

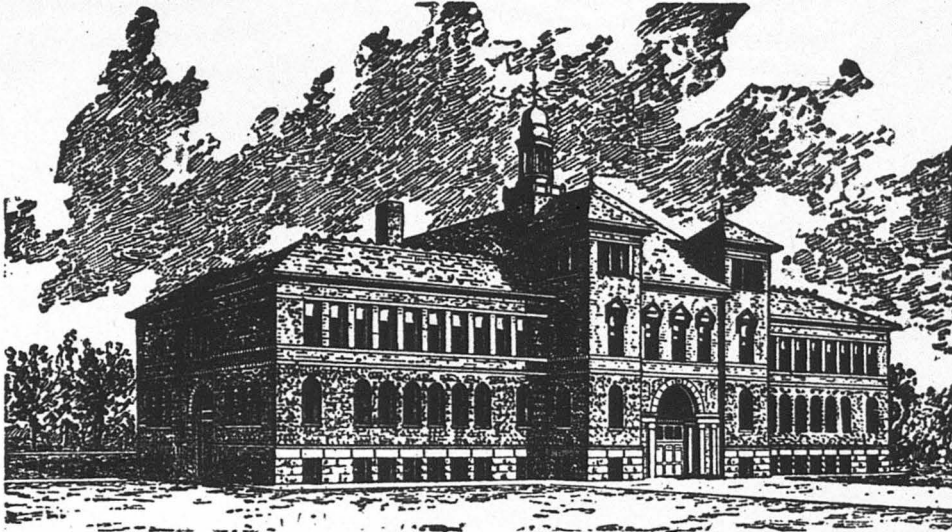
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STEVENS POINT NORMAL SCHOOL



Picture of original building erected twenty years ago.

Short Notes.

Start saving your pennies for the class play.

Pres. Sims will be at Madison over Saturday at a meeting of the board of regents.

Sam Wadleigh, a former student of S. P. N., has enrolled to complete his course during the present year.

Forum-Athenaeum met last Friday evening. A purely business meeting took the place of the program originally planned.

C. R. Rounds, inspector of English in the state Normal schools, arrived Monday and has been with us this week inspecting this department in the local school.

Mr. Rounds, state inspector of English and composition, will spend Friday in Waukesha where he will act as judge at a declamatory contest. He will return to Stevens Point Monday and continue his work of investigation for one more week.

President Sims and Prof. Phelan visited the model rural school at Custer Monday. This school has drawn the attention of several of the leading educators who have vis-

ited it while in the city. Among these were Mabel Carey and Pres. A. H. Yoder.

Prof. Hyer spent a few days at Milwaukee in conference with C. N. Farmer and Dr. Allen of the New York Bureau of Municipal research, regarding survey work. Mr. Farmer is the gentleman who made the study of the school recently for the state board of public affairs.

Those taking cooking under Miss Allen are now studying different cuts of meat. The cuts appropriate to them are made in the form of soups, stews and roasts. The sewing department, under Miss Hanson, are busily engaged in making dresses for the lady members of the faculty. This work is to count as a final examination in the course.

Tuesday afternoon Miss Kelsey spoke to us about the Eight Weeks' Club. This movement is parallel with that of the Social Center. It offers excellent opportunity for students to put into effect their ideas concerning domestic science, domestic art or any other practical line. At the close of the meeting sixteen students volunteered to take up this work. If you are interested watch the bulletin boards.

For a Worthy Cause.

The oratorical association is at present in debt thirty dollars. In order to meet this obligation the officers of the association, in consultation with Mr. Hippensteel, have decided to devote a night to fun and amusement for all in order to raise the necessary funds. There will be five numbers on the program, each of equal importance. Those who attended amateur night, conducted by the dramatic club, will have a notion of what this coming entertainment will be like. The event will take place this evening, May 1st, in the assembly room, at 8:30. The price of admission will be fifteen cents to students, ten cents to children.

As all students are members of the oratorical association, all owe a share in this debt of thirty dollars. Be sure to come out tonight and help the cause, even though you have to postpone something else.



Notice.

Members of the Senior and Junior classes will please pay class dues and avoid trouble. Those who have paid up to the second quarter are asked to pay balance immediately. The others are asked to open up and pay the year's dues with compound interest.



Much Interest in Tennis.

Wednesday morning the school was favored with talks by Messrs. Fairchilds, Ames and Schneller. The subject under discussion was tennis and its importance to the school. All three of these gentlemen are enthusiasts for the game and are planning upon organizing several teams that will represent the school in tennis meets held between the various normals in the northern division. All the physical directors at these Normals are in favor of an inter-normal tournament and intend to cooperate in gaining the desired results. There will be several teams, some composed of girls only, others of boys and also mixed teams. These teams will be both single and double.

At a meeting held Wednesday after school the discussion of tennis was again taken up and all seemed very interested in the outcome. The following committee of enrollment was appointed: Ames, chairman, Hodges, Cummings, Rowe and Ostrum.

First Base Ball Game.

The first game of organized base ball took place last Saturday at the fair grounds. The Stevens Point business college clashed with S. P. N. on the diamond and were totally defeated. The final score was 18 for our team and 0 for the business college. S. P. N. made sixteen hits while the business college boys got only one. Line-up for our team was:

Catcher—Beggs.

Pitcher—Reilly.

First base—Hills.

Second base—Ostrum.

Third base—Marsh.

Left field—Patterson.

Center field—Thorpe.

Right field—Chillrud.

Subs—Hirzy and W. Murphy; each playing one inning.

Out of fairness to the business college we might say that as a whole they were an inexperienced bunch and that up to this game had never played together. Reilly deserves much credit for his exceptional pitching and the large number of strikeouts, he having sixteen to his credit.

Saturday of this week our team plays the Stevens Point High school at the fair grounds. This is sure to be an interesting game as well as a close one. The spirit of rivalry is intense in base ball as in other forms of athletics between these schools. Admission to students is fifteen cents, to adults twenty-five. Some promising material which did not play in the last game and will be in the field the coming Saturday are Cummings, Van Tassel and Kluck. Join the merry crowd and help win the game.



Rural Notes.

Molasses is a progressive in words, deed^s and actions?

Mr. Cannon has resolved not to accept a second term of office. We regret his retirement.

Myrtle has the war spirit. The other day she was insisting on quitting school to join the army. She even resolved to send her seat and books home for safe keeping.



Junior Class Disgraced.

The treasurer musn't borrow money to pay for his shave.

Jokes Possibly Original.

Nearly everyone, either in reading or in conversation, comes upon jokes or witticisms put forward as original, when he is sure that they have been known to him before in some form. In fact it has been claimed that there are only three or four, or at most seven, original jokes from which all others come. While not much of the ancients' writings on wit has been preserved, still several jokes have been found and picked out by various authors, among which are the following:

The first is the prototype of the joke of the rich man and his son. The rich man says to his son, "When I was a boy I did not waste my money in extravagance," as the son admittedly did. Then the son answers, "But you did not have a rich old father like I have." Plutarch is father of this joke, as far as we can go now, but it is probable that it goes back even further. In Plutarch, Dionysius, reproving his son for bad conduct, says, "You never knew me to do so." "No," replied the youth, "but you hadn't a king for a father." "And you won't have a son of a king," said the monarch.

Many jokes are made on the fact that if a man steals little he is disgraced and goes to prison, whereas if he steals largely the public admire his skill. Democritus saw a thief taken to prison. "Poor man!" said he, "Why didn't you steal a great deal, and then you could have sent others to jail?"

King Archelaus of Macedonia had some dirty water thrown on him. His friends wanted the offender punished. "No," said Archelaus, "he didn't throw it over me, but on the man he thought I was."

Macaulay, in one of the Cambridge riots, had a dead cat thrown full in his face. The man who had thrown it came up and apologized, saying that he had not intended it for Macaulay, but for Mr. Adeane. "Oh, very well, my good friend; but I wish you had meant it for me and hit Mr. Adeane."

Many will recognize the following saying, started however by Socrates: "The wicked live to eat and drink; the good eat and drink in order to live."

Philip of Macedonia was told by the Olympians that his courtiers were traitors. The king told them they were rude to call "A spade a spade."

Granicus recommended a bad orator to drink hydromel. "But," said the lawyer, "I shall lose my voice." "Better that than your client," replied Granicus.

Another bad speaker asked Catullus if the

speech he had just delivered had not excited some compassion. "Why, certainly, there was not a soul who wasn't sorry for you."

A thief, caught in the act by Demosthenes, said: "I didn't know it was yours." "No," said Demosthenes, "but you knew it wasn't yours."

A schoolmaster was reading badly. Theocritus said to him: "Why don't you teach geometry?" "Because I don't understand it," answered the schoolmaster. "Then," said Theocritus, "why do you teach reading?"

The following is a perennial, but the first we can find is when it was related of Cicero by Quintillian. A woman remarked that she was thirty years old. "I know it is true," said Cicero, "for I have heard you say it these twenty years."

A beggar asked a king (Antigonus) for a small coin. "That is not the gift of a king," said Antigonus. "Well, then," said the beggar, "give me a talent." "That is more than a beggar should receive," said Antigonus, thus leaving the poor fellow in the lurch.

Lysias wrote a defense for a friend in jail and took it to him to read. The friend said that at first reading he thought it fine; but did not like it so well at the second, and still less at the third. "You forget," said Lysias, "that the judges will hear it only once."

Alcibiades, when about to be tried on a capital charge, ran away, saying to a friend, "What's the use of getting off when you can get away?"



Improvements.

A system of switch boards has replaced the former method of light control in the building. These were installed by the Natwick Electric Company. Two boards were placed on each floor, one at the west and the other at the east end.



Pointers Bound and Trimmed.

With this issue the fourth edition of The Pointer as a weekly periodical is completed. Many of our subscribers who have retained the other three issues will gladly avail themselves of the opportunity to have the monthly file bound into one book, which they may do by bringing or sending the four numbers to The Gazette office, 316 Main street. The binding and trimming will be done without charge.

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Drum Major a Success.

"The Drum Major," given at the opera house last Thursday night, was a great success from the viewpoint of the audience as well as financially. The artistic costuming of the cast was a revelation in itself and the clever arrangement of the choruses produced a harmonious blending of the various colors. The play progressed without the usual amateur delays, and in this respect was distinctly professional thruout. The many solos rendered by Miss Sturtevant and Miss DeBase and Messrs. Cummings and Anderson were heartily applauded by the enthusiastic audience. The vocal duets by Miss Sturtevant and Mr. Cummings and those by Mr. Anderson and Miss DeBase brought their full share of applause. Mr. Cummings, acting as Sergeant Leroux, carried his part well and indeed looked the part he represented. Mr. Anderson was exceptionally good in the part of the "Drum Major" and his acting and singing received much praise. No comment is necessary upon the acting of Miss Sturtevant, who without doubt excelled her former performance in "Careless Cupid." Miss DeBase came to us unknown but well recommended. She was a very pleasant surprise to the audience, which showed its appreciation to such an extent that several encores of her numbers were necessary to quiet the house. The soldier boys and sweethearts were true to their respective titles and all acted their parts well. The songs of the choruses were very catchy and their active movements added to the general effect.

In comparison with home talent plays, "The Drum Major" will rank among the foremost, as one of the catchiest, niftiest and most up-to-date operettas ever played in this city.

The net receipts, amounting to about fifty-five dollars, will be equally divided between the musical organizations of the school. These in turn will use the amount received as part payment of their Iris bills.

As mentioned before, the direction of the operetta was in the hands of Misses Baker and Bronson. Miss Baker had charge of the

music and Miss Bronson directed the dances. Both ladies gave their undivided attention and efforts to the training of the cast. Very largely through the unstinted labors of these two ladies and the helpful suggestions of Mr. Smith the play was so great a success.

Mr. Sims, in his talk before the school the following Friday, voiced the sentiment of the school when he said, "It is indeed a pleasure to me when I find there are students and faculty members in this school, who willingly devote time to outside school activities without recompense in any form. This attitude should be bought by all of us and I am sure the thanks and appreciation of the school are given to Miss Baker and Miss Bronson, and to all those who took part in the play."



To Subscribers.

As a favor to Mr. Moxon, this article is written. In last week's issue a notice to the effect that subscriptions should be paid to Messrs. Moxon, O'Connell or Dafoe passed unheeded. Only three people complied with the notice; the others heedlessly forgot or waited for a personal invitation to pay. With due fairness to your financial credit, we feel that you regard this duty of yours too lightly and wish to inform you that your obligation will be made a burden to you if not taken care of now. It should not be necessary for the management to see you personally about this, but unless something happens mighty soon, each one of you will be subject to a personal interview, and it may not be so easy to invent excuses. Get in line; be an optimist and pay up.



Sick, or Otherwise Detained.

During the past week the following students have been absent from school:

Lucy Smith, Arthur Murphy, Louise Connor, Angela Maltteson, Blanche Ritchie, Agnes Docka and Edna Blank were on the sick list.

Leila Johnson had important business to attend to on Tuesday.

Vernon Beggs showed his father about town Tuesday afternoon.

Eva Mongon was called to Marshfield Monday forenoon.

Cordelia Schliesmann was detained at home Monday on account of her grandmother's illness.

THE PEN FOR STUDENTS

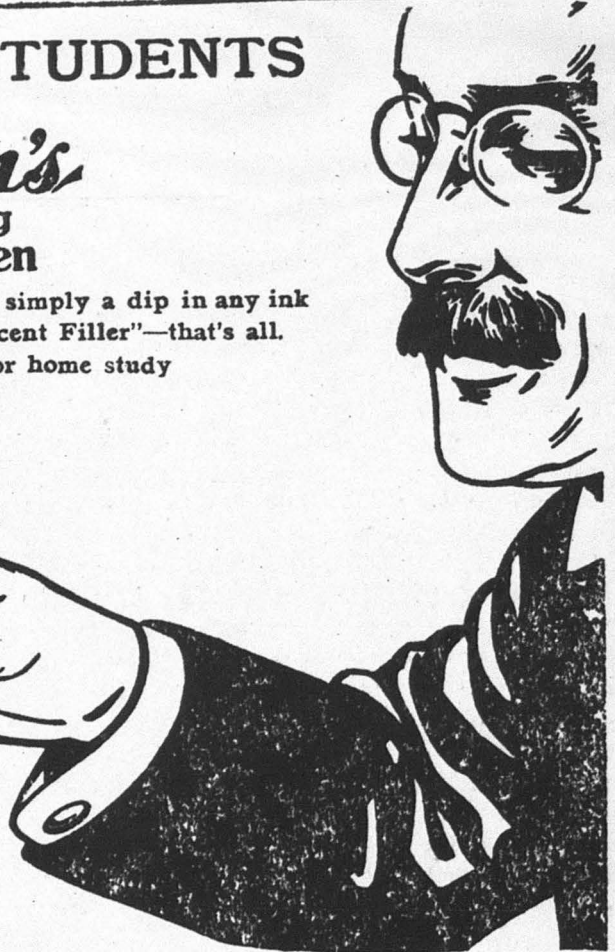
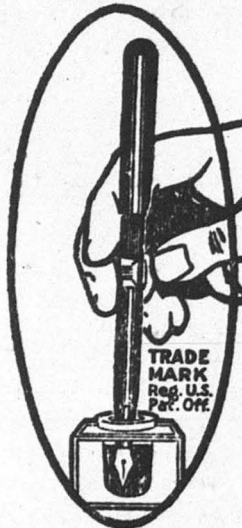
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