Letter from Wm. O'Connell '14

LEAD, South Dakota
December 15, 1914.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE POINTER:
The request of your Business Manager, Mr. Frank Patterson, that
I send you an article, which would be of interest to the Students of
S. P. N., was somewhat late if expected for the Christmas issue.
I must say that The Pointer of this year, to my notion, far exceeds
the one of the preceding year in every way. I am more than pleased
with the style of paper used, the method in which the material is set
up, and the well displayed distribution of the advertisements.

I notice you have a well organized staff, which should act with
the greatest possible efficiency in covering the daily news items.

I am sure that all the Alumni of
S. P. N. before and up to 1914
will bear with me in congratulating
The Pointer Staff of this school
year, upon this successful Pointer;
and will consider it a privilege to
be a regular subscriber to the paper.

You quite often pick up fiction
books of a high order, which abound
with tales of the western cow-boy
or miner, and give vivid descriptions
of the heroes when about to
meet a crisis. The Easterner who
has never traversed the country of
these wild and wolly heroes and
heroinies, generally expects to
be met at his destination in the
grand and glorious western manner.
The first surprise awaits him in
the mode of dress displayed by the
inhabitants. Instead of the wide
sombrero, the noisy chaps, and the
prominent swagger, one sees only
human beings, dressed similar to
those found in the Eastern States,
and a refined and cultured people.

Democracy is much more apparent
here than in Wisconsin. The
refuse extractor, termed street
cleaner in the East and Central
States, receives $200.00 per month,and is considered the social equal
of men holding higher salaried
positions. The bosses of the
"Home-state Mine" mingle freely
with their men, and can be seen at
all public functions rubbing elbows.

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WISCONSIN.

A TRULY sovereign State
Is Wisconsin!
All that's good and wise and great
Is Wisconsin.
Every day or two I read
How her laws and customs lead,
Heaven must be like, indeed,
To Wisconsin.

Education is the rage
In Wisconsin.
People all are smart and sage
In Wisconsin.
Every News-boy that you see
Has a "Varsity" degree,
Every cook's a Ph. D.,
In Wisconsin.

Trusts and bosses never mix
In Wisconsin.
O the lovely politics
In Wisconsin.
Though the railroads boost the rate
High in every other State,
They are famously sedate
In Wisconsin.

Matrimony cannot fail
In Wisconsin.
Babies all are strong and hale
In Wisconsin.
That's the State of married bliss
You have read about 'ere this,
None but gods may coo and kiss
In Wisconsin.

People never lock their doors
In Wisconsin.
No one hardly ever snores
In Wisconsin.
Ivy drapes each prison wall
And the jails no more appalling—
They are social centers all
In Wisconsin.

O the State of States for me
Is Wisconsin!
There's the place where I would be
In Wisconsin.
I would hasten to her shore
With a glad and grateful roar
Only Jersey needs me more
Than Wisconsin.
—L. H. ROBBINS IN LIFE.

Mr. Sims is attending a meeting
of a committee of Normal School
Presidents whose work is to decide
on and ask for certain legislative
measures pertaining to Normal
SCHOOLS. St. Paul is the meeting
place.

Miss Parkhurst's Trip.

Shortly before the Christmas
vacation, Miss Parkhurst spent
several weeks in the east, where she
visited some of the leading Educa-
tional Institutions of the country.
The schools visited are the leaders
in the use of the Montessori system
which Miss Parkhurst recently
studied in Rome.

The first school visited was at
Elmira, New York. Later she vis-
ted the John Jay Clark House, and
Spring Street Settlement Schools
in New York City.

In East Orange New Jersey, she visited the Mrs.
Sequin's school. This institution
was founded fifty years ago by Dr.
Seguin, a noted French specialist,
who devoted his energies to the
education of defective children.
Here she saw some of the original
didactic materials in use. In the
Massachusetts school for feeble
minded, at Waverly, she witnessed
some of the best grade work she
ever saw in the world. This school
was in charge of Dr. Walter E.
Fernald. While in Washington,
D. C. she visited the Montessori
and Friendship Sett'ement schools.
Miss Kinney of England was at
the head of the latter. While here
she also had an interview with
Dr. Claxton, U. S. Commissioner
of Education. Sunday she spent
at Kent, Ohio, with Mr. and Mrs.
David Olson. Mr. Olson was for-
merly a member of our faculty.
In Chicago she had an engagement
with Miss Jane Addams of Hull
House. The next day she visited
the schools of Gary, Ind. In the
evening she delivered an address,
"The Montessori system of Educa-
tion," to the elementary grade
teachers and school superintendents
of northern Indiana, who were
holding their annual meeting at
Gary. She stopped at Evanston,
Ill., and there saw the Montessori
school, which is conducted by Miss
Helen Little, who was a Normal
visitor shortly before Thanksgiving.

During her absence she attended
the meetings of the "Eastern
Montessori Association" at New
York, and of the "Montessori teachers
of the Middle West," at Chicago.

On the whole she had a very
pleasant as well as profitable trip.

PROGRAM.

January 20, 21, 22, 1915.
Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

The State Normal School and the
Retail Merchants' Association of
Stevens Point, in co-operation with
the University Extension Division,
presents the following three day
program:

County Superintendent Banach
has arranged a series of evening
meetings throughout the County
at which business men will speak.
The success of the previous meet-
ings has been due to the hearty
co-operation of the County Super-
intendent.

First Day.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20.
FORENOON: 9:00-12:00—Judging of
Poultry. Opera House Hall.
A special effort will be made to
make this exhibit of poultry one of
the best in Central Wisconsin.
A cordial invitation is extended to
the public. Members of the Poultry
men's Association will be present
to answer questions.

AFTERNOON: 2:00—Farmers' Meet-
ing. August Oesterle presiding. (Gem Theatre.)

Program:

   2. Feeding and Care of Dairy
      Cattle. W. W. Clark, Director.
      Wood County Agricultural School.
3. Silos and Silage. S. Earl
      Carley, Univ. Extension Division.
4. Motion pictures on Farm
      subjects.

2:00. WOMEN'S MEETING. Mrs.
D. J. Lealhy presiding. (Domestic
Science Department of Normal
School.)

Program:

1. Music. Pupils of Eighth
   Grade of Public Schools, directed
   by Miss Leigh.
2. Balanced Meals. Miss Bessie
   M. Allen, Director Domestic Science
   Department, State Normal.
3. Hygiene for Mothers. Mrs.
   E. T. Smith.
4:00. Children and Young Peo-
     ple's Meeting. Miss Lillian Arrott,
     presiding. (Ideal Theatre.)

Program:

1. Singing by the Children.
   Professor Peter W. Dykema, Chief.
Quite a price for a hundred fifty foot frontage of rock and soil. The property owners have a lease extending for one hundred years upon the land the buildings are constructed upon. The "Homestake Mining Company" reserve the right to mine all gold deposits found beneath the surface of the ground leased to individuals. The greater part of Lead is already undermined, and the encroachment into solid rock continues night and day.

The interior of the mines is laid out in blocks city fashion. From the main levels branch tunnels extend in all directions, generally following the veins of gold ore. The levels are separated vertically from one another by one hundred feet of rock. The levels run horizontal and parallel. The mine shafts extend from the surface downward to the lowest levels; the deepest shaft being two thousand feet. The parallel tunnels which extend outward from the shaft are the levels, designated numerically in accordance to their depth. A two thousand foot shaft would have twenty levels allowing one hundred feet between each level.

The tunnels are supported by huge timbers which are manufactured by the Company. The system of tunnels beneath Lead is very intricate. In every tunnel are railroad tracks, and at present there is over six hundred miles of railroad in the "Homestake Mines." The tracks are of narrow gauge, and the engines use compressed air for motor power. The cars used upon these tracks are built of steel and have a capacity of one ton. A compressed air motor can pull as high as fifteen of these cars loaded with ore for a quarter of a mile without a recharge of air. The ore assayed from forty cents to three dollars and sixty cents a ton.

The "Homestake Mining Company" is unique in being the world's greatest producer of gold extracted from low grade ore. The gold bullion is put up in the form of bricks equal in size to a common paving block. Each brick has a valuation of from twenty five to thirty two thousand dollars. Every ten days the Company ships five bricks to the national mints. These five bricks range in valuation from one hundred twenty five to one hundred seventy five thousand dollars. Four shipments

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The production of "How the Vote Was Won," by the candidates for membership to the Dramatic Club, added twenty dollars to the Hospital Fund, which will be used to defray the expense of furnishing a room in St. Michael's Hospital.

Much credit is due Miss Gilruth who coached and staged the play.

Horace Cole, a young married man earning four pounds weekly, arrives home, one afternoon, to find that all his female relations have come to be supported by him until such time as Women should be allowed their rights as citizens. First his sister; then his niece, and many other distant relatives, appear upon the scene, each with the same story. The climax is reached when Aunt Lizzie with her dog, Ponto, comes and announces her intention to remain true to "the Cause." Eager to be rid of his unwelcome guests at any cost—even the cost of letting women have the vote, Horace borrows a banner and goes out to join the procession of men who are on their way to the House of Commons to demand votes for Women.

The character parts in the play were taken by Elizabeth Hatch and Lauraine Oster, both of whom showed unusual dramatic ability, and the school is looking forward to seeing both of them in some other production soon.

**Personnel.**

Horace Cole.............Emil Hafsoos
Ethel (his wife)........Anna McKean
Winifred (her sister)....Mercean Williams
Agatha Cole
　(Horace's Sister)....Irene Harriman
Mollie (his niece).......Ressa Smith
Mahara Christine,
　(his second cousin)...Grace Godfrey
Mande Sparks
　(his first cousin)....Edith Lowe
Aunt Lizzie.............Elizabeth Hatch
Lilly,
　(Maid-of-all-work)...Loraine Oster
Gerald Williams,
　(his neighbor).......Frank Hyer
The above view was taken in front of the Normal School building at LaCrosse. The team's good nature had not as yet been marred by the game. Coach Cornel took the picture.

The St. Norberts team is shown "all up in the air" after Gustin's touchdown on a tackle-over-tackle play. It will take a big man to fill Gustin's shoes next year.

This shows Kluck making one of his famous short end runs in the St. Norbert's game. One of the features of the last few games was the sturdy line plunging by our left half-back, Kluck.
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**County Superintendent.**
3. Address Rev. S. A. Elliott. (Father Elliott will speak in Polish)

**Program:**
1. A Word of Welcome, County Superintendent Francis C. Bannach.
2. Care and Feeding of Infants, Demonstration and Lecture. Mrs. John Phelan, and Miss Bessie M. Allen.
4. Polish Patriotic Songs by Children of Parochial Schools.

**Note:** Professor Hyer will conduct Observation Classes for the benefit of visiting Teachers, each forenoon and afternoon at the Normal School.

**Afternoon:**
2:00. Farmers' Meeting. Alex. Kluck, presiding. (Opera House.)

**Program:**
1. Music: Pupils of Amherst Public Schools under the direction of Mrs. Johnson.
2. Alfalfa. Prof. Theo. Sexauer, Director, Dunn County Agricultural School.
4. The County Board of Education, by Dr. George Whiteside.

**Program:**
1. Motion Pictures.
2. Songs by Children of Amherst Junction Schools under the direction of Miss Cecilia Bourvier.
4. Songs and Story Telling. Professor Dykema.

An opportunity will be given to inspect the Poultry on exhibition at the Poultry Show.

**Evening:** 7:30. General Audience. Superintendent H. C. Snyder presiding. (Opera House.)

**Program:**
2. Community Singing. Prof. Peter W. Dykema.
3. Community Development. Professor J. L. Gillin.

**Annual Convention of Rural School Directors**
To be held at the Normal, January 16
As per notice signed by Miss Bannach, County Superintendent of Schools, the annual school board convention for Portage County will be held at the Normal assembly room on Saturday of next week, January 16th. School boards members, their wives, the teachers and every one else interested in what the schools are doing, and what they should do, for the best interests of Portage County, are urged to be present at the convention.

The following excellent program is being prepared:

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New Classes organized three times a year in nearly every subject.
Summer Session of 1915, June 17, 1915.
Board and Lodging reasonable.
Tuition Free to those who intend to teach.
Desirable Positions as teachers for graduates.
Write for Circulars, or better still, ask definite questions about any part of the school work and get an immediate personal answer. Address the President.

**John F. Sims, Stevens Point, Wis.**