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Durno, "the mysterious," will be at Normal hall tonight under the auspices of the Oratorical association. Through an oversight the date arranged for unfortunately proved to be the same as the one set for the girls' meet. Efforts were made to change the dates of either one of the events, but the mistake was not detected until too late. The judges who had been secured for the meet could not be changed at any hour and as everything connected with the event had been definitely decided upon for to-night, it could not be postponed.

The Oratorical Association is largely dependent upon the financial outcome of the Durno entertainment. It has always been the custom in previous years to solicit subscriptions from the faculty and citizens to meet the financial needs of the association, and the prizes offered to contestants. This year the board of control decided to raise the necessary funds, if possible, without resorting to the free donation plan. The literary societies pay ten dollars and the debating clubs four dollars each. The oratorical contest in January, though better attended than for some years, did not cover expenses, and the final debate was also not a success from a financial point of view. The total expenses for the year are in the neighborhood of three hundred dollars.

The debate with M. A. C. will be held at Ypsilanti this year and will mean an expense of at least fifty dollars.

Durno Company is too well known to need much comment. He is the leading magician of the country and outclasses all rivals in the cleverness of his art. His program is constantly varied, so that those who have seen him before will find him again interesting. The art of such systematic deception of the senses and attention is well worth studying, and should draw a large house tonight, as well as help fill the empty coffers of the Oratorical association.

Rabbi Leo Franklin, who was to lecture on Heine during chapel hour on Wednesday failed to arrive in time, much to the disappointment of all who had looked forward to the event as a treat. His train was delayed for over an hour, so that it was nearly noon when it reached Ypsilanti. It is to be hoped that some other date may be arranged, when Rabbi Franklin may be heard at the Normal.

GIRLS' MEET

IS THE GRAND EVENT OF THE YEAR AT THE GYMNASIUM.

The annual junior-senior girls' meet, which has been the chief topic of interest for so long, takes place in the gymnasium tonight. All the week the air has been full of excitement. Jumpers, and ring performers, and Friday all physical training classes on the girls' side of the gymnasium were excused for the preliminary trials to decide who should meet to-night. A great many entries were made for all of the events from both classes, and yesterday's preliminaries showed which were the best people in each, so that to-night no time will be taken for any except the very best contestants from both classes. All the girls have worked hard and the meet promises to be an excellent one.

The judges will be Dr. Helen Brooks, of Ann Arbor; Miss Emma Parmeter, of Albion, and Miss Bertha Stuart, of Ann Arbor. In the basketball games Mr. E. A. Murray will act as referee, and Mr. Bowen and Miss Clark as umpires. The game promises to be a good one as the juniors have several experienced players to match the senior stars.

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A SENIOR VICTORY

MEN'S MEET WENT TO THE NAUGHTY FIVES—JUNIORS HAVE CHALLENGED FOR AN OUTDOOR EVENT.

The men's meet last Saturday resulted in a victory for the senior-sophomores by a score of 53 to 38. There was a large crowd of enthusiastic rooters from both classes and many outsiders, while the gymnasium was fairly decorated with banners and bunting of the rival colors. While waiting for the events to begin a mad scramble for each other's colors occurred, in which the junior girls easily had the best of it. Much of the senior display was torn to shreds and carried off as souvenirs to adorn the rooms of the girls of '06, while several desperate attempts to retaliate on a large junior banner proved futile. Except for the basket ball game the outcome was in doubt until the end, the difference in the score for the other events being but three points. The juniors have issued a challenge for an outdoor meet and baseball game to take place early next quarter.

The first event was won by W. B. Smith for the seniors, who put the shot 34 feet 2½ inches. Walsh, '06, took second, with Hyams, '06, an inch behind.

The high jump went to Foster, '06, at 4 feet 7½ inches. Harrison, '05, second, and Holmes, '06, third. This
Alumni Game This Afternoon
WILL BE THE LAST ONE
OF THE SEASON.

The last basketball game of the season will be played at the gymnasium this afternoon between the first team and a selected team of former Normal stars.

Wilbur Morris has charge of the alumni end of the game and hopes to even up the score of 15 to 10 that was piled up against his all-star aggregata early in January. The alumni line-up will be: C. C. Smith, ’03; Ann Arbor: Albert Graham, ’04, Flatrock; Burton Barnes, ’05, Delaware; Wilbur Morris, ’04, and C. D. Carpenter, ’03, Ypsilanti. This is practically the same as in the former game.

The season just past as a whole has been a very gratifying one. Of eleven regularly scheduled games the Normals have won eight. Roy Sprague has been elected captain for next year.

**The Solution of ‘Ka Snom Mity Viz’**

It is a story with a moral for teachers everywhere, and will appear next week in the March Magazine number of the Normal College News.

You cannot afford to miss these:

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REGARDING CLASS REUNIONS.
The class of 1895 is the only class that has observed the decennial reunion, although many other classes have talked of doing so. This class has always kept up some form of organization, and two years ago held its reunion and banquet with twenty-four present and letters from any others. The class has had a brilliant record, and at one time had four members in the Normal faculty. All the professions are well represented among them, and it is believed that many members of this class have taken advanced work in the universities than any other class can show. In T. W. Parson, the present president of the general alumni association, is a member of '93, and so is Prof. J. S. Laidies, who is its president at present. Among its members are Prof. W. D. Conner, of Ferris Institute; formerly of the Normal faculty; T. Letitia Thomson, formerly instructor in mathematics at the Normal college; Rev. Mio J. Sweet; Rev. Harley Harris, of Sherman, of the Michigan conference of the M. E. church; Dr. Therou Langford, of Jackson; Gen. Reid W. Greer, of Iowa; Dr. Lynn J. Tuttle, of Dearborn, A. L.; Wells G. Brown, for the past four years, deputy land commissioner of Michigan; Justice Frank G. Auguste, of Calhoun; Dr. Rush Banks, of Washington state; Frank J. Harrington, county school commissioner of Jackson county for many years; Edward H. Thyre, instructor in the University of Michigan; Willis H. Wilcox, professor in one of the Pennsylvania normals; Burton L. Smith, professor of science in the Grand Rapids high school; Clarence D. McLaugh, who holds a similar position at Muskegon, and has considerable fame as a naturalist, and was once instructor in science at the Normal college; Winnie Deal, instructor in the New York state normal school at Albion; Dr. J. E. Stoffer, of Lansing and many others who are successful teachers and citizens.

Meeting of Schoolmasters' Club and Academy of Science.

(Continued from last week)

PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL CONFERENCE.
Thursday, March 30, 2 p. m.
Chairman, Dr. H. M. Randall, University of Michigan.
Report of Committee—A Proposed List of Experiments for Beginning Chemistry.

Note Books.
F. J. Wilson, Adrian.
Quantitative Determination of the Strength of an Acid by Means of a Weighed Amount of Solvent.
M. A. Cobbs, Lansing.
Analysis of Nitric Acid.
H. W. Poert, Michigan State Normal College.
The Determination of the Per Cent of Carbon Dioxide in Calcium Carbide.
J. Matthews, Western High School, Detroit.
Quantitative Relation between Acids, Bases and Salts: the Preparation of Primary and Secondary Sugars of Sulphuric Acid.
R. R. Furum, Eastern High School, Detroit.
The Volumetric Synthesis of Water.
Professor G. A. Hulett, University of Michigan.

Experiment.
F. S. Pannell, Flint.

Friday, March 31, 2 p. m.
Lecture Room, Physical Laboratory.
A Contact Key for Side-Wire Bridge.
A Simple Resonator.
M. A. Cobbs, Lansing.
A Simple Means of Illustrating the Principle of Step-up and Step-down Devices.
Dr. Forest Ross, Ypsilanti.
New Apparatus for Experiments in Vibratory Motion.
Professor John O. Reed, University of Michigan.
Report of the Committee on Mathematics and Physics.
C. W. Burroughs, Central High School, Detroit.
Density and Pressure Measurements by the Manometer.
Professor F. H. Koeber, Central State Normal School.

Melder's Apparatus for Boyle's Law.
C. S. Cook, Central High School, Detroit.
Coefficient of Expansion of Air under Constant Pressure.
E. A. Clemens, Central High School, Detroit.
Saturday, April 1, 2 p. m.
A Wireless Telegraph Outfit.
A. Account of Experiments to Ascertain Whether the Human Osmosis Obeys the Principle of the Conservation of Energy.
Dr. Arthur W. Smith, University of Michigan.
A Color Mixer.
C. F. Adams, Central High School, Detroit.

Paper.
G. E. Marsh, Case School of Applied Science, Cleveland, Ohio.
Exhibit of Apparatus by Teachers and Manufacturing Companies.

MICHIGAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE.
At the meeting held this spring in conjunction
with the Schoolmasters' Club two sections are in charge of Normal teachers, and shortened programs follow:

Section of Science Teaching.

**Friday, March 31, 2 p.m.**

Museum Lecture Room.

Vice-President, Prof. W. H. Sherzer, Ypsilanti.

Elementary Field Work,—Aims and Methods (40 minutes).

Mr. S. B. Meyers, School of Education, University of Chicago.

Discussion (20 minutes). Opened by Professor H. Bailey, Cornell University.

Aims and Methods of Physiographic Field Work in Secondary Schools (20 minutes).

Professor M. S. W. Jefferson, State Normal College.

Discussion (15 minutes). Opened by Professor R. D. Calkins, Central Normal School.

Aims and Methods of Zoological Field Work in Secondary School (30 minutes).

Curator C. E. Adams, University of Michigan.

Discussion (15 minutes). Opened by Miss Jessie Phelps, State Normal College.

Aims and Methods of Botanical Field Work in Secondary Schools (45 minutes). Illustrated with Lanterns.

Dr. H. C. Cowles, University of Chicago.

Discussion (15 minutes). Opened by Mr. E. L. Moseley, Sandusky High School.

Field Work in Botany for the Winter Season (10 minutes).

Mr. J. Harlan Bretz, Albion College.

For the consideration of the members of the Academy and the Schoolmasters' Club, there is suggested a two days' excursion to Put-in-Bay and Kelley's Island, June 23 and 24, immediately following the commencements and in advance of the Summer Schools. Dividing into parties separately conducted by those familiar with the region, there would be an opportunity for each to see the principles of field work illustrated in the three lines—zoology, botany, and geology. In the parlors of the commodious hotel there might be held in the evening a most profitable and long-to-be-remembered round-table discussion.

Section Geography and Geology.

Professor Jefferson.

**Thursday, March 30, 3 p.m.**

Changes of Level in Lake Erie,

E. L. Moseley.

Lake Whittlesley and the Arkona Beach,

F. B. Taylor.

Celestite Bearing Rocks,

E. H. Kraus.

Glaciers of British Columbia,

W. H. Sherzer.

**Friday, March 31, 9 a.m.**

Drumhills in Northern Michigan,

I. C. Russell.

Lake Clays in Grand Traverse Region,

Frank Leverett.

Beach Cusps,

M. S. Jefferson.

Sulphur at Woolnith Quarry,

E. H. Kraus.

**MATHEMATICAL CONFERENCE.**

**Friday, Afternoon, March 31, 2 p.m.**

Lecture Room, Tappan Hall.

Chairman, Professor W. W. Beman, University of Michigan.

Secretary, Miss Martha Ackerman.

The Use of Graphs and Graphic Methods,

Miss Sadie M. Alley, Western High School, Detroit.

Non-Euclidean Geometry,

Dr. John M. Kowalski, University of Michigan.

Secondary Mathematics,

Mr. Claude I. Palmer, Armour Institute, Chicago, Ill.

After the reading of each paper opportunity for discussion will be given.

**ENGLISH CONFERENCE.**

**Friday Afternoon, 2 O'Clock.**

Room 21, North Wing, Main Building.

Chairman, Professor I. N. Demmon, University of Michigan.

No papers will be presented, but teachers of English Composition and Literature are invited to come together for presentation of difficulties and for free conference on methods and aims in co-ordinating and conducting the various branches of the work.

**HISTORY CONFERENCE.**

**Friday Afternoon, 2 O'Clock.**

Room 21, North Wing, New Hall.

Jesse B. Davis, Chairman; Earle W. Dow, Secretary.

The Motive of the French Alliance in the American Revolution,

Professor C. H. Van Tyne, University of Michigan.

Principal Weaknesses Shown by Students in the Introductory Work in History at the University, with some Consideration of a Remedy,

Professor Earle W. Dow.

It is planned to follow up this paper with an experience meeting, in which teachers of history in the schools will speak upon the principal difficulties they encounter in their work. Several teachers have promised already to take part in the discussion: Mr. Monro, of the Western High School, Detroit; Superintendent J. F. Thomas, of Lowell; Principal Dean Lawrence, of Caro; Miss Mary Gold, of Flint; Miss Edith Todt, of Mt. Clemens. And the indications are that many others will wish to tell their chief conclusions on this question.

**MODERN LANGUAGE CONFERENCE.**

**Thursday Afternoon, March 30, 2 O’Clock.**

Room B, University Hall.

Professor Max Winkler, Chairman.

Through the William Tell Country,

Miss Anna M. Barnard, Central State Normal School.

Recent French Poetry,

Professor Arthur G. Canfield, University of Michigan.

Composition of the Nibelungenlied,

Dr. Ida Fleischer, Michigan State Normal College.

The Dramas of Gustav Freytag,

Professor J. A. C. Hildner, University of Michigan.

**GERMAN CONFERENCE.**

**Friday Afternoon, March 31, 2 O’Clock.**

Room B, University Hall.

Professor Max Winkler, Chairman.

The Essentials of German Composition,

Miss Alice E. Rothmann, Ann Arbor High School.

Should the Study of the German Classics be taken up in our High Schools?

Professor Johannes Zeller, Albion College.

Some Methods of Arousing Interest in the Class Room,

Miss Alice Maud Pound, Western High School, Detroit.

The Question and Answer in Modern Language Instruction. Its Importance and Pedagogical Value,
SUMMER SCHOOL EXCURSIONS.

Science Department is Planning Some Especially Good Ones for This Summer.

The science department is making extensive preparations for an unusually instructive and enjoyable summer school. The weekend excursions have proved so popular and profitable heretofore that tour especially good ones have been arranged for next summer. These are designed primarily for the geology classes, but will be open to all who come.

The first trip will be to Trenton, south of Detroit, for studying glacial action; another to Kelley's Island and Put-in-Bay, in Lake Erie, to study rock erosion and cave formation; another to Niagara Falls, and one to Mammoth Cave, Kentucky.

These excursions will be made as cheap as possible. Last year the trip to Niagara Falls cost less than eleven dollars. The plan is to have special Pullman sleepers so that there will be no hotel bills. The trip to Niagara and to Mammoth Cave will occupy about three days each, so that a thorough study of the features of each can be easily accomplished. To visit and study these famous formations under such expert direction will be exceptional values.

During the first three weeks of the summer school Prof. Hurlock, of the North Carolina Agricultural College, will give a course of lectures on elementary agriculture as it should be taught in the rural and graded schools. He will also demonstrate school gardens, directing the work with the training school children and showing how school gardens can be made practical. Having Prof. Hurlock here, introducing these subjects new to most schools, will be a great addition to the many interesting features of the summer term.

Shafeer & Fanson.

George Shafeer and Bertha Fanson, 98, both of Mason, were married March 9. Mr. Shafeer will be remembered as a student at the college last year, and as president of the class of 05. Mr. and Mrs. Shafeer are now spending some little time in New York, and on their return will make their home at Mason.

Isaac Walker Bush.

Isaac Walker Bush, a student at the Normal in its early history, died at his home in Howell March 1. After being a merchant at Howell for many years he was county superintendent in Livingston county, and at one time was secretary of the Detroit and Howell Railway Company, now the Pure Michigan. During his later years he was a merchant at Howell.

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Prof. N. A. Harvey, institute conductor of the Normal College, will have the direct management; while Prof. Laird, Prof. Jefferson, Prof. Shaefer, Miss Roe, Miss McClennan and President Jones will assist. The commissioner may take one or two subjects.

Members of the institute will have opportunity to see classes of Normal College for review, should they desire, without expense, while they will be welcome each day at the regular lectures to be given in Normal hall at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. daily. They are the finest that have ever been booked for a summer school in the west. The Normal College has offered every facility of the summer school as well as of the institute itself, free to members of the institute. Arrangements will be made for any who desire to do so, to take up review work in the college for the weeks following the institute.

ANN ARBOR, Y. M. C. A. 22; NORMAL 24.

The basket ball game at Ann Arbor last week Friday with the Ann Arbor, Y. M. C. A. resulted in a score of 23 to 21 in favor of the Y. M. C. A. It was the most entertaining of the season and approached somewhat the football style of play.

Manager Webster of the football team is busy scheduling games for the 05 team and has already scheduled Albion for a gamo here. Negotiations are under way for games with Olivet and Central State Normal here.

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ALUMNI

Harriet Laurence, '99, is spending the winter in Florida.

Elizabeth Monk, '01, is principal of the county normal, at Ionia.

Ida Wall, '08, who was a critic teacher in the training school, is now Mrs. Lewis.

Flora McKenzie, '04, has accepted a position in Alma as assistant in the high school.

Grace Clement, '01, is doing department work in the grades at East Orange, New Jersey.

Edward Ryder, '93, is assistant instructor in political economy at the University of Michigan.

Perry Trowbridge, '89, is chemist at a beet sugar factory at Sanilac Center. Grace Hall, '93, is his wife.

Dr. Lynn Tuttle, '93, is first physician in the hospital of one of the chief mining companies at Douglas, Arizona.

Eva Anschutz, '01, is located at Missoula, Montana, and Norah Walls, '04, is spending the winter at Los Angeles, California.

Birt Hamill, '04, is principal of the Woodland high school, and Alice Jardine, '04, is teaching in the Higgins school at Woodmere.

Nellie Holmes, '04, who has been teaching in Durand, has been obliged to resign her position temporarily and is now at her home in this city.

Henry Everett, '99, who has spent the last three years teaching in one of the government schools in the Philippine Islands, has decided to remain for three years more.

Edwin DeBarr, B.Pd., '92, is professor of physical science in the University of Oklahoma at Norman. Cora Reid, a former Normal College student, is now Mrs. DeBarr.

Mr. F. R. Gorton, class of '92, Instructor in the Department of Physical Science, who has had two years leave of absence to study in Germany, will return in June and teach in the summer school.

George Hodge, '79, of New York city, is the present international secretary of the department of education of the Y. M. C. A. During the past few months he has spent some little time in Ypsilanti on account of the illness of his father.

Florence B. Kinne, '83, is an assistant of the city medical examiner at New Haven, Connecticut. Her work is something like that of a coroner; some of her duties being to act as chemical examiner and to pass decisions in cases of inquests.

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We know a young man who attends church regularly, and clasps his hands so tight during prayer time, that he can't get them open when the contribution box comes around.

A Missouri paper wound up a compliment to a young schoolma'am with a good word about "the reputation for teaching she bears." The next day the schoolma'am met the editor and chased him down the street with an umbrella, and at every jump in the road she screamed that she had never taught a she bear in her life.

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ECHOES OF THE MIDDLE-YEAR.

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Single blessedness, a lie.
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Why, then, married life decry?
Not enjoyment and not sorrow
Is our destined end and way,
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LOCAL

Wilmer Gilman entertained his father last week.

Mrs. Hurton spent a few days at Owosso last week.

Cora Arnot spent Sunday in Detroit with her sister.

Miss Ina Milroy spent Sunday at her home in Detroit.

Curta Hicks spent several days this week with Normal friends.

Abbie Howard entertained her mother from Vermont this week.

Ebeth Caffille is entertaining Mary Costello of Detroit this week.

Sam Cohn, of Oxford, visited his cousin, Rose Lenzoff, last week.

Pearl McNeil is entertaining her mother from Portland this week.

Miss Nina Sutherland of Oxford, visited Lulu Wilson over Sunday.

Fred G. Milbs has resigned the directorship of the Presbyterian choir.

Petrel Aspell attended the wedding of a friend at Farmington Thursday.

Isabel Goodison spent Sunday at the home of Laura Stoodel in Detroit.

Albert Graham and Wilbur Morris, '04, visited Normal friends last week.

Carol Johnson, '04, who is teaching in Dexter, visited Jeanette Dean over Sunday.

Helen Hurton, of Cornna, a student in the summer school last year, was the guest of the Misses Mett Saturday.

May Preichte entertained her sister, Alice Preichte, '04, and her cousin, Harry Austin, both of Pontiac, Sunday.

Mrs. Goodard entertained her advanced class in bohdy at her home last Saturday afternoon. Games were played and a delightful time was had.

Estella Dickinson, who was here last year, and is now teaching in the kindergarden department at her home in Pontiac, is visiting Normal friends the latter part of this week.

The artists' recital to be given at Normal hall by Wilhelm Lavin tenor, of Detroit and Henri Fern, violinst, assisted by Miss Minnie Davis, of Ann Arbor, has been postponed until the spring quarter.

Alice Hawkes, Amy Whalen, Rex Plowman and Nelly McKillop entertained the B class of the seventh grade of the latter's rooms last Saturday afternoon. The afternoon was spent with games, music and refreshments. The A class of the same grade was also entertained in the afternoon by Blanche Dunham, Lura Rosewarne, Verna Haas and Miss Wilson.

Prof. S. H. Lathil gave three addresses, one on "Grammar Grade Reading, " "Discipline" and an another on "Adolescence," before the Monroe County Teachers' Association at Monroe High School last Saturday. The meeting was a very entertaining one, consisting of a morning and an afternoon session and a dinner served in the High school at noon. Hon. F. H. Kelley, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, also delivered an address.
**ADDITIONAL LOCAL**

Catherine Cook visited Jackson friends Sunday. Melissa Hull and Mayme Horner, '02, are visiting Normal friends.

Mr. Gene Brown, of Clinton, is visiting his cousin, Bess Brown.

Miss Anna Betleys, of Detroit, is visiting her niece, Mildred Betleys.

Prof. and Mrs. D’Ooge spent Thursday evening with friends in Jackson.

Lois White entertained her cousin, Anna White, of the U. of M. last Sunday.

Anna Leland, a former Normal girl, now teaching in Detroit, is visiting Allura Rudd.

Miss Walton gives a library tea in the library this afternoon to a number of the Normal students.

Linda Hummel has been placed on the Aurora board in place of Sherman Wilson, who resigned.

Mrs. Cleveland and Mr. and Mrs. O’Dell, of Detroit, are the guests of Edna O’Dell, to attend the junior-senior meet.

Immediately after having their pictures taken last Thursday, the basket ball team elected Roy Sprague captain of the team for next year.

Mrs. Ballou gave her boarders a five course dinner Wednesday night. The rooms and tables were prettily decorated and all were delightfully entertained.

The older children of the Woodruff kindergarten will form a sub-primary grade, beginning with the spring quarter. Of the formal subjects taught, reading and nature study will be the principle ones. This will give opportunity for two or three student teachers to do first primary work at this school.

**SOCIETIES**

**FRATERNITIES.**

Hazel Sayers and Mildred Murtha, two members of Gamma chapter, entertained the Pi Kappa Sigma last Saturday afternoon at its regular meeting.

The Harmonious Mystics were entertained Tuesday evening by Mrs. Jessie Pease, of Detroit, at the home of Mrs. F. H. Pease.

The Kappa Psi sorority was given a chafing dish party Monday evening, March 13, by Jane Sellman and Isabelle Falls at the home of Mrs. Sweet on Normal street.

An informal card party was given Friday evening, March 9, by the Alpha Sigma Tau sorority.

The Arm of Honor gave a dancing party at the gymnasium last night.

**DEBATING CLUBS.**


**LITERARY SOCIETIES.**

Friday evening, March 17, there was a joint meeting of the societies for the purpose of deciding the question of a new Lyceum constitution.

**On the Subject of Wages**

At the recent meeting of the Michigan supervisors’ association a resolution was adopted favoring the separation of state and local taxation under the plan by which the state government would be entirely supported by specific taxes, and the towns and cities support the primary schools without assistance from the state. This seems to be only another echo from the sentiment now abroad that the primary school money is not being used in a way to insure the best possible results. It is said that some of the wealthier districts in the more thickly populated portions of the state have accumulated large amounts of school money, more than enough to pay their expenses for years, and in some cases the money is being loaned out, teachers’ wages, and this money, so it is said, must of a consequence keep on accumulating. Yet with all this talk about money that cannot be expended lying as a burden upon the hands of certain school districts, we have been unable to find any of the said districts that were paying enormously large salaries, nor have we heard of any teacher becoming wealthy from this over surplus of school money. From the teachers’ standpoint would it not seem a better plan to devise some way to compel such districts to expend the full amount of their one mill tax and primary money each year for teachers’ wages? To abolish entirely the support derived from the state would mean no end of hardship for many of the schools in the sparsely settled counties of the northern part of the state, for the reason that the taxpayers would not be willing to raise direct as much as is now raised directly and indirectly for the support of the schools. Under the present plan of state patronage the more densely populated districts assist the weaker districts, and under the proposed new plan the taxpayers of the weaker districts would either be subjected to extremely heavy taxes or the districts would be obliged to suspend operations entirely, thus depriving many children of the only opportunity for
acquiring the more rudiments of an education. There is not a school district in many counties but spends much more and in many cases over twice as much for teachers' wages as they receive from the state, and this is probably the condition in the greater number of the counties. Should the majority suffer for the sins of the few?—Cadillac Evening News.

SEEMED TO BE A SUITABLE NAME.

On one seat of the car sat a young man who was smoking a peculiarly rank and pungent cigar. On the seat behind sat an old gentleman and a lady, who had chosen to ride there rather than stand up in the next car, which was crowded. They coughed the smoke patiently for a time, feeling that the smoker had the "right of way," but at last the old gentleman leaned forward and said:

"I beg your pardon, young man, but would you mind telling me what kind of cigar that is?"

"I'm a Porto Rico," was the reply.

"I couldn't quite catch the name," explained the elderly man, turning to his wife, "but he says it's some kind of a 'rocker,' and he's quite right about that."

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A lecturer at a big meeting gave utterance to the following: "All along the untrodden paths of the future we see the hidden footprints of an unseen hand."

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Casey.—"Shue, I'm a hard-luck man; some morning you'll wake up and find yourself famous!"

Casey.—"Faith, O'll let ye whin that day comes 'twill be me luck to overslip myself."

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An Irishman in the midst of a riot against landlords and capitalists, declared that "If these men were landed on an uninhabited island, they would not be there half an hour before they would have their hands in the pockets of the naked savages."

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One day Willie came home from Sunday school and when asked by his mother to repeat the Golden Text, he repeated, "Don't get scared you'll get the quills." His mother was horrified and upon inquiring what it was, found that he meant, "Fear not, I will send a comforter unto you."

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