OPERATORS FIRMLY EXPECT A VICTORY

Plan to Reduce Forces Used in Anthracite Mines to Two-Thirds of Old Number.

WILL LEAVE 47,000 MEN IDLE.

Announce That the Miners Will Be Employed as Individuals Only —Work to Be Resumed Gradually.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, June 13.—The confidence of the operators in winning the anthracite strike was expressed to-day in the arrangement of plans for conducting the mines and improving the conditions after the strike ends.

The force of workers is to be reduced one-third, and the remainder will be allowed to earn one-third more in wages, while the mines are to be run without the large number of suspensions for the celebration of various events by the miners. Their statement, authorized to-day, expresses clearly the proposed new conditions. It says:

"Since the timely and important publication of the answers to Mitchell, we have received accessions in strength which we attribute to the effect this has had upon the men. Those returning to work are mostly old employes, engine drivers, pump men and firemen, and these are occurring, not in isolated instances or in a few localities, but in every district and subdistrict. The men are beginning to realize the seriousness of the struggle and the foreigners especially are anxiously awaiting the time to return to work. We think the majority would be glad to return to work to-morrow.

"When the strike is over the men will not be taken back in a body, but as individuals, and each will have to apply personally for work. We are beginning to learn now how few men can conduct operations, and when work is resumed it will be with a smaller force than we have employed. We now believe in the policy of few men, steadier work and higher earnings for them.

"Restrictions will be placed on the summary closing of the mines without notice by the men remaining away from work, and they will be expected to be on duty every day the mine is open.

"And when the strike is over work will not be resumed at every mine in the region, but only in a few, and it will then gradually increase. There will hereafter be no such surplus of labor on the roll as there has been in the past.

"In short, we look forward to much healthier business and far happier condition for all than have existed in the past. With such a method of working as we have described the men will be able to earn a very comfortable living and have a chance to save money, for there will be a large number less employed than at present, probably less than 100,000, instead of 147,000."

BUTLER'S BONDS ARE VALID.

Judge Ryan Rules Cases Are Out of His Jurisdiction.

Judge Ryan held yesterday that the bonds in the Butler cases are all right. The words at the end of the bond, which declare the next term of court to be the second Monday in October, he held to be merely surplusage, having no bearing on the case. He said the case was now out of his jurisdiction and it was for Judge Hockaday at Columbia to decide when "the next term of court is held."

If Judge Hockaday holds that the next term is the term now in session then the case will be docketed Monday. If he holds on the other hand that the next session is in October, then it will go over to that month.

Former Governor Johnson told Circuit Attorney Folk yesterday that if the case were docketed at this term of court at Columbia the defense would file an affidavit for a continuance, but if the case were not docketed until fall he would agree not to apply for a continuance and would waive all other dilatory motions except a motion to quash, which point they desired to save. He said also that he would furnish Mr. Folk a copy of the motion beforehand. He said he had no objection to filing the motion at this term of court, except that it would require two trips to Columbia. As it will take only a few minutes to dispose of the motion he proposed that it go over to October with the case.

If the case were set within the next few days the defense could get a continuance anyway, so if the defense agrees to waive all dilatory tactics when the case is finally called for October, the purpose of a speedy trial is served as well. Circuit Attorney Folk has not entered into any agreement, however, but he will lay the matter before Judge Hockaday when he goes to Columbia Monday.

The transcript of the case is about ready to send to Columbia.

SHOWERS PROMISED TO-DAY.

Doctor Hyatt Says Temperature Probably Will Be Cooler.

Thermometer Readings.

1 a. m.	82	8 p. m.	75
2 a. m.	84	9 p. m.	74
3 a. m.	76	10 p. m.	73
10 a. m.	89	6 p. m.	86
11 a. m.	90	7 p. m.	83
12 m.	90	8 p. m.	80
1 p. m.	91	9 p. m.	80
2 p. m.	92	10 p. m.	80
3 p. m.	92	11 p. m.	80

Weather Prognosticator Hyatt's forecast of a lower temperature for yesterday was not shy of fulfillment, and in view of the fact that the doctor made no allusion to humidity in his prophecy he cannot be held responsible for the truth that yesterday was the hottest day St. Louis has had this summer.

The thermometer did not register as high as it did Thursday, and that was in accordance with the local forecaster's prediction, but the humidity was much greater than during the preceding day, and although the thermometer readings offered some consolation to the sweltering masses their suffering was none the less on that account.

The genial doctor had promised gentle showers, the sincerity of which promise was proven by the visitation of a downpour, which, although it only lasted a few minutes, served to carry out the weather man's assurance.

The first heat case of the season was received at the City Hospital yesterday afternoon. Frank Wortmann, a stonemason, residing at No. 1832 South Eleventh street, was overcome while working at Twenty-third street and Scott avenue. He was conveyed to the hospital in an ambulance. Wortmann is 27 years old and single. His condition is not considered serious.

For to-day Doctor Hyatt promises more showers and cooler weather.

BUSINESS AT COUNTRY STORE.

Elks' Charity Carnival Will Present an Active Scene To-Day.

A country store on Saturday is generally the scene of much business, and the Elks, who are winding up their charity carnival of two weeks at Handlan's Park, say there will be no exception to the rule in connection with their country store to-day. There is yet a big stock of goods on hand, but customers are requested not to stand around and discuss hog killings, but to spend their money. There is a big wheel of fortune in the Elks' country store, and every player gets something. Of course, some people get things they do not want, but these unfortunates, the Elks say, should be diplomatic and trade them off with their neighbors. Last night a pretty lassie won a pair of suspenders. Her sweetheart drew a set of cooking utensils, which fact suggested things to them both, and from the manner in which the two were spooning it is safe to say that the goods taken away from the country store by them will be put to early use.

There was much fun among the visitors last night, furnished by a confetti battle. To-night will be confetti night, D. M. Strauss says.

HARRISON AND BURKE AGAINST THE FIELD.

Cook County Leaders Agree to Stand Together—Burke Developed Great Strength.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Chicago, Ill., June 13.—Mayor Harrison and Robert E. Burke against the field was the Democratic county situation at midnight.

The primaries of to-day resulted in split delegations, but the City Hall developed unexpected strength, Robert E. Burke ran roughshod over City Sealer Quinn in the Twenty-first Ward. The battle between the Quinn and Burke factions was the feature of the day. Burke carried nine out of eleven primary districts, and will have twenty-four out of thirty delegates in to-morrow's convention.

When the Democratic County Committee met at 11 o'clock to select temporary officers to be recommended to the convention, Mayor Harrison and Burke met for the first time since their covert warfare began and tentatively agreed to stand together.

City Clerk Loeffler gave the Mayor his proxy in the committee meeting, and, as if to furnish proof that he had entered into an alliance with Burke, Mr. Harrison nominated Thomas J. Webb, a Burke adherent, for temporary chairman of the County Convention. Burke then nominated Michael J. Doherty for secretary of the convention. At midnight the representatives of the party went into caucus at the Grand Pacific Hotel to prepare a slate for to-morrow's convention.

INSURGENTS STAND THEIR GROUND

Declare the President's Message Has Not Weakened Their Position.

Washington, June 13.—The President's reciprocity message gave Senators a live topic of conversation to-day, but, so far as is yet apparent, there is no change in the situation. There was a disposition on the part of the leaders on both sides of the controversy to claim, when speaking publicly, some advantage from the message.

The straight reciprocity men urged that the effect would be to cause at least some of the beet-sugar Republicans to abandon their opposition. They contended that many of them had misunderstood the attitude of the President and now that this had been made clear there will be no longer an excuse for opposing straight reciprocity measures.

The message, they argued, would clear the atmosphere, render the President's attitude unmistakable and, therefore, bring opponents within the party face to face with the fact that, in continuing their opposition, they are antagonizing the official head of the party.

"We have known all the time where the President stood on this subject, and have told the Republican opponents of reciprocity just what the facts are," said a leading reciprocity Senator. "They refused to accept our assurances, and professed to have expressions from the President to the contrary. The message confirms all that we have said to them. It clears the atmosphere, and necessarily the result must be beneficial for a reciprocity bill."

The beet sugar leaders declared at the close of the day that the message had caused no loss whatever to them, and that those Senators who stood with them yesterday are still with them. They also asserted that the President's interposition in the matter has had the effect of causing to hesitate some Senators who heretofore had not taken a positive stand against reduction, because of the feeling that the President should leave Congress to deal with the subject in its present stage.

Senator Deitrich was among the most outspoken of the beet sugar men and he made an unsuccessful effort to secure the attention of the chair after the reading of the message. Those who are in his confidence say that it was his purpose to move for the discharge of the committee from the further consideration of the House bill, in order to permit the immediate consideration of that measure.

There is still more or less canvassing of the wisdom of holding a Republican caucus, and it is probable that ultimately one will be held, but no date is now mentioned.

LONDON WELCOMES EVANS.

General Wheeler and Many Americans Attend the Reception.

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

London, June 13.—(Copyright, 1902.)—There was a great gathering to-night to welcome Mr. H. Clay Evans, the new American Consul General to England. A banquet was given in his honor in the Hyde Park Hotel, another guest being General Joseph Wheeler.

Among those present were Captain William C. English, Mr. George T. Wilson, Mr. Richard Westacott, Acting Consul General; Mr. Jas. D. Phelan, former Mayor of San Francisco, and a great many other Americans now in London.

Responding to the toast of "The Guests of the Evening," General Wheeler said there had been and always would be a strong sympathy between all people of Anglo-Saxon race. The people of America looked with pride and affection on everything that conduced to the glory and prosperity of England, whose people had shown them so often their love for their kin beyond the seas.

"As the ship," General Wheeler continued, "on which I was a passenger, approached the English shores one word was flashed through the air to greet us. That word was 'peace.'

"Every one on board rejoiced that England had at last been blessed.

"I see so many American faces to-night that I almost feel this is not really England, but New England across the ocean."

Mr. Evans paid a tribute to General Wheeler, referred to the great pleasure it gave him to have the opportunity of coming to live in the great city of another country and among a people who spoke the same language.

"I trust," he said, "that when I leave a good word may be said for me, and in return I shall try to be as good as possible—that is, from my standpoint."

CHOCTAWS SPLIT OVER TREATY

Rival Conventions Held by the Tuskahoma Party.

South McAlester, I. T., June 13.—The National Convention of the Tuskahoma party of the Choctaw Nation split over the selection of permanent chairman. Followers of Governor G. W. Dukes bolted the convention and nominated T. W. Hunter of Caddo for Governor. The other faction named ex-Governor Greenmire for Governor.

Both men will make a hard fight. The Greenmire convention accepted the supplemental treaty now pending in Congress as its platform. Mr. Hunter will oppose the treaty.

Old Baptist Minister Divorced.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Owensboro, Ky., June 13.—The Reverend D. J. K. Maddox, for forty-five years a prominent Baptist minister, was divorced from his wife by a judgment of the Circuit Court here to-day.

Nominated on 147th Ballot.

St. Joseph, Mo., June 12.—At Crawford, Neb., Judge Kincaid was nominated for Congress by the Republicans on the one hundred and forty-seventh ballot this afternoon in the Sixth District. Kincaid took the lead in the beginning and held it until his nomination this afternoon.

GENERAL BUENCAMINO VISITS ST. LOUIS

Former Secretary of Aguinaldo Says Filipinos Want Annexation to the United States.

TO CALL ON MRS. McKINLEY.

His Tour Is to Secure Data for an Exposition to Be Held in Manila in 1903.

General Felipe Buencamino, formerly Secretary of State of Aguinaldo's insurgent government, and for a long time private secretary of the Filipino leader, arrived in St. Louis last night from Charleston, S. C., where he visited the Exposition. Before going to Charleston, General Buencamino was in Washington, where he appeared before the Committee on Insular Affairs in a five hours' colloquy.

According to General Buencamino, the Filipinos desire annexation to the United States. None of the upper classes in the islands, he says, desire absolute independence. Many favor a colonial form of government, such as is afforded to Australia and Canada by England. All Filipinos, he declares, are eager to have their citizenship fixed at once, so they can stand on an equality with citizens of other countries of the world.

The visit of General Buencamino to the United States had primarily two objects. The first of these, he says, was to see his two sons, Felipe and Victor, who are attending school at Berkeley College, California.

The second is to gather data for and interest Americans in an exposition which will be held in Manila in 1903. The exposition will simply be for the display of the resources of the Philippines, but, as nothing of the kind has ever been held in the islands before, it was deemed necessary to get knowledge as to the workings of an exposition from a country experienced in them. It is the plan, he says, to exhibit at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition many of the displays which are to form the main features of the Manila exposition.

Accompanied by Interpreter.

Accompanying General Buencamino is Frank Joannini, chief interpreter of the War Department. Owing to the illness of a relative of the General's, who was to have accompanied him and acted as his interpreter, the courtesy of giving him a Government interpreter was accorded by the Secretary of War. Mr. Joannini will remain with the Filipino representative during the remainder of his American tour, which will include Chicago, Cleveland, Cincinnati and other large cities of the Middle Northwest.

General Buencamino is considered one of the leading and most influential members of the Federal party in the Philippines. He is a member of the Philippine Civil Service Board, and has been assigned numerous important offices by Governor Taft and the Military Governors who preceded him. He is a member of the Philippine bar, and is one of the wealthiest merchants of the Islands.

Wants World's Fair Data.

While in St. Louis he will investigate the operations of the World's Fair, and include the information secured in his report on returning to Manila. Since joining the Americans he has been a close student of the Philippine question. He is a brilliant conversationalist, and has the knack of expressing his views in clear, comprehensive terms.

"The thinking classes of my countrymen," said General Buencamnio, "disfavor their being given absolute independence, because they have examples before them which make them realize the value of being protected by a great nation such as the United States. I speak of Samoa, the Transvaal and China. It would take years for us to build up a strong governmental system. Meantime European and Asiatic nations would not let us go unmolested."

General Buencamnio was captured by the American troops November, 1899, in company with Aguinaldo's son and mother. His party was turned over to General Wheaton by a band of Filipinos who had a grievance against the insurgent leader.

He says that he expected to be executed by the Americans, as he had made no secret of the fact that he had done his utmost to exterminate them.

Instead of being shot, General Buencamino says he was treated with the greatest consideration, and after a short imprisonment, he was liberated and his property and estates returned to him. He says that his eyes were then opened to the real object of the Americans, and since that time has left no stone unturned to convince his countrymen that their best interests can be served by becoming friends of the United States.

Before returning to Manila General Buencamino will call on Mrs. McKinley and the widow of General Lawton, on behalf of the people of the Philippines. These calls were especially given him as part of his mission to the United States. He says that the leading Filipinos are in favor of sending their sons to America to be educated, and that now there are more than fifty young men from the leading Filipino families in schools and colleges throughout the United States.

"The Filipinos have been emancipated from the political bondage of Europe," said General Buencamino, "but the people of the islands are still under its commercial oppression. Our desire is to trade with the United States, and have the $25,000,000 which goes to Europe from traffic in the Philippines, come to America. We will not compete with your manufacturers for many years, if ever. Hemp is the only article which we can export to this country."

WILL WATCH RESIDENCES.

Police Are Instructed to Look After Untenanted Houses.

Chief of Police Kiely has issued instructions to all Captains in the city to have the patrolmen keep special watch on residences which will be vacated in the summer. The Chief also issued the following notice to the public:

"I wish to again request all vacation seekers who intend closing their homes during their absence from the city to drop me a line regarding their intentions, that I may give necessary instructions to have especial watch kept on such vacant premises by the officer on the beat. I think such action will to a great extent minimize the depredations of a class of marauders who make a study of breaking into untenanted furnished residences for the purpose of loot and malicious destruction. I will appreciate a notice giving the address of residences about to be closed."

Sulphogen relieves all stomach and bowel troubles. Write for booklet. 1124 Olive st.

ENTERTAINMENT BY EAGLES.

St. Louis Aerie to Give Benefit at Delmar Garden.

A benefit entertainment for the St. Louis aerie of Eagles will be given at Delmar Garden next Wednesday night. Among the features will be the "Chimes of Normandy," to which will be added special numbers by the following Eagles:

Thomas J. Ward, Thomas Wand, Doctor John H. Simon, David Nicholson, Doctor C. A. Newcomb, William C. Nolte, L. W. Nathan, James Mooney, William Lightholder, Thomas M. Jenkins, Frank E. Florida, M. F. Hellery, Thomas C. Hennings, Charles Higgins, S. S. Bass, Doctor Borgelt, James Cronin, Edwin Devoy, E. C. Bryant, Frank M. Kleiber, Barney Taafe and William J. Flynn.

IRISH LANDLORDS BECOME AGGRESSIVE

Charge Several Members of Parliament With Conspiracy in "No Rent" Campaign.

MAKE DEMAND FOR DAMAGES.

Colonel Saunderson, Conservative, Says Attacks by Nationalists Will Be Resisted Everywhere.

Dublin, June 13.—At the instance of Lord Dufreyn a writ has been issued against a large number of members of the Irish parliamentary party, on the charge of conspiracy in connection with the tenant troubles on the Dufreyn estate, Roscommon County.

Among the defendants are John Redmond, John Dillon, W. J. O'Bryan, J. G. Swift, MacNeill, Connor O'Kelly and the members of the standing committee of the United Irish League, which includes Michael Davitt and several of the former members of Parliament. The Freeman's Journal is also a defendant. Lord Dufreyn seeks an injunction and damages.

The action is really taken by the Landlords' Association, and it is the beginning of a struggle of the organized landlords against the United Irish League, which is feared to be severe and far-reaching, as the landlords have ample backing.

REGISTRATION BOOKS ARE NOW CLOSED

More Than 3,000 Names Enrolled Yesterday, but Many Dilatory Citizens Were Disappointed.

Yesterday, the closing day for registration, was the busiest since the new primary books were opened. More than 3,000 names were enrolled, and hundreds of citizens, who came after the office was closed, were turned away. It is estimated that there are about 50,000 names in the primary books.

Interest centered yesterday and Thursday in the contests in the eight Republican wards, from which two delegations were filed. In the last two days about 5,000 persons registered.

The office was due to close at 9 o'clock last evening. At that hour the large room was still crowded, and it looked as though the clerks would be kept busy until midnight. However, the doors were locked and no one was permitted to enter after 9 o'clock. The registration ceased about 10:45 o'clock.

The books will not be opened again for either the Democratic or Republican primaries. To-day the official stamp will be marked on each page, after the last name, so that no other names can be added. Early next week the names will be counted, and until that is done the exact registration will not be known.

The Republican primary election will take place June 19, and the Democratic primaries June 30. Democratic delegations may be filed at any time up to noon, June 14. The last day and hour for changing the personnel of delegations is June 17, 1 p. m.; the last day and hour for filing protests June 18, 1 p. m.

RIVER PILOTS INCORPORATE.

Association Formed to Regulate Their Relations With Masters.

The Pilot Corporation, with headquarters at Fourth and Walnut streets, Cincinnati, proposes to revolutionize the river business in its relation to the pilot. The organization has filed papers of incorporation in the State of New Jersey, with a capital of $2,000,000, of which $125,000 is already subscribed.

The movement to organize the pilots of the United States has been on foot for some time, and last December an organization with a capital of $1,000,000 entered the field under the name of the Pilots' Association. The object of this association was to thoroughly organize the pilots and regulate their relations with the boatmasters of the country. After the organization was under way it was proposed that the capital stock be increased to $2,000,000 and the association change its name to the Pilot Corporation, the name under which the present organization is doing business.

For the present it is intended to devote the energies of the movement to the thorough organization of the pilots along the Mississippi River and its tributaries. To strengthen the movement every pilot along the river has received five shares of the stock gratis as a guarantee of good faith on the part of the corporation.

The organization proposes to pay pilots, to assign them boats, and to regulate their duties, thus taking the place formerly held by the boat owners in relation to pilots. All pilots will be registered, and whenever a boat owner wants a pilot he will make application to the corporation, which will always be in position to furnish men.

A banker and merchant of Cincinnati, whose names are withheld, are said to be financing the deal, and Senator Joseph B. Foraker of Ohio is counsel for the corporation.

If for any reason the new organization fails to place a man in a position it proposes to pay him $25 a month until it secures him a place. E. C. Grant of Middleport, O., is organizing the movement along the Mississippi River, and claims to have pilots and masters in sympathy with the movement.

The method proposed for raising the funds to pay the pilots is to tax each boat 5 cents per ton on freight and 2 cents per head for passengers.

ELEVEN PUPILS GRADUATED.

Clayton and Ferguson Commencement Exercises Are Held.

The graduating exercises of the Clayton public school were held in the Saengerbund Hall in Clayton last night. Eleven pupils finished the course during the year and received diplomas.

The programme began with a chorus, "May Time." It was followed by two scenes from "King Lear," participated in by Robert Greensfelder, Elizabeth Wendel, Mary Douglass, Jessie Wengler and Harry Rautenbusch. "How the Old Horse Won the Bet" was recited by Richard Stevens. The first scene of act five in "Macbeth" was presented by Mary Clayton, George Wolff and Jessie McGraw. Irl Heapes recited "The Drummer Boy in Blue." Scenes one and two of "Timothy's Quest" were given with the following cast: Spinsters, Annie Roth and Mary Clayton; Timothy, Harry Rautenbusch; Minister, R. H. Stevens; Lady Gay, Emma Schmidt.

Harry Rautenbusch led the graduating class. His average was 97½ per cent. The Manual Training scholarship was awarded to him.

The diplomas were awarded by Professor Henning W. Prentiss of St. Louis. The graduates were: Harry Rautenbusch, Richard Henry Stevens, Jr., George Cornelius Wolff, Robert Leon Greensfelder, William Earl Heapes, Elizabeth Wendel, Mary Teresa Clayton, Jessie Wengler, Annie Elizabeth Roth, Jessie Eva McGraw and Mary Elizabeth Douglass.

The graduates of the Ferguson High School also received diplomas last night in the school building. The exercises were brief on account of the limited capacity of the building. The graduates were: Eleanor Genevieve Breier, Florence Mabel Meyers, Lydia Koennemann, Elizabeth Christine, Anna Van Hook, Arthur W. Wise and R. Morris Shreve.

Baby Falls Thirty Feet.

Gertrude Rhodes, 2 years old, daughter of Henry Rhodes, living in the rear of No. 1614 Franklin avenue, sustained a fractured skull in a fall yesterday afternoon, which may result in her death.

The baby was climbing a stairway and in venturing too near the edge, fell a distance of thirty feet. She was unconscious when picked up by her mother. Her head struck against the brick pavement.

HIGH SCHOOL YEAR CLOSED AT ODEON

One Hundred and Thirty-Two Graduates From Five Departments Received Diplomas.

ROEDER IS CLASS PRESIDENT.

Girls Largely Outnumbered the Boys—Music by the Mandolin, Violin and Glee Clubs of the School.

The closing exercises of the St. Louis High School were held last night at the Odeon. An unusually large class was graduated. Including all members of scientific, classical, business and normal courses, there were 132 graduates.

The auditorium at the Odeon was insufficient to contain the hundreds of friends and relatives of the graduating young ladies and men who went to witness the exercises. It was necessary to refuse admission to all except those who possessed tickets. Many were unable to find seats and were forced to stand in the foyer or balcony.

The class itself completely filled the roomy stage. The feminine element largely predominated. Each of the young ladies was gowned in white. The young men were uniformly clad in the conventional black Tuxedo. The former were seated upon upraised chairs to the right and left of the stage, while the boys were grouped in the center. The white dresses of the girls appeared cool and summery, and the dark suits of the boys created a line of demarcation which gave variety to the spectacle viewed as a whole.

RALPH JOHN ROEDER.
President of class of St. Louis High School students graduated last night.

At the immediate front of the stage was a low line of palms, which rose into bowers at either side. Most of the girls carried showers of ferns and greenery, which lent color to the background of white. The class motto, "Vincit qui se vincit" (he conquers who conquers self), hung in green and white from the center of the topmost portion of the stage arch.

W. J. S. Bryan, principal of the school, announced the various numbers on the programme, and John Schroers, president of the Board of Education, awarded the diplomas. The latter was the concluding event of the evening.

In chorus, at the direction of William H. Pommer, music supervisor of the Board of Education the class sang "The Stars That Above Us Are Shining." Miss Rebecca Reis read an essay, "The Choice of Books." Then Walter L. Freund delivered an oration upon the subject, "Modern Oratory." He was brief and to the point, stating the degree in which the modern newspaper and magazine has invaded the province of the orator.

The Mandolin Club of the school furnished the next number, "Heart and Flowers," by Tobani. Their encore was "Elseeta," and each of their efforts was well received. The boys are enthusiastic in pushing their club, the membership of which includes the following: Frank Glynn, director; George Gartnett, assistant director; and Messrs. Griffith, Irwin, Friedman, Sachs, Bowes, White, Beck, Boothby, Grace, Strauss, Offner, Caffall, Hodgen, Hurst and Lytton. Miss Anna S. Maxwell read an essay, and Mr. Simon M. Frank, one of the class orators, had chosen for his subject "Opportunities for American Youth." The "Spring Song," rendered by the Violin Club, was the next number. The High School is unique among local schools, in possessing a violin club. The organization was formed at the suggestion of the boys and is directed by Leo Miller, assisted by Carl Glaser. The other members are: Julian Merserau, Martin Fronske, Jacob Brotherton, William Anschutz, Philip Gronemeyer and Fred Dolke.

"A Plea for Literature," essay, was read by Miss Ruth Lomas Brlbach, and Paul R. Grace spoke upon "The Credit System." The third essayist was Miss Irma H. Heller, and the last orator, Mr. Ralph John Roeder. His subject was "America, the Youth of the Nations." Roeder was chosen president of his class.

The Glee Club was the third of the school organizations to furnish music. It is a busy group of boys, and the result of their labors was appreciated by the audience, who demanded and received two encores. The youthful singers have been directed by H. P. Knox, professor of chemistry at the school. The club's membership is as follows: First tenors, Messrs. Paddock, Elbring, Carr, Hutchins, Johns and Coker; second tenors, Messrs. Campbell, Durdy, Clark, Purcelle, Yaeger, Miller, Little, A. C. C. Smith, Matthews and Hodgins; first bass, G. Smith, R. Schuyler, Jacobus, Martin and Delbel; second bass, Messrs. Scott, Snow, H. Frank, Krause, Riley, Childs and Sturdevant.

The following were the graduates:

Classical Course—Misses Mamye Ethel Allen, Marie Antoinette Baier, Ruth Lomas Brlbach, Catherine Frances Casey, Ina Estelle Champ, Julia Martha Collier, Anne Marie Evans, Clara Ethel Farrar, Laura Maud Frederick, Elsa Kramer, Agatha Lucille McEnaney, Margaret Lillian McKee, Kathryn Cecelia Menard, Minnette Sarah Roberts, Henrietta Patricia Schader, Caroline Bates Singleton, Clara Louise Wakeham, Valeska J. Weber, Evelyn Lee Winchester, Barbara E. Yore, Daisy Blanche Zanck; Messrs. Walter F. Barklage, Thomas Philip Bashaw, Jr., Charles Thruston Farrar, Simon Michael Frank, Harvey Demyrore Lamb, Halford Luccock, Armin Pfisterer.

Science Course—Misses Elizabeth Beatrice Brey, Marie Martha Buss, Viola Dorothy Conrad, Grace Craig, Rose Dorrance, Minnie Lola Farnham, Adelaide Roslyn Fleming, Olive Violet French, Josephine Gratiaa, Helen Elizabeth Gray, Olive Dorothy Gruen, Ella Hass, May Hamilton, Emma Mauro Harrison, Clara Marie Hosing, Irma Harris Heller, Maude Hellman, Flora Myrtle Hercules, Alice Rosewarne Hewitt, Florence Hoevel, Leolia Helen Jones, Frieda Elizabeth Kayser, Olive Alice Kerley, Laura M. Kleine, Pauline Lauphelmer, Charlotte J. Lesser, Estelle May Lyttle, Mabel Virginia Meier, Mabel Elizabeth Mortland, Anna Miller, Adele Annie Myers, Rhoda Hayes Owens, Elizabeth Myrtle Palmer, Hally Morrison Prentis, Charlotte Price, Irma Rader, Blanche Renard, Viola Niles Robinson, Gertrude Prescott Rolfe, Hazel Claire Rothschild, Nettie Sachs, Irma Sibel, Adele Schulenburg, Elsie Selxas, Sybil Marion Spargo, Caroline Steinbreder, Leonie Estella Stoffel, Anna Elizabeth Tensfeld, Sarah Elizabeth Thomas, Adalia Annie Uhlemeyer, Aurelia A. Weaver, Florence Ethel Weigle; Messrs. Edwin Ballman, Adolph Braun, Jr., Walter L. Freund, William R. Gilbert, Will T. Griffith, William Ewing Heermans, Jr., Charles C. Hellmers, Carl R. Hess, Hempstead Kennett, John B. Klem, Louis F. Moser, William K. Nourse, Edward F. Paddock, Laurence L. Prince, Jr., Frederic M. Robinson, Ralph John Roeder, Robert Cowden Rutledge, Remington Schuyler, Alexander Steiner.

Business Course—Misses Fannie P. Roche, Nettie Schwartzberg, Ida C. Sulzer, Alice R. Thorp, Matilda E. Uthe, Aldah Pearl Witherspoon, Messrs. Harvey Sidney Bobe, Paul Reginald Grace, Edgar Roland Hammel, Sidney Johnson, William Conrad Peper.

Normal Course—Misses Edith Ashley, Edith Bean, Mary Louise Bensberg, Lydia Agnes Bergsieker, Grace Devoy, Anna Amelia Ehnts, Lucille Hall, Katherine C. Hequembourg, Nonie B. Hereen, Joanna Hoolan, Nellie Elizabeth Houlihan, Hester Kathrine Kennedy, Louise Marie La Carl, Susan Francis Lancaster, Anna Sabina Hussey Maxwell, Rebecca Reis, Helen Theresa Rowan, Virginia Anita Stadler, Elsie Ray Steinmann, Cornelia Marie Stoneall.

PRESENTED TO THE KING.

Members of Special Embassy, With Their Wives, at Edward's Court.

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

London, June 13.—(Copyright, 1902.)—Mr. Whitelaw Reid and all the members of the special embassy, with their wives and daughters, were presented to the King and Queen at the court to-night.

These included Mrs. Reid, Miss Reid, General Wilson and the Misses Wilson, Admiral Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund L. Baylies, Mr. and Mrs. J. Pierpont Morgan, Jr., Mr. William Wetmore, Captain and Mrs. Cowles, Captain Borup, Captain Biddle and Lieutenant Watson.

Mrs. Lawrence Townsend, wife of the United States Minister to Belgium, was also presented in the diplomatic circle.

Mrs. Reid wore a beautiful white satin gown embroidered with gold, with a court train of white gold brocade embroidered with brilliants. Her jewels were rubies and diamonds, ropes of pearls, a dog collar of diamonds and a diamond tiara.

Miss Reid wore a pretty girlish dress of white, dotted mousseline de soie, trimmed with white roses.

Mrs. Cowles's dress was of white satin, embroidered with branches of grapes in gold. The train was of satin, with ruches of chiffon.

Mrs. Morgan wore white satin with train of white and pink brocade embroidered with silver.

Mrs. Baylies had a handsome dress, with brocaded train, and magnificent jewels.

The Misses Wilson were both in white satin with white train, one garnered with clematis and the other with lilies of the valley.

Mrs. Lawrence Townsend wore a blue satin and lace, with train of blue brocade and silver.

In the general circle were presented Mrs. Charles B. Alexander, who wore a superb dress of white satin and lace embroidered with silver, and a train of mauve and blue brocade. She wore her famous pearls.

Miss Sargeant of Boston was dressed in white satin embroidered with silver. The train was of brocade outlined in brilliants.

After the court Mr. and Mrs. Whitelaw Reid gave a supper at Brook House. The party included, besides those presented at court, Ambassador and Miss Choate, Mrs. Montgomery Spears, Captain and Mrs. Clover, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Story, Miss Alice Warder, Miss McCook and Mr. Henry White.

FIRE WIPES AWAY TOWN IN ALABAMA

Terror-Stricken People, Driven From Their Homes, Unable to Stop Conflagration.

Opelika, Ala., June 13.—Alexander City, a place of 1,500 inhabitants, was practically wiped away to-day by fire, the loss being at least $750,000, which the insurance will not begin to cover.

The fire originated in the foundry and machine works. A light wind was blowing and the fire spread from building to building until the entire town was ablaze.

The place has no waterworks, and all the terror-stricken people could do was to save all the belongings they could, and then flee from the awful heat.

The depot of the Central of Georgia Railway was burned, with all its contents. The telegraph office, two hotels, post office, saloons, livery stable, practically all the stores and many residences, together with numerous law and other offices, were destroyed.

The railroad has established its telegraph lines under a tree, and appeals for help and for food are going out.

The tracks of the Central of Georgia are so badly warped that the passenger trains east and west to-night had to transfer.

FIRE IN A PAINT FACTORY.

Spectacular Blaze Is Caused by Burning Oils.

What for a few minutes threatened to be a most disastrous conflagration in the paint and oil warehouse of the A. A. Eberson Manufacturing Company last night turned out to be one of the most easily fought fires the local Fire Department has had to deal with in the downtown district in several years.

The fire originated in the top floor of the three-story building, which is located at Nos. 901-03-05-07 North Second street, about 11 last night, and shortly after that hour Private Watchman Rudolph Hammacker discovered huge tongues of flame shooting from the third-story windows on the north side of the building. He turned in two alarms from the box at Second and Franklin avenue, and within a few minutes all the engines and trucks of the downtown district were on the scene. The flames gained rapid headway, and by the time the first stream of water was played on the building it looked as though the entire block was going to be destroyed.

The flames could be seen a distance of several blocks and within a few minutes after the alarm had been sounded the streets adjacent to the scene of the fire were crowded with people. The fire was spectacular while it lasted and the warning cries of Police Sergeant Dowdall and several patrolmen that oil and turpentine were burning had little effect on the crowds.

Acting Fire Chief Rucker got his men to work systematically and not only succeeded in keeping the flames from spreading beyond the third floor of the Eberson building, but also had the entire fire extinguished within an hour after the alarm had been sent in.

It is estimated that the damage to the building and stock, which consisted chiefly of dry paint, turpentine, benzine and oil, amounted to about $2,500.

The cause of the fire is unknown.

Western Miners Unsettled.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Kansas City, Mo., June 13.—The negotiations between the coal miners and operators of District No. 25, which includes several counties along the Missouri and Kansas line, were broken off shortly after 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Unless one side or the other recedes from the position it has taken before August 31, when the present contract expires, there will be a strike. About 3,000 miners are affected by the action of the conference.

Bonne Terre High School.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Bonne Terre, Mo., June 13.—The eleventh annual commencement of the Bonne Terre High School was held in the Lyceum last night. A large and appreciative audience greeted the appearance of the graduates, whose names are: Lizzie Frey, Etta Moon, Luther Ross, Edwin Helber, Ollie Creglow, Lena Radle. The excellent orations and the music by the orchestra were highly appreciated. The Reverend H. G. Mais of St. Louis delivered the address.

Boy's Body Was Recovered.

The body of Albert Jones, who was drowned Wednesday while bathing in the river at the foot of Brooklyn street, was recovered yesterday afternoon at the foot of Fassen street, by Fred Noyser. The body was taken to the morgue.

Last night Fred Jones, a brother, called at the morgue and identified the body. The boy was bathing with schoolmates, when he went beyond his depth. He was 13 years old and lived with his mother, Mrs. Carrie Algerson, at No. 1414 Cass avenue.

Do you know that The Republic prints more "Want" ads than any other morning newspaper west of Chicago? It is a positive fact. Six hundred and sixty-eight ads printed to-day. Over two pages.

MISS MARY C. LEE ARRESTED IN VIRGINIA

Conductor Filed Complaint Against General's Daughter Under "Jim Crow" Law.

TAKEN TO POLICE STATION.

Released by Order of the Mayor—Says She Did Not Know She Was Violating Separate-Car Measure.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Richmond, Va., June 13.—Miss Mary Custis Lee, the second daughter of General Robert E. Lee, was arrested at Alexandria to-night for the violation of the separate car bill passed by the last Legislature as applied to the Washington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon Railway.

The "Jim Crow" law requires that white and negro railway passengers shall ride in separate cars.

The alleged offense occurred on the Washington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon electric railway, and the charge was preferred by the conductor. Miss Lee was taken from the railroad depot to the police station, followed by a crowd of excited citizens.

There she told Chief Webster that she had boarded the car and taken a rear seat with a quantity of baggage, knowing nothing of the law until the train reached Virginia, when the conductor requested her to move. She saw no reason for it and declined, so her arrest followed. Mayor Simpson was conferred with, and he directed that Miss Lee be released to appear in the Police Court to-morrow.

Miss Lee, as far as known, is the first victim of the law in Virginia. The law in question was passed at the recent session of the Legislature, the law previously in force, applying only to steam roads.

LYNCH RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF I. T. U.

Receives More Than Two-Thirds of the Vote Cast—Other Officers Chosen.

Indianapolis, Ind., June 13.—The Canvassing Board of the International Typographical Union to-day completed the count of the vote for national officers of the organization cast in the biennial election. The total number of votes cast was nearly 29,000, about 70 per cent of the entire strength of the union. Following are the officers chosen for the next two years:

President, James M. Lynch, Syracuse, N. Y.;