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BASEBALL.

The High School really has a baseball team in spite of many knocks, and as the probable result of still more boosts that were received. If any of you witnessed the little game that was staged on the local diamond you would have an ample idea of the comparative strength of the nine. The few defects that were noticed in Saturday's melee have been remedied and will undoubtedly be eliminated in the first inter-scholastic game.

Yesterday the team went up to cross bats with our friends on the hill. The outcome of this game is one that is eagerly looked forward, as the college is reported to have a strong aggregation. Another reason is that our old rivals, Sleepy Eye, play the College Saturday and in this way we may be able to obtain a little "dope" as to our chance with some of our old rivals. Sleepy Eye was defeated in an exciting game last Saturday by the Springfield team.

At the present time no definite line-up has been decided upon but the battery will be composed of Hamann and Shapiro, Hamann doing the twirling with Harry handling his offerings. Esser is expected to stick to first, while Clobes will hold down the keystone position. Kretsch seems to be slated for third base, and Paulson or Koehler for short. In the outfield Berg, Tauer and J. Graff are expected to start.

Through the efforts of Coach Henry and a little support from fellow students the team cannot escape making a record that we should be proud of. If any home games are arranged we would like to see the "old pep prominent" to root for the nine.

SPRING FEVER.

Always at about this time of the year a dangerous disease breaks out among the students, and this year has been no exception. It has gotten just as many victims this year, if not more, as other years.

CAST OF CHARACTERS

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* **CELIA FARADAY**—An unaffected young woman of twenty-nine, with a sense of humor **Thelma Rinke**

* **PHYLIS**—Her youngest sister; a charming but thoughtless girl of twenty **Natalie Dietz**

* **MADGE** (Mrs. Rockingham)—One of Celia's handsome younger sisters **Anne Mueller**

* **EVELYN** (Lady Trenchard)—Another younger sister **Florence Collins**

* **AUNT IDA** (Mrs. Chisholm Faraday of Chicago)—A warm-hearted old soul **Lorene Mueller**

* **COLONEL SMITH**—Dignified and dryly humorous **Willard Vogel**

* **WILLIAM FARADAY**—Father of the girls; fashionable, superficial and thoroughly selfish **Cyrus Frederickson**

* **ROBERT TARVER**—An empty-headed young swell, engaged to Phylis **Leo Heimann**

* **ADMIRAL GRICE**—A testy old sea-dog **Harold Olsen**

* **HENRY STEELE**—An English dude **Carl Hummel**

* **JAMES RALEIGH**—Otherwise Jimmie, another dude **Harold Moerbitz**

* **MARTIN**—An old family servant in the Faraday household **Albert Held**

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THE STORY OF THE PLAY

* The play **GREEN STOCKINGS** derives its name from an old English custom which requires an elder sister to wear green stockings at the wedding of her younger sister, if that younger sister has captured a husband first. Celia Faraday, the oldest of four sisters, and the mainstay of the Faraday household had been forced to put them on twice already, and now her younger sister, Phylis, announces her engagement to Robert Tarver, an empty-headed young Englishman, whose greatest worry is over his coming election to Parliament. William Faraday, the father of the girls, refuses to let Phylis marry with Celia still unmarried. Then Bobby and Phylis plan to try marry off Celia to Admiral Grice, a testy old bachelor of about sixty. When Celia learns this, her indignation is aroused, and she invents an engagement of her own to an imaginary Colonel Smith, who, she says, sailed that morning on a troopship to Somaliland, Africa. Straightway all the men of Celia's acquaintances who had formerly considered her old and dull, now find her most attractive. Phylis and Madge (another sister) force Celia to write to Colonel Smith and then they mail the letter. Celia thinking she has burned the letter, confesses her scheme to Aunt Ida, and adds that eight months later, on October the eleventh, she is going to publish a notice of Smith's death in **THE TIMES** and then go to Chicago to live with Aunt Ida for the rest of her life.

* In the meantime Celia's letter has reached a **REAL** Colonel Smith in Somaliland. On October, the eleventh, just after the news of Smith's death has been read in **THE TIMES**, the real Colonel Smith, calling himself Colonel Vavasour and claiming to be Smith's dearest friend, arrives from Somaliland with "Smith's dying message" for Celia. Celia's attempt to continue her bluff, even when almost successfully cornered by Colonel Vavasour, results in many situations.

So far no cure has been found for this disease, even the doctors have no remedy. The "Spring Fever" which is the name of this terrible disease seems worse than the "Flu" which has caused enough havoc. There probably is one thing that can be done to prevent it and that is to not let it get a hold of you. As soon as it grabs you, shake it off. If it once gets you, it is hard to get rid off.

It is just like an epidemic. One person will have it and before you know it, almost the whole school is affected. Lessons are forgotten, but outdoor sports, or good times are always in the pupils' mind. A great decrease has been shown on many pupils' report cards this last month.

Spring is a very tempting creature, but, if you try hard enough you can resist its charm until school is over.

VALEDICTORY AND SALUTATORY.

As the time for the usual custom of announcing the Valedictory and Salutatory honors for the year was at hand, Mr. Hess appeared before the assembly last Tuesday and gave the results. The results came as a surprise to some, while they fell as a natural sequence to others.

The honors are divided between a boy and a girl. The Valedictory honor goes to Harold Olsen, who has the high mark of 91.6. Viola Manderfeld is next with a mark of 89.9, and enjoys the Salutatory honor.

Both of these members will appear on the graduating program with a speech which goes with the respective honor. The title for the selection of each has not yet been decided upon but will be announced in the near future.

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NORMAL ITEMS.

When summing up the Senior class averages this spring it was found that Daisy Larson of the Normal Department had an average of over 90 per cent. The fact that she has been with us for one year only puts her out of the race for class honors.

The application blanks for Common School Certificates arrived and were handed to the members of the Normal Class to be filled out. We did this with trembling fingers and quaking hearts because they are the forerunners of rewards of merit for work done this year.

One of the things the girls must do in their primary work is to teach Mother Goose rhymes or jingles. The following little jingle of Robert Louis Stevenson seems to be a favorite with the teachers as well as the pupils:

A birdie with a yellow bill
Hopped upon the window sill;
Cocked his shiny eye and said,
"Aint you 'shamed, you sleepy head?"

**THE FUNNIEST LANGUAGE YOU
EVER DID SEE.**

We'll begin with box, and the plural is boxes,
But the plural of ox should be oxen,
not oxes.

One fowl is a goose, but two are called geese.

Yet the plural of mouse should never be meese;

You may find a lone mouse, or a whole nest of mice,

But the plural of house is houses, not hice.

If the plural of man is always called men,

Why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen?

The cow in the plural may be called cows, or kine;

But a bow, if repeated is never called bine;

And the plural of vow is vows, never vine.

If I speak of a foot and you show me two feet,

And I give you a boot, would a pair be called beet?

If one is a tooth and a whole set are teeth,

Why shouldn't the plural of booth be called beeth?

If the singular 's this, and the plural is these,

Should the plural of kiss ever be writ-ten keese?

Then, one may be that, and the two would be those,

Yet hat in the plural would never be hose.

And the plural of cat is cats, and not kase;

We speak of brother, and also of brethren,

But though we say mother, we never say methren.

Then the masculine pronouns are he, his and him,

But imagine the feminine, she, shis and shim!

So the English, I think, you all will agree,

Is the funniest language you ever did see.

EVIDENCE TAKEN FROM TESTS.

The Boston Tea Party was where the people painted faces and threw them into the sea.

Alcohol has not yet become incorporated.

As Siberia grows colder the animals are more dense.

The industries in Norway are lumbering and wailing.

Fog is a cloud hugging the earth.

SOPHOMORE ALPHABETICS.

A is for all of us, Algebra, too
The latter is just what the former can't do.

B is for Basketball, also for boys,
Wherever you find them, you'll always find noise.

C is for Caesar which drives us all crazy,
Because it is hard, she thinks we're lazy.

D is for Dances in the gym
Where they play jazzes instead of a hymn.

E is for Easter, which lately was here,
F is for Freshmen, our school mates so dear.

G's for Geometry for which we must work,
And we surely will flunk if we try to shirk.

H is for Hours which pass very slow,
And, Oh, how we wish that much faster they would go!

I for the Ignorant who think they know all,

J for the Janitor who makes the dust fall;

K is for Kirchoff who coaches the first team,
And when the're watchers he bashful does seem.

L is for Lessons which we must prepare,

And if we don't get them, we're all in despair.

M is for Mueller of whom there are three,

N for the Nonsense—much do we see;

O is for Overwork very seldom done,
Because we enjoy work so much less than fun.

P is for "Pep" which the students don't lack,

When they're all together in a big noisy pack;

Q is for Quizzes which bother us so,
For they always ask questions we're sure not to know;

R is for Racket the class room must stand,

For when we get started we're "some" noisy band.

S is for Students so gay and so jolly,

T for the Teachers who can't stand their folly;

U is for Us, the Sophomore class,

V for Vacation for each lad and lass,

W is for Wisdom we claim to possess,
The truth tho we'd rather that no one would guess.

X for X-ams, which come every May,
For which we must study until break of day;

Y is for Yells at a Basket ball game,

Z is for Zeros, which do not bring fame.

IN PHYSIOLOGY.

Miss Carr: "Name the biggest bone in the body."

Sophomore: The head.

THE JUNIOR-SENIOR RECEPTION.

Don't you think this piece will look prettier in the evening? You do? All right; let's see. I think five yards will be enough. What do I want it for? Why, for the biggest event in the lives of the Juniors—the Junior-Senior reception.

This is an awfully pretty color. It will fit right in with the color scheme. We're going to have the gym fixed up to represent—oh! I nearly forgot myself. I'm so excited over the decorations, and the "eats" that I nearly always let the cat out of the bag. One-half of the joy is the secrecy of the doings.

When is it to be? Why, I thought everybody knew that date. May the eighth is to be a never-to-be-forgotten day in the lives of the Juniors. First the banquet at five-thirty, and then after that the toasts; I don't envy the speakers very much, because most of them are just about scared stiff. And then—the dance. That's the best part, next to the "eats." Well, I must be going. So long.

SPARKS FROM THE JOKESMITHY

Schoolmaster: "Now can any of you tell me what is water?"

Small and Grubby Urchin: "Please, teacher, water's what turns black when you put your 'ands in it!"

Teacher: "Have you never had spelling?"

Stupid Pupil: "No, miss, I haint done had nothing but the measles and lice."

If April showers
Bring May flowers
Do April snows
Bring May Beaux? (I suppose.)

He put his arm around her waist,
The color left her cheek;
But on the collar of his coat
It stayed about a week. Ex.

So beautiful she seemed to me
I wished that I might wed;
Her neck, 'twas like ivory,
But, alas; so was her head. Ex.

Cy Fredericksen advanced the theory that electricity went around in a spiral path. Later it became evident that Cy's marks were taking a special course.

Mr. Schrammel (reading an announcement): "Someone has lost a pair of checked blankets."

Sophomore: "I don't see how she lost them if they were checked."

THERE ARE SMILES.

She smiled
And I smiled back
I met another
She smiled
I smiled too,
(So would you);
They all smiled
I thought it queer
I began to fear
(So would you);
My sock was down
Over my shoe—
And then I knew.
(So would you). Ex.

Wow!

Mr. Church: "How can you tell a bad egg?"

Brightness: "If I had anything to tell a bad egg I would break it gently."

The Inevitable.

Mr. Schrammel: "I want everyone to have their work up by tomorrow morning, all those that don't will be behind."

Next.

"What's the matter with Pat?"

"He was getting shaved by a lady barber, when a mouse ran across the floor. Poor Pat."

EXCHANGES

The exchanges received this time are **The World, The Panhandler, The West High Weekly, The Rouser, The Purple and White, The Central High News, The Cynosure and The Echo, Luverne, Minn., and The Otaknam.**

The World—St. Paul Central High has purchased a motion picture machine. They had a vaudeville entertainment in the assembly to help pay for the machine. This school is publishing a very good paper.

The West High Weekly is a very newsy paper. Their Seniors have chosen **The Lion and the Mouse** for their class play.

The Rouser—Your short stories are good. **The Rouser** compliments us on the winning of the Boys' Oratorical District Contest.

The Echo, Luverne, Minn., is a well edited paper. We fail to see your exchange column this time.

The Purple and White—The Anadarko High School was broken into by a robber last week. He seemed to be looking for money but found none, as usual in a high school.

The Central High News—This High School has a baseball team well under way. They are losing most of their prominent men teachers next year.

The Cynosure is a snappy paper.

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The Otaknam says Mankato High has some good material for a track team, so they say. They hope to turn out a winning team.

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