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WABASH EXTENSION TO COST $50,000,000

Goulds Must Fill in Two Hundred and Fifty Mile Gap to the Western Maryland.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, May 15.—Railroad men who have closely observed the Gould operations in Pennsylvania, Maryland and West Virginia, calculate that it will cost the Goulds not less than $50,000,000 to complete a standard line from the Wabash Railroad at Zanesville, O., to Baltimore. The Pittsburg extension alone, it is said, will cost $8,000,000, and the Cumberland link not less than $2,000,000. There is a gap of more than 250 miles between the Cherry Run terminus of the Western Maryland and Pittsburg to be filled, and the filling of this gap including right-of-way and new construction, it is said, will involve an outlay of $25,000,000.

The names of the principal members of the syndicate which made the successful bid for the Western Maryland have recently become known, although the indentity of the principal active agents were admitted during the negotiations with the city of Baltimore for the purchase of the road. The list of underwriters of the bid of $8,725,000 cash, which has been accepted, is headed by George J. Gould, president of the Missouri Pacific, and the others are Edwin Gould, president of the St. Louis Southwestern; Howard Gould, Myron T. Herrick, chairman of the Wheeling and Lake Erie board, Alvin W. Krech, vice president of the Wheeling and Lake Erie and Mercantile Trust Company; Edward L. Fuller, president of the International Salt Company; Winslow S. Pierce, general counsel of the Union Pacific, general attorney of the Gould system; Joseph Ramsey Jr., president of the Wabash Railroad and the Wheeling and Lake Erie; Louis Fitzgerald, president of the Mercantile Trust Company; James H. Hyde, president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society; John T. Terry, director of the Wabash and other Gould companies; Bowling Green Trust Company; John W. Gates, Harris, Gates & Co.; Cornelius Vanderbilt, Welles, Herrick & Hicks; A. H. Calef, secretary of the Missouri Pacific; Grenville M. Dodge of the Colorado and Southern; James Parmelee of Cleveland; Walter Scranton, president of the Lackawanna Iron and Steel Company; William H. Taylor, vice president of the Bowling Green Trust Company; Senator S. B. Elkins of West Virginia, R. C. Kerens of St. Louis.

TEXAS AND OKLAHOMA CHARTER.

Katy to Build 110 Miles More of Extensions.

Guthrie, Ok., May 15.—The Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad Company, filed another charter here to-day, for the construction of 119 miles of road in Oklahoma and Indian Territory. The charter also provides for the purchase of the Denison and Washita Valley outstanding stock to the amount of $350,000, and outstanding bonds amounting to $1,000,000.

One of the projected lines is to connect Oklahoma City with Coalgate, I. T., and another will connect Coalgate, Lehigh and other coal towns in the Indian Territory. These new extensions are to be known as the Texas and Oklahoma Railroad.

McKAY OF YOKOHAMA ARRIVES.

World-Wide Passenger Agent to Confer With Fair Managers.

T. D. McKay, general passenger agent of the San Francisco Overland Route, and the great American lines via China and Japan, with headquarters in Yokohama, Japan, accompanied by "Jack," his Japanese valet, arrived in St. Louis yesterday and registered at the Planters Hotel.

T. D. McKay is widely known for his

T. D. McKAY.

Railroad and steamship general passenger agent at Yokohama, Japan, now in St. Louis.

striking dress and as an authority on matters of travel over all the world. While in St. Louis he will confer with World's Fair managers in regard to more extensively advertising the Fair in Asia and the islands of the Pacific.

Twenty-eight years ago he was a conductor on the Iron Mountain. Later he went to Japan, and now he can't get a card large enough to hold the names of the railroad and steamship lines he represents.

Hopkinsville Wants the Junction.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Clarksville, Tenn., May 15.—Hopkinsville, Ky., wants to secure the junction of the Tennessee Central Railroad with the Illinois Central. Surveys are now being made to connect these two roads beyond Clarksville, and the people of Hopkinsville are trying to have the two meet there.

WILL INSPECT THE NEW SHOPS.

St. Louis Railway Club Goes to Hannibal To-Day.

At 9 a. m. to-day the special train tendered the St. Louis Railway Club by the management of the Burlington Route will depart for Hannibal, Mo., and arrive at that point at 11:35 a. m. Returning, the train will depart from Hannibal at 3:35 p. m. and arrive at St. Louis at 6:20 p. m.

Superintendent Miller and General Manager Levey will accompany the club members on the trip. Yesterday they distributed badges and buttons to the excursionists. More than 500 persons are expected to make the trip and inspect the Burlington's new shops at Hannibal. These shops are run entirely by electricity. The inspection of these shops will be made the subject of the next regular meeting at the Southern Hotel in St. Louis.

Agree to Equalize the Rates.

Chicago, May 15.—Representatives of Western railroads to-day promised the Interstate Commerce Commission to agree on an equalization of the live stock and dressed beef tariffs which would be satisfactory to the Chicago Live Stock Exchange.

An agreement must be reached by June 15, and it must be in effect by June 30.

W. D. Hurlbut Has Resigned.

In a circular issued by T. J. Hudson, traffic manager of the Illinois Central, it is announced that "W. D. Hurlbut, having resigned, the office of general coal agent is hereby abolished." It also announces the appointment of C. F. Parker as coal traffic manager. The Yazoo and Mississippi Valley also issues the same statement.

RAILROAD NOTES.

St. Louis G. P. A.'s Meet To-Day—Southwestern Rates—Personal.

—Confirmation is reported from New York of the report that joint control of the Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville (Monon) system has been acquired by the Louisville and Nashville and Southern, from several authoritative sources. The total capital stock of the road is $15,000,000, of which $5,000,000 is 4 per cent noncumulative preferred stock, the remainder common. There are bond issues aggregating $14,210,000. It is generally believed that the new interests in Monon paid something like $75 for the common and $85 for the preferred.

—An elaborately equipped private car to carry two evangelists through the Western States will be built by a Chicago company at a cost of $7,000. The evangelists are H. M. Wharton of Philadelphia and Horace Geiger. The mother of the latter will pay for the car.

—The annual meeting of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company will be held in Chicago June 4. A proposition will be considered and voted upon that the capital stock of the company be increased to $75,000,000. It is not expected that any important changes in the management will be made.

—The regular monthly meeting of the St. Louis General Passenger and Ticket Agents will be held in the Fullerton building this afternoon. The docket includes several important qustions.

—The Southwestern Passenger Bureau announces a rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip, on the certificate plan, under excursion rules, to the American Congress of Tuberculosis, New York City, June 2 to 4.

—A rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip, certificate plan, from points in Missouri to the annual meeting of the Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod of North America, Ishpeming, Mich, June 12 to 19, is announced by the Southwestern Passenger Bureau.

—The Alton has issued an illustrated pamphlet about South Haven, Mich., and the vicinity on the lake. The book is illustrated, showing the points to be visited by visitors of this summer resort.

—General Traffic Manager C. D. Whitney of the Toledo, St. Louis and Western (Clover Leaf) was in St. Louis yesterday.

—The Missouri Pacific will make several changes in time about May 25.

—Vice President and General Manager Britton of the Cotton Belt will return from the East to St. Louis Saturday.

—General Manager Winchell and Assistant General Manager Beggs of the Frisco will depart for the South to-day.

—General Manager H. I. Miller of the Vandalia departed for Indianapolis yesterday.

—Passenger Traffic Manager Bryan Snyder of the Frisco departed this morning for Paducah.

Users of **Grape-Nuts** don't care how high meat goes.

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CONFESSIONS READ TO JURY.

State Makes Strong Case Against the Greenhill Brothers.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Hillsboro, Ill., May 15.—When court adjourned this evening the State had only one more witness to be heard in the Greenhill brothers' murder trial, and from present indications the case will be brought to a close this week. If the State finishes to-morrow, it is thought the defense will not occupy more than one day.

The most important feature of the trial to-day was the reading of the confessions of the two brothers that they hacked the bodies of their dead sister and John Meloy with hatchets after they had found them dead. The statements were made at the inquest and were admitted in the trial.

Several physicians who examined the bodies of Mrs. Uren and Melox testified to-day that they could find no evidence of the bullets having penetrated the skin and gave it as their opinion that the shots were fired into the bodies after the wounds with the hatchets.

This afternoon Frank Williams, who helped guard the boys on the night the inquest was in progress, was called to testify as to a confession made by William Greenhill. The testimony was objected to and the jury was excluded during the discussion of the point. Later the case was continued over until to-morrow to give the court time to consult authorities, with the statement that the State had only one more witness to produce.

A large crowd is present and much interest is taken in the case.

Commercial Travelers Meet To-Day.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Litchfield, Ill., May 15.—The first business session of the annual meeting of the Illinois Grand Council of the United Commercial Travelers will be held in this city to-morrow. The council will not adjourn till Saturday afternoon. The local council has made arrangements for the entertainment of the delegates and their families, comprising receptions, picnics and excursions.

Good Jewelry

For graduating gifts. Prices from $1.00 to $1,000.00. Hess & Culbertson, Cor. 6th & Locust Sts.

Bank Statement Called For.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Springfield, Ill., May 15.—State Auditor McCullough to-day issued a call for a statement from the State banks of Illinois, showing the condition of the banks at the close of business on May 12.

Pythian Event at Virginia.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Virginia, Ill., May 15.—Special trains have brought in a crowd of Knights of Pythias to attend the union meeting of Chandlerville, Beardstown and Virginia lodges, held here to-night. Twelve candidates will be initiated and a banquet served.

WOODED PLATEAU FOR THE STATES

Tract in the World's Fair Site Which Has Been Assigned for Mansions.

ARKANSAS FORCES SELECTION.

Architect Says He Will Be Ready to Begin Work on the Building in a Month.

Action taken by the Arkansas World's Fair Commission, in insisting that the definite location of the State mansion be fixed by the Exposition management, so that work might begin on that structure, has had the effect of settling the exact tract on which the buildings of the States and Territories will be situated. This statement was made officially last night.

The wooded plateau, sixty-five feet above the plain on which the main Exposition buildings are being constructed, has been finally assigned to the States. All previous locations of State and Territorial buildings on the plateau have been merely tentative. The Arkansas Commission came to St. Louis Wednesday and had several conferences with President Francis, Director of Works Taylor, Director of Exhibits Skiff and Secretary Reeves of the Joint Committee on State and Territorial Exhibits.

The result of these sessions has been that Arkansas will begin to ship her building material to the site within the next month. President George R. Belding of the Arkansas Commission and T. W. Milan, manager of the State exhibit, arrived Wednesday, but were unable to get an interview with the Exposition officers until yesterday afternoon. They were re-enforced last night by F. W. Hart, the architect of the Arkansas building. Mr. Hart said he was not altogether satisfied with the representations of the Exposition management and would call on the Director of Works to-day for further assurances as to when he could actually begin work on the State building.

The Commissioners said after the conference that it had been decided between them and the Exposition authorities that no change should be made in the location of their building. They expressed themselves as satisfied with the location, which lies southwest of the site of the Missouri State building and almost west of the site for the Illinois building.

The portion of the Exposition grounds set aside for the State and Territorial buildings comprises 200 acres in the southeastern part of the grounds. It extends south from the site of the Government building to the southern boundary of the Exposition grounds, nearly a half mile, and west from the eastern boundary for a distance of about two-thirds of a mile.

CELEBRATION AT OLD CABILDO.

Louisiana to Observe Centennial Anniversary of Its Transfer.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New Orleans, La., May 15.—The centennial of the transfer of Louisiana from France to the United States will be appropriately celebrated at the old Cabildo at New Orleans, now the Louisiana Supreme Court, on December 20, 1903. The Louisiana Historical Society has arranged a programme, and has submitted to the Legislature a bill making the necessary appropriation. The bill has the support of the Governor and will certainly pass.

President Fortier of the Louisiana Historical Society has received an answer from Vice President Chouteau to his letter inviting the commissioners to join the Louisiana Historical Society in celebrating the centennial of the cession of Louisiana, in New Orleans, in 1903. Mr. Chouteau said that the commissioners will come to New Orleans, and will arrange for their participation in the event.

The American Historical Society, which meets in Philadelphia this year, has been wanting to hold its session in New Orleans at the time of the Louisiana transfer celebration. The memorial submitted to the Legislature invites President Roosevelt to be present at the celebration, and also a representative of the Republic of France, and provides that the Cabildo be dedicated as a historical museum for the preservation of all relics identified with the history of the colony, territory and State of Louisiana.

COURT OF CLAIMS VACANCY.

West Virginia Senators Urge Appointment of Ex-Governor Atkinson.

Washington, May 15.—Senators Scott and Elkins of West Virginia saw the President to-day to again put before him some facts in favor of ex-Governor Atkinson of West Virginia for the vacant position on the bench of the Court of Claims.

The West Virginia Senators are most earnest in their efforts for Mr. Atkinson, and the President did not say anything to them this morning to indicate that he had decided upon anybody else. The two Senators are most hopeful that their advocacy of Mr. Atkinson will bear fruit. Their candidate has been from the first one of the strongest in the field.

Another man who stands well in the race is Charles E. Magoon, the law officer of the Insular division of the War Department.

Pensions Granted.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, May 15.—Pensions have been granted Southwesterners as follows:

Alabama—Frank Marquis, Tuskegee, $10; John Linley, Wildwood, $10; Elzey Goodwin, dead, Aldrich, $12.

Arkansas—Randall Crawford, Mound City, $10; Samuel F. Vose, Stuttgart, $10; James Johnson, Devall Bluff, $8; J. T. Wintrode, Fort Smith, $30; Virginia Jones, Arkadelphia, $8.

Illinois—David Bohmann, Bunker Hill, $8; William A. Relerford, Quincy, $30; Lawrence K. Pope, Chicago, $10; Warren L. Barber, Chicago, $10; James Smith, Thomson, $12; John C. Kagarise, Vandalia, $10; Gilbert Lane, Rochelle, $12; Carlos A. Sperry, Chicago, $12; William J. Boyd, McLeansboro, $16; Thomas T. Sever, Kenny, $17; Adam Brett, Chicago, $17; Oliver A. Learned, Dahlgren, $10; Thomas Morris, Chicago, $12; Nicholas Von Burg, Quincy, $17; Joseph W. Tomlinson, National Home, Danville, $8; Daniel Palmer, Mount Carroll, $10; John Stall, Centralia, $12; John Seeley, Joliet, $8; William F. Waggoner, Cobden, $12; Christian Seeman, Cantrall, $8; Jacob K. Eshleman, Sterling, $12; James F. Kenninger, Geneseo, $12; Samuel McCreight, Aledo, $12; Charles H. Masters, Princeton, $10; Washington I. Hill, Chicago, $6; Charles H. R. Thomas, Seneca, $8; William Sanders, Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, Quincy, $12; Mathias Weber, dead, Samsville, $12; George L. Allen, Rock Island, $12; Erastus C. Moderwell, Chicago, $12; Agnes M. Knickerbocker, Stone Fort, $12; Sarah A. Hedrick, Eureka, $8.

Kansas—William J. Cunningham, Kansas City, $8; Frank A. Miller, Wichita, $8; Gilbert A. Luman, Chetopa, $12; John Weis, Culver, $12; Joseph Pierce, Council Grove, $10; Moses H. Celar, Waverly, $12; Cassius C. Campbell, Sedgwick, $12; William Stone, Toledo, $12; Moses Holt, Fort Scott, $12; John C. White, Agricola, $8; Silas Watson, Kansas City, $12; Samuel L. Austin, Lucas, $12; Merit Barnett, Exton, $10; John B. Kurtz, Atchison, $8; Sarah E. Clifton, Starks, $8; Celia Zellars, Lecompton, $8.

Mississippi—James Madison, Mound Bayou, $6; Robert Dorsey, Sibley, $6; Green Butler, Anguilla, $8.

Missouri—John Henry Gildehaus, St. Louis, $6; Henry Beverly, Howard, $6; Jacob Golden, Seneca, $12; Frederick Wedekind, St. Louis, $12; Charles Koellina, Morrelton, $6; Robert R. Fleeman, Fair Play, $10; John Hope, Huron, $10; Eli Shelton, Balm, $10; George V. Hicks, De Soto, $12; Solomon Ohaver, Greencastle, $10; William S. Julian, Aurora, $8; Jacob B. Hollweck, St. Louis, $10; John W. Henry, Sarcoxie, $12; John Miller, Laredo, $17; Louis Gray, Wright City, $10; William W. Coffey, Stanberry, $17; Joseph H. Wade, Cassville, $17; Thompson B. Moore, Browning, $16; Edward Thompson, De Soto, $20; Henry F. Benson, Trenton, $30; Wm. Berry, Greenville, $16; Mary C. Roney, Gultman, $8; mother of Charles Guenther, Jefferson City, $10; Lillie Richards, De Soto, $8.

Oklahoma—Peter Zimmer, Glenella, $8; George W. Pierson, Geary, $10; Roswin W. Moore, Blackwell, $8; David Bellis, Springvale, $12.

Tennessee—Jacob Hall, Creed, $6; Alexander Johnson, Hixson, $6; George French, Erin, $12; Rodney Enos, Lawrenceburg, $12; Simon Stevenson, Enterprise, $8; Freeman R. E. Chanaberry, Knoxville, $20; Mary E. Abernathy, Memphis, $12; Louisa C. Maness, Munseyville, $12; Evaline A. Skillman, Knoxville, $20.

Texas—John W. Skeen, Given, $6; Balsam Lentz, Sherman, $10; Horace Baker, Weatherford, $8; Levi S. Anno, Kingston, $8; James Shaw, Lockney, $10; Silas J. Burks, Valley View, $8; Malinda J. Stewart, Dawson, $6; Mary Jane Ragan, Tucker, $8.

In the Interest of Sabine Pass.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, May 15.—Thomas Franklin, a prominent lawyer of San Antonio, is in Washington and to-day appeared before the Senate Committee on Commerce in behalf of an appropriation for Sabine Pass. Mr. Franklin opposed the idea of making Port Arthur a port of entry, on the ground that it put it above Sabine Pass, which had been a subport for the last four years, but said that he had no objection to making it a subport so as to put it on an equal footing with Sabine Pass.

Army Orders.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, May 15.—Army orders were issued to-day as follows:

First Lieutenant Henry Hathaway, Signal Corps, is relieved from duty in the Philippines, to take effect as soon as his service can be spared, and is ordered to San Francisco to await further orders.

Captain Evan Johnson, Jr., Nineteenth Infantry, now on sick leave, will, upon the expiration of said leave, report to the commanding General, Department of California, for temporary duty.

Leave for one month is granted Contract Surgeon Henry Belt.

Contract Surgeon James Ashburn is relieved from further duty at Fort Grant, and upon the expiration of his present leave will report at Fort Crook for duty.

The sick leave granted Captain Samuel Freeman, Tenth Cavalry, is extended one month.

The leave granted Contract Surgeon H. S. Moses is extended one month.

The leave granted Lieutenant Colonel John Clem, Deputy Quartermaster General, is extended one month.

Visitors in Washington.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, May 15.—Leo E. Bennett and wife, R. P. De Graffenreid, cousin of Congressman De Graffenreid, and Doctor F. B. Fight, all of Muscogee, I. T., are in Washington in the interest of the pending Choctaw and Chickasaw Indian treaty.

J. D. Pill of Frankfort, Mo., to-day called upon Representative Vandiver. Mr. Pill has been visiting relatives in Virginia.

W. T. Shearman of Wichita, Kas., is in the city on a polttical errand.

George W. Harris of St. Louis is here on business.

J. Winfield and wife and Miss Kate English of Chapel Hill, Tex., are in the city on a pleasure trip. They will stay here a few days and then go North.

New Fourth-Class Postmasters.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, May 15.—Fourth-class post post offices have been established and Postmasters appointed as follows:

Pedrow, Taney County, William P. Moberly.

Lugert, Kiowa County, Oklahoma, Frank Lugert.

Texhoma, Beaver County, Oklahoma, James A. Robertson.

Wynne, Roger Mills County, Oklahoma, Nabs Sparks.

Tamega, Burnet County, Texas, John D. Eustis.

Postmasters' Salaries Changed.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, May 15.—The Post-Office Department to-day announced the following changes in the salaries of Kansas Postmasters: Anthony, from $1,600 to $1,700; Augusta, from $1,300 to $1,200; Axtell, from $1,100 to $1,200; Baldwin, from $1,500 to $1,600; Blue Rapids, from $1,300 to $1,400; Burlingame, from $1,500 to $1,600; Caldwell, from $1,600 to $1,700; Cawker City, from $1,200 to $1,200; Cedarvale, from $1,200 to $1,300; Chanute, from $2,000 to $2,200; Cherryvale, from $1,800 to $1,900.

Nominations Sent to the Senate.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, May 15.—The President today sent the following nominations to the Senate:

POSTMASTERS.

Arizona—Thomas E. Campbell, Jerome.

Iowa—Willis H. Letts, Columbus Junction.

Illinois—Zachary Taylor Colfax, James H. Lincoln, Franklin Grove; Holly C. Clark, Mount Morris; George W. Dicus, Rochelle.

Kansas—Richard Waring, Abilene; William H. Mackey, Jr., Junction City; Ewing Herbert, Hiawatha; Robert A. Marks, Oberlin.

Missouri—Charles A. Crow, Caruthersville.

Nebraska—Howard C. Miller, Grand Island; John R. Hays, Norfolk.

Texas—R. H. Armstrong, Kaufman.

South Dakota—John Bell, Spearfish.

Commissioner Ware's First Case.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, May 15.—Representative Miller of Kansas had the honor of presenting the first case to Mr. Ware, the new Commissioner of Pensions. The case was that of Mrs. Alice Carr of Scranton, Kas., widow of John Carr.

Bartholdt in His Seat Again.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, May 15.—Representative Bartholdt of St. Louis has returned to Washington and was in his seat in the House today.

CROKER COMING BACK TO HELP TAMMANY.

Reported That Former Chief Will Return to Select a Successor to Lewis Nixon.

New York, May 15.—The Evening Post has the following to-day:

"It was reported at Tammany Hall this morning that Richard Croker will be in New York within a month, and will either resume the leadership of the organization, which Lewis Nixon laid down yesterday, or select a successor to Nixon. It was predicted that a thorough politician, probably one of the district leaders, would be chosen, as the experiment of putting a business man at the head of Tammany Hall has turned out to be a failure."

SPECIAL BY CABLE TO THE NEW YORK HERALD AND THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC.

London, May 15.—(Copyright, 1902.)—Mr. Richard Croker to-day denied in the most positive terms that he had done anything to embarrass Mr. Lewis Nixon in his leadership of Tammany Hall, or had used his influence in the selection of a candidate as grand sachem of the organization.

He repeated his declaration made upon leaving New York, that he was "out of politics for good."

"This matter of Mr. Nixon's resignation is an entire surprise to me," he said. "I knew absolutely nothing about Mr. Nixon's dissatisfaction. I'll tell you exactly how the thing stands. Mr. Nixon recently wrote me, saying it would be better if the old sachems in Tammany were succeeded by other men. Now, when I stepped out of the leadership of Tammany, I did so for good. Notwithstanding the fact that I did not agree with Mr. Nixon's suggestion, I cabled back, 'Do as you think best.'

"I did absolutely nothing to influence the selection of Mr. Van Wyck or Mr. Feitner. Both men are friends of mine, and friends of both are my friends. At the same time, I will not hesitate to say that if I were in New York and had a vote, I should cast it for Van Wyck. He is a fine little fellow. Mr. Nixon and some others, too, I should think, would wish to vote for him, as they are under an obligation to him, especially Mr. Nixon, whom he made a Bridge Commissioner.

TO RATIFY CONSOLIDATION.

Lighting Companies' Stockholders Will Hold Meeting To-Day.

Stockholders of the Imperial Electric Light, Heat and Power Company and the Citizens' Electric Lighting and Power Company will meet to-day to ratify action recently taken by the directors merging the interests of these corporations.

The negotiations by which these interests have been consolidated have been in progress several months, and the wording of the notice calling to-day's meeting states that the purpose is for "considering and acting upon a proposition to amalgamate, unite and consolidate the two companies." It is understood that the capital stock of the two companies will be placed at $6,000,000.

This merger renews the story that eventually a combination will be formed between the new Citizens', the Missouri-Edison, the Laclede Power, and the Laclede Gas companies, which will place the electric lighting, gas and power interests of the city in one corporation. The officers of these companies, however, say the story is baseless.

MASS MEETING OF BUTCHERS.

Western Trade May Help Fight Beef Trust.

A public meeting of the butchers' union will be held to-night at Delabar Hall, No. 200 South Broadway, to discuss the question of participating in the national abattoir movement which plans the esbtablishment of a national slaughter-house in Sioux City to work in opposition to the combination of meat packers. It has been decided that if the Booge plant at Sioux City, Ia., is secured as now contemplated, the Western butchers will take a hand.

Walter Pfeiffer, president of the local union, will preside. All butchers are invited and a large attendance is expected.

FUND FOR RELIEF OF SUFFERERS $8,124

Generous Response to Appeals for Aid of Survivors in Martinique and St. Vincent.

LETTERS TO BE SENT OUT.

Contributions Range From $1 to $500—August Busch Acting for His Father on the Committee.

More than $8,000 has been raised already in St. Louis for the relief of sufferers from volcanoes in the islands of Martinique and St. Vincent through the efforts of the committee appointed by President Roosevelt—Messrs. Charles Parsons, R. S. Brookings and Adolphus Busch. This generous contribution, coming with but little solicitation, caused expression of much gratification on the part of the committee. To-day thousands of circulars will be mailed asking for subscriptions in aid of the sufferers, and the response, it is believed, will be immediate and unusually liberal. Small as well as large contributions will be gladly received by the committee in the name of the President, and acknowedgment will be made daily.

Mr. Busch wired from New York yesterday an order for $500 to be contributed to the fund, and a like amount was added by Messrs. Parsons and Brookings. August Busch will represent his father on the committee. He will canvass the brewery interests for subscriptions. Messrs. Parsons and Brookings visited the banks and trust companies and business houses yesterday and secured readily amounts ranging from $5 to $200. In a few cases the boards of directors of corporations, when the committee called, had already met, and it was necessary to lay the matter over for a day under the rules governing the institutions, but the committee thinks this will be heard from to-day.

The State National Bank is the depository of the fund, and all day checks came in by mail or by messenger. One woman brought a $1 bill.

Early in the day the committeemen designated several persons to act as subcommittees, and this list will be increased from time to time. To-day's contributions may be said to be practically the work of A. L. Shapleigh and Jonathan Rice, who visited the Washington avenue district; Isaac W. Morton and E. G. Scudder, who visited the Cupples Station district, and by Messrs. Parsons and Brookings, who visited the financial district. The retail district will be visited by George W. Wright.

The Merchants', Real Estate, Cotton, Lumber and other exchanges will all be reached in the day officially, and probably by Sunday the churches will have an opportunity to respond. The principal part of the soliciting, however, will be done through the press and circular letters.

Work Well in Hand.

"The work of raising funds is well in hand," said Chairman Parsons, "although we may be said to have just begun active operations. It has been so far largely a voluntary matter, as we could not reach as many firms as we would like to. However, we wish all St. Louis people to understand that their contributions, large and small, are welcomed in the name of charity, for the needs are urgent and the time is short."

"St. Louis has always responded nobly to a call for relief funds, and she is doing so to-day," said Mr. Brookings. "We are trying to reach every one in the quickest way we can, and besides giving publicity through the newspapers we are to send out circulars, as was done in the case of the Galveston sufferers. Checks should be sent to the State National Bank, be the amount large or small. One woman came to us today and handed us a dollar, and we received it gratefully. Mr. Busch is working with us through his son, and he has wired us $500 for the fund. We hope to see the totals grow day by day until every one has had an opportunity to contribute. What is reported to-day may be taken as the measure of interest felt by St. Louis for the unfortunate people in the stricken islands."

At the regular meeting of the Real Estate Exchange yesterday President William A. Giraldin appointed a special committee to raise a subscription for the sufferers.

The committee is composed of J. H. Farish, A. T. Terry, James P. Blake, G. B. O'Reilly and C. P. A. Mueller. The subscriptions will be turned over to Robert S. Brookings and Charles Parsons of the National Relief Committee.

Contributions Received.

Contributions received yesterday by the St. Louis committee were as follows:

Charles Parsons	$500
Robert S. Brookings	500
Adolphus Busch	500
State National Bank	500
St. Louis Union Trust Company	500
Mississippi Valley Trust Company	500
Merchants' Trust Company	500
Commonwealth Trust Company	500
Third National Bank	500
Boatmen's Bank	500
Mechanics' National Bank	500
Continental National Bank	500
National Bank of Commerce	500
Merchants-Laclede National Bank	500
Lincoln Trust Company	500
German Savings Institution	500
American Exchange Bank	500
Fourth National Bank	500
American Central Trust Company	500
Franklin Bank	500
German-American Bank	500
International Bank	500
D. R. Francis & Bro.	500
Cash from a broker	500
A. G. Edwards & Sons	500
Whitaker & Co.	500
G. H. Walker & Co.	500
Noel-Young Bond and Stock Company	500
Rolla Wells	500
St. Louis Republic	500
Globe-Democrat	500
Post-Dispatch	500
German-American Press Association	500
Henry C. Haarstick	500
Frank Wyman	250
William H. Colladay	250
Murray Carleton	250
Appleboum Bros.	250
H. D. Tracy	250
John W. Noble	250
Joseph Brindell	250
A. Baron	250
P. C. Maffitt	200
J. G. W. Steedman	200
H. N. Davis	200
M. Rumsey	200
L. F. Jones	200
G. M. Buerkmann	200
Samuel Cupples Woodenware Company	200
Simmons Hardware Company	200
John Deere Plow Company	200
Meyer Bros. Drug Company	200
C. F. Blanke Tea and Coffee Company	200
C. D. Gregg Tea and Coffee Company	200
Hanley & Kinsella Coffee and Spice Company	100
O. H. Peckham Candy Manufacturing Company	100
Goddard Grocer Company	100
Meyer-Schmid Grocer Company	100
James W. Scudder & Co.	100
G. H. Watteran & Sons	100
Steinwender-Stoffregen Coffee Company	100
Henry Petring Grocer Company	100
H. W. Gildehaus & Co.	100
George W. Boswell	100
J. M. Anderson & Co.	100
J. W. Teasdale & Co.	100
Scudder-Gale Grocery Company	100
Fairbanks, Morse & Co.	100
Edward Westen Tea and Spice Company	100
Charles E. Lewis Manufacturing Company	100
Paddock-Hawley Iron Company	100
S. M. Lederer	100
Eames & Young	100
Gaston Doguay	100
Mrs. George B. Leighton	100
Mrs. Emil F. Sidler	100
Hargadine-McKittrick Dry Goods Company	100
Carleton Dry Goods Company	100
Rice-Stix Dry Goods Company	100
Ferguson-McKinney Dry Goods Company	100
Hamilton-Brown Shoe Company	100
Norvell-Shapleigh Hardware Company	100
J. Kennard & Sons Carpet Company	100
Scruggs Clothing Company	100
Moffitt-West Drug Company	100
Witte Hardware Company	100
R. McK. Jones	100
Adolph Glaser & Co.	100
Roberts, Johnson & Rand	100
LaPrelle-Williams Shoe Company	100
Coyle & Sargent	100
Marx & Haas Clothing Company	100
Peters Shoe Company	100
Pittsburg Plate Glass Company	100
I. Harris & Co.	100
Gieseckе-D'Oench-Hays Shoe Company	100
Baer-Oliver-Singer Clothing Company	100
Rothschild Bros Hat Company	100
Dempsey-Courtney Shoe Company	100
Geopher, Force & Goodbar Hat Company	100
White-Branch-McConkin-Shelton Hat Company	100
Tennent Shoe Company	100
Goodfellow Shoe Company	100
Trorlicht, Duncker & Renard Carpet Company	25
John L. Boland Book and Stationery Company	25
Friedman Bros. Shoe Company	25
Crunden-Martin Woodenware Company	15
Joseph M. Hayes Woolen Company	15
Levis-Zukoski Mercantile Company	25
Rosenthal-Sloan Millinery Company	10
Gatess-Langenberg Hat Company	15
Droy & Kahn Glass Company	10
Wertheimer-Swarts Shoe Company	25
A. Faust Hat Company	5
N. O. Nelson Manufacturing Company	10
John J. Louthan, Canton, Mo.	50
Edward Abend, Belleville, Ill.	5
Total	$8,124

BOYS IN A CUTTING AFFRAY.

Fred Koenig Stabbed Through Lung by Companion.

Fred Koenig, 17 years old, of No. 2025 Penrose street, was stabbed four times, once through the lung, in a fight with Oscar Maday, 16 years old, of 5330 Bulwer avenue last evening at Broadway and Bremen avenue. The boys are employed in the Mechanics' Planing Mill. They had some disagreement inside the plant, and as soon as they came out the fight began. Maday was stabbed in the right leg. His wound was sewed up at the North End Dispensary and he was locked up by the police.

FOUR NEW FIREMEN—Chief Swingley yesterday appointed William F. Hayden, Sherman McBride, James L. Mahen and John Church, Jr., to membership in the Fire Department. Mayor Wells approved the appointments.

BARBERS' ASSOCIATION TO MEET— The Missouri State Barbers' Protective Association will hold its regular monthly meeting Sunday at Lightstone's Hall, Eleventh street and Franklin avenue, at 2. The delegates to the Joint Legislative Committee will report to the meeting.

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And Other Itching, Burning, Scaly Eruptions with Loss of Hair.

Speedy Cure Treatment $1.00

Bathe the affected parts with Hot Water and Cuticura Soap, to cleanse the surface of crusts and scales, and soften the thickened cuticle. Dry, without hard rubbing, and apply Cuticura Ointment freely, to allay itching, irritation, and inflammation, and soothe and heal, and lastly, take Cuticura Resolvent Pills, to cool and cleanse the blood. A single set is often sufficient to cure the most torturing, disfiguring, itching, burning, scaly, pimply humours, eczemas, rashes, irritations, and chafings, with loss of hair, when all else fails.

The agonizing itching and burning of the skin, as in eczema; the frightful scaling, as in psoriasis; the loss of hair and crusting of the scalp, as in scalled head; the facial disfigurement, as in pimples and ringworm; the awful suffering of infants and the anxiety of worn-out parents, as in milk crust, tetter, and salt rheum,—all demand a remedy of almost superhuman virtues to successfully cope with them. Such are the CUTICURA remedies, the purest, sweetest, most speedy and economical curatives for the skin, scalp, and blood ever compounded. Mothers are their warmest friends.

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Assisted by CUTICURA OINTMENT for preserving, purifying, and beautifying the skin, for cleansing the scalp of crusts, scales, and dandruff, and the stopping of falling hair, for softening, whitening, and soothing red, rough, and sore hands, for baby rashes and chafings, in the form of baths for annoying irritations and inflammations of women, or too free or offensive perspiration, in the form of washes for ulcerative weaknesses, and many sanative, antiseptic