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Basket-ball Prospects.

With the opening of the basket-ball season, prospects are unusually bright for a winning team. The season last year was not a decided success, as it had been the year before, and as this branch of sport has been the Normal's boast for the last few years, we hope to see a better team than ever this year. We have all of last year's team back, and altho the struggle for places on the team will be a hot one, the veterans should show up well, due to their experience in playing with each other. All of the men have had from three to six years experience, and no where can one be so well schooled as he can by experience. In addition to those men. Edes, Reilly, Beggs, Kluck, Brady, we have Pope—a man from Wausau High School who has played "quite a little," and Peterson, a star member of Bushey's world's championship team of two years ago. Other promising candidates are Ellis, Robenstein, Patterson, and Ambrose. Altogether, coach Corneal has about ten good men to pick from, and it will be a fight from start to finish for the men who are chosen to win basket-ball honors for S. P. N. There are still three of the men here of the team that won the Northern championship two years ago—Reilly, Edes, and Brady. So, considering the material, we look for a prosperous season, but can accomplish nothing without your support. Nothing puts more heart into a team coming out on the floor for a hard game than to see the gallery and side lines filled with loyal rooters. Let our motto be "The State championship"—nothing less.

The Oratorical Association.

"Our orators are winners,"
Both in speeches and debate."
Indeed they are! Our orators are now planning for the Preliminary Contest to be held here January 15. Are you one of them? Every student in school is a member of the Oratorical Association. Are you boosting? Are you helping? We have a bunch of wide awake people at the head, with

Launcelot Gordon as President, Sam Ellis as Secretary, and Winnifred Meade as Treasurer.

Rhetorical credit is given to those that are properly trained for the work. Their work in the contest will constitute their rhetorical.

Any one from the school who prepares an oration and trains for it may enter into the contest.

At the Preliminary Contest in January, the orator who is to represent the school at the Inter-Normal contest, is chosen. The Inter-Normal contest is to be held at Whitewater in March. The successful contestant at Whitewater goes to the Inter-State Contest. The states represented at this contest are Wisconsin, Iowa, Kansas, Illinois, and Missouri.

Wouldn't it be splendid to bring the Purple and the Gold right up to the top this year! The only way to do this is to get all the students, that are interested in Oratory, into the fight and make the competition strong. Make the Preliminary an exciting contest.

Remember that the home people won't have the opportunity to hear the Inter-Normal and Inter-State contests, so the Preliminary contest will have to be made interesting enough to make up for that which we will miss. Make the winner work for the honors won. That is the only way to produce the best material. Remember it's for S.P.N.

This year an interesting feature has been added to the contest. An emblem is to be given with the value of One Dollar for each contestant up to ten. Some one has promised to give One Dollar for every contestant that enters, until the number has reached ten. If five enter, Five Dollars will be donated, if eight enter, Eight Dollars will be donated; and so on up to ten.

If our successful contestant wins the Inter-Normal Contest, a bar is to be added to that emblem, from this school, together with a small purse. The honor from this school alone is something to work for, not to mention the honor from the outside.

Now is the time for each one to get busy and boost this. "Put

your shoulder to the wheel," and push a good thing along. Become interested and enthusiastic, and you can't do anything but boost. We need you, and the school needs your best efforts. Remember that "Our hearts are with Stevens Point Normal and the Purple and the Gold."

Work of Normal Graduates and Faculty Members in Rural Schools near Stevens Point

SHARON DISTRICT SCHOOL

It was recently held at Miss Schliesman's School and proved a most interesting event.

In school district No. 2, town of Sharon, a very interesting evening meeting was held on Friday, Nov. 13. The teacher, Miss Amelia Schliesman, and the school board members, of which Martin Wanta is the clerk, worked successfully together and planned for this splendid and instructive district fair. The teacher prepared a program with the assistance of her pupils and used some of the outside talent to make the evening more enjoyable. The children brought to school exhibits of farm produce raised in that immediate locality and these were judged and prizes of blue and red ribbons were awarded. Mr. Welch of Stockton appeared on the program with a monologue that was very interesting, and Prof. Ames, of the Stevens Point Normal school talked to the people of the future rural school, showing how in different ways our present school buildings should be improved. He pointed out that the needs of equipment are very necessary for the teacher to be able to give the best instruction to the pupils who attend the school.

This district fair was the fourth of a series of district fairs started in Portage county this year, and Miss Schliesman and her board are to be congratulated on their willingness to get their people together and entertain them and to compare the different crops that are raised in their localities. Meetings of this kind are of greatest value to people in rural communities.

A Fitting Ending for the Busy Week.

After spending six long, strenuous days preparing your lessons, and taxing the patience of the Faculty members in the classrooms, you will need something to divert your attention from these things for a few minutes. A splendid opportunity for this diversion has been provided for and may be had at the Normal Auditorium, Saturday evening.

The person who likes best, when he is tired and nervous, to lose himself in some interesting story, will find satisfaction. So, too, will the person find rest and satisfaction who likes best to take his troubles to the piano and there sing and play until he is in a more congenial mood. Misses Sherman and Kamps are especially well prepared to help you spend Saturday evening in an enjoyable manner. Miss Sherman, in her interpretation of Chas. Klein's play, "The Music Master," will make you forget your own troubles and become alive only to the sorrows of the heart broken old German musician, searching for his wife and children in a foreign land. Surely you do not wish to lose the opportunity of becoming acquainted with this book friend. The shorter readings, which follow after several musical selections by Miss Kamps, will alone be worth the price of admission.

The exact program for the evening is as follows:

Part I.

"The Music Master" — Chas. Klein

Part II.

Character Studies, Lyrics with Musical Settings, and Vocal and Instrumental Numbers.

Perhaps you are wondering what this evening's entertainment will cost. Now that depends entirely upon you. If you are a child in the grades, Fifteen Cents will buy your ticket; if you are a High School or Normal Student, Twenty Five Cents will be necessary; but if you have passed beyond your student years, nothing less than Thirty Five Cents will assure your admittance.

Now remember: The entertainment; the place; the time, the price.

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War Bulletin.

The country inhabited by THE POINTER people is suffering from a lack of money. This may be due to the war, or to the high price of Atkins Chewing gum, but they need your support.

Please help them along by giving a Dollar bill to the Relief Fund.

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To Be Given Away.

Stevens Point Normal Pillow.

The Young Womens Christian Association will give to the person who sells the greatest number of tickets to the Sherman-Kamps Recital, the beautiful Stevens Point Normal pillow which is on display at the counters.

Be a hustler and win the prize.

Basket Ball To-Night.

The Normal basket ball season will open to-night with a game against the fast Iola team. Last year we were defeated by nearly the same team, and naturally we are thirsting for revenge.

Show your school spirit by coming out in large numbers to this game, for we are badly in need of finances. Only about one-third of our enrollment supported foot-ball, and no sport can exist under such conditions; so we trust you will make up for it now. Do try to exhibit some spirit, for under our present well organized system of Athletics we should not fail in any way, least of all in finances.

Upon November 9th, Mr. Hippensteel lectured upon Browning at Waupaca; November 18th, he inspected the Grand Rapids High School, with State Inspectors Terry and Goddard; and on November 27th and 28th he attended the meeting of the National Council of English Teachers, of which he is a member, held in Chicago.

Besides conducting an Institute in the Village of Rosholt, Mr. Ames has had charge of several "school house meetings," thruout the county, at which times programs were given by the pupils, and the work of the schools was placed upon exhibition.

Mr. Phelan's Institute dates are as follows:

- October 15, Medford;
- October 30-31, Florence;
- November 14, Brussels;
- November 21, Edgemoor.

He also spent a week visiting the schools in Door County, in company with County Superintendent Willard Tuft.

Mr. Hyers, Institute dates are as follows:

- Sept. 25-26, Menomonie, Wis.;
- October 2-3, Stevens Point;
- October 10-17, Fowler, Indiana;
- October 22-24, Deadwood, S. D.;
- October 30-31, Marinette;
- November 14, Branch;
- November 21, Mishicott;
- December 4-5, Neilsville;
- December 11-12, Owen;
- January 9, and January 16, Fond du Lac County; and February 5, Sauk County.

NORMAL GRADUATE DIES

Wenzel Pivernetz, Well Known Educator, Succumbs to Tuberculosis.

Wenzel Pivernetz, county superintendent of schools of Marathon county, a graduate of the Stevens Point Normal school, and a man who was well and favorably known in this city, died at the Wisconsin tuberculosis sanatorium at Wales, shortly before noon on Tuesday. He had been in poor health for some time, but the end came sooner than was expected.

Wenzel Pivernetz was born in Kewaunee county, Wisconsin, August 5, 1877, says the Wausau Record-Herald. His parents were natives of Bohemia, who came to the United States in 1855. In 1892 the family moved to Edgar, Marathon county, being among the first permanent settlers in that village.

Wenzel Pivernetz was fourteen years of age when the family came to Edgar. He completed the Public School Course there, and was graduated from the Stevens

Point Normal school with the class of 1904, having previously taught school for three years in Marathon county. He had been exclusively engaged in Educational Work, and had worthily filled some important places in the educational field in several parts of the State. For two years he was principal of the state graded schools, and had been principal of the High Schools at both Mosinee and Athens. In the spring of 1909 he was elected County Superintendent of Schools of Marathon county, and was re-elected in 1911 and 1913.

He is survived by his aged mother Mrs. Hannah Pevernetz of Wausau, one sister, Mrs. Jacob Duerstein of Wausau and two brothers, Frank Pivernetz of Oshkosh, and Joseph Pivernetz of St. Paul.

—JOURNAL.

Miss Brewster: The above punctuation may not conform with your "Side-lights on Punctuation," but we are trusting that it will accomplish its purpose.



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Forum-Athenaeum.

The weekly meeting of the Society for November 20 was postponed until the following Monday, November 23, on account of the Lecture Course number on November 20. Some of the members gave some very interesting impromptu talks. One of them was as follows:

"I have not been to many meetings, but I want to join now."

This seems short, but it was as good a speech as any, if the idea behind those words could go to the forty or fifty boys who have not contributed anything to this Society.

Almost every boy seems to think that the Society is a hopeless failure; and therefore thinks it a waste of time to attend the meetings. Do you blame them? Yes!! Why don't such fellows join and make the society a good one. Such people remind us of a dog slinking around waiting for another dog to bring along a piece of meat, and then he'll take his share of it. Do we expect a few boys to make a good society, and then when it's all finished hand its beautiful fruits over to us.

When some one who is interested in the Society asks another if he won't come to the meetings, the

answer usually is "What do you think I am?" "I can't come to those meetings until they're good."

Now you think a little on this. Tell yourself the rest.

Shall our Society debate the River Falls Lincolnian Society? They want to debate us. This will be discussed to-night. Come, and vote for this debate.

LANCELOT A. GORDON.

Ohiyesa Society.

On the evening of November 28, the Ohiyesa Society held their Annual Initiation Ceremony. The new members marched single file into the gymnasium. They were then lead to various parts of the room where they listened to sound words of advice, and where they promised to live up to and carry out all the rules of the society, and to be loyal, kind, unselfish, in other words a "regular Indian."

Following the initiation, the Indians gathered in the kinder garden, and were served to delicious refreshments by the maidens.

The Inter-Society Contest which is to be held between the Ohiyesa and Arena Societies is being entered into very enthusiastically by both societies.

The Indian Society is being represented by Gertrude De Kelver, Anna McKeague, Edith Lowe, and Elizabeth Quinnell.

Home Economics Club.

If you are undecided about what to give your friend, mother, father, sister, or brother, for Christmas, let the worried expression pass from your countenance, for the society which is known for always forwarding something new, is going to display some Fine Art in the line of pictures in the Library Room at some early date.

Be on the watch for that time, and visit the library rooms if for no other reason than to be served to tea.

If you accidentally drop your fountain pen and it leaves an ugly spot on your clothes, do not be alarmed, but show it to one of the club members and she will show you the best stain remover at only \$.25 per tube. One gross of these tubes has been disposed of by the club, and if there are enough interested they will order another gross for you.

The program for Ellen H. Richard's Day is being worked upon at the present time.

Directions for Study.

1. Study away from interruption, (in the assembly room from 3:35 to 3:55 P. M., for example.)

2. Concentrate. (On what? Oh, anything but the lesson.)

3. Get regular study habits. (So easy when there is absolutely no (?) attraction anywhere in the evening.)

4. Understand the topic. (A very simple thing in studying Chemistry)

5. Reason about it. (How unreasonable!)

6. Recite it to yourself. (So very, very interesting to those within hearing distance.)

The above Directions for Study were given last Tuesday morning in assembly by Mr. Sims. The comments come in the form of a protest from the "John Soder Flunker Society."

On Wednesday, Mr. Fairchild talked on "Athletics." He showed that men are stronger physically all thru the rest of their life because of having had Athletic work. He spoke of the effort the various schools are making to keep out men that come to school only for the Athletic work. He mentioned the plan the State Board is working on for the betterment of Athletics.

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A Normal Stew.

Late one Saturday night, one of the Normal students, Sam. Ellis by name, was seen leaving Krembs' Drug Store with a bottle of alcohol under his arm. About five minutes later, his room-mate, Frank Wood, was seen coming down Main Street with a two quart tin pail) of the variety sometimes vulgarly called a "beer can" in one hand and a guilty look on his face. At about the same time Fred. Hamilton was trying to get an empty bottle filled at Atkins Grocery Store, but being a minor, returned to the house unsuccessful. Beggs and Bill Murphy were then sent down stairs to interview the Professor, who admitted that he had a bottle of liquid refreshments stored in the ice box, and handed it over to them to use as they thot best. Martin Paulsen then arrived with quite a "load," and the stew was on.

The wood alcohol was placed in an alcohol lamp, and the milk from the bottle, and oysters from the tin pail, were soon cooking, Ellis acting as chief cook, and Beggs as bottle washer. When the stew was declared done, it was served in elegant style by Wood and Paulsen, Hamilton acting as hostess, and Bill Murphy being the guest of honor.

Those present decided to consider themselves charter members of a new school club, and finally decided on a name. The name receiving the largest number of votes was "The Tappa Tappa Key Society."

Miss Bannach entertained the Students of the Rural School Department yesterday with a splendid half hour talk.

The gymnasium gallery was opened to the students last night, for our first inspection of the basket ball team. None of the departments of the game have as yet received their finishing touches, but the boys showed plenty of pep and an enormous appetite for hard work.

The weekly series of slides was not shown Thursday night, due to its delay in transportation.

The east end of the lower hall has been turned into a class room for the Primary children. Some of the other rooms have been re-painted and decorated during the Thanksgiving recess.

It has been decided to hold school the Saturdays December 5 and 13,

in order that we may have Monday and Tuesday of Christmas week as a part of our vacation.

A new and complete line of fountain pens has been received at the counter. Use the Conklin pen.

Miss Parkhurst left last week, on an Eastern trip.

Dorothy Aul spent the Thanksgiving recess at Iola, where she was the guest of Leila Johnson.

Genette Rowe spent her vacation with relatives at Waupaca.

We'll see you at the basket ball game.

Until further notice, the doors of the building will be closed at 4:30, instead of 5 o'clock. This has been necessary to permit the janitor to work without an enormous increase in the lighting bills.

Benefit Entertainment Given

The first entertainment of the year, to be given under the auspices of the Dramatic Club, was presented in the Normal Auditorium last evening. The program consisted of the following numbers.

- I—Song.....Treble Clef Club
- II—Folk Dancing...Primary Children
- III—Song...Treble Clef Club
- IV—Farce...How they Won the Votes...Dramatic Club

The Songs, by the Treble Clef Club, were rendered in a very pleasing manner. This, the initial appearance of the club, was a success due in a large measure to the able direction of Miss Brake.

The dancing of the primary children was remarkable. It was the result of careful training in folk dancing, which is one of the strong features of our primary department.

The Farce, "How the vote was won" was a typical picture of the present day suffrage movement in England. The cast of characters was as follows:

- Horace Cole.....Emil Hafsoos
- Ethel, his wife.....Anna McKeague
- Winnifred, her sister...M Williams
- Agatha, his sister...Irene Harriman
- Madame Christine, his 2nd Cousin.....Ressa Smith
- Maudie Sparks, his 3rd cousin.....Edith Lowe
- Lizzie Wilkins, his aunt.....Elizabeth Hatch
- Lillie, the maid.....Lorraine Oster
- Gerald Williams.....Frank P. Hyer

Each played his part in a very credible manner. This Farce displayed some of the splendid talent which the Club has at its disposal for heavier productions later.

The attendance was not as large as the entertainment merited, probably due to the many other attractions.

In the near future the Club will present the play, 'How Jane Eloped.' The cast for this play has been selected from some of the best talent in school. This play will be held in the Opera House and the proceeds will be given to the local Library Board for use. A more extensive announcement will follow later.

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