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School year opens September 11, 1907.  
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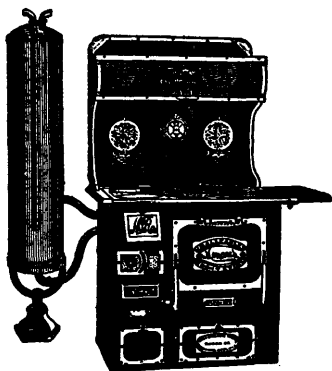
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# THE NORMAL MESSENGER

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## LITERARY DEPARTMENT.

(By Inez Wynn, A. D. Foster.)

### THE NATIVES OF THE CONGO FREE STATE.

Professor Starr, of the University of Chicago, gave an excellent lecture on the subject above mentioned at the Normal Auditorium, on the evening of October 18.

After telling us how we could best get to the Congo river, he began to describe this wonderful river. At the distance of one hundred and five miles from shore line the fresh water of the Congo, which is of a brownish color, can be distinguished from the salt water.

Metallia is the first town of importance on the way up the river, but Leopoldville, a town reached by rail, in order to avoid the cataracts and falls of the river, is of most importance. Above Leopoldville the river is navigable for ten thousand miles.

A three-minute walk from this town will take us to a small native village. The houses are built of poles and are covered with mats or leaves. These houses are so built that they may be taken apart and carried to some new site and there set up again. The lecturer had a very realistic interpretation of this custom. On arriving at the spot where a village had once been with camera and photographer he was surprised to find that the village had literally taken legs and walked off.

When a native dies it is the custom of these people to bury him in the ground beneath his own house, place the trinkets and eatables beside the grave and fasten up the piece of matting which serves as a door.

As a manager of a plantation Professor Starr had an excellent opportunity to study these people. He states that they are a harmless people and that there is but one thing to fear in that country, and that is a crocodile.

These people work for the small stipend of about six cents per week, which is paid in rations and salt and an additional monthly wage of a bolt of cloth, which is valued at about one dollar and five cents.

This wage, says Professor Starr, is scarcely earned as they are a very indolent people.

The only reason that a young man wishes to work is that he may be able to buy a wife. After he has a wife he may rest while his wife provides for the family.

Some cannibals are found among the natives, and some pygmies, but these are exceptions to the rule.

As a conclusion a series of stereopticon views were given illustrating the native customs as to facial decoration, head-dress, etc.

In regard to the question of inhuman treatment of the natives by the Belgian government, the lecturer stated that in his year's sojourn in the Congo Free State he had seen none of it, and that in his opinion it was almost entirely newspaper talk.

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#### MY IMPRESSION OF BELLINGHAM.

I left the train at the wooden station  
 And walked up the wooden street,  
 The wooden car came up from afar,  
 And I sat on its wooden seat.  
 Up the street it went pell-mell  
 And put me off at a wooden hotel.  
 I took a bath in a wooden tub  
 And sat me down to partake of "grub."  
 When I slept that night in the wooden bed,  
 The only idea in my wooden head  
 Was the wooden city of Bellingham.

I started out for a new impression  
 On a perpendicular walk.  
 Still rose my ire as I mounted higher,  
 But too much out of breath to talk.  
 Later I climbed Sehome hill—  
 That gave me a different sort of thrill;  
 But that was nothing to Chuckanut,  
 Up there where the narrow trail is cut.  
 I stiffened my joints and wore out my shoes—  
 Did everything but get the blues—  
 In the hilly city of Bellingham.

In intervals of my occupation,  
At close of a busy day,  
I watch the blue and every soft hue  
Of the sun-rinsed, shimmering bay.  
The mist arising from the sea  
Creates a city of dreams for me;  
And when I the loftier feelings seek,  
I gaze on Mt. Baker's snowy peak—  
Or go to the woods and commune with God,  
'Mid the ferns and the pines and cool, green sod  
Of the beautiful town of Bellingham.

But of all this strange, weird combination,  
The thing that reaches my heart—  
That I love best, at work and at rest,  
And from which I most hate to part—  
Is the place where I come every morn,  
The place where youth and youngsters swarm,  
The place where a smile I'm sure to meet,  
The place where every one's sure to greet,  
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#### DAVIDSON GLACIER.

(Extract from a letter written by Mr. Guy Allison, formerly editor of *The Messenger*, now principal of the Tacoma schools, for the *Kirksville Daily Express*, descriptive of his trip to Alaska last June.)

Four o'clock came none too soon, for we were anxious to leave Skagway.

As the *Santa Rosa* turned again to the south and steamed away to Davidson Glacier we left the little town of Skagway and soon were busy eating a well prepared dinner. When told that we would get to the glacier by 8 o'clock in the evening all of us who expected to attempt the climb, donned overshoes, rubber boots and overcoats, and by the time we had arrived one-half mile off shore, fifty-seven men and women, boys and girls, stood on the deck ready to be helped into the lifeboats which were to carry us ashore. I shall never forget that half-mile ride. We were tossed far up and then lowered by the great waves, but we never feared, for five strong sailor boys were hold of the long oars and the first mate steered us safely.

No sooner had we landed than we started across a large level meadow, containing about eighty acres. Doubtless we looked like a band of Indians as we went single-file along the narrow trail. After we had crossed about a quarter of a mile of this, we entered a very dense forest of cedar and alder. But our trail led on and on yet with never a sign to guide us save the beaten path beneath us. When we had walked through one and one-half miles of such dense growth we emerged from it, crossed a rushing clay colored stream and within five minutes we stood before Davidson Glacier—the goal of the summer tourist.

Before us on the left lay a muddy lake, covering about five acres of space; on our right lay great heaps of clay debris which had been thrown down the medial moraines; before us, stretching up—up—up and fading into the very clouds lay the river of ice. The course of its current was marked by the moraines, which looked like great streaks upon a lighter background. Getting a large crooked stick I mounted the face with the others. Beneath me lay rough muddy ice; beside me, yawning crevices in which water clear and crystal ran silently; above me, the great mountain of ice; over me, a starlit sky of azure blue; beyond me, the wildest mountains and the calm fjord, in which I caught a glimpse of our great black ship as she waited for our return. Such a sight! There were eternal Winter touched and kissed by the June time summer and melted away in tears which ran down the cheeks of the blushing Summer and lost themselves in Old Mother Ocean. There I stood where no flowers ever bloomed, but where ice was always king; it was only the goat and gray ptarmigan who found a home upon it. We mounted higher, steadily picking our way along the ridges of ice, for had our foot slipped we should have been dashed to death in the chasms below. The ice grew clearer, and where the water had worn it smooth it presented a deep rich blue color. Though we walked for a quarter of a mile further, still the grandeur increased, and it was

only upon hearing the whistle from our boat that our stay was cut short. The descent was much harder than the ascent for we had to hold ourselves back. Several just sat down and slid, but as I had a sharp pointed stick (which I still retain) I managed to walk.

It was a jolly, mud spattered crowd that followed the trail back to the beach, but each of us realized that we had had an experience which comes in to the life of but comparatively few people, climbing a glacier.

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### **SOCIETIES.**

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(By Louise Walker.)

#### **Y. W. C. A.**

The Y. W. C. A. has played an important part in the social life of the school this fall.

On Friday afternoon of the first week of school about 100 students and members of the faculty enjoyed a social cup of tea in the Association Room.

The Y. W. C. A. gave their annual reception in Society Hall, on the evening of September 20. A large number of students and friends were present.

On Saturday afternoon, October 19, Mrs. Deerwester entertained the members of the association at her home, on James street, in a very delightful manner.

The young ladies of the association will give a banquet in the capacious dining room of the Normal Dormitory. The decorations and menu will be suggestive of Halloween.

Three classes have been organized in Bible study: "The History of the Old Testament," conducted by Mrs. Nettleton; "The Life of Christ," by Miss Gray, and "The Gospel of St. John," by Miss Sperry.

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#### **THESPIAN DRAMATIC SOCIETY.**

The Thespian Dramatic Society is composed of twenty-six members.

The society had its first open meeting Friday,

October 18, at which it presented, in an able manner, the trial scene from Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice."

The society is preparing to present "The Maid of Plymouth," a dramatization of Miles Standish.

The plan of the society is to observe an order of progression in dramatic work, and during the spring semester scenes from some of the greatest tragedies will be given.

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#### THE MUSICAL CLUB.

Much enthusiasm is being shown in the Musical Club, which is composed of twenty-six members. They are planning to appear in assembly in the near future. The club is under the able direction of Miss Moore.

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#### ALKISIAH CLUB.

Mr. O'Sullivan has been selected as critic of the club.

Their last meeting was spent in the discussion of the Northwest. Olive Kale gave a map study of the first road of Washington. Miss Veda Forrest told of pioneer days in Washington.

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#### THE YOUNG MEN'S DEBATING CLUB.

The Young Men's Debating Club reorganized early in the semester and has held its meetings each week since. The meetings are on Saturday evenings in Society Hall.

The club plans to have a debate each meeting and supplements this with addresses, extemporaneous speeches and orations. The interest shown by the young men seems at first phenomenal, yet there is no phase of school work more conducive to mental training and to real preparation for the duties of life than the habit of the student standing up before his fellows and doing his best to speak on the topic at hand.

A. E. B.

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#### THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Mr. J. T. Forrest has charge of the Historical

Society. Any one interested in state history may become a member by agreeing to take a subject and, after careful research work, prepare a paper, which is to be filed in the Normal School Library for future use. The object is to collect material from those who took part in the making of our state history. The members take as much time as they wish and report when ready.





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**EDITORIAL.**

Starting on the eighth year of its existence The *Messenger* finds itself on a firmer basis than ever before. A committee consisting of two members of the faculty, one member of the alumni, the editor-in-chief, and the business manager has been appointed to advise the editorial staff. The business men of the city have great confidence in the paper as an advertising medium. We trust that this confidence is not misplaced. In behalf of the faculty and students we thank the business men for their support. May the money thus invested be returned to them many fold.

Few schools, if any, can boast of a growth which will equal that of the Bellingham Normal. It was established by an act of the legislature in the year 1893, but no appropriation was made for maintenance until 1899. Two years after the school started, in answer to the demand for more room, the legislature appro-

priated money to build the Annex, where the training school is now located. Again in 1907 more room was needed, so the legislature appropriated money to build the Science Annex, on the north end of the building.

These constant demands for more room show what a growth the school has had. Young as the school is it stands at the head of the Normal schools of the Northwest. Students come from all parts of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, British Columbia, and even Alaska, to share its advantages. Its graduates are in demand everywhere. Its pathway looks brighter than ever before. Bellingham Normal is destined to become one of the leading schools of the Pacific Coast.

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The girls at the University are making pin money by taking care of the babies of the faculty, while their mothers attend entertainments, musicales and social functions. Take note, girls, the same can be done here.

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The working plan of *The Messenger* has been changed. Instead of each class and society having a reporter to report proceedings to *The Messenger*, we have the different departments, i. e., Literary, Athletic, Society, Local and Alumni, with a capable editor at the head of each department, who are responsible for the news of their particular phase of school life.

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The principal of the Denver High School has requested that all young ladies attending that institution have pockets made in their dresses. For various reasons we suggest that Dr. Mathes make the same request of Normal girls.

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*The Messenger*, with its Athletic, Society, Alumni and Local Departments, will be a newspaper. But unlike our small competitors on Dock street and Railroad avenue, in that we will not print stories of Graft, Divorces, Criminal Court Proceedings, Murders nor Scan-

dal in any form. Nor will we attempt to pick the next President of the United States, Mayor of the City, or any man for public office. We expect to give the people healthy, clean reading. As for the policy of the paper, nothing need be said, save that the best man should have the place, regardless of party affiliations.

With our Literary Department we intend to give good reading—short stories, stories of travel, biography, etc. In a word, we want a newspaper and magazine combined, selecting the best parts of each, thereby giving the subscribers something worth reading.

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Each number of *The Messenger* will contain an article of interest by a member of the faculty, the Alumni Association or from some other source of interest. We take pleasure in publishing in this number an extract from a letter written by Mr. Guy Allison, descriptive of a part of his trip to Alaska last summer.

A. D. F.

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### **ATHLETICS.**

(By N. Davenport.)

With about \$70 in the treasury the Athletic Association looks forward to a prosperous year.

A new schedule has been arranged for the Kline cup games. There will be six match games in the evening to open the season with, and all remaining games, except the semi-finals and the final game, will be played in the afternoon. The schedule follows:

#### **EVENING GAMES.**

November 8—First vs. Second; Juniors vs. Fourth.

November 15—Third vs. First; Seniors vs. Fourth.

November 22—Third vs. Second; Juniors vs. Seniors.

**AFTERNOON GAMES.**

December 6—First vs. Fourth; Third vs. Seniors; Second vs. Juniors.

December 13—Third vs. Fourth; First vs. Seniors.

January 10—First vs. Juniors; Second vs. Senior.

January 17—Second vs. Fourth; Third vs. Juniors.

**EVENING GAMES.**

January 24—Semi-finals.

February 7—Final.

Every class is going to put out a good team, and from the interest displayed the contests promise to be lively.

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**ALUMNI.**

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(By Clara Tarte.)

Mr. Andrew Anderson, '07, is a student at the University of Washington this year.

Miss Myrtle Alexander, '07, is teaching in Snohomish.

Miss Carolyn Schuh and Miss Bertha Elda Payne, '07, are both teaching at Colfax, Wash.

Miss Beryl Chaham, '04, is now Mrs. Henry C. Nicholson.

Mr. Harry Raymond, '04, is in New York City, studying music.

Mr. Roger Williams is teaching in his home school at Renton, Wash.

Miss Lena Wahl is teaching in one of the Mt. Vernon schools.

Miss Ethel Everett, '04, is attending the University of Washington.

Miss Florence Weed, a student of the Normal, '04 and '05, was married this summer to Rev. William Scott of Tacoma.

Miss Lottie Graham, '04, is teaching in Seattle, and Miss Ellen Graham, '06, is teaching in Mt. Vernon, Wash.

Miss Ada Pence, '07, is teaching at Avon, Skagit County, Washington.

Miss Alice Peacock is teaching at Burlington, Wash.

Mr. Herman Smith is teaching at Maple Falls.

Mr. Walter Nichols, '07, is principal of a school at Friday Harbor, and successfully following in the footsteps of our beloved professor of foreign languages, as he leads the unsuspecting youths of the Harbor to even dream in Latin and German.

Miss Nettie Look, '06, and Miss Lucy Crocker, '06, are teaching in Aberdeen, Wash.

Miss Gladys Patric and Miss Minnie LeSourd, graduates of '07, are teaching at Port Angeles, Wash.

Miss Myrl Hays is now Mrs. George E. Ludwig of Bellingham.

Miss Myrtle Porter and Miss Emma Leidle, '07, are both at Goldendale, Wash., "teaching school."

Mr. Charles Jones is teaching near Lynden, Wash.

Miss May Pillman, '04, and Miss Ellen Sweet, '07, are teaching in Seattle, Wash.

Miss Jessie Cowing and Miss Georgia Ellis are students at Ann Arbor, Mich.

Miss Nellie Cooper, until lately Dr. Mathes' private secretary, is now the secretary of the Professor of History at Sanford University, Palo Alto, Cal.

Miss Inez McLaughlin is teaching in her home town, Port Angeles, Wash.

Miss Clara Eason is teaching at Anacortes, Wash.

Miss Anita Noel, '04, who has been teaching in Alaska, has returned and is now Mrs. Thomas Mason.

Miss Elizabeth Chabot is a Senior at Hoquiam High School, Hoquiam, Wash.

Mr. Guy Allison, '07, is principal of a Tacoma school.

Misses Anah Gooch, Elsie Ware, Frances Arnold, Laura Sweet, Luella Whittaker and Mrs. Faith Pope are teaching in our Bellingham schools.

Miss Bertha Kale is teaching at Nooksack.

**LOCALS.**

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(By Helen Linden.)

Roy's sentimentalism was evidently aroused by the notice that appeared on the bulletin board concerning school teachers and matrimony. Or why should he "Walk-Up" to a prospective school-marm, propose and be publicly accepted. Rumor has it that a breach-of-promise suit is in progress.

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If Harvey won the candy,  
Then will some one tell me why  
He should take the loser walking  
'Neath the moon-lit autumn sky  
And feed that loser candy,  
Which he, the winner, had to buy?

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The Normal students enjoyed the good theaters of last week, but the one most appreciated was that of "Checkers," in which the Normal boys made their first appearance on the stage as actors.

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Mr. Forrest was taken by surprise one morning when he received a fruit shower. The student-teachers must be getting ready for the future.

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Mary Lea Pemberton spent Saturday and Sunday with Clara Eason at Anacortes.

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lights went out?"

Mr. Epley—"Where was Moses when the Miss Gray—"Er—er— I suppose in the dark."

Mr. Epley—"No, for he was an Israel-ite (light) himself."

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Miss Gray returned home Saturday, after spending two weeks at Institutes in Davenport and Shelton.

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Mr. Bowman (in English, when asked to give

the principal parts of "to go")—"Going, going, gone."

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Miss Sperry attended Institute in Wenatchee the third week in October.

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Miss Louise Miller and Miss Winifred Walter entertained on October 12 a number of Seniors at "Rusticanna," Miss Miller's summer home.

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It is rumored that Miss LeConte performed some athletic stunts on the corner of Elk and Holly streets a few nights ago for the amusement of the passing throng.

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Miss Moore (in Assembly)—"Hold onto your 'men' a little longer."

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Dr. Mathes is in California attending Institute.

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Friday, October 11, the Juniors had their first class function. It was held in the gymnasium of the school. A good time was reported.

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The classes will have to go some if they entertain in Assembly as well as Miss Montgomery did with her story of "Hardscrabble."

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The Normal Lecture Course is destined to be a success this year. Messrs. Tillman and Starr were strong members, and the future numbers are equally as promising.

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