

# The Normal Pointer

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## The Iris.

Wonderful things are happening every day in the Iris room. The year book is ready for print and the greater part of the cuts have been returned. In size this book will equal that of last year, but will be put up in much better shape. The dedication of the Iris has been decided upon, also the price to students.

## Called to Colby.

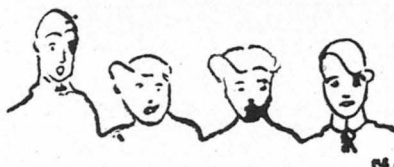
President and Mrs. Sims went to Colby, Tuesday afternoon, where they were called by a telegram announcing the death of Judge R. B. Salter. Mr. Sims and Mr. Salter were brothers-in-law, Mrs. Salter and Mrs. Sims being sisters. President Sims was present at school Wednesday, but returned to Colby in the afternoon of the same day and will not be in Stevens Point until Saturday.

## Funeral Oration.

In exercise Wednesday morning Prof. Phelan read the funeral oration delivered by President Woodrow Wilson in New York city in respect to the men killed at Vera Cruz. In an introductory talk Pres. Sims compared this oration to that of Pericles, which was given in reference to those who died in the defense of Greece. Three great characteristics were predominant in both funeral orations, simpleness of language, of elevation and of appeal to patriotism.

## A Unique Uniform.

A band has been formed at a western Normal school, and as is frequently the case, there was not enough money at first for complete uniforms. However, the following notice in the school paper created quite a sensation: "The Normal school band uniforms will consist of a cap and coat at first, with the probable addition of trousers at a later date."



Friday evening, May 29th  
Latest in Minstrel Shows

25—PEOPLE—25

Normal Assembly, 8 o'clock

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## Local Notes.

Prof. Hippensteel will give a decoration address at Weyauwega on Saturday of this week.

Miss Josephine Carroll of Green Bay is visiting Esther Werle for a few days. She will leave for home Saturday.

Prof. Herrick was at Milladore last Thursday evening. He is at Friendship this evening, where he will give a commencement address.

Mr. and Mrs. Garry Culver of Milwaukee are in the city for a week's visit at the home of his parents, Prof. and Mrs. G. E. Culver, on Main street. Garry was formerly a student at this school.

The faculty held a picnic at the water works park Tuesday evening. A beef steak fry was the chief attraction in the way of refreshments and a real camping out program was complete in every detail. Miss Allen had charge of the culinary department.

President Sims gave a commencement address on Thursday evening to the graduating class at Baldwin. Tonight he will deliver an address to the graduating class at Colby. Tomorrow afternoon he gives the Decoration day address at the opera house in this city.

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## New Manual Training Teacher.

Mr. Eliassen, teacher in the Dunn county agricultural training school, is to take Mr. Bowman's place as manual training and mechanical drawing instructor in this school the coming year.

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## Y. W. C. A.

The Y. W. C. A. will have charge of the evening service at the Baptist church next Sunday. There will be special music by the Y. W. C. A. choir and Miss Baker. Prof. Hippensteel, Elizabeth Quinnell, Edna Taylor and Florence Billings will speak.

Last Tuesday Rev. Stemen, pastor of the Presbyterian church in this city, presented the twenty-third psalm to the society in a very instructive manner. At that time he offered us the use of his church for a rally service to be held next fall. We wish to express our appreciation for the courtesy extended to us by the different churches.

## The Annual.

A week ago tomorrow night President and Mrs. John F. Sims received the members of the faculty and the Senior and Rural Senior classes in the gymnasium. The room was prettily decorated with evergreens and lanterns. In the center of the room hung a circular loop of lanterns from which lines of lanterns spread out spoke-like to the balcony, the general effect was that of a large wheel. The lanterns were made of purple and gold paper, representing the school colors, and electrical lighted. Streamers dangled from the lanterns and rippled continually. The decoration excelled those of former receptions given by President Sims and wife, and the artistic arrangement of the colors rendered the appearance especially beautiful.

President and Mrs. Sims, Regent and Mrs. Geo. B. Nelson, Prof. and Mrs. C. F. Watson, Miss Phyllis Spraggon and Prof. and Mrs. R. W. Fairchild acted as the reception committee.

The early part of the evening was spent in talk and chatter. At about ten o'clock people were escorted to the several serving tables where they were served with ice cream and cake. As it was impossible to serve all at one time, to those not engaged in eating the orchestra furnished music for dancing. If one became thirsty he retired to the punch bowls located at various parts of the room. Dancing was continued until twelve o'clock, when the reception ended.

Members of the Junior class acted as waiters and waitresses and did their work very successfully.

All who attended the reception are loud in their praise of the occasion and the hospitality of the president and his generous wife. A splendid time was afforded all.

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## 54 Gardens Planted.

The Agris have started their gardens. The land devoted to school gardens has been divided into 54 individual plots so that each student may have charge of a garden. Each little farm is about 10x12 feet and is planted to the following vegetables: Sweet corn, radishes, potatoes, beets, turnips, lettuce, carrots and tomatoes. The gardens are all alike and are planted to the same vegetables and in the same order. The students receive credit for the garden work the same as for any other school exercise. The plants are already out of the ground and some satisfactory results are expected this year.

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## Engaged for Next Year.

Last week Wednesday Dr. Wagner and E. G. Rose of Port Washington visited the school in search of teachers for next year. While here they engaged Miss Louise Connors as assistant principal. They have also engaged Paul Shannen, a last year's graduate, as principal for next year.

Principal R. J. McMahon of Wilton, Wisconsin, while visiting the school Monday in search of teachers for the new domestic science department installed in the Wilton schools, engaged the services of Miss Grace Fries to organize the new courses and act as head of the department.

Dance in the gymnasium immediately after the minstrel show.

## A Grand Blow-Out.

Following the Senior class play, last Friday night, President Sims invited the members of the cast and all of the faculty he could possibly notify to participate in a grand blow-out at Krembs' drug store. To both the faculty and the members of the play refreshments were in order, and it was a very happy crowd that gathered at Krembs' half an hour later. The service was very efficient and in about fifteen minutes the entire crowd was served. Several other people, friends of Mr. Sims, were also members of the party. The tables were arranged oblong and the general effect was one long table extending the length of the building.

The following are those who enjoyed the blow-out: President and Mrs. Sims, Prof. and Mrs. Collins, Prof. and Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Short, Mrs. Hyer, Mrs. Krembs, Dr. Rood, Dr. and Mrs. von Neupert, Misses Flanagan, Rood, Baker, Week, Crandall, Klinkie, Helen Collins, Burce, Gilruth, Brewster, Wilson, Mansur, Messrs. O'Connell, Walters, Strand, Crouse and Harold Edwards.

Pres. Sims is some host and the feed following the play was a pleasant surprise. We all wish a class play came every day.

## Rhetoricals.

The rhetorical program carried out this morning was one of the best given this year. In the main, the life of Verdi and his wonderful compositions was the basis of the program. The following numbers were given:

Music.....Normal Orchestra  
Life of Verdi.....Aagot Hoedahl  
Synopsis of Il Trovatore and Act I.....  
.....Bertha Ballard  
Solo.....Earl Moxon  
Act II and III of Il Trovatore.....  
.....Blanche Ritchie  
Anvil Chorus, on victrola.  
Act IV of Il Trovatore.....James Ostrum  
Music on victrola.

Prof. Collins operated the victrola very successfully.

No Pointer will be issued June 5th, next Friday.

Watch for the commencement number of the Pointer.

George Messer, graduate '13, was a visitor at Normal on Wednesday.

Saturday morning the school will be closed. Take your books home today.

From four o'clock until six the gymnasium will be used for an impromptu dance. For the rest of the school year a dance for students will be held between these hours in the gymnasium on every Friday. The idea is not a new one, as some of the other Normal schools have been doing this sort of thing all year.

## Commencement.

The time for graduation is near at hand and it behooves all who intend to present friends with graduation gifts to get busy. To most people commencement means a great deal. It is the beginning of the education, which is life. In school students are secluded from the world and come in contact with it only thru books and the experiences of the faculty. After commencement they are dependent upon themselves for their livelihood and must face actual and not theoretical conditions.

The friendships formed here will be mighty valuable at some future time, and there are always times when we need every friend we have. A token of esteem, in the form of a picture or some other small but personal gift, is sure to bring up memories of school days and pleasant associations.



## Classy Minstrel Show.

One of the final entertainments of the school year will take place this evening. The entertainment is given by the Boys Glee Club, an organization composed of boys only and represents the male musical talent of the school. In the fall of each school year a Glee Club is organized by Miss Baker, which supports itself independently of the other organizations. Last year the club gave several pleasing entertainments and visited Westfield, where a recital was given. As a finale of the year's series of stunts, Miss Baker has arranged for a "Minstrel Show" to be enacted by members of the club, which is on the boards this evening in the assembly room. The price of admission is fifteen cents to students and the curtain rises at eight o'clock. The program will consist of some twenty-five or thirty songs, familiar to all, but always welcome. Light, wholesome comedy intersperses the songs, breaking the monotony caused by too much music of one kind, and thus keeping the audience aroused and expectant. Mutt and Jeff, regular comedians, will appear in complete costume for the first time upon this stage. Their fame has preceded them the world over and there are few places today where the names "Mutt and Jeff" are not familiar to everyone. The motion picture companies have spent a considerable amount of money in the reproduction of their actions upon the screen. The leading papers of the United States include Mutt and Jeff in their Sunday editions and the largest theatres in the world class them among their most important actors and

actresses. Tonight these two characters will be impersonated by well known people who have spent considerable time in working out catchy stunts.

Professors Collins, Ames, Watson and Bowman have several stunts of their own which are a separate part of the program. Mr. Bowman will act as stage manager and will introduce the various characters who appear upon the stage.

The receipts of this show will be used to pay the outstanding debts of the band and the remainder of the oratorical debt.

This show is sure to be a winner from the standpoint of fun. Composed of real live darkies with the brown complexion of a tropical climate, the show displays the frivolities of the south in their true aspects.

The price of admission is only fifteen cents, the time eight o'clock, the place the Normal assembly room. Spend fifteen or thirty cents and enjoy a good musical program.

## Excavation Information.

The excavation for the new addition is nearly finished. Owing to a delay in the signing of the contract for the job, Mr. Vaughn has several days in which to complete the excavation. Work was begun two or three days before the contract was signed which stated that eleven days from the date of seal the job was to be done. This will give Mr. Vaughn, the contractor, until Wednesday or Thursday of next week to have the excavation completed.

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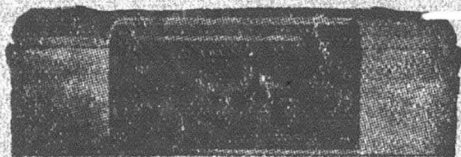
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