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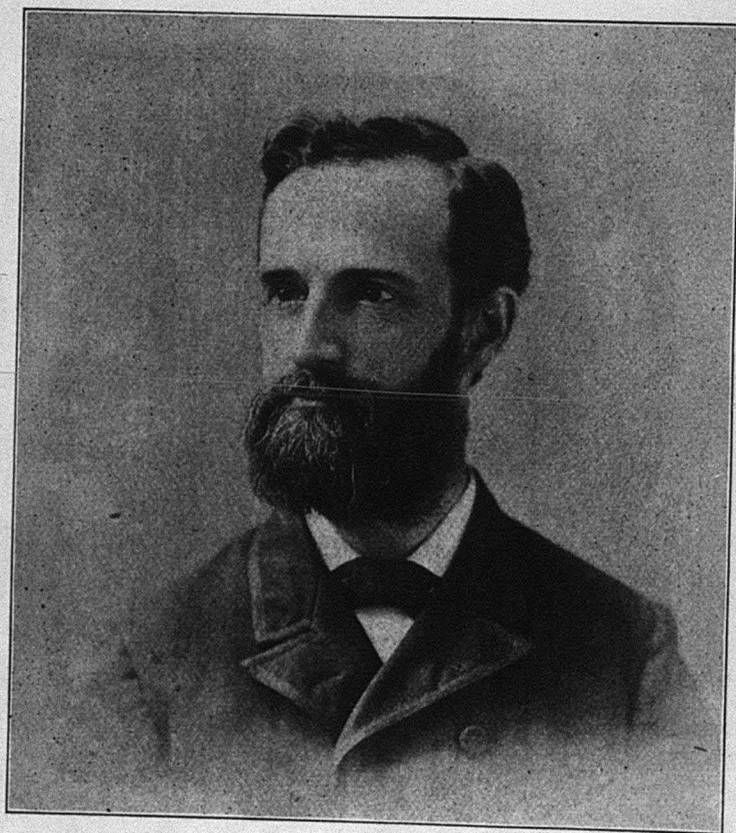
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## An Old Rosary.

This rosary belonged to one long dead,  
To someone, I suppose, much mourned and missed.  
Each bead is worn by fervent, pious hands,  
The cross by lips that murmured, while they kissed,  
Some prayer to Him whose image here appears—  
Small, rudely fashioned, rusted dull with tears.

I know not much of her whose weary heart  
This symbolized thing the key to heaven found;  
'Tis said she suffered—that her life was all  
Of woe and pain, with resignation crowned.  
This may be true; and so her beads I keep,  
Since now she needs them not, but lies asleep.

They call a hundred visions to my mind,  
Of candles burning in the chancel dim,  
Of incense rising to the vaulted roof,  
The priest intoning to the vesper hymn,  
The kneeling crowd, and her among them there,  
With light from painted windows on her hair.

They speak to me of vigils lone and long,  
Of sins confessed and penance humbly paid,  
Of prayers that brought her peace, because she knew  
The Holy Mother listened while she prayed.  
All this and more they tell; and so I keep  
The beads, since she who owned them lies asleep.  
MAXWELL ALTON.



The class of '97 is composed of sixteen bright people, most of whom have been in the school for at least two years and some for three. So it goes without saying that the school has become devotedly attached to them, and that the grief at parting from them will be great. It is pathetic to see how the Juniors take it to heart—this parting from the noble Seniors. They are beginning to realize the loss that will be theirs, and even their frivolous hearts are saddened at the prospect. There is even some discussion as to the propriety of substituting black for the typical and suggestive green that forms the larger part of their class colors.

It seems appropriate that we should give an outline of the circumstances that have united to make each one

of the "sweet sixteen" so lovable a character that the Juniors and the rest of the school exhibit such regret at losing him. We therefore append a short account of the life of each member of the class of '97:

James Phillips spent his boyhood at Medford, Wis., and completed a Grammar School Course in that city. In 1887 he entered St. Francis School at Milwaukee, remaining there until 1893. He then went to Dubuque, Iowa. But in '95 returned to Wisconsin, and taught school at Stetsonville, Taylor Co. In Sept. '96 he entered the Normal where he stayed until Jan. '97, when he accepted a position in the Eau Claire High School.

Margaret Sutherland, one of Eau Claire's representatives, completed the elementary course at River Falls in '91 and attended the University of Wisconsin in '92. She has taught six years in the public schools of Eau Claire. The past year she has attended the Stevens Point Normal.

Allan T. Pray was born at Beaver Dam, Wis., in 1877. In 1880 his parents moved to Whitewater, and there he entered the Model Department of the Normal,

and afterwards spent three years at the Whitewater High School. He entered the Stevens Point Normal in '94, and besides doing good work in general has shown much interest in both athletic and literary work

Margaret Ashmun of Rural, Waupaca county, was graduated at the Waupaca high school in 1892; taught for the next three years; entered the Stevens Point Normal in the fall of 1895. Miss Ashmun has shown marked ability in drawing and will at no distant day make a specialty of this subject.

Henry L. Gardner grew to sturdy manhood in Vernon County, Wis., and there received a common school education. He was principal of the Readstown graded school previous to his entering the Normal in '94. He has taken a prominent part in the athletic work of the school, and successfully managed the track and foot ball team of '96. He has been for two years the business manager of The Normal Pointer.

Guy Blencoe was born at Alma Center in 1873. He received his early education in the graded school of that city, and attended the Oshkosh Normal in 1893-'94. He entered the Stevens Point Normal in '94, and has always taken an active part in athletics. He is at present manager of the track team.

Miss Elizabeth Stevens, a graduate of the Eau Claire high school class of '94, entered the Stevens Point Normal in the fall of '95. Miss Stevens excels in her work with small children and expects to do primary work.

Marion O. Hill spent his childhood at Viroqua, Wis., and there received his early training. He taught successfully in Vernon, Grant and Iowa Counties, married in 1882, and was principal of the graded schools at Patch Grove, Mt. Sterling and Seneca. He entered the Normal in '94.

J. D. Beck was born at Avalanche, Vernon County, Wis., but early moved to Richland County, and there received a common school education, taught in the common schools of that county, and was principal of the Cashton Graded School. He married in 1888, and entered the Stevens Point Normal in '94.

Lillian Arnott, a representative of Portage county, has taught in all grades below the high school, resigning a position in the 8th grade in Stevens Point to enter the Normal in the fall of '94.

Nellie M. Hart graduated at the Eau Claire high school class of '92; taught three years in the city schools of that place. Entered the Stevens Point Normal in the fall of '95.

Andrew L. Larkin, whose biography is given in another column of The Pointer, is president of the Senior class, with the members of which he is extremely popular. He has done excellent work throughout his course, and has been prominent in the literary departments of the school.

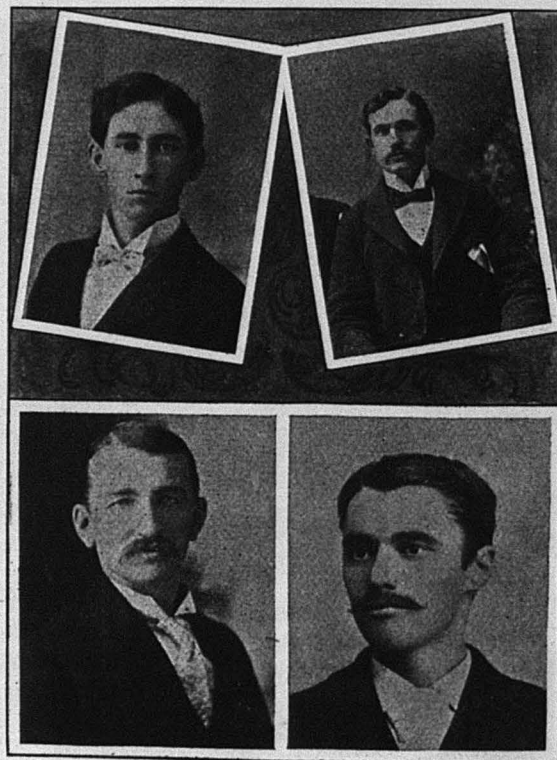
Mame Myers, a resident of Sauk county, graduated from the Baraboo high school class of '93. Has taught one year. Entered the Stevens Point Normal in the fall of '95. Miss Myers has shown herself very proficient in drawing.

Jesse U. Barker was born and spent the first few years of his life on a farm near Stevens Point. Gradu-

ated from the High School in this city in '92. Entered Lawrence University in the fall of '92, and remained there one year. The two following years were spent in commercial work on the road. In Jan. '96 he entered the Stevens Point Normal, and has given work in art especial attention.

Florence Pray coming from the high school of Whitewater, entered the Normal at Stevens Point in the autumn of '94. Miss Pray does especially well with primary children.

William C. Ruediger passed the first thirteen years of his life on a farm near Fountain City, Buffalo Co., where he received a common school education. Entered the Alma Grammar School in 1887, and was graduated from the High School in '93. The following year was spent in teaching, after which he entered the River Falls Normal, remaining there one year. He entered the Stevens Point Normal in the fall of '96.



PRESIDENTS OF THE FORUM.  
C. E. BOLES. H. C. ALMY.  
E. I. SCOTT. A. J. LATTON.



It is seldom that a new idea is brought forth in this world without at first receiving the scoff and jeers of those who find it too much of an effort to lift themselves out of the rut in which it is so easy to travel. So when a few progressive, wide-awake young men proposed the organization of a young men's literary

society it was not to be wondered at that not a few students and others gave them their hearty disapproval. But the young men, with determination worthy of so good a cause, kept up the agitation until a sufficient number had been enlisted to organize the society.

A meeting of those interested was called and a committee appointed to draw up a constitution. Profiting by the experience of a certain society similar, but of a mixed character, the committee resolved to draw up a constitution which should be as sacred to one joining the society as is the constitution of the United States to one of its citizens. The committee performed well the task put upon it and on Sept. 26, 1896, a meeting was called and the work of the committee adopted. The name chosen for the society was the Normal Forum, and its object as stated in the constitution, is the intellectual and social development of its members. The society started with a list of twenty charter members and it was intended to limit the membership to thirty-five, but after the society had got fairly started on the road to success so many applications for membership came in that it was decided to extend the opportunities for advancement offered by the society to all those who were deemed worthy and the society now has a membership of forty.

The work of the society has been carried on the principle that something cannot be received for nothing and that he who does not contribute his share to the common store of knowledge can receive no benefit from the work of the society. On this principle no one placed upon the program has failed to appear, nor has anyone come before the society without having made a careful study of the work in hand. In this way the society has succeeded not only in keeping up the interest and enthusiasm evinced by its members at the start, but it has increased that interest and raised the standard of the work much higher than the standard set at first.

The programs of the society have been varied, consisting for the most part of debates, readings, recitations, off-hand speeches, and music. During the year also some work with which every young man should be acquainted, has been done, such as town meetings, school meetings and caucuses. The last of such a series was carried out on the evening of May 21, when a mock trial of a criminal charge was carried out. The society has not been so engrossed in its own work, however, that it could not take cognizance of others, and on March 12 the representatives of the Normal Forum met those of the Arena in a joint public debate on the question, "Resolved, That the Cabinet System of Government as Exemplified in England is Preferable to the Committee System of Congress." Both sides put up a strong debate, but the Forum debaters carried off the palm, and the young society scored a victory over her older sister, the Arena. This was the first dual society meeting, but that it will not be the last and that the prestige gained by the Forum will be sustained is the earnest wish of all Forumites. B.

Song composed for the Forum in honor of its victory over the Arena:

The Forum boys are hard to beat,  
Hurrah for the Forum, hurrah!

They're bound to gain the foremost seat,  
Hurrah for the Forum, hurrah!

CHORUS:

Cheer for the Forum,  
Long live the Forum,  
Cheer, boys, the Forum,  
Hurrah for the Forum, hurrah!

There's President Boles with points in mind,  
He scores for the Forum, hurrah!  
A readier speaker 'tis hard to find,  
Hurrah for the Forum, hurrah!—Cho.

There's Polley so grand he charmeth them all,  
Hurrah for the Forum, hurrah!  
His logic and wit are sure to call  
Three cheers from the Forum, hurrah!—Cho.

There's Harrison, too, so full of vim,  
Hurrah for the Forum, hurrah!  
The Forum boys are proud of him,  
Hurrah for the Forum, hurrah!



THE  
ST. CECILIA  
CLUB

Of all the clubs and organizations formed in connection with the school, doubtless none is entitled to greater praise than the St. Cecilia club. This club, embracing all those in the school of musical ability, was



MISS SOPHIA LINTON.

formed during the latter part of the winter under the direction of Miss Sophia Linton, the instructor and superintendent of music in our Normal school.

The purpose of this organization was the cultivation and training of the musical talent possessed by the different members. The regular bi-weekly recitals were given on Saturday afternoon in the studio of music at the Normal, and though the membership was at first small, the popularity and high grade of the work executed, had the effect of greatly increasing the number of members until it finally seemed necessary that some restrictions on the privileges of becoming members, should be devised.

Since the organization of the club the St. Cecilians, in addition to their regular private recitals, have appeared before the public several times, and each time have impressed the public anew with the exceptional ability of their leader and have by their earnest and persistent practice made their recitals something to be anticipated with pleasure.

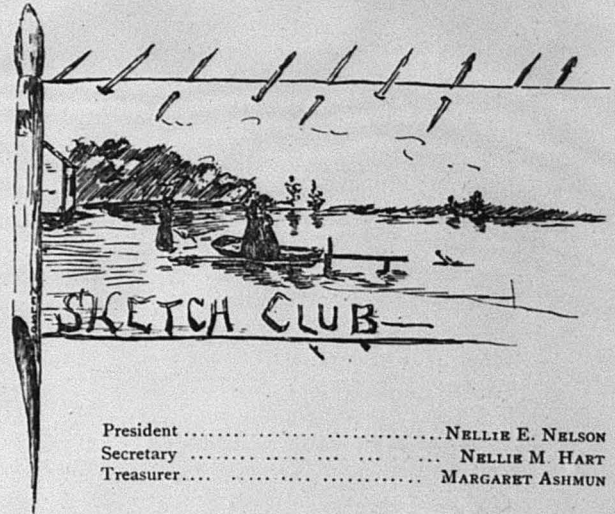
Some idea of the character of the work may doubtless be gleaned from the following program which was given in private recital March 13, '97:

- Piano Solo—Valse..... Chopin  
Miss Florence Curran.
- Vocal Duet—Fly Away, Birdling..... Franz Abt  
Misses Olive Miller and Mary Furo.
- Duet—La Tipica Polka (mandolin and guitar).....  
..... A. Shaeffer  
Messrs. J. C. Fruit and Jesse Barker.
- Vocal Solo—Home, Dearie, Home..... J. L. Molloy  
Mr. Allan Pray.
- Piano Duet—Fanfare..... Carl Bohm  
Misses Frances Kuhl and Gretta Collins.
- Reading—Ode to St. Cecilia..... Dryden  
Miss Florence Pray.

**THE BROWNING CLUB.**

**E**ARLY in the school year a Browning club was organized by Prof. Sylvester. It was composed of a number of the members of the faculty who were especially interested in Browning, and a few seniors who had been in Mr. Sylvester's literature class. This club has met weekly during the year, and though the pleasure of the meetings have been lessened by Prof. Sylvester's absence, and most of the teachers, owing to the pressure of other duties, have been obliged to withdraw, Miss Montgomery has remained faithful and has given valuable aid in making obscure passages clear, and has added to the interest in many ways.

The love for Browning has been quickened in the minds of all members of the club, and it is with feelings of deep regret that the students recognize that next year "The Browning Club" will be to them only a pleasant memory. We believe, however, that the organization will be a permanent one and other students will take the place of those who are soon to find their work in other fields.



- President ..... NELLIE E. NELSON
- Secretary ..... NELLIE M. HART
- Treasurer..... MARGARET ASHMUN

There has been in existence for a year a Normal Sketch club. It is composed of those who have obtained a certain degree of proficiency in the drawing class and who are anxious to advance in the art. Together they are a club who believe that "a right taste in art is not born with us, but it must be acquired by study and observation."

Club meetings have been held on Saturday mornings once in two weeks. The line of work has been



MISS NELLIE E. NELSON.

suggested by the supervisor of the drawing department, who is at the head of the club. Each month one sketch is handed in for criticism. The sketches have all been in pencil or pen and ink, but some work has been done in charcoal at the club meetings. After the sketches are criticised they are sent to the members who have withdrawn from the school but who wish to keep up with the work.

While the club was organized for work, some pleasant hours have been spent in the line of social entertainment. Evening meetings have been held and occasionally an outing has been enjoyed.

It is hoped that more may be accomplished in individual work next year and a right taste in art cultivated.



ANDREW L. LARKIN.

#### CHRONICLES OF THE ORATORICAL ASSOCIATION.

Probably no association in the school has aroused more interest or secured more thorough co-operation of both students and teachers than the Oratorical association. This was organized during the first quarter and elected H. L. Gardner president and Kate I. Smith secretary. Quite a number of the students began to prepare orations with a view of competing in the local contest, but several were lost amid their manifold duties and so dropped out of the race. Eight, however, survived the arduous task of writing an essay, having it corrected, and rehearsing and took part in the contest March 2. They were Nellie M. Hart, Kate I. Smith, Maud Brewster and Messrs. Polley, Harrison, Wright, Larkin and Mortenson. The judges awarded Mr. Larkin first place, in thought, delivery and composition, and Mr. Mortensen second place.

The state contest was held at Oshkosh March 19 and six out of the seven Normal schools were represented. At the close of the contest the judges gave in their decision with W. H. Kelley of Whitewater first and A. L. Larkin of Stevens Point second. Remonstrances were at once sent in against giving Mr. Kelly first place as he had been prompted. After some little discussion as to the irregularity of the marking it was decided, for the sake of the precedent which would be established if the decision were changed, to let matters stand as they were. Following this decision Mr. Kelley delivered the oration at Emporia and Mr. Larkin went as delegate.

The Interstate contest was held at Emporia, Kansas. As our delegate puts it, "Wisconsin was there on all fours. There were four delegates, we left on the 4th of May and Wisconsin gained fourth place."

It was decided to hold the next Interstate Normal

contest at Normal, Ill. Mr. Larkin very much enjoyed his visit to Kansas and speaks in high terms of the school, students and people of Emporia.

Mr. Larkin, who is a native Wisconsinite, was born in Sauk county, Wis., in 1874. He received a common school education in North Freedom and entered White-water Normal in '93. When the Stevens Point Normal was opened Mr. Larkin decided to finish his course here. He was graduated from the elementary course in '94 and completes the full Latin-German course this year. Mr. Larkin has ever been an earnest, hard-working student—but not one of those who think that education is received from books alone. He has been an active member of the Arena since its organization and was president for some time last year. He was editor-in-chief of the Normal Pointer during the first year of its existence and did much to set and maintain a high standard for it in all departments. He is president of the Senior class and has been correspondent for the Daily Journal throughout the year. His oration was a surprise even to those who realized most fully his abilities in that direction. It was the result of long and painstaking study and well deserves the high praise it has received.

Mr. Mortenson, who received second place in the local contest and who went as delegate to the state contest, was elected president of the State Internormal Oratorical association. Under his wise management the association, will, without doubt, flourish, and in the coming year Stevens Point will receive the honor that she thinks was due her this year.



#### SUMMER TALE.

A jolly green tree-toad was out for a stroll

When he came to a grasshopper eating a roll;

"Have a bite?" said the grasshopper.

"Thanks," said the toad,

As he shifted his feet on the hot dusty road.

"I don't care if I do—you're, I'm sure, very kind; You're a very nice fellow and just to my mind."

He with that, gaily tipped the grasshopper a wink, And he gobbled that roll up before you could think! The poor hopper said naught, being very polite, But he sighed as he watched the green toad out of sight.

And I, when he told me the tale the next day, Was quite saddened to think it's with men the same way:

There are folk like the toad, I believe, on my soul, Who if offered a bite will just take the whole roll.

Q.





"We learn to do by doing," has been the motto of the Arena during the past year. Each member has appreciated the value of literary work and in spite of numerous other duties, each has been faithful to his promise and has endeavored to do his part. Such fidelity has been shown that even theatres and balls have not enticed the members of the Arena from their posts of duty. As in the Arena of old, contests have been fought and decided, and victories won. Although no tigers have been slain, great subjects have been boldly attacked. Many prominent questions of the day which have puzzled the minds of the wisest men of the na-



PRESIDENTS OF ARENA FOR '07.

STUART MUTCH. MAUD I. BREWSTER.  
W. C. RUEDIGER. JAS. E. PHILLIPS.

tion, have been debated and with a certain degree of satisfaction, decided. The essays and declamations have been of a high character and a marked improvement in delivery since the beginning of the year is noticeable. Some of the students have progressed so far as to be able to give "talks" which have proved both interesting and beneficial. The musical part of the program has been excellent, particularly since it has been under the direction of Miss Kuhl.

Although the members of the Arena have not all developed into promising orators, each has enjoyed and

profited by the work performed. The Arena is proud of her record. From her ranks have gone forth the two orators who have won honors for our school.

The Arena was reorganized in September, '96. Four worthy presidents have ruled—the first three were gentlemen, the last, but by no means least, was of the gentler sex. Under their direction the society has increased in membership until the present enrollment numbers 84. We wish for the society in the future a continued prosperity.

M. E. M.



Sails all set and pennon waving  
Greeted by the rising sun,  
Fifty juniors now are cruising  
Proudly, till the day is done.

Three long years they have been sailing  
Onward, toward a distant shore.  
Long to them has seemed the journey,  
Distance now they dread no more.

They have crossed the foaming billows  
All can see the distant strand,  
Only one more year of peril  
And they there will safely land.

To the seniors who have landed,  
Sadly, wave a fond farewell.  
May the treasure of their knowledge  
Guide them and success foretell.

Gallant crew! who still are lording  
O'er the ocean's silvery foam  
May your name be e'er remembered  
When you here have ceased to roam.

Were I Goethe, Burns or Milton  
Sweeter songs of them I'd sing,  
But, I lack the gift of music  
Such as to you I would bring.

May their path in life be cheerful  
Brightened with a ray serene,  
Till their earthly tasks are finished  
And they vanish from the scene.

H. F. Westphal.

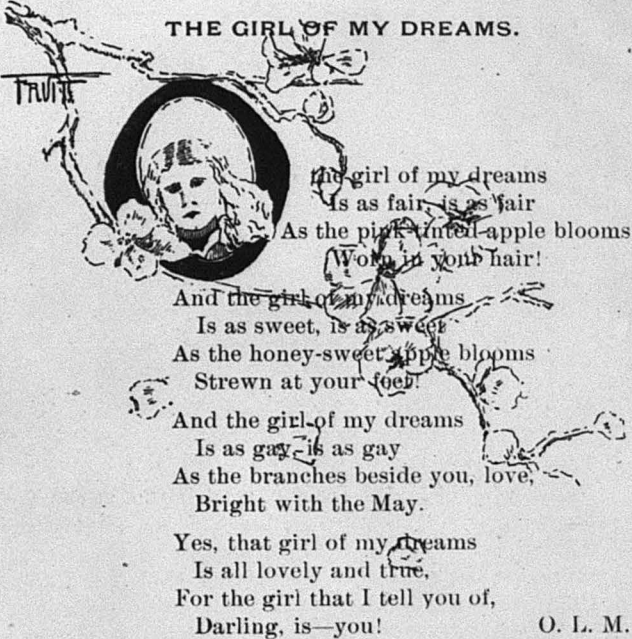
THE JUNIORS.

President ..... WM HARRISON  
Vice President ..... JOHN LEES  
Secretary ..... MAUD BREWSTER  
Treasurer ..... JENNIE BORRSON

One Friday in the latter part of last November the students of the school who had risen to the position of Juniors, met and organized as a class and elected their officers. At a later meeting they decided to flaunt as their colors the harmonious ones of foliage green and white. After some deliberation they also adopted a class yell.

The class is a large one, numbering about fifty mem-

## THE GIRL OF MY DREAMS.



bers. It is not only strong in numbers, but strong in enthusiasm.

Although the Juniors are busily engaged in developing their intellects, they do not, at the proper time, neglect the social side, and occasionally entertain themselves, much to the amusement of those not concerned.

The year with its work and pleasure, failures and successes, is fast departing. But it leaves with most of the Juniors a heritage of knowledge and experience that builds for them the steps to the exalted realm of Seniors. Next year the class will miss some of its members who go to benefit others by their instruction. Those who remain will be recognized by their will to labor and determination to succeed. All will heartily and with just pride join in and pass on the cheer

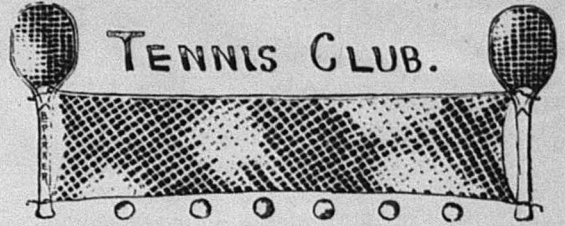
Rickety rackety rix!  
Rickety rackety rate!  
Stevens Point Normal class of '98!

JENNIE BORESON.

## THE PSYCHOLOGY CLUB.

A highly profitable department of work was carried on during the winter by members of the psychology class under the guidance of Prof. Swift. The members formed a club known as the "Psychology Club" for the purpose of investigating interesting questions which for lack of time could not be fully discussed in class. Members of the class led the meetings and presented topics which they had prepared for the occasion. The club met every Tuesday evening and the meetings were well attended. The following are the topics discussed, together with the leaders:

Illusions—Hugh Almy.  
Comparison and Discrimination—A. L. Larkin.  
The Automaton Theory—Guy Blencoe.  
The Stream of Thought—Elmer Frohmader.  
Fundamental Truths—W. F. Price.  
Self-Consciousness—Marie Berg.  
Freedom of the Will—W. C. Ruediger.  
Double Consciousness—Lydia Wheelock.



"If all the year were playing holidays, to sport would be as tedious as to work;" but when students have every moment occupied through the day until 4 o'clock it is then delightful pastime to make use of the tennis courts. Every effort possible has been made to further the tennis interest and it has proved a success. Professor Culver kindly gave his assistance in drilling the young ladies in the gymnasium every Saturday during the winter. Early in April the club was reorganized and the courts put in good order. From the present outlook more courts will be needed as the ones now in use are occupied from the close of school until 6, from 7 to twilight and often Saturdays. Some of the teachers have joined the organization and have seemed to enjoy it as much as the students. Judging from what has been done we look forward to a tournament with some of the other schools, which seems to be the desire of a great many. The club has a present membership of eighteen. Mr. Will Culver is president and has proved an efficient one. The other officers are, Miss Kate Smith, secretary; Miss F. Stewart, treasurer; Miss L. Montgomery, Mr. Fruit, Mr. Barker, executive committee. M. B.

## THE GEOGRAPHY CLUB.

Early in the school year about twenty of the students organized a Study Club for the purpose of studying those branches of elementary science work that best correlate with geography. Mrs. Elliott was invited to lead, and rendered valuable assistance in many ways. The phases of the moon and the planets and constellations then visible, together with their related myths, were thoroughly studied. Several weeks were devoted to rock formation and soil making; excursions for observation were made; imaginary journeys were taken, and current topics discussed.

The club continued with good attendance and manifest interest, until the work planned was completed, then adjourned for the season. Members of the club have since done voluntary work in Mrs. Elliott's classes in field work. EDITH NUGENT.

From a Junior:

"The Seniors' term is nearly over,  
Next year we will put on airs,  
And departing leave behind us  
Foot-prints just as large as theirs."—Ex.

At rhetoricals: Pres. Pray (commenting on essay just given)—"Yes, it is the busy people we call upon when we want anything done. We will now have a solo by Mr. Thoms."

Puzzle—Why did everybody laugh?

In literature: Prof.—"Name one of Holmes' prose works."

Student—"The acrobat at the breakfast table."

Miss A (after examination)—"Well, Mr G-s-l, what do you think you'll get?"

Mr. G-s-l (wearily)—"Oh, I think I'll get an encore."

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We present to the readers of the Normal Pointer the final issue of the year, and beg for a lenient judgment of our work. We have done the best we could, under the circumstances. Our exchequer has been limited, "copy" has come in slowly, the cuts have caused delay, but we have tried to atone for these difficulties by hard labor and careful thought. We have throughout been greatly assisted by the kind co-operation of the students and faculty of the school; indeed, without these it would have been impossible for us to accomplish even what we have. We desire to extend our most hearty thanks to all those who have thus assisted us and particularly to the Sketch Club, Miss Fanner, Miss Stewart and the drawing classes for the money, time and labor they have spent in our behalf; for it is to them, largely, that we are indebted for the illustrations in this issue. Those individuals and organizations who have so generously provided for the photographs, have also our grateful acknowledgements.

The class of '97 will be remembered in the school for being the first promoters of two ideas which we hope will take a permanent form. The first is the organization of an alumni association, and the second the presenting to the school of some article of beauty and merit, such as a bust, a statuette or an engraving, as a remembrance of the class. Both of these are becoming "the proper thing" in other schools, and not only for that reason, but because they are worthy of perpetuation, we hope the classes of future years will keep up the precedents established by the class of '97.

The editors of the Normal Pointer, with the issue of this number, make their bows and leave the scene of their labors, with lightened hearts, to think their task is over. They still have the welfare of the paper in their thought, and hope that it may prosper for many years—a just and creditable representative of the Stevens Point Normal students.

It is hinted that one of the Seniors, supposed to be one of the most loyal, has turned traitor and has been forcibly expelled from class meetings for wearing Junior colors.



ALLAN T. PRAY.

## THE PRESS ASSOCIATION.

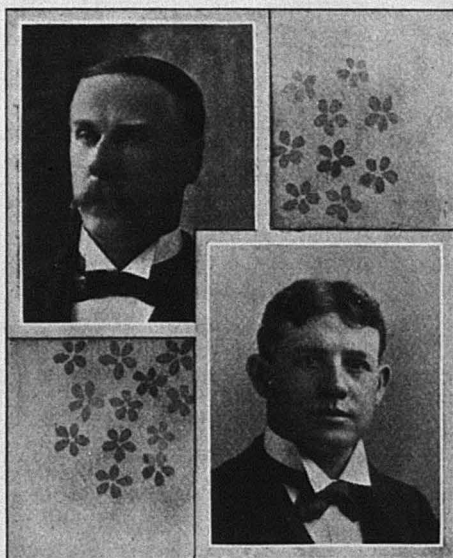
In the fall of 1895 it was suggested that as the Normal was well started and the affairs of the school somewhat settled, it was time to have a school paper, to represent the students. A meeting was called and a Press Association was organized, the members of which were to consist of the subscribers to the paper during the time of their attendance at this school. Since then the association has flourished under the presidency of Allan T. Pray, who has twice been elected to the office. As he joins the ranks of the alumni this year another president will have to be elected, but we feel that the search will be long before a more worthy one is found.

The paper which was the result of the organization of the Press Association, was, as everyone knows, the Normal Pointer. It has suffered the usual difficulties of a school paper, has struggled against wind and weather, but it is still alive and promises to be so for some time to come. It was planned to be distinctly a student's paper and so far has nobly lived up to its intentions, for every department is and has been in the hands of students, who, though they receive no money and little praise for their work, feel amply repaid by the varied experience that is theirs. As the editors-in-chief have had a little the most checkered experience it is to be supposed that theirs has been the richest reward. They have been the recipients of the usual portions of disapprobation, fault-finding and contumely, but three of them survive to tell the tale; those of the first year being Jay S. Hamilton of Cumberland, Wis., and Andrew L. Larkin, who was elected after Mr. Hamilton's resignation in February, 1896.

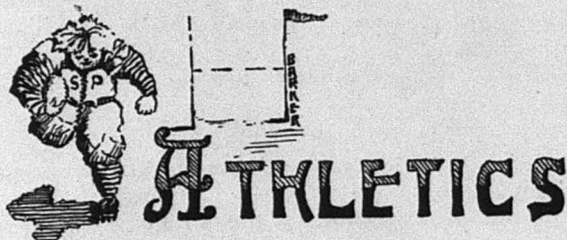
The Press Association has kindly supported the Pointer through all its trials, and now that the first two years are over and no lives lost it would seem that there is a comparative degree of certainty that the organization and the paper will be permanent affairs.

The old saying, "All things come to those that wait," has again been proved true, for one of the seniors received an inspiration during a terrible nightmare which resulted in the following class yell:

Rixity, Raxity, Rool!  
Lixity, Laxity, Leven,  
Stevens Point Normal School,  
Class of '97.



PRESIDENTS OF ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.  
H. L. GARDNER. V. E. MCCASKILL.



The Athletic association was organized in the fall of 1893, the year of the opening of the school. It has grown in numbers and favor and is now so important a feature of the school as to require special mention. Its success has been phenomenal, especially in the football department. Out of five games played last year only one was lost, and scarcely less marked success has been attained this year. In all, eight games were played this season and only two of these were lost, viz: the game at Oshkosh by the first eleven and the game with Grand Rapids by the second eleven on the home grounds. The other six games were decided victories for Stevens Point, as the figures below will show:

FIRST ELEVEN.

Game at Stevens Point with Oshkosh—40 to 0 in favor of Stevens Point.

Game at Oshkosh with Stevens Point—23 to 6 in favor of Oshkosh.

Game at Whitewater—12 to 10 in favor of Stevens Point.

Game at Appleton with Lawrence—24 to 12 in favor of Stevens Point.

SECOND ELEVEN.

Game at Waupaca with Waupaca high school—18 to 0 in favor of Stevens Point.

Game with Waupacas on home grounds—46 to 0 in favor of Stevens Point.

Game at Grand Rapids with high school—12 to 6 in favor of Stevens Point.

Game at Stevens Point with Grand Rapids—6 to 4 in favor of Grand Rapids.

A mid-winter contest was held at the gymnasium in

February and was a success in all respects. The following are the results of the jumping:

BAR VAULT.

1st—Beach	.....	6 ft. 9 in.
2d—Ohde	.....	6 ft. 8 in.

STANDING HIGH JUMP.

1st { Beach } { Bard }	.....	4 ft. 6 in.
2d—Bradford	.....	4 ft. 4 in.

RUNNING HIGH JUMP.

1st—Beach	.....	5 ft. 2 in.
2nd { Clark } { Ohde }	.....	4 ft. 11 in.

BROAD JUMP.

Bard	.....	9 ft. 9 in.
Beach	.....	9 ft. 5 in.
Bradford	.....	9 ft. 4 in.

The other part of the program consisted of club swinging, led by Miss Crawford, a wand drill by the young ladies, hurdling by the boys from the model department and a marching and dumb bell drill by the girls from the intermediate department.

On Wednesday, May 26, was held the home Field Day to decide who should represent the school in the Field day with the Oshkosh Normal team. This latter contest was to have been held in Oshkosh June 2, but a communication has been received by our secretary, begging leave to cancel the date. The reasons given were that there was but little interest manifested in the Field Day sports and consequently their team was not strong enough to compete with ours. The date has been cancelled, leaving us with no further contests unless one be arranged for later.

As the contest which has been lately held was simply a home event, not as much interest was taken in it by the townspeople and the attendance was small, being made up principally of students.

The first event was the 100-yard dash which was won by Holman in 10 3-5 seconds. Beach took second and Mortensen third.

In the half mile bicycle race following, Bradford completely outclassed Thoms, his sole competitor, winning the race in 1:19 1-5.

The next event was the quarter mile run, contested by Lees, Cowles and Porter, who crossed the line in the order of their names as just given. Time, 57½ seconds.

The pole vault followed and was won by Beach, who cleared the bar at 8 ft. 9 in. Blakeslee took second, clearing 8 ft. 2 in., and Alban third at 8 ft.

In the shot put Mathe secured first, putting the shot 35 ft. 10½ in. Carl took second, landing it at 33 ft.

In the running broad jump Beach cleared 18 ft. 8 in., with Love second at 18 ft. 4 in. Bradford, the third contestant, was retired with a sprained ankle.

The half mile run followed, Polley winning in 2:24 with Cowles, Ziegwied and Shimek following.

The hammer throw was undecided on account of a break in the handle.

The 220-yard dash was won by Holman, with Lees second and Mortensen third. Time, 23 3-5 seconds.

The mile run was easily taken by Cowles, who finished in 5:26½.

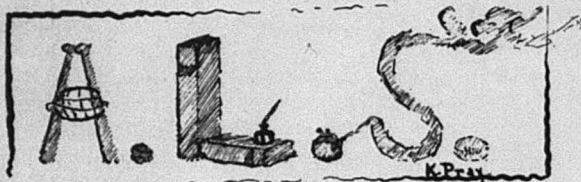
The mile bicycle race was a nice little jog and Bradford and Thoms told stories on the way around. Time, 19:60.

Beach won the hop, step and jump, covering 39 ft., Holman second, Mortensen third.

The hurdle was also won by Beach, with Lees and Porter in the wake.

This ended the somewhat uninteresting contest which, as was before stated, will not select any representatives to contest with Oshkosh.

Owing to the lateness of Field Day it has been impossible to get the picture of the track team ready for this issue, as was intended.



One of the liveliest, although not one of the largest, of the school societies, is the Athletic Literary society, more familiarly known as the A. L. S. This is distinctly a boys' society, as boys between the ages of 12 and 17 are the only ones eligible for membership.

The club was organized in March, 1896, by Professor Sylvester, who wished merely to experiment in athletics for boys. An eight weeks' course of training, followed by a relay race at the Field Day contest between the Stevens Point and Oshkosh Normals, proved so interesting and pleasant that the club continued its existence as a social body, until it was disorganized a few weeks ago, owing to the fact that Mr. Sylvester has had to leave the city again on account of poor health. It will probably be reorganized, if he returns in the fall.

The society met at the Normal every Wednesday evening from seven until nine. The first hour was spent in routine business, readings, recitations, music and debates. The second was spent in the gymnasium, where the pent up spirits of the boys had full play.

The club has held two open sessions in the Normal assembly room; one in June, 1896, and the other last November. The members of the club tendered Mr. Sylvester a reception on his return from Europe, the Normal and High school faculties being present.

Thus far Walter Murat, Hal Martin, Kenneth Pray, Evan Townsend and Edwin Killin have held the office of president, being elected for a term of five weeks each.

EDWIN F. KILLIN.

## LOCAL.

### GENERAL.

Love lorn student in psychology after inadequateness of human judgments had been discussed: "Shall I follow what my heart tells me to do or my brain?"

Mr. Fr-t: What do we have for library class tonight?"

Miss X-: "Why, didn't she give you a slip?"

Mr. Fr-t: "No, I gave her the slip."

Prof. (in history class)—"Name the three Fates."

Mr. F-r—"Faith, Hope and Charity."

Miss Montgomery to Mr. Larkin: "Moses, Cæsar, Gladstone—you see, the greater the man, shorter name."

Mr. L.: "They call me Larkin."

Miss M.: "Oh, you think it works both ways, do you?"

Oft heard quotations—guess who uses them:

"The only way to stop is to quit."

"Pile on more slabs!"

"The time of interest is the time of opportunity."

"The history of the world is the biography of great men."

"Huxley, as I have often told you before, says 'Children are not born stupid, they are made stupid in schools.'"

"Put life into it!"

"Erase the board well and be seated."

"Now, you must have those formulas on tap."

"The essence of stupidity is in the demand for final opinions."

"Five o'clock!"

"That—will do?"

"No impression without expression."

"Head up! Chest forward!"

In botany: Teacher—"What two kinds of axillary buds are there?"

Student—"Collateral—and—and—"

Prof.—"Super—"

Student—"Oh, yes; supernatural."

Teacher (in Latin class)—"Use vescor in a Latin sentence."

Mr.—"Vescor—vescor—oh, I don't know what they eat in Latin!"

Who could this cruel wretch have been?

First student (lady)—"Have you had your eyes tested?"

Second student (gentleman (?))—"Yes, I have them tested every time I look at you."

At a recent picnic (the table cloth having been eked out by paper napkins held down by a table spoon)—"O, you mustn't take that spoon, it's a paper weight."

"Well, let the paper wait till I get through with the spoon."

What one of our students is almost a cannibal when he eats beans?

A while ago one of the practice teachers was trying her methods on the little girl at her boarding place, and incidentally amusing the child, by telling of the lives and customs of the Esquimau children. The next day she was overwhelmed by the child's request, "Won't you tell me some more about the little Cuspidore girls?"

Although our graduates seem cold and unfeeling, they Arnott—they have a Hart.

They believe in cultivating their minds—they have a Gardner.

Even when they think themselves on firm ground they find Myers.

Though they are plain they have a Hill.

Although most of them are studious, one of them is A.-Larkin all the while.

Although not vain they are found of Prays.

Although they are not growlers they have a Barker.

Although their number is not large they have half the city (Stevens).

In Zoology—1st Student (meeting 2nd student coming down from laboratory after a vain search of three hours for an amoeba);

“Did you find anything?”

2nd Student—“Nothing—except that the book tells the truth when it says the amoeba is a cell (cell).”

It is rumored that the Hist. of Ed. class will soon issue an illustrated edition of Rousseau’s “Emile” (a meal.)

A youngster down stairs says that a lieutenant is a man who works a farm on shares.

A dignified but tender hearted Senior was seen, not long since, wending her tearful way through the hall carrying a broken legged mouse by the tail and mournfully demanding where a chloroform bottle might be found.

One young lady of the school who has been learning to ride a wheel has computed the distance to McDill to be “two bumps and three tumbles,” and the distance from McDill to Plover, “three bumps, four tumbles and one header.” What a mystery is our native tongue!

The Sketch Club took a trip to Lake Emily one recent Saturday and sojourned from early morning till dark at the cottage of A. M. Nelson. The amount of luggage they took, of which lunch baskets composed the principal part, might have indicated that they intended to make a longer stay, but when the party returned the baskets were so light that it was evident no mistake had been made. The day passed with no accidents, excepting a slight misfortune concerning which Mr. Fruit might be able to give particulars. A series of snap shot photographs taken by one of the party show some of the pleasant circumstances of the day and afford much amusement to the friends of those concerned. Altogether the trip was a delightful one and the club certainly appreciates the hospitality and kindness of its worthy president.

One of the most enjoyable social events of the year was the picnic given by the young men of the senior class to the ladies, at Whiting Saturday, June 5. While the commissary department, unaided by any woman’s hand, set the table and boiled the coffee, the other members of the class enjoyed themselves in divers ways. Several cows and a calf disturbed the young ladies greatly until one of them picked up courage and bravely drove them away. A game of ball was then played, the report of which will be found in the athletic department, where it properly belongs. The lunch fully deserved the high praises it received. An approaching storm forced the picnickers to hasten in the consumption of the “goodies” and probably prevented a siege of sickness among the seniors. Unfor-

tunately, however, the speech which was especially prepared for the occasion had to be dispensed with. Although the ride home was somewhat wet, nothing dampened the spirits of the class and they made merry until they arrived home. The young ladies are fully agreed that the young men are the best of hosts, the most agreeable of entertainers.

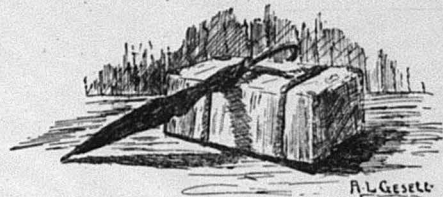
The Normal sketch club gave an art exhibition in the music room Friday and Saturday, June 11 and 12. There were about two hundred foreign photographs, of architecture and sculpture, many traveling pictures, some pieces of famous statuary and a collection of famous drawings by C. D. Gibson. Saturday evening light refreshments were served. The purpose of the exhibition was to liquidate the expenses of printing the sketches from the club in the Normal Pointer.

The graduating class have planned to have a class day Thursday, June 16, in room 17. The following is the program:

Music.....	Miss Kuhl
Roll Call—Quotations from Faculty.....	Class
Address.....	President
Class History.....	J. U. Barker
Music.....	Marion Vosburgh
Class Characterization from Shakespeare.....	M. Hart
Class Poem.....	M. Ashmun
Duet.....	Messrs. Barker and Fruit
Recitation—German Poem.....	Mr. Beck
Class Prophecy.....	A. Pray
Duet.....	Messrs. Cowles and Thoms
Presentation.....	M. Sutherland
Yell.....	Class

First student to second (who has just had his eyes examined)—“What was the matter with your eyes?”

Second—“Only a little misconcerted hydrophobia.”



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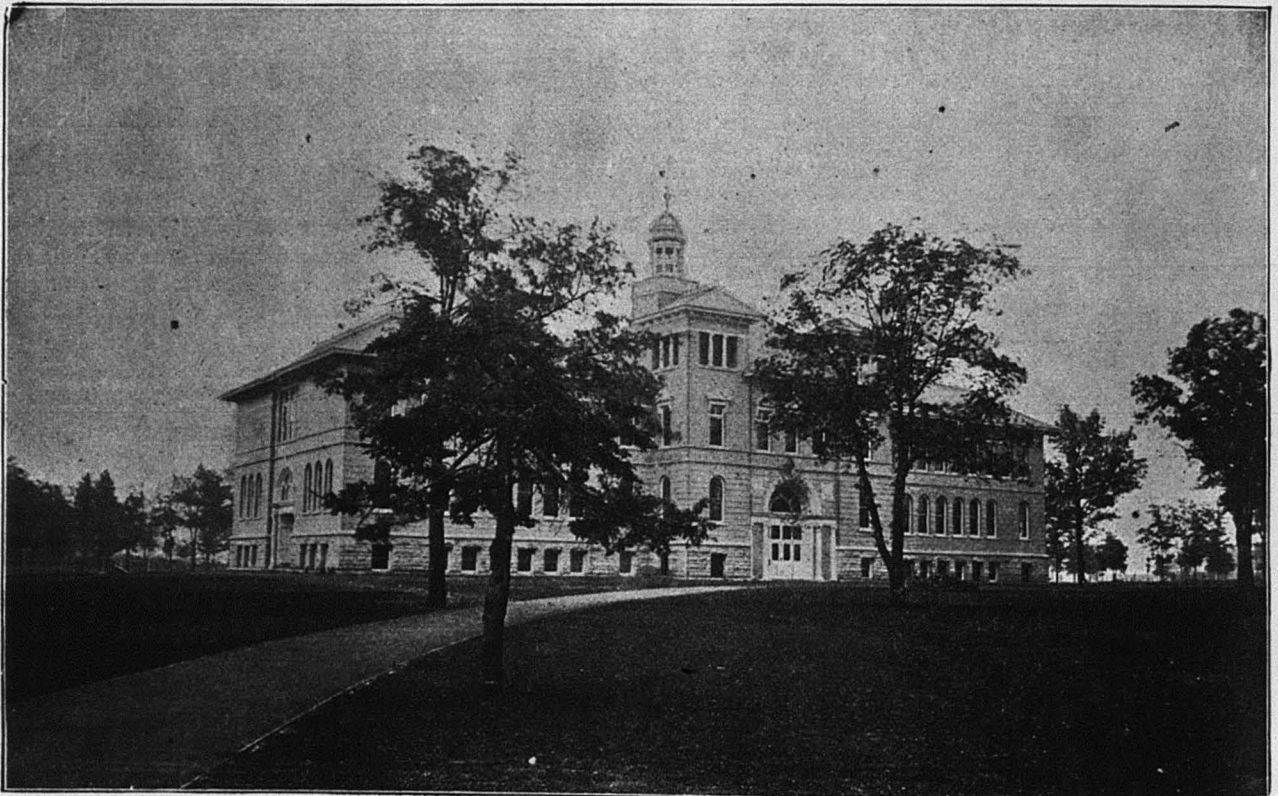
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