MISSOURI CONTESTANT WINS FIRST IN ORATORICAL CONTEST

Greatest Forensic Event in the History of Stevens Point Takes Place in Normal Auditorium

Stanislaw Wallach, a student of the Missouri State Teachers' College, won the Twenty-fifth annual contest held in the auditorium on Friday evening. This contest held under the auspices of the Inter-State League of State Normal Schools, was one of the most successful contests ever held by that organization.

Second place was won by Charles Bareis of the Platteville Normal. Much credit is due both of these men for the excellent work done in the contest.

It is interesting to note that the winning orator is the son of a Bohemian peasant. His oration “The Fortress of Liberty” presented in a very forceful and vivid manner the terrible rule of the Bolshevist forces in some of the eastern countries. He pointed out that the Czecho-Slovak republic is the fortress of liberty, between these countries and the rest of the world.

He stated that although the Bohemian people are of a very radical nature, they have been able to withstand the degrading influences of the surrounding bolshevist peoples. He spoke of the invaluable aid given these people by the Americans and told how grateful they are for this aid.

Although the contest was closely contested many people picked the Missouri man as the winner, before the decision of the judges was announced. He spoke so well that he was able to hold the close attention of the entire audience, during his entire speech.

Wisconsin's representative, Charles Bareis, spoke on “The Growing Spirit of Lawlessness.” Throughout his oration he dwelt on the growing lawlessness of the more radical people in our country today. He made a wonderful appeal for a stronger and better

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INTER-STATE ORATORICAL LEAGUE HOLDS BUSINESS MEETING

At the business meeting of the Inter-State League held on Thursday evening the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, The local committee and the faculty of the Stevens Point Normal School have so well provided for the comfort and entertainment of the delegates here assembled.

Be it resolved, That said delegates hereby express their hearty appreciation of all favors shown and of all efforts put forth to make this meeting an unqualified success.

Signed:

The Resolution Committee.

The constitution provides that the offices shall go to the several states in rotation. According to this ruling Kansas will have the presidency for the coming year and the several schools in the state will elect some student to fill the office. Iowa will have the vice-presidency for the coming year and Missouri will elect the secretary-treasurer. The contest will be held next year at Warrensburg Missouri.

Extemporaneous speaking was reinstated as an event of the league, at the business meeting. This contest will be held on the afternoon of the day set for the oratorical contest. The subject on which the contestants will speak will be chosen by the professor of public speaking at the state university where the contest is held. The extempore contest was held in the inter-state league prior to a year ago and its reinstatement was authorized by a majority of the school delegates in attendance at the business meeting held here.

BELL RINGERS PLEASE

The Dunbar Quartet and Bell Ringers,' of nation-wide reputation rendered a concert of merit before a capacity house in the Normal auditorium on Monday evening, May 3, as the last number of the city entertainment course.

Dramatic reading, several selections on the bells and instrumental and vocal numbers constituted the program. Each of the entertainers possess marked talent and the number of encores they received is evidence of their success.

Prof. H. S. Dyer of the Normal faculty briefly addressed the audience before the concert, commenting on the success of the city entertainment course. He complimented the committee in charge and expressed the hope that the course next year would meet with the same success.

SENIOR CLASS PLAY FAR IN DEVELOPMENT

Humanity has always crucified its leaders who dared to think twenty-five years ahead of their time. Fashions change rapidly, human nature evolves slowly and in a spiral, rather than by direct steps. The progressives of today tend to become the reactionaries of tomorrow. The conservatism of age is necessary to balance the radicalism of youth, and tragedy and comedy arise from the dramatic conflict involved. Arnold Bennett saw the dramatic possibilities in this universal theme and collaborated with Edward Knoblauch in producing Mile-Stones, a play involving the ideals and ideals of three generations, revolving around the hearthstone. The first mile-stone is reached in 1860, the second in 1885, and the third in the present day.

The Senior class, appreciating the vital interest this theme must hold in these reconstruction days, will produce Mile-Stones for their class play, and five weeks of rehearsals have already set it far along the road toward the finished performance which is expected June fourth. Setting a costume, and interpretation will be unified into an artistic whole. The cast promises a production that will thrill, interest and satisfy both generations, at the same time enlarging the viewpoint of each through sympathetic understanding.

By try-outs the following cast was selected:

John Rhead, George Storm.
Mrs. Rhead, Wealthy Ploeger.
Gertrude Rhead, Bertha Glennon.
Rose Sibley, Esther Van Camp.
Samuel Sibley, Emil Hebel.
Thompson, Whitmer.
Emily Rhead, Elizabeth Kimball.
Ned Pym, Williams.
Nancy Sibley, Marion Smith.
Lord Monkhurst, John Reilahan.
Arthur Preece, Joe Krause.
The Honorable Muriel Pym, Helen Van Ornum.
Richard Sibley, Colby.

The conflict of ideas centers around the innovation of iron ships in the British navy, instead of British oak. These are supplanted in their turn by steel ships, with a hint that they may fall before concrete vessels. A prosaic subject as a basis for the loves and hates of two families for half a century, but fashionable cloaks, broken engagements, socialistic reformers, woman suffrage advocates, child welfare enthusiasts, golden weddings, reunited loves, Canadian emigrants, reaping machines and rubber-tired perambulators all support and amplify the theme.

If the phrase had not been overworked long ago one might say that the senior play will be decidedly worth while.
THIRTEEN COLLEGES
SEND DELEGATES TO
STATE CONFERENCE

Three Day Session of Second Annual
Student Volunteer Meet Closes
Saturday

Thirteen institutions of collegiate
rank were represented at the second
annual conference of the Wisconsin
Student Volunteer Union, which open­
ated at Ripon Friday evening. The
final meeting of the three day session
was held in the Congregational church
Sunday evening, and the last of the
delegates returned to their respective
colleges Monday morning. Stevens
Point, Whitewater, Milwaukee, Osh­
kosh and Milwaukee Downer Normals,
Lawrence, Carroll, Beloit, Northland,
Mission, Milton and Ripon colleges,
and the University of Wisconsin had
one or more delegates at the conven­
tion. The total number was consid­
erably smaller than anticipated and it
did not reach above one hundred and
twenty-five.

Stevens Point Normal was well rep­
resented, having fifteen delegates from
the Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A., the
University alone having a larger dele­
gation. Those representing S. P. N.
were: Florence Pierce, Winifred
Shaffer, Mildred Bard, Ferna Taylor,
Marit Kelley, Gladys Walker, iVoila
Wedig, Eva Erickson, Laura Dim­
mock, Alice Miller, Lillian Welslaid­
er, Ruth Terrio, Rudolph Wilson,
James Williams and Oliver Heath.

The conference brought to Ripon
campus a number of speakers, all of
who are notable workers in volun­
teer and missionary circles. The
names of Mr. H. Conrad Ostrom of
Japan; Dr. C. E. Tompkins, a medical
missionary who has been in China for
seventeen years; Dr. George E. Hunt,
of Madison; Miss May A. Flemming,
who is now traveling secretary of the
movement, and who this summer will
leave for Japan; Mr. Charles A.
Herschleb, of Tsinan Fu, Shantung
Province, China; Mr. Edward Adams,
of Korea, and Mr. Alfred E. Willett,
of the university. Mr. Ostrom struck
the keynote of the convention when he
said, "If you respond to your call
you'll be all right. If you don't, the
call may never come again, and in
your life will be a great emptiness." The
spirit of the convention was em­
odied in the word service. This was
shown not only in the lectures but in
the wonderful display of posters.

The Stevens Point delegation was
very much impressed by the beauty
of Ripon and by the hospitality of
the Ripon people and the Ripon college
students and faculty.
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CONTEST FOR TOUR

TO CLOSE SOON

The Teacher's European Tour Contest which the Milwaukee Journal has been promoting will close on May 15. The student body of S. P. N. have worked well in securing signed ballots for our candidate, Miss May Roach, and are deserving of commendation for their co-operative effort and expressions of good-will and loyalty.

Only a few days remain in which to secure votes. Let's not miss one Stevens Pointer's signature. Everyone is needed and everyone will help.

S'MAN OMITTED

Rhody Rice, whose name was omitted by an oversight in the last issue of the Pointer is an S'M wearer. Rhody played left end on the football squad and has one stripe to his credit.

Lacks the Kick.

In spite of all the talk about water power it doesn't taste as if it had any.

—Arkansas Gazette.

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GIRLS GLEE CLUB

PRESENTS OPERETTA

"The Wild Rose," an operetta in two acts, was very ably presented in the Normal auditorium by the Girl's Glee Club on Thursday evening, May 6.

The first act takes place in Rose McCloud's city home. Miss McCloud, the most popular young society belle of her time, is bored by her artificial existence. Her life is an endless round of festivities and a maddening procession of reporters, adoring debutantes, charity workers, reform promoters, dress makers, milliners, perfumers, etc., until she is driven to distraction. Having achieved great success in society theatricals she decides to go on the stage. Lady Grey, an eccentric playwright, has recently written a play, the leading role to which Rose aspires but much-to-her amazement she is not to be considered for the part and is even refused an interview by Lady Grey who thinks her far too frivolous for the work. In disgust she plans to leave the city and forget it all by going to the country under an assumed name.

The second act takes place at her country home, where she is thoroughly enjoying herself. She has succeeded in out-witting an unpaid throng of city admirers, who have tracked her to her country home and have come to pay adulation. Meanwhile, she has made friends with her next door neighbor, a nice old lady, who proves to be Lady Grey. When the latter discovers the true indentity of Rose she grants the desired role and all ends happily.

The closing operetta was presented in masterly fashion and Mr. Dyer, the director, and all who took part in it are to be highly complimented upon the splendid success of the entertainment.

ROUND TABLE NEWS

The Round Table held its regular meeting Monday, May 3. The program consisted of a vocal solo, "Rockin' in de Win'" by Estelle Burns. A piano solo, "When Evening Shadows Fall" by Adlin Schierl. A talk, "What Should be the Outcome of Physical Training in the Schools" by Margaret Costigan. A reading, "Miss Minerva and William Green Hill" by Esther Johnson.

A new program committee was appointed consisting of Alice Miller, Erna Friedl, Viola Hoffman and Orielia Handlen.

In Case of Fainting.

One day in school the teacher asked us what we would do in case of fainting. A pupil quickly answered, "Throw water on yourself!"

DRAMATIC CLUB A

LIVE ORGANIZATION

The Dramatic Club announces the following new members, most of whom will be in school next year, ready for a full year of dramatic activities: Lucille Anschuetze, Alica Bahr, Pearl Beck, Estelle Burns, Bessie Bursack, Mildred Bard, Norman Colby, Lillian Bird, Elizabeth Burke, Robert Card, Joe Krause, Sophia Kurkaski, Hulda Kyle, Viola Hoffman, Leonight Moffet, Mabel Peterson, Mildred Stratton, Eleanor Stencil, Adelin Schierl, Lucy Steffanus, Genevieve Stencil, Ruth Terrio, Sarah Tick, Dorothy Woodward, Esther Van Camp. The following are applicants for membership: Emily Carteron, Marjorie Barager, Winifred Shafer, Jean Murdock, Earl Marsh.

At the regular meeting April 27th, a one-act play, Fourteen, by Alice Gerstenberg was produced, with Lucille Anschuetze, Ruth Terrio, Leighton Moffat, in the cast. The Lost Silk Hat, by Dunsany, and The Heart of Pierrot, a fantasy, were read by Adelin Schierl and Mabel Peterson. At the next meeting Susan Glasspelt's Suppressed Desires will be produced by Lucy Steffanus, Eleanor Stencil, Norman Colby; and Asaph, dramatized from Farnk Stockton's story, with the following cast, Hulda Kyle, Dorothy Woodward, George Morrill, Kjer.

Barrie's Twelve Pound Look; Irish play. The Christening Robe; Kate Douglas Wiggin's The Peabody Pew; Gertrude Jennings's Between The Soup and the Savoury; Mackay's The Beau of Bath, are all under rehearsal. These have been chosen for the range and variety of characters and settings. The Dramatic Club is taking the responsibility of redecorating the scenery recently purchased by the school, thereby developing some of the resourcefulness and ingenuity that is a necessary part of most amateur dramatics. A neutral box set and back drop will afford opportunity for light and color experimentation.

The executive committee of the Club has voted to give a public performance this term, owing to the crowded condition of the social calendar.

Several books of plays have been added to the library by the club.

BRYAN HERE ON LECTURE COURSE

William Jennings Bryan, the great commoner and statesman, delivered a most interesting address in the auditorium of this institution on Thursday evening, April 22. Mr. Bryan appeared here as a number on the lecture course and spoke before a packed house.
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Americanism. Mr. Bareis spoke in a very oratorical style and succeeded in making a deep impression on the audience.

"The Menace of Militarism" delivered by Ignatious Donnelly Taube- neck from the Illinois State Normal University, Normal, Illinois, was ranked third place. The other orations were: "Theodore Roosevelt, Fighting Man" by Frederick W. Kal- tenbach from the Iowa State Teachers' College, Cedar Falls, Iowa and "The Man of Galilee" by Logan Anderson from the State Manual Training Normal School, Pittsburg, Kansas.

The contest merited a much larger attendance than was present. Those who missed it certainly missed one of the best forensic contests ever held in Stevens Point.

A very interesting program was rendered on Friday morning by the student body. Several of the visitors, when given a chance to speak, testified that every provision for their entertainment and comfort had been made and they all spoke well of the enthusiasm and pep shown by the student body.

A auto ride around the city and surrounding country and a banquet at Nelson Hall completed the afternoon's entertainment. The banquet was attended by all of the delegates and several of the local students and faculty members.

The judges for the contest were: S. Gaylord of Wiona, Minn.; Attorney Duffy of Fond du Lac; E. E. Bridley of Richland Center; Car N. Hill of Madison, and G. W. Buchen of Milwaukee.

PRIMARY SENIORS
TO PUBLISH BOOK

The Primary Council held its regular meeting, Thursday, May 6. Thirty-three members responded to roll call. After the business of the Council was completed, the following program was rendered:

Dramatization, "Harold's Pony," by the second grade children under the direction of Elsie Lambert.

"The Origin of Mother's Day," Helen Siebert.

Reading, "When Mothers Gone Away," Jennie Topping.

"Folk Dance," Lunora Slocum.

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