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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 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 Westbach 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 council 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.

From this start, the Westbach company has shown how earnest it is to install its method of illumination in Carbondale. From the outset, it was anxious to show the councilmen and the citizens the effect of the Westbach lights, and after a number of displays let the question of the efficiency of the illuminant and its advantages, if any, over the arc light.

Accordingly, lights were placed at seven different points in the city and were put in operation for three weeks and have been burning since then. There have been numerous expressions of opinion on the new light, but they have been so varied that one could scarcely draw any conclusions.

Another point of interest in which there is an intense interest is the municipal water plant. This, too, is to come up in council tonight to be disposed of finally, and it is safe to say that the council members will be adequately informed on the expected outpouring of citizens to hear the discussions on these two important measures.

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 senior class numbers about forty, and it is expected the greater portion of them will pass their examinations.

The commencement exercises will be held on Friday, June 14, the day on which school closes for the summer vacation. They will be held in the Grand opera house and will be similar to those of last year. The class will be represented on the programme by three honor students, the valedictorian, salutatorian and class historian, whose names will be announced later.

The oration of the evening will be made by Rev. Mr. Davenport, of Yorkers, N. Y., whose recognized ability as a public speaker is well known. He is fitted for the position he is to fill. He will talk to the graduating class and the audience on "Winning Forces in Character."

There will also be eulogistic and musical selections by members of the school. The High School orchestra will render the accompaniments and has for some time been rehearsing the music.

To Tour the West.

T. R. Durfee, of this city, and A. E. Gobhardt, superintendent of the powder mill at Jermyn, left Saturday evening on the Erie for a trip to the Pacific coast and return, and will put in their time taking in the different points of interest to tourists throughout the west and northern states.

They will pass through Chicago, Denver, Colorado Springs, Leadville, Salt Lake City, Los Angeles, Yosemite Valley, San Francisco, Portland, Seattle, Yellowstone Park, St. Paul, Duluth, the Great Lakes and Buffalo, where they will spend a few days at the Pan-American exposition before returning home.

Visiting Here.

Harry J. Vandemark, a former Carbondale boy, at one time holding a position in the Erie railway freight house in this city, but now traveling passenger agent for the Queen and Crescent route, with headquarters at Detroit, Mich., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vandemark, of Washington street.

Jerry O'Rourke left last evening for Youngstown, O.

A Good Suggestion.

A good suggestion was made by Commander McComb in his Memorial Day order, and which could be acted upon with credit, if proper cognizance of it were taken. It is with reference to caring for the aged veterans—the heroes of the nation's trying times—on Memorial Day or at least during the parade arranged for that day.

Doing the Heating Work.

Sullivan & Ryan have been given the contract for the heating and ventilation work in the new addition to the Emergency hospital. E. Tiffany is doing the carpenter work.

Tonight's Dance.

The only social event scheduled for tonight is the dance of the Germania Singing society, to be held in their hall on Main street. Prof. C. B. Saft, of Scranton, will furnish the music, and all who attend are assured a most enjoyable time.

Some Fine Work.

Some very fine architectural drawings displayed in the show window of Singer's Park Clothing House are attracting considerable attention. They are the work of H. S. Woodward, who is employed as a draughtsman by contractor A. E. Tiffany and form part of a display placed there by the International Correspondence Schools.

Good News Received.

Word has been received by Carbondale friends of Miss Maggie Brown, a former resident of this city, that she has been made a head nurse of Bellevue hospital, New York city. She left here some years ago and took a complete course in trained nursing, which she followed up with several special courses, thoroughly fitting her for the profession in which she has enjoyed rapid promotion.

A Western Trip.

Rev. and Mrs. A. F. Chaffee expect to join the party that will journey across the continent to the Epworth league national convention in San Francisco.

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REMINISCENCES BY GEORGE JOHNSON

A Former Resident Writes Interestingly of Carbondale's Days "Before the War"—Mentions Many Well Known People.

George Johnson, of Pittston, one of the well known former residents of this city, contributed to our interesting article in yesterday's Carbondale Leader on the early Carbondale. For many years he was connected with the Delaware and Hudson company here and was later land agent for the Pennsylvania Coal company. He writes as follows:

PASSING AWAY OF MRS. WILLIAM JOHNSON

One of the City's Most Widely Known and Highly Esteemed Women Departed This Life on Saturday.

Mrs. William Johnson, one of the most highly esteemed women of the community, died Saturday morning at about 6 o'clock, after a long and painful illness. She had been an invalid for many years, and about four weeks ago was stricken with an attack of pneumonia, which, with other complications, brought on the end. Death came very peacefully.

Mrs. Johnson was formerly Miss Harriet Newell Graves. She was born in this city on March 9, 1841, and had been a continuous resident here up to the time of her death. Forty-one years ago she married William Johnson, who was united in marriage to her surviving husband, William Johnson.

The news of Mrs. Johnson's death will be received with surprise and great regret. She was a woman of excellent character and charitable qualities and was beloved by all who knew her. She had, during her years of activity, been a devoted member and worker of the First Methodist church and many homes have been brightened during hours of darkness by her ministrations. She possessed a steadfast faith and unbounded patience and during her long invalidism she endured affliction with the greatest fortitude, never complaining, but thanking her Maker for the blessings He had vouchsafed.

Mrs. Johnson is survived by her aged mother, Mrs. Elsie Graves; her husband, William Johnson; two sons, William E. and Charles W. Johnson; Miss Jane Graves; Frank Smith and Miss Jane Graves.

The funeral will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. A. F. Chaffee will conduct the services at the house in Washington place, after which interment will be made in Maplewood cemetery.

TERM SOON EXPIRES.

Dr. F. E. Jenkins Expected from the Philippines in August.

Word was received last week from Dr. F. E. Jenkins, who is a surgeon in the volunteer army stationed in the Philippines. The doctor is enjoying excellent health, and as the fighting has subsided, he now engages teaching the English language to the natives. The letter was written in April and even then the temperature had become extremely hot. He described the capture of Aguinaldo, his account being similar to that published in this paper. The doctor also described the hanging of a native by the United States authorities. It was the first execution of the kind in that section, and the religious ceremonies through by the victim and his friends, and the interest of the Americans. Dr. Jenkins' term of enlistment runs out next month, and while he may possibly apply for a position in the regular army, it is more probable he will return to this city.

His wife expects him to arrive about August, although he is unable to board a transport soon after he is mustered out of the service.

KNIGHTS OF MALTA.

A Local Class to Take the High Degrees in June.

Temple commandery, No. 28, Ancient Order Knights of Malta, of this city, is preparing a class of fifty candidates to take the higher degrees of knighthood. The beautiful ceremonies incident to the conferring of the degrees will take place on the evening of June 25, Grand Recorder George H. Pierce, of Philadelphia, will have charge and will exemplify the unwritten work.

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MEMORIAL DAY ORDER

(Reprinted by Request.)

Special Order No. 2. Contrabands: According to your minutes you have tried to show your contemporaries the importance of loyalty to the great principles for which you so strenuously offered sacrifice. Each one of you has the supreme satisfaction of knowing that our cause was right, and that the God of battles sanctioned the efforts which you put forth to sustain the integrity of our Union.

The four years' war for the perpetuity of our free institutions was the greatest liberalizing medium ever known. By the commingling of such a mighty host for such a long time a general education was acquired by the men in the ranks.

Political opinions, denominational preferences, national traits of character and racial prejudices were so modified that the people are now a new phase of human nature.

The doctrine of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man has become a reality under our flag. Memorial day has a significance for the survivors of our nation's defenders which does not seem to be fully comprehended by the mass of people who enjoy the fruits of liberty and freedom which the "Boys in Blue" made possible.

The men who served our country in the army and navy during the trying ordeal between 1861 and 1865 do not need to be reminded that May 30 is hallowed.

While they retain memory there need be no strain on the imagination to recall the deeds of valor performed by their comrades who gave their lives to preserve our government.

Four hundred thousand dead, three hundred thousand cripples for life, and over one million mothers, widows and orphans left to mourn for their loved ones who never returned, signify to the people that the Grand Army of the Republic, that the war for the Union was the most extraordinary event recorded in the annals of fratricidal strife.

The remnant of our once mighty host of self-sacrificing patriots feel and know the suffering which is required of men 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.

All soldiers, sailors and marines qualified to join our order should deem it an honor to have their names enrolled in the Grand Army of the Republic, and they should deem it a privilege to help sustain an organization of the rank and file of the most intelligent men ever disciplined to meet the emergency of a great national crisis in the world's history.

Search the annals of events from the time of Noah until the year A. D. 1866 and you will fail to find a record of any body of discharged soldiers or sailors who have so bravely and so unflinchingly maintained by concentrated effort, who will also find that the myriads of men who have shed blood on battle fields for spoils, glory and conquest have no roll of honor like the men who sacrificed for Union and sanctified our constitution.

During the last twelve months two of the comrades within our precinct have gone to the binnacle of silence: Samuel F. Goodrich, Company B, One Hundred and Seventy-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers, who resided at Greenfield, and John Walker, Company B, Fifty-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteers, who resided at Mayfield.

Since last Memorial day our local comrades have exhibited a truly heroic and self-sacrificing devotion. They were splendid specimens of physical manhood when they were soldiers. They are all on earth today and most of them able to participate in the service of decorating with fragrant flowers the mouldy wood which covers the remains of their comrades who were "mustered out."

On Memorial day let us show our respect for departed comrades by observing the forms and ceremonies prescribed by our order, and by trying to inculcate a reverence for constitutional liberty, equal rights and justice to all alike. By order of John McComb, Commander. Attest—W. B. Chase, Adjutant.

Bitten by a Dog.

Charles Crandall, of Salem avenue, employed as errand boy at Cramer's market, was bitten in the leg by a dog Saturday. Although the wound is painful, it is not serious enough to keep him from his work. Dr. D. L. Bailey cut it out, and an antiseptic was used. The dog is owned by C. B. Manville.

A Rare Specimen.

Floriad Wade has a rose plant that contains three hundred and forty roses full in bloom, which he forced for Memorial day. It had a conspicuous place in Burke's hall on Wednesday evening. It is of the crimson rambler variety.

Working Up Honored.

H. T. Fisher, of Wilkes-Barre, general deputy of the Fraternities Accident order, who has been in town several days, has gone to Honesdale to

Mr. Watt Ill.

President J. E. Watt, of the First National bank, was Friday seized with what is thought to be a slight stroke of paralysis.

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Misses Sophie Mahoney and Evelyn Griffin, trained nurses in this city, have been on duty in Honesdale for the past month.

JERMYN AND MAYFIELD.

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The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon. Services will be held at the house, on Second street, at 2 o'clock. Rev. M. D. Fuller, of the Methodist Episcopal church, will officiate.

Coroner Roberts and County Detective Phillips came up yesterday afternoon to investigate the cause of his death.

The following jury were empanelled: Dr. M. J. Shiner, J. W. Grant, John R. Griffiths, Edward Mason, John R. Jones and W. A. Phillips. After viewing the remains, evidence was given by witnesses who had been in his company during the last evening. The jury afterwards rendered a verdict that deceased had died from natural causes.

The members of Mousie's tribe, No. 194, Improved Order of Red Men, commemorated their tenth anniversary by an assembly held Saturday evening with an entertainment and social.

The affair passed very pleasantly and the ladies and invited guests were loud in their praise of the Red Men's hospitality. The entertainment opened with an address by Great Sachem Ayres, who is a member of Mousie's tribe. The great sachem gave one of his characteristic speeches, for which he is noted, which was frequently applauded. During his speech he made some interesting remarks on the things done in ten years, and among other things it was learned the tribe had paid out nearly \$4,000 sick and death claims during this time. It is one of the most flourishing organizations in the country.

At the conclusion of the speech, songs were sung by Archie Martin, Harry Langman and Stanley Layman, a recitation by Miss Sarah James and a quartette by Mrs. Greeningham, Mrs. Bennett, L. A. Buck and Richard Hocking, all of which were much enjoyed. They were followed by a mock adoption, "Spotted Tail Phil," "Barking Wolf Mose," and two dozen other Indians in all their feathers and paint, gave a soap opera, ghost dance and other thrilling features, which delighted everyone.

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The rummage sale under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal church, which has been so successfully run the past three days, will be reopened again on Wednesday morning and evening. Any one having articles to be sold will kindly notify the committee of C. D. Winter.

PECKVILLE.

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Veterans and the Spanish-American

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OWING to the great increase in the value of our lands and to the immense sale of stock as a result of the increase in these values, and to the much brighter prospects now before us due to the development by other companies now drilling on adjoining properties, the Directors have decided upon an advance in price of stock.

From 50c. per share to 65c. per share

This advance to take effect JUNE 1st, 1901. THIS is therefore the last opportunity to purchase stock at the present low price of 50 cents per share. Purchase today.

THIS COMPANY's absolute income in the simple 600 acres of choice Oil Land and refers you to Bradford for the rating of its officers or as to the company's reliability. This is a BANKABLE PROPOSITION.

ALL ORDERS for stock at 50 cents per share must positively bear date and postmark not later than June 1st, as after that date no subscription will be received at less than the advanced price of 65 cents.

Make all checks and drafts payable to order of W. S. DAVIDSON, Treasurer, (President First National Bank of Beaumont, Texas.) Address all communications to the Secretary, H. E. KEISTER.

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In view of the constant growth in value of this company's lands and the success of its operations to date, as well as the rapidity with which subscriptions are coming in, the directors have decided on an advance in price of stock, and after June 1st no more of this stock shall be sold at the present price.

25 CENTS PER SHARE, so that all subscriptions at this price should be sent in without delay. Applications will be received at the company's office, as below, until the close of business hours on Saturday, June 1st, and all mail subscriptions bearing the date and postmark June 1st or earlier will be considered acceptable. In case of over-subscription, however, the rights expressly reserved to scale or reject applications. The price will from

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per share, which is itself an extremely low figure as compared with the intrinsic value of the stock and the substantial daily growth in the company's assets. All proceeds of this stock are used for the development of our various holdings, where wells will be sunk as fast as the available funds permit. Operations are also being pushed as rapidly as possible on the Spindletop High Lights well and the Saratoga land, indications on both of which properties are extremely bright. Subscriptions may be sent direct to the company's office, as below, or money may be deposited in any bank subject to the company's draft with certificate of stock attached. Make all drafts or money orders to the order of W. S. DAVIDSON, Treasurer, First National Bank of Beaumont, Louisiana. Address all communications to C. M. BULLINWOOD Secretary. As to our Standing Refer to Bradford's.

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It is therefore now being considered by the directors whether the price should not be placed at a figure more commensurate with the actual value of the stock, as a matter of justice to the company and its stock holders. This will certainly be done at the close of the present issue, if not before, and those who wish to get in on the ground floor should therefore send their money as early as possible, and before the opportunity closes. Until such advance is made, however, the company will continue selling the remainder of its offering of

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REMEMBER that a share in this Company does not mean merely a share in a well, but that it stands for a proportionate interest in the entire asset of the Company, including all its immense tracts of valuable oil lands.

OWING OUTRIGHTLY as it does 600 acres of such lands, in the best time or selected Texas, with a perfect title assuring absolute possession, and with no royalties to pay, there cannot be found a better opportunity, to secure an interest in the famous and lucrative oil fields of Texas. The company is rapidly proceeding with its operations, and just as soon as the drills with whom contracts have been made can place their rigs upon the lands, wells will be sunk. It is offered and managed by practical business men, who have achieved success in their own individual lines, and are now devoting their combined ability and experience to making an equal or greater success of the affairs of the Beaumont & East Texas Oil Co.

THE CAPITALIZATION of the Company is extremely low, as compared with its resources, the dividends earned will be proportionately large, and as it will unquestionably prove one of the richest payers in this enormously rich field, every man interested in the most prosperous industry of modern times should secure shares in the Beaumont & East Texas Oil Co.

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