

Departments Before a
Committee.

TO THE INEVITABLE.

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ntionholed the first person who
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tee or to forecast its report.
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ished. Recorder Owsley was
ore the committee, though he
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tting that no further informa-
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Graham and Secretary Lang-
ard of public works.

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He replied that he had all
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ot an idle or superfluous man.
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ort time only. He was asked
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oved the committee that he
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THE TRAIN ROBBERY.

Several Kansas City Men Were Passengers on the Missouri Pacific Train Robbed Near Pacific.

The Missouri Pacific express train, which was held up and robbed, near Pacific, Mo., Wednesday night, arrived at the Union depot yesterday morning at 7:30 o'clock. The side door of the express car was badly shattered with dynamite and attracted a large crowd when the train arrived. Several Kansas City parties were passengers on the train. Among the number was Major William Warner, who was fast asleep and who knew nothing of the affair until after the robbery. Mr. J. F. Richards, of the Richards & Conover Hardware Company, and Mr. A. J. Vanlandingham, commissioner of the Kansas City Transportation bureau, were also passengers.

Mr. Richards and Mr. Vanlandingham were sitting together when the train came to a standstill and a shot was fired. One or two more shots were fired and the passengers began commenting upon the probable cause. Then came the dynamite explosion and the porter came into the car and said that robbers had held up the express car. The passengers instinctively hid their valuables, fearing a general raid, but the robbers did not go through the train.

On the train was also a number of Kansas City Scottish Rite Masons who were returning from the convolve recently held at St. Louis. Among them were H. N. Hansen, C. K. Baker, W. M. Harvey, Harry Brown, Arthur A. Pullman and Mr. Roberts. None of the party will admit that they were scared, but it is generally conceded that they all breathed more freely after the robbers had departed.

Governor Stone and State Treasurer Stephens were also passengers on the train. They left the train at Washington and went back to Pacific on a freight to organize posses. It is said that the governor is very indignant. He declared that it was "an outrage," and that it "was time that such affairs should be forever stopped in this state." It is thought that if the governor succeeds in catching up with the robbers he may "pitch them into the Mississippi river to feed the fishes," even if they are not federal officials.

The robbers secured \$1,250 in money, \$2,400 in Missouri Pacific pay checks and an express package containing jewelry.

There is considerable discrepancy in the different stories as to the number of men engaged in the robbery. It is certain that there was one man on the train, and that he carried two guns, some dynamite cartridges and possibly some other weapons. Some accounts have it that the leader had three confederates stationed in the brush where the train stopped, and other accounts place the number at six.

MORMON HISTORY.

A Bound Abstract of Testimony in the Temple Lot Case Filed in the United States Court.

Bishop Kelley, of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ, of Lamoni, Ia., yesterday handed Miss Adelaide Etter, clerk of the United States circuit court, a history of the Mormon church. He was not, however, making Miss Etter a present—he was filing a court paper. The book, which is neatly bound in calf, and contains 507 closely printed pages, is an abstract of testimony in the famous suit of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints against the Church of Christ, of Independence, for possession of the "Temple lot" at Independence.

Commencement Exercises of the Lincoln High School.

The Graduating Class Is Composed of
Eight Members, Seven Girls and a
Boy—Mr. R. L. Yeager Pre-
sents the Diplomas.

The eighth annual commencement exercises of the Lincoln high school were held in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium last night. Owing to the rain, there was not as large an audience as there should have been, although the house was comfortably filled. There were present President Robert L. Yeager, Mr. Joseph L. Norman and Mr. Crawford James, of the school board. Professor G. N. Grisham, principal of the school, announced the programme. Professor John Maurer's orchestra opened the programme with Heisendorff's concert overture. The graduating class consisted of seven girls and one boy.

Rev. D. E. Rivers, D. D., of Kansas City, Kas., followed with prayer. The high school chorus, composed of Misses Dolly Yancy, Hattie Bogy, Sarah Frost, Ada Brown, Ethel Tribble, Amanda Barbour, Cora Wortham, Magnolia Lewis, Etta Lee, Lizzie Moore, Katie Jordan, Maybell Lucas, Anna Anderson and Jennie Pennick and Messrs. Frank Tucker and John Teague, sang "Bow Down Thine Ear."

Then followed an essay, "Competition," by Miss Eliza Williams; oration, "What Next," Miss Hattie Bogy; oration, "Looking Forward," Miss Sarah Frost; chorus, "Commencement March," by Bartlett; essay, "Labor a Blessing," Miss Maybell Lucas; essay, "Lighthouses of the Dark," by Miss Rose Pratt; oration, "Evils of Civilization," Mr. Frank Tucker, the only male member of the class; quartette, Mrs. H. M. Griffin and Messrs. C. G. Martin, Charles Bogy and H. M. Griffin, "On the Blue Danube," essay, "The Supremacy of Right," by Miss Dolly Yancy; valedictory, "The Spirit of the Age," by Miss Carrie Carter; chorus, "Friendship and Love Song," by Thompson.

Mr. R. L. Yeager, in a neat speech, then presented the diplomas. Mr. Yeager said: "I am glad to come before you to-night with a word of encouragement. We of the school board well know that this has been a most satisfactory year with the colored schools. You are now standing as one person for the upbuilding of the schools. You have laid away all petty feeling and jealousy. In union there is strength. It is along the line of education and thought that you must look for the upbuilding of your people. Cast your eyes back for thirty years and see the wonderful advancement you have made. Look forward and see what you may be in thirty years. Education and intellect rule the world and it is along this line that you, like all other people, must look for advancement."

"I may say without one grain of flattery that there have been some grand thoughts expressed here to-night, thoughts that would do credit to any school in the world, and if you will take the thoughts home you will profit thereby. Parents, you must send your children to school. Your burdens are heavy and you may at times need the assistance of your children, but education is your necessity. Your aim should be to lift up your children to the highest plane of education. I am sorry that there are not more boys in this class. It has ever been my ambition to see more boys graduate. Young ladies and young gentlemen (laughter), I congratulate you. I have heard thoughts expressed here to-night that have never been excelled. There is a school where you may still learn; never let a day pass without learning something. If you will follow this out your lives will be a success." The chorus then concluded the exercises with the song "When Summer Rain is O'er."

Although the essays and orations were short there was something to commend in each of them. The class showed careful training and did creditable work. At the conclusion of each essay and oration the graduate was presented with beautiful bouquets of flowers. Mr. Tucker came in for an extra share, and at the conclusion of the exercises the stage was fairly covered with flowers.

Of the graduates who will continue their studies in other schools there are Miss Maybell Lucas, daughter of Mr. Daniel Lucas, and Mr. Tucker. Miss Lucas will attend some conservatory of music in the East, probably in Boston while Mr. Tucker will enter the university at

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