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## THE PANAMA CANAL.

### Mrs. N. A. Week Speaks To Normal Students.

"It is said that the building of the Panama Rail Road cost a life for every tie," said Mrs. NELSON A. WEEK in her talk on the Panama Canal and the Canal Zone, before the Students of the Rural School Department, at the Normal school this morning.

"This railroad was begun twenty years after the first rail road was built in the United States, but its construction presented problems which our engineers had never before met—a river that would rise forty feet in a night; a road bed passing in places over mud so deep that loaded flat cars had to be sunk to form a pontoon bridge; for in order to reach solid rock it would have been necessary to pass through 185 feet of mud; a jungle so dense that it seemed to grow up in a day in the wake of those cutting their way through. These were a few of the obstacles that had to be faced in building the Panama rail road."

Mrs. Week gave a brief but interesting review of the history of the Canal Zone, and of the early attempts made by the French to build the canal.

"We are accustomed to think of the canal as a big ditch, forgetting that 24 of its 50 miles lie through a great lake 85 feet above sea level, formed by the building of the Gatun dam," she continued. "This lake was the key to the whole situation, for it solved two difficulties—the swamp, which was too soft to build through, and the rivers, which rose rapidly. The dam reminds one of a hill, for it is a mile and a half long, and a half mile wide at the base."

Mrs. Week spoke in high terms of the service that the army has rendered through its engineering and sanitary corps. "The work of the engineers, and of the sanitary corps has demonstrated that the United States can do its own work for its own people in a successful, efficient and serviceable way," said Mrs. Week in conclusion.

At the opening of her remarks, Mrs. Week said she would take the

students on a trip to Panama. The one regret on the part of the students and members of the faculty was that the trip did not last longer, for it was one of the most instructive and entertaining talks of the year. —JOURNAL.

## HOME ECONOMICS CLUB.

The Home Economics Club met Wednesday afternoon, March 10, and a very interesting and instructive program was rendered.

Laura Cooper gave a paper on "The Development of the Modern House," which showed conscientious preparation on her part.

The listeners were taken back to ancient times, when the broad expanding trees were the only means of shelter; then the period of slow development from these natural shelters to the very crudest of constructed homes. These were built by tying a circle of growing trees together at the tips, and then thatching the sides.

The homes steadily advanced from these rude structures to cliff dwellers' homes, to wigwams, pueblos, sod, and log huts.

The constant improvement beyond these manifests itself in the New England home, of which the White House is an example. More modern homes are found in types of the bungalow or craftsman's house.

The advance in house structure shows its development from mere shelter from heat and storms to a place of shelter, comfort, rest, and pleasure, under the most sanitary conditions.

Miss Hanson talked on Washington, District of Columbia, and made the members feel as if the National Capitol was a place which they would like to see in the near future.

The musical numbers were a duet by Misses Retrum and Hanson, and a violin solo by Miss Pierce.

The society has printed copies of the constitution, which will be sold for three cents a piece to any one desiring a copy.

The following committee was appointed to act with the Editor to issue THE POINTER for one week:

Edna Hanson.  
Lucille Daley, chairman.  
Isabelle Schowel.

A committee was appointed to act with Laura Cooper in working out of a place for the representation of the club in THE IRIS.

The club is busy having pictures taken for THE IRIS.

## ARENA NOTES.

Friday evening, March 5, the Arena met and listened to a very interesting program on the subject of the Panama Canal and Exposition, prepared by six members of the society. The meeting was adjourned in time to enable those attending, to go to the basket ball game.

While this program was going on, other members of the society were busily engaged in selling candy at the door of the gymnasium. Every one bought freely, and the whole supply was gone before the game began.

### S. P. N. 38. Oshkosh 19.

The Normal Basket ball Team ended its season by defeating its old rival Oshkosh Normal, 38 to 19.

The S. P. N. team worked like a machine, every man out-classing his opponent. Our boys showed excellent passing, guarding, and basket shooting ability. Levenhagen, the visiting center with a big reputation, did the best work for the visitors, though he was out-classed by Pope, the husky center in our machine. Beggs and Peterson, our guards, were a stone-wall defense, holding the Oshkosh forwards to one lone basket. Reilly and Delmore rounded out the successful combination in good style. Beside scoring well from the field, Reilly batted in two scores from the jump, and Delmore succeeded in caging four out of five free throws

### STEVENS POINT (38.)

	B.	F.	T.	F.
Reilly, R. F.	7	0	2	
Delmore, L. F.	3	4	0	
Pope, C.	7	0	2	
Beggs, R. G.	0	0	0	
Peterson, R. G.	0	0	3	
	17	4	7	

### OSHKOSH (19.)

	B.	F.	T.	F.
Williams, L. F.	1	1	0	
Leshensky, R. F.	0	0	1	
Levenhagen, C.	4	2	2	
Grant, L. G.	2	0	2	
Janske, R. G.	0	0	0	
Maitland, C.	1	0	0	
	8	3	5	

## Young Women's Christian Association.

Last Tuesday evening a large number of Young Womens Christian Association members met in the Art Annex for the regular meeting. Miss Brewster gave a helpful and inspiring talk on the social side of life, and especially on our relation and debt to one another.

After the talk, nine new members were initiated. The candle service was used. A quartette consisting of Misses Bain, DeKelder, Hamilton and Van Hecke, sang several selections during the initiation.

The election of officers for the coming year then took place. The following were elected:

- President ----- Hazel Ferebee.
- Vice President --- Ida Brevad.
- Secretary ----- Grace Hanson.
- Treasurer ----- Mildred Pierce.
- Chairman of Bible Committee. Hattie Cone.
- Room Committee, Viola Gustin.
- Conference and Convention, Selma Johnson.
- Music Committee, Bertha Fosshage.
- Missionary Committee, Golda Godshall.
- Devotional Committee, Helen Shroeder.
- Association News Committee, Clara Honass.
- Social Committee, Mary Ingalls.
- Social Service Committee, Gertrude Flanagan.

The meeting was closed by the repeating of the "Mizpah" by all the members.

## Challenge to the Arena Society

The Ohiyesa Society hereby challenges the Arena Society to a Declamatory Contest to be held in the early part of next quarter, each Society being represented by not more than three contestants, one judge to be chosen by each society, the third by the President of the school. VERA MUELLER, President.

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**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

FOR THE BALANCE OF THE YEAR:

**Third Term** ends Wednesday, March 31.

**Easter Vacation** Thursday, April 1, to Monday April 5, including both days.

**Fourth Term** begins Tuesday, April 6.

FOURTH TERM ends Commencement Day, Thursday, June 1.

**Summer Term** begins Monday, June 14.

SUMMER TERM ends August 13.

At the weekly assembly of the students of the Rural School Department, Mrs. N. A. Week spoke on her visit to the Panama Canal. These meetings are held during the general assembly period each Friday. The programs given are prepared by members of the Course. They include student productions and talks by outside people and faculty members.

The following program was given last Friday by the Double "B" Club:

1. Reading ..... Lillian Baird
  2. Folk Dance ... Marrian Russell
  3. Our Flag ... Frank Hamerski
  4. Reading ... Gwendolyn Kraus
  5. Piano Duet ... Loretta Farrell
- Violet Newby  
 Loretta Farrell, Presiding Officer.

**FORUM-ATHENAEUM.**

Thy Forum-Athenaeum had a fine meeting last Friday night, March 12, 1915. The following program was carried out:

- I. Roll Call: Responded to with a Quotation
- II. Song: Society: Led by Mr. Hafsoos.
- III. **Debate:** RESOLVED, That Motion Pictures are of Educational value.  
 AFFIRMATIVE: NEGATIVE:  
 1. Burton Ambrose. 1. Martin Rieschl.  
 2. Lyman Branch. 2. Lee Stone.
- IV. Violin Solo: Mr. Hafsoos.
- V. **General Debate:** RESOLVED, That it should be the Policy of the United States to materially strengthen its Military and Naval establishments.  
 VI. Business Meeting.
- VII. Adjournment.

The following is the Program of the FORUM-ATHENAEUM for Monday night, March 22, 1915:

- I. Roll Call: Respond with a Current Event.
- II. Song: Society: Led by Mr. Van Tassel.
- III. Talk: Mr. Rabenstein.
- IV. Piano Solo: Mr. Frank Patterson.
- V. **Debate.** RESOLVED, That the United States should adopt the Policy of Government ownership of merchant vessels:  
 AFFIRMATIVE: NEGATIVE:  
 1. Prosper Kluck. 1. Arthur Held.  
 2. Wm. J. Killeen. 2. Franklin Chillrud.
- VI. Song: Ladies' Quartette.
- VII. Talk: Mr. Wood.
- VIII. Business Meeting.
- X. Adjournment.

**OHIYESA SOCIETY.**

The Society has shown marked progress in growth of membership since the Inter-Society Contest. The membership has now reached the hundred mark.

The following names have been handed in since the last meeting:

- Lucille Lawrence. Marie Bresmer.  
 Grace Taylor. Betty Reynolds.  
 Rose Nelson. Alvina Foxen.  
 Mary Walker. Marie Riddle.  
 Hattie Cone. Lillian Chloupek  
 Winifred Wysocki,

HEARD IN THE MODEL DEPARTMENT.

Teacher—"Name three hollow muscles."

Pupil—"Your stomach, your mouth, and your brain."

Professor—"Who came over to England in 1066?"

Bluffer (is prompted "Normans")—"The Mormons."

An "aside" in the Psychology class, in answering the question, "What is heredity?" "Blaming it on the monkeys."

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Hear the bells, class call bells!  
 What a world of happiness their  
 tingling foretells.  
 Oft in class, we sit in fright,  
 Fearing our turn to recite.  
 Then how this fear doth disappear  
 When so suddenly we do hear  
 The ringing and the tingling of the  
 bells—  
 Of the bells, bells, bells—  
 Bells, bells, bells, bells—  
 The ringing and the tingling of the  
 class call bells.

NOTE—This was not written by  
 E. A. POE.

An account of a ship wreck:—  
 "The captain swam ashore. So  
 did the chambermaid; she was in-  
 sured for a large sum, and loaded  
 with pig-iron."

Among the villages of Tipperary  
 we hear there is one known as Con-  
 schawncurragtooish. We think it  
 is a long way to the last syllable of  
 Conschawncurrahooish.

**Echoes From The Practice  
 Department**

"You talk too much."  
 "You stand too much on one  
 foot."  
 "You are to severe."  
 "You must have better orders."  
 "Be kind to pupils."

"Do not allow the pupils to run  
 over you."  
 "Do not stand like a statue.  
 Move about."  
 "You make too many gestures.  
 Be more dignified."  
 "I am satisfied with your work."  
 "I do not like your manner be-  
 fore your class."  
 "I am satisfied with the plans  
 you are writing."  
 "NEVER refer to your plan."  
 "You do not follow your plans  
 closely enough."  
 "You use 'jist,' and 'git.'"  
 "Do not sit on the desk."  
 "You do not seem to be accom-  
 plishing anything."  
 "You are covering too much  
 ground."  
 "You do not dismiss your class  
 on time."  
 "Your pupils came three minutes  
 too early to-day."  
 "See me."

**A Rattling Contribution**

I rattled into the zoology room  
 the other day to hear Mr. Fairchild's  
 pet rattlesnake rattle its rattle, and  
 certainly it is the rattlingest rattler  
 ever rattled a rattle. I quite rattled  
 myself but even the rattling of the  
 rattler could not rattle the Professor.  
 He said it ate rats and that when rat

heard rattler rattle its rattle, it be-  
 come the most rattled rat he had  
 ever seen. I cried to the Professor,  
 "Oh, stop where you're at" but he  
 said, "Its not my rat but the rat of  
 the rattler, and the rattler is the  
 rattler of the rat. And if you don't  
 believe it, just stand where you're  
 at aud save the hairpins when the  
 rat tries to rattle the rattler and the  
 rattler rattles the rat."

**Josh Billings' Philosophy.**

There iz no man more than haff  
 so cunning as he thinks he is.

Politeness iz the only thing that  
 kan add enny charm to honesty.

It is a great deal easier to call a  
 man a phool than it is to prove it.

Justiss ought to be cheap; but  
 next to bred it is the hardest thing  
 to git.

Men ov real ability are the fust  
 to recognize it in others, and the  
 last to recognize it in themselves.

The most charitable ov us all giv  
 oftener because we feel obliged to  
 than bekause we luv to.

Temptashun is the grate ordeal  
 ov human natur. If he kan resist  
 this he will do to send to Congress.

It is hard work to pittly another  
 without feeling superior to him.  
 This takes all the poetry out ov  
 the emoshun. —EXCHANGE.

A small man sat in a crowded  
 street car until he became tightly  
 wedged in from both sides. A  
 large handsome woman entered,  
 took a strap in front of the small  
 man and was hanging to it in dis-  
 comfort when he arose in a flourish  
 of politeness and touched her arm.

"Take my seat, madam," he said  
 with a smile and a bow.

"Oh, thank you very much,"  
 she replied and turned toward the  
 seat. Then smiling genially, she  
 said: "Where did you get up from?"  
 —Everybody's

"Who is the lady dressed in  
 black, mother?" asked Bobby.

"That is a sister of charity, my  
 boy," replied his mother.  
 Bobby pondered deeply for a mo-  
 ment and said, "Which is she,  
 mother, Faith or Hope." —Life.

**Heard in German I.**

"Die kow yat ober die fence ge-  
 jumped, and alt the wheat beda-  
 maged." —Ex.

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The proceeds from "Ohiyesa night" at the Gem theatre amounted to \$12. Following Easter vacation the Gem will again be in the hands of the Indians. Watch for further announcements.

The Candy Sale on Saturday of last week was a marked success. The Society wishes to thank Messrs. Hannan and Bach for their generous efforts.

Mrs. L. Maloney has invited the society to her home on the afternoon of March 18th, for the purpose of finishing the book review on VV's eyes.

The challenge made by the Ohiyesas has been publicly accepted by the Arenas.

The Indians are glad to know that Miss Bessie Smith is rapidly recovering from her long illness.

The lantern slides shown on Friday evening were on the life of LINCOLN. Mr. Watson gave an instructive lecture on Lincoln.

The Ohiyesa Society held a candy sale at Hannon-Bach's store on Saturday afternoon. About sixteen dollars worth of candy was sold.

Miss Beth Stanley has been visiting her friend Miss Brewster, the past week.

The Freshmen and Sub-Freshmen planned to have a sleigh-ride party to Custer, and there give their farce "Mrs. Tubbs' Surprise," on Saturday evening, but the poor sleighing prevented it.

MRS. MARY D. BRADFORD has evidently "made good" as Superintendent of the Kenosha Schools, the same as she did when she was a member of the Faculty of the Stevens Point Normal, and in every other position she has occupied among the educators of Wisconsin. She has just been elected, for a fifth term, as Superintendent of Schools of that city. The election was unanimous. —JOURNAL.

**BASKET BALL.**

The following teams have been selected to represent the classes in **The Girl's Annual Basket Ball Tournament.**

**Seniors :**

- CENTERS—Leila Johnson, Capt. Dorothy Dickinson.
- FORWARDS—Dorothy Kraus. Beulah Lawson. Esther Werle.
- GUARDS—Laura Cooper. Helen Collins.

**Juniors :**

- CENTERS—Elvina Foxon, Capt. Inga Nelson.
- FORWARDS—Winifred Wysocki. Mary Miller. Margaret Minton.
- GUARDS—Mary Ingalls. Marie Gotchy. Janet Schlegel.

**Sophomores :**

- CENTER—Abbie Sullivan, Capt. Florence Bourne. Grace Hanson. Ida Rothman.
- GUARDS—Hattie Weltman, Violet Ruby. Alma Jung.

**Freshmen :**

- CENTERS—Carol Liscomb. Elizabeth Burns.
- FORWARDS—Ora Phelps, Captain Bernice Riley. Elizabeth Burke.
- GUARDS—Helen Johnstone. Grace Johnstone. Audrey Stewart.

**Rural Seniors :**

- CENTERS—Theresa Malloy, Capt. Doris Maddy.
- FORWARDS—Ida Steuck. Julia Redding.
- GUARDS—Alice Welch. Ethel Newby.

**Sub Freshmen and Rural Juniors :**

- CENER—Maud Rice, Captain.
- FORWARDS—Marion Pease. Grace Means. Sarah Wysocki.
- GUARDS—Gertrude Billings. Genevieve Bradt.

**A Sophomore's Essay on Stevens Point.**

Stevens Point is a big city, consisting of a Normal School and other Sanitariums.

Stevens Point is somewhat of an Art center. It has many telephone posts, and a cement sidewalk on Main Street.

Leaning up against one side of Stevens Point is the Wisconsin River, which is full of many suckers especially during the bathing season. The river was placed here so that the big steamers could flow into the city.

Stevens Point contains a city Hospital, a fly factory, the Portage branch, and the public square. It was founded by a man who wanted a place to put his boat.

Stevens Point contains a Public Library and the Polish Brewery. It has a number of well educated schools, also a High School. It has a city council, and an automobile that runs on sleighs. It has a police force, and a new skeleton in the Normal Museum. The city's entire population is made up of men, women, children, and Normalites, not counting faculty or freshmen.

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