THE PANAMA CANAL.

Mrs. N. A. Week Speaks To Normal Students.

"It is said that the building of the Panama Rail Road cost a life for every tie," said Mrs. Nelson A. Week in her talk on the Panama Canal and the Canal Zone, before the Students of the Rural School Department, at the Normal school this morning.

"This rail road was begun twenty years after the first road was built in the United States, but its construction presented problems which our engineers had never before met—a river that would rise forty feet in a night; a road bed passing in places over mud so deep that loaded flat cars had to be sunk to form a pontoon bridge; for in order to reach solid rock it would have been necessary to pass through 185 feet of mud; a jungle so dense that it seemed to grow up in a day in the wake of those cutting their way through. These were a few of the obstacles that had to be faced in building the Panama rail road."

Mrs. Week gave a brief but interesting review of the history of the Canal Zone, and of the early attempts made by the French to build the canal.

"We are accustomed to think of the canal as a big ditch, forgetting that 24 of its 50 miles lie through a great lake 85 feet above sea level, formed by the building of the Gatun dam," she continued. "This lake was the key to the whole situation, for it solved two difficulties—the swamp, which was too soft to build through, and the rivers, which rose rapidly. The dam reminds one of a hill, for it is a mile and a half long, and a half mile wide at the base."

Mrs. Week spoke in high terms of the service that the army has rendered through its engineering and sanitary corps. "The work of the engineers, and of the sanitary corps has demonstrated that the United States can do its own work for its own people in a successful, efficient and serviceable way," said Mrs. Week in conclusion.

The following committee was appointed to act with the Editor to issue THE POINTER for one week:

- Edna Hanson
- Lucille Daley, chairman
- Isabelle Schowel

A committee was appointed to act with Laura Cooper in working out of a place for the representation of the club in the IRIS.

The club is busy having pictures taken for the IRIS.

ARENA NOTES.

Friday evening, March 5, the Arena met and listened to a very interesting program on the subject of the Panama Canal and Exposition, prepared by six members of the society. The meeting was adjourned in time to enable those attending, to go to the basket ball game.

While this program was going on, other members of the society were busily engaged in selling candy at the door of the gymnasium. Every one bought freely, and the whole supply was gone before the game began.

S. P. N. 38. Oshkosh 19.

The Normal Basket ball Team ended its season by defeating its old rival Oshkosh Normal, 38 to 19.

The S. P. N. team worked like a machine, every man out-classing his opponent. Our boys showed excellent passing, guarding, and basket shooting ability. Levenhagen, the visiting center with a big reputation, did the best work for the visitors, though he was out-classed by Pope, the husky center in our machine. Beggs and Petersen, our guards, were a stone-wall defense, holding the Oshkosh forwards to one lone basket. Reilly and Delmore rounded out the successful combination in good style. Beside scoring well from the field, Reilly batted in two scores from the jump, and Delmore succeeded in eugging four out of five free throws.

CHALLENGE TO THE ARENA SOCIETY

The Ohiyese Society hereby challenges the Arena Society to a Declamatory Contest to be held in the early part of next quarter, each Society being represented by not more than three contestants, one judge to be chosen by each society, the third by the President of the school. Vera Mueller, President.
FORUM–ATHENAEUM.

Thy Forum–Atheneum had a fine meeting last Friday night, March 12, 1915. The following program was carried out:

I. Roll Call: Responded to with a Quotation
II. Song: Society: Led by Mr. Hafsoos.
III. Debate: Resolved, That Motion Pictures are of Educational value.

AFFIRMATIVE: NEGATIVE:
3. Violin Solo: Mr. Hafsoos.
V. General Debate:
Resolved That it should be the Policy of the United States to materially strengthen its Military and Naval establishments.

VI. Business Meeting.
VII. Adjournment.

The following is the Program of the Forum–Atheneum for Monday night, March 22, 1915:

I. Roll Call: Respond with a Current Event.
II. Song: Society: Led by Mr. Van Tassel.
III. Talk: Mr. Rabenstein.
IV. Piano Solo:

VI. Debate: Resolved, That the United States should adopt the Policy of Government ownership of merchant vessels:

AFFIRMATIVE: NEGATIVE:
2. Wm. J. Kilbourn. 2. Franklin Chilrud.
3. VI. Song: Ladies’ Quartette.

VII. Talk: Mr. Wood.
VIII. Business Meeting.
X. Adjournment.

OHIYESA SOCIETY.

The Society has shown marked progress in growth of membership since the Inter–Society Contest. The membership has now reached the hundred mark.

The following names have been handed in since the last meeting:
Lucille Lawrence. Marie Bresmer.
Grace Taylor, Betty Reynolds.
Rose Nelson, Alvina Foxen.
Mary Walker, Marie Riddle.
Hattie Cone, Lillian Chloupek.
Winifred Wysocki.

HEARD IN THE MODEL DEPARTMENT.

Teacher—"Name three hollow muscles..."

Pupil—"Your stomach, your mouth, and your brain."

Professor—"Who came over to England in 1066?"

Bluffer (is prompted "Normans")

"The Mormons."

An "aside" in the Psychology class, in answering the question, "What is heredity?"

"Blaming it on the monkeys."

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NOTE—This was not written by E. A. Poe.

An account of a ship wreck:

"The captain swam ashore. So did the chambermaid; she was insured for a large sum, and loaded with pig-iron."

Among the villages of Tipperary we hear there is one known as Conschawncurragtoish. We think it is a long way to the last syllable of Conschawncurragtoish.

Echoes From The Practice Department

"You talk too much."

"You stand too much on one foot."

"You are to severe."

"You must have better orders."

"Be kind to pupils."

"Do not allow the pupils to run over you."

"Do not stand like a statue. Move about."

"You make too many gestures. Be more dignified."

"I am satisfied with your work."

"I do not like your manner before your class."

"I am satisfied with the plans you are writing."

"Never refer to your plan."

"You do not follow your plans closely enough."

"You use 'just,' and 'git.'"

"Do not sit on the desk."

"You do not seem to be accomplishing anything."

"You are covering too much ground."

"You do not dismiss your class on time."

"Your pupils came three minutes too early to-day."

"See me."

A Rattling Contribution

I rattled into the zoology room the other day to hear Mr. Fairchild's pet rattlesnake rattle its rattle, and certainly it is the rattlingest rattler ever rattled a rattle. I quite rattled myself but even the rattling of the rattler could not rattle the Professor. He said it ate rats and that when rat heard rattler rattle its rattle, it became the rattlingest rattled rat he had ever seen. I cried to the Professor, "Oh, stop where you're at!" but he said, "It's not my rat but the rat of the rattler, and the rattler is the rattler of the rat. And if you don't believe it, just stand where you're at and save the hairpins when the rat tries to rattle the rattler and the rattler rattles the rat."

Josh Billings' Philosophy.

There is no man more than half so cunning as he thinks he is.

Politeness is the only thing that can add envy charm to honesty.

It is a great deal easier to call a man a phool than it is to prove it.

Justiss ought to be cheap; but next to bred it is the hardest thing to git.

Men ov real ability are the first to recognize it in others, and the last to recognize it in themselves.

The most charitable ov us all giv oftener because we feel obliged to than because we luv to.

Temptashun is the grate ordeal ov human natur. If he can resist this he will do to send to Congress.

It is hard work to pity another without feeling superior to him. This takes all the poetry out ov the emoshn. —Exjährige.

A small man sat in a crowded street car until he became tightly wedged in from both sides. A large handsome woman entered, took a strip in front of the small man and was hanging to it in discomfort when he arose in a flourish of politeness and touched her arm.

"Take my seat, madam," he said with a smile and a bow.

"Oh, thank you very much," she replied and turned toward the seat. Then smiling genially, she said: "Where did you get up from?"

—Everybody's

"Who is the lady dressed in black, mother?" asked Bobby.

"That is a sister of charity, my boy," replied his mother.

Bobby pondered deeply for a moment and said, "Which is she, mother, Faith or Hope." —Life.

Heard in German I.

"Die kow yat ober die fence ge-jumped, and alt the wheat beda-maged." —Ex.

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The proceeds from "Ohioysa Night" at the Gem theatre amounted to $12. Following Easter vacation the Gem will again be in the hands of the Indians. Watch for further announcements.

The Candy Sale on Saturday of last week was a marked success. The Society wishes to thank Messrs. Hannan and Bach for their generous efforts.

Mrs. L. Maloney has invited the society to her home on the afternoon of March 18th, for the purpose of finishing the book review on VV's eyes.

The challenge made by the Ohioysas has been publicly accepted by the Arenas.

The Indians are glad to know that Miss Bessie Smith is rapidly recovering from her long illness.

The lantern slides shown on Friday evening were on the life of Lincoln. Mr. Watson gave an instructive lecture on Lincoln.

The Ohioysa Society held a candy sale at Hannon-Bach's store on Saturday afternoon. About sixteen dollars worth of candy was sold.

Miss Beth Stanley has been visiting her friend Miss Brewster, the past week.

The Freshmen and Sub-Freshmen planned to have a sleigh-ride party to Custer, and there give their farce "Mrs. Tubbs' Surprise." on Saturday evening, but the poor sleighing prevented it.

Mrs. Mary D. Bradford has evidently "made good" as Superintendent of the Kenosha Schools, the same as she did when she was a member of the Faculty of the Stevens Point Normal, and in every other position she has occupied among the educators of Wisconsin. She has just been elected, for a fifth term, as Superintendent of Schools of that city. The election was unanimous. — JOURNAL.

BASKET BALL.

The following teams have been selected to represent the classes in The Girl's Annual Basket Ball Tournament.

Seniors:
- Centers—Elvina Foxon, Capt. Inga Nelson.
- Forwards—Winifred Wysocki, Mary Miller, Margaret Minton.
- Guards—Mary Ingalls, Marie Gotech, Janet Schlegel.

Sophomores:
- Centers—Abbie Sullivan, Capt. Florence Bourne, Grace Hanson, Ida Rothman.
- Guards—Hattie Weltman, Violet Ruby, Alma Jung.

Freshmen:
- Centers—Carol Liscomb, Elizabeth Burns.
- Forwards—Ora Phelps, Captain Bernice Riley, Elizabeth Burke.
- Guards—Helen Johnstone, Grace Johnstone, Andrey Stewart.

Rural Seniors:
- Centers—Theresa Malloy, Capt. Doris Maddy.
- Forwards—Ida Stenck, Julia Redding.
- Guards—Alice Welch, Ethel Newby.

Sub Freshmen and Rural Juniors:
- Centers—Maud Rice, Captain.
- Forwards—Merion Pease, Grace Means, Sarah Wysocki.
- Guards—Gertrude Billings, Genevieve Bradt.

A Sophomore's Essay on Stevens Point

Stevens Point is a big city, consisting of a Normal School and other Sanitariums.

Stevens Point is somewhat of an art center. It has many telephone posts, and a cement sidewalk on Main Street.

Leaning up against one side of Stevens Point is the Wisconsin River, which is full of many suckers especially during the bathing season. The river was placed here so that the big steamers could flow into the city.

Stevens Point contains a city Hospital, a fly factory, the Portage branch, and the public square. It was founded by a man who wanted a place to put his boat.

Stevens Point contains a Public Library and the Polish Brewery. It has a number of well educated schools, also a High School. It has a city council, and an automobile that runs on sleighs. It has a police force, and a new skeleton in the Normal Museum. The city's entire population is made up of men, women, children, and Normalites, not counting faculty or freshmen.

Juniors:
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