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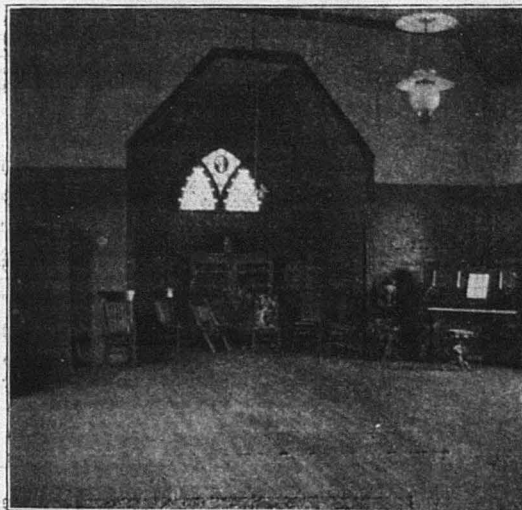


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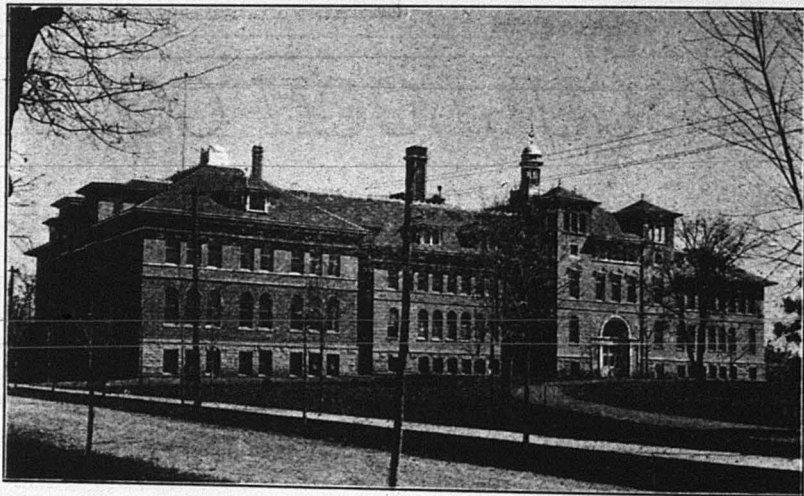
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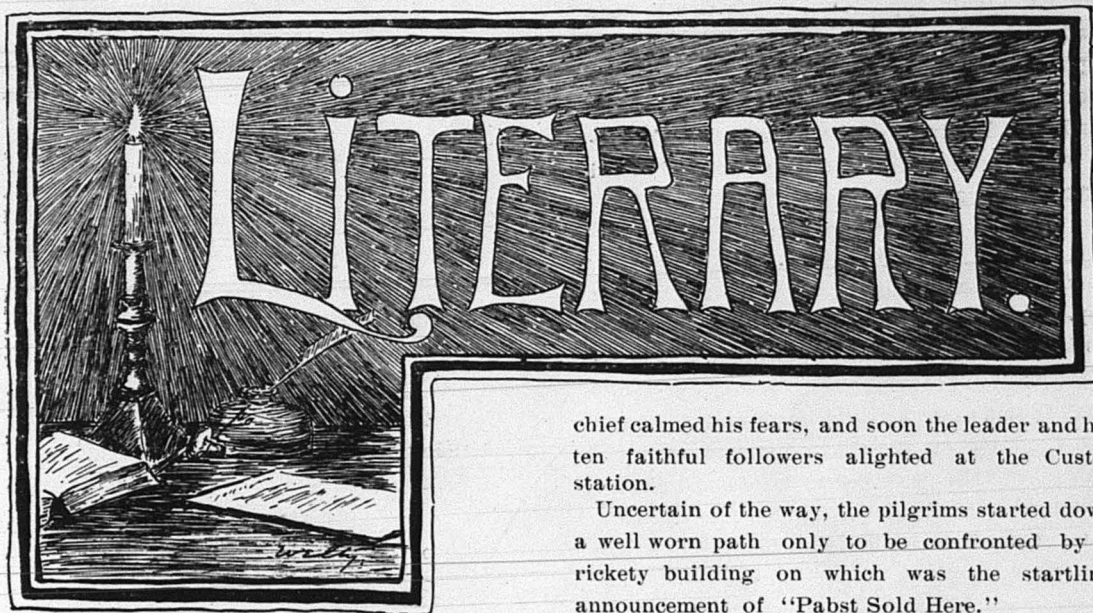
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A SCIENTIFIC EXPEDITION.

And it came to pass on the fourteenth day of the eleventh month in the one thousand nine hundred third year after the birth of Christ, that a great ruler said to his subjects: "Let us go to the region once covered by the ice sheet, and enlighten ourselves and our fellow men concerning the lithological and physical heterogeneity of the terminal moraine." And the people responded: "Yea, verily, as ye command, so will we do."

And accordingly, on the day set apart, ten faithful subjects obeyed their commander's voice and assembled at the railway station to await the coming of the train which would bear them to their destination.

As they were whirled on their way towards Custer, the commander was threatened by the ruler of the train with legal proceedings because of his flight with so many beautiful maidens. And the commander took counsel with a chief of a neighboring kingdom who sat in the seat ahead. The

chief calmed his fears, and soon the leader and his ten faithful followers alighted at the Custer station.

Uncertain of the way, the pilgrims started down a well worn path only to be confronted by a rickety building on which was the startling announcement of "Pabst Sold Here."

The leader was about to enter to seek knowledge of the way to the terminal moraine, when he was detained by a creature who sought to explain the way, but who had evidently been "under the sign," and was unable to give the desired information.

After much difficulty, the right road was found, and with joyous hearts the ruler and his subjects proceeded on their way. After many weary steps, they were overtaken by a native with two beasts of burden, and the native decided to carry the pilgrims instead of a load of meat.

They travelled over hills and valleys the inhabitants of which protested in vain against the intrusion upon their peaceful homes, until the native, in despair, cast aside the pilgrims and proceeded on his way in peace.

Then, indeed, did the pilgrims begin the search which was to startle the whole world. Over the plains they pushed their way, seeking knowledge.

At last they greeted with joy the sight of glistening rails, and knew they were once more near their own kingdom.

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The ever considerate leader, seeing the great weariness of his subjects, betook his lonely way to a building which also bore a Pabst sign, and soon returned laden with the spoils of his expedition. A cry of satisfaction arose as the victorious leader approached, and with much satisfaction they devoured his offering.

Soon the train approached which was to bear them homeward; and giving the war cries of their kingdom, they boarded the train, weary but victorious.

And the adventures of those few faithful followers will ever be told in glowing words thru all succeeding generations.

N. A. H.

PAT'S GHOST.

It was the dead of night, and Pat. was far from camp. He had been tramping through the slashings for an hour or more. A dim moon was nearing the western horizon, while dark fragments of clouds floated down from the north-west, throwing black shadows on the charred stumps and the brush piles. Pat. was beginning to feel shaky. He thot of the animals he had seen in circuses, and of the ghost stories he had listened to in camp. He would sometimes climb stumps and look around to see if he could distinguish any thing that might do him harm. At other times he would stop and listen to the weird cry of loons in the swamp a mile ahead, and then go on again.

He soon came to the swamp, which was lined with a thick growth of underbrush and tamarack trees; while in the center were weeds, grasses, and wild rice. This he was loath to cross; but having no alternative he started on a run, dodging around bushes and under limbs, jumping over bogs and wading through swales; finally reaching the middle of the swamp. Here he stoppel, and stepping on a high bog, peered all around. On the opposite side his eye caught something that looked like a horse with neither head nor legs. Pat. was frightened, but determined to go on. As he neared the object he thot it moved a little, as tho about to rush upon him. Pat. investigated no further; but cut a half mile circle around the object, reaching camp in safety. As he stood on the step to catch his breath before entering, he heard a teamster just going to bed say, "By

jinks! boys, I forgot that wet blanket I hung on the bent sapling down by the swamp."

Pat. drew a long breath and felt relieved. "Yes, bedad," he cried, "I saw it, mesilf, as I cum along!"

JOHN H. CAIRNS.

A CHRISTMAS PICTURE.

I.

The Earth was veiled in darkness,
And mystery supreme;
A soft low tone of gladness
Was heard as in a dream.

II.

The calm and radiant moon-light
Could hardly pierce the gloom
Which circled round the sleeping world
And made it like a tomb.

III.

A silv'ry mist spread over
A part of Heaven's blue,
And in that gleam of glory
A picture ever new.

IV.

With outspread wings bright angels
Were ever floating—ing—
Their harps soft touched by pinions
Responding seemed to sing.

V.

And songs to Earthward wafted
From angels with their love,
Repeated but a message
From God's own Heav'n above.

N. A. H.

1904.

Why, cupid dear! why look so sad?
What have you done to-day?
"Just look at this!" in tears he said.
"I can't have any fun;
The Leap Year girls took all my darts,
They never left me one!"

A Noble Senior.

She twisted a kiss and flung to a miss;
'Twas caught 'ere the sound had departed.
Now what do you think, are we just on the brink
Of having a new love scheme started?

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THE BIRDS OF KILLINGWORTH.

It was Spring-time in the little village of Killingworth. The little buds were just beginning to peep out of their winter houses to catch a glimpse of the big world in which we live. The grass was just putting on its dress of green. The rivulets and brooklets seemed unusually lively, and were dancing and singing as they flowed merrily along their happy courses. The trees and flowers were reflected clearly in the waters. The bleating of the lambs and the mooing of the cows could be heard. The squirrels were just waking up from their winter nap, and were chasing each other here and there.

The birds were just making their appearance from the South. The sparrow seemed glad that his name was mentioned in the Bible, for he was singing blithely. The crows were not hiding themselves, for all over could be heard their "caw! caw! caw!" The orioles and robins were singing gaily; and the world seemed brim full of joy.

But *everybody* in Killingworth was not happy. The farmers were afraid that the birds would spoil their crops by digging up the seeds, so they concluded to have a town meeting to decide what to do.

There were four prominent men at this meeting, that I am going to tell you about. They were the squire, the parson, the preceptor, and the deacon. The squire came out of his house, and down the steps which led to the street, with a haughty air. He walked very erectly, and seemed to be thinking: "A town in which live people like me is a pretty good town." The parson was a person who believed in killing. He used to spend his vacation killing deer in the Adirondacks; and even now he knocked the lilies' heads off with his cane, as he walked along, neither looking to the left nor to the right.

The preceptor first looked at the blue sky, and then at the green grass. He was thinking of fair

Almira whom he some day would wed. His heart was kinder than the others. Maybe it had been softened by his love for Almira. The deacon was one of those unpleasant people who are always saying, "I told you so!" if anything went wrong.

After the squire, deacon, preceptor, and parson, and all the farmers had gathered in the town hall, the squire called the meeting to order. He told them that they had met there to discuss the bird question. Everybody seemed in favor of killing them, except the preceptor. After all the rest had finished, he arose. At first, he felt a little frightened when he knew that all the rest were against him; but then he thought of fair Almira, and he seemed full of courage. He began calmly to state why they had met, and then he began his speech.

"Why do you slay our singers, our street musicians? The birds make sweet music for us, just as David did for Saul. You slay the oriole, the noisy jay, the meadow lark, and the blue bird. Now, if you murder these birds, what gain do you receive? The loss of a small amount of hay or wheat is nothing to you. Do you ever think what great beings birds are, even though they are small in stature? Their nests in the tree tops are half-way houses on the road to heaven. Just imagine getting up in the morning with no sweet songs to greet you. As you think these things over, remember that it is always morning somewhere, and birds are singing evermore. Just think of your woods and orchards without birds, and of the empty nests. Would you rather hear the grasshoppers and locusts, and the sounds of the sheep and the cows, than the singing of the birds?"

He ended by saying "How do you expect me to teach your children the love of God, and the love for all dumb animals, when right in their own homes the opposite is being practiced?"

When the preceptor finished, the people had not moved in their opinion in the least. The farmers laughed and nodded their heads, but the precep-

tor kept the same turn of mind. It made him feel bad to think that the people had been against our little songsters, who drive away care, trouble and pain with their merry melodies.

So a price was put on the birds' heads, the largest being a crow's; because they were so daring and destroyed more than the other birds.

The trees were empty. Only a few nests were to be seen, and those were all dried up.

When Summer came the heat, worms, and bugs came with it. The bugs ate the leaves, the trees died, and every thing was in a terrible condition. While ladies would be walking along the streets, bugs would drop down on their hats. The worst thing was the disappearance of the birds. There was nothing to drive away all the sad thoughts, and even the farmers began to realize their error.

It kept getting hotter and hotter until the farmers were nearly frantic. So the law was repealed.

When Autumn came every body lamented the loss of the birds. There were no leaves on the trees, and even the wind seemed to mourn the loss. The town seemed deserted. The streets and houses seemed to have such a lonely feeling. The brooks did not flow so lively.

So, when Spring came, a great thing happened. The farmers decided to try and stand the consequences. So, one day, into the city came two or three wagon loads of cages filled with all kinds of birds. There were orioles, robins, blue jays, crows, sparrows, thrushes, and most every kind imaginable. They filled the air with their sweet songs, and every thing seemed different. When they came to the fields and woods they let the birds go. Oh! how happy the people must have been! Even those who had been in favor of killing the birds—as the squire, deacon, and parson—were glad of the birds' return. The next day everything was brimming over with joy.

It was the wedding day of the preceptor and Almira. The birds seemed to sing louder and sweeter than ever. The brooklets danced and sang, and one can not imagine how beautiful everything was.

RUTH HAYNER.

WANTED:—The definition of chair.

—J. H. B.

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Among the new magazines this year are Collier's Weekly, American Kitchen Magazine, Etude, Table Talk, Good House-keeping, and Home Science Magazine.



ATHLETICS

The ba-ket ball season opened with a great deal of enthusiasm on the part of the school. Nearly every one of the young men has handed in his name as a member of some team; and a great number of the young ladies are practicing.

At a meeting of the Athletic Association, managers Widmer and Patch presented rules for the management of the mens' teams, which were accepted. Among the important ones are:

1st. No person shall play unless he is a member of the Athletic Association.

2nd. No person shall play upon more than one team.

3rd. Each team shall be composed of five players and one sub; and no person shall play upon one team and sub upon another.

These regulations have put the game upon a firm basis; and the good effects are quite apparent.

Owing to the aid received from the girls as a result of the "Fair," the Association has been able to provide suits for the squad. This is something that has never been possible in the past, and which is fully appreciated now. The suits are catchy colors so as to enable each player to recognize his own men at a glance. The uniformity of suits enables the team to present a much better appearance.

Manager Widmer reports the following games arranged for:

Plainfield, there, January 15.

Plainfield, here, January 22.

City team, here, January 22.

Lawrence University, there, February 18.

Lawrence University, here, March 18.

Wausau, there, January 29.

Looking at the schedule we notice that there have been no games arranged for girls team. It does not seem exactly fair to exclude them from an active part in Athletics, as they have shown their interest quite clearly this year.

It is quite evident we could furnish a good team; and let us hope that, at least, one game can be arranged for.

On Thursday, December 17, the first game of basket ball was played here against Wausau Y. M. C. A. team. The game was called at 8 P. M., and started out with a great deal of spirit and some fast work. The Pointers scored first, and soon got a lead, and never allowed the visitors to come very close to a tie.

The Wausau team did some good team work but was not able to score when guarded while our forwards tossed the ball into the basket from all parts of the field. At the end of the first half the score was 7-21.

The second half was fast and much closer than the first. When time was called the score was 37 to 20 in favor of the home team.

The visitors played a good game; and our team look forward to a good game at Wausau on the 29th. The home team, to a man, did good work; and the crowd was especially pleased with the fine work of the Halverson brothers.

The line up was as follows:

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A. Halverson, Captain, Forward.

H. Halverson.....Forward.

Culver.....Center.

Murat.....Guard.

Miles.....Guard.

Those in charge wish to extend their thanks to the the large crowd that attended the game.

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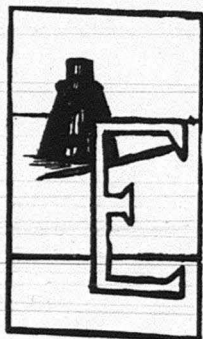
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EDITORIAL.

"There is no darkness but ignorance," were the opening words with which Eugene V. Debs addressed us as he began his lecture on "Labor and Civilization," at the opera house January 6th. But that Mr. Debs does not live in that darkness was plainly evident to all. His speech from first

to last was logical and to the point. He did not appeal to our prejudices nor stir up our antipathies, but gave us food for reflection by appealing to our reason.

A cursory glance was taken at the conditions of labor and capital in the past; their present relations were reviewed; and then, in imagination, we were lead out into the future to the time when Poverty should be abolished.

Since the holidays, the stocking hung out by the Normal School Museum has had some handsome gifts. Miss Bradbury has loaned an interesting token coin with the inscription "General Washington," and his portrait. The origin and date of the coin are uncertain. Miss Mary Baker presented to the Museum some valuable newspapers of Civil War times: THE NEW YORK TRIBUNE of June 9, 1860, contains Horace Greeley's editorial on the nomination of Lincoln. The same paper for July 5, 1831, contains President Lincoln's message to the Special Session of Congress that met July 4. THE NEW YORK TIMES, September 1, 1864, contains accounts of the convention that nominated McClellan for the Presidency. A copy of THE WISCONSIN PINERY, published at Stevens Point, March 20, 1863, is a valuable addition. Mr. P. A. Rockwell, class of 1900, has loaned a collection of Indian arrow and spear heads, sixty in number, of most excellent workmanship. Can others of the Alumni follow Mr. Rockwell's example in donating or loaning articles of interest to the museum?

At last, our hopes, which have been blasted in the past, are realized; and we have a skating rink on the back campus.

Much credit is due Professor Culver in bringing this enterprise to a successful end. He has had it in view for some years past; but never until the present time has he been able to execute his plans.

Let us show that we appreciate what has been done for us by making good use of the rink, and thereby secure a great deal of out-door exercise, which is so necessary to the health of all.

The boys of the school have been divided into squads of seven each to take turns in caring for the rink.

CENSOR.

ADEN: Let us not all forsake the pronunciation that we have used from our youth up when it is still proper to pronounce the "a" long.

MARKED.—Have you marked your wraps yet?

RECESS.—Why should not the signals for recess be as significant as at 11:10 or 2:15? These ten minutes have been set aside for attention to numerous small, though none the less important, details of our work. Therefore, let us hope for a full ten minute recess each and every day that we may give due attention to our errands.

SPOTS.—Try wood alcohol and see if you don't like it better than benzine. But remember the label has a cross-bones and skull on it.

CLOCK.—Could we have one in the library it would help students to distribute their time on their work to the best advantage and save much hurried nervous reading. And one would not waste time then by leaving the library before it was necessary should they have a practice class or an appointment during the period.

STATUARY.—Because the statues we have will be found familiar ones wherever we find a collection of statuary, it is desirable that we become familiar with the sculptor and subject of each production. We believe these two items could be put on each piece in such a place, and small enough so as not to detract in any way, that any one by pausing a moment might inform himself on these points. We trust some one of the art classes may consider this; and, if they believe they would be doing something for art's sake, will undertake the labeling.

SONGS.—The debates with Whitewater and Oshkosh, and the Oratorical Contest, will soon be at hand. Are our yells and songs which we shall need, just a little later for these occasions, in process of construction? No one should wait to be invited to undertake this task. If you can write

something, write it and hold it in readiness for a call. And let us have these in time so that we may learn them well enough that they may truly help to make things go.

LAUNDRY.—Who will take pity on the pencil that hangs by the laundry slips and sharpen it? If it were a paper pencil the girls might manage the deed with the use of a hair pin. A decline in the laundry business can be laid to lack of point.

NOON.—Do we need a study period from 12:45 to 1:15? Students who go to the "club" for dinner generally have no opportunity to work there; and others find their rooms too cold to allow them to remain at home. To have a half hour at noon may mean much more than a half hour cut off from night study.

LOCKS.—The young ladies would be very grateful for locks on the doors and curtains of their bath rooms. The locks which they improvise from day to day are objectionable in many ways. In answer to some questions among the new girls we would say that there is no fee charged for the use of the bath, and any girl may use it. The girls coming from their gymnasium work, however, are supposed to have the right of way.

JOKES.—Let us all have the benefit of the laugh you had; it won't hurt us. The box which is always ready to receive any material which you think we might all enjoy reading in THE POINTER, is near the door of the textbook library. Emerson said "Beware of holding too much good in thine own hand." Remember the box.

THANKS.—The lecture given on Greek Art by Professor Bacon was very much appreciated by his history class.

WHO?—The ladies' toilet is in need of the gift of a whisk broom, a hand mirror, a few hair pins and a pin cushion. Who will contribute and be blessed evermore?



SECOND QUARTER.

Sixth Week.

Guy L. Pierce, of Plover, was at the Normal on Thursday.

Professor Olson spent Monday and Tuesday at Oshkosh, visiting schools.

Otto Veers, principal at Milladore, visited friends in the school on Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Bertha Signor was elected, Tuesday, to represent the Senior Class on the Rhetorical Committee.

Miss May Ried Pierce, representative in the Musical Department of the American Book Company, visited school last Wednesday.

Miss Vinnie Doyle, of Medford, arrived here this week to study observation at the Normal, preparatory to beginning a term of school at Hayward, Sawyer County.

Saturday evening, the Elements enjoyed a sleigh ride party. The weather was not as favorable as it might have been; but, nevertheless, about thirty persons attended.

We are pleased to notice that E. T. O'Brien, City Superintendent at DePere, who graduated here in '98, and H. L. Gardner, County Superintendent at Viroqua, who graduated here in '97, will both take part in the exercises at Milwaukee.

Some of the members of our faculty will take part in the exercises of the Wisconsin Teachers'

Association at Milwaukee. Miss Ella Fink will deliver a paper on "The Educational Value of Sight Reading"; Professor Sanford will be the leader of the Historic Conference; Miss May Secrist will lead in the discussion of a paper on "Domestic Economy; Its Place in the Education of Our Girls"; and Professor Livingston will give a paper on "The Importance of Phonics in Teaching Reading."

Those of the faculty who will be away from town during the holidays will be Mr. Spindler at Mount Vernon, Ohio; Miss Secrist at Randolph, Kansas; Miss Fink at South Milwaukee; Miss Edmund at Chicago; Miss Allerton, Milwaukee; Miss Simpson, Madison; Miss Reitler, Chicago; Miss Densmore, Minneapolis and Superior; Miss Burgert, Nebraska City and Lincoln, Nebraska; Mr. Talbert, Beaver Dam; Mr. Sechrist, Chicago, Ann Arbor, and Detroit; Miss Faddis and Miss Quinn, Chicago; Mrs. Bradford, Kenosha.

Professors Pray, Sanford, and Livingston will attend the Wisconsin Teachers' Association at Milwaukee.

The regular Rhetoricals of the week came on Thursday afternoon; and a Cantata was given on Friday afternoon by the people of Miss Quinn's room, called "The Happy Family of Father Time." Much credit is given Howard Welty for the successful way in which he managed the Cantata, and the good results which he obtained.

Rhoena Howard, a former student, visited friends at the Normal, Friday.

Frederick Somers, who has been teaching at Sayner, Wisconsin, was at the Normal on Thursday.

John Hughes, of Neillsville, formerly a student at the Normal, was in town Wednesday and Thursday.

G. G. W. Gates, who graduated from the Normal in 1898, was last week elected as vice president of the Pine County, Minnesota, Teachers' Association. Mr. Gates is employed as a teacher near Pine City.

Professor George A. Talbert, of the Normal, will deliver three separate papers on "The Variations of Brochial and Lacral Plexus of the Frog," "Variations in Appendages of the Frog," and "A Clinical Study of Cerebral Localization," respectively, before the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters, at Milwaukee, December 30, 1903.

Seventh Week.

Miss Iva McElroy, of Eau Claire, and Edward Lange, city, have entered school.

G. H. Smith, of Milladore, visited his brother, Eugene, at the Normal, Monday morning.

Miss Edith Hamacker, who finished the full course in '98, visited school Wednesday morning.

Frederick Somers visited the school Monday. He has returned to Sayner, Wisconsin, near where he is teaching.

During the vacation the skating rink has been flooded and cleaned of snow, and is now ready for use.

Miss Mary Olson, County Superintendent of Pepin County, visited her brother, Professor Olson, Tuesday,

Miss Kate Schantz, Elementary '03, who is now a teacher at Wild Rose, visited friends at the Normal, Tuesday morning.

Ross E. Joy, who is now attending Saint John's Military Academy at Delafield, visited with friends at the Normal on Monday and Tuesday.

Parley A. Rockwell, who graduated from the Full Course in 1900, and who is now principal at Downing, was at the Normal Tuesday afternoon.

School began promptly Monday afternoon, but only a part of the students were present. Many of them were delayed for five hours by a wreck on the G. B. & W. R. R., and were unable to attend the afternoon session.

We are pleased to see that Albert E. Hamilton, the young man who broke his leg during foot ball practice about nine weeks ago, is now able to attend school. He still uses his crutches and will probably continue doing so for a number of weeks.

Wednesday morning, the Normal Department and the pupils of the Grammar and Intermediate rooms were favored with a selection from Victor Hugo's work, "Les Miserables," given by Mrs. Serven. She certainly proved that what Bishop Potter said of her was true, "That she was not only a reader but an artist." Mrs. Serven responded to an encore with a selection entitled "Mammy's Little Baby Boy," which was received with even greater applause.

Miss May Secrist, teacher of Domestic Science at this school, has received an offer of largely increased salary to go to the State University at Columbus, Ohio; and has decided to accept the place. She will leave here as soon as a successor can be secured. Several old friends of student days are now teaching at this University, which is another inducement for her to leave Stevens Point. Miss Secrist has been very successful in her work here.

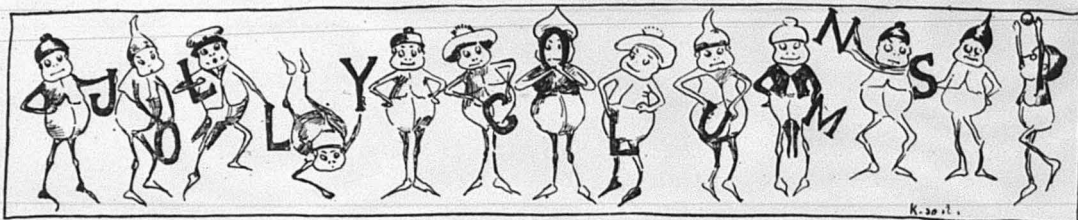
Saturday evening eleven attractive young ladies of the school gave a Leap Year sleigh ride party to the same number of young gentlemen. The boys hope that this custom will be carried out throughout the year, as a very pleasant time was reported.

Miss Cynthia Flynn, of Rudolph, and Frederick Walker, of Stevens Point, have entered school.

I wish to extend my sincerest thanks to the kind friends, Normal Faculty, and fellow students for their earnest attention, care and material assistance while recovering from the effects of a recent accident.

ALBERT E. HAMILTON.

M. O. Hill, '97, city supt. at Brookings, S. Dak., has been elected president of the S. Dak. S. T. A.



She (after Xmas vacation)—“I have made a resolution to send all gentlemen callers home promptly at ten o'clock.”

He laughs; and she enquires what is the matter?

He—“Well! I was just wondering what I could do to amuse myself until ten o'clock.”

First Student in Biology (perplexed over the Evolution Theory)—“Then what is the link between man and the dog?”

Second Student (who is rather wise on the subject)—“Genus *Frankfurtis* Weiner Wurstis.”

Miss E-m-n- —“What is confetti?”

Mr. E-r-s-n- —“Well, you know that fancy pantry shelf paper, Confetti is made of the parts cut out of those little holes: and they sell the holes for five cents a bag.”

Pupil in Mr. S-i-h's Gymnasium Class—“Mr. S-i-h, why do you wear that rubber band around your wrist?”

S-i-h (stammering)—“Well! you see—er—its so convenient to tell the left from the right.”

What could have been the trouble with “Widdy” at Junction City? sitting there with a dejected look, and behind him a flaring yellow poster, “A WIFE WANTED.”

New Years' Resolutions.

Which if not already made might prove of value:
J. H. and G. G.—Not to remain in the main room any evening after 4:45.

F-o-S.—Not to arise any morning before 4 a.m.

G-n-M.—Not to have more than six skates a week.

B-r-h-S.—To get up once in a while for breakfast.

W. R. Z.—To cease finding fault, even with the jokes in THE POINTER.

The Faculty—Not to have more than nine spelling exercises in one quarter.

The skating pond—I pass it by,
And in my passing heave a sigh.
We accidentally had a fall,
And now she will not speak at all.

A New Version.

Of the watching virgins of long ago,
Five were a sorry lot;
And all because, I think it was,
Their matches they forgot.

NOTE.—Apply to the Observation Class for details. W.

Recipe for Getting Along Without Much Work.

BY ONE WHO KNOWS.

Take two pints of pretended work; add to it one pint of pretended sickness; boil with two pounds of strong conceit; strain all terough a piece of examination paper borrowed from your roommate to remove any suspicion. Cool, and serve as toast to your professor every recitation.

Mr. S-i-h- —“They are flooding the back campus.”

Mr. M-r-e- —“Goodness! where's Noah?”

“WHAT HA' BEEN A POLAR BEAR?”

The Tale of a Freshman.

A Freshman was wrecked on a Cannibal Coast.
Where a Cannibal monarch held sway;
And they served up that Freshman in slices on toast,
On the eve of that very same day.
But the vengeance of heaven fell swift on the act.
In a manner 'twas ne'er before seen;
For with cholera morbus that tribe was attacked.
As the Freshman was dreadfully green.

—SELECTED.

Mr. C-l-l-n-s- —“Have you studied algebra?”

Mr. W-l-y- —“I got thru algebra.”



EXCHANGES.

THE NORMAL POINTER, Stevens Point, Wisconsin, has some good and clever drawings heading the different departments; and also a good cover design.
—THE NORMAL PENNANT.

STRANGER—"Do you know a man around here with one leg, named Mr. Smith?"

DOCTOR—"Could you tell me the name of the other leg?"
THE STUDENT.



INSTRUCTOR IN PHYSICS—"What is Energy?"
REPLY—"Don't know; never had any."

THE NORMAL POINTER, this year, is a great improvement over last year.

—HIGH SCHOOL MESSENGER.

Three are a crowd, and there were three,
The girl, the parlor lamp, and he.
Two are company; and, no doubt,
That's why the parlor lamp went out.

—HIGH SCHOOL INDEX.

"I want something striking for a wedding present," said a shopper.

"Clock department on fourth floor, Sir," suggested the floor walker.
—Ex.

ACT I.—The clock strikes.

ACT II.—Papa strikes.

ACT III.—Cholly strikes—pavement.
—Ex.

A Freshman.

For the first week, don't you know?

A Freshman's blue as indigo.

All the same, she's very green

If she lets her blues be seen.

When she's called on to recite,

She is either red or white;

Basket ball soon pounds her mellow

To great spots of black and yellow.

So, tho lacking many a thing,

She has local coloring.

—Ex.

The Literary Department in THE GITCHE GUMEE is especially good. The stories are varied and interesting, and the headings are appropriate.

Teacher (to Freshman)—"You know there's a big fire where all the Freshmen who copy will burn up?"

Freshman (innocently)—"Who lit it?" —Ex.

Epitaph on a Dentist's Tomb Stone.

View this grave with gravity;

He is filling his last cavity,

First Freshman, on a ladder nailing up pictures—

"Say, Bill, got any thumb tacks?"

Second Freshman—"No; but I've got some fingers nails."
—Ex.

"Stella's Thanksgiving," in THE NORMAL ADVANCE, is a well told story of heroism.

TOURIST—"But what pleased me most was the wonderful clock of Strasburg."

FRIEND—Oh! how I would like to see it! And did you see the celebrated watch on the Rhine?"

"Why aren't you at school, little boy?"

"Stayed away on account of sickness."

"Who is sick?"

"The truant officer."
—Ex.

"Why are all your grades lower this month than last, Johnnie?"

"Well, father, you know everything is always marked down after the holidays."
—Ex

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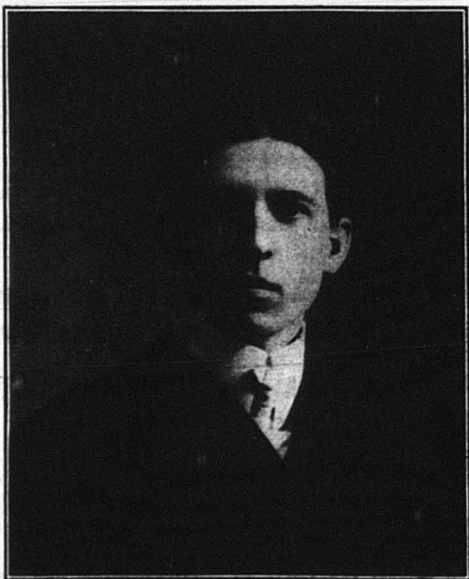
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