ALL SHOT IN THE BACK

Negroes Killed In the Alabama Race Riot.

BOTH SIDES AKE SULLEN

ANOTHER BLOODY OUTBREAK IS LOOKED FOR.

Details of the Affair In Which the Colored Miners Were Assassinated—Said That Assailants Were Secreted In a Box Car—Negroes Still Armed.

Birmingham, Ala., June 28.—The deputies have the situation in hand at Cardiff and Blossburg, where the bloody race riots occurred yesterday afternoon. Although the negro miners refuse to work and continue to carry arms, Sheriff O'Brien says that he has no right to disarm them, and with few exceptions they are prepared for any sort of trouble. An additional force of men has been placed on duty for fear of an outbreak during the night.

A coroner's jury held an inquest over the remains of Ed Ellis and Adam Samuels today. A physician's sworn testimony was to the effect that both negroes were shot in the back. Ellis' body was pierced with twenty-five buckshot from a double barreled shotgun and Samuels was killed with a Winchester rifle.

The postmaster at Blossburg testified that shortly before the killing he heard Ellis talking to a crowd of his comrades in regard to a speech made to them by the sheriff, who said that if the negroes would disarm they would be given protection. Ellis told them this was all a lie, and he declared that he would not return to work until his Winchester had been emptied. The jury came to a verdict that the negroes met death at the hands of an unknown party or unknown parties.

Beginning of the Trouble.

Shortly after this two white miners, one armed with a Winchester and the other with a shotgun, were seen walking down the road to the gin town. Ellis left shortly after them. It was but a few minutes when shots were heard. Ellis was found lying on his face in the road, and his body had been beaten by a drenching rain for several hours.

Adam Samuels was killed while going to succor Ellis, a Winchester ball bringing him down. Two negroes then ran to Samuels' assistance. He told them he had been shot by white men. They stooped to pick him up, and while in a crouching position they were fired on. The negroes then fled in every direction, and the three bleeding negroes were left lie in the road for an hour. A white man with a shotgun met a crowd of miners farther down the road.

"I have killed the meanest negro in Blossburg," said he. "Look out for my family, boys." He has not been seen since.

It is said among the negroes that the white men who did the shooting were secreted in a box car on the railroad track near the dirt road. The physician testified that the shooting was done at close range.

The coroner just in from Blossburg says it is impossible to get at the guilty parties. He says that both sides are sullen and he predicts further trouble. The mines have almost closed down for want of laborers.

WHY SHE KILLED HUSBAND.

Mrs. Kopp Says She Wanted Him All to Herself.

San Francisco, June 28.—Mrs. Charles Kopp shot and killed her husband in the parlor of their residence, 18 Lewis street tonight. The only witness of the tragedy was the 14-year-old daughter of the couple, who had lived unhappily for some time.

Leaving her dead husband in a pool of his own blood, Mrs. Kopp locked up the house and, going to the home of her sister and brother-in-law, informed them of what she had done. Then they all returned to the scene of the crime. The brother-in-law blew a police whistle and on the arrival of an officer Mrs. Kopp surrendered herself, saying:

"I killed him because I wanted him all for myself."

Jealousy of a woman named Mrs. B. Monti to whom Kopp was attentive, and to whom he had deeded the community property during his wife's absence in the east was the cause of the murder. Several days ago Mrs. Kopp tried to have the property reconveyed to her, a quarrel ensued and she made an unsuccessful attempt to shoot her husband.

Tonight she and her daughter tracked Kopp and Mrs. Monti to a Taylor street restaurant. On Kopp's return home the angry woman demanded that he forsake the woman with whom he had dined. Kopp refused and plainly said that he loved Mrs. Monti. Then Mrs. Kopp drew a revolver and sent a bullet into her husband's forehead, killing him instantly.

He was a retired restaurant keeper, aged 57 years. She is 44 years of age, not unattractive in appearance, and apparently of a mild disposition.

THE DOCTORS DISAGREE.

Question as to Effect of Fire On a Dead Body.

Chicago, June 28.—Dr. Sanger Brown of Rush Medical college, today testified in the case of Rollinger, the alleged wife-murderer, in opposition to the testimony of several experts sworn by the state as to whether Mrs. Rollinger was dead at the time the house was burned.

Dr. Brown gave as his opinion that the woman was not dead. He said that from his reading of medical works and from experiments he has made himself, he was of the opinion that a congested blister could not be caused by heat or fire upon a dead body.

When court adjourned the defendant was on the stand making a denial of being guilty.

TRIED TO CUT HIS THROAT.

How Californian Avoided Hearing His Death Sentence.

Sacramento, June 28.—George Putman, who murdered John Showers in Folsom prison, while being shaved today, preparatory to being taken into court to hear the death sentence, seized the razor from the man who was shaving him, sprang to his feet and then deliberately walked to a mirror and drew the razor across his throat.

The cut, while very severe, did not sever the jugular vein and the condemned man will recover. The matter of passing sentence upon Putnam was continued until next Saturday.

RETURNED AFTER SIX YEARS.

Minneapolis Man Will Stand Trial for Grand Larceny.

Minneapolis, June 28.—Louis F. Menage, the former president of the Northwestern Guaranty Loan association, which failed in May, 1893, returned to Minneapolis today and surrendered himself to Sheriff Meagnarden. There are two indictments against him for grand larceny. He has been in Guatemala and Mexico six years and determined to return and stand trial.

Menage was arraigned before Judge Elliott and pleaded not guilty under the various indictments. He was released under $10,000 bail which was immediately furnished.

The collapse of the Guaranty Loan company came May 17, 1893, upon an order from the district court for appointment of a receiver at the request of Goodnow and Lawther, creditors of the company to the extent of only $371. When the collapse came it was found that Menage had taken flight. His whereabouts could not be learned for a long time, but he was finally tracked to Guatemala, where an effort to arrest him failed. Later he went to Mexico, where he has since resided.

The receiver afterward reported to the court that there was more than $4,000,000 of short time paper, all but $844,000 was "straw" and absolutely worthless.

WANT HER IN MEXICO.

Mrs. Rich Tells of Her Career—Is a Champion Pugilist.

El Paso, Tex., June 28.—The trial of Mrs. Mattie Rich was begun before the United States commissioner here to determine whether or not she should be surrendered to the Mexican authorities for trial at Juarez, on the charge of murdering her husband there last April.

Mrs. Rich took the stand in her own behalf and said that she was born in Chicago and had been twice married, the first time to Horace Howard of New York.

"I never rode bare-backed horses in a circus, as the newspapers have stated," said the defendant, "but I gave exhibitions as a pugilist. I hold the title of champion lady pugilist of Illinois. The night my husband was shot I saw him talking to a strange woman and I gave her a pair of black eyes. I found him in his room at daybreak, badly wounded, and he told me to tell no one, but get a doctor."

Witness told of being excluded from the hospital where her husband was dying, and sobbed aloud. She said she scaled the porch and looked through the window at him. It is not believed that Mrs. Rich will be surrendered.

Wife's Fatal Jealousy.

Bloomington, Ills., June 28.—Mrs. M. K. Martin, wife of a railroad man, today shot Miss Ida Oglesby four times, inflicting fatal wounds. Jealousy was the cause. They all came here some months ago from Paola, Kan.

LUMBERMEN ARE ALARMED.

Fear Measures That May Be Adopted By Joint Commission.

San Francisco, June 28.—Lumbermen of the coast have been considerably alarmed by the fear that the Canadian joint commission may adopt measures that will injure their interests and the trade in lumber between this country and Canada.

Some time ago a number of leading lumber dealers laid the matter before Congressman Julius Kahn with a request that he exert his influence to protect their interests. In response to a letter to the president, Congressman Kahn received a letter from Assistant Secretary Cortelyou saying that the matter has been called to the attention of the secretary of state who will instruct America's representatives on the commission to look out for the lumbermen's interests.

GOING TO LOS ANGELES.

National Educational Association to Hold Meeting There.

Los Angeles, Cal., June 28.—The advance guard of the thousands of teachers and others interested in educational matters who are coming to this city to attend the National Educational association convention, arrived today.

The delegation which arrived consisted of 125 people, principally teachers of the schools of Colorado Springs and Pueblo, Colo. They comprise about half of the Colorado delegation. Professor H. S. Phillips of the Logan school of Denver was in charge of the delegation. The train consisted of five Pullman tourist coaches. One of the coaches was dropped at Santa Fe, N. M., for a side trip and will arrive here tomorrow. The remainder of the Colorado delegation is expected to arrive here tomorrow also, by way of the Southern Pacific route, cutting off at Sacramento and coming directly here.

FOR JUVENILE OFFENDERS.

C. P. Huntington Will Establish Home In Virginia.

New York, June 28.—Collis P. Huntington has bought a tract of land of 1,350 acres in Hanover county, Virginia, where, at his expense, a well-equipped building, with latest modern improvements, is to be erected for the confinement of juvenile offenders of the negro race. The purchase was made on the recommendation and through the agency of Dr. H. B. Frissel, principal of the Hampton institute.

Mr. Huntington retains the title to the land and will make it over to the trustees of the institution after he is satisfied it is being conducted on correct methods. There are now 2,900 colored boys and girls confined in the prisons of Virginia and compelled to associate with the vilest and most degraded adults.

Governor J. Hoge Tyler has promised that he will transfer the young prisoners to the reformatory as soon as it is built.

DEATHS FROM YELLOW FEVER.

General Brooke Makes Report to the War Department.

Washington, June 28.—General Brooke's death report from Havana dated June 27, is as follows:

June 25—Santiago, Acting Assistant Surgeon Frederick W. Fabricius, Privates James McCasley and Charles E. Rogers, G, Fifth Infantry; Michael L. White, late Fourth volunteer infantry, all yellow fever. Private John Cassidy, A, Fifth infantry, malarial hemeturia.

General Brooke also reports the death of Wagoner Swan Jensen, company B, Eighth cavalry, at Puerto Principe, of yellow fever, on the 25th inst.

CONFERRING OF DEGREES.

Annual Commencement of Yale Was Celebrated Yesterday.

New Haven, Conn., June 28.—The annual commencement of Yale university was celebrated today. The weather was decidedly inauspicious, rain beginning to fall just before the time set for the forming of the elaborate procession.

The events of the day were the conferring of degrees to the number of 615, including those awarded to the members of the graduating classes of all departments of the university and the honorary degrees, the announcement of prizes and the awards of prizes, scholarships and fellowships. Honorary degrees were conferrd as follows:

D.D.—The Rev. D. Stuart Dodge, Yale college, 1897, New York City; the Rev. George E. Adams Smith, Glasgow, Scotland.

LL.D.—The Hon. Frederick Adams, Yale college, 1896, Newark, N. J.; the Hon. George W. Griggs, attorney-general of the United States; the Hon. Frederick J. Kingsbury, Yale college, 1846, Waterbury, Conn.; Emory McClintock, New York; Professor S. Minot, M. D., Boston; Wirklicher Geheimrath Franz Von Rottenburg, curator of the University of Bonne, Germany.

M. A.—Robert Brooklyn, Francis M. Bunce, U. S. N., retired, Hartford, Conn.; John R. Mott, New York; Captain W. C. Wise, U. S. N., Norfolk, Va.; also the following former members of the college: The Rev. John S. Thomas, 1868, Oxford, O.; Herman Livingston, 1879, Catskill, N. Y.; William A. Otis, 1868, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Ph. D.—John McKenzie, class of 1889, Chicago.

TALKS BY THE WOMEN

Proceedings at International Council In London Yesterday.

TREATMENT OF SERVANTS

MATTER IS DISCUSSED FROM A SCIENTIFIC STANDPOINT.

Mrs. Ellen C. Johnson, a Delegate From Massachusetts, Dies From the Effects of Collapse Brought About By the Reading of a Paper Before the Council.

London, June 28.—At today's session of the international council of women, Mrs. Stanton Blatch read a paper on primary education, advocating the use of manual work at every step of education, but deprecating the introduction of domestic occupations and trying to adapt trades to educational processes.

Mrs. Miller advocated her well-known views on physical development through the reorganization of the food question, but the chairwoman, Mrs. Stevenson, intervened and declared that questions in the shape of kitchen preparation of food were hardly within the scope of the discussion. To this Mrs. Miller replied that radical and physical education was the only education she wished to discuss, and suggested that perhaps it had been placed on the wrong programme.

The audience finally invited Mrs. Miller to continue, which she did, meeting with much applause.

At a meeting devoted to women inspectors, the Hon. Mrs. Lyttleton presiding, a paper by Miss Carlyle of Canada was read by Mrs. Carty. It showed the strides made in Canada in regard to female inspectors and labor legislation generally.

The scientific treatment of domestic servants was the subject discussed at St. Martins town hall. Mrs. Gates, speaking of the necessity of training the lady of the house as well as the servants, complimented the queen, saying:

"Think not that this queenly woman and womanly queen has not had an influence upon us in wifehood, motherhood and mistresship."

DEATH OF A DELEGATE.

Mrs. Johnson Expires After Reading Paper at Council.

London, June 28.—Mrs. Ellen C. Johnson, superintendent of the Massachusetts women's reformatory prison, died suddenly today at the London residence of the bishop of Rochester, the Right Rev. Edward Stuart Talbot, D.D., where she was a guest. It is believed she expired from heart failure resulting from excitement in reading a paper at yesterday's meeting of the International council of women. The deceased was attended by Mrs. Dr. Barrows of Boston.

A representative of the Associated Press called during the day at the bishop of Rochester's residence, where, it appears, Mrs. Johnson had been in a weak state of health for several days previous to reading her paper last night. Her immediate friends attempted to dissuade her from reading. She persisted, however, in keeping faith with the public, but returned from the meeting in a state of semi-collapse. Death came suddenly after arising this morning in the presence of the bishop's wife. Dr. Barrows says the cause of death was angina pectoris. An inquest will be held tomorrow or Friday.

The fellow-delegates of the deceased were much shocked at her death. As Mrs. Johnson attended the Duchess of Sutherland's reception Monday and was apparently in high spirits. The remains will probably be shipped to New York Saturday.

THE TIMES IS IRONICAL.

Has a Few Remarks to Make On Women's Council.

London, June 29.—The Times, in a rather ironical leading editorial on the Women's congress, says:

"We cannot believe that the general attitude of the congress is either wise or representative, or that the proceedings are likely to further the real interests of womankind. It would be lamentable if these indiscreet and exaggerated demands should foster a reaction against the process of gradual development whereby women have already gained so much."

THE EMPRESS DOWAGER WEEPS

DISSOLUTION OF THE CHINESE EMPIRE IS APPARENT.

One Report That Emperor Will Resume Power; Another That There Will Be New Emperor.

Victoria, B. C., June 28.—It is reported at Pekin, according to news received by the Empress of China, that the emperor will resume power next month. Another report says that about June 20 a new emperor would be proclaimed. One authority believes the new ruler will be a grandson of the late Prince Kung; another asserts that a grandson of the fifth prince (Prince Tun) has been chosen to succeed Kuang Hsu.

The empress dowager is said to be altogether "out of sorts," full of anxiety and much given to weeping. The palace is far from enjoying a state of harmony.

The cabinet is little better. Wang Wen Shao pleads age and infirmity, and then relapses into silence. Kang Yi is jealous of the immense power now wielded by Jung Lu and despises him for his inexperience in important government business; but both hold together for the maintenance of the empress dowager and the enrichment of the Manchus, whose present watchword is "It is going, grab as much as possible while the chance lasts."

DEGREES BY HARVARD.

Jules Cambon, General Wood and Admiral Sampson Honored.

Cambridge, Mass., June 28.—Among the honorary degrees conferred by Harvard university today were those of doctor of laws upon Jules Cambon, the French ambassador to the United States; General Leonard Wood, U. S. A., military governor of Santiago de Cuba; Rear Admiral W. T. Sampson, U. S. N., and Arthur T. Hadley, president-elect of Yale university.

Kentaro Keneko, the Japanese peer and former member of the Japanese embassy was also made a doctor of laws; the honorary degree of doctor of divinity was conferred upon Professor George Harris of Andover, president-elect of Amherst college.

Land Entries.

Final homestead—

John S. Kennedy, 32.08 acres, section 6, township 10 north, range 7 east.

Final desert—

Elizabeth Wooton, 160 acres, section 17, township 22 south, range 5 west.

Original homestead —

George G. Dunbar, 160 acres, section 8, township 7 north, range 1 east.

CONTROL OF RAILWAYS

Kruger Secures Those In the Orange Free State.

IS PREPARING FOR WAR

BUYING PROVISIONS AND MATERIAL FOR CAMPAIGN.

Persists In His Demands For Arbitration Which Great Britain Will Not Grant—Cape Town Loyalists Support Sir Alfred Milner—Suggestions of a Compromise.

London, June 29.—The Johannesburg correspondent of the Standard says:

President Kruger, it is understood here, persists in his demand for arbitration as an essential condition on any settlement.

In the meantime the Transvaal continues buying provisions and war material, and it has arranged with the Netherlands Railway company to have absolute control of the railway lines in the Orange Free State in the event of war.

SUPPORT SIR ALFRED MILNER.

Meeting of Thousands of Loyalists at Cape Town.

Cape Town, June 28.—A meeting of 4,000 loyalists under the presidency of the mayor of Cape Town, was held here this evening and adopted, with the greatest enthusiasm, resolutions supporting Sir Alfred Milner, governor general of the colony and British high commissioner in South Africa in his recent negotiations with President Kruger and thanking the Canadians and Australians for their offers of assistance. An immense overflow meeting was also held.

The Right Hon. Sir John Gordon Sprigg, former premier of the colony, addressed the meeting, declaring that unless Sir Alfred Milner was absolutely supported, there was danger that the Cape Colony would secede from the empire. He declared himself convinced that Great Britain was solidly behind the imperial secretary of state for the colonies, Joseph Chamberlain, whose recent speech before the Unionists of Birmingham, England, dealing with the Transvaal problem, he warmly commended.

A Mission of Peace.

Pretoria, June 28.—The conference between President Kruger and Fischer, a member of the executive council of the Orange Free State, who was the bearer of compromise suggestions from the Free State in the matter of the disputes between the Transvaal and Great Britain, have been concluded. The general impression is that Fischer's mission has been successful. He afterward conferred with Mr. Conyingham Green, the British diplomat agent here.

The Clan Na Gael Active.

London, June 28.—The Pall Mall Gazette says it has discovered in London two members of the clan na gael from the United States who are en route to the Transvaal and trying to enlist money and men in support of the Boers.

FORTUNE IN A TRUNK.

Supposed to Belong to An Insane Woman.

St. Louis, June 28.—In a dingy, stuffy little room in the rear of No. 1221 South Third street, Officer Hanrahan found concealed in a dirty trunk and a valise a sum of money exceeding $15,000 in government bonds, gold and bills of large denominations.

The police think that this small fortune is the property of Mrs. Walbonger Wackerle, an aged German woman who is now a patient at the city insane asylum.

But little is known by the neighbors of Mrs. Wackerle. They say that for years past she has been living in that neighborhood; always reticent, eccentric and demure.

DROWNED IN LAKE MICHIGAN.

Crew of a Tiny Yacht Lost Their Sailing Compass.

Chicago, June 28.—A tiny sailing yacht, compass gone and all knowledge of direction lost by the crew of three, drifted all last night on Lake Michigan, capsizing just as help was at hand.

Thurmen Malone of Cincinnati went to the bottom with the boat, while Seth P. Warren and Lou Bie Carman, his companions, were today rescued with difficulty by the steamer City of Chicago. As the steamer approached the sail boat turned over and sank, but two of the men succeeded in swimming until help arrived.

The men had attempted to sail from Chicago to Waukegan, but the loss of the compass left them helpless.

COUNTY AUDITOR'S TOTALS

BUT SLIGHT DIFFERENCE FROM UNOFFICIAL FIGURES.

Net Increase In Assessments By County Board of Equalization Was $157,352.

Last evening County Auditor Wood completed his footings of reductions and increases in taxing values made by the county board of equalization, and found that totals did not materially differ from those given in The Herald Tuesday morning. The aggregate of reductions on personal property values, including $709,365 in untaxable mortgages, is $834,474; on real estate, $18,792, and on improvements, $405,10, a grand total of $898,276.

The other side of the account shows $907,819 in increased values on the ten business blocks; a total raise of $159,944 on personal property, including $85,000 on the Germania smelter, the balance being mainly from wealthy persons and estates for cash on hand, and $15,540 raised on value of improvements; total, $1,087,849.

But the real estate owned by banks in the district increased 20 per cent is yet to be deducted from bank capital. This amount is $32,321, and is less than was estimated. The net increase in values made by the board is $157,352. An abatement of $14,500 on a satisfied mortgage owned by H. G. McMillan and a few small items, not previously reported, taken into account with the over estimate on the bank real estate reductions, would bring the net total to near the figures given in Tuesday's Herald.

The real estate owned by banks is taxed separately from the capital stock, from which it is deducted, and it will, therefore, take some time for the auditor to report the amount upon which each of the banks pay taxes, or the assessed value per share of bank capital.

A Hot Time.

(Philadelphia Bulletin.)

"Spriggins was pretty mad when his boss discharged him."

"Well, you can hardly expect a man to keep cool when he's fired."

BIG RAILWAY COMBINE

Vanderbilt Scheme to Absorb Many Western Lines.

SHORT LINE IS INCLUDED

CONFERENCE OF MANAGERS AT NEW YORK.

Many Roads Have Already Been Taken In By the New York Central—Presidents of Roads Consulting With J. Pierpont Morgan—No Change In Rate Situation.

New York, June 28.—Important conferences of railroad managers are in progress in this city. Among those now here are William K. Vanderbilt, Samuel R. Callaway, president of the New York Central; President Newman of the Lake Shore, President Ledyard of the Michigan Central, President Coneiff of the Nickel Plate, President Cassatt of the Pennsylvania, Norman B. Ream of Chicago, James J. Hill of the Great Northern and Oscar G. Murray and John K. Cowen of the Baltimore & Ohio. It is said the westerners have come here to meet and consult with J. Pierpont Morgan and other prominent financiers in Wall street, and many important changes in railroad management are looked for as a result of the gathering.

Interest seems to center upon the Vanderbilt lines, and the belief is growing that not only is the Boston & Albany to come into the New York Central's control, but step by step other consolidations of that system with roads in New England are to take place. The present plan contemplates the final absorption by the New York Central of the Boston & Albany, the Boston & Maine, the Fitchburg, the Maine Central and tributary lines.

Already the Lake Shore, the Michigan Central, the West Shore and the Nickel Plate have been taken by the New York Central. Despite denial, there is abundant substantiation in trustworthy places of the report that the Big Four and the Chesapeake & Ohio, as well as the Chicago & Northwestern, the Union Pacific and the Oregon Short Line, are to be consolidated with the Central. It takes time to accomplish these tremendous tasks, but the plan is matured, and as fast as the transactions can be accomplished the scheme of consolidation is being worked out.

The ultimate disposition of the New York, New Haven & Hartford, so a prominent railroad official said, will be to incorporate it in the New York Central. The New Haven, it is known, wanted to lease certain parts of the Boston & Albany, which had joined its territory, and while there was a hitch over the terms, the Central has, if these reports are true, stepped in and taken all. It is known that negotiations are under way between the New Haven and the Central for a consolidation of the properties, and it is generally believed that the New Haven, in the end, will come into the New York Central.

NEW STEAMSHIP LINE.

Goulds May Establish One From Atlantic Seaboard to Gulf.

St. Louis, Mo., June 28.—A special to the Republic from Dallas, Tex., says:

L. S. Thorne, third vice president and general manager of the Texas & Pacific railway, has returned to headquarters at Dallas, after a trip to New Orleans. Concerning the reported intention of the Goulds to establish a steamship line from the Atlantic seaboard to the gulf, he said:

"It should be understood that this question has been pending for some time, and is by no means a new idea. The establishment of such a line of steamers is among the contemplated projects of the Goulds, but it must be remembered that a great deal is involved in such an enterprise.

"Enormous capital, united with extraordinary facilities, seems capable, of course, of consummating any enterprise with magical rapidity. But it takes much time to build up railroads and steamship lines, and in the present instance two years at least would be necessary for the building of the line. The interests of the Goulds in this part of the country are assuming such magnitude as to render this step imperative. Developments may take more than double share within the next year.

"As to the port of entry in the gulf, there is nothing authentic as between Galveston and New Orleans, but the putting on of such a line is a vital question with the Goulds, who are giving it careful study."

AGENTS' INCOME INCREASED.

Liberal Commissions to Be Given On All Tickets.

Chicago, June 28.—Railroad ticket agents in the entire territory west of Chicago will have their incomes materially increased after July 1. At a meeting of the general passenger agents of forty-four roads in Chicago today it was unanimously agreed that on and after the above date and until further notice agents should receive liberal commissions for selling tickets over foreign or connecting lines. These commissions will run from 25 cents to $4 per ticket, the average being about $1. Between 2,000 and 3,00 agents will be benefited by the action of the passenger managers. Under the new agreement all roads will pay the same commission. The lowest commission that will be paid will be 25 cents on tickets from the Missouri river to common points averaging 200 miles west of there. The highest will be $4 on tickets reading from St. Louis, Cairo, Memphis and New Orleans to Pacific coast points.

Rate Situation Unchanged.

No new developments were visible in the rate situation yesterday. The meeting of trunk lines in Chicago referred the matter to a committee of five to take up the question with the gulf lines, with a view of settling the trouble without an extended rate war. In the meantime the local business men are holding off awaiting further developments. They think that a further break is possible.

H. F. Kenney Elected.

Philadelphia, June 28.—The directors of the Philadelphia & Baltimore Central railroad elected H. F. Kenney president, to succeed Frank Thomson. John C. Green was chosen vice president, to succeed Mr. Kenney.

Railroad Notes.

Contracting Agent John Beckett has gone to Colorado Springs with his wife.

J. W. Conlisk, ticket agent at the Ogden union depot, was in Salt Lake yesterday.

General Passenger Agent F. A. Wadleight of the Rio Grande Western is in San Francisco.

Two Pullmans of Iowa excursionists arrived in the city yesterday over the Rio Grande Western.

D. Bows, general western passenger agent for the Chicago & Alton, was in Salt Lake yesterday.

Twenty-five cars of quartermasters' stores passed through Ogden yesterday en route to San Francisco.

Selling dates for 4th of July excursions will be July 3 and 4. Tickets will be good for return until July 6.

All of the ticket agents were busy yesterday selling tickets to the national educational convention at Los Angeles. The next selling dates will be July 3, 8 and 9.

CELEBRATION AT SALTAIR

BIG CROWD HONOR STEPHENS' BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY.

Interesting Programme of Singing and Other Events — Festivities at Lagoon.

When the 2:15 train to Saltair steamed from the city yesterday it carried to its destination fully 1,000 pleasure-loving people, and every scheduled train thereafter carried its full complement, until the number at he resort reached 2,500.

The occasion was the forty-fifth birthday of one of Salt Lake's most estimable citizens, Professor Evan Stephens, and the day was one of genuine pleasure.

At 4 o'clock a programme was announced, which opened with the grand march, "Hail Columbia," which was followed by a cakewalk, a large number appearing in each instance.

The singing of "The Sleighing Party" by a chorus of children under the direction of Mr. Stephens was then announced, but before the singing began, Miss Mabel Cooper, who gave excellent assistance in the rendition of the programme, stepped forward, and in a neat little speech, presented to Mr. Stephens, in behalf of his juvenile class, a handsome gold locket, on the back of which was inscribed: "From the Children, June 28, 1899."

Professor Stephens responded in fitting terms, assuring the donors of his gratitude for the gift, and of the generous feeling that prompted the act.

The chorus finished, a recitation followed by Miss Vera Olsen, and the singing of some comic songs and of the national anthem, "America," closed the afternoon exercises.

In the evening a programme more formal in character was rendered, the opening number of which was a chorus of 300 ladies of the Y. L. M. I. A., and which was entitled "In the Mountains," and very delightfully rendered.

The duet, "Blodmen War Song," by Messrs. Victor Christopherson and Alfred Best was a fine number, the young men appearing at their best.

The young ladies then sang "Roses and Lilies" very acceptably, and were followed by Mr. Best, in a fine tenor solo, "The Sailor's Grave."

The programme closed by the ladies' chorus, "Come Where My Love Lies Dreaming," Christensen's orchestra accompanying.

The time until the 10:15 train left was then spent in dancing, a large company joining in the pastime.

The day was all that could have been desired, and the water was in fine condition for the 900 bathers who enjoyed the luxury.

Mr. Stephens considers that the anniversary of his birthday began on Tuesday evening, when a number of his friends met at his home and presented him with a beautiful palm. He contemplates leaving the city in a few days for a month's vacation, but is undecided between a trip up the Weber or to California.

The balloon ascension was a great success, Professor Trimble alighting in the lake near the shore.

EXCURION TO LAGOON.

Thirteenth Ward Sunday School Has An Outing.

The people of the Thirteenth ward and the members of the ward Sunday school had a pleasant day at Lagoon yesterday.

The trains during the afternoon and evening were filled with excursionists, the attendance being between 500 and 600.

A series of races was one of the features of the afternoon programme, and prizes were awarded as follows:

Girls' race (under 6)—Gerda Nordquist.

Boys' race (under 6)—Arthur Forshund.

Girls' race (6 to 10)—Anita Eardley.

Boys' race (6 to 10)—Harry Mills.

Girls' race (10 to 13)—Miss Workman.

Boys' race (10 to 13)—Joseph Peterson.

Girls' race (12 to 15)—Edith Grant.

Boys' race (12 to 15)—Abram Davis.

The thread and needle race was won by Miss Florence Grant, and the three-legged race went to Hyrum Ammendsen and Henry Ammendsen. Alma Taylor won the gentlemen's race.

In the free-for-all there were but two entries, H. S. Goddard, the baritone, and Charlie Johnson. Mr. Goddard showed that he can sprint as well as sing and won the prize easily.

A baseball game between the married and single men of the ward was won by the benedicts by a score of 11 to 7.

A pleasant feature of the day was the reunion of the family of the late Bishop Woolley of the Thirteenth ward. About 100 members of the bishop's family celebrated his birthday by going to Lagoon.

Resort Notes.

The A. O. U. W. celebration occurs at Lagoon tomorrow.

The Knights of Pythias are going to have a big day at Saltair tomorrow.

No excursions are booked for Garfield for this month. Beginning July 1, this popular resort has an almost solid booking.

At Saltair today the Farmers' ward and Utah county Sunday schools celebrate. An entertaining programme has been prepared, and a big crowd is assured.

The Eighth warders go to Lagoon today. There will be a fancy drill by sixteen girls, a strawberry eating contest, a baseball game and other interesting events. In the evening a dancing contest will be given.

FIFTH WARD FAIR.

Handsome Booths and An Interesting Programme.

The Fifth ward fair was opened last night at the Amusement hall. A very interesting programme was given, and refreshments were served in the meeting house. One of the unique features of the entertainment was the booths. One containing flowers was managed by Miss Ellen Rich. A Scotch booth was managed by Mrs. Buchanan, and assisted by Miss Norton, who was dressed in Scotch costume. A novelty booth was conducted by Mrs. S. H. Harrow, Mrs. D. C. Rustin, Mrs. Lizzie Griffith, Mrs. Thomas C. Nuttle and Miss Tracy. An Indian wigwam stood in one end of the hall, with a demure Indian squaw (Mrs. Sarah Stanley) sitting on the inside, complacently knitting socks. A large booth, filled with prizes to be drawn the last night of the fair, adorned one side of the hall. This very creditably rendered programme was listened to:

Tableau.....“Cuba's Appeal for Liberty”
Song .....James H. Young
Tableau .....
Edna Marcroft, Maggie Brimley, Hazel Cahoon.
Song .....Joseph Morley
Recitation .....Master Joe Whitbeck
Tableau .....
Hazel Marcroft, Aco Burton, Elsie Brimley, Murel Marcroft, Viola Marcroft.
Piano solo.....Theracia Carlquist
Two scenes from “Faust”.....
H. Mathews, R. Marcroft, Eleanor Marcroft.
Bass solo .....Elijah Gill

Dancing in the open air on a floor prepared for the occasion was the order of the evening.

The committee in charge were Frank Stanley, chairman; James H. Young, Alex Buchanan, Mrs. Ellen Rich and Mrs. Evelyn Swenson.

RELIEF TO EAST BENCH

Water Famine In That District Will End Soon.

HIGH LINE TO BE TAPPED

ENGINEER KELSEY HAS ADVISORY SUPERVISION.

Probable Result of City Council's Action, as Recommended By Waterworks Superintendent — Engineer Declares No Permanent General Relief Can Come Till Pipes Laid.

Before this week is out the waterworks department will undertake to readjust the distribution system in the hope of giving relief to residences on the east bench, which are deprived of water supply during the time of heavy draft on the entire system in daylight. The changes to be made will be recommended by City Engineer Kelsey, in pursuance of the city council's action Tuesday evening.

The city engineer devoted yesterday to familiarizing himself with the latest information on the prevailing conditions, and today he will prepare a set of recommendations that, if adopted, he thinks will afford relief to the east bench portion of the water famine district without depriving the lower district of an ample supply. The proposed changes will be inexpensive, comparatively, and he anticipates that they will be put into effect almost immediately, or not later than the middle of next week.

As Engineer Kelsey construes the action of the council, he is given advisory supervision of the work of correcting the defects in methods of water distribution through the pipes on the east side. Yesterday the engineer said he had accepted the duty imposed by the council without any sense of special gratification nor of regret, and his purpose is to recommend the best things possible to be done under the circumstances.

May Extend High Line District.

While the engineer declined to state what his recommendations would be, because he had not yet fully determined, it is believed that he proposes to connect the City Creek high line with the east bench system by the raising of a valve. In order to conserve the supply at night it will be advisable to close the valve, raising it each morning, but a pressure regulator may have to be installed before the plan will be successful and to prevent the high pressure from breaking the service pipes and house plumbing.

City Engineer Kelsey strongly advocates the immediate commencement of work on the improvements to the waterworks system in the eastern part of the city and the enlarging of the City Creek mains, which work the city council ordered done a couple of months ago, but was enjoined from execution by three prominent "disinterested" citizens. The engineer said last evening that no general relief could be given to water takers in the eastern part of the city until this work is completed. He regards the solution of the east side water question of greater importance than the companion project for greater pressure in the business district.

According to his plan as adopted by the city council and for the success of which he stakes his professional reputation, an expenditure of about $17,000 would bring permanent relief to the inhabitants of the thickly-settled portion east and south. In brief the plan is to run a supply pipe of large capacity from the Parley's conduit down Fifth South street to Twelfth East, connecting with the laterals diverging from that point. Then, to provide ample pressure for the lower district, a fourteen-inch main from the Parley's main on First South would run down Eighth East street to Sixth South, connecting at the intervening streets with the cross-pipes. This would put an end to the folly of attempting, even when water is plentiful, to feed six-inch pipes from four-inch pipes, which were laid years ago, but for which blunder neither Superintendent Caine nor the present administration is responsible.

HOTEL GOSSIP.

Lieutenant J. H. Crosby of the Eighth cavalry, who is stationed at Puerto Principe, was in the city yesterday to visit friends. Lieutenant Crosby is an old friend of Lieutenant Briant H. Wells. He resides in Chicago, and is here on a sick leave, having suffered severely from malaria. "We were not relieved over there until all the fighting was over," said the lieutenant, "much to our disgust. Despite all the pains that were taken, there was over 20 per cent of our regiment in the hospital at the same time. Of course we were in tents at that time, but now we have been removed to barracks, so we don't anticipate so much sickness now. There are a great many Spaniards in Cuba now, and they are by far the better class of citizens. We find the Cubans to be selfish, cunning and unscrupulous, ready at any time to cut the throats of their benefactors, but they are frightened to death of an American. One of our soldiers can handle a dozen of them."

E. K. Harris of the stock commission firm of Harris & Co., Omaha, is here buying cattle and sheep. "Sheep will begin moving soon," said he, "and they will bring a good price. Of course we expect to find more sheep for sale since the reserve order, but I don't know as it will bring prices down much."

Mr. Harris is a brother of Vice President Harris of the Burlington road.

"We have had such a dry season this year," said William Norton of Cherry Creek, Nev., "that it is a wonder that our sheep have been able to pull through. I never saw anything like it in my life. Nevertheless, we have come through pretty well. Our lambing has been remarkable, nearly 100 per cent. If the reserve order sticks, the only thing for some of us to do is to buy large tracts of land and run our sheep onto them."

"There isn't much wool left," said Theodore Davis of St. Louis at the Knutsford last night. "This year's clip is practically cleared out. I have just returned from Soda Springs, where I have found it almost impossible to find any wool. I understand that some sheepmen are buying up thousands of acres of land up there to put their sheep on. It is a good move, for in the long-run thousands of dollars will be saved by it."

"There are no mountains in America that have more wealth in them than those around St. George," said Shidon Andrew, a prominent merchant of that place, at the Walker last night. "When we get a railroad down there that country will open up and you'll hear of the greatest mines in the world right down there. We have had a terrible drought and hundreds of cattle have died. I never saw as dry a time before in twenty years."

"We haven't been disappointed in Salt Lake," said Miss Tyler of Council Bluffs, Ia., at the Walker yesterday. Miss Tyler is one of a company of twenty-eight school teachers, all from Council Bluffs, who have chartered two cars and are having a jolly vacation. They are on their way to the coast. On their arrival there they will disperse and return home when they like.

"Not that we were not expecting to see anything," continued Miss Tyler, "quite the contrary, we all looked forward to seeing Salt Lake with eagerness. We find a most beautiful city, such luxuriant streets and grand mountains. Of course, we visited the grave of Brigham Young, and while we don't exactly agree with his notions of matrimony, we must acknowledge his wonderful ability. In regard to Congressman Roberts, I don't care to talk. I am satisfied to let the matter rest with congress, but personally, taking everything into consideration, I think he has done right."

C. J. Campbell and wife, in company with Mrs. Baker, were down from Ogden yesterday. They were at the Kenyon.

Samuel R. Thatcher, a prominent young citizen of Logan, is in the city for a few days, with his bride.

Kenyon.—A. W. Conger, San Francisco; W. E. Osborne, San Francisco; G. E. Hyde, Charles Hogerty, Washington, D. C.; T. W. Cooper and wife, Kansas City; Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Bader, South Bend, Ind.; Mrs. A. W. Edwards,