WILL SEEK TO RESTORE THE ARMY CANTEEN

Congressman Kern Will Offer an Amendment to the Army Bill.

BELIEVES CHANGE A MISTAKE.

Says Present System Is a Failure—Substitutes Inebriety for Moderation; Periodical Sprees for Moderate Indulgence.

Republic Bureau,
10th St. and Pennsylvania Ave.

Washington, March 27.—During the debate on the army-appropriation bill, Representative Kern of East St. Louis gave notice that he would press the following amendment:

"That the Secretary of War be instructed to authorize the re-establishment and restoration of the army canteen as it existed under the rules in force previous to its abolition by Congress."

Explaining his amendment, Mr. Kern said:

"The army canteen, or 'post exchange,' was nothing more nor less than a place maintained by the regiments in our army which desired to maintain it, at which refreshments and stimulants of the milder sort were served to the members of those regiments who were both willing and able to pay for what they received under the regulation and restraint of the military authorities.

Character of Canteens.

"To say that these places were, during the time of their existence, disorderly; that they were the scenes of drunken ribaldry, of disgraceful orgies, and of excessive indulgence in intoxicating drink, to the extent of making them injurious to the health and morals of our soldiers, is to impeach the character of the army for efficient discipline and to characterize the military authority as weak and impotent.

"I deny that in the period when the canteen was tolerated by the Department of War, and when its operation was sanctioned by the military officers, the discipline in the army was more lax than it is now, or that the government of the posts was lacking in that firmness and resolution which is so essential to the preservation of good order and the attainment of the highest degree of efficiency in the troops. Yet Congress has seen fit, by legislative enactment, to prohibit the continuance of the post exchange.

Temperance Advisable.

"I have not the slightest doubt in my mind that the step was taken in obedience to a sentiment which aimed to bring about an entirely meritorious deform. It was done in the interests of sobriety, and with a view of purifying the lives of the soldiers; with the view of improving their sanitary conditions, elevating their morals and advancing the men who have enlisted to fight the battles of our country in an intellectual way. This commendable purpose, no good man will try to bring into reproach by the use of either ridicule or criticism.

"Far be it from me to do so. It should be encouraged and upheld at all hazards. It should be the guiding star, not only in our military, but in our civil life. It furnishes a foundation strong enough and broad enough on which to build a nation. It should be the text of our most effectual sermons. It should be the gist and pith and core of the system of our universal education.

Conditions Not Attained.

"But I deny that the abolition of the canteen has established, or even approached, that much-desired condition of things. I assert, on the contrary, that the change involves a movement in the opposite direction. We have had a sufficient trial of both plans to place us in a position to form an intelligent judgment on this matter by calm analysis and fair comparison of the two.

"Instead of introducing habits of greater sobriety in the army, the abolition of the canteen has substituted inebriety for moderation in the use of intoxicants among the soldiers; periodical sprees for steady and noninjurious, if not healthful, indulgence. Instead of improving the health and morals of the soldiers, that move has proved fatal to both.

"Instead of improving the order of the army posts, it has resulted in demoralization and wanton disobedience to the command. A fair trial of the new method ought to serve to convince reasonable men that the means employed are not merely ill-suited to bring about the end aimed at, but that they are subversive and absolutely destructive of it."

CECIL RHODES'S FUNERAL TAKES PLACE WEDNESDAY.

Man of Deeds Bewailed to the Last That He Had Not Accomplished Much More Than He Did.

Cape Town, March 27.—The preparations for the state funeral of Cecil Rhodes, which will take place here Wednesday, April 2, are already in progress. Flags are half-masted everywhere.

Those who attended the sick bed say Mr. Rhodes continually sorrowed over the fact that he left so much unaccomplished. "So little done, so much to do," was an expression which he used more than once.

The body will lie in state in Parliament House for several days previous to the funeral.

London, March 27.—The Rhodesian section of the colonial exhibition at the Royal Exchange has been draped in black.

Numerous expressions of regret and condolence have been cabled by members of the Stock Exchange and others interested in South Africa.

A memorial service in honor of Cecil Rhodes will be held in St. Paul's Cathedral April 10.

WALLER YOUNG'S WIDOW DEAD.

Mrs. Kate H. Young Passes Away in St. Joseph—Relatives Here.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

St. Joseph, Mo., March 27.—Mrs. Kate H. Young, widow of the late Waller Young, the well-known Missouri lawyer and politician, died to-day, after a brief illness, with pneumonia. Mrs. Young had hosts of friends throughout the State, and the many admirers of her husband will learn of her demise with regret.

She leaves three children—Mrs. Perry Fulkerson of this city, Miss Fay and Waller, Jr. She was a sister-in-law to Alex Young and Judge Upton Young of St. Louis, the well-known attorneys there. Mr. Alex Young and Judge Upton Young will attend the funeral here on Saturday morning. Services will be held at the Episcopal Church, of which Mrs. Young was a member all her life.

Mrs. Young was of one of the most prominent families in this section of the State.

DR. ROBERTS OF SPRINGFIELD, MO.

Was Formerly Superintendent of St. Luke's Hospital, St. Louis.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Springfield, Mo., March 27.—Doctor E. A. Roberts, a prominent citizen of this city, dropped dead to-day of heart failure. He was born in Savannah, Ga., October 1, 1846, and took a prominent part in the defense of the South during the Civil War after the close of which he removed to St. Louis, and was resident physician and superintendent of St. Luke's Hospital for eight years. Since that time he has lived in Springfield. For a long time he took a prominent part in public affairs.

MRS. ELSIE McFARLAND.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Appleton City, Mo., March 27.—Mrs. Elsie McFarland of Fairplay, Colo., died at her home this morning. Mrs. McFarland was a daughter of E. Mason, president of the Merchants' Bank of this city. Her remains will be brought here for burial.

H. S. SPANGLER.

San Antonio, Tex., March 27.—H. S. Spangler, well-known railroad man of this State and president of the Spangler Oil Company of Beaumont, died at Laredo.

MRS. MINERVA J. FINLEY.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Fulton, Mo., March 27.—Mrs. Minerva J. Finley died suddenly after a day's illness at her home in this city this afternoon. She was the wife of John Finley and was 57 years of age.

MRS. LOUISE LOEHR.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Waterloo, Ill., March 27.—Mrs. Louisa Loehr, wife of Henry Loehr, Sr., died here to-day. She was 61 years old and well and favorably known in this vicinity.

CHARLES MEYER.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

O'Fallon, Ill., March 27.—Charles Meyer, a well-known business man of O'Fallon, died to-day after a brief illness due to paralysis. He was a native of Germany, but had resided here for many years. He was 64 years old and leaves a wife and four children.

MRS. THOMAS R. STAPLES.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Marshall, Mo., March 27.—Mrs. Thomas R. Staples, wife of the late Doctor Staples, of Nelson, Mo., died at her home in that city to-day.

A. LANGENBACK.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Clarence, Mo., March 27.—A. Langenback, one of the oldest citizens of the city, and a prominent hardware merchant, died here this afternoon. He was a member of the Catholic Church and one of the wealthiest men of the city. He was also a prominent member of the G. A. R.

PIONEER MERCHANT.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Marshall, Ill., March 27.—G. A. Hippard, a pioneer merchant, died to-day. He is father of W. C. Hippard, clerk of the Appellate Court of this district.

MISS MARY POTTER.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Burlington, Ia., March 27.—Miss Mary Potter, daughter of the late T. J. Potter, General manager of the Burlington system, died this morning. It is thought heart trouble was the cause. She was prominent in social circles and a bright and loveable young woman.

MRS. CATHERINE MAY.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

St. Joseph, Mo., March 27.—Mrs. Catherine May, widow of Frederick May, and a resident of this city for forty years, died tonight at the age of 87. The deceased was the mother of Charles J. L. May of the editorial staff of the Gazette-Herald of this city.

ARCHBISHOP OF GLASGOW.

London, March 27.—The Most Reverend Charles Eyre, Catholic Archbishop of Glasgow and delegate apostolic for Scotland, is dead. He was born in 1817.

JILTED HER FIANCE AND ELOPED WITH LAWYER.

Miss Mary Brent Spoiled a Double Wedding by Suddenly Changing Her Mind.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Kansas City, Mo., March 27.—The double wedding of two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. T. I. Brent of No. 1509 Linwood boulevard, announced on March 9 for the first week in May, will not take place on account of the unexpected marriage last night of Miss Mary Fleming Brent and Harry C. Hamner, a young attorney of this city. Miss Mary Brent's fiance, who was jilted without warning, was G. G. Scott of Milwaukee, general paymaster of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway system. He is a man of considerable means. Mr. Hamner, who married Mr. Scott's fiancee last night, is a son of J. B. Hamner, an attorney.

Just why Miss Brent announced her engagement to Mr. Scott a short time ago and then jilted him for the young lawyer she has known less than two months is a matter that even the parents and most intimate friends of the bride and bridegroom cannot explain.

Mr. Brent had an unpleasant task this morning when he wrote a letter to Mr. Scott in Milwaukee, stating that, for reasons unknown to him, Miss Mary had upset all the plans for her marriage with Mr. Scott by eloping with a young man who had not been regarded as a suitor at all.

Mr. Brent has been ill for many months. He rallied his strength last night when he received a short note from Mr. Hamner, his new son-in-law, stating that Doctor Quayle had performed the ceremony.

"We are married and in love with each other," was all the note said.

Mr. Brent tried last night to reach the youthful elopers by telephone, but was unable to find them, as they left on an early train last night for Omaha.

Mr. Hamner met the young woman who is now his wife at a box party about two months ago. At that time Mr. Scott of Milwaukee was engaged to Miss Brent and had made a number of visits to Kansas City to see her. Mr. Scott was here a few days ago, and if there was any coldness between himself and Miss Brent it could not be detected. The suitor for Miss Brent's hand gave a number of dinner parties at the Hotel Baltimore to his fiancee and members of her family.

The Brent family came here from Kentucky a number of years ago. Thomas I. Brent is president of the Kansas City Transfer Company. Miss Mary Brent was popular in society.

PLAN TO BUY THE HOLY LANDS.

Artist Believes Money Would Succeed Where Wars Failed.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Greenwich, Conn., March 27.—A movement has been started by Arthur Snedley Greene, a Greenwich artist, with the end in view of the purchase of the Holy Lands by Christian people.

Mr. Green said to-night that he intended to enlist the aid of the Reverend Josiah Strong, D. D., who is now in Palestine, and he has already received assurances that should enable him to accomplish his purpose. Mr. Greene is very enthusiastic on the subject. He says that considering the fabulous wealth of Christendom, it is most inconsistent that the Holy Lands, where Christ lived, worked and suffered for the sins of the world, should belong to and be under the control of a nation aggressively opposed to Christianity.

"Why haven't the Christians of the world united before this in a grand movement to raise enough money to purchase these Holy Lands?" he asked. "The attempts in the Middle Ages to wrest them from the Turks by force failed because the act itself was unchristian. The lands can be purchased and made independent and neutral and the Christian nations of the world could and would guarantee their integrity. Then after this was accomplished the lands could be made the garden spot of the world, and, with their wealth of divine associations, would be the one restful spot in the world to the pilgrim tired in mind and body."

ELKS ELECT NEW OFFICERS.

Lodge Begins Preparations for Big Fair in June.

At the Thursday night session of the St. Louis Lodge, No. 9, B. P. O. E., the annual election of officers resulted as follows: Exalted ruler, Oscar F. Sessinghaus; esteemed leading knight, Colonel Charles D. Comfort; esteemed lecturing knight, William R. Edison; esteemed loyal knight, Captain A. J. Jacobs; secretary, Jules Bertero; treasurer, Captain E. W. Sinclair; tyler, J. V. Johnston; representative to the Grand Lodge, Jos. J. Desberger; alternate, Elwin S. Puller; inner guard, Alex. F. Kessler.

About 300 Elks attended.

The present initiation fee will be doubled and the yearly dues increased after July 1.

Preparations are being made for the Elks street fair, which will be held here the first two weeks in June. Hanlon's Park has been selected as the site of this fair.

PROF. HOWERTH LECTURES.

"Taxation" His Subject Before Economic League.

Professor Ira W. Howerth lectured before the Economic League last night at the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium. His subject was "Taxation."

"The American citizen," said Professor Howerth, "works one month in the year for the sake of being governed. In England taxes take nearly one-eighth of the public income; in France, 11 per cent, and in Italy, 15 or 16 per cent. In all these countries taxes cut deeper into the earnings of the poor than the incomes of the rich."

In closing, Professor Howerth stated that a progressive income tax would largely relieve these conditions, and that agitation in its favor may be expected to continue.

MISS MAY PARSONS AS "LAWRENCE" IN "LITTLE WOMEN."

—Portrait by Studio Grand.

MISS MAY PARSONS

As Lawrence, in "Little Women," presented by the Junior Literary Society at Hosmer Hall.

In the play "Little Women," given at Hosmer Hall, No. 4296 Washington boulevard, last Friday by the Junior Literary Society, characters were represented as follows: Meg, Miss La Moy Watts; Beth, Miss Margaret Johnson; Amy, Miss Viola Kilgen; Jo, Bessie Flack; Laurie, Stella Wagenman; Lawrence, May Parsons; Hannah, Edna Lederer; Mrs. March, Miss Alice Thrasher.

The entertainment was one of a number given this season by the Junior Society, and showed much cleverness in the work of interpretation of the characters in Miss Alcott's "Little Women."

TWO IDENTIFY SPRAY AS A HIGHWAYMAN

Police Think They Have Man Who Figured in the Hold-Ups of Wednesday Night.

Chief of Detectives Desmond thinks that in the arrest of Joe Spray, who is a prisoner at the Four Courts, he has one of the highwaymen who engaged in the robbery carnival Wednesday night. Two of the victims have identified him and warrants charging

JOE SPRAY.

A prisoner at the Fifth District Police Station, who has been identified by two of the highway robber victims of Wednesday night.

robbery in the first degree have been issued against him.

Spray was arrested on description in his home at No. 1469 Cass avenue early yesterday morning by Probationary Officer Frank Degnan and Officer Dan McGrath of the Fifth District. They took him to the station, where he was identified by Doctor George A. Mellies of No. 2839 Cass avenue as the man who held him up at Seventeenth and Madison streets about 9 o'clock and relieved him of a gold watch and $19 in money.

After his removal to the Four Courts Spray was identified by Arthur Dameschroeder of No. 2816 North Twenty-second street. He was relieved of $1 and a gold watch by a highwayman at Twenty-first street and St. Louis avenue about 8:45 o'clock. Five other persons were held up Wednesday night as was told in The Republic of yesterday.

Spray served two years in the Penitentiary for assault to kill. While in prison he learned the trade of shoemaking and since his release in 1899 he has conducted a cobbler's shop on O'Fallon street near Fifteenth street.

FATHER SUES FOR HIS CHILD.

Aunt Is Charged With Detaining Lucy Seaton.

Hamilton M. Seaton of Franklin County, Missouri, applied to the Circuit Court yesterday for a writ of habeas corpus to get possession of his 12-year-old daughter Lucy, who, he states, is in charge of his sister, Margaret J. Wheaton, and her husband, Seth Wheaton, of No. 3139A Park avenue.

Seaton's wife died May 10 last. In the latter part of last November he states that he placed his daughter and son, Ira, aged 11 years, to board in his sister's family, paying $12.50 a month for each. March 6, having prepared a home near Labadie, Franklin County, he decided to take his children to live with him. The boy was given to him, but the girl was detained, he states.

Judge Ferriss issued an order on the Wheatons to show cause to-morrow why they should not give up the child.

HITS FOREMAN WITH HAMMER.

John Lahner Assaults Alfred Gillard in Spring Factory.

Alfred Gillard, a foreman at the Champ Spring Company's works, No. 2108 Papin street, was struck on the head with a hammer by John Lahner of No. 2120 Clark avenue, a fellow-employe, yesterday afternoon. His skull was fractured. He was removed to the City Hospital in a serious condition. Gillard lives at No. 1620 Mississippi avenue. Lahner was arrested and claims that he struck Gillard because the foreman had assaulted him earlier in the day.

Lahner had been in the employ of the Champ company for more than six years, while Gillard is a comparatively new man. Recently Gillard was promoted to foreman.

WILL TAX PROPERTY AT ITS CASH VALUE

Local Board of Equalization Unanimously Adopts Resolution to This Effect.

The local Board of Equalization yesterday adopted a resolution that assessments will be made on all property according to the true cash value.

The board distinguishes between cash value and salable value, though the resolution specifies that the difference in no event exceeds 20 per cent. This resolution was adopted unanimously by the local board as a notice to the State Board of Equalization. The resolution is:

"Resolved, That in the assessment and equalization for taxation of property situated within the limits of the city of St. Louis and made taxable for State purposes, this board will be guided by the statutes of the State, which require assessment of all property according to its true cash value in money at the time of the assessment. That in doing so the board will give due consideration to the fact that the cash value of property in money is not necessarily equivalent to its saleable value, but that the difference in no event exceeds 20 per cent."

The following resolution, which was also submitted by former Judge Rombauer, was adopted, but by a vote of 3 to 2. Those who voted against it claimed that it was unnecessary, for the reason that the law is explicit enough:

"Resolved, That in the opinion of this board, it has no power under the Constitution and laws of this State to discriminate in favor of one species of property against another in adjusting and equalizing the assessment, and that, whatever the rate of valuation adopted, may be, it is its duty to see to it that all property subject to taxation shall be taxed in proportion to its value."

HOME MISSIONARY MEETING.

Eleventh Annual Session at Cook Avenue Church.

The Woman's Home Mission Society of the St. Louis Conference, M. E. Church, South, began its eleventh annual meeting yesterday at the Cook Avenue Church. In addition to delegates from the churches of the city and suburbs, there were representatives from Charleston, Farmington, Washington, West Plains and Poplar Bluff districts.

At the forenoon session an address of welcome was delivered by Mrs. L. O. Chenoweth, which was responded to in behalf of the conference by Mrs. Olin Boggess of Ferguson. Mrs. T. E. Turner, secretary, made her annual report, and Mrs. Boggess was made her assistant for the meeting. Mrs. W. H. Hogan conducted the noonday prayer meeting, and made a brief address on "Duties and Privileges." Mrs. A. F. Smith of Kirkwood sang two solos, and she was accompanied on the organ by Miss Laura Cassidy.

The afternoon session was taken up in part with reports from auxiliaries, and Mr. Sloan, founder of the Sloan Mission in South St. Louis, appealed to the conference to provide a missionary for that field, and his suggestion met with much favor. Miss Gibson, president of the Training School, Kansas City, said such a field should have the best woman missionary that could be found. After considerable discussion, the matter was referred to the Executive Committee of the society.

The conference will resume this morning at 10 o'clock and there will also be an afternoon session.

Grain Dealers Elect Officers.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Topeka, Kas., March 27.—The State Grain Dealers' Association closed a three days' meeting with the election of these officers: President, L. Cortelyou, Muscotah; vice president, O. S. Higgins, Stockton; secretary and treasurer, E. J. Smiley, Topeka; directors, H. Work, Ellsworth; A. T. Rogers, Beloit, and A. A. Aiken of St. John.

Indicted for Wife Murder.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Waterloo, Ill., March 27.—The Grand Jury, which is in session here, has returned a true bill against Anton Stoeckel, charged with wife murder. Judge Martin Schaeffer has set the case for hearing April 7, 1902. Much interest is manifested in the case, and a bitter fight is expected. The defense is represented by A. C. Bollinger of this city.

Aldermen Nominated.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Pana, Ill., March 27.—At the Republican caucus in this city to-night the following Aldermen were placed in nomination:

First Ward, D. M. Keyes; Second Ward, C. W. Florence; Third Ward, C. C. Schwartz; Fourth Ward, James Nash; Fifth Ward, T. D. Kelligar, O. H. Paddock was nominated for Police Magistrate.

Missourians in New York.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, March 27.—Among the arrivals at the hotels here to-day were the following Westerners:

St. Louis—A. Cushing, P. Gohozay, Imperial; J. P. Ramsey, J. Ramsey, New Amsterdam; A. C. Turner, Kensington; T. M. Mansby, Manhattan; F. G. Niedringhaus, Waldorf; W. A. Brown and Mrs. Brown, Victoria; L. Hilfer, Imperial.

Kansas City—J. L. McKinsey, Grand Union; I. MacKenzie, Manhattan; A. C. Grimes, Herald Square.

St. Joseph—J. B. Motley, Manhattan.

CHIEF OF MINING WILL BE RELIEVED

Professor J. A. Holmes to Assist Doctor Day in World's Fair Work.

HE IS A NOTED GEOLOGIST.

President Estrada Palma of Cuba Promises an Island Exhibit Which Will Cost Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, March 27.—Professor J. A. Holmes, State Geologist of North Carolina, departed to-day for St. Louis to enter on his duties as assistant to Doctor David T. Day in the Department of Mines and Metallurgy of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

Professor Holmes is a geologist of note in the South, and will be a valuable acquisition to the scientific force of the World's Fair corporation.

Doctor Day, Chief of the Division of Mines and Metallurgy, has just returned from New York, where he had a conference with Estrada Palma, President of Cuba, regarding Cuba's proposed exhibit at the World's Fair.

"President Palma," said Doctor Day, "has taken a deep interest in this matter, and has promised that Cuba will be represented with a magnificent exhibit, housed in its own separate building."

In a special message to the Cuban Congress, President Palma will urge a special appropriation of $60,000 to $75,000, and he assured Doctor Day that it will be made.

The plans for the exhibit are novel and extensive in scope, and promise a display that will be one of the most interesting features of the Exposition.

Professor Holmes has made an arrangement with the Exposition management by which he will relieve Chief Day of the greater part of the detail connected with the Department of Mining and Metallurgy. This will permit Doctor Day to give much of his time to the editorial management of a leading mineralogical journal with which he is officially connected.

Professor Holmes spent several weeks in St. Paul recently during the absence of Doctor Day in the field. Holmes attended to the executive duties of the department at that time. It is understood that the arrangement with respect to relieving Doctor Day of the greater part of the task of installing the exhibit of the department of which he is the chief was made with the consent of the Exposition Committee on Mining and Metallurgy.

What Doctor Day is attributed with saying regarding the Cuban exhibit has already been communicated to the Exposition management by its representative in Cuba. Mr. Charles M. Pepper, who arranged with General Leonard Wood to start the preliminary work on the Cuban display, on an understanding with President Estrada Palma, who will take up the matter when he assumes office on May 20.

MRS. BLAIR HAS NEW CLASS.

Teaches Higher Music Under Social Settlement League Auspices.

Paul Oeker, correspondent of the New York Staats-Zeitung, who has been engaged with the World's Fair for several months, in writing German and French articles for newspapers in France, Belgium, Switzerland, Germany and the French colonies, and has been assisting in translating at the Exposition general offices, left St. Louis last night for New York, whence he will sail on April 14 for The Hague, to attend the International Press Conference. He will exploit the Exposition.

Mr. Oeker is an officer of the French Academy, and is a linguist of unusual ability, although an American, having his legal residence in Los Angeles, Cal., he has lived abroad for a good many years. He will soon receive the decoration of the Legion of Honor from the French Government, in recognition of his work as Commissioner for the French colonies at the Pan-American Exposition.

LATIN REPUBLICS INTERESTED.

Mexico's Classification—Bolivian Newspapers Describe Fair.

Central and South American nations are widely exploiting the World's Fair. Mexico, through its Department of Promotion, Colonization and Industry, has issued for distribution throughout the Republic a tastefully printed pamphlet of 112 pages, containing the rules and regulations and the official classification of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

El Heraldo, the leading daily of Cochamba, Bolivia, is devoting columns of space to the Exposition. In its issue of February 5 three columns of description of the Exposition appeared. Other South American papers with large influence are printing a great deal about the Fair. Copies of these methods of promotion are being sent to the Exposition general offices by the Commissioners in the field.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT STREETS.

Merchants Dislike Tearing Up and Repairing of Roads.

Downtown merchants are complaining that the Board of Public Improvements, or the Street Department, is too lenient with contractors who tear up improved streets to work under the surface. They say the board is not rigorous enough in requiring that the streets be put in as good condition as before the pavement is disturbed.

Street Commissioner Varrelmann is anxious about six street improvement bills, recently introduced in the House of Delegates. These bills can be passed if both branches of the Municipal Assembly meet every day next week. It is probable that additional sessions will be held in order to dispose of all important business.

CORONATION OF KING EDWARD.

Confers No Additional Authority, Says British Vice Consul.

The question that has arisen in St. Louis whether or not the coming coronation of King Edward will invest him with any powers which he has not at present was referred to Mr. Western Bascome, British Vice Consul for St. Louis.

"Immediately upon the death of Queen Victoria," said Mr. Bascome, in reply to the question, "the heir-apparent became the reigning monarch by operation of law, with full power to act.

"As soon as practical, the oath of office is administered, the acceptance of which signifies the acceptance of the trust and its responsibilities by the heir.

"The coronation is merely a ceremony by which the King comes into the crown in a literal sense. No additional powers, as I understand it, are conferred by the coronation."

ILLINOIS.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Springfield, Ill., March 27.—Secretary of State Rose to-day licensed the incorporation of the following new companies:

Elmwood Coal and Mining Company, Chicago; for mining purposes; capital stock, $150,000. Incorporators—Charles A. Chase, Harry W. Paddock and Fred W. Kraft.

Wilmore Book Company, Chicago; for printing and publishing; capital stock, $50,000. Incorporators—George E. Dawson, Isaac H. Pedrick and Bertram E. Sherman.

The C. Christensen Company, Chicago; to manufacture ice cream, ices, frappes and confections; capital stock, $20,000. Incorporators—T. F. Monahan, John J. Swenie and Benedict J. Short.

Harmengies & Howell, Chicago; for printing, publishing and bookbinding; capital stock, $15,000. Incorporators—Harry A. Daugherty, Herman F. Hermegnies and James M. McCauley.

Latimer Manufacturing Company, Chicago; manufacturing and mercantile; capital stock, $12,000. Incorporators—Nathan Spare, Joseph Amick and Joseph B. Otto.

Northern Metal Company, Chicago; to deal in metals and machinery; capital stock, $10,000. Incorporators—William Pasimensky, Jacob Pasimensky and Ralph Lipsey.

Calumet Gas and Electric Company, Chicago; to operate heat, light and power plants and electric railways; capital stock, $5,000. Incorporators—Oscar B. Wolff, R. Porter Donehoo and Edward C. Maher.

Crescent Ice Company, Chicago; to deal in ice; capital stock, $5,000. Incorporators—Michael J. Riordan, Timothy Riordan and John Riordan.

RAILROAD TIME-TABLE.

ST. LOUIS TIME.

Arrivals and Departures of Trains at Union Station.

*Daily. †Daily except Sunday. ‡Sunday only. §Saturday only. ‖Saturday and Sunday only. ¶Except Monday. **Daily except Saturday.

BURLINGTON ROUTE—UNION STATION.

Train.	Depart.	Arrive.
For Hannibal, H. & St. J., points, Quincy, Keokuk and Burlington	*2:55 am	*6:56 pm
Local to Hannibal	*7:41 am	*8:25 pm
For Quincy and North	17:41 am	†6:56 pm
For St. Paul, Minneapolis, via East Side lines, Illinois and Wisconsin	*8:01 am	*4:58 pm
The Burlington-Northern Pacific Express, for Kansas City, St. Joseph, Northwest Nebraska, Black Hills, Wyoming, Montana, Washington, Puget Sound, Portland and Oregon	*9:00 am	*6:56 pm
Twin City Express, for Minneapolis, St. Paul and Iowa	*2:15 pm	*2:10 pm
The Nebraska-Colorado Express, for Denver, Colorado, Utah and Pacific Coast, via St. Joseph	*2:15 pm	*6:56 pm
Local to Burlington	*7:40 pm	*6:55 am
For Northern Iowa, St. Paul and Minneapolis	**7:40 pm	†6:59 am
For Illinois, via East Side line to Rock Island and Clinton, Iowa	*8:21 pm	*7:10 am
For Dubuque and La Crosse	‖8:21 pm	‖7:10 am
For Kansas City, Council Bluffs, Omaha, St. Joseph, Denver, Nebraska, Colorado, Utah and Pacific Coast	*9:00 pm	*7:10 am
Local for Hannibal	*4:00 pm	*11:10 am

For Alton—Leave 7:47 a. m., daily; 8:01 a. m., daily; 11:00 a. m., daily; 3:00 p. m., except Sunday; 5:05 p. m., except Sunday; 5:50 p. m., daily; 7:40 p. m., daily; 8:21 p. m., daily.

BIG FOUR.

LAKE SHORE, NEW YORK CENTRAL AND HUDSON RIVER, BOSTON AND ALBANY AND CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RAILWAY.

Train.	Depart.	Arrive.
Indianapolis Express	*7:00 am	5:00 pm
New York and Boston Limited	8:50 am	*9:45 pm
Knickerbocker Special, New York, Boston, Washington, Baltimore and Philadelphia	12:00 am	6:45 pm
Mattoon and Alton Accommodation	14:20 pm	10:42 am
Boston, New York, Cincinnati, Washington, Baltimore and Philadelphia	5:06 pm	*7:20 am
Alton—Leaves *10:20 a. m., *5:45 p. m. Arrives *8:00 a. m., *1:45 p. m.		

B. & O. S-W. R. R.

Train.	Depart.	Arrive.
Cincinnati, Louisville, Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York Express	*2:05 am	*1:35 pm
Cincinnati, Louisville, Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York Express	.....	‖11:55 am
Cincinnati, Louisville, Pittsburg, Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York Fast Mail	*8:05 pm	*7:28 am
Cincinnati Accommodation	†7:36 am	†7:12 pm
Cincinnati, Louisville, Pittsburg, Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York Royal Blue Limited	*3:40 am	5:50 pm
Flora Accommodation	†6:40 pm	†8:22 am
Flora Accommodation	‖6:56 pm	‖10:32 am
West Baden and French Lick Springs, via Monon Route	*8:40 am	*8:00 pm

CHICAGO, PEORIA AND ST. LOUIS RAILWAY—(C., P. & ST. L.)

Train.	Depart.	Arrive.
Peoria, Pekin, Springfield and Jerseyville	*8:14 am	*7:20 pm
Chouteau Slough, Grafton and Elsah	*8:14 am	*7:20 pm
Alton, Chauncqua and Grafton	†4:56 pm	*10:55 am
Alton, Springfield and Jerseyville	†4:56 pm	*10:55 am
Alton, Springfield, Jerseyville and Grafton	†6:00 pm	*10:56 am

CHICAGO AND ALTON.
Chicago Trains.

Train.	Depart.	Arrive.
The Alton Limited	*9:04 am	*7:25 pm
Prairie State Express	†12:02 pm	†6:10 pm
Palace Express	*9:00 pm	*7:16 am
Midnight Special	*11:40 pm	*8:10 am

Kansas City Trains.

Train.	Depart.	Arrive.
Missouri State Express	*8:20 am	*7:00 pm
Kansas City Limited	*10:30 pm	*7:00 am

Local Trains.

Train.	Depart.	Arrive.
Springfield Accommodation	†6:20 am	.....
Jacksonville via Virden	†5:20 am	†7:25 pm
Peoria Limited	†3:04 am	†8:12 pm
Springfield, Capital City Flyer	*4:25 pm	*10:50 am
Jacksonville via Virden	†4:28 pm	†10:50 am
Roodhouse Accommodation	†4:28 pm	†10:50 am

COTTON BELT.
(ST. LOUIS SOUTHWESTERN RAILWAY.)

Train.	Depart.	Arrive.
Arkansas and Texas Express (via Bismarck and Delta)	8:00 am	7:15 pm
Arkansas and Texas Fast Mail (via Bismarck and Delta)	8:40 pm	7:00 am

FRISCO SYSTEM.

Train.	Depart.	Arrive.
Valley Park Accommodation	†6:50 am	†10:20 am
Valley Park Accommodation	†3:30 pm	†8:15 am
Pacific Accommodation	†8:30 am	†1:25 pm
Texas and Kansas Mail, for Paris, Dallas, Ennis, Houston, Galveston, Carthage, Joplin and Wichita	*8:45 am	*7:00 pm
Pacific Accommodation	‖1:10 pm	‖10:25 am
Valley Park Accommodation	‖12:55 pm	‖4:30 pm
Mexico and World's Fair Special for Carthage, Joplin, Wichita, Vinita, Oklahoma, Denison, Sherman, Dallas, Fort Worth, Waco and Brownwood	*3:50 pm	*11:30 am
Valley Park Accommodation	†4:10 pm	†6:40 am
Pacific Accommodation	†5:24 pm	†7:40 am
Valley Park Accommodation	†6:30 pm	†8:15 pm
Valley Park Accommodation	†7:20 pm	†7:10 pm
Texas and Kansas Limited for Eureka Springs, Fort Smith, Paris, Dallas, Greenville, Ennis, Corsicana, Houston, Galveston, Austin, San Antonio, Carthage, Joplin, Wichita, Burrton and the West	*8:35 pm	7:20 am
Western Express for Vinita, Denison, Sherman, Oklahoma, Carthage, Joplin and Neodesha	*10:00 pm	*7:15 am

ILLINOIS CENTRAL.
Northern Lines.

Train.	Depart.	Arrive.
Northern Illinois Express—Springfield, Freeport and Dubuque	*7:55 am	*6:40 pm
Peoria and Springfield	*11:30 am	†7:00 pm
Chicago Daylight Special	*11:30 am	*7:00 pm
Springfield Accommodation	*4:45 pm	10:40 am
Chicago Diamond Special	9:10 pm	7:24 am

Southern Lines.

Train.	Depart.	Arrive.
Paducah Mail and Express—Murphysboro, Carbondale and Marion	*7:15 am	7:24 pm
New Orleans Fast Mail—Cairo, Memphis, Jackson, Tenn., and Texas Express: Nashville, Atlanta and Jacksonville	8:36 am	*7:24 pm
St. Louis Special—Cairo, Memphis and New Orleans	*8:36 am	*5:16 pm
Accommodation—Murphysboro, Marion, Cairo, Sparta and Chester	†4:50 pm	11:32 am
Accommodation—Murphysboro, Marion and Creal Springs	*4:50 pm	11:32 am
New Orleans Limited—Cairo, Memphis, Dixie Flyer, Nashville, Atlanta and Jacksonville	10:15 pm	6:52 am

IRON MOUNTAIN ROUTE.

Train.	Depart.	Arrive.
Texas Fast Mail, to Little Rock, Texarkana, Dallas, Fort Worth and Abilene	*2:05 am	*7:25 pm
Delta, Columbus and Cairo Express	*8:00 am	*7:15 pm
Fast Day Express—Dallas, Fort Worth, Austin, San Antonio, Houston and Galveston	*2:21 pm	*9:30 pm
Hot Springs Special	*8:00 pm	*7:35 am
Texas, Mexico and California Special—Dallas, Fort Worth, El Paso, Los Angeles, Galveston, San Antonio and Laredo	*8:20 pm	*7:25 am
Memphis Express	8:40 pm	7:00 am

FOURTH STREET AND CHOUTEAU AVENUE STATION.

De Soto and Bismarck Accommodation	*5:30 pm	*8:30 am

ST. LOUIS AND HANNIBAL RAILROAD.
(Via Wabash.)

Train.	Depart.	Arrive.
Mail and Express	†7:00 am	‖11:10 am
Mail and Express	‖6:05 pm	*6:15 pm

L. & N. R. R.

Train.	Depart.	Arrive.
Florida Limited via Nashville, Atlanta and Macon	3:10 pm	1:50 pm
Fast Mail—Evansville, Nashville, Birmingham, Montgomery, Chattanooga, Atlanta, Mobile, New Orleans and Jacksonville, Fla.; Charleston, S. C.	8:28 am	7:16 pm
Southern Express to Evansville, Nashville, Birmingham, Mobile, New Orleans, Thomasville, Jacksonville, Palatka, Ocala and St. Petersburg, Fla.	8:25 pm	7:20 am

L., H. & ST. L. RY. (Henderson Route.)

Train.	Depart.	Arrive.
Fast Mail—Owens