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State Normal School, Moorhead, Minnesota, December, 1904.

No. 3.

BABY IN THE GONDOLA.

BY LOUISE W. MEARS

Rock-a-bye baby in a black boat
When papa paddles the baby will float;
When the boat leaks the water gets in,
And little bambino is wet to the skin.

This is the song for baby in the gondola. In his babyhood, boyhood and manhood, this baby who is now lying in the gondola will spend most of his time upon the water. As the Indian baby swings in his cradle and later hunts and fishes among the pines, so our gondolababy, although he lives in the city, is rocked to sleep in a boat, and when he becomes a man is the master of the boat.

Our Andrea lives in Venice, an Italian city in the sea, where travelers far and wide come to look upon the streets of water swarming with little black boats.

Of course you want to know how a city happened to be built with most of its streets of water. Hundreds of years ago, some Romans wanted to get away from their enemies, and they thought if they could settle on some islands in the sea, their enemies could not get at them. So these Romans took refuge on some bits of land in a lagoon of the Adriatic Sea. A lagoon is a lake into which the sea flows. There were thousands of islands in this lagoon. The Romans built homes on them, and before long this group of

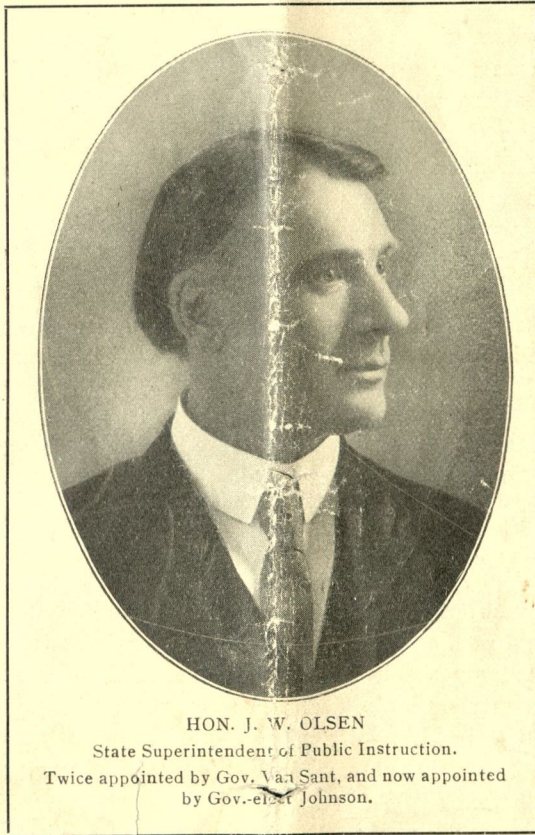
islands became a city with the sea water flowing between the houses, and if its people wished to be neighborly they jumped into their boats and crossed the water streets.

Now I think you know how it is that a city ever happened to be built on bits of land in the sea and boats take the place of carriages. We Americans can have quite as fine and showy carriages as we can buy, but the Venetian must paint his long slender boat black. This is because long ago the people spent so much money to trim their gondolas

with rich lace and gold, and went so far in trying to outdo one another, that the good ruler commanded all boats alike to be black. This quieted the nobles, who feared that their boats might be outdone by the rich merchants.

Oh! the graceful gondola, skimming the water like a black swan! The shining brass prow cuts the waves, and the gondolier with one paddle seems to do his work so easily. The middle seat is cushioned and has a black canopy over it. There are curtains

also which one may draw to keep out the sun. This enclosed seat looks like a little black house on the boat. Andrea's mother is seated comfortably under the canopy enjoying her holiday, and her tired hands need the rest indeed. I wish you could see the lace which her deft fingers can make. I am sure you have never seen anything like it—as fine as a spider web,



HON. J. W. OLSEN

State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Twice appointed by Gov. Van Sant, and now appointed by Gov.-elect Johnson.

and when it is finished after years of work, selling for many dollars a yard. When she was a little girl she began work in a lace factory, and earned a few pennies a day learning to make point lace and only such laces as queens and princesses could buy. The Queen of Italy today desires that the Venetian women should not forget how to make some of these wonderful laces and encourages a school for lace making. What a good thing that these women should not forget how to make the laces that the whole world has admired for so many centuries!

Shut your eyes little Andrea! There is going to be a crash! Three other boats have rounded a corner and are coming right toward you. Father is your gondolier. He stands in the prow, guiding the boat with one paddle. He gives a low cry, the other boatmen answer back, and each gondola makes its way unharmed, much as a swan in the park that darts among his fellows after crumbs.

Andrea is riding on the Grand Canal today, the "main street" of Venice, broadest of all the water streets. Close to the edge and seeming to rise from the water are tall stone buildings, some of them beautiful palaces and some grand hotels, pinkish or greenish white, with many colored ornaments at windows and doors. Flower boxes are in the windows, and blossoms crowd out and hang down to see themselves in the water. Posts, gaily painted with the family colors, are in the water in front of the houses, just as our hitching posts are on land. Chug! chug! the water shakes, even the houses tremble. A steam launch is going by. There are not many of these steam boats, for the gondoliers will not permit these noisy hurrying strangers to take their business away from them. We are thankful that this city remains so quiet. Where is the deafening noise of wagons; the hawking cry of street venders? Where are the beggars who dogged our foot-steps in Naples?

Splash! splash! the water plays upon the marble steps of the palace. At high tide it splashes the top-step, and leaves it dry at low tide. This moving water flows fresh from the sea, keeping itself pure in this way.

In three or four years, the father will say, "Andrea, my duckling, you must learn to swim." He will tie a rope around the boy's waist and dip him into the water to kick and

squirm like the frogs at swimming school. But this summer afternoon he is still a helpless babe in his mother's arms. He gazes wonderingly at his father who is standing in the prow, dressed in white sailor suit with blue collar, his large straw hat with blue band, pushed back on his head.

"My son, see the Lion of St. Mark!" The father points to a bronze lion. The lion has wings and his fore paw is on a book. He is hundreds of years old, was even carried away into another country one time and broken to pieces, and after all that put together again and restored to Venice. The lion is the sign or symbol of Venice, because it was the emblem of St. Mark who was buried in the church of Venice. Andrea goes to the church each day, the church of San Marco, which has treasures in it from all parts of the world. The sailors coming in from far away countries used to bring presents to the dear Mother Church. In front of the church is a large paved square where the people gather in the summer evenings and where the band plays. This is where Andrea sees the pigeons. They are much loved birds in Venice and live around the church. They seem to come out of every cranny and nook of the gray stone walls. There is a story told which explains why the bird is never harmed in Venice. One time when the Venetians were at war with the island of Candia, carrier pigeons flew across the sea into the enemy's camp. The Venetians captured some of these birds and discovered they had notes under their wings. By reading these notes, the Venetians learned how to defeat the people of Candia and won a victory in twelve hours. Some of the birds were taken back to Venice and pigeons have ever since been favorites there. So tame are they that they will light on one's hands and eat seeds, and in fact quite cover any one who brings something for them to eat.

But we must see how Andrea closes his day on the Grand Canal. The sun has gone down into the sea. The electric lights along the borders of the Canal are sending ladders of light down into the water. Andrea's mother lifts him up to the boat's edge and says: "Look down into the water, my bambino. Do you think the stars have fallen into the canal? Do you see the flowers blooming down there? Do you see another little Andrea?" But

BETH



RUTH

something still lovelier is coming toward them. A boat of fire? No, a boat aglow with Japanese lanterns, and carrying musicians who are singing and dancing as if their hearts would burst for joy. The listeners throw a coin into the boat and the giver and receivers are happy. Father turns the boat away from the Grand Canal, passes under a stone bridge into a narrow water street where the vines and trees almost meet overhead. Andrea's home is here, and here we bid him good-night.

THANKSGIVING IN THE MODEL SCHOOL.

The seventh and eighth grades of the Model Department closed the fall term with a fitting program in which all who took part did themselves proud. Sweet faced Puritan maids and sturdy representatives of the sterner sex, told, in the first person, the story of the Pilgrim fathers.

Stories were sung and selections given from the poems of the fall time of the year. Miss Simmons added much to the manifest pleasure of all by reading that delightful little story of Wm. Dean Howell's "The Pumpkin Glory."

Afterwards everyone adjourned to the "gym," where the little entertainers gave a pretty dumb-bell drill under Miss Kingsbury's leadership.

The Thanksgiving exercises in the Primary Room were a product of the pupil teachers' industry. Each teacher drilled one or more children in the little recitations and songs, and the result was a pleasant entertainment. The blackboards were also decorated by the teachers, and Miss Bickell thoroughly appreciates their earnest work.

THE SENIOR MASCOTTS.

This is a picture of the junior class counselors to the seniors. At first thought it may seem odd that callow juniors should counsel sage seniors; but since the Stanfords, *pere* and *mere*, are the senior class counselors to the seniors, it needs must follow that the Stanford *filles* are junior class counselors to the seniors. Q. E. D. This picture is a stationary picture and represents the Stanford twins mounted in their juggernaut car ready to ride down the juniors and drag the reluctant seniors on to unexpected victory. Beth, who has just been initiated into the N. N. N.'s has temporarily assumed the normal-nothing air, in obedience to the order; but Ruth, who knows all the arts of coquetry without joining any old order, is on the lookout for some junior Apollo who may chance to need an encouraging smile and an inviting wave of the hand as he goes down in the wholesale slaughter. A moving picture of the twins, which represents them mounted one on either shoulder of pere Stanford, shouting a shrill slogan of battle at 2 a. m. on a chill December morning, we were obliged to omit owing to the peculiar military regalia of all the principals and the ambiguous expression of happiness on the face of pere Stanford,—such an expression as no fond father and loving class counselor should "countenance" just before Christmas.

THE STREET CAR.

The street car got out to the normal a trifle late, but it was with great glee that the students finally welcomed the sight of it as it

rolled up in great state in front of the main building, December second. For weeks its arrival had been impatiently looked for, but because of various good reasons it was delayed a week after the cars were running in Fargo.

The car will make fifteen-minute trips to and from the building to the north bridge, where transfers are given for the Fargo cars, which run to all points of the Dakota metropolis. There seems to be little doubt that the line in Moorhead, as well as the lines in Fargo, will be profitably operated. Patronage seems to be good, and constant. The car in Moorhead, which started at two-thirty in the afternoon, rang up four hundred fares by the middle of the evening. The company hopes to complete connections at the bridge before Christmas,—though Cass county's injunction may interfere with this,—and will build the court house line in the spring.

TEACHERS' MEETING.

The Becker County Teachers' Association held its annual meeting at Lake Park on Saturday, November fifth. A goodly number of teachers from the rural districts and delegations from Detroit, Audubon, Ulen and other neighboring towns were in attendance, and displayed an unusually lively interest in the many good things offered during the day.

The morning session began with an address by Prin. Julius Skaug on "The Formation of an Ideal." Mr. Skaug had collected some data relative to the ideals that ordinary school children possess, and with these as a basis he offered some suggestions regarding the value of each and the significance of having children acquire the best possible ideals. Following this Miss Kathryn Kohler read an excellent paper on "Why Graduate Pupils From Rural Schools?" The next number was a round table discussion of the subject "General Exercises for Ungraded Schools." Mr. Roy F. Everett, principal of the Ulen Schools, introduced the discussion in a carefully prepared paper in which he gave a general statement of the subject and emphasized particularly the need of more comprehensive and more effective moral instruction. Such instruction, he contended, should form a part of the general exercises in every school. President Weld, Supt. Mary A. Hanson and

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others offered valuable suggestions along the same lines.

The most notable feature of the afternoon session was an address by Mr. G. G. Green of the manual training department of the Normal School on "Busy Work." The address was richly illustrated with objects made by the children in the model department of the normal and brimful of helpful suggestions and pointed directions. His remarks were noted with evident interest and many will undoubtedly profit by his wholesome and signally practical suggestions. Miss Sophia Ebeltoft followed with a highly pleasing vocal solo after which Supt. Mary A. Hanson gave the meeting a few of her impressions of the St. Louis Exposition gained through a recent visit to the great fair. Her remarks were supplemented by President Weld, and by Supt. Bohlander, of Detroit, who had also visited the fair during the summer.

The meeting is considered one of the most successful in the history of the county organization.

THE STUDENTS' RECITAL.

Monday evening, November twenty-first, occurred our second students' recital. It was in all respects successful and Miss Middaugh and Mrs. Smith may justly feel proud of the results. It is a notable fact that many of the students who appeared that evening are now completing their fifth year at the Normal.

When the curtain rose and the orchestra began to play "The Strollers" every one realized at once the possibilities of that organization under Miss Middaugh's skillful training. But if this first musical selection pleased the audience, those following did so in no less degree. Verda Gies played the "Valse Caprice" with admirable skill and freedom. It is needless to say that the audience felt favored when Mr. Moody appeared and sang "The Fog-Bell"—nor would they be satisfied before he had responded with an encore. As a conclusion to the program a girls' chorus sang with charming grace "The Oars Are Plashing Lightly."

The readings for the evening, selections from James Russell Lowell, were introduced by Miss Olive Stanley, who told us the main events of the poet's life, enlivening the biography with characteristic incidents. Bessie

Gormley read "The Black Preacher" with dramatic force, vividly portraying the dismal setting as well as the moral implied. The more quiet poem "Rhoecus," Martha Idtse read with a spirit fitted to the beauty and pathos of the selection, while Zora Ensign entertainingly read the pretty tale of "The Singing Leaves." That strong selection, "The Parable," was rendered with energy and true coloring by Sibyl Tillotson, while in "The Present Crisis" Grace McKenzie moved her audience with the stirring appeal that was unconsciously so real to her. A selection like the "Summer Storm" is difficult, but Allene Mc-

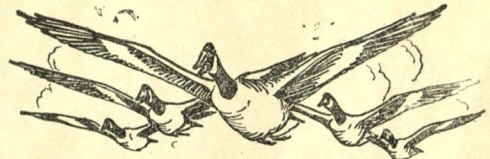
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ALUMNI NOTES.

Nora Carr, who is teaching at Staples, was with us November seventh.

Margaret McKenzie, '04, was a guest of the Walkers on Sunday, November seventh.

James Bilsborrow, of Audobon, was at school December third.

Carrie Barnes, '04, of Hawley, greeted her friends at school on November fifth.

Jessie Kempton, '04, who is teaching at Ulen, was the guest of Agnes Arrive November fifth and sixth.

Winnie Marth, '04, is teaching near Henning, Minn., where she is making a decided success of her work.

Herman Anderson, '04, who is teaching at Perley, came down to gather fresh suggestions for his work on November fifth.

Oscar and Eugene Askegaard, graduates of last year, have been frequent visitors at the school, since both are teaching in the neighborhood.

Madge Chappel, of last year's class, who is teaching in Fargo, came over for a visit in company with her friend, Miss Clark, on the eighth of November.

Laura Wright, '04, is teaching in District No. 59, near Sabin, Minnesota. In a letter to the Red Letter, she makes the following statement: There are enrolled, at present, in my school twenty-one pupils. Our school building is very large and well equipped in every way for a rural school. We have free text-books and a small library. The pupils are bright and interesting, and the school board is willing to aid in every way possible. I look forward to a successful eight months' term.

Charles Hort of the class of 1903, who is teaching French in the high school of Butte, Montana, writes under date of November 8, that he is well pleased with his position, and says some interesting things, concerning his work, and the city in which he is now living. Among other things he says "Our enrollment has reached almost 600. We have 23 teachers. I have 95 pupils in the department of French, divided into seven classes. I have from seventy to eighty papers to correct every day. Hence, the work is not quite as easy as I expected. In the course of French Literature,

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PERSONALS.

Mr. R. W. Cranston visited the normal, Monday, November fourteenth.

Leonard Houske, of Halstad, called on old normal friends November tenth.

Ruth Hendry and Stella Holton, of Lake Park, were visitors December third.

Clara Bjerke visited with her cousin, E. H. Holt, of Fargo, on Thanksgiving day.

Mr. W. Bond, of Beltrami, visited his sister, Agnes Scott, on Tuesday, November eighth.

Flossie Slagerman and Susie Pagel spent Thanksgiving with friends near Chaffee.

Della Nelson moved from her home in Fargo to Wheeler Hall on November second.

Katie Hartwell spent the Thanksgiving re-

cess with Agnes Scott at her home in Beltrami.

Laura and Ida Hills spent Thanksgiving vacation with their sister, Mrs. J. L. Smith, at Elmer, Minn.

Mrs. Stanförd and Mrs. Green visited several of the departments on Wednesday, November ninth.

Clara E. Nelson and Helma Skundberg spent their Thanksgiving vacation with Thora Hagen, '03, at Crookston.

Miss Bickell and Miss Mears spent the Thanksgiving recess with Mrs. Haupt and Mrs. Corliss at Fergus Falls.

Mrs. C. Butler, of Miles City, Mont., sister to Camilla and Clara Rawson, spent part of the month of November with her people in the city.

Miss Nelle Olson, of the high school, and Miss McGregor, of Fergus Falls, were visitors at chapel and several classes on the nineteenth of November.

On Miss Middaugh's return to school after her illness just preceding the date of the recital, she was heartily applauded at her appearance on the stage.

Mrs. Weld and her father, Mr. Elwell, paid a visit to the building and attended a laboratory exercise in Mr. Stanford's department on December first.

Anna Olson, of Perley, spent a few days early in November with her friend Kaia Sunstad. She will resume her work in the normal at the opening of the spring term.

Dr. and Mrs. Schoonmaker, of Perham, called on their sister Ada at Wheeler Hall, Sunday, November twentieth, and took her home with them in their auto car the next day.

Mrs. Weld went to Montevideo November eleventh, and after a visit of several days with her uncle, Mr. George Elwell, was accompanied home by her father, Mr. James Elwell, who will spend the winter here.

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SUPT. OLSEN'S REPORT.

Supt. Olsen's forthcoming biennial report will show by statistics that the teaching force in the Minnesota public schools is becoming more and more efficient as the years go by. The number of teachers employed in the state during the year ending July 31, 1904, was 13,083, and of this number 8,917 or 68 per cent were graduates of high schools, normal schools or colleges. This shows an increase of 7 per cent over two years ago. Of the 8,917 graduates of schools higher than the common graded schools, 4,961 are graduates of high schools, 2,918 of normal schools, and 1,038 of colleges. The number of teachers who are college graduates increased 17 per cent as compared with two years ago, the number of high school graduates increased 16 per cent, and normal school graduates 7 per cent. Not only have the teachers become more proficient throughout the state, but their wages have increased. The average wage of a male teacher in 1902 in the independent and special districts was \$93.50 per month for nine months; in 1903, \$97.57, and he enjoyed an increase of about a dollar in 1904. In the common school districts he received in 1902, \$43.46; in 1903, \$45.16, and in 1904, \$45.71 per month. A woman teacher in 1902 received \$44.85; in 1903, \$45.74, and in 1904, \$48.56 per month, in the special and independent districts, and \$33.14 per month in 1902, \$35.25 in 1903, and \$36.27 in 1904 in the common school districts.

NEWS COMMENT.

Several model school girls were promoted to the normal department at the opening of the winter term. We wish them all success in their new undertakings.

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The enrollment for the winter term shows that the number of boys has been doubled over the number during the fall term. There is

ample material for football now, but the athletes will have to be contented with regular gymnasium work and basket ball. A basket ball team will in all probability be organized in the near future.

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Although the number of boys in school has increased to forty-three, when scattered among nearly three hundred girls, they are still as rare as raisins in a pudding.

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Skating began the first week in December, and while the river froze a bit rough and a slight fall of snow still further impaired its excellence, the ice was frequently covered with a lively band of skaters.

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A "Bum" who had evidently had too much from the "cup that cheers," made his way into the parlor at Wheeler Hall on a quiet evening in November, where his presence caused an undue amount of excitement. If it had not been for the strength and bravery of the dining room girl, who promptly caught him by the sleeve and ushered him out, the unwelcome visitor would probably have camped there for the night—to the great discomfort of the more timid ones, who were crouched behind chairs and under the table.

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The manual training department is now in full blast, and Mr. Green is making things hum. The room is furnished with fourteen planing benches, each supplied with a complete set of tools of the finest quality. Besides these benches there are three or four lathes and a band scroll saw. The room presents a very neat appearance. The students who are now taking the course, report the work exceedingly interesting, and it is to be regretted that the room is too small to accommodate a larger class.

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Thanksgiving day has "come and gone," as writers of books are in the habit of saying concerning long looked for days. Everyone looked happy. Why shouldn't they? Even though turkey did come high this year, cranberries were only \$6.50 per barrel. Everyone smiled at everyone else and everyone was thankful for "all things, both great and small things" and the world was fair.

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Why is Grace McKenzie happy?

John Haugen has lately acquired the fatal talking habit.

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Mr. Berg finds fancy work thrillingly interesting. He doesn't see how the girls can talk so much—and so foolishly.

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The Livingston Literary Society rendered a program to a large audience Saturday, November twelfth, the principal part of which—"Adventures in Blunderland," a play in two acts—afforded much amusement. The idea of the little play was original with Emma Lincoln. The dances were directed by Miss Kingsbury. Following is an outline of the program and the cast of characters:

Violin Solo.....Miss Stella Rawson
 Adventures in Blunderland.
 Act I. Miss Vivian's Kindergarten.
 Act II. Woodland.

Characters.

Fanny Fairytales.....Agnes Stinson
 Miss Vivian.....Lulu Fletcher
 Buster Brown.....Henry Dahlby
 Mrs. Brown.....Pansy Gilbert
 Dunce.....Ben Tillotson
 Jimmie Jenks.....Nellie Remshart
 Lord Fauntleroy.....Grace Walker
 Little Eva.....Isabel Rockwell
 Topsy.....Mildred Everhardt
 Cinderella.....Ruth Keeny
 Boy Blue.....Gordon Nye
 Red Ridinghood.....Olive Sullivan
 School Children, in Miss Vivian's Kindergarten: Eulalia Tufts, Alice Olson, Georgia Redpath, Emma Backe, Emma Baldwin, Mollie Conant, Emma Lincoln, Mary Lamb.

Sunbonnet Babies: Grace McKenzie, Ida Landbloom, Emma Erickson, Ethel Mudgett, Ruth Staake, Minnie Davis.

Between the first and second acts a delightful piano duet was played by Verda Gies and Clara Nelson. The opening number, Miss Rawson's violin solo, was an exquisite selection, admirably played.

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All the girls who remained at Wheeler Hall during the Thanksgiving recess were entertained Friday evening, November twenty-fifth, by Misses Hannah and Louise Palmer at their home on Sixth street. A very enjoyable time ensued.

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The ambitious "C's," who lately organized with flying colors, have recruited their ranks by many new second-term arrivals.

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All students who began work with the second term have been organized into a separate gymnasium division. Would it be apt to call this the awkward squad?

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Dora Hanson spent part of her vacation on the McKenzie farm. She says she hauled two loads of straw on a Friday morning all by her lonesome. Of course there was the team and—and—and!

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Dame Rumor has it that all the young ladies of the Hall must appear at breakfast at seven-thirty, sharp.

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A suggestion is made that the janitors be provided with ear trumpets so they may be able to hear the gentle tapping, tapping of the early birds at the doors. The old adage remarks that the early bird catches the worm. In this case he simply catches a cold. Indeed, he often gets caught—sitting on the front steps waiting for the turning of the key in the lock.

In autumn and spring the early bird is happy, but as the cold winter days come on his old enemy, Jack Frost, is about seeking whom he may devour; and he always finds the early bird perched on the stone railing at the front entrance, all because the janitors are hard of hearing.

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The grammar class of the winter term was so large that it had to be divided, Miss Nelson taking one section and Mrs. Everdell the other.

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New students enrolling in the composition class will take seats on the radiators—seats on the floor are now all spoken for.

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President Weld went to Hallock December ninth and tenth, where he gave a lecture before the Kittson County Teachers' Association.

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Meetings were held by both of the literary societies on November sixteenth for the pur-

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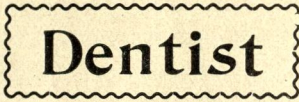
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pose of electing officers for the winter term. The following members were chosen to direct the affairs of the Livingston Society: Pres., Casper Bergh; vice pres., Emma Lincoln; sec., Ethel Mudgett; treas., Conrad Hovden; door-keeper, Ben Tollotson; representatives on the Red Letter Board, Emma Lincoln, Ruth Keeny. Those for the Augustine Society were: Pres., Margaret Walker; vice pres., Nellie Knudson; sec., Minnie Corbett; treas., Clara Rawson doorkeeper, Stephen Bergh; representatives on the Red Letter Board, Eugenie Kellogg, Ottilia Westlund.

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The University Dramatic Club of the State University is trying to arrange for a date in Fargo just before the Christmas holidays. The club has a deal of talent in its ranks and will doubtless be given a generous welcome.

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Many extensive improvements have been made in the city during the past summer. Business blocks, school buildings, streets and private dwellings have been given added charms and comfort. So much has been done in fact, that the Red Letter expects to devote a special news article to this subject in its next issue.

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In his notes in School Education Mr. Aiton attributes to Prin. Conrad Selving, of Harmony, the observation that boys who use tobacco are shortwinded, and are beaten at football by those who have not acquired the tobacco habit.

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Ada, the county seat of Norman county, has a handsome and thoroughly modern school building that was erected this summer on a splendid site.

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A student's life at the normal school is not complete until he has associated himself with some one of the churches of the community and entered into its spiritual life.

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The inflow of new students at the beginning of the term greatly disturbed the occupants of the rear seats in the auditorium.

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In his annual Bibliography of Child Study Mr. Louis N. Wilson, librarian of Clark University, makes this comment on Mr. Chamber's "The Evolution of Ideals": "Established what is virtually a new standpoint for judg-

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The 9:30 class in gym work, catching the Thanksgiving intoxication a trifle in advance, forgot to present themselves on Tuesday, November twenty-ninth. They did not, however, omit to visit the president in his private office a short while after, in response to summons. When they emerged, severally, they did not look particularly athletic.

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The normal orchestra, which made its debut to the public on the occasion of the second students' recital, was received with well-deserved enthusiasm. That it will become, under Miss Middaugh's expert direction, an organization of which we shall all be proud, seems an assured fact.

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The N. N. N.'s held a very profitable meeting in the Chemical Laboratory, Friday evening, November 11th. A very desirable "individual" proved himself equal to every emergency, and at the small hours of the night was formally declared a full fledged member of this great and widely known society. Though it was night and even the moon's light was pale, nevertheless the Sunshine attempted to make its way in, but since the electric lights were in good working order Sunshine's services were dispensed with.

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After three meetings, when no decision was arrived at, on November 30th, the Senior Class met and discussed different combinations of colors, and finally chose old gold and purple for the class colors. The class also chose its emblem and the order will be filled as soon as possible.

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At the invitation of Supt. Logie, Pres. Weld addressed the teachers of the Fargo public schools on Saturday morning, December third.

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Madame Bertha Kunz-Baker, of New York, gave a lecture recital at Elks' Hall on December third. She was greeted by five hundred people who represented, for the most part, that element in the two towns that stands for intellectual culture. Her theme was The Duty of Happiness; it held up the principle of refreshment in nature and human nature, of the demand for creating happiness by maintaining a happy outlook upon life. She contrasted the ideal of Medieval Omar Khayyam, with the more stimulating, manly ideal of Modern Browning. She quoted from moment to moment, with exquisite expression and profound interpretative power, bits of prose and verse philosophy from Stevenson,

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Miss Middaugh, whose illness of early November demanded the postponement of the Recital which she and Mrs. Smith were to have given on the fourteenth, underwent an operation on her throat shortly after and is now quite recovered, much to the delight of all her friends.

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President Weld, accompanied by Mr. Stanford, went to Lake Park Saturday, November nineteenth, where he delivered his World's Fair lecture for the benefit of the public school library fund. A goodly company of people from the town and surrounding country was in attendance and a comfortable sum was netted for the library.

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Mr. and Mrs. Titus very handsomely entertained a company of young people at their home one evening early in the month. Progressive cinch was played at six tables, the score cards consisting of daintily executed hand paintings by the hostess. After refreshments, prizes were awarded to Miss Bowen and Mr. Price.

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Mrs. Bolley, of Fargo, talked to the Normal School at chapel, November tenth, of her travels in Russia. She was received with particular enthusiasm because President Weld had just finished reading Mr. Frazer's "Real Siberia." Mrs. Bolley, while in Russia, spent a great part of her time among the peasantry, learning of their life, of their homes, of their occupations, and noting the willingness with which they grasped the new ideas brought in from the outer world. Mrs. Bolley's address was as informal as it was interesting; it added many new thoughts to our knowledge of the great Russian Empire.

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Mr. Arsenault and Mr. Woods, young musicians of Fargo, gave a musicale to their friends on the evening of December fifth, which several of the normal people had the pleasure of attending.

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Alma Bey, of Montevideo, completed her course at the normal during the fall term, and will receive a diploma.

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The Y. W. C. A. of Fargo College gave a reception on Saturday evening, December third, to which they graciously invited the girls of the normal.

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CHRONICLE.

Nov. 2d.—Livingstons continue practising in gymnasium for their next program.—Della Nelson arrives at Wheeler Hall.

Nov. 3d.—A select few enjoy a private concert in music room.—Miss Middaugh's house furnishings arrive.—Juniors call a meeting.—Bessie Pushor represents Wheeler Hall at the first club party.

Nov. 4th.—Invitations issued to Miss Dow's "at home" for the Juniors.—Pres. Weld, Miss Dow, and Miss Middaugh absent for the afternoon.

Nov. 5th.—Pres. Weld and Mr. Green attend association at Lake Park.—Seniors look over class emblem samples.—Wheeler Hall party in Gym.—Julius Skaug, Jessie Kempton (Agnes Arivee) and Nora Carr attend the party.

Nov. 7th.—Street Car Company does a whirl-wind stunt at building the Normal School line.

Nov. 8th.—Election day—but no holiday.—Miss Middaugh tries to help matters with "Give us a cheer for Prexy Weld."

Nov. 9th.—Cold—slight covering of sleet on the ground.—The "Returns" come in.—Roosevelt and Johnson win.

Nov. 10th.—Mrs. Bolley addresses the school at chapel, on Russian peasants.—A number of visitors present throughout the day.—Senior Class holds a meeting.

Nov. 11th.—N. N. N.'s have a late at night "blow out." Sunshine attempts to "butt in" but is repulsed.—Pres. Weld goes to St. Paul.

Nov. 12th.—Livingston program given.—Miss Middaugh absent.—Fargo High wins 6 to 0 over Grand Forks.—"U" of Minn. beats Wis. 28 to 0. Pres. Weld sees the game.

Nov. 13th.—Recital postponed on account of Miss Middaugh's illness.—Pres. Weld returns from St. Paul.

Nov. 14th.—Street car rails being laid.—Fargo Forum added to list of normal papers.

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Nov. 15th.—Red Letter for October out. It writes a news paragraph on the "Recital" which did not come off.—"Bum" visitor at Hall in evening.

Nov. 16th.—High School boys sell badges for Fergus game.—Senior class meeting.—Augustine and Livingston societies meet to elect officers.—Stanford twins visit laboratory class.

Nov. 17th.—First and second year students register.—Exquisite weather.—Books in library being rearranged.—Model school prepares for Thanksgiving exercises.—Title for a new romance, "Call 1-2-6, or who got the invitation to the theater."

Nov. 18th.—Applause as Miss Middaugh appears in chapel.—Sunshine has company, who frequently is heard to say, Don't you believe me, Emma?—Orchestra practices.—Pres. Weld and Mr. Stanford go to Lake Park to give illustrated World's Fair lecture.

Nov. 19th.—High school plays with Fergus Falls.—Rain.—Stella Holton visits.—Mr. Stanford's classes have a vacation.

Nov. 20th.—Ada Schoonmaker goes home on her brother's auto car.—Second students' recital comes off. Lowell is given a graceful presentation.—Bergh has school notes in Forum.

Nov. 22d.—Exams.—Longings for the "old folks at home"—mostly deferred till Thursday.

Nov. 23d.—All over!—now for that turkey.—Mr. Green does a poster to the tune of—Tell me not in mournful numbers turkey isn't fit to eat, Won't I make his drumsticks rattle when I get him by the feet!

Nov. 29th.—Registration of new students.—No chapel exercises.—Miss Middaugh has not yet returned.—Exam papers handed back with thanks.—A few of the Eighth Grade pupils are promoted to the "C" class.

Nov. 30th.—Some tardy ones appear, who evidently did Thanksgiving to a finish.—Work in Manual Training commenced.—The new practice teachers, with pale faces descend to the lower regions.

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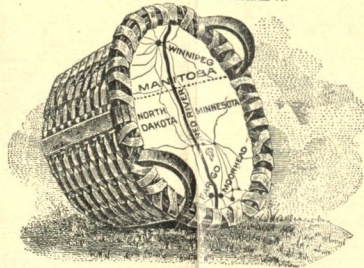
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