A CARBON COMBINE.

Electric Light Companies Enter Into a Combination.

NEW YORK, June 23.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—The Times this morning says: "A meeting was held in this city yesterday which is of direct importance to all electric light interests. The causes which led to it have been developing for many months. The electric light industry, so far as arc lights are concerned, depends directly upon carbons. The consumption of these carbons by the various companies is at present in the neighborhood of 60,000,000 per year. The market has been supplied by two firms in Pittsburg, three or four in Cleveland and two in St. Louis. These companies two months ago formed a combination, and the combination took charge of all the factories. The price of carbons was suddenly and without warning put up from $10 and $12 per 1,000 to $20 and $25. It was known that only one raw material was of much account in making electric light carbons. This is the coke from petroleum naptha. The manufacturing, consequently, of the petroleum coke product was seen to be the key to the situation. The electric light men got together and talked the matter over. The proposition was to take the entire product of coke of the Standard Oil company and manufacture carbons for themselves. Everybody was found to be in favor of the movement. One company subscribed for 1,000,000 carbons per month. The others subscribed for from 20,000 to 500,000. The subscriptions were all upon the basis of the old rates, the cost of the larger size not to exceed $15 and the smaller in proportion. Then a committee was appointed to confer with the Standard Oil company and the conference was held yesterday. The company's figure for its entire coke product, 20,000 tons per year, was set at $8 per ton or $160,000 per annum. The electric light syndicate consider the offer and will accept it as soon as the various parties interested in their syndicate can signify their assent. This will effectually destroy the business of the western companies. It will cut off their supply of raw material and leave them no way out of their dilemma, since, while the electric light carbon syndicate will probably use not more than half of the coke product, they will still control it all. The new carbon factory is to be in this city.

United Workmen Elect Officers.

MILWAUKEE, June 23.—The supreme lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen elected the following officers to-day: Supreme master workman, William H. Jordan, of Oakland, Cal.; supreme foreman, C. M. Masters, of Sparta, Wis.; supreme overseer, William P. Graham, of Cedar Falls, Ia.; supreme recorder, M. W. Sackett, of Meadville, Pa.; supreme receiver, J. H. Lenhart, of Meadville, Pa.; supreme guide, John A. Cheld, of Portland, Ore.; supreme watchman, William M. Butts, of Baltimore; supreme medical examiner, Hugh Doherty, of Boston. The committee on laws and supervision reported a revised constitution and by-laws for the good of the order, which were made the special order for to-morrow. Their consideration will probably occupy considerable time.

Fatal Accident in a Mine.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., June 23.—An accident occurred in slope four of the Susquehanna coal company's mine, caused by an explosion of gas, at 8 o'clock last night. A gang of men who were engaged in driving the gangway in the slope entered the mine and this morning three of their comrades were brought to the surface dead and four injured. One of the injured men has since died and the others are unconscious and liable to die at any moment. It is believed by those at work at the time of the accident that the gas was set on fire by a powder explosion.

The Texas Train Robbers.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., June 23.—Last night George Shraff, a well-known gambler, formerly marshal of Tuling, was arrested on the charge of being the train robber leader. Captain Dick Marshall Rankin arrived last night with three men arrested near La Grange and suspected of being implicated in the Flatonia train robbery. It is reported the officers found the camping place of seven of the robbers and obtained clews which make them confident of capturing the whole gang.

This evening J. P. Richardson, of McMullen county, was arrested on suspicion of being one of the train robbers.

Patriotic Sons of America.

CHICAGO, June 23.—The Patriotic Sons of America closed the eleventh national convention to-day. The following officers were elected for ensuing year: President, George P. Smith, Chicago; vice president, Frank L. Murphy, Pennsylvania; treasurer, A. B. Phillips, Colorado; secretary, F. W. Hendley, Ohio. The convention adopted a new platform of principles, the more important declarations being against permitting any foreign socialists, anarchists or nihilists to land at our ports, and forbidding foreign speculalators and adventurers from investing in American real estate.

Jeff Davis on the Flags.

DANVILLE, Ill., June 23.—In response to a request from Danville that he deliver an address at its fair this year, Jefferson Davis has replied that it will be impossible for him to come to Illinois this year. In his letter, which was received to-day, Mr. Davis says referring to the rebel flag episode of recent date: "The order of the war department to return the captured flags to the confederate states was a violation of all known military precedents. The flags were captured by the volunteer army of the north and belong to the several states."

Army of the Potomac.

SARATOGA, N. Y., June 23.—Three hundred persons attended the banquet of the Army of the Potomac this evening. Toasts were responded to by General John C. Black, Colonel Calvin E. Pratt, General Henry W. Slocum, General W. T. Sherman, General Whipple, General D. E. Sickles, Corporal J. Tanner, C. M. Depew and others.

A committee was appointed to make arrangements for the meeting at Gettysburg in July, 1888, and to invite the army of northern Virginia.

Master Plumbers Adjourn.

CHICAGO, June 23.—In the convention of master plumbers to-day the report of the executive committee recommending the continued strict observance of the rule that manufacturers sell plumbers' goods to none but master plumbers was adopted. Officers were elected and the convention adjourned.

Western Live Stock Rates.

CHICAGO, June 23.—At a meeting of the general managers of the western lines today for the purpose of considering the best manner of procuring actual weight on live stock shipments received at the Union stock yards, it was agreed to turn the matter over to a committee to make such arrangements as will secure the end in view.

Silver Chasers Returning to Work.

NEW YORK, June 23.—The silver chasers, who have been on a strike for the last three months, are forsaking the Knights of Labor and are being taken back by employers on condition of renunciation of allegiance to trades unions. All are expected to be at work in a few days.

Steamship Arrivals.

NEW YORK, June 23.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—Arrived—The State of Pennsylvania, from Glasgow.

QUEENSTOWN, June 23.—Arrived—The Brittanic, from New York.

SOUTHAMPTON, June 23.—Arrived—The Trave, from New York for Bremen.

Cannot Concede the Advance.

PITTSBURG, June 23.—The sheet iron workers interested in the stamping and hollow-ware branch of the business considered the new scale offered by the Amalgamated association and decided it impossible to concede the advance.

Jake Sharp's Trial.

NEW YORK, June 23.—In the Sharp case to-day, Foote, of the First National bank, told of the dealings with Alderman Farley in 1885, and about the denomination of the money the latter had.

Preferred to Hang Himself.

BRATTLEBORO, Vt., June 23.—John Sagen, on trial for the murder of Helen A. [illegible], committed suicide by hanging this

HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

It Took Place at the Boyd Opera House Last Night.

ST. CATHERINE'S ACADEMY.

Additional Chapters on the Public Educational Institutions — A Lodge of Sorrow—Wanted at Topeka.

The High School Commencement.

The opera house curtain rose last evening upon a high school graduating class of twenty-nine young ladies and gentlemen. It was the largest class which has, under similar circumstances, ever assembled in Omaha. In appearance it was certainly not inferior to any that has appeared in recent years, and it may well be doubted if in intellectual strength and varied accomplishments it may not favorably be compared with any of those which have gone before it. Nine of the members were young gentlemen, the remainder young ladies, the names being as follows: John Ahlquist, Mabel Balcombe, Iowa Ball, Nellie Bauserman, Amelia Blumoe, Harry L. Bowner, J. W. Broach, Belle L. Cox, Augustus K. Detwiler, Rose Donahue, Emily Dorn, Enoch J. Ellison, Jeannette B. Gibbs, Clara Griffin, I. Harris, Carrie House, Bertha Leisenring, Mary Eudington, Anna N. McCague, Nells Moyer, Ben Nelson, M. Alta Peacock, Victor S. Rosewater, Sadie Schlesinger, Lou Shropshire, Leonard C. Strang, Vena Wells, Etta Whitney and Minnie Woodman. From this list Sadie Schlesinger alone was absent through illness.

The stage was set with the beautiful palace arch, backed with the conservatory. It was a peculiarly appropriate setting, the members of the class appearing to excellent advantage. The young ladies were attired in muslin, lace, silk and satin, and in the traditional white each looking like the veritable angel the average female graduate is supposed to be on the night she leaves her books behind her. In the midst of these beruffled and bewitching creatures, the nine young gentlemen sat, the envied of every youth in the auditorium.

Miss Iowa Ball was the first essayist, her subject being "Charles and Mary Lamb as brother and sister." This essay displayed a deep appreciation of the genial writer, the echo of whose laughter, or rather that which he created, still rings in many hearts. It told of the early life of the two, the mutual love which existed between them, their long walks, their visit to the grave yard, the condition of the parents in their old age and of the dreadful tragedy which made the sister a matricide. This was followed by a reference to his later life, and the lavish encomiums which great men had passed upon him, notably that of Wordsworth who said that Lamb "was good if o'er a good man lived."

This essay is chiefly remarkable for its warmth of admiration and the christian feeling which actuated both brother and sister, and an appreciation of the literary work of the poet. It was appreciated, and the following little maidens, Ida Newman, Emma Moor, Edna Robinson, Ada Waugh, Ella Breckenridge and May Maynard, deposited flowers in profusion at the feet of the essayist.

Augustus K. Detweiler discoursed upon the "Genus Homo." Starting out with the assertion that every endeavor to comprehend the animal kingdom from a scientific point of view makes modern geology the basis of its conclusions, he held that scientific study must accept the phenomenon of adaptability; that the versatility of the organs of plants meets the variability of their external circumstances and accommodates them to changes that are always taking place. He then briefly traced from the era in which was the simplest expression of human life—that of the protozoan, then the vertebrate type which swarmed the seas—he held it was not impossible that even man may have appeared here, surviving all the changes which had taken place since the Mesozoic era. When the earth was ready for man, the latter appeared upon the scene, and just as man now guides the development of animal and vegetable forms, so from the highest brute forms, guided by a Superior Intelligence, man himself has developed in a definite direction and for a special purpose. He then traced man's progress from a crude state, and detailed the soul's outward expression in works of art and by the study of these works for both use and beauty. For the animal, evolution was perhaps complete, but for the man, it has yet much to accomplish. He closed a refereace to man's aspirations to place himself in harmony with his environments, and by making reason and the will of God to prevail, becoming himself the arbiter of his own destiny. Man harmonized with nature, with God, the human became divine and the cycle was complete.

As may be inferred, the subject was a heavy one. It was well treated by the young gentleman, whose delivery was inclined to the forcible and effective rather than of the ornate style.

Ven Wells recited "Jimmy Brown's Santa Claus" in a manner which entertained the audience.

Nella Moyer played "Le Gazelle" as a piano solo quite acceptably and was liberally rewarded with flowers.

Carrie E. Howell essayed "A Study of Ralph Waldo Emerson." This was a fervid eulogy of the celebrated divine. It detailed his early life, his poverty, struggles, studies, ordination, and the sympathetic and magnetic influences which he created by his preaching. He was not an imitator of Carlisle, but a leader in many ways. He exerted an influence most potent and grateful. He was a a loyal American and a thorough New Englander, and as patriotic a citizen as ever lived.

The delivery was rapid, but the composition was very good.

Victor Rosewater essayed on "Recent Explorations." There was a force inherent in man which urges him on to discover new things. The impulses which spurred the Phenecian explorers now incites those of our times. The rewards to be put forward to induce men to endure the hardships of discovery were commercial advantages, gains to science, glory and renown. At the beginning of the century few parts of the earth remained unexplored. Nothing was left but the dark African continent, in the south, and the icy Arctic land in the north—one clothed in luxuriant vegetation, the latter half devoid of life or means of subsistence. Worthy was the commander who hazarded his life in such realms. The name of Stanley would always be connected with the foundation of the Congo Free State, and Greely and Lockwood would be remembered as having in a great way cleared the route to the north pole. The immense wealth of the Congo basin was being opened to the world. Human beings have actually trodden within six degrees of the north pole. The profits of these enterprises are distributed to all persons. Was it not an honor to our nation that it has aided in those undertakings? The fame of those discoverers is ours, and the adventurous spirits of future times should remember that the renown of those has been obtained only by great labor, illustrating "Heights charm us; the paths which lead to them do not."

The delivery was earnest, manly and graceful, and was warmly appreciated.

Miss Sadie Schlesinger's absence caused her recitation to be passed.

Mary Ludington read an interesting and moral deductic essay on "The Holy Grail." She characterized the middle ages as the wonderland which divides the ancient civilization from the modern, that long, dark interval whose silence and mysterious gloom are only such as herald the coming of the dawn. She then spoke of those of that period who set out in quest of the Holy Grail, at the same time repeating the legend of the cup, which was supposed to have been that used by the Savior at the last supper. One of the modern ideas of the significance of the quest of the grail is that it is the search after truth. To find this it was not required to go, like the knights of old, on a perilous quest, nor to immure ourselves in convents, for the grail is within our homes, within our every-day lives.

The delivery of Miss Ludington was really excellent, and the piece evoked a hearty applause.

Miss Amelia Blumve delivered an essay on our "Black Familiars." It was a midwinter reverie, and in its quiet, modest way a gem of description of the appearance, habits and aspirations of the crow family.

A concert recitation followed, in which the following young ladies took part: Misses Ball, Blumye, Cox, Donahoe, Dorn, Gibbs, Griffin, Howell, Leisenring, Shropshire, Wells, Whitney and Woodman. This was a medley, nicely contrived and very acceptably rendered. The class was under the direction of Miss Decie Johnston as were indeed, all the speakers of the evening, in whom greater individual excellence was noticed than in any similar previous class.

Mabel Balcombe delivered an essay upon the "Italian Influence on English Poetry." It was a flowery consideration of a poetic idea, the warmth of which seemed to have been received from the same influence which she claimed brightened, colored and vivified not only the writers in England from Chancer to Dryden, but even created a halo which still hovered over the rich lines of Byron and others of even more recent date.

Toward the close, Miss Balcombe's delivery was in keeping with the nature of her subject. She retained the attention of her audience, but a faulty intonation at the close rather destroyed the charm of her earlier work.

Miss Anna McCague played "Boute-en-Taine" as a piano solo, and was liberally applauded.

Miss Nina Bauserman recited "Old Margaret" with a great deal of success.

J. W. Broach orated on "The American Army." The peace of America has been unbroken by the excitement of a great war. Our means of defense have been neglected, our military stations have fallen into decay, and a nation once mighty in war has almost forgotten the glorious traditions of former prowess. He spoke about the danger to be apprehended from such a state of affairs, and said that it had been suggested that Britain might upset the acts of 1812 and 1847. The bloody battles in the streets of Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago and other cities warn us that at our firesides lurk the elements of danger to the republic. It would be madness to oppose raw militia against trained soldiers. The regular army had been decreased in a shameful manner. Now was the time to honor that arm which in time would rank with the legions of Rome, the battallions of Napoleon and the phalanxes of Sparta.

Mr. Broach has a good voice. He spoke without affectation and made but a few gestures.

Carrie House played the piano solo, "La Danse de Fies," with much appreciation.

"The History of Chemistry as Told by the Elemental Genii," was the subject of Miss Emily Dorn's essay. In it she personified the elements, and told of the annoyance they experienced when they found man was encroaching upon them, the cloud of mystery in which they enveloped themselves, and finally how each one of them in turn was led from his native seclusion a slave at the car of human civilization. The idea was happily conceived, consistently carried out, and the effort was delivered with the interest of a lady devoted to the chemical analysis of the agents to whom she had given corporal habitation and a name.

The effort was a pronounced success.

The graduates were then given their diplomas.

President Points made a few remarks and the audience retired.

Prof. Franko's orchestra rendered several fine selections during the evening.

St. Catherine's Academy.

The commencement exercises and tenth annual distribution of prizes took place yesterday afternoon, at St. Catherine's academy, on Eighteenth street. This school is exclusively under the charge of the Sisters of Mercy, and is conducted by Sister Mary Bechmans as principal, and eight teachers. Very Rev. Father Shaffel presided in the absence of the bishop, who was unable to attend. A large number of reverend gentlemen were present. Previous to the distribution of prizes a programme consisting of vocal and instrumental music and salutatory addresses of welcome was executed in an admirable manner by the young ladies of the academy. Whilst the several performances evidenced a high order of talent, the Marche Brilliante piano duet, by Misses E. Creighton and M. Perkins, was especially worthy of mention. The salutatory addresses to the bishop and clergy, read by Miss M. McGavock, was delivered in a most effective manner. In one of the rooms an exhibition of fancy work, consisting of embroidery and crocheting work, was tastefully displayed, and a goodly number of water color paintings and crayon drawings decorated the walls. All these bore testimony to the skill of the pupils, as well as to the efficiency of the teachers. The church vestments, worked by Misses Nellie Murphy and Anna Wasserman, were beautiful specimens of needlework, and the paintings by Misses Clara Van Camp, Clara Creighton and Maggie Jerkins were artistically executed. The following is a list of prizes distributed:

CROWNS.

Honor—Misses Etta Creighton, Agnes Mulhall, Mary Loby and Nellie Gallagher.

Attendance—Miss Anna Cunningham.

Politeness—Misses Rosie Davis, Dora Biendorff, Nellie McShane, Maggie McShane and Bertha Van Camp.

Christian Doctrine—Misses Nellie Murphy, Norah McAuliff, Maggie McArdle and May McShane.

Singing—Misses Jennie McClealand, Rose Flannery, Alice Lowery, Stella Riley and Fannie McGavock.

Fancy Work—Miss Anna Wasserman.

RIBBONS.

Politeness—Misses Nellie Murphy, Etta Creighton, Clara Riley, Noah McAuliff, Agnes Mulhall, Clara Van Camp, Maggie McArdle, Clara Creighton, Stella Shane, Saran McGavock, Mary McGavock, Gail Fisher, Loretto Dailey, Laura Schaab, Lulu Miller, Philomena Swift, Maggie Hogarty, Anna Creighton and Agnes Murphy.

SILVER MEDALS.

Christian Doctrine—Misses Etta Creighton, Clara Riley, Nellie Murphy, Norah McAuliff, Maggie McArdle, May McShane, Agnes Mulhall, Katie Perkins, Sarah McGavock, Mary McGavock, Clara Creighton, Mary Durr, Loretto Cushing, Nellie McShane, Maggie McShane, Mary Leahy, Anna Creighton, Fannie McGavock, Masters Eddie McShane and Willie Coad.

BOOKS.

Study—First class: Misses Etta Creighton, Nellie Murphy, Clara Riley, Norah McAuliff. Second class, first division—Misses Stella Shane, Clara Van Camp, Maggie Perkins, Katie Perkins, Maggie McArdle, Agnes Mulhall. Second division—Misses Clara Creighton, Grace Fisher, Lora McGavock, Mary McGavock, Alice Lowry, Anna Borghim, Minnie Callahan, Jennie McClelland. Third class, first division—Misses Hattie Stevens, Gail Fisher, Mary Durr. Second division—Misses Laura Schwaab, May McShane, Anna Cunningham, Loretto Dailey, Loro Bushing, Lulu Miller, Rosie Flannery, Master Arthur Callan. Fourth class, first division—Misses Philly Swift, Mary Labey, Anna Creighton, Agnes Murphy, May Gorman, Katie Morgan, Annie Sullivan, Rosie Davis, Maggie Hogerty, Lydia Parker, Frances Cooper and Master Clarence Gallagher. Second division—Misses Nellie McShane, Lena O'Riley, Dora Beindorff, Fannie McGavock, Mary Guckson, Alice Furay, Stella Riley, Maggie McShane, May Sullivan, Master Willie Shane and Mac Morrison, Misses Lessie Little and Nellie Coad. Fifth class—Miss Nellie Gallagher, Master Dick Cushing, Misses Bertha Van Camp, Viola Miner, Josephine Fisher, Gussie Lehman, Lillie McGavock, Jennie Morris, May Leary, Marie Armstrong, Edna Funk, Masters Frank McGinn, Henry Beindorff, Lee McShane, Willie Stephenson, Tom Riley, Fred Nash, Louis Gallagher, Eddie McShane and Willie Coad.

Music—Misses Etta Creighton, Clara Van Camp, A. Wasserman.

Painting—Misses Maggie Perkins, A. Wasserman, C. Van Camp, C. Creighton.

Fancy work—Misses A. Borglam, Nellie Murphy.

Christian Doctrine—Masters A. Callen, C. Gallagher, F. McGinn, Lee McShane, Misses Alice Furay and May Gorman.

Attendance—Master Mac Morrison.

Father Shaffel addressed the young people, wishing them a happy vacation, and hoped that they would spend their time profitably.

The academy will resume work on the first Monday in September.

The Pacific School.

The Pacific school is one of the oldest school buildings in the city. Beginning with a small structure, it has from time to time been added to until at present it is quite a formidable looking building. Notwithstanding these additions it is still inadequate for the growing district in which it is situated, and it has been found necessary to rent three rooms in the vicinity to provide for the defect. The school has the disadvantage of being located on a very low site and from a sanitary point of view the situation is anything but a healthy one. There has been some talk recently of selling the property and building on a higher site, but no definite action has yet been taken in the matter. Miss Margaret McCarthy is the principal of the school. During the year 693 scholars have been enrolled and 480 are in attendance, whilst the average attendance has been 512. The scholastic work is conducted by twelve teachers and all were busy with examinations when the BEE reporter called. Miss McCarthy teaches the eighth B class, which consists of fifteen scholars. Her most prominent pupils are Oscar Quick, Jennie Hubbard, Louis Edwards, Jane Goff and Sadie Mahoney. Three pupils—Oscar Quick, Maud Miller and Bessie Farrel—have distinguished themselves by doing the work of two terms in one, whilst the first named, Charlie Peterson and Fred Smith, have not been absent a day during the year.

The seventh B and A classes are presided over by Miss Lida Schallenberger. There are twenty-five scholars, all of whom are reported diligent. The best scholars are Mary Spethman, Cora Swanson, Fannie Flood, Frank Norlander and Philip Nestor.

Miss Mary Thompson is the teacher of the tenth A and B classes and has thirty-nine scholars under her supervision. Her most diligent pupils are Hannah Hochstrasser, Charlie Scott, Maggie Kerr, Fannie Wright and Charlie Lanblad.

Mrs. Adeline Fowler is in charge of the fifth B class. There are thirty-three scholars on the roll and the following are the most prominent of many diligent scholars in the class: Peter Starr, Maggie Carey, Edith Shields and Charles Smith.

The fifth A and fourth B classes are taught by Miss Rossba Eddy and comprise forty-six scholars. The best pupils are Minnie Jorgensen, Eddie Doll, Frank Potter, Mary Anderson and Clyde Lunblad. One pupil, Leon Lohnes, has been perfect in attendance during the year.

Miss Mary Goodman's classes are those of fourth A and fourth B. There are forty-six children in attendance, most of whom are apt and intelligent pupils. The leaders are George Darnell, Emma Polson, Bert Emerson, Ella Bourne and Amanda Lundberg. Delia Lozier and George Darnell have shown their aptitude for study by compressing the work of two terms into one. Two pupils, Delia Lozier and Anna Quick, are reported perfect in attendance.

The third B class is taught by Miss Alice Harmon, who has thirty-eight children under her care. The brightest of these are Joel Stebbins, Ella Brown, Lizzie McGovern, Leo Lowry and Jennie Gardipee. Lena Nelson has not been absent during the year.

Miss Helen Hunt is the teacher of the third A class, which comprises forty-six children, the leaders being Lillie Price, Emma Roscicsky, George Wolff, Henry Lieberkust and Frank Cox. The second A and second B classes are taught by Miss Addie Gladstone, who has forty-six pupils to instruct. The most prominent of these are Blanche Miller, Eddie Boyer, Willard Fuller and Mable Deuel. Walter Chamberlain, too, is a pupil whose record is worthy of mention; he has not been absent during the year, and has made an extra class. Miss Jessie Lazear teaches the first C class. There are thirty children, of whom Nels Nelson and Martha Homelius were mentioned as particularly diligent.

The first B and C is a class of fifty-five little ones, presided over by Miss Fannie Nevins, who is assistant principal of the school. The best pupils are Nellie Allen, Caroline Glasser and George Georgeson.

Miss Katie Powers is the teacher of the first A, in which there are fifty-five scholars. The leading pupils are Nora Pullen, Florence Mason, Frank Gadulty, Walter Matthews and Franck Thacker.

Leavenworth School.

The Leavenworth school is one of the finest educational buildings in this city. The rooms are well lighted, and the ventilation seems to be satisfactory to those who are most directly interested in it. This, however, refers only to the first and second floors. The basement is not included. In the latter place there are now two classes. Formerly there were four. Two of them, now taught by Miss Brown and Miss Johnston, are located in a frame building adjoining. A part of the latter structure originally served in connection with old Brownell hall. It fell into disuse when that institution bloomed into an edifice of strength and beauty on Tenth street hill, and was purchased by the board of education, moved to its present site, an addition built to it, and was then occupied by the classes mentioned. They had been sought in their subterranean retreat by the dampness of the earth and the rain storm, and compelled to take flight to preserve their health. As a consequence of this hegira, before other quarters could be provided for them, an interregnum took place in which the children lost three weeks' of school. The basement rooms now in use, it is claimed are not so objectionable as were the others, but are sufficiently disagreeable to create a desire on the part of the principals and others, to have them related to their original uses as playing ground for the rats.

This school, the principal, Miss Minnie J. Wood, informed the visitor, enrolled 603 scholars this year. The attendance at present is about 500, while the average attendance during the year has been about 530. Miss Wood says that the attendance this year, is noticeable for the number of native Omahans and Nebraskans. In proof of this she referred to a long list of names which substantiated what she had said. There are twelve teachers in the two buildings referred to. Miss Greenlee has charge of the seventh A and B with forty-two children. The leading members of this class are Elmer Carlson, Julia Davis, Louis Freitschke, Herber Morse, Charles Frank and George Seligson.

The classes of the sixth and seventh A taught by Miss M. R. Lucas consists of thirty-eight boys and girls, though, in the winter they numbered about forty-five. They have done the work of two classes in the time ordinarily assigned to one. This class is specially commended for the excellence in reading of a large number of its members. The most prominent scholars are Eva Burns, Ada Stone, Emma Levi, Charles Crombie and Henry Stearns.

Miss Ida L. Remington's classes are those of fifth B and sixth A, which have an average attendance of about forty-seven. In the estimation of the teacher, nearly all of the scholars rank equally well and have done excellent work throughout. In proof of this she referred to the fact that they had made three classes instead of two during the year. The leaders designated were: Lyman Chaffee, Emma Vallen, Ella Savage, Edith Schwartz, Fred Knickerbocker, May Lawrence, Marion Schibsby, Fannie Davenport. In fifth B, Stella Huestis and Edna Donahoe.

Miss L. Washburn teaches the fifth A class during the absence of Miss Solomon, who is now sick. There are forty-two children in attendance, among whom the most distinguished are Guy Penfold, William Manchester, Ida Rhoades, Grace Crawford and Lanie Tebbins.

Mrs. Florence Reed has in third A class thirty-six children. This number is much less than the attendance during the winter, having been reduced by a number of her able-bodied scholars "going to work." The leaders are Marie Kennedy, Frank Teola, Jennie Hempel, Frank Behm and Edith Burns.

Miss Abbie C. Leighton is in charge of the fourth A class, which now consists of forty-six members. It formerly comprised about sixty names, though many have since been transferred to other schools. Miss Leighton's opinion of her cherubs, even if not of the most modest degree, seems certainly not unmerited by them. Several of them have not been absent from class during the year, and all of them present an inviting and intelligent appearance. The leaders are David Whiting, Sadie Leisenring, Lloyd Billman, Mabel Fullriede, Elsie Schwartz, Alex. Swanson and Othalia Karbach.

Miss McDonald, of the second B, was referred to as the artist of the school, and the walls of the room bore evidence of her handiwork. The thirty members of the class were engaged in language work, telling on their slates the story of Moses in the bullrushes, a colored picture of which hung upon the board, and from which the little ones drew their inspiration. The BEE representative was strongly tempted to publish a couple of the stories, because they were nicely composed, and the penmanship was really excellent. The more prominent children were Mary Rasmussen, Roy Penfold, Dollie Spencer, Bennie Jones, and Willie McElroy.

Miss Johnson's class is the third B. It is located in the fragment of Brownell hall above referred to. In it are forty-four children, two of whom are colored, and one of these is among the brightest in the room. Sometime ago he contested in arithmetic with a white lad, and came off victorious. The leaders are Joseph McKinney, Birdie Balach, Lester Lowe, Richard Goetty, and Richard Welty.

Miss S. E. Brown is one of the refugees from the damp basement. She has survived malaria and other ills, and now feels perfectly contented in the shanty provided, although improvement might be made in both light and ventilation. The leaders are Florence Brown, Mamie and Annie Costello, Willie Vaughn and Lena Minikus.

Miss Maggie Read is another of the basement victims. She has charge of the first A class, which was at recess when the BEE man called. In this room there are forty-nine children, who, to judge by their samples of kindergarten work, are bright, industrious and a credit to their instructress. Miss Read is spoken of as a most capable teacher. She is a graduate of the Peru normal school, in this state. Her leading children are Ole Oleson, Ethel Burns, Milton Read, Tillie Liebler and Floyd Behm.

In the basement also, are the classes of first and second A, taught by Miss Olive Hubbard, consisting of thirty-six children. The most advanced scholars are Christian Hanson, George Read, Miriam Hart, Charles Powell and Claude McKinney.

The last class visited was that of Miss Wood, the principal, the first B and C. The walls of the apartment were alive with sporting rabbits, demure male and female human creatures, flowers and borders. There are forty children in attendance, though there have been as many as sixty-five present at one time during the year. Just as the BEE man entered, a little lady named Annie Wilde, was reading with a great deal of distinctness and intelligence. The leaders are Howard Johnson, Annie Wilde, Anna Hansen, Sydney Reeves and Adele Moore.

During the year, the following children have been in attendance every day: Chauncey Mahanna, Geo. Rocho, Henry Thompson, Elma Carlson, Alex Swanson, Laura Mark, Amelia Holtorf, Katie Haggerty, Ida Lewman, Anna Sheeler, Annie Petersen, Thomas Begley, Katie Schroeder, Howard Johnson, Angela Carlson, Maud Lawrence, Harold Thompson and Pollie Herman.

Center Street School.

The Center street school occupies a commanding site and stands out in bold relief to the eye of the passer-by. The grading on Eleventh in front of the school is being assiduously carried on, and when finished will add to the prominence of the building. The school contains four commodious class rooms, in which it was apparent that every attention has been given to cleanliness and neatness. As there is not sufficient accommodation in the building for all the children in the district, a room has been rented and is occupied by a class on Thirteenth street. Mrs. Kate M. Kean is the principal, and reports that very satisfactory progress has been made by her scholars during the year. Three hundred and forty children have been enrolled and the number in attendance is 250. The average attendance has been about 230 children. Mrs. Kean teaches the fifth A and fourth B class, which comprise forty scholars. Her leading pupils are Ingeborg Anderson, Sigred Anderson, Willie Boeckhoff and Lena Kaufman. There has been no tardiness in the class, and satisfactory progress has been the rule rather than the exception.

The classes third B and fourth A are taught by Mrs. Annie Fair. There are thirty-eight pupils in these classes, the most diligent of whom are Clarence Terry, Willie Jeffries, Mary Kutera, Mark Lerwiance and Obie Finney. One pupil, Josie Spibnack has not been absent from school during the year. Fannie Goff and Willie Jeffries have distinguished themselves by compressing a year's work into half a year.

Classes second B and third A are taught by Miss Mary E. Jordan. There are fifty-nine scholars under Miss Jordan's care, all of whom present a bright and intelligent appearance. Those who have more particularly distinguished themselves are Joseph Pellican, Ellen Nelson, Maggie Johnston, Carrie Krueger, and Katie Goff. Two children, Fannie Frost and Frances Kutera, have not been absent during the year.

Miss Myra La Rue is the teacher in charge of the first C and second A classes, which carry on their studies in the room on Thirteenth street. Miss La Rue has only been three months in the school, but during that time reports satisfactory progress. Her brightest pupils are Paul White, Lulu Therber, Charlie Moran, Willie Sickert and Amelia Rinefeldt.

Miss Jennie L. Redfield is the lady in charge of the little ones in first A and B classes, numbering fifty-six scholars, one of whom is colored and intelligent. The most proficient of the class are Edna Callen, Daisey McMahon, Betsey Nelson, Gustave Kalbe and Regnar Anderson. Gustave Kolbe has been present every day during the year.

Canada's Parliament Prorogued.

OTTAWA, Ont., June 23.—At 8 o'clock this evening the governor general came down in state, and after assenting to the bills passed during the session, read his speech proroguing parliament.

Convicted of Codman's Murder.

BOSTON, June 23.—James E. Nowling, who has been on trial several days for the murder of one Codman, a young milk peddler, last winter, was to-night convicted of murder in the first degree.

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Special Ordinance No. 964.

AN Ordinance levying a special tax and assessment on certain lots and real estate in the city of Omaha, to cover the one-half cost of grading Twenty-ninth avenue from Leavenworth street to Hickory street.

Whereas, it having been and being hereby adjudged, determined and established that the several lots and pieces of real estate hereinafter referred to, have each been specially benefitted to the full amount herein levied and assessed against each of said lots and pieces of real estate, respectively, by reason of the grading of that part of 29th avenue from Leavenworth street to Hickory street, done under contract with Katz & Callahan.

Therefore, for the purpose of paying the one half cost of such grading:

Be it Ordained by the city council of the city of Omaha.

Section 1. That the one-half cost of grading that part of 29th avenue, in the city of Omaha, from Leavenworth street to Hickory street, and one-half of said cost being the sum of $1,809.93, said grading being done under contract with Katz & Callahan, be and the same is hereby levied and assessed, according to special benefits by reason of said grading, upon the following lots and real estate as shown by the generally recognized map of the city of Omaha, 1886, lithographed and published by C. E. Mayne, said cost being so levied on said lots and real estate, respectively, as follows, to-wit:

HANSCOM PLACE ADDITION.

Name of Owner.	Lot or Description.	Block.	Am't of Tax.
Groff & Montgomery	13	3	$14 99
"	14	3	14 99
Alva J & Jennie L Grover	15	3	14 99
J E & M J Dietrick	16	3	14 99
J A & J W Griffith	17	3	14 99
"	18	3	14 99
Nellie A North	19	3	14 99
Ella M Goodrich	20	3	15 00
Albert L Nields	21	3	15 00
Geo A Wilcox	22	3	15 01
Anna E Howell	23	3	14 99