. They not only include in their membership nearly all the girls of the school, but also support a field secretary with a salary of \$700 per year. Their delegates, who met our girls at the recent convention, spoke of Miss Allen in the highest terms. We are glad to welcome her among our workers.

On the seventh week of school a lecture on "The People of Africa" was given by Rev. James Blake. This was both entertaining and instructive. A large number of students and faculty were present. Mr. Blake having spent some years as a missionary among these people, was thoroughly at home with his subject and this, together with the showing of numerous curios brought from that land, created so much interest that many of us lingered looking at the specimens and asking questions till the darkness coming on told us that it was long after the closing hour.

The Central Field convention of the Y. W. C. A., consisting of three hundred delegates from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin, was held at Chicago, Oct. 19, 20 and 21. Milwaukee, Oshkosh and Stevens Point sent delegates to that convention. The Misses Lilia Johnson, Anna Thompson and Florence Billings attended as representatives of our society. On Oct. 23d Miss Billings very ably presented the school with a report of this convention. On Oct. 24th Misses Johnson and Thompson gave reports to the society.

On Thursday of the ninth week Dr. Allison spoke to us on the subject of foreign missions. She dwelt chiefly on the work that the teacher and the doctor have done in the past to raise the standard of woman in different parts of the world. We have a set of energetic officers and a number of willing workers who are doing all they can to make our meetings worthy of your attention. We have much in store for you this year. WATCH THE ANNOUNCEMENTS.

# ALUMNI

N. B. It is the earnest desire of the editorial staff of The Pointer this year to make the Alumni one of the strong features of the school paper. The editor will be very grateful for any information concerning graduates of the Stevens Point Normal school. Let us hear from you! Do not keep your success hid under a bushel. Let it get back to Alma Mater and help to boost the cause of our dear old Normal school.



## Ye Tribe Alumni.

Allan G. Brown of the class of '01 is principal of the high school at Almond, Wis. Mr. Brown has been very successful in his work there, as well as elsewhere in the state.



Miss Matie M. Ritchie, class of 1911, is giving excellent satisfaction as assistant in the high school at Manawa, Wis. This is Miss Ritchie's home town. She is a strong factor in the organizing of young people's clubs. At present she is the leader of the Camp Fire Girls' society in that village.



The Brandon school board evidently recognize a good thing when they see it, for they have succeeded in keeping Elmer C. Brown principal for their high school for the past two years. Mr. Brown was graduated with the class of '07. Since then he has attended U. W., and taught several terms of school in various cities in the state, always giving satisfaction.



Wilbur Eugene Smith, '04, has made a record worthy of mention. Eugene was always popular among the old as well as the young. He has a very easy and politic

manner that wins friends for him wherever he goes, and the people who give him their friendship and confidence never have cause to regret. He was superintendent of his home county, Waupaca, for two terms. He was the first principal of the Waushara County Training school. At present he is at the head of the training school at Reedsburg, Wis.



Roger C. Bigford of the class of '07 was appointed superintendent of Waupaca county last spring by superintendent C. P. Cary. Mr. Bigford is a young man of sterling character and has always been popular wherever his work called him throughout the state, as well as in his own county. However, Cupid came forth, lest he become too popular with the fair ones in the county, and pointed out the fair one in the person of Miss Grace B. Dick, a charming and very highly esteemed young lady of Manawa. Mr. Bigford's home city. They were married Oct. 4, 1913, and are at home to their many friends at Manawa, Wis.



A large number of S. P. N.'s alumni were present at the teachers' convention in Milwaukee. The classes of 1912 and 1913 were not as well represented as expected, but there were large numbers from former classes. On Thursday evening, November 7th, a reunion was held in the parlors of the Plankinton Hotel. Those present from the class of 1913 were Annie MacDonald, Elva Costello, Agnes Nightengale, Sarah Loan, Rose Maloney, Mabel Rice, Tenia McCallin, Harry Young, Charles Fulton and Myron Williams. The class of 1912 was represented by Jeanette McCreedy, Bessie Pankratz, Helen Ostrum and Myrtella Wilbur. Among those from former classes were Paul Carlson, Selma Hafsoos, Louise Diver, George Appleman, Duncan Ried, Dan Hughes, Ray Birdsell, Geneva Mauseth, Inez Fulton.

# EXCHANGE

With this, its first issue this year, The Pointer wishes you all success throughout the following year and hopes to renew correspondence with all old exchanges and to become acquainted with many new ones. Send us your paper and we shall do likewise. We shall gladly accept suggestions, criticism and comments.



Teacher, trying to make a showing before the superintendent, "There are five children in the family and the mother has only four potatoes to divide. What is she to do?" "Mash 'em," cried Johnny.—Ex.



Teacher:—"Now, Tommy, can you name something that will not freeze?"  
Tommy:—"Yes, ma'am, hot water."—Ex.



The Racquet, LaCrosse Normal School: Your editorials are good; but why not have an Exchange department?



The Manitou, Manitou High School: Your literary department is always good.

What's the difference between a cat and a comma? A cat has its claws at the end of its paws, a comma its pause at the end of a clause.—Ex.



The Exponent, Platteville Normal School: The spirit shown by your school in your paper is fine. Cuts at the head of each department would improve your paper.



The Anemone, Spearfish Normal School, S. Dak.: Your material is fine; but why not head each department with a cut? We are glad to see you among our Exchanges.



When young Meagles took the train for Harvard his father said, "As soon as you find out if you pass, wire me."

Two days later he received the following telegram: "Yes. J. Meagles, Jr."

Somewhat puzzled, he telegraphed back: "Yes, what?"

The well trained son wired back: "Yes, sir."  
—Ex.





Spindler:—(In psychology)—“Miss Coye, are you bothered with your mouth opened.”



Said to Miss Doris Mason in practice primary:—“Aw, you combed yourself different today.”



Speaking of Ford automobiles—A sparrow was sitting in the street. A Ford ran over it. The sparrow looked up and said, “Cheap! Cheap!”



Psychology—8:00 a. m.  
Daily event.

Class assembles. Three minutes later—D. Hamilton arrives (breathlessly)—“Have they taken roll call?”



There once was an Indian—a Sioux,—  
Who made up his mind he was thrioux,  
So he said with a sigh,  
As he laid down to digh,  
“Poor Injun! him feelin’ heap blioux.”



The Normal sympathetic, harmonious, concordant, symphonious, melodic male quartet has been organized and consists of the following songsters: William Miltimore, first tenor; Rellis Conant, second tenor; Clarence Strand and Alf Anderson singing the first and second basso parts respectively and respectfully. Alf Anderson’s voice is an exact imitation of a bassoon, which causes the whole building to vibrate. The harmony that these four produce is only surpassed by a charivari. They have not so far been given a permit to appear before the public by the police department.

Heard at S. P. N. football game: “How many quarters to the half anyway?”  
“Please, Mr. Sneller, have them play on this side of the field more often; we can’t see when they play on the other side.”



A pessimistic Senior, on his way to school:  
“The autumn leaves are falling  
As the student comes to school  
To gain a lot of knowledge  
To become an educated fool.”



Teacher—(to small boy):—“What does anecdote mean?”

Boy:—“A short funny tale.”

Teacher:—“What does trickling mean?”

Boy:—“Running slowly.”

Teacher:—“Now use both in a sentence.”

Boy:—“I saw a dog trickling down the street with a tin can tied to his anecdote.”



According to a recent report, we have become aware of a rural school party held at Miss Fulton’s. From all reports this party had a successful issue—If you don’t believe it, ask Mr. Phelan. Somehow or other a few of the Junior boys and Senior boys were led astray and visited the realms of the rurals. As luck would have it, there were considerably more girls than boys, but the boys were of a chivalrous nature and didn’t mind. Mr. Phelan thought it his duty to see that every girl had an escort home. Therefore he questioned all the boys as to whom they intended taking hime. It seems that a Junior by the name of Mr. K - - - k had already engaged his girl when Mr. Phelan came up and said: “Here, you, take these girls home!” and left him with three. Poor K - - - k had his hands full, and the best part of it was that one of the girls couldn’t find her home and so kept K - - - k out most of the night. Evidently rural parties have a bad effect on our Junior boys, as K - - - k was absent from school the following day.

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