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THE  
MANUAL NORMAL  
LIGHT

Commemoration



Number

19 APRIL 11

"O Memories!"  
"O past that is."



# Do You Know

- 1st. That Memory is the basis of all knowledge.
- 2nd. The destruction of Memory means all personal identity lost?

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## THEREFORE:

Happy memories are invaluable assets of life. Some as DeQuincy, even go as far as to say that the angels will come on the judgment day and take a complete record of our pure, happy and helpful memories as left as traces in our nervous system and **BY THE RESULTS WE SHALL BE JUDGED.**

You people out of old S. M. T. N.---Alumni and all. Do you remember the old societies? And those contests? Have the once familiar faces grown dim? Do you still remember some little protege in the shape of a Freshman when you were a mighty upper classman? Perhaps HE graduates this year.

Sweet is that which brings tidings from the place of early effort, struggle and---Happiness.

Our S. M. T. N. Annual, "The Kanza" is full of the pictures of these old faces and places. The regular school paper, "The Normal Light" is full of the personals of class room and hall, of debate and picnic.

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# The Manual Normal Light.

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## Commemoration Day.

**C**OMMEMORATION DAY has grown to be one of the most interesting holidays of the school year, and this year was no exception to the rule "better than ever." This seems to be the general verdict of those familiar with Commemoration Day exercises of the past. The plan for this year was practically the same as last. An address by some leading educator at the chapel hour, athletic contests among the classes in the afternoon, and a banquet in the evening. One of the first incidents to herald the approach of the school's birthday was the usual motion made, one morning, to fine the faculty a barrel of apples on this occasion. Pat Crowell, with his usual alacrity rose to the occasion and amended the motion to read two barrels; in view of the phenomenal growth of the school. It carried without a dissenting vote (except from the faculty.)

The address of Sup't Greenwood was of great interest to the students. He prefaced his remarks by saying that he had spent three months investigating schools from New York to California, and in all his travels has found no school like the S. M. T. N., an institution whose purpose it is to train teachers for all forms of Manual Training.

His address was a review of all the schools visited, and their methods of dealing with the questions of Industrial Education.

A cold bleak wind from the east marred the athletic exercises in the afternoon, but in spite of the weather the grandstand was well filled with noisy partisans of the different classes. The Seniors won the meet with 42 points. The highest number of individual points was won by Chas. Harris, a Junior.

The day was concluded by a banquet in the evening, which was one of the most enjoyable ever given in the S. M. T. N. The crowd was large and representative. The viands were good, the toasts brief, to the point, and well received by the audience.

Principal Russ presided with his usual grace and the toasts were responded to as follows:

'A Clergyman's Vision of the S. M. T. N.'" Rev. C. T. Durboraw of Coffeyville.

"The S. M. T. N. as Viewed From the Field." Sup't Mc Cool, Scamman.

"Our Vision." Prof. D. M. Bowen.

"An Alumnus Vision of the S. M. T. N. Miss Lulu McPherson, Lamar, Mo.

"A Student's Vision of the S. M. T. N." Miss Martha Trinder, Parsons.

"Educational Needs of Today." Judge James Humphrey, Ft. Scott.

It was near mid-night when the last word was spoken, and the crowd dispersed with this thought for the S. M. T. N. uppermost in their minds: "May she live long and prosper."



## The Training Department Work for the Summer Session.

To accommodate the increasing number of Teachers who attend the S. M. T. N. during the Summer Session, a special program is being prepared for their benefit by the Training Department. Many of the Teachers attend during the summer for the purpose of taking some of the Manual Work and at the same time perfect themselves in the latest and best methods of teaching. For the benefit of these teachers, classes of children in Kindergarten, Primary and Intermediate grades will be sustained. Emphasis will be placed on work in reading, language, music, drawing, construction work and all forms of hand work for the elementary schools. Instead of the work being done by student teachers under criticism, as is the practice during the year; the plan will be reversed and the critic teachers will do the teaching and the student teachers will observe and criticise the work.

In addition to the class work, courses in special methods of teaching the subjects exemplified in Model school will be given. These courses will be given. These courses will be largely in the form of round table conferences, in which methods, plans, etc., will be discussed.

Miss Shoshusen will have charge of the kindergarten, Miss (to be supplied) will have charge of the primary work and Miss Rodman of the intermediate department.

A full course of ten weeks in general methods will be given by Prof. Bowen, the head of the department. Arrangements are in progress for a course of lectures by educators outside the institution.

# Y. M. C. A.

The following officers have been elected by the Y. M. C. A. for the new term which began April 1. President, Marvin Miller; Vice-President, Glen Skinner; Treasure, John Songer; Secretary, Ralph Horner.

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Beginning with the new term, it is natural that we look back over the past year at the work accomplished. The total membership of the Association this year is twenty; of these there were thirteen new members. During the year two socials have been given open to the student body; a Five hundred dollar Lecture Course has been managed by the Association; four delegates were sent to the State Convention which was held in Pittsburg February 16-19, 1911; six dollars were pledged to the state executive committee, which sums have been duly forwarded. For the convenience of the students, the book exchange has been conducted by the association, and by far the most important work done has been the institution of devotional meetings which have been held regularly throughout the year with an attendance ranging from six to forty. If our work the past year seems small, it is nevertheless a beginning for greater works.

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We wish to say to the students that they may be assured of a lecture course next year. We have not yet arranged for a course but will do so soon.



# ATHLETICS.

S. M. T. N. has the best base ball team this year that it has ever had. Coach Fuhrer was much pleased with the showing the boys made when they played Weir City high school early this month. It was almost an errorless game on the part of the Normal. The infield is strong and their playing showed judgment and skill. With more practice, we will be able to meet and contend with the surrounding schools. The score for the game was 12 to 5, a Normal victory.

The schedule for baseball season includes a trip to Springfield and Marionville. The Assciation will not be able to give a full schedule because of insufficiency of funds.

In all probability we will get a meet for the track team with Marionville sometime in May. The boys demonstrated what they were able to do, in the Inter-class meet held on Commemorarion Day. Some good records are sure to be made.

A new locker system has been installed and none of the boys are taught the lesson of "a place for everything and everything in its place."

The base ball team added another "scalp" to their belt when they defeated Mulberry 8-5.

Cook did good work in the box and was well supported.

Songer followed and held the Mulberry team to a low score.

The classes have taken up the proposition of selling two hundred tickets at twenty-five cents each. In order to get Marionville here in a track meet sometime in May. All reports indicate that the event will be a success.



## Manus Verez.

The followers of "Old Rose and Green" are taking great interest in the coming contest of oration and debate with the Porterians, June 2nd. At a recent meeting, Stanford Householder, Monroe Bragg, Lena Martin and Florence Crawford were chosen as the preliminary orators. The debaters are Lawrence Wheeler and Rex Tanner. This time we intend to "even up our record."

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Puzzle—?? Wier City—Street cars—at Wier(?)---  
No breakfast---sleepy---excellent lessons(?)--- Guess.

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Annual Society picnic?---Why of course.

## Porterian.

The officers for the spring term were elected March 24th. The politics of our society have a new faction with which to deal. The Womau's Suffrage movement has entered into our midst. Those who were placed in office were: O. F. Potter, president; Florenz Kennedy, vice president; Beatrice Benson, secretary; John Songer, treasurer; Theo. Iliff, sergeant-at-arms; and L. E. Reavley, critic.

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Ask "Ted" how he likes his position.

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We have new victories in sight, for the following people are to represent us in the spring contest: Preliminary oratory: Nell Clark, Vida Bushey, Helen Payne and John Songer. Representatives in debate: Carl Errebo and Glen Skinner.

A new thought in the mind of all: You should not be delinquent for you will suffer much in the days to come.

## **Russonian.**

Watch our society grow!

Come and visit us, We will entertain you with our excellent programs, ranking with those of any society in school,

March 24th was election day in our society. Those placed in office were: Orville Davis, president; and Edith Wright, secretary.

The Russonians are proud of the boys who won laurels for the society in basket ball season.

Prof. Harpman who is himself a graduated lawyer saw the need of the young students going out in life, having a general knowledge of the principles of law so that they in their professional careers would be in a position to avoid much trouble. At the request of a member of the Senior boys a class of Commercial Law was organized which not only took up the general subject but is going into details on "contracts."

They and others will be interested in the following article from "The Gregg Writer" for April, where we read of the utility of the subject of Commercial Law:

"There is so much to learn about Commercial Law that the teacher should be a student of law; if not, he should realize that he is not able to give much legal knowledge, but that he can open up the field for active thought and possibly further study on the part of the pupil."



# - Editorials -

## Staff.

Prof. G. W. Trout, Editor-in-Chief.

Miss Martha A. Trinder, Literary Editor.

L. E. Reavley, Athletic Editor.

Stanford Householder, News Editor.

Miss Hazel Childers, Society Editor.

Miss C. Nelson, Exchange Editor.

Prof. C. A. Harpman, Business Manager.

Monroe Bragg, Assistant Business Manager.

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### **A Word.**

THIS number is entitled to be called the Commemoration Number in as much as it furnishes so much material upon that subject. It is useless to take space here to tell of its success and pleasure. Our only regret is that we could not have had all the Alumni and friends present to celebrate with us.

## Two New Sections.

THERE are two sections in the new school law referring to certificates which should interest our readers. We wish to quote them here

for your careful consideration. First, that part of section two, referring to third grade certificates:

“Certificates of the third grade may be issued to persons of not less than eighteen years of age on passing a satisfactory examination; provided, that not more than two third grade certificates may be issued to the same individual if the applicant has taught three months; provided further, that each applicant for a third grade certificate shall give satisfactory evidence of good moral character, and shall by a written examination secure an average grade of 75 per cent with no grade below 60 per cent in the following branches: orthography, reading, writing, Grammer and composition, geography, arithmetic, United States History, including Kansas history; civil government, physiology and hygiene, elements of agriculture, the principles and methods of teaching, and such other branches as the State Board of Education may perscribe.” Compare this with the old law,

Section 3: “All professional certificates in force at the time of the passage of this act shall at their expiration be renewed by the issuance of first grade certificates, and no professional certificate shall be issued after the passage of this act; provided that after May 1, 1913. no person shall be granted a certificate who has not completed at least one year of school work in an accredited high school or its equivalent, and after May 1, 1915, no person shall be granted a certificate who has not completed at least two years of high school work, or its equivalent, and after May 1, 1917, no person shall be granted a certifi-



cate who has not completed four years of high school-work or its equivalent, provided further, that this requirement shall not apply to those who have taught at least six school months before May 1, 1912; and provided further, that the State Board of Education may make such temporary modifications of the requirements of this section as may be necessary to supply the school with teachers."

This third section indicates to my mind but one program for those who expect to enter the teaching profession and that is to ally yourselves at once with one of our Normal schools and get ready right. Of course we think Pittsburg is the place.



## HE COULD PROVE IT BY MISS OWEN.

THUD—How are you getting along with your chicken farm?

SLAP—Oh, so-so. One of my hens lied on an egg the other day.

THUD—The idea! "A hen laid an egg!" The idea! You ought to be ashamed of your grammar.

SLAP—No, I'm ashamed of my hen.

THUD—You have the wrong verb, I tell.

SLAP—No, I haven't. I've got the wrong hen.

THUD—Let me demonstrate, my man. There are two words, "lie" and "lay." For instance, the hen "lays" and you "lie."

SLAP—That's what I always thought. But the other day I heard the hen cackling.

THUD—And you went out and found that the hen had laid?

SLAP—No, I went out and found that the hen had lied. There wasn't the sign of an egg.

Supt. J. E. Boyer, of Kingman, who has recently been appointed as a member of the State Board of Regents to take the place of A. H. Bushey of this city, was visiting school a few days last week and while here gave an interesting talk in chapel in which he expressed his intentions of doing all that he can for the advancement and betterment of the institutions under the control of the board.

During the last few warm days the "man behind the Kodak" has been much in evidence. Picture taking seems to be a popular fad which comes and goes with the variance of the weather conditions.

Coach Fuhrer was called away for several days just preceding the inter-class field meet, on account of the illness of his brother who lives in Crete, Nebraska.

The orchestra is practicing every Wednesday now and will soon be in shape to render us some good music.

The Glee Clubs, in order to break the monotony of boarding house feed, gathered themselves to one another about noon of Commemoration day and, repairing to the dining room of the Cookery Department, laid themselves liable to all sorts of attacks of indigestion by endeavoring to eat all the salads, pickles, sandwiches, olives, baked beans, ice cream, cake and fruit, which had been prepared by the girls Polymnia club. And again we say, "all hail to the girl who can cook."



## Old Fashioned Housewarming.

**W**E ENJOYED ourselves thoroughly. "Never had so much fun at an affair like this while I've been in S. M. T. N.," remarked a member of the Y. M. C. A. of this school, in answer to the question, "How did the Y. W. C. A. housewarming turn out?" The event in question took place on the evening of April third, in the Y. W. C. A. room in the Normal building, in celebration of the Y. W. C. A. rest room; while the student Y. M. C. A. were the guests of honor. A merry time was had, from the first arrival of guests to the departure of the social committee, the last to leave the building. About fifty students and faculty members were present.

The Y. W. C. A. is comparatively a new organization, having been organized only a year ago, so that it might be said that the housewarming was their first annual commemoration. The rest room, which is located on the fourth floor of the building, has been fitted up nicely by the girls, over fifty dollars worth of furniture having been installed: all of which was paid for from the membership fund. The money derived from "The Mikado" was used in finishing the room itself. Altogether it presents a neat appearance and fills a much needed want among the young ladies as a retiring room and a place to while away spare moments in good company. It is also hinted that the young men have been favorably impressed.

The new staff of officers went into office the week following, so in truth the young people by their celebration "rang out the old; rang in the new." The retiring president is Miss Minnie Castleberry, who is superceded by Miss Katie Zipse. The new cabinet has not yet been appointed.

## ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST-

E. M. Wollank has purchased himself a new pair of Oxfords to tread the floor above Browers Sanctum.

A little before nine o'clock last Tuesday morning, Professor Carrithers broke the point off a brand new drawing pencil. T. M. Wood, the iron man has contracted to replace the point.

D. M. Bowen had a painful accident Friday about noon in which he sustained a fracture to his glasses. Both Professor and glasses are doing nicely at this writing.

Chapel exercises were more interesting than usual Thursday morning of this week. Doctor D. didn't go to sleep and Professor Lee looked out over the student body at least three times.

Florence Kinsella was out looking over historic spots last Saturday. She says school teaching is a perfect paradise, and she teaches in Galena.

A football hero is indeed an inconsistent being. During his days of glory he rants and tears and jerks himself over the gridiron in a way that makes the roaring lion seem a harmless pet. Then when it is all over and his big sweater is awarded him he straightway gives it to a little girl who could easily hide in it, and said girl wears the nice big sweater to school and never tires of telling how cute her because looked with that big "K" on his breast. Moral: Judge not man's power by the noise he makes.

The only reason why we haven't more noon meetings: we haven't enough rooms to go round.



THE second number of the Kanza---the large Annual edited in honor of the Senior class is now under construction and soon is to go to press.

The paper is to be in book form and to consist of 160 pages or over. One of the features is to be "As others see us" (Through the camera.) Some of the faculty are going to get new cuts for use in the Annual. The management is figuring that this alone will double the circulation among the alumni.

Our old friend, L. E. Reavley, president of the Senior class, says he wants you all to fire in your demand to "save me one." The rate per copy has not yet been determined but will probably be about a dollar.

Professor Shepardson, who has been ill for several weeks with an attack of rheumatism, is gradually getting better and expects to be in his place of duty in a few days.

D. M. Bowen will deliver a lecture in Joplin next Monday night,

The days of orations, debates, class meetings, are here.

### The Track Meet.

Although it was a cold, disagreeable day April 7th, the Commemoration Day track meet came off in a good way, The Seniors scored 42 points, and won the meet. The Juniors followed with 29 points, the

Normal Seniors had 21 points, Normal Juniors 14, Normal Sophmores 15, Normal Freshmen 3.

In the 120 yard hurdle race, Harris, a Junior took first place, time 19 1-2 and Crowell, Senior, took second. In the two mile run, Alberty, Senior, won first, time 12: 15 2-5. Dyer, Normal Junior, second, and Melburn, Normal Freshman, third.

100 yard dash: McGinnis, Normal Senior, got first (11 4-5), Hendricks, Senior, second, and Williams Normal Junior third.

Half-mile run: Alberty first (2:30 2-5) Snyder, Normal aunior second, Byron Reed, Junior, third.

220 yard dash: McGinnis (24) first, Hendricks second, Potter, Junior, third.

Mile run, Williams first, (5:30) Alberty, second, Dyer, third.

220 hurdles, Harris, first, Crowell, second, and Ringo, third.

Quarter mile run, H. McGinnis, first [60 1-5] F. McGinnis, second, Snyder, third.

High jump; Harris first [5.1] Ringo, second, Crowell, third.

Pole vault; Harris, first [9] Holsworth second, Crowell, third.

Broad jump; Crowell first [17-4] Cook, Harris.

Hammer throw; O. Davis [96.6] Householder Crowell.

Shot put; O. Davis [36.4] Householder, Crowell.

Mile relay; Juniors [4.19 3 5] Seniors, N. Seniors.

During intermission, Prof. Trout entertained the crowd by trick riding on a bycycle. Applause was his.



## INTER-STATE DEBATE GOES TO S. M. T. N.

The second annual inter-state debate with our friends, the enemy—hardy old Springfield, was on home territory and resulted in a victory for Pittsburg, despite the dignified force and power of the Missouri invaders.

The subject discussed; Resolved: "That the Closed Shop Should have Moral and Economic Support of American Public" naturally attracted the attention of the laboring men of the district, especially as the Normal defended the Affirmative of the question. They turned out in a large number to hear the discussion. They, together with the sociological and economic students and their friends gave the "psychological audience" that certainly appreciated the whole question.

It will be of interest to know that our debate was a part of a triangular contest on the part of Springfield. On the same evening, that school defended and won at Springfield the affirmative (our side of the same question) from Cape Girardo—a Missouri Normal.

The judges were: Superintendent C. S. Risdon of the Independence, Kansas, schools; Superintendent G. V. Buchanan of the Joplin, Missouri, schools; and John Hoyer of Frontenac who took the place of John Hughes of Fort Scott who could not be present.

Mr. Nels Anderson, Miss Martha Mellor and W. H. Hailey represented Springfield. It must be said that the composure, polish and hard argument this team displayed in the situation of "being in the lion's lair" was remarkable. In fact, their effect was such as to cause a deep tension throughout the audience when the decision, Pittsburg one, Springfield one, ————— Pittsburg two, was read.

Then, as may be imagined, the pow-wow of the successful knew no bounds. Evan Davis, L. E. Reavles and Lawrence Wheeler, our representatives, were hoisted upon willing shoulders and led the procession to the little tete-tete arranged in honor of our visitors.

The Pittsburg debaters in conquering  
"Old Mizzoo, Old Mizzoo, Old Missouri's Son,  
Springfield, Springfield, Normal No. 1,"  
gave the school a high honor and themselves an efficiency worthy to be the initial point of noble careers.

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