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WESTERN NORMAL LEADER

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The Athletic Association: A Student Organization.

The life of an educational institution is largely made up of the activities of the students. Student organizations must fill a very large place in the school's life and development. Not only this, but student organizations furnish an opportunity for development and training; for real gain in growth and development not furnished by any other part of the school. The one far-reaching and important organization in which and of which all may have and be a part is the athletic association.

The state furnishes a gymnasium and gymnasium apparatus but does not furnish materials for out-door athletics. To pay expenses of this branch of school work, to supply suits and paraphernalia, to secure games and trips, to effectually advertise the school, we have the Athletic Association, a student organization.

This Association is now five years old and out of debt but not prosperous. It controls baseball, football, basketball and tennis sections, during the season for each. Each of the sections has a manager and captain elected by the members of the section. These officers, with the advice and consent of the general officers, control the affairs of their particular section. The general officers of the association are a

president, vice-president and secretary elected from the student body, and a treasurer, general manager, and two other faculty representatives elected by the faculty. These with the section officers constitute the governing board of the association.

Membership in the association is open to all students on payment of the annual dues of fifty cents, for each year or part of a year. The year counts from Sept. 1st. The only exception is for students, here for the summer term only, who are allowed to become members for the summer term for twenty-five cents. The privileges of membership are voting, free use of suits and apparatus and usually a reduced rate for season tickets. The member has the privilege of electing the section to which they wish to belong. This briefly outlines the plan of the association. For further details the reader is referred to the Athletic Association constitution published in a catalogue of a year or two ago.

Few students realize the amount of business done by the association and fewer still realize the work done by a few students interested in its welfare. The business of the association totals almost \$1000 each year.

The aim is to give the patrons the most and best games for their money and the players the best possible opportunity for development.

More and more, athletics is becoming an important part of public school work. Prospective teachers have here an opportunity to prepare themselves to take charge of public school athletics in a capable, intelligent way.

New students and old, it is your business to help the school, the community and yourself, by taking part in and helping the Athletic Association. Become a member, attend the games, be a thorough-going live rooster, join a section, learn new games, get good exercise, gain in strength, health and the large spirit of helpfulness and activity in public affairs.

Baseball Season Opens.

In spite of the strong wind and the clouds of dust Wakeeney and the Normal crossed bats and opened the baseball season on the Normal grounds Saturday, April 10. Considering the bad day there was a good attendance, a large portion of which was made up of Trego County H. S. rooters. And a right good job of rooting they did too. Wakeeney didn't connect with the ball for anything that looked like a run till the seventh inning, then during the seventh, eighth and ninth innings, by a batting

rally and assisted by some timely Normal errors they crossed the plate for six counts. Normals scoring was scattered through the early part of the game. They scored in all but one inning up to the seventh and finished with a total of seven scores without batting the ninth inning. The wind and dust made what would have been a fine game ragged at times for the players literally could not see the ball. The team is showing up as well or better than the first game last year showed last years team. The men in new places, Leo Bice at short and Walter Runyon on the last sack looked like they would by hard work stay there for the season. Bear had good support until the ascension in the seventh, which took the whole team except the left fielder. Goetz, and the short-stop, L. Bice, who were not invited to "go up" because they had no chances. Runyon's possible error in the eighth was a questionable one at best and should probably be called a hit. The Normal line up was as follows: Bear, p.; Claude Bice, c.; Clyde Bice, 1st; Jas. Johansen, r. f.; V. Bice, 2nd; Gatewood, c. f.; Runyon, 3rd; L. Bice, s.s.; Goetz, l. f.

Last Thursday evening the grammar room girls from the city school met our Model School girls in a game of basketball. Though neither team had had much practice they played a good game. It was fast and interesting all the way through. A good crowd was in attendance and everyone enjoyed themselves. The score was 12 to 13 in favor of the Model School girls.

Literati Jottings.

We were honored by a number of guests from our Sister Society on the night of April 9, they having postponed their meeting for that evening.

It was impossible to seat comfortably all the audience. The chairs were quickly filled by maidens fair and otherwise; sturdy youths ranged themselves more or less picturesquely around the walls, or perched in the window seats, while late-comers jostled each other in the doorway and in the corridor just beyond.

Mr. Wooster favored the society with a vocal solo which was heartily encored; but to the disappointment of the audience he, being unfamiliar with the Western Normalites' insatiable appetite for music, had failed to provide himself for an emergency by bringing an extra sheet of music.

The recitation by Miss Lettie Walters was well received, as was the oration by H. J. Brown.

A few well meaning but poorly informed Lyceumites attempted to vote with the Literati but were promptly squelched by our vigilant President.

Both Miss Nickles and Miss Bell graciously responded to the encores called forth by the instrumental solos which they gave.

"Jiminy," but can't he debate, though? and his debating combined with the eloquence and

sound reasoning of Grover C. Moore won the decision unanimously for the affirmative in the question, "Resolved that woman should have the ballot."

Since no Seniors with their depressing air of dignity and wisdom were present, the meeting was marked by much hilarity on the part of the Juniors. Nevertheless an excellent program was rendered to an appreciative audience.

At a special meeting it was decided to take advantage of Mr. Picken's offer to have a cabinet made by the Manual Training Department in which the archives of the organization may be kept.

At the regular session it was further decided to have made a secretary's table, which shall be fitted with a drawer; said drawer to have a strong lock in order that the rapidly accumulating treasures of the society may be safely guarded.

Many members of the Society of Elastic Necks availed themselves of the privilege of listening through the transoms to the proceedings of the Literati.

Do not laugh at the man with the demure face, fringed trousers and battered hat; he may once have been connected with a college paper. — Ex.

A great many girls say "No" at first, but, like the photographers, they know how to retouch their negatives.

Mrs. Gehrer visited chapel Tuesday morning.

Wag declares that he knows of nothing he likes better than soap and mustard.

Prof. Smith's drawing class enjoyed devotionals in the gallery Tuesday morning.

Regent Amrine has been appointed assistant secretary in the governor's office at Topeka and will begin his duties there at once.

Pres. Hill of Emporia made an interesting talk in chapel last Friday morning. His words are always an inspiration to the students.

We considered ourselves fortunate if we even got a glimpse of the members of the Board of Regents while they were here last week. Everyone was disappointed because they did not appear in chapel.

While in session here the Board of Regents decided that after this spring no one completing the two years work would be considered as a senior and after next year no one but those finishing the four years work would be counted in the graduating class.

The following students have enrolled since the last issue: Fay Winchell, Yocemento; Jessie Hanna, St. Peters; Chas. Hammer, Plainville; Bertha Jensen, Mingo; Lenora Grammon, Lucas; Isabelle Duff, Lucas; Mattie Gurvey, Natoma; Harry Brown, Natoma.

The Y. M. D. C. Banquet.

The Senior Debating Club gave its second annual banquet on the evening of May 1 at the Pratt club. After a hearty supper, with Murray Wallace acting as Magister Bibendi the following toasts were given:

Retrospective,	Henry McVey
Things as they ought to be,	Wallace Sullivan
Difficulties of Choosing,	Edward Jantzen
Domestic Economy,	Jacob Weisner
Babies,	James McVey
Prospective,	Ward Sullivan
Bene Vos,	Mr. Bird

The following lady friends of the club were present, Mrs. Bird, Emma Kraus, Elva Bice, Maude King, Ida Solomon, Charlotte Brown, Mattie Crowder and Nellie Spencer.

Some of the toasts had a considerable sprinkling of roasts and Irish jokes but the roasts put the company in a spirit to laugh at the jokes.

Five of the young men in the club are fourth year seniors and expect to leave school this year. This leaves but two old members to take up the work next year, but it is felt that the club will prosper and improve with time.

After the Bene Vos by Mr. Bird the club adjourned to meet again next year.

Miss Amy Swires visited chapel last Friday morning.

Harry Matthew visited friends here and attended the play last week.

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That big stick of candy, how we all admired it,
That candy the faculty depended upon;
That nice stick of candy, how we all desired it,
Was finally voted to our little John.
John Walton Shively, then the Faculty Baby,
And how his blue eyes fairly did shine
When Henry J. Brown, in appropriate language
Presented to him that candy so fine.

That big stick of candy;
That round stick of candy,
That sweet, pretty candy
Little John thought so fine.

How quick from his mamma, he reached to receive it,
As held in her hand, it was near to his lips;

Not
even
his
father
could
tempt
him
to
leave
it,



As held in his hands, in the front yard he sits;
And now, dear friends, this was the whole situation,
And the story that to you I was to tell;
Still the faculty look back with much lamentation
And sigh for the candy, which to none of them fell.

That huge stick of candy,
That sweet-tasting candy,
That red striped candy
That to Little John fell.

—ELIZABETH KLINE.

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Habit.

We little realize what an important part habit plays in our lives. There is scarcely an act but has the direction of habit behind it. It has been said, "Man is a creature of habit." And it is startling, but it is true, that we are never entirely free from it—and ought not to be. How many times it proves a good true friend, awaking right impulses at right times and relieving us of a thousand efforts of will and dread throughout the long day's duty. Every individual has within himself natural powers which if left to themselves may be aimlessly spent or may blast or ruin. But habit kindly steps in and takes charge of these hidden treasures and sooner or later we find that the

best of our lives have been made into bundles of good habit.

To have no habits is impossible and to have but few is to drift along without a rudder. If we would learn why some men and women are so successful in their life's work we have but to study the habits of their minds and hands. It is then that we realize how large a part of their work is performed along the lines of of systematic habit.

The present staff of the Leader finishes its work with another issue, and the new staff will come forward to take up the responsibilities and duties of editing the Leader for a year. The newly elected staff is as follows: Editor-in-chief, Fred Reed; Associate Editor, Nellie McVey; Business Manager, Wallace Sullivan; Ass't Business Manager, Jacob Weisner. We realize that under their superior management the progress of the paper will not be slow.

Special effort and pains is being put upon the commencement issue to make it interesting to our readers. A number of excellent cuts will appear with appropriate writeups. Take advantage of this and make it an opportunity to send the paper to your friends to give them some idea of the school you are attending and possibly to arouse in them a desire to attend at the same place.

The price will be ten cents a copy and any member of the staff will be glad to receive your order as soon as possible.

Normal Defeats Ogallah.

The Ogallah baseball team, anxious to begin the season's work with a good game, paid the Normal a visit and went home defeated after an interesting game. The Normal began scoring early and kept the good work going steadily till the seventh inning when they took a slump and Ogallah began sending some men around the square and across the rubber slab. The Normal machinery was jarred loose when in the eighth Capt. Vernon Bice in fielding a fast "grass cutter" sprained an ankle and had to retire. That seemed to start Ogallah's scoring. John Neilson and Shamberg did the battery stunt for the Normal and there was nothing slow doing around the batting end of the diamond when the boys got into action. Bear played right field and Claude Bice benched with Johansen. These three as well as the other members of the team gave an excellent account of themselves till toward the end then every player who had a chance seemed determined to show just how bum he could play. The game ended with a score of 12 to 5 the long end on Normals side of the sheet.

Don't forget the Japs Friday, May 7. They are semiprofessional, bound to play good ball and give us an entertaining game. The boys are working hard in expectation of a fast game.

She Stoops to Conquer.

The entertainments this year have been unfortunate in the character of the weather they have brought with them. The annual play was no exception. The dress rehearsal was given on Wednesday April 28 before a large company of students from the three schools in Hays. The night was delightful and the play successful in every way. On Thursday however the weather changed. In the morning it began to rain and the night was cold and dark. In spite of this nearly every seat in the auditorium was filled. The Board of Regents dismissed their business session to be present. The play was a change from the Shakespearean drama presented in former years and was entertaining from the time the curtain rose until it fell. The large attendance of the townspeople every year is the best evidence that the play measures up to a high standard. Mere interest in the school would not insure such an advance sale of tickets. This year was no exception. Every player acquitted himself with credit. Perhaps if there was a note of disappointment anywhere it was to be found in the selection of a comedy rather than one of the more serious subjects given in former years.

Rev. C. S. Sargent D. D., Pastor of the First Congregational Church at Wichita, will deliver the Baccalaureate address.

The social given by the Lyceum and Literati Societies was, literally speaking, a "howling" success. The pink and green of the Lyceum vied with the red of the Literati in giving the big gymnasium a festive air. The guests were received by representatives from the two societies. However the sensation of vague alarm created by this touch of formality soon gave place to the spirit of fun which found expression in, "drop the handkerchief," "winkum" and other renowned games. Then came the Grand March, followed by other marches, perhaps not so grand but quite as interesting, ending with the march by counties, when the representatives from each county passed by twos in review before the faculty and the Ellis county students; and here begun the great lung capacity test of the evening. Principal Picken, inspired by the din, announced that a prize of a quart of peanuts would be given to the county composing and rendering the best yell. The rhyming machinery copiously lubricated by punch and ballasted by wafers was set to work and at the end of fifteen minutes the contest was on; every competing county did itself proud, but before the judges could make their decision, they were so fiercely besieged by the competitors that they were driven to take refuge in the gallery from which safe vantage point they finally handed in a verdict in favor of Sheridan county, thus was the honor of the name Sheridan furthered by the lone representative from that county. As soon as the decision was announced bedlam reigned supreme while each county yelled itself hoarse in an effort to drown its neighbor's yell. Yes, we repeat it, the social was a "howling" success.

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Model School Notes.

Grade cards will soon be given out.

Iva Morgan was absent last Friday.

Miss Amy Swires visited the ninth grade arithmetic class last Friday morning.

The Model School folks felt very proud of their teachers who took part in the play.

Merna Bahl and Celia Dwyer were absent from Physiology class last Friday morning.

Mabel Rowlison did not teach last Thursday morning but her class enjoyed (?) a written lesson instead.

Emily Dite spent Sunday the 25th with home folks at Ellis.

Chorus practice now comes twice a week.

Jake and Mabel Lahman of Winona visited friends here Thursday.

Blanche Alfrey enjoyed a visit from her sister Kate Thursday of last week.

Prof. Picken has purchased lots of Miss Andreas and expects to build in the fall.

The geology class accompanied by Professors Kent and Wooster spent Friday afternoon, April 23, at Yocemento. An interesting and pleasant time is reported.

H. E. Pearce, the principal of the Menlo school the past winter, returned to his home in Portis last week. He stopped off to visit friends and Normal a few days.

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