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## TONIGHT - The Senior Class Play - TONIGHT

In the past few issues of the Pointer, something referring to the Senior Class play, "Lost—A Chaperone," has been said. We feel certain that by this time you have purchased your tickets and reserved your seats for tonight. We wish, however, to retain the hold we already have upon those who have conscientiously reserved seats for tonight, and to arouse the slow ones to action thru this article.

Without doubt the Senior Class play of this year excels any of those given by previous classes. For one thing, the students comprising the cast have been in dramatics for the past two years or more. During this time they have acquired much experience in acting, and as is generally the case, have lost all the self consciousness attached to beginners.

To those not acquainted with the cast we will give a brief summary of the students taking part in the play. Messrs. Dafoe, Anderson, Walters and Miss Stockley are graduates of the Stevens Point High school and were participants in school dramatics while there. Since then they have been in almost every dramatic event given here. Strand, Crouse, Klinke and Burce made a name for themselves while in High school in this class of work, and have gained considerable experience from dramatics in this school. For

some time Miss Madge Crandall has been foremost in comedy and drama in the eyes of all Stevens Point. In the last performance of the Elks, "The Doodle Bug," she carried the house both here and at Grand Rapids. The people of the city as well as the students of the school have come to look for her in all the home talent plays. As leading lady in "Lost—A Chaperone" she will again arouse the enthusiasm of the onlookers, and display her talent and ability in an entirely new role. Miss Pearl Richards is as capable in dramatics as she is in everything else. In the two years she has spent in Normal school she has worked consistently in plays and farces. A girl of much experience, with unlimited ability and energy, she will once more greet the public in the role of a college girl.

Prof. Smith, director of dramatics, has had the supervision of the class plays ever since he became a professor in this school. All the plays put on under his direction have met with success. This play will be an exception to the rule, that is, it will be the best play ever given by any preceding Senior class in this Normal school.

We feel that sufficient has been said regarding the play, and are sure that after having witnessed these characters in action tonight you will substantiate all that has been said.

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## To Members of Junior Class.

I take this means of appealing to you to pay your class dues. There is at present about \$40 standing out in dues and we need the money. One of the reasons for needing the money is the Iris bill, which falls due inside of a week. Then I would like to know how the finances stand so as to figure on the Senior reception. All bills are paid up to date so it is absolutely necessary that these outstanding dues should come in, as there is very little money in the treasury.

"To those who do not know," pay the dues to Frank Patterson, class treasurer. Hoping you will all attend to this matter immediately. Respectfully yours,

Albro Walters.

## Iris Information.

For the past few days and nights the management and staff of the Iris have been very busy. From eight o'clock in the morning until eleven at night a continual grind is maintained in the Iris room. At first appearances all seemed to be unorganized but upon a closer scrutiny a definite system is discovered, which is applied to all departments. Prof. L. G. Schneller has become a co-worker in the athletic department and is a strong addition to the staff. A typewriter has been rented from the Stevens Point business college, which is continually in use setting up copy for print. From all appearances up to date the Iris will be out on scheduled time so that every student may have his or her copy before leaving.

## First Disastrous Storm.

Thursday of this week Stevens Point Normal, as well as Stevens Point generally, was engulfed in a small cloudburst. Rain is very desirable as long as it remains outside. Owing to carelessness of various students in this school, many of the windows facing toward the west were left open during the storm. As a result the many rooms on the first, second and third floors were flooded. This necessarily caused excessive work for Albert, and as he was unable to be in several places at once, valuable documents, as well as some of the furniture, was damaged. In the future whenever a storm is seen approaching please see to it, as students of this school, that every window is closed. In this way you will save Albert trouble and the state money.

## Excavation Begun.

The excavation for the new addition was begun last Monday. The beginning of the excavation was made by a worthy member of our institution by name of Albert, who tore down the scaffolds and teeters representing the primary playground. This was done between 7:00 and 8:00. At twenty minutes to eight the first furrow was turned. At 9:45 the first shovel of dirt was taken out. All day Monday only one team and three men were on the job. By Tuesday the turf had been removed and the sand lowered about four inches. Tuesday three teams were at work and seven men. Quite a pile of dirt has been removed and placed on the back campus. All the soil removed will be used to fill in the back campus, which is somewhat lower than that in front of the school. The supervision of the excavating is under Mr. Vaughn, who has eleven days in which to finish the work. From appearances he will have to work faster than he is at present. According to the plans the excavation will be one hundred eighty feet eight inches long and eighty feet two inches wide. The depth will be about four feet, which is the same as that in the present building.

One bad feature of the new work is the amount of dust found on the desks in the assembly room, which comes in thru the windows when left open.

## Minstrel Show.

A week from tonight, May 29th, the Normal Glee Club, composed of boys only, will put on a minstrel show in our assembly room. There will be two main parts to the show, the regular minstrel songs and various stunts enacted by the performers. One feature of the program of especial importance is the dialogue between "Mutt and Jeff." Both Mutt and Jeff are known to the students of the school in the every day occurrences of the class room. We refuse to divulge the names of these people, but expect you to attend the show and find out who they are for yourself. Many songs will be rendered, most of which originally came from the south, such as "In the Evening by the Moonlight," "Old Folks," "Way Down South." All interested in minstrel shows or in harmonious group singing will be sure to enjoy this coming show. The price of admission to all will be fifteen cents. The money is to be used to pay up the indebtedness of the band and to clear up the balance due the oratorical association.

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## Team Defeated at Wautoma.

In a hard fought battle at Wautoma our base ball boys lost to the city team of Wautoma last Saturday. The final score was 12 to 6 in favor of Wautoma. Up to the seventh inning we were in the lead, the score being six to three. In this inning the enemy tied the score. No runs were made in the eighth by either team, but in the ninth the Wautoma boys filled the bases and gradually nosed six runs in before three men were out. The people witnessing the game crowded out on the diamond and made such a din that our boys became excited. This was during the last inning and reminds one of the kid games in which everyone made all the noise possible in order to rattle the opposing players.

From all reports the boys had a fine trip and when not on the field were treated very fine by the Wautoma people. They went and came by automobile and as there were two cars had several races on the road.

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Juniors! Please pay attention to notice and pay dues.

Ried McWithy, graduate of 1912, was a visitor at the school yesterday.

## A Tribute.

The management of this staff feels greatly indebted to Prof. Collins for the interest he has shown in the Normal Pointer, for his favorable talk upon the Pointer, and the value of a weekly paper from the news standpoint. The majority of the students in the school thought the weekly a joke. When conditions were fully set forth and explained by Mr. Collins the trend of opinion changed from an unfavorable to a favorable one.

Whenever anything new is advanced, it takes some time before the majority of people will admit the new enterprise successful. The stable support of the Pointer given by Prof. Collins was the backing the paper needed to make the students open their eyes and admit the advancement over a monthly periodical. We are very thankful for this timely support and are glad that the faculty are interested in the Pointer and what it stands for.

## Local News.

Prof. Ames spent Friday at Montello, where he conducted a country school graduating exercise.

Mr. Hippensteel spent Friday of last week in Shiocton, where he delivered commencement address at the High school.

Mr. Schneller and Miss Bronson are now holding outdoor gymnasium classes. The weather is so fine and the gymnasium so stuffy that the instructors decided that exercise in the open would be much more beneficial to all.

Last week we made an omission in reference to the vaudeville. Miss Bronson gave a very classy solo dance and was encored several times. She substituted in the place of Miss Crandall, who was ill that evening. The orchestra which played at the dance was composed of High school students and the music rendered was excellent.

President Sims attended the Norsemen's celebration held at St. Paul last Sunday. During morning exercises Wednesday he gave a description of the celebration, the Hippodrome in which it was held and the manner in which the affair was carried on. The talk was very interesting and was a pleasing tribute to the Norwegians.

President Sims spent the fore part of this week visiting the Normal schools at River Falls and La Crosse. While there he saw Mr. Sanford, former history teacher in this school, and Miss Marie Bird, a graduate of this school who is now a critic teacher at River Falls Normal. Pres. Sims was formerly a professor in River Falls Normal for a period of ten years.

We are all proud of our local High school. Stevens Point sent but three men to the State Track Meet held at Appleton between High schools, and carried away three banners and eleven points. Bannach received two firsts, one in the shot put and the other in the hammer throw. Shadewald received third in the discus throw. Bannach threw the hammer 116 feet and the shot 38 feet 9 inches. Shadewald threw the discus 93 feet 10 inches.

## The President's Reception.

Invitations to the annual reception given by President and Mrs. Sims to the Seniors were issued the latter part of last week. Tomorrow night the reception takes place in our gymnasium. The decorations are very beautiful and excel those displayed at former receptions.

## Letter From Japan.

(Y. W. C. A.)

Below we publish a letter that comes to the Y. W. C. A. from the Central Field Committee:

12 Bancho, Tamachi  
Ushigome, Tokyo  
October 15, 1913.

Dear Friends:

We came home from the mountains a little early this fall on account of the death of one of the Japanese girls. I spoke of her in my last letter. Before I came to Japan, about two years ago, this girl was ill in the hospital for several months. During that time she realized how much it would mean to both patients and nurses if there were something more in the lives of the nurses than the mere round of monotonous duty, and altho she was not a christian she believed that Christianity was their need. Shortly after she left the hospital she became a christian, then she came to Miss Matthew and asked if there were not something she could do for the nurses. After a time the heads of several hospitals, some nurses and a few others interested had a meeting and decided to begin some work. Since then there have been two classes at the Tokyo Association; one taught by this girl and the other by a lady who was in charge of one of the hospital ships during the Russian war; and there have been meetings at two or three hospitals regularly; then I think you have heard of the Room of Religion which was built in the hospital back of the Tokyo Association for the use of its nurses for meetings and rest and recreation. In the year and a half of her Christian service this girl was able to lay the foundation for a big work, which will be almost unending, as there are thousands of girls in the nursing business, which has not yet become a profession.

In July we sent our first Japanese girl to an Association training school. Kato San, who has been in the Tokyo office for two years, went to Milwaukee for a year's work in the Association. We had so much fun getting her ready during our first days at the mountains, and since she left we have enjoyed her letters. I am finding out now that it is our turn to be talked about. As you know we write home about the queer and funny things we see as well as the interesting ones, and now Kato San is telling her friends—for instance, that one day she sat in an automobile in Seattle while waiting for a friend and watched all the hats to see if she could find two alike and she couldn't. I

should give a good deal to be able to read the letter in Japanese that appeared in our Association magazine the other day. We have just had a letter from Milwaukee telling us about her new friends and the beginning of work there. I think you will be interested to know that Kato San is an intimate friend of one of your Indiana girls, Miss Watanabe, who is in Earlham College. Miss Watanabe was in school with Kato San, and was in the Tokyo Association just ahead of Kato San. So I feel as if you are doubly connected with Japan through these ties.

I must tell you our latest funny experience. Miss Ward and Miss Severin on their way to China stopped three days to visit Miss Baker and me, and one day we took them to one of our dormitories. The girls asked Miss Severin to sing. After she had sung once or twice they asked if she would sing a certain hymn, while they followed the words in Japanese, of course. It was the tune of Suwanee River; Miss Severin had never sung a hymn to that but she did not mind that, neither did the Japanese girls, since they did not understand her English, and they joined just as heartily in the chorus as if they were singing the same thing.

We are all busy at work, with language study which never fails, and all the other things that come into an autumn's schedule, and many that don't. I wonder if any of you girls ever thought of writing to me and telling me about the Association work in Indiana. When I first came to Japan had as many as forty letters from you, and have not had one since. I won't promise to answer personally, but do write this way, and should like to know what you are doing.

With the best wishes to you all for the winter ahead, I am  
Yours sincerely,  
Ruth Ragan.

Mr. Spindler gave a very fine talk Monday morning, when he discoursed in very plain English upon thievery, lying and sneaking. The strongest point of his argument was the forcefulness and it would seem that it is exactly the correct manner in which to talk about those qualities. It becomes a duty of every student in the school to report people to the office who are of such low moral character as a thief or sneak. Honor among classmates is all right if of the proper kind. Silence in a case of thievery is not classmate honor; it is criminal honor. If you wish to class yourself with criminals, well and good, but if you wish to protect yourself, the school and students, report the person who stole the hat last Monday.