

CITY ITEMS

Commencement of the Eastern Female High School. The annual commencement of the Eastern Female High School took place last night at the building on Alquist street. The spacious Lecture Room on the upper floor was comfortably filled, the Committee of the Public School Commissioners prudently limiting the ticket sale in consequence of the improved condition of public affairs, the board deemed it proper to dispense with the usual publicity, and the audience consisted only of members of the City Council, the School Commissioners, and the parents and friends of the pupils. At seven o'clock a number of the pupils of the Western High School reached the large hall and were assigned positions. The class of 1862 occupied a platform at the west end of the room, and greeted the arrival of their friends in a beautiful song.

The exercises were commenced under the charge of Prof. N. H. Thayer, the Principal, at 7 o'clock, with prayer by the Rev. J. McKendree Kelly, succeeded by the class of 1862, singing in a creditable manner. "Frisco Musings" by Miss Annie S. Walton, next followed, when the Mounslight Chorus was rendered by the class of 1862. "Currents and Counter Currents" was recited by Miss Elizabeth Hopkins, followed by Miss Elizabeth C. Kenner reading "The Fountain of Oblivion," which was written by Miss Elizabeth V. Wondley. "Happy be Thy Dreams" was then sung by Miss Hannah Lamer, and a humorous composition on "Tittie," by Miss Mary T. Hickey, and "Tittie" by Miss Margaret Lamer, were read in an excellent manner. Miss Margaret Lamer sang the air "Star of the Evening," accompanied in the chorus by the scholars. "Woman's Work" was read by Miss Mary L. Spelden, and the "Sunny Side" (written by Miss Catherine McWilliams), by Miss Mary M. Spelden, both of which were read in the most finished manner.

Vice Presidents—Samuel Hinde, John Evans, William Crowley, Dr. Joseph Roberts, Robert Turner and Captain George H. Roberts. Secretary—William H. Hamill, George H. Dobson, John N. Wright and John Doherty. Mr. Seidenstricker assuming his position as President addressed the meeting in his usual forcible and eloquent manner, and was followed by Messrs. S. J. Kennedy and R. Stockett Matthews. While the latter was speaking it commenced to rain and in consequence the meeting was compelled to adjourn.

Fire Statistics for October.—During the past month of October there were six fires, of which five proceeded from actual fires involving a loss of \$7,586.06, and one was false. Of the fires five were from accidental causes, and the other work of an incendiary. In October of last year there were twelve fires, amounting to a loss of \$11,400.00, and eleven proceeded from actual fires, of which only one was incendiary in its origin. The loss in that month was only \$3,986.83, showing an increased loss this year of \$3,600.

LATEST NEWS

BY MAIL AND TELEGRAPH.

FROM NEW YORK. The New York correspondent of the Philadelphia Ledger says: People are in town who profess to have been in Richmond as late as Monday last. They have much to say with reference to things there, but it is only a repetition of statements that have been made a hundred times before by "reliable gentlemen," who are in the habit of repeating them, and need not therefore be repeated. I mention the fact, just to show that, notwithstanding the vigilance of the military authorities, communication with the Confederate capital is not near so difficult as many suppose.

FROM WASHINGTON. The London Times correspondent of the Philadelphia Inquirer says: A New Court of Inquiry, to consist of Commodore S. H. Ripley, Stribling and Sprague, has been ordered to inquire into the causes of the failure of the "Sunder Gustavus II. Scott," as the commanding officer of the Keystone State, to obey orders given him July 19th, by the Secretary of the War, to proceed to sea for the purpose of pursuing the Sumter, to contribute the present, but till some definite information of her should be obtained, and if such information could not be obtained, to proceed to Jamaica to coal, thence to St. Thomas, and return to Havana and Key West, there to report for the Gulf Squadron.

to be forced marches. Hunter's commands are being sent to the front, and are in the best of condition. Gen. Fremont has taken a large number of prisoners, and is in the best of health. The release of Col. Maitland is reported. Jefferson City, Nov. 1.—The report that Col. Mulligan had been captured at Lexington, on his way to Lexington, is denied. This release indicates that the Confederates have taken some prisoners, and that the capture of Col. Mulligan, Van Horn, for Gen. Frost, Col. Bowen, Williams, who were captured at Camp, has been successful.

LATER FROM EUROPE

Arrival of the Steamer Borussia. St. Louis, Nov. 1.—The steamer Borussia, Liverpool, on the 23d ult., has been in port, and is expected to sail for the coast of Cape Race by the News boat of the Atlantic Press. The steamer Bohemian and Edinburg, having arrived on the 24th, has been in port, and is expected to sail for the coast of Cape Race by the News boat of the Atlantic Press. Flour closed dull. Wheat has a downward tendency. Corn closed heavy at prices 9d lower. Provisions closed steadily. Tallow closed firm at prices advanced 1s. There is a great abundance of money in the Bank of England and on change, with indications of a probable continuance.

FROM FORTRESS MONROE. Fortress Monroe, Nov. 1.—The report that the fort had been captured by the Confederates is denied. The fort is in the best of condition, and is expected to hold out for some time longer. The Confederates are still making strong efforts to capture the fort, but have been unsuccessful to date.

FROM THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE POTOMAC. The Confederates are again showing themselves on the south side of the Potomac. They have been discovered by a reconnoitering party, which found four miles of their lines, yet still this shows that the bulk of the Confederate forces have fallen back to the north side of the river. The Confederates are still making strong efforts to capture the fort, but have been unsuccessful to date.

MILITARY BOOKS

FOR SALE BY HENRY TAYLOR, SUN IRON BUILDING.

- SOLDIER'S GUIDE TO HEALTH. 25
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HANDBOOK FOR THE UNITED STATES SOLDIER. 12
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NEW BOOKS—NEW BOOKS—NEW BOOKS

- THE ANNUAL FAIR OF THE MARYLAND INSTITUTE IS NOW OPEN, and will be continued until the 4th of November proximo. It presents an excellent collection of articles, combining the artistic, useful and ornamental.
THE BAND OF THE INDEPENDENT BLUE is engaged during the Exhibition.
The term of membership of the Institute expired on the 1st of September. Those who have not renewed their subscription are respectfully solicited to call at the Office of the Secretary for that purpose.
EZRA WHITMAN, Chairman Com. on Exhibition.

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