NORMAL SCHOOLS TO ASK FOR THE DEGREE GRANTING POWER.

The Normal Schools of Wisconsin will ask again this year for the power to grant a degree in education of four year courses and it is hoped that favorable legislation will result. Wisconsin is one of the twelve states which at present does not confer this privilege upon its Normal Schools. No other mid-western state denies its Normal schools this desirable recognition.

A number of advantages would naturally follow such legislative enactment. One of which at present does not confer this privilege upon its Normal Schools. No other mid-western state denies its Normal schools this desirable recognition.

The holding of the student body, or a large per cent of them for four years instead of for a shorter time, would be a valuable thing in itself be advantageous. With nearly one half of the students new each year a school can not build up the traditions and atmosphere which mean so much in the life of our higher institutions. The added contact with upper classes, the interest of the faculty has an undoubted value which can not be over estimated.

In asking for the degree granting power the Normal Schools plan no encroachment upon the university or college field. Its sole purpose is the development and training of teachers for the rural, graded and high schools of the state. At present students enrolled in the teacher's course in private colleges upon graduation receive the degree with permission to teach. This privilege is given them by the state legislature. It would seem to be a part of wisdom that the student, graduating from the state's own schools, founded for the high purpose of training teachers and in which is found the full equipment of the work done in colleges, should receive an equal recognition from the state.

The movement in this large interest, to wit, the degree granting privilege, is endorsed and supported by the Normal Regents, the Wisconsin Teachers Association, and the City Superintendents' Association.

The Stevens Point Normal School will give its unsolicited and enthusiastic support to the proposed legislation, not only in

1925 BASKETBALL SEASON PROSPECTS.

The Football season was one of promise until the 4:15 classes, injuries, and practice classes reduced the majority of candidates. We all hope that better fortune will attend our efforts in Basketball.

The list of candidates was rather large when the members signed up but simmered down when actual practice started. It is usually not necessary, in the school, to cut down on a squad; the squad cuts itself down. However there are always enough unblooded men in the school to form a good team, especially in basketball.

Basketball has become the great American Indoor game, and that the state goes through out-having played the game has indeed missed something vital. The game requires speed, endurance, quick thinking. Move mistakes can be made in one half of a basketball game than in a year of the ordinary school life. It is to be expected with as many of these mistakes, promote speed, endurance, and headwork that so much seemingly wasteful effort and sometimes monotonous practice is necessary.

Our team this year will probably be no better nor worse than the team which has gone before. It looks at the present time like an average team. We can not figure out our chances to the nearest second. With the faculty are able to be because we never know just what our rival Normal's have picked up in the November inter-sectional games. I think, from what I have been able to find out, that Stevens Point Normal should rate about fifth.
CROSS-WORD PUZZLES.

A word in four letters meaning the result of vaccination? Those who have not as yet submitted the puzzle for publication of cross-word puzzles should have had enough experience in this line to begin a puzzle right here. But, brother and sisters, do not stand detached from the mob and scoff at their frantic search for words. Try it yourself and soon you will reach the high tide in these puzzles which have a subtle, teasing quality that will get anyone. Besides the working of them does not constitute a total waste of time. They do improve and enlarge your vocabularies, one thing that is certainly necessary in the teaching profession. The continuity of a desired end can be seen in the use of words. They are useful to impress on our minds certain facts. For one of these puzzles may be manipulated to emphasize any line of words. But only he who experiences will believe this. Becoming aware of you, your vocabulary will grow and feel with us a glow of satisfaction as you realize the extent of your vocabulary.

THE GIRLS’ BEST-ROOM.

The girls’ rest-room at S. P. N. is as a rule neglected while other things are pushed forward. The need for such a room demands no explanation. A very brief glance over the room in its present condition would be enough to convince anyone that this corner of the building is used continually. In fact it is in such constant use that the furnishings are becoming shabby; the furniture should be placed.

ATHLETIC NOTES.

We lost not only the basketball game at Wauaus but about $16 worth of girls’ furnishings. We have not been able to find out, but sister who owns the locker room is not the most unsafe place in the world to mufflers, gloves and overshoes. And the worst of the matter was that they didn’t neglect the home boy (yet).

Mr. Watson and Coach Sweatt attended meetings in Madison on Saturday, December 13, to arrange schedules and attend to other matters athletics. The following Conference games were arranged for Football: Oct. 10—Shrewsbury (there) Oct. 12—North Claire (there); Oct. 23 or 24—Whitewater (here); Oct. 31—River Falls (here) HOME-COMING. Other games with Conference Teams are being negotiated for.

The trip home was made in the “Essex”, and if you remember the temperature and velocity of the wind was on that evening you will know why that was one of the most looking and most exciting and most satisfying and most instructive experiences ever had.

The next meeting of the Rural Life Club is to be held Jan. 19, 1925. A general program will be given. It will be featured by a constructive talk on some educational problem by someone yet to be selected. It has been the policy of the club to bring in some outside speakers every year to present the members such problems they are going to face when they enter the field.

Two weeks later, Feb. 2, 1925, the last meeting of the semester will be held and will be given over entirely to a debate. The question has not been worded but will pertain to Conservation. A regular tryout will be held, and two teams will be selected to participate in the final debate. The team to be appointed and the decision will be given.

Consolidation is a very important question before the rural people today. It is hoped that this debate will stimulate an interest in the subject and also acquaint us with the arguments for and against it. Of course we are all supposed to be for Conservation. We can talk intelligently on any subject it is necessary to know both sides. The debate will also furnish excellent experience for members of the club to get experience in public speaking.

HOME EC. DEPARTMENT.

Thelma Anderson, who has been your faithful one-year course in Home Economics here, this year, has accepted a position as director of the Home Economics Department at Bellesont, Wisconsin. We wish her much success in the coming year.

The girls of the South Cottage are giving two formal dinners, Friday and Saturday, January 16–17.

Beverly young gentlemen who call at the South Cottage. The floors have been freshly waxed.

Miss Wilson seemed to sympathize with the girls in Laundry Class, the first of January. Must have gotten in rather late herself. She went back to them in her apron. Guess Bernie hasn’t found it. At least we didn’t see any more of her that day.

PRIMARY DEPT.

Christmas is over but will the Primary Department ever forget that Christmas party? Well, I should say not! Everyone was there, even the Critics and our Director. Red and white caps were given at the entrance and had to be worn. Then a nursery game was played and enjoyed by all. Later Santa Claus came and everybody received a gift and oh! what pretty things they did give us. The meeting of the Primary Department is made up of all-around good people. We know it and hope to show everybody that we are too. Just watch!

S. P. N. ALUMNUS AN AUTHOR.

Mrs. Nina J. Belinger, an alumnum of S. P. N., now employed in the schools of Detroit, Michigan, is the author of “Methods in Adult Elementary Education” a book written by Charles Scribner’s Sons.

This book, a pioneer in its class, deals with the conditions, material, and methods of teaching English to foreigner and to adult elementary students. It is the outgrowth of actual teaching experience in the Detroit schools in which twelve thousand foreign born and adult elementary students are registered. It is a valuable contribution to the methodical literature, as no theory which has not stood the test of actual practice is advocated.

S. P. N. compliments Mrs. Belinger for her success in the field wherein she has deservedly achieved a national reputation.
Bobby Wisnew: Guess what your room-mate said about you the other day.

Carl Baeker: I haven’t the least idea.

Booby: So he told you, too?

Mr. Mott: This is the third time that you have looked on Anderson’s paper.

Knope: Yes, sir, he doesn’t write very plainly.

“Those guys sure have a mean line,” murmured little Geo. Washington after he had interviewed Mason and Dixon.

An egotist is a person who gets stuck on his own point of view.

How is it that the K. K. K. couldn’t get organized up here in the mountains?

Well, you see, ‘tain’t nobody up here what’s got any shee’ht kept the storekeeper and he got lonesome paradin’ by himself.

Ed. Jensen (blandly): It’s of no consequence, sir; it’s only a dirty one.

Buck Weaver: Let’s strike for shorter hours.

H. Crane: You bet. Sixty minutes is too much.

Hanson: A fellow just told me he looked like you.

Peterson: Where is he? I’d like to knock his block off.

Hanson: I killed him.

Eddie T.: I always wondered where all the Smiths came from until I visited the city.

Myrtle J.: Then what happened?

Eddie T.: I saw a sign which read “Smith Manufacturing Co.”

Mr. Knutzen (discussing automobile speed in Lit. 18): Miss Boles, what do you consider a good speed to drive?

Caroline: It depends on where you are.

Our idea of a conceited man is the one who takes harp lessons.

Always two ways of looking at things—especially if you are cross-eyed.

NELSON HALL EPITAPH.

Of all sad words for girls or men The saddest are these “It’s half past ten.”

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WINTER SPORTS AT S. P. N.

I wonder if everybody knows what we mean by winter sports—what we are talking about when we mean the hill-flying people of this day and age but honest-to-goodness winter outdoors, like these for example: skating, skiing, and tobogganusing.

You should just see all who are generating. Our distinguished Carl Bacher, our droll Henry Kolka, and others just as good-looking and famous as these men. Just the thought of these worthy persons is enough to make it an incentive for others to go. And to make it better yet you should see how they can skate. They simply glide along, in fact they are gliding along all the time but not always on their skates, sad to say. But, nevertheless, is the ice not made for other pursuits besides skating?

Oh boy! Then take skiing. Ask some of the people who have glided along the hill with two sticks under their feet how it feels. If you are lucky enough to stay on those sticks, well, you get a feeling only perhaps a little bit stronger, because you still go down faster and faster only not feet down but instead you might call it downward. In fact, you go down up-side-down. But the snow is soft and if you have an imagination, use it, and you will think you are jumping or falling into your featherbed. That alone should be enough to have everyone try skiing, because everybody, at least these normal boys and girls, seems to like his bed.

And last but not least comes tobogganusing. Fun! Nothing can equal it for fun. Get the thrill of flying even though you don't rise in the air, but—on second thought, you do rise in the air and sometimes quite high too and then your wishes of ones soaring in the atmosphere as a bird is fully filled.

Now another way of tobogganusing is to rent a cutter and an old plug that hardly is able to walk. That's the kind to get because then our little boys and girls won't get hurt and won't catch cold from swallowing too much cold air. Here's what some of the girls did. They rented the plug for the above reasons and also because they couldn't drive a fast horse, only they didn't want to admit it. Then they rode down Main Street and met a double cutter with four of the opposite sex seated therein. Of course the wiles of the feminine gender caused these men to ask them to ride behind their cutter.

This the girls gladly did as they had to pay for their cutter they readily decided to take it back and thereby save their pennies. And then the thrill. These horses could actually run and, the fun the girls did have, Of course they all rode on the toboggan. And then the great get-thrill-of—all—that-night. Did you ever hear Iren Hart rave about her tall, blonde, handsome man? Well, she got him and all on account of a toboggan ride.

ATHLETIC NOTES

Even though we know our basketball men are flawless, Santa Claus in the personas of Wan- san people for some untold reason deprived them of many of their most cherished Christmas presents. Searls, that Nautical News blossoming so profusely, were taken whenever they were found. Galoshes, which had filled their purpose so well since vacation days, will never meet Father's eyes again. Along with articles of wearing apparel was also taken the money with which the team might have replaced their losses. The only hopes they now hold out for the recovery of their property is that someone will tell Santa that hereafter S. P. N. will win all of their basketball games.

THINGS WE LIKE TO HEAR

Congratulations to S. P. N. on the work of Alice Velchek, a 1924 graduate of the Primary Department, who is teaching in E. Chie­ ngo, Indiana, where foreign children form 50% of the school population, have been received. Her superintendent says: "She is making a remarkable record for herself. I visited her class and wished that I had had forty­five of my teachers to observe her work." Here is the satisfac­tion we should all give. Can you attain such a position?

Matinee dances have reached the height of popularity, and have now become a weekly occurrence. Friday, January 9, the Junior Class procured a fair nest egg for their treasury in this manner. We hope the Pep Club is as successful this coming Tuesday night.

Lucille V.: How do you spell &quot;concurrency&quot;?
Mary M.: What kind of current?

THE WIND-DOOTH BLOW

Watson: You have a fine illustration of wind blown sand right here on the farms in Portage County.

Hanson: Yes, it blows everything off but the mortgage.

Ruby T.: How far are you from the correct answer?
Joe Gunning: Two seats.

Girls, if you can't find a man or a thrill go tobogganusing;' and boys if you can't find a girl or a thrill do likewise. Perhaps you will find your mate on a tobog­ gan. Who knows?

These are as we called them winter sports. What is the good of having Winter and his sports if we don't want to make use of them? Most all of the pink rosy checks (you know the kind just like Santa Claus' checks) seen on the boys and girls around here are gotten not from the little round cake of iron rust but from taking part in our winter sports. Try them, everyone of you, and see if you don't get the biggest thrill or kick, as some say, out of them.

—N. W.—