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EDITORIAL.

THE IRIS managers very modestly presented their subscription terms at General Exercises last Wednesday. All students who were absent will be visited within the next few days and asked to buy an IRIS or two. THE POINTER need not act so modestly in this matter, and so we will attempt to tell you a few things about the fine book which is to be published by the Senior Class this year.

We think that it is to be the best ever published, although the Editor-in-chief has stated to the contrary. The book is to be eight inches by eleven and a half, and will be bound in three-quarters leather. Its material will be the best, its pictures the most real, and its jokes the funniest. All events and sub-events of Normal life in 1914-'15 will be recorded in splendid style. Every body in school surely will want one or more copies of this, "Our School Annual."

The Seniors will, of course, each buy one, as this is their last year at S. P. N., and then you know—each Senior has a fine individual picture which he will be proud to look at when he gets out into life.

Every Junior will surely need a few copies of this year's Annual in order to have something to guide him in the intricate Senior Life.

The Sophomores, Freshmen, and Sub-Freshmen ought to buy one to prove that they are as school spirited as the upper classes.

Everybody who wants to leave a good impression, or who feels that he needs good literature to better himself, and laughable jokes to refresh himself, should buy an IRIS.

Don't delay. The price is only incidental—a Dollar twenty-five.

Some Photographs

The following "word pictures" are taken from Mr. Hippensteel's Composition Classes:

The Old Fisherman's Cottage.

LEONE S. HOGUE.

I found the old fisherman living in a small cottage containing only one room, but a perfect curiosity

in its arrangement. It was on the skirts of the village, on a green bank, a little back from the road, with a small garden in front, stocked with vegetables, and adorned with a few flowers. The whole front of the cottage was overrun with a honeysuckle.

The interior was fitted up in a truly nautical style, the old fisherman's ideas of comfort and convenience having been acquired on a man-of-war. A hammock was slung from the ceiling, which, in the day-time was lashed up so as to take but little room. From the center of the room hung a model of a ship of his own workmanship. Two or three chairs, a table, and a large sea-chest, formed the principal movables. The mantle-piece was decorated with sea-shells. His implements for angling were carefully disposed on nails and hooks about the room. On a shelf was arranged his library, containing a work on angling, much worn, a Bible covered with canvas, and odd volumes or two of voyages, an almanac, and a book of songs.

A Pioneer's Cabin.

FLORENCE SCHLEGEL.

The Pioneer's cabin is situated in the midst of a large pine forest. It seems like a mere speck among the trees. The brick chimney stands out against its back ground of green. The smoke can be seen as it curls upward, and loses itself among the tree tops. As we approached, one of the first things that greeted us was a bump on the head from one of the roughly hewn beams that supported the low ceiling. The windows were very small and every other pane was patched with a piece of card board. Fresh air and sunshine was not present in great quantities. In the farther end of the room was a fire place, piled up with immense logs, the flames of which were blazing up the wide mouthed chimney. On the mantle above lay the family Bible, and near by stood a candle stick containing a tallow candle, the only evidence of illumination of the room. On one side of the fire place hung an old rustic mus-

ket, probably used ever since the days of the Revolution. The furniture was scanty, the few pieces the room contained were of the rudest sort, surely not very comfortable. The floors reminded one of waves, there being numerous upheavels and depressions. A ladder lead to the upper apartment.

THE ATTIC

EMMA FUNK.

The attic was to me one of the most fascinating rooms in which I had ever been. As soon as I had climbed the wide ladder leading into it, a feeling of losing myself in imagination came over me. Here was the place to dream over the things you have read. The shape of the room was very fanciful in itself. From the square opening in the middle of the floor, it spread out in three wings of equal dimensions, one lying directly before me, one to the right, and the other to the left. The bare ceiling and the plastered walls covered with various kinds and sizes of pictures, added to the fancifulness of it all. Seated in the large, old, sprawly arm chair by the little double window which opened from the middle wing, you could get a view of the little village and feel yourself to be a king, surveying from his tower his great possessions. Or you might be the little lame prince, and one of the many old coats hanging back in the left wing, might be the magic coat upon which you could float up and out of the sky-light in the middle of the roof. Over in the right wing you might see Priscilla working at that old spinning wheel and singing to its monotonous accompaniment. Whenever the imagination wanted new pictures, the various kinds of magazines piled high against the wall behind the wheel, furnished all the material that was needed.

The local High School broke even with Marinette on Friday night, the sixteenth, when the home team unanimously defeated the visitors, and the team which went to Marinette lost by a decision of two to one.

Lecture on Germany.

Last Friday evening, we had the pleasure of hearing an illustrated lecture on the subject of Germany, given by Miss Gray. Slides were shown of the four cities of Berlin, Hamburg, Munich, and Dresden; and bits of Rhine scenery, including several historic castles, and the cliff where "Die Lorelei" was supposed to have sat and combed her long golden hair and lured the fishermen and boatmen to destruction by her sweet melodies. As many of the scenes shown were familiar to Miss Gray, we came away with a vivid impression of these four German cities.

ANNUAL TRACK MEET

Big High School Athletic Event Here on May 8.

The third annual Central Wisconsin Inter-Scholastic track and field meet will be held under the auspices of the Normal School at the local fair grounds on Saturday, May 8.

Mr. Corneal has issued invitations to a large number of High Schools in the State, among which are the following: Appleton, Augusta, Chippewa Falls, Eau Claire, Fond du Lac, Grand Rapids, Greenwood, Iola, Manawa, Marshfield, Medford, Menasha, Merrill, Mondovi, Neenah, Platteville, Nekoosa, New London, Oshkosh, Plainfield, Portage, Stanley, Stevens Point, Thorp, Tomahawk, Unity, Waupaca, Wausau, Westfield, and Weyauwega. It is expected that the entry list will far exceed those of last year, and the year before, and that competition will consequently be much more keen.

The events that will be carried out in the meet are the 100, 220, 440, and 880 yard dashes, mile run, mile relay (four men), 120 yard high hurdles, 220 yard low hurdles, running high and broad jumps, pole vault, 12 pound shot put, and discus throw.

There are meters of accent,

There are meters of tone,

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Be a Booster.

Do you know there's lots of people
Settin' round in every school
Growling like a broody chicken,
Knocking every good thing down?
Don't you be that kind o' grouch,
Cause they ain't no use on earth;
You just be a booster rooster,
Crow and boost for all you're worth.

If your school needs boostin'
boost'er,
Don't hold back and wait to see,
If some other fellow's willin',
Sail right in; this country's free,
No one's got a mortgage on it,
It's yours just as much as his.
If ysur school is shy on boosters,
You get in the boostin' biz.
If things just don't seem to suit you
And the world seems kinder wrong,
What's the matter with a boostin'
Just to help the thing along?
'Cause if things should stop agoin'
We'd be in a sorry plight.

You just keep that horn a-blowin'.
Boost'er up with all your might.
If you know some feller's failin's,
Just forget 'em, cause yon know
That the same fellow's got some
good points;
Them's the ones you want to show.
Cast your leaves out on the waters,
"They'll come back," a sayin' true
Mebbe, too, they'll come back
"battered."
When some fellow boosts for you.
— GOLDEN SEAL REVIEW.

The following Students Have accepted Positions for Next Year.

Bessie Beeckler, Fourth and Fifth grades, Durand.
Emma Funk, Second and Third grades, Withee.
Richard Van Tassel, High School Assistant, Cashton.
Leona Albright, First and Second grades, Cashton.
Esther Werle, Third grade, Durand.
Hazel Meienr, First Grade, Durand.
Helen Fonstad, Second grade, Durand.
Bertha Dill, Seventh and Eighth, Durand.
Mildred Tarrant, Second grade, Grand Rapids.
Winnifred Hamilton, Seventh and Eighth grades, Cashton.
Inez Smith, Third and Fourth grades, Cashton.
Clara Whitney, Principal, Madison.
Edna Blank, First and Second grades, North Freedom.
Ruth Yates, High School, Mathematics, Waldo.
Lancelot Gordon, Principal, Nine grades, Merrimack.
Mercereau Williams, High School Domestic Science, Wabeno.
Laura Cooper, High School, Domestic Science, Sauk City.
Alice Chappell, High School, Domestic Science, Wausaukee.

Normalite is Honored.
Miss Lillia E. Johnson, '14, was elected County Superintendent of Eau Claire County on April 6. While at the Normal School she was a member of the Junior Debating team, an active member of the Ohiyesa, and president of the Young Womens Christian Association. Last Juue she won second honors in a contest in St. Paul, Minnesota, with her oration, "America, The Haven of the Immigrant." Miss Johnson is teaching in Eau Claire at present.

Reilly is Captain.
Pierce Reilly, a Junior, was elected captain of the track team, Tuesday. About twenty track candidates attended the meeting, and Reilly's election was unanimous. Much interest is being shown in the team, and it is expected that a good showing will be made at the Inter-Normal meet at Whitewater, May 29. Among those who have been working out under the direction of Coach Corneal are Reilly, Schade-wald, Gustin, Hamilton, VanTassel, Chilrud, Rybicki, Paulson, Held,

A. Wysocki, Carey' L. Wysocky, Pett, Gilson, LeCaptain, Parkhurst, Somers, Precourt, Ambrose, Vaughn, and Moeller, A Normal inter-class track and field meet will be held at the fair grounds on the afternoon of May 4 and 5.

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Forum-Athenaeum

The Ohiyesa Society has decided to uphold the Negative Side of the question submitted to them by the Forum-Athenaeum Debating team. This question reads as follows :

"Women should be granted full suffrage by Constitutional Amendment."

The Ohiyesa girls cannot be Suffragettes if we can judge from their choice of sides, because they will debate against Woman Suffrage while the boys will uphold it.

The date for the Tri-angular debate between the three societies of the school has been fixed as Friday, April 23. This will be an open meeting, held in the assembly room, and every body is invited to be present.

The program will consist of three musical numbers, three literary numbers in the form of Readings and essays, and a debate. The question for debate is as follows :

"The emphasis on extra curriculum activities is undur."

The question will be debated by teams consisting of one member from each society. The affirmative side will be upheld by Lucy Smith, Bertha Fossage, and Carl Nelson;

the negative side will be upheld by Caroline Haas, Eileen Bohan, and Frank Wood. The question is one which has grown in importance during late years, and it is a prominent question at the present time among leading educators. This insures a lively and interesting debate, which can be enjoyed by each and every one of you.

ARENA

The Society has decided upon a common seal to be used for all Arena pins. The order will be sent in this week, and the Arenas expect to be wearing their pins the first of next quarter.

A small boy kept begging his teacher to let the class read the story about some one who ate a ribbon and it made him sick. It was only after persistent questioning that the bewildered teacher discovered that the child wanted to read "A Visit from St. Nicholas," the particular lines which he had in mind being these:—

"Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters, and threw up the sash."

Item from Alexander Parkhurst's diary :

"Got a hair-cut on the South Side."

Hard luck, Alex. Better get some hair restorative at the counter.

When my last thot in vain is thunk,
And my last wink in vain is wunk,
What saves me from an awful flunk?

My Pony! —KODAK.

FATHER—"Young man, were you out after ten last night?"

SON—"No, father; I was only out after one." —EXCHANGE.

"An old Professor of mine at college, was walking down the street one day, when he met one of his students whom he thot was enjoying too many worldly pleasures. He greeted her thus :

"Good morning, child of the devil!"

To which the young lady replied :
"Good morning, father!"

LITTLE JOHNNY—Dad, there's a girl in our school whom we call Poscript.

DAD—Poscript! what do you call her Poscript for?

LITTLE JOHNNY—'Cos her name is Adeline Moore. —EX.

TEACHER—What are the four Seasons?

FRESHMAN—Mustard, pepper, vinigar, and salt.

Revised Edition of the Immortal Soliloquy

"To flunk, or not to flunk—that is the question;

Whether 'tis better in the end to suffer The slurs and zeros of outrageous teachers,—

Or to take arms against a sea of studies And grind until we get them. 'Tis a consumation

Devoutly to be wishe; Arise! recite— Our grade—perchance a hundred. But the rub

Comes when we wish to sleep and dream at night,

When we are burning bright the mid-night oil.

It makes us pause. There's the respect That makes calamity of so long life;

For who can bear to grind, and grind and grind,

To burn the gas until your landlady Is forced to raise your rent, which cuts your extra cash

Down to a pile which plainly says that you

Must forego candy, roller rink, and shows And stick at home like an 'old maid' school marm,

For a mere hundred? Who would study here,

And grunt and sweat under this weary life,

When gayer activities are going on,

But that the dread that something if he skips

Might take place in the office, to whose bourne

Some students ne'er turn, puzzles the will, And makes us rather bear those ills we have,

Than fly to others that we know not of? Thus conscience makes us study our Hamlet."

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Miss Elsie Schrode spent the week end with her sister Miss Hulda Schrode.

Selma Johnson was called home on account of the death of her grand-father.

Miss Ada Lothe, domestic science instructor in the Stoughton schools, visited friends at the Normal, recently.

Charlotte Natchway has returned to her school duties, after an illness of two weeks.

Beulah Lawson was a recent visitor at Shiocton.

Mr. George Loftus, of Madison, spent the week end with friends at the Normal.

Ida Henderson was called home on account of the illness of her mother.

Mr. Arthur McArthur visited with Pierce Riley for a couple of days.

Ida Henderson and Emma Klesig spent the week end with friends at Wausau.

Miss Brewster acted as judge at a Declamatory Contest held at Nelsonville last Friday.

Professor Delzell acted as judge at a Declamatory Contest held at Wild Rose Friday night.

Mr. Eliason is ill at his home in Iola. During his absence the work in Manual Training is in charge of Fred Gustin.

Mr. Phelan will assist in conducting a joint Institute for Burnett and Washburn Counties at Shell Lake Friday and Saturday.

President Sims, Mr. Herrick, and County Superintendent Frances C. Bannach, acted as judges in the High School Oratorical Contest at Marshfield, Friday last. Marshfield won over Appleton.

Miss Anna Belle Dunlap of Durand, who has been in charge of the Music and Drawing at Rice Lake, will take charge of the Music Work in place of Miss Baker, who is still at Sacred Heart Sanitarium in Milwaukee.

All material for THE IRIS must be in the box near the bulletin board before April 26. If you have some good snap shots, some good jokes on your friends, don't fail to contribute them. Remember THE IRIS is your book.

Mr. Herrick conducted an Institute at Almond last Saturday.

In a recent issue of the Oakland California TRIBUNE, the engagement of Miss Margaret E. Engle, '06, to Harry V. Welch, was announced. Since attending Normal, Miss Engle has graduated from the University of California, and the School of Arts and Crafts. Mr. Welch is also a graduate of the University of California, and is at present studying at Princeton.

The wedding will take place in August.

We Wonder

1. How Mr. Hippensteel knew that Pat is called "Pat."
2. Who stole Wood's mustache.
3. Where Alex. Parkhurst is from 3:43 to 5:59.
4. Why the Seniors act as angels "now-a-days."
5. Who really does what he says—on the track.
6. Who skips general exercises.
7. When Mike studies.
8. If Wood with Branch Held Stone.

Vote of Thanks

We, the undersigned, members of the janitorial staff of the Stevens Point Normal School,

Do hereby Resolve, That a vote of thanks be extended to the Sub-Freshmen Class for the liberal hand-outs presented to us.

And be it further Resolved, That this being the first time that such a thing has happened, do ring our tenure of office that a copy of these Resolutions be printed in THE POINTER.

Signed: FRANK WOOD,
MARTIN PAULSEN,
ANZELM WYSOCKI.

The Dramatic Club, assisted by the children of the Primary Department, presented a Japanese Farce entitled "A Case of Spoons," on Saturday evening, April 17.

The cast of characters was as follows:

Baroness Shorato... Etta Shumway
Misa, her daughter,
Katherine Baldwin
Yuki, her daughter, Irene Harriman
Suzume... Genevieve Brad
Baron Ho... Harold Brady
Helen Drew... Elizabeth Hatch
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