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HOW I BECAME A TEACHER

Some years ago a series of articles on "Formative Influences," written by persons of note, appeared in The Forum. One writer facetiously remarked: "Each one is so well satisfied with the result that he is glad to recommend the training that accomplished it." I suppose it is something of this feeling that prompts this series of sketches.

When Mr. Bond asked me to tell how I happened to make teaching my profession I told him there was little of interest to tell; it was in the blood. When one comes of a long line of teachery ancestors it is easier to follow the impulse than to resist it. So I always intended to be a teacher, but I did not intend to do the kind of teaching in which most of my life has been spent.

Like many ambitious high school students I decided to be a high school teacher, the subjects of study seemed so interesting. Soon I narrowed my ambition to being a Latin teacher. Accordingly I took five years of Latin and two of Greek, with cognate courses in Ancient History and Mythology. After I graduated from the Normal School at Ypsilanti, Michigan, I taught first year Latin for one year. At the end of that time "the divinity that shapes our ends rough," as Shakespeare puts it, turned me into a very different field. Ten years later, while teaching in the Normal School at Superior, Wisconsin, I again taught a first year Latin class and that is all I ever practiced my "specialty." Therefore I say to the students: "You do not know what is ahead of you and your early training should be broad." We talk of fitting the square peg to the square hole and the round peg to the round hole, but the fact is most jobs are compromise jobs and need compromise persons to fill them. Moreover, if the teacher finds the position that exactly fits him his chances for growth are considerably lessened.

Speaking from experience again, I like the plan of alternating teaching and going to school. I did my work at the University of Michigan in this way. It pays in accomplishment and enjoyment to take time out to study. The feeling that one must hurry and get thru takes away half of the fun. Then, too, it adds to life to follow some line of study that one never intended to turn to a living. With this idea in mind, while at the university I always kept a course in German on my pro-

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New Course of Study for Normal

Some few weeks ago, President Nash announced that a revised course of study for Bellingham Normal was in process of formation: this course to provide for a three years' course for graduation and allowing elected work to fill half the requirements.

After much thought and expenditure of time, the committees appointed drew up such a course and passed it unanimously. On November 27 it was approved by the faculty as a whole.

Students, present and prospective, will be much interested in this carefully prepared schedule of credits. The two and three year courses of the new schedule are:

TWO YEAR COURSE.

Required, 40 Credits.

Observation and practice teaching, 10 credits.
Psychology, 4 credits.
Sociology, 4 credits.
State manual and civics, 2 credits.
Public school music, 3 credits.
Drawing and hand work, 3 credits.
English composition, 2 credits.
Oral expression, 2 credits.
Library practice, 2 credits.
Physiology and hygiene, 4 credits.
Physical education, 4 credits.
Total, 40 credits.

Selective, 20 Credits.

Primary Group:
Psychology of childhood, 2 credits.
Nature study, 2 credits.
Primary methods—Reading and phonics, language and spelling, number and elementary science, history and geography—8 credits.
Story telling, 2 credits.
Primary music and hand work, 4 credits.
Kindergarten theory, 2 credits.
Total, 20 credits.
Grammar Group:
Psychology of adolescence, 2 credits.
Science, 4 credits.
Class room management, 2 credits.
Grammar grade methods—Arithmetic, reading, English, history—8 credits.
Geography, 4 credits.
Total, 20 credits.
Rural Group:
Rural life problems, 2 credits.
Organization and management, 2 credits.
Agriculture, 4 credits.
Rural school methods—Arithmetic, reading, English, history—8 credits.
Geography, 4 credits.
Total, 20 credits.

Elective, 20 Credits.

General: English, foreign languages, mathematics, science, history, sociology, economics, etc.

Professional: Psychology, methods, management, supervision, organization, etc.

Specialized: Manual training, home economics, commerce, agriculture, music, art, expression, physical education, etc.

As chosen, 20 credits.

In case of specialization in manual training, home economics, or commerce, the selective and elective groups are combined as follows:

Manual Training, 40 Credits.

Mechanical drawing and shop sketching, 8 credits.

Advanced mechanical drawing, 8 credits.

Elementary woodwork, 8 credits.

Advanced woodwork, 4 credits.

Cabinet making, 4 credits.

Forging, 4 credits.

Pattern making and moulding, 4 credits.

Total, 40 credits.

Home Economics, 40 Credits.

Food study, 2 credits.

Elementary clothing, 4 credits.

Fundamental foods and cookery, 4 credits.

General chemistry, 4 credits.

Nutritional physiology, 2 credits.

Textiles, 2 credits.

Dressmaking, 4 credits.

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Advanced cookery and table service, 4 credits.

Chemistry of foods, 2 credits.

Household management, 2 credits.

Dietetics and invalid cookery, 4 credits.

Bacteriology and sanitation, 4 credits.

Pattern draughting and clothes design, 2 credits.

Total, 40 credits.

Commerce, 40 Credits.

Shorthand, 12 credits.

Typewriting, 6 credits.

Penmanship, 2 credits.

Commercial arithmetic, 4 credits.

Business English, 2 credits.

Bookkeeping, 8 credits.

Commercial law, 4 credits.

Commercial geography, 2 credits.

Total, 40 credits.

THREE YEAR COURSE.

First and second years same as two year course.

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MRS. LARRABEE TALKS ON MUSICAL GROWTH

Mrs. Larrabee, one of Bellingham's talented pianists, talked most entertainingly at assembly last Friday on the origin and growth of orchestra music. The modern complex symphony orchestra music was traced from the simple song of generations past and the instruments which go to make up the effect were explained. The themes of several famous selections were related, and, in closing, Mrs. Larrabee and Mrs. Irving J. Cross, head of the Normal Piano Department, played in duet form the "Overture," by Beethoven, and Liszt's "Hungarian Rhapsody." These were most effectively rendered and so pleased the audience that these musical artists received an ovation.

HOUSE COMMITTEE DRAFTS RULES

The House Committee held a meeting in the registrar's office Tuesday, December 12, at the students' hour. Mr. Edson, Mr. Rindal, Mr. Grady and Miss Woodard were present, Miss Lee being the only absentee.

(1) The committee decided that any organization desiring a meeting place for business or committee meetings at the student hour should secure permission from the secretary of the committee at least one day in advance of said meeting.

(2) It was further decided that any organization desiring the transfer of furniture or other property for special occasions should present a written request to the chairman of the House Committee one day in advance of said occasion.

(3) The committee next discussed the possibility of economizing on house bills. The chairman reported the expenditures for last year as follows: Heat, \$2,889.53; light, \$846.95; water, \$273.80.

It was decided to ask for the cooperation of teachers and students in keeping the expenditures as low as possible.

The committee also asked that no window be opened unless the radiator and ventilator were closed beforehand.

BASKETBALL TEAM IS SELECTED

When Coach Sam Carver distributed the basketball suits last Monday evening the Normal basketball fans were given some indication of what men would uphold Blue and White honors in this line of athletics for the coming season. Those receiving the new suits were: Wold and Kennett, forwards; Rockey, center; White, center and forward; and Davenport and Anstett, guards. Of these men all were in last year's strong team but Kennett and White. Kennett played with the Prosser High School, Inland Empire champions, and White is a former Normal and Y. M. C. A. man. There is still a seventh suit to be given out and several good men to fill it, Ford, Miller, and Folsom being the most promising. The first game will probably be played shortly after the holidays.

High School enthusiasts will have their first chance to see the N. H. S. boys in action Saturday evening, December 16, when the Harmony Hi meets them in the Normal gym. This Harmony bunch is one of the best in this section of the state and the locals have heavy work ahead. The team will probably line up as follows: Forwards, Crum, Matayo; center, Roy Powell; guards, Parrish, Tarbox.

Miss Nickerson was a guest of Miss Kathleen Skalley in Everett, for a part of the Thanksgiving recess.

TACOMA-SEATTLE CLUB HAVE PARTY

(By a Tacoman.)

Chief Tahoma and Chief Seattle smoked the pipe of peace last Saturday evening in the big gym, while their respective tribes flitted about in the soft red glow among the fir trees.

With whoops of delight they took a snow slide down Mt. Tacoma,—I beg your pardon,—“The Mountain,” into the “Arms of Paradise.” The Seattleites seemed unused to a snow slide—and I wonder why. As Miss Morse is a member of both clubs she felt obliged to experience all the sensations of the descent twice.

A game of indoor baseball was entered into with the spirit of savages on the warpath. The Tacoma short-stop was the individual star of the game, while “Red” Beardslee, of Seattle, was a shining light.

The score? 'Tis a secret.

Fatalities:

Cassie Cales—a heel.

Helen Peterson—a nose.

And there were others.

Following the ball game all joined together and “tripped the light fantastic toe” in a “new” game—the Virginia Reel.

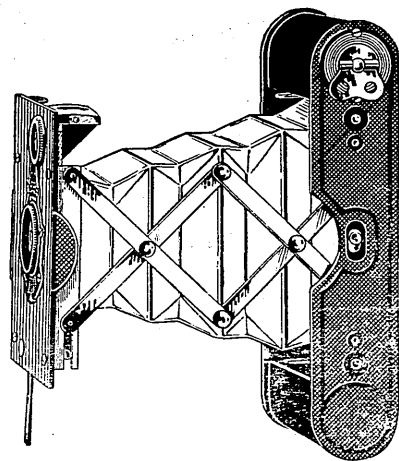
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maturity, are still in the age of mechanical toys. It is very pitiful, indeed. Otherwise we found them quite ordinary.

Laying aside all banter, we must say that we are glad to have met our sister club, and may we meet again.

THE RURAL LIFE CLUB HAVE TRIAL

In the presence of the Rural Life Club last Thursday evening, Mr. Bond was summoned before a select jury to account for his action. He was accused of operating his 1916 wheelbarrow at a speed contrary to the laws of the state. Judge Weslie Inman, upon whose shoulders rested the robe and dignity of the bench, tried the case in a fair and impartial manner. The prosecution was upheld by Mr. Raymond Elder, whose keen logic and cutting satire obtained a verdict for the state, thus placing himself in a favorable position in the public eye. Altho the case was lost for the defendant, it nevertheless brought into prominence another member of the bar, Mr. Daniel Johnston. An eloquent plea on behalf of his client brought tears to the eyes of his auditors and left a question in their minds as to the outcome of the case. At the conclusion of the arguments the jury was conducted to the jury room, where it deliberated on the evidence offered for five minutes and arrived at a verdict after the third ballot had been taken. Mr. Bond was found guilty. In view of past services and on recommendation of the prosecuting attorney, Judge Inman was inclined to be lenient. Mr. Bond was sentenced to a term of years at hard labor in the Bellingham State Normal. Preceding the trial a short business meeting was held, in which the club disposed of routine business and discussed the matter of a joint mixer with the other literary societies. The club colors were voted upon,—crimson and gray being selected.

JUNIOR NOTES OF INTEREST

“Red” Beardslee and Elwood Davis are prepared to teach the noble science of hypnotism to all who care to learn. They have already published one formula for getting a person out of the hypnotic state. The formula seems to consist mostly of a glass of cold water.

So mighty is the Junior art of hypnotism that even the Seniors have been hypnotized. Those who do not believe this should have heard the doing at our last meeting.

Juniors, where are your colors? One might think that, like the ignoble Seniors, or the puny Elementary class, you had forgotten yours. Refute the unworthy thot. Make the next two weeks Junior banner weeks. Come to assembly, to your classes, and last, but most important, to Junior meetings, and wear the orange and the black. Let us see our colors in evidence around the Normal once more.

Advice to Mr. Tom Scarseth.

(By One Who Knows.)

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HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Parish Hands Taffy to Seniors!

Friday, December 8, the H. S. Seniors were entertained by Mr. Parish at his home. A most stuck-up crowd they were, but oh!—the taffy was good. It was full of nuts, and besides, Miss Volmer and Mrs. Kuykendall, guests of honor, presided over its production. No serious results attended the gathering, save that one of the nobility of the Senior Class lost his crown, but he has regained it, or so it is reported. Iva Larsen came away, her left eye well bandaged. For details, ask her. The evening was spent in singing and eating taffy (unhappy combination) and terminated with the initiation of the two new members,—Thelma Nugent and Karl Moldrem,—into our "potent, grave, and reverend" class. Three cheers for the class of '17,—there never was a better!

Coch Carver Presents Letters.

At students' assembly last Friday letters were presented by Coach Carver to Wold, Crum, Mataya, Parish, Calahan, Wallace and Tarbox as rewards for efforts in basketball for the year '15-16. All responded with a pretty and appropriate speech, save Mataya and Tarbox, who were not present. They called around later for those letters, which are well worth having. Following the presentation of letters, yells for the game for Saturday night were practiced.

Freshmen Have Second Installment of Class Party.

Friday afternoon, December 8, the second half of the Freshmen girls met in the new gym to participate in folk dances, directed by Miss Skally. After the dances, sherbet and cookies were served to them by Florence Van Liew and Eleanor Simpson in the cafeteria dining room.

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There is no law in this land, license and lust reign supreme,
Only a few understand, faithful to follow the gleam.
Here is no place for the weak, only the strong can survive,
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MID-YEAR FROLIC.

On Friday evening, December 8, the Midyear Seniors assembled for a frolic in the big gymnasium, under the chaperonage of Miss Baker and Mr. Bever, Senior Class advisors.

Captains were selected and the party was divided into two groups, the New York Giants and the athletic, but intellectual, Vassars.

Dignity was cast to the winds and thereupon ensued a strenuous struggle for supremacy in the impromptu field meet which took place. Among the events listed, the Vassars covered themselves with glory in the Grasshopper Roll, Cross Cockatoo Contest, Medicine Ball Relay and Peanut Race, while the Giants distinguished themselves in the Heron Contest, Discus Throw, Tug of War, Battle Ball and All-Up Relay.

One of the stars of the evening was Mr. Bever, of the Giants, who achieved great honor by standing for the longest time on one foot, balanced precariously on a pile of blocks.

Owing to the skill displayed on both sides the score resulted in a tie.

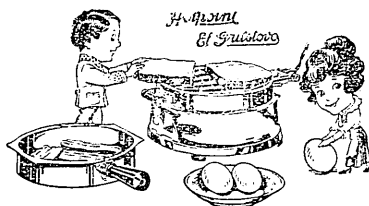
Basketball and folk dancing were indulged in until the picnic lunch was served. Much merriment ensued over the scarcity of china, but after the events of the evening the hot weinies, pickles, buns and coffee were eaten with relish.

Plans for a banquet were made, and various business affairs transacted.

As a part of her Thanksgiving gaiety, Miss Kathleen Skalley attended a sorority dance in Seattle.

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Gentle Readers (also gentlemen readers): The Weekly Messenger has been in existence for nearly six months, serving as successor to a monthly Messenger of many years standing.

The work of the weekly has been three-fold: First, to relate the events of each week, touching as far as possible on all the various school activities; second, to foretell coming events in the Normal world; third, to, in some measure, afford you amusement. Balancing these ingredients to your tastes is a continual problem, for how

can we gauge the tastes of a thousand people and satisfy them all in eight pages?

At the end of these few months, we are somewhat puzzled as to your verdict and your future desires. Since The Messenger is your especial property, you must dictate its policies. Hence, allow us to "test your pulse." Ask yourself each of the following questions and indite to us a letter containing your frank and honest opinions. Then we, like good St. Nick, will certainly try to grant your wishes:

Do you like The Messenger as it is?

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If not, why not?

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If so, why?

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Do you prefer it to the monthly magazine?

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What departments do you particularly like or dislike? Why?

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Do you wish more contributions from, or concerning, the faculty?

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Do you wish a larger proportion of fun?

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If so, what kind?

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What suggestions have you for new departments, or for improving the present ones?

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ART DEPARTMENT NOTES.

RURAL LIFE VS. PHILOS.

There are enrolled in the Art Department this semester 428 students. The handwork classes alone have an enrollment of 150. The rural handwork classes are making a specialty of Christmas work, such as fancy boxes, calendars and desk sets. Drawing I classes are sketching from pottery models.

The work of the Art Department changes with the seasons. In the fall much of it was in leaf and weed study and in landscapes. More is now being done in still life.

The primary handwork section has produced some interesting tile designs in clay, and at present is studying rug weaving.

Some effective posters were made in paper cutting, among them several clever Christmas scenes.

Junior: "What are you looking at?"

Senior: "You."

Junior: "Well, what do you see?"

Senior: "Nothing."

Youth (looking for a job): "Have you an opening for me, sir?"

Employer: "Yes, sir; one behind you; shut it as you go out."

The first of the inter-club games was played last Friday afternoon between the Philo and Rural Life teams. During the first half the Philos seemed utterly outclassed and the score stood Rural Lifers, 18; Philomatheans, 5. In the second half, however, the literary people came back strong and gave the farmers a scare. The lead was too great to be overcome and the final score was 32 to 21 in favor of the Rural Life team. Every man played a good game, Beery, Ford and Davenport being the most brilliant in their work. Hubbard and Folsom both played good games for the Philos, but the five as a whole showed a lack of team work, which was probably the result of lack of practice. The teams lined up as follows:

Rural Life: Forwards, Beery, Ford; center, Haracich; guards, Alexander, Davenport.

Philomathean: Forwards, Carleton, Bloss; center, Folsom; guards, Lee, Hubbard.

Sam E.: "I see that they are making collars of sandpaper nowadays."

Ed H.: "What for?"

Sam E.: "Roughnecks."

A Few Suggestions

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Nor is this drifting back an unusual occurrence, we would have you know. The very hands of our schoolroom clocks daily point us back. When our minute hand points ten o'clock and calls us to 7 B reading or third grade phonics, we think of ten o'clock at the Normal School and what it means to you: the crowded halls leading toward assembly; the pleasant relaxation and good-fellowship of greeting those whom you greeted yesterday, and will greet again tomorrow; the

WHERE SOME OF OUR STUDENTS ARE AND WHAT THEY ARE DOING

Clara Fagstad, ex '16, and Leola Hallock, ex '16, are at home in Everett. Until November, both were in charge of city playgrounds.

Orville Adams, '15, and wife (nee Alice Dunlap, '13) are at Clear Lake. Ethel Alexander, '15, is at Tenino. Ethel Anderson, '14, teaches at Tracytown, in Kitsap county.

Jessie Kenney, '15, is teaching at Novelty, in King county. Helena Rouse, ex '16, principal of a two room school near Tenino, was a visitor at school this week. She expects to re-enter next fall.

Grace Auld, '04, is now Mrs. H. E. Fowler.

Elsie Perry, '15, is at Fife.

Marettta Cook, '15, is at Port Blakeley.

Helen Brown, ex '16, is teaching at

Little, where Mrs. Lola Shirth, '13, is principal.

Norene Costello, '15, is at home in Everett.

Ruth Johnson, ex '17; Olive Lorentzen, ex '16, and Hildur Pearson, ex '16, are teaching at the Lincoln, Franklin and Poulsbo schools, respectively, in Poulsbo.

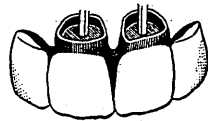
Alma Frederickson, ex '15, is teaching at Brownsville.

Alma Jensen, ex '16, is at Napavine; also Mary Docherty, ex '16.

Vera Clayton, ex '16, is now at Vader.

Mrs. Bess Cooley Albert, '16, is teaching at Tumwater, where Louise Standke, '16, also has a position.

Xerpha Mae Spencer, '14, is teaching at Gate, in Thurston county.



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You are doing big things there this year; big things in a bigger way than we were permitted to do them. The numbers enrolled, the enthusiasm shown, the magnificent performance of the team—these things have delighted us and filled us all with pride. In your fine accomplishment we realize what we had only hoped, or dreamed. Our hearts and hopes are with you in all this, and if you were only nearer you should have our hands on it, too, and you would know by the warmth of our clasp the depth of our sincerity.

And so, upon the eve of this great holiday it is with thankful hearts we tender our regards; and were we permitted to wish for you a wish, it would be this: that when you, too, have passed out from the school, you may find cheer in memories as fair as ours.

Jessie Edna Snyder, Grace M. Earles, J. Hinton Jones, Jessie Modesitt, Marvel H. Johnson, Floyd ("Red") Beardlee, Lillian Watrous, Claude M. Manley, Maude Roberson, E. H. Evans, H. May Evans, Mable Spencer, Mamie Crossman, Mary Tovey, May Rose, Mae I. Robinson, Anna L. Williams, Beulah B. Clay, Lew A. Greene, Ruth Holmes, Helen Roberson, Hilda M. Backman, Elva Uhler, Marion Haycox, Lue Ernst, Helen Leghorn, Orrilla House, Mrs. H. P. Brown, Mabel G. Aspinwall, Agnes Howell, C. L. Carroll, John H. Nagley, Ruth Coleman, Edna V. Jenne, Edwina Lloyd, Grace M. Beaven, Edith Everham, Gladys Erickson, Jennie Haney, Freda Erickson.

PHILOS CELEBRATE SEVENTH BIRTHDAY

On Saturday evening, November 25, the Philo room was a scene of great merriment. It was the night of the Philo birthday anniversary. Just seven years ago in November the Philomathean Literary Society was organized. A great many of the old members attended this annual gathering.

During the early part of the evening games were played.

About 10:30 refreshments were served. The birthday cake was like Mt. Baker. On it were placed seven small green candles, which told the story of the Philo Society. This cake was not an ordinary cake, for it had more than the usual number of ingredients in it. Added to the list were darning needles, thimbles, rings and money. Of course it is easy to guess why they were there and for what each stood. Mr. Hubbard looked most happy when he discovered he drew a ring, but Mr. Carleton was sadly downcast over his darning needle.

Miss Kannekeberg, ex '16, acted as toast-mistress. Excellent responses were made to the following:

- Solo, Mrs. Whipple.
- Programs and Training, Mr. Hughes.
- Good Times, Mr. Van Horn.
- Solo, Miss Reedy.
- Friends, Miss Welch.
- Spirit, Dr. Nash.

Miss McCown spent her vacation in Everett and Seattle; Mrs. Kuykendall, Miss Ormsby and Miss Vollmer also visited Seattle; while Misses Morse and Davis journeyed "just beyond" to their homes in Tacoma.

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THESPIAN DRAMATIC CLUB.

One of the most spirited sessions of the year was held Thursday evening, December 7, after three different clubs tried to meet in Room 310. As usual, the Thespians came out victorious.

After the usual routine business, the club joyfully welcomed four new members. They were Mrs. Merriman, Miss Jump, Miss Craig and Mr. Montag.

There has been a great deal said of national spirit, of school spirit and of class spirit, but none of these could equal what was said and demonstrated in club spirit at this meeting.

It was suggested the Thespians put a boys' and girls' basketball team in the field. So, do not be surprised to see the Thespians carry off the pennants—a kindly warning!

The evening closed with unquestionably the best program we have yet been entertained with:

"The Blue Bird" and "Calling Me Home to You," Miss Jones.

Life of Maurice Maeterlinck, author of the play, "The Blue Bird," Miss Jackson.

Solos, "De Las' Long Res'" and "A Mistake," Miss Buchanan.

The First Act of "The Blue Bird." The characters: Tytyl, Mr. Wagner; Mytyl, Miss MacKenzie; Mummy Tyl, Miss Jackson; Daddy Tyl, Mr. Scarseth; The Fairy, Miss Hansen; The Dog, Mr. Anstett; The Cat, Mr. Altman; The Hours were Misses Bressler, Armstrong, Christensen, Clark, Currie, Jackson, Jones, Layton and Platt; the Quartern Loaves were Messrs. Hennes and Miller; Fire, Mr. Mount; Water, Miss Mathes; Milk, Miss Peterson; Sugar, Mr. Beardslee; Light and Music, Miss Buchanan.

MISCELLANEOUS BUT INTERESTING

Miss Lulu Marie Sells, '15, is teaching the first four grades of a two-room school in Niter, Idaho. She has thirty-three pupils and likes the work very much.

Secretary O. C. Whitney of the W. E. A. writes as follows concerning the registration of Normal teachers: "In making up the W. E. A. membership I have noticed that your Normal School faculty joined practically unanimously. I want to congratulate you on this and thank you for your loyal support and co-operation."

A recent letter from Dr. Deerwester reports that he and Mrs. Deerwester witnessed the great Harvard-Princeton football game and found it a very thrilling event.

Many graduates and former students of the Normal came to Bellingham for the Thanksgiving vacation and were very welcome visitors at the school.

From Kittitas comes the good news that Principal Foster of the Union High School sent down a team of five boys to compete with Washington boys in the International Stock Show, held at North Yakima last month, and for the second time within two years succeeded in winning first place. These boys, trained by Mr. Foster, a graduate of this institution, are becoming experts in judging high grade animals. There were seventy contestants in the judging work this year and the victory of the Kittitas boys was well earned. We extend our cordial congratulations to Principal A. D. Foster of the class of '09.

Lee Earl Gray, a Normal student of last year, who is attending the Military Academy at West Point, is greatly pleased over the victory the army won over the navy in football, November 25. The score was 15 to 7, in favor of the West Point team, and Cadet Gray is greatly elated over the fact.

On Thanksgiving Day a great game of football was played in Bellingham, the sailors from the battleship Colorado being lined up on one side and a picked team of Bellingham stars on the other. Among those who played on the local team were six members of the championship Normal School team of '16 and Clarence Dahlquist, graduate of the institution, who starred in athletics during his student days. The game ended 7 to 0 for the locals

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and our Normal players are receiving a large amount of credit for the victory.

Two years ago Ben Tidball was the star center of the Normal football team. In the final game of the year at the State University this old Normal hero was chosen to fill the place made vacant by the dismissal of Grimm from the Washington team. The score of the Washington-California game was 14 to 7 in favor of the Washingtonians and our Ben is said to have measured completely up to the expectations of Coach Dobie. The Normal is pleased to have had a part in the Washington victory.

Dr. Herre: "Describe the Jersey cow."

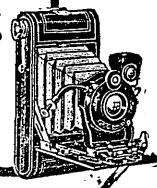
Mr. King: "Well, she has small lips."

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Answer: Apply to Lucile Herrett.

Dr. Herre: "What do you mean by the metamorphosis of an insect?"

R. Wagner: "The head, I guess."

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Of an isosceles triangle
Are equal
Each
To
Each.

And if the equal sides be extended
The angles subtended
Are equal
Each
To
Each.

Is not the form, the metre, the poetic swing, delightful? What student could fail to be charmed and long to study?

Making cold, barren facts into delightful verse is easy. One takes a phrase sentence of any length, or several sentences, and breaks them up into phrases, places these phrases under each other in a column, and you have—vers libre.—Reed College Quest.

The Cheney Normal, a couple of weeks ago, had an exhibit of the works of Maxfield Parrish, American artist.

Those of us who went away for vacation enjoyed ourselves immensely. We hope that those who stayed also did—enjoyed our absence perhaps. "A feller's vacation often benefits the folks he leaves to home as much as himself."

We have decided that we want sketches for the Literary Department of The Messenger. Stories of literary merit apparently cannot be cut to the short space we have in The Messenger, so we think it much better to publish sketches. By sketches, we do not mean material on "Raising Beets in Utah," or "Mining Gold in Alaska," or such kindred subjects as we find in technical magazines. We do want live sketches on live subjects which the student body as a whole will care to read. For the next issue will some one send us ideas for sketches? Or, better still, will some superlatively kind person please hand in a real, live, racy sketch? Then the literary editors can rest in peace, stop tearing their hair, and muttering about stories, poems and sketches, even in their sleep.

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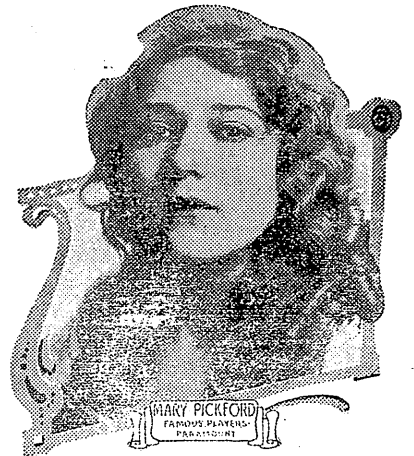
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"What is the triple alliance, Tommy?"

"It's when ma, and pa, and the teacher agree that I ought to study."

Mr. Hughes: "Conjugate the verb sling."

Miss W.: "Sling, slung, slung."

Miss T.: "Don't they use slang quite a bit?"

Mr. Hughes: "Yes, but not as a verb."

Professor Philippi has been busy in recent days photographing our congested spots. It is possible that he will get together some very valuable matter for presentation to the next legislature.

New Man on the Scrub Team: "How much are your four dollar football shoes?"

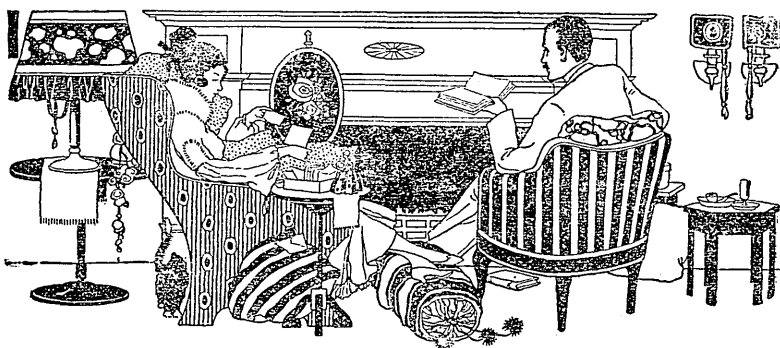
Clerk (wearily): "Two dollars a foot."

Heard in History of Music.

Miss C.: "A pastoral is something about sheep, isn't it?"

Mr. A. N. Baxter, who expects to finish his Normal course in either 1917 or 1918, is doing some good work in the schools of Chehalis. As a matter of fact, there are eight Bellingham teachers in the Chehalis schools and report has it that they are a credit to the institution. From Mr. Baxter come greetings and best wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous new year.

Mr. Hughes (in English, speaking rapidly): "Cling, clang, clung; sling, slang, slung; fling, flang, flung—sounds like a Chinese tea house."



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How I Became a Teacher

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gram and usually one in Art. Again being so well satisfied with the result, I recommend it to students. The teacher and student should never be divorced, and if study becomes a grind and teaching a bore it is time to drop quietly out of the profession and get married or sell insurance, whichever opportunity offers.

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New Course of Study for the Normal

(Continued from page 1)

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Typewriting method, 2 credits.
Accountancy, 2 credits.
Economic history, 4 credits.
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(Mrs. Esther Shepherd.)

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"Once at The Players," he said, "this chap was asked who was the best American short story writer.

"I am," he answered promptly.

"You are?" said a poet. "How can you prove it?"

"Prove it?" said he. "You don't have to prove. I admit, don't I?"—Washington Star.

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