

# The Normal Pointer

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## Thanksgiving Day.

This whole week has been filled with anxious waiting, for only next Thursday most of us will repair to our homes and partake of that bounteous feast which is symbolized by turkey, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie.

As you observe this day, pause for a moment, reflect, and ask yourself this question: Am I acting in accordance with the purpose for which this Thursday in November was set apart by our Pilgrim forefathers? Or, am I swerving from the real purpose of the day and making it only a day of festivity?

Don't be one of these forgetful few who will only feast. Take a few moments of the day, glance back over the year and "Count your many blessings, one by one."

In the course of this research you will find much that is far from a blessing. You will undoubtedly note wherein the fortune of others has exceeded your own.

But when some of these re-called occurrences seem the hardest to bear, stop and look to Europe. Compare your trials and tribulations with those of the people of Europe who are now laboring under the curse of that infernal demon, "War."

If the comparison which you draw is the fruit of an unprejudiced mind, most of your own reverses will suddenly sink into nothingness, and not only will you thank God for your blessings, but you will thank Him that your burden of earthly sorrow has been no heavier.

## The Junior Debate.

The subject for the Junior Debate, which is to be held at Oshkosh sometime in March, is:

"RESOLVED, That it should be the policy of the United States to materially strengthen its Military and Navy forces."

The Preliminary Debate is to be held at the Normal the first week in December.

It is expected that at least twenty Juniors will enter as contestants for this debate, but only two Juniors have commenced working on it. Don't be a pessimist by telling what you expect could be done in the Junior Debate, get to work and show what you can do.

## FOR ATHLETIC FIELD.

### Fair Grounds Maybe Purchased by the State for that Purpose.

At the recent meeting of the board of Normal school regents, in making up their budget for 1915, it was decided to ask the legislature to appropriate \$10,000 for the purchase and improvement of athletic grounds for the Stevens Point Normal school; and in view of the fact that the county has offered the Stevens Point fair grounds for sale, it has been suggested that the state may possibly be a purchaser.

Regent Geo. B. Nelson addressed the county board this afternoon with that end in view, and a committee was appointed to set a price upon the property, which is an ideal one for the purpose suggested. The grounds embrace nearly forty acres, and therefore are ample, not only for athletic grounds, but also for an experimental station. It is earnestly hoped that the deal may be consummated. —JOURNAL.

The only comment which we feel necessary to make is that every student can materially assist this movement. Boost now, and keep boosting every brand of athletics, and the Board of Regents will feel much better satisfied that we need a field. It will be through their efforts, and indirectly through yours, that the legislature will make the appropriation.

## Our Enrollment 1914-15.

The total enrollment for the year 1914-15 has reached the number 434, the largest in the school's history. Of this number 428 represent fifty-five different counties of the seventy-two of the State, while Michigan and Illinois each have two representatives, and Iowa and Minnesota each one. The counties having the greatest number of representatives are: Portage, in which the school is located, 198, Marathon 25, Wood 23, Waupaca 16.

Seniors .....	123
Juniors .....	143
Sophomores .....	33
Freshmen .....	29
Sub Freshmen .....	30
Rural School Seniors .....	59
Rural School Juniors .....	19

The above is the enrollment for the First Quarter.

The River Falls Normal School held the dedication of their new building November 9. The new building will accommodate between Five and Six Hundred Students. River Falls may boast of this; but wait until our new building is completed and their boasts will be but echoes in comparison to ours.

President Sims spoke at the dedication on "Past and Present." Pres. Sims was connected with this school for ten years, and was well able to give an interesting talk on the subject.

This week he gave us an account of the dedication exercises, and mentioned how he worried over his work during the time he was teaching there. He said that teachers worried as much as the student, and perhaps more. Most of us didn't believe that last week when final exams were in order, and many of us are inclined to be disbelievers even this week.

At this dedication was a man who is to be a member of our Faculty. James Delzell expects to be with us some time in February.

## Work of the Dramatic Club.

How many of us know that we have a Dramatic Club? Not very many, we are sure; and yet this is a school organization that deserves every one's support and co-operation. All of us do not possess the histrionic ability to appear in a play, but we can take our part in dramatics by being present when ever the Society puts on a play.

During the year several plays will be given, representing the best talent of the school. At the present time two plays are in progress, at least one of which will be given before Christmas.

"The Elopement of Ellen," will be given first, and the cast are all hard at work to make it a success. The cast has been chosen from both the Junior and Senior classes, and is well qualified to put on a good play.

This play is under the direction of Mr. Smith, who has had charge of the Dramatic Societies' productions for several years, and has been very successful in this work.

Miss Gliruth is busy drilling the Juniors, who are putting on a farce entitled "How They now the Vote." This farce will be given soon after the Holidays.

Now, although it is near Christmas, and there is a demand for our every penny, let us prove our loyalty to other things than Athletics, by boosting "Dramatics," and being present when the Society puts on its first play!

## Athletics.

### Stout 0. S. P. N. 12.

Stout came here with a big reputation, having beaten LaCrosse Normal six to nothing, and having held Hamlin College of Minnesota to a seven to nothing score; so naturally we looked for a hard game. The weather conditions were anything but good—a slushy snow covering the field and making it very disagreeable for the players.

Stout started out like a whirlwind, but after gaining enough ground to put them within the Normal eighteen yard line, they encountered a stone wall defense, and lost the ball on downs.

The Normal kicked, but it was a poor attempt, and Stout had the ball on the thirty yard line. After making a short distance they lost the ball again.

At the beginning of the second quarter the Normal began a steady march toward the goal line which resulted in a touch-down. Needless to say the Normal rooters went wild. Goal was missed, due to the slippery condition of the ball.

The third quarter saw nothing spectacular; but in the fourth quarter Stout attacked the Normal defense viciously, and crumbling it before their terrific line plunges brought the ball to the seventeen yard, where they were again held.

Then began an eighty-three yard procession down the field which should go down in Normal history. It was done by straight foot-ball, and was the best exhibition seen here in twelve years—to quote some of our prominent towns-people.

Goal was again missed, and soon after this time was called.

All in all the Normal has had a glorious season, having won six out of eight games played; and great credit is due the coaches and team for producing some foot-ball history that we are not ashamed to acknowledge. Hats off to the following men: Schadewald, Gustin, Blume, Reilly, Thorson, Murphy, Edes, Held, Hills, Moeller, Kluck, Pope, VanTassel, Patterson, Corneal, Watson, and Fairchild.

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**Editorial**

**Room for Improvement!**

Although we have finally elected a cheer leader who is competent, and determined to produce good results, he cannot accomplish anything without the co-operation of the rooters. Do not scatter out along the side-lines, and go from one side of the field to the other, because it gives the cheer leader no chance to lead a good live yell. Let us produce some results in this line in our last game of the season, by getting together and having some organized cheering where one bunch of rooters does not conclude a yell some minutes before the other. If you wish to roam around the field collect between quarters and halves, or when a man is hurt, or a touch-down scored, but for pity's sake, don't leave all the cheering to a few loyal people.

So far this year "all" the cheering has been done by the girls.

It becomes our duty to beg that some of the inanimate members of our school, classed as males, would see fit to come to life some time within the next three days, and for the brief space of about ten minutes as a special favor to the team, awaken the echoes with at least one real cheer ere our foot-ball season closes.

This was our opinion of the rooters during the foot-ball season. We are earnestly hoping for a change of affairs during the coming basket ball season. Do your part.

The weekly series of slides was shown last night in the assembly room. The topic "Industrial Geography," was ably discussed by Prof. Watson.

**ABOLITION OF CHILD LABOR POSSIBLE.**

**National Child Labor Committee Reports on Ten Years' Progress.**

Child labor can be abolished in America by the present generation according to Owen R. Lovejoy, General Secretary of the National Child Labor Committee, whose Tenth Annual Report has just been published in the CHILD LABOR BULLETIN for November.

As evidence of the progress of the campaign against child labor Mr. Lovejoy compares the state child labor laws in 1904, when the National Child Labor Committee was organized, with those of 1914.

In 1904, thirteen states had a straight 14-year age limit for all factory work; while in 1914, 36 states have that limit. In 1904 only one state had an 8-hour day for older children; and in 1914, 18 states have it. Night work was prohibited for children under 16 in 5 states in 1904; and in 34 in 1914. Factory inspection was provided for in 13 states in 1904; and in 34 states in 1914.

Other achievements of the Committee have been the establishment of the Federal Children's Bureau, and the drafting of a federal child labor law, which, as the Palmer-Owen bill, has already been favorably reported by the House Committee on Labor. The membership of the Committee has increased from 36 in 1904 to 8,733 in 1914.

It is impossible for any team to accomplish much if the school is not with them, and for this reason several meetings were held at the beginning of the school year to arouse enthusiasm among the Students, and to insure a large sale of season tickets. Both of the desired results have been achieved, and the Students responsible for their success are, beyond a doubt, well satisfied. We realize that the heavy burden of supporting Athletics falls largely upon the girls, and were proud to see the manner in which they responded to the ticket sale. I believe that with One Dollar expended for a ticket one can buy more genuine pleasure than if they were to spend five times as much to achieve the same result in other ways. However, up to date, the ticket sale has not fulfilled the expectations of the management, so get busy and invest.

Pres. Sims entertained the foot-ball team at the Palace of Sweets after the game Saturday. The supper was served by the Ohiyesa girls in true Indian style.

Messrs. Pafoe, Strand and Cummings, all "old grads" of the school, saw the S. P. N.—Stout football game last Saturday.

Prof. Ames met the Junior class last Friday, and out-lined his plan of attack in the coming Oshkosh-S, P. N. Debate to be held in Oshkosh this Winter,

Girls' basket ball started last night in the gymnasium. The work was organized, and will be directed by Athletic Director Corneal.

Prof. Ames was at Rosholt last Saturday, and addressed a meeting at a Rural School near that place on "The Future Rural School."

Mrs. Maloney and Eleanor Benson gave interesting Rhetoricals at assembly last Thursday,



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**Young Womens Christian Association.**

The theme of the Central Field Conference held at Chicago November 6, 7, and 8, was Loyalty in Service. The Conference was held in the Sunday School room of the beautiful new Fourth Presbyterian Church. About 300 delegates registered from Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan.

Miss Pearson spoke upon "The High School Girl." It is during her High School days that the girl really finds herself, and it is the duty of the Young Womens Christian Association to help her fix her life principles.

Miss Jane Addams of the Hull House spoke on "Current Openings for Young Women." Women are especially adapted to work along the lines of Industrial Reward, Social Secretaries Courts in Morals, and Courts of Domestic Relations, Public Nursing, and among the Immigrants, making friends with them and helping them to understand America.

Miss Mildred Kelsey, known to all last years Young Womens Christian Association girls, is now attending the North-western University\*

Miss Dunning, a former High School English teacher of Stevens Point, is now resident secretary at the Normal School at Normal, Ill., and is very much interested in her work.

**Home Economics Club.**

The Business Mens' Banquet at the Masonic Temple on Monday November 9, was a great success. It is the first undertaking of its kind by the Society or Domestic Science girls, and it was a fine experience, for this is one of the many things that the Domestic Science girl is called upon to do.

Tuesday November 10, the club had a pie and roll sandwich sale in the Domestic Science laboratory, which lasted but a very short time.

The program scheduled for the second Wednesday of the month was postponed, on account of examination. This program was held Wednesday November 17th, in the Kindergarten room.

The interest of the Society is growing, which is evidenced by the addition of ten new names on the register, and we hope soon to have all the names of eligible members listed.

Parker House rolls made by the Ninth Grade Girls of the Practice Department, were put on sale at 3:45 P. M. Tuesday. In no time, thirty-seven dozen were taken care of by the students and faculty.

**Forum - Athenaeum.**

The Forum-Athenaeum Society elected the following officers for the Second Quarter, on Friday, November 13, 1914:

- President: ..... Frank Wood.
- Vice President: .. Emil Hafsoos.
- Secretary: ..... Sam. Ellis.
- Treasurer: ..... Martin Paulson.
- Sargeant: ..... Frank Hamerski

The Society wishes to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Smith, County Clerk Bourn, and Regent Nelson, for the valuable assistance rendered the society, during the Mock Trial preparation.

Mr. Hippensteel gave a very instructive and interesting talk to the Society last Friday night. He spoke on the Literature and Literary citizens of Stevens Point. Among these he especially mentioned our own Professor, Mr. Collins, who has done so much for this school, not only by his fine work in Mathematics, but by his

writings which advertise our school as much as anything else perhaps.

The Society is planning to give a Public Program this quarter, in which the main feature is to be a "School Meeting."

EVERYBODY BOOST THIS QUARTER Sign the Constitution. Pay your dues to the Treasurer, Mr. Paulson.

**Ohiyesa Society.**

Saturday November 14th, the Indians had charge of the Palace of Sweets. Music and Indian dances were the special features on the program. The decorations, Indian menu and sundaes, deserve no slight mentioning. Altho the day was not all sun shine without, it was within, and proved a very successful one.

The Society is making plans for their initiation meeting. The plan is worked out in dramatic form, having in it the characters of "Red Bird." the play staged by the society last year,

If there is any one wishing to become a member, and has not had her name put before the committee, do so at once, and be present at the initiation ceremony.

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**Paragraphs of Interest Regarding Big State School.**

Miss Little of Chicago, addressed the teachers interested in Primary work, last Friday afternoon. Her subject was "The Materials of the Montessori System."

Professors Hyer, Ames, and Phelan conducted Teachers' Institutes in different counties of the state Friday and Saturday of last week.

The Second Term of the year opened Monday, and eleven new Students enrolled, making current enrollment 445.

Herbert Steiner and wife visited the city over Sunday at the home of Mrs. Steiner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Young, on Church street. Mr. Steiner was a member of the class of 1910, and is at present principal of the Cashton city schools.

Professor Fairchild gave a very interesting lecture in the assembly rooms Saturday evening at 8 o'clock on "The Relation of Insects to Plants." This was one of the series of weekly lectures illustrated with lantern slides that are given at the school.

The members of the Girls' Literary Society, the Ohiyesa, had charge of the Palace of Sweets last Saturday, and served a delightful menu to a large number of those who were attracted by the unique advertising features used by the girls.

**Third Number of Lecture Course a Success.**

Several hundred citizens and students spent a very profitable, as well as enjoyable, evening last Friday, by listening to Mr. Elias Day. Mr. Day is an impersonator of no mean ability. He came to Stevens Point as the third number of the Normal Lecture Course and certainly did his part in maintaining the high standard fixed by the two previous numbers of the course.

Being a master in his art, he easily held his audience and possessed the ability to change them from the darkest gloom to the gayest merriment. He was in turn, Italian fruit vender, dignified Southern gentleman, odd old Irishman, an Americanized Swede, and jocular Dutchman. In the impersonation of each of these, Mr. Day was superb, manifesting a thorough knowledge of the characteristics of each.

This third number of the course certainly shows that there has been no decline in worth of the course allotted to Stevens Point this year. In fact this number will serve as a drawing card for the next and last attraction of this year's course on January 14th, as well as for all Normal Lecture Courses to come.

Claude Burns from Walworth, Wis., spent the week end with friends who are attending the Normal.

Beulah Lawson and Edna Hanson will go to Plymouth, Tuesday, to attend the wedding of Miss Lydia Proehl a former student of the Normal.

On Wednesday morning Professor Spindler gave an interesting talk on Politics before the student body and members of the Faculty.

Thursday, November twelfth, Reverend Rayburn, the Evangelist, and Reverend Stemen of the Presbyterian Church, visited the Normal School. The former gave a very interesting talk to the students and Faculty.

On Friday night Miss Brewster talked to the Arena girls about her trip abroad, which included some of her interesting experiences in foreign cities.

Professor Phelan has been absent from the school for some time. He is conducting an Institute at Sturgeon Bay.

The Junior Primary Girls were entertained on Thursday evening by the Senior Primary Girls. Supper was served at five thirty in the evening. Folk dancing formed a part of the entertainment.

Reverend Rayburn gave a very interesting talk to the Young Womens Christian Association at their last meeting.

President Sims spent Monday at River Falls where he delivered an address at the dedication of the new addition to the Normal School building.

Professor Hippensteel, together with State Inspector Terrell, visited classes at Grand Rapids High School last Wednesday.

More than a week ago Miss Bronson, in response to a message, left for Arlington, Rhode Island, to be with her father who had been seriously injured. Word has been received in the office that her father is now recovering, and that she will be back in school Monday.

Mr. Thomas A Rogers, of Paxton, Illinois, arrived this week to assist in the Science Department. Mr. Rogers earned his Bachelor of Science degree at the Illinois Wesleyan University of Bloomington, Ills., and has had several years experience in the teaching of Science in High Schools. We are very glad to welcome Mr. Rogers to S. P. N., and we hope that he will enjoy his work here with us.

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