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STRONG PLEAS FOR NORMAL DORMITORY

Forceful Arguments are Presented to the Assembly Committee.

Forceful arguments against the repeal of the \$100,000 appropriation made two years ago for a dormitory at the Stevens Point Normal were presented to the Assembly Committee on Education by Normal school representatives.

The bill by Assemblyman Hoffman to repeal the grant was introduced as an economy measure. Those who appeared against it were Normal Regent George B. Nelson, and President John F. Sims of Stevens Point, Normal Regent Clough Gates and President V. E. McCaskill of Superior, Regent Mrs. H. E. Youmans of Waukesha, and Dr. Elizabeth Allison, medical advisor for Normal School women, and others.

Regent Nelson cited the success of dormitories in other states, a subject of which he had made a careful study. Dormitories are not to be classed as frills or unnecessary accessories, he said, but are part and parcel of the necessary training of teachers.

President Sims said that over one hundred girls are taking the course in the training of teachers in Domestic Science at his school. This means they are being instructed in the management of the fundamental unit—the home, and the value of efficiently trained teachers for this work was not to be minimized. At Stevens Point, he said, the Domestic Science Course has been making good, and these lines are being taught acceptably, and are making possible better home making. The site for a dormitory has been bought, opposite the Domestic Science Department.

A dormitory, he said, is a home on a large scale. Its management involves such problems in home making as laundering, cleaning, cooking, heating, and ventilating, all useful in home-making, and it permits a study of such subjects as balanced rations, furniture and furnishings, and how to act as hostess.

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A RECORD BREAKER

Eighty Entries in Big High School Track Meet

That the third annual Central Wisconsin Inter-Scholastic track and field meet to be held at the fair grounds in this city next Saturday under the auspices of the Stevens Point Normal, will in every way surpass either of the two preceding meets is foreshadowed by the quantity and quality of entries already received.

The pick of high school athletes from territory for many miles around will compete in the various events. Manawa will send eight men, Chippewa Falls ten, Merrill fifteen, Rice Lake two, Wausau twelve, Grand Rapids twelve, Appleton four, and New London two, while the Stevens Point school, which has designs on the Pasternacki championship cup, has entered a team of fifteen men. The total number of individual entries is eighty, which, and also the number of schools represented, breaks all past records.

Rice Lake has forwarded the names of but two athletes for competition, but never-the-less they are ambitious, and have a right to be. One of the pair is L. Kline, reputed to be among the classiest high school performers in Wisconsin, and as he is entered in the 100 and 220 yard dashes, 220 yard hurdles, and discus throw, the duet is far from being counted out in the struggle for place.

Kinzel, of Merrill, holder of the mile record, made in 1914, will be in that event again, as will also Stemen of Stevens Point, who gave Kinzel a hard fight last year and finished second.

Chippewa Falls has a man who is expected to make Rice, Wausau half-miler, extend himself to repeat his victory of last year.

It is predicted by George D. Corneal, physical director of the normal school, that many of the records made in the events of 1913 and 1914 will be smashed. "I believe that new records for every event, with the possible exception of the 100 yard dash, will be hung up, if con-

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Friendship.

NESSIE MCGOWAN.

In the very center of the county she was planted as if to enable her to show toward all the people round about her the feeling expressed by her name—FRIENDSHIP, brought long before the Civil War, by her first settlers from their former home town in New York State. The fact that the names of many of these first settlers are found on the old tombstones in Mount Repose Cemetery, west of the village, shows that they came to have such a kindly, home-like feeling for the new Friendship, that they stood by her throughout life.

She is a quiet, homely little town, so lacking in the qualities of stir and bustle that one is surprised at the amount of work that goes on in her bank and her post office, and is forced to wonder who uses all the supplies and provisions that are handled by the ever busy freightmen journeying constantly between the village and the depot a mile away.

The old gray-haired County Judge on his way home from his office in the fine new court house near the center of the village, will gladly rest on the post office steps opposite and tell old tales of the town. He remembers, as if it had been but yesterday, the drilling of the fine company of soldiers down at the first fair ground site, in the days of '61.

Looking north from our stand in front of the post office, the main street, indeed the village has for its back-ground against the sky, a sand stone bluff, the "Friendship Mound." This mile long bluff, rising to a height of two hundred feet, covered in most places with pine trees, in others bare and lifting its sharp peaks toward the blue sky, gives Friendship and her people something to which they must look up. At its farther end is a perfect "Chimney Rock," separate, except at its base, from the great mass. One of the beautiful winter sights of the village is that of the rising sun making pink the snow-covered mound top before he himself comes into view.

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THE NORMAL SURVEY

Some of the Answers Given To Investigators By Students.

While the normal school survey was being conducted in the latter part of 1913, an examination of normal school students was given, one of the objects being to test their general information, knowledge which they could acquire by reading the newspapers.

Reports of their answers, made public in the survey report, indicate a surprising lack of knowledge on some subjects.

Out of 2,942 students examined, twelve did not know who the president of the United States was. Several of them thought he was Taft; one thought Sherman was president. Seven per cent, or nearly two hundred, did not give (if they knew) the name of the governor of Wisconsin. Fifty-two per cent, or 1,320 did not know the name of the president of the University of Wisconsin.

Although the Balkan war was then raging, 35 per cent, or 1008, did not name correctly two of the Balkan states. Only 28 per cent, were able to give some facts about Col. Goethals, although his name was then prominent in the newspapers, 39 per cent gave something about Bismark; 63 per cent about Joan of Arc; 3 per cent about John R. Commons; 44 per cent about James J. Hill; 20 per cent about David Starr Jordan; 39 per cent about William Tell; and 39 per cent about Dante.

Only seven per cent could name a person prominently connected with the invention of the steam engine, although 81 per cent gave correct answers with regard to steam boat. Only 36 per cent indicated they knew what Tammany Hall was only 23 per cent explained the initiative; 28 per cent explained the referendum; only 19 per cent could tell what a public utility was; and only 20 per cent explained what impeachment meant.

The students were quizzed on a variety of other matters. One of the questions was, "What causes night and day?"

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Strong Pleas for Normal Dormitory

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Dr. Allison made a plea for the dormitory as a means of giving new teachers what she called their best asset—a well body, a sane mind, and right habits.

"Insufficient sleep is the most potent factor leading to a nervous breakdown," she said, "and fatigue is closely allied to it. In a modern dormitory the girls go to bed and arise on time, and by the rules of the building they must eat on time. Regularity in these matters determines in a very large degree the health of the future teacher, the product of the normal schools. Our girls need the dormitory for their best physical, mental, and intellectual welfare," she said.

Dr. Allison also emphasized the necessity of proper heating, ventilation, and lighting, which a dormitory supplies, and which she said the average rooming house lacks for the girl student. In the Superior dormitory, for example, very few of the seventy-five girls are subject to eye strain, but a different condition prevails at other schools lacking a school home like Crownhart hall. Other advantages of the dormitory she enumerated were good laundry and sanitary conveniences, and opportunity for music, games, and good companionship, and means for isolation in case of sickness.

Superior has the only Normal dormitory in the State, and Regent Gates gave a convincing account of its economical operation by which both the Students and the State have profitted. Only its capital expenditure has been made by the Regents and the building has since been self-sustaining, and \$500 per year has been set aside from its income for a repair and re-placement fund. Now this fund has voluntarily been made still larger, and in addition to this the girls occupying the hall have used part of the surplus in supplying tennis courts. The girls pay only \$4 per week for their room and board, yet with this low rate the State has in nearly three years accumulated a surplus of over \$2,500. Regent Gates predicted the dormitory at Superior will be continuously self-sustaining, provided no unusual expenditure becomes necessary.

President McCaskill declared his dormitory had been more than justified, and was one of the best investments the State ever made.

Knowing the situation at Stevens Point from a residence of over six years in this city, he believed a building of the same kind here would be most desirable for all concerned.

Regent Nelson: "One of the most discouraging features features of the nearing," said, "was the filing with the chairman by Mr. Hoffman, author of the repeal bill, of a stack of letters written by Stevens Point people opposing the dormitory. The assembly committee will report the bill out, either for passage, or indefinite postponement, on Wednesday of next week."

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ditions are favorable. It is also possible that the 10¼ mark for the century, made two years ago by Moyer of Merrill, will also be beaten, as Kline of Rice Lake has frequently done the sprint in faster time."

Coach Corneal is enthusiastic over prospects for the meet, and is anxious that local people turn out and welcome the visitors, who are recognized as good "timber" for the normal school in future years.

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FRIENDSHIP

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At the foot of the mound is a quiet pond formed by the damming of the Little Roche-a-Cris Creek. Little islands, wooded banks, and ravines give it added beauties of color, light and shade. A mysterious air hangs about it, and one waits unconsciously for the blast of a horn to call out a second "Lady of the Lake."

The gray, wooden grist mill on this creek is now the oldest man-made land-mark of the village. It stood there in war time, and so strongly was it builded and well, that it has now been repaired and put into use as a power house for the electric light plant.

Friendship is a village of people who for the most part own their homes themselves. Consequently they are anxious to have things neat and tidy, and many of them spend much time in the work necessary to bring about this appearance. The side streets of the village are noticeably free from the tumble-down sheds, unused barns, and unsightly back yards common in many villages of her size.

A visit to this little place during a summer when a plentiful supply of rain is falling, is surely a delight. Torrents of water may pour down all night, but the ever thirsty, sandy soil drinks it all, and sun-rise shows us Friendship—clean, growing, cheerful and cool under the fine old oaks and maples.

THE NORMAL SURVEY

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One answer was as follows: "Moon has influence over night and day. When the sun casts its shadow on the moon we have night. Otherwise it is day." Here is another answer: "When the sun reaches the equator and starts to go down it begins to be night." Still another: "The world is spherical in shape and revolves around the sun as its axis when it is in a position so that we are farthest from the sun it is night. Therefore the farther east we go the earlier the hour. This accounts for the change in time."

"What do we believe the three chief causes of the Revolutionary War?" was another question put to the students. One answered: "Depression by the mother country, England." Another said, "Slavery." Still another said: "State Rights." Still another said: "Unfriendly feeling between the Indians and the European countries."

One student gave as the cause of the war: "Wrists of aristocratic." One of the prize replies was as follows: "Three chief causes of the Revolutionary war are: Treaty between France and United States, annexation of Texas, stamp act."

Nearly a third of the pupils fell down on the problem: "Find the gain in selling for 3 cents a pencil that cost 2 cents."

Only 5 per cent could remember any event with which Thomas Jefferson was connected.

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Resigns from Normal

Miss Ida Stoddard of Janesville, who has been clerk in the office of President Sims at the Normal school for the past few months, has resigned and left for Ft. Atkinson, where she will accept a position as stenographer with the Northwestern Manufacturing Co., one of the biggest manufacturing institutions in that part of the state. A permanent successor to Miss Stoddard has not been named, but Miss Olive Anderson of Whitehall, will fill the position for a couple of months at least. Miss Anderson was clerk up to the first of the year, and faculty members, students and townspeople alike will be pleased at her return.

Home Economics Club

The Primary people realized last Thursday evening, what it meant to challenge the Home Economics girls to a basket ball game. The

game was a good one from the beginning. The first half ended with the score a tie, 3 to 3. This proved to be the stopping place for the Primary, for the game ended with the score 9 to 3 in favor of the Home Economics Girls.

The musical program given before the game was very well rendered, and was much appreciated by the audience.

Forum-Athenaeum

A joint program of the Ohiesya and Forum-Athenaeum will be held to-night at 7:30. A debate is the main feature, constituting a contest between the two societies. The Ohiesya will uphold the negative, and the boys will uphold the affirmative:

The program is as follows:

I Music—Emil Hafsoos

II **Debate:** Women should be granted Universal Suffrage by Constitutional Amendment.

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III Music—Double Quartette

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V Vocal Solo—Marion Weltman

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A few miles east of the foot hills of the Little Rocky Mountains, almost lost in the expansive plains of Montana, is the tiny city of Harlem. Its buildings seemed to have fairly rivaled each other in getting situated closest to the track of the Great Northern Railroad, which cuts the miniature town in two.

On one side of the track are the old and rather dilapidated buildings of ancient Harlem; huddled together like so many beggars finding solace in the companionship of others in like misery. There was the old saloon, around whose door were lounging a group of cow punchers and sheep herders. It has long furnished a hanging out place for the men for miles around, and could its shabby walls tell tales, many a story of wild shooting skirmishes and drinking brawls might be related. Hundreds of lonely sheep herders hungering for the society of anything human had hastened to this rendezvous, and in one night rid himself of his earnings of a whole season of herding. Next door is the old home, with its hospitable doors wide open, welcoming all who may come that way. In front of it stands the old stage coach, the horses are munching lazily at the tufts of grass, as if loath to think of the long journey which they will soon start upon. In back of these buildings is a small general store, and a few little cottages scattered about indiscriminately.

Across the track may be seen the New Harlem painted warehouses, stores and hotel. Drawn up in front of the warehouses are big farm wagons which the thrifty farmers are busily loading or unloading in preparation to returning to their homes far out on the great plains where wait happy faces and joyful voices to welcome them after their long day's journey. In the distance may be seen the little church, its steeple reaching up into the air beaming down upon the busy farmers in their week day labors. On the Sabbath, around its door will be huddled the farm wagons, and the sturdy farmers will bring their wives and families, decked out in their best apparel, to sing hymns and offer up thanksgiving for many blessings.

New Harlem looks forward ever, to a new and beautiful future, full of honest toil, wholesome pleasures

and bountiful blessings. Old Harlem basks lazily in the sunshine and dreams of a wild and turbulent past, when brute's strength was low, and all men bowed down before it.

LORAIN OSTER

"Wasn't It Grand?"

"Wasn't it grand?" has been a popular short story of the Normal Party given a week ago, April 30. The committee which planned the party expected it to be a success, but even they were surprised at the outcome. About three hundred students, and many of the faculty, besides some towns-people, were at the Union Depot waiting for the excursion train to start.

Mr. Ellis, the train-master, very ably conducted the schedule and the trains, carrying about twenty passengers each, started out about every twenty minutes. They traveled to various places of note, such as Chicago, Dublin, Olympia, and Cairo.

There were quite a number of students, and even a large percentage of faculty members who dressed "ridiculously" for the occasion. Some carried baggage which they insisted on having checked, some sold pop-corn, and others acted in a way which surely showed that behind "it" all there is much S. P. N. spirit left.

As students we wish to thank heartily those faculty members who realize that all of life is not a strict routine, and who gave us all so much real enjoyment. We are sure that our respect for them has grown, because of their co-operative spirit. We also wish to thank the students who so enthusiastically performed their various parts.

Mr. Corneal gave a fine exhibition of torch light swinging, and we all wish to express our thanks.

The Oratorical Association wishes to thank those who patronized the Railroad Lunch Counter, and also those who helped make it a success.

"Wasn't the Party grand?"

To the Girls

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