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GREAT INTEREST IN THE JOINT SESSION

Brief Review of the Lighting Contract Fight, Which Is to Be Disposed of Tonight.

What will probably be the most interesting meeting of councils in many months in the joint session that will be held this evening.

What has awakened the interest of the public to the extent that it is to be observed in the places about the city where topics are most discussed is the lighting contract, which is to be disposed of finally tonight.

Up to this year, the Lackawanna Valley Electric Light company has had no opposition in obtaining the contract for illuminating the streets of the city.

This year, however, a rival appeared. The Welshbach company, the maker of the gas lamps which now have an international reputation, sought an entrance with Carbondale, and through the Carbondale Gas company, bids were submitted to the councils on Monday evening, May 15.

The joint light and water committee took up the bids, but the propositions coming from the two companies—the gas company and the electric light corporation—were too much for the committee to intelligently dispose of in the limited time.

The committee, after having expressed its subject in all its details, will present its report to councils.

In the meantime, the light contract has probably been the most discussed topic of the projects now before councils.

From this start, the Welshbach company has shown how earnest it is to install its method of illumination in Carbondale.

While the report of the light committee is in the keeping of the chairman, yet it will be a safe venture to say that a change is likely in the method of illuminating the city, and that some of the streets, at least, will likely have a new glow of light.

Many to Graduate. The High School Commencement Will Be Held on June 14.

The largest graduating class in the history of the Carbondale High School will receive diplomas this year.

The commencement exercises will be held on Friday, June 14, the day on which school closes for the summer vacation.

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The remnant of our once mighty host of self-sacrificing patriots, old and young, who served the country with valor and women during the trying days when secession was rampant.

While life lasts they need not be told of the privations and physical endurance of the men who exhibited the most unselfish patriotism, who good blood was exacted as a vicarious atonement for a great national wrong.

To perpetuate the glorious history of the righteous cause for which our valiant soldiers and sailors bravely contended; to show to the world our veneration for the memory of our sacred dead, who freely gave their lives for the land they loved; to bless posterity by the weight of their present influence; to aid deserving comrades in distress; and to help the families of those deceased, the Grand Army of the Republic was organized.

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He was listened to with the closest attention by the members. Several new members were received into the Blessed Virgin's sodality.

The veterans of the Civil and Spanish-American war attended Divine service in the Holy Ghost church last evening. A very appropriate and eloquent sermon was delivered by Rev. Dr. Spencer, the pastor.

Miss Kate Monahan, of Carbondale, visited friends at this place yesterday.

Miss Mary Ward, of Avoca, is the guest of Mrs. Nellie McAndrew, of South street.

Decorations Day at the Pan-American Exposition, Buffalo, N. Y.

On account of the above, ticket agents of the Lackawanna railroad will sell round trip tickets to Buffalo, going on Friday, May 25th, and limited for return within ten days, including date of sale, at \$6.00 for the round trip. Tickets will be good for passage in day coaches only.