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Delegates and Guests Leave St. Louis on Steamer Quincy Thursday, Getting Here Friday.

WILL BE ENTERTAINED

Local People Plan Power House Trip and Dinner—Dancing Party on Boat.

Co-operation between the state and public service corporations for the betterment of public utilities throughout Missouri will be the purpose of the annual convention of the Missouri Electric, Gas, Street Railway and Waterworks association, which will be held on the Mississippi river for three days, beginning next Thursday.

Members of the Missouri public utilities commission, Governor Major, Mayor Kiel and the five commissioners of the board of public improvements of St. Louis will attend the convention, which will be held on the steamer Quincy going and returning from the Keokuk dam.

Through the efforts of the association, a system of uniform classification of accounts was established in all of the public service corporations belonging to the association. This classification was of great help to the commission in its work.

The delegates and their guests will meet in St. Louis Wednesday evening. At 10 a. m. Thursday they will board the "Quincy." The convention will open at 2:00 o'clock. Governor Major and Mayor Kiel will speak.

Among the subjects to be considered by the association will be: "High Pressure Gas Distribution," S. H. Wallace, Webster Groves; "Visits to Member Companies and Others," John C. Hall, St. Louis; "Meters vs. Flat Rates on Waterworks," C. H. Jaccard, Webb City; "A Trip Through the Small Power Plant," F. M. Walker, Poplar Bluff; "Electrical Advertising," F. T. Hopkins, St. Louis; "Employee Welfare Work," Herman Spoehrer, St. Louis.

Thursday evening there will be a cabaret dinner, which will be followed by dancing. The delegates will arrive at Keokuk at noon, Friday. The Keokuk dam and the electrical plant will be inspected. Keokuk will entertain the delegates at dinner at the Elks club and the Iowa hotel. The delegates will entertain the citizens of Keokuk with a dance on board the steamer Quincy, Friday night until midnight, when the homeward voyage will begin. The boat will arrive in St. Louis Saturday at 5 p. m.

Among those who have made reservations are Governor and Mrs. Elliott W. Major, Jefferson City; Mayor and Mrs. Henry W. Kiel, Messers, and Mesdames A. C. Einstein, F. D. Bearlee, Fred Adam, F. N. Boyer, O. B. Barrows, C. R. Croninger, J. P. Casey, R. H. Franzler, J. C. Hall, A. J. Hellmich, H. H. Humphrey, E. R. Kinsey, H. W. Kehl, Hiram Phillips, E. J. Pillsburg, A. J. Russell, Herman Spoehrer, C. M. Talbert, Hugo Wardack, H. W. Wiswell, E. E. Wall, Messrs. C. F. Barrington, Wm. Bradford, C. R. Baldwin, C. C. Butler, E. H. Matz, L. T. Block, Bruce Cameron, Dwight F. Davis, G. M. Ellis, G. B. Evans, Wm. Gallaher, T. M. Gibbs, F. P. Hopkins, James Hardy, J. A. Hook, A. I. Jacobs, Fred Johnson, Thomas Moloney, W. C. Morehead, H. J. Pettengill, F. D. Phillips, Fred Robinson, Geo. Rosenthal, Jr., Ed. Smith, F. M. Weber, G. B. Walker, M. J. Lester, W. P. Wheeler, all of St. Louis; Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Agermissen, Montgomery City, Mo.; F. J. Alderson, A. J. Fischer, Sam Hobson, Frank E. Johnson, L. G. Mackenhaupt, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Pletzcker, E. J. Seeley, L. C. Spake, Cooper Wilkins, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Witherbee, all of Chicago; R. L. Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bowles, J. U. Chester, S. R. Morrow, M. McShane, all of Jefferson City; Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Kealy, C. F. Niswander, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Scott, E. T. Bowers, M. Cole, all of Kansas City; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Achelpohl, Peoria, Ill.; S. E. Bronson, Ozark; C. C. Barnard, Marshall; Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Elbert, St. Joseph; Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Gallagher, Independence; Edwin Gruhl, New York City; Charles Guckel, Springfield; R. J. Irvine, Trenton; C. H. Jaccard, Webb City; H. C. Lewis, Caruthersville; Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Kelsey, Percy Markham, Brookfield; William J. McCarroll, Fulton; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ruffner, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Ward, of Webster Groves; R. C. Rhinehart, Kennett; Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Rohland, Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Rikard, Hamilton; J. C. Reighard, Moberly; Mr. and Mrs. Tibbe, Washington; C. Vansodoll, Edmon; Mr. and Mrs. C. Woodfill, Aurora; W. P. Wallace, Toledo, O.

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Y.W.C.A. NOTES

Burlington Visitors.

A number of visitors were in Keokuk yesterday as usual on Sunday during the excursion season and among them was a large gathering of our Burlington neighbors including many young people, Y. W. C. A. girls and others; many of whom visited the association building, as a matter of interest and no doubt for the further purpose of slyly comparing Keokuk's building with the new Y. W. C. A. building at Burlington completed and dedicated only a few months ago. Of course it would not be Burlingtonian to concede in words any superiority of Keokuk's beautiful Y. W. C. A. home over that only recently erected at Burlington, but the visiting girls showed many signs and words of admiration that they were much pleased with the home of the girls here and were much pleased with its well arranged and ample proportions. It has a more expansive and roomy home like appearance, it seemed, in the minds of the visitors. And suppressed praise read in face expression and an occasional unguarded word is the most sincere and best praise. The visiting girls were cordially greeted and hospitably treated while at the building, and left, no doubt, with even warmer and more neighborly feelings for Keokuk and her Christian Association girls and the attractive building which is their happy home.

Gymnasium Closes.

This is the closing week for all classes of the gymnasium department and a full attendance is urged for the finale. The adult class final will be held Tuesday night at 7:30. The high school classes will have their last session Friday at 4:15 and the last Saturday morning classes will be held this week. Miss Leeming has been a very able director and will leave here the first of June to return to her home for two weeks and from there to New York City where she will take special work at the National Training school.

Miss Ruth Potter also leaves June first and will likewise attend the National Training school. From there she will take the position as house secretary at Cedar Rapids where they have a very beautiful building and a very heavy lunch room business.

Geneva Club Picnic.

The Geneva club will enjoy a picnic supper next Thursday night at the top of Anschutz hill in Mr. King's yard. All members of the club are urged to bring any girls who may be considering going to Geneva this summer.

Membership Committee.

The regular membership committee will meet tonight at supper. This committee has fourteen members under Miss Etta Ayres, chairman, and has done efficient work. The membership of the Y. W. C. A. reaches beyond the one thousand mark but the committee feel that at least five hundred more of the city's women and girls ought to be enrolled in this great women's work.

Tennis Instruction.

Miss Leeming, the physical director is ready to teach any girls desiring to learn tennis on the Pond court. All desiring to do so should telephone her. Instruction is without fee.

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FIVE DROWNED IN THE RIVER

Launch Overturned in Whirling Eddy With Ten People on Board.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., May 18.—Three of five, drowned in the Mississippi yesterday when a launch capsized, were still unrecovered today and a large force of men resumed dragging the river. Out of nine members of the Otto Justman and John C. Buchholz families in the launch, only five were rescued when the launch was overturned in a whirling eddy. The dead: MRS. OTTO JUSTMAN, ORVILLE JUSTMAN, 7. JUSTMAN BABY, 8 months old. NORMAN BUCHHOLZ, 5. HAROLD BUCHHOLZ, 2.

The rescued: John C. Buchholz, Mrs. John C. Buchholz, Fred Weber, Merrill Wise, Helen Justman, 9.

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IS ASKING SINGERS TO HELP IN FETE

Prof. Hayden Seeks Adult Voices for His Big Chorus on June 5.

Professor P. C. Hayden is inviting local singers to take part in the choruses which will be sung at the June fete to be held here June 5. There will be 850 grade school voices in the chorus which will sing that afternoon, and Professor Hayden wants 150 adult voices for the occasion. In the following open letter addressed to the singers of Keokuk, Professor Hayden makes his request:

"In order to give volume and solidity to the chorus to sing at the June fete, the afternoon of June 5, there should be 150 adult voices assisting the 850 grade schools, grammar school and high school singers.

A general invitation is given to Keokuk singers, high school graduates and others to attend the rehearsals and help sing the grand choruses that have been selected and already learned by the young singers. Among them may be named the Anvil, Soldiers and Pilgrims choruses. A merry Life and Mendelssohn's Spring Song.

"I can't invite all the singers personally but do invite you all at this time to come and sing. Rehearsals Tuesday and Thursday this week and Monday, next week, at 7:30 at the high school assembly room. Piano and orchestra accompaniments. I invite you, even urge you to come. "PHILIP C. HAYDEN."

DEATH LAST NIGHT OF MRS. ROBT. LOWERY

At Her Home, 1604 Concert Street, After Several Months of Illness, of Tuberculosis.

The death of Mrs. Mattie Lowrey, colored, wife of Robert Lowrey, occurred last night at the home, 1604 Concert street, after several months of illness, aged twenty-seven years.

Mrs. Lowrey, nee Rolland, was born at Burlington where she spent her girlhood and young womanhood. About four years ago they came to Keokuk to reside, since which time this city has been their home. Tuberculosis took hold upon her, from which dreaded malady she suffered during all of the past winter and which finally took her life away. She had many friends in the city and at Burlington who will be pained to read this announcement of the ending of her young life.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Lowrey; her father and mother; three sisters, Mrs. Laura Taylor, Mrs. Beatrice Rose, and Miss Gillys Rolland, and three brothers, John Arthur and Frenchy Rolland. Her mother, Mrs. Lou Rolland, and her brothers and sisters are residents of Keokuk and the father resides at Burlington.

Arrangements for the funeral have not been completed.

WILL ASK POLICE TO STOP SPEEDING

Park Roadways Turned into Dangerous Speedway by Two Local Auto Drivers Sunday.

Commissioner Collins may be asked to police Rand park on Sundays in the future. A number of people who were in the park yesterday told a Gate City reporter today that the park roads were turned into a speedway by two local auto drivers who violated every speed law, and made things unpleasant and dangerous for pedestrians during the afternoon. Some of those who made the strongest complaints declared that they would ask the council to police the park and put a stop to that sort of thing in the future.

It has been suggested also, that if the park commissioners would take down one section of the fence at the entrance to the park, and allow pedestrians to cross Grand avenue there, instead of forcing them to walk around in the roadway, and through the big archway, it would help both as a safety measure and more direct entrance and exit.

As it is now, people coming up Grand avenue, must either cross the street, or enter the park by means of the roadway. If a section of the fence to the right of the main entrance were removed, and a walk made here, they could cross into the park easily.

CARRIED EXPRESS BY STAGE COACH

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The first express company to operate in Keokuk was established in 1853. It carried parcels from Keokuk to Charleston, by stage coach. James Lloyd was the driver of the coach and acted as the agent for the company.

The office of the company in Keokuk was established in the Laclede hotel, and Harry J. Campbell was the agent.

Millers at Convention. MANHATTAN, Kansas, May 18.—Millers, bakers, wheat buyers, mill superintendents and flour salesmen gathered at the Kansas State college here today for a two day's short course in wheat and flour testing. Conservation of the state's great wheat crop after it is harvested, is the reason back of the establishment of the course of study.

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CITY NEWS.

—Moose excursion Thursday to Ft. Madison. Boat leaves at 1:30 p. m.

—The small boy and some of the larger ones are wondering if Keokuk will receive a visit this summer from the circus.

—Buy harness at Sherwood's. 703 Main street.

—Housecleaning is still in progress but many of the homes have received their annual cleaning and the gentleman of the house finds that his business is not so rushing now but that he can get home to his meals.

—Phone 84 for a case of Leisy beer when you're out.

—Go with the Moose to Ft. Madison Thursday on W. W. and barge. Leave at 1:30. 50c; children, 25c.

—The Keokuk gentlemen who made the automobile drive to Davenport last Saturday, returning home Sunday evening, report a most pleasant trip. The roads are excellent for automobile travel which added very greatly to the delight of the journey.

—Sherwood is making low prices on buggies. 703 Main street.

—Iowa farmers are going to join with their brethren of the city in an annual clean-up period. Dr. J. I. Gibson, state veterinarian, is sending out a proclamation calling upon the farmers of the state to observe the week of May 25 as the first annual Iowa "clean-up week." This is a part of the state campaign to eradicate hog cholera which lost millions of dollars to stock raisers in recent years.

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Ford Men Laid Off.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] DETROIT, Mich., May 18.—Reports that the Ford Motor company of this city would "lay off" more than six thousand of their employees within the next few weeks were confirmed today by officials of the concern. The officials denied however, that there was anything unusual in the procedure, explaining that similar action is taken each year during the "dull" season which is now at hand.

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