Latter-day Saints' Academy in Arizona-A Creditable Institution Which is Up to Date-An Interesting Commencement Week.

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Special Correspondence. Thatcher, Arizona, May 3.—The alumni ball, a most enjoyable affair, tonight closed one of the most interesting weeks ever passed in the Gila valley. The closing of our district schools and commencement exercises of the Latterday Saints' academy proved conclusively that it matters not where the Latter-day Saints live, education is their aspiration. Taught by several of the brightest, up-to-date teachers obtainable, situated in roomy and well equipped apartments, the district schools of Thatcher as well as other

academy, every encouragement is given, and on Wednesday the Thatcher people witnessed exercises by their children that astonished them. We do not aspire to worldly bonors, such as county seat or anything like that, but Thatcher is winning the fame she most desires, an educational cen-

sections of Arizona, are making ex-

cellent progress. As feeders to our

ter.
The closing exercises of the Latter-day Saints' Academy were held in Thatcher yesterday and today, and all the exercises witnessed by large audicares. These annual commencement days are beginning to attract attention throughout our county, and also in the surgunding counties: visitors coming from Maricopa and Navajo counties and from every settlement in the Glia valley. That the exercises were successful goes without saying, and proved beyond a doubt that our acadeproved beyond a doubt that our acade-ny has made rapid strides during the year which has just closed. The large assembly hall had been beautifully dec-orated with the Academy colors blend-ed with the Stars and Stripes and the colors of the various departments.

The stage presented a dazzling spectacle as the curtain arose at the beginning of each session. Great pains must have been used in the decorations because in each of the five sessions the stage was differently adorned, and it seemed as though the students of each department had vied with each other in producing beautiful effects upon the stage. Our reporters' linguistic powers

descriptions of the decorations.

The normal day exercises began promptly at 10 a.m., yesterday, and every part was well rendered and showed plainly that their motto: "We learn to do by doing," had been but in practical use. Every number leserves mention.

No doubt every member of the class endorses the sentiments and will cherish the remembrance of the day they were uttered, as long as life shall last,

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Kindergarten exercises are always pleasing and interesting, and these were no exception to the rule other than exceptionally interesting. The eight young lady graduates certainly understand how to please. They have been studying how to please little children, but they have acquired the art to that extent that at the exercises yesterday afternoon, they pleased both terday afternoon, they pleased both young and old.
If Miss Allen's prediction is fulfilled.

in every hamlet in Arizona before the end of the next decade, and graduates from the Latter-day Saints' Academy Kindergarten Training class will be ACADEMY NOTES.

Prof. Maeser leaves for Chicago, Mon-day morning, where he will enter the

In charge of all of them. "A little child shall lead them," is the class mot-to. A finer training for lady teachers than a course in kindergarten work can not be had, and from our observation the academy is an excellent place to

At 8 p. m. yesterday, the real com-mencement exercises began. Aside from the excellent musical numbers, and splendid decoration, the presentation of certificates to graduating pupils was a very imposing exercise. The principals of those departments producng graduates, in turn as their department was called, stepped forward and presented President Emil Masser the erificate, who in turn handed it to President Andrew Kimball, president of the board of trustees, who in behalf of the board of trustees, who in behalf of the board presented it to the worthy pupil, accompanied in each instance with a fitting speech of congratula-tion, and good wishes for the success-ful career of the worthy pupil, and the following received certificates of graduation from their respective depart-

From the normal department; Preshie Posey, Thatcher; Addie Pace Thatcher; Percis Maxham, Mexico; Ashton B.

Cosby, Benson.
From the kindergarten training school: Ada Tippets, Layton: Nettle Jones, Thatcher; Luella Welker, Lay-Jones, Thatcher, Lydia Combs, Central; Serene McGuire, Lydia Combs, Central; Serene McGuire, Thatcher; Priscilia Allen, Mesa City;

Emma Rogers, Pima, From commercial school: Walter Woolsey, Thatcher: Edgar Claydon, Layfon: Clarence Bigley, Central; Jos. Carpenter, Thatcher: Mark Despain,

Then came flowers, beautiful flowers presented by little children of the kindergarten class. The effect was magical, and the audience could contain itself no longer and boquets were show ered upon the stage in rich profusion Prof. Maeser's address to the graduates was timely, and portrayed the fushould undertake his tasks with humility and with a desire to benefit man-

The commercial students of the academy had prided themselves as always being there on time, and from the beginning until the close of their ex-ercises this morning at 10 o'clock, the spirit of "business" was manifest. Outside of the stage decorations, there was nothing flowery about the exercises. They were exactly to the point and showed that they had received thorough training along commercial lines. Our reporter had the privilege of visiting the commercial school itself, and found it to be up-to-date in every particular, and can say without fear of ticular, and can say without fear of contradiction, that the L. D. S. Commercial college is ahead of anything in that line in Arizona.

The high school students were not

a bit behind in their exercises. Their exercises were very fine, and showed careful training on the part of teachers and students. The high school students are not preparing for teachers or for commercial pursuits, but are endeavoring to get an all round, practical education. Their exercises showed that they were broad in their views, and were gaining that for which they have

Chicago Normal Institute under the tuition of Col. Francis W. Parker. Prof. J. K. Burnham will enter the Cleary Business College at Yysilanti, Michigan, where he will spend the sum-

Prof. John Nash will spend a month at the University of Arizona, and then a month in the United States surveyor's

Mrs. Maeser will spend the summer at Salt Lake City and other Utah points, visiting friends and relatives and preparing herself for future useful work in

the academy.

Miss Priscilla Allen, of the Kindergarten Training class, will open a kinder-garten in Mesa City, this summer. The students from northern Arizona

will leave for their respective homes on Monday next. Miss Serene McGuire will open a kin-lergarten in Thatcher on Monday

morning.
Prof. Frank Wightman, of Utah, who has finished a four years' course in vo-cal music in Ann Arbor will have charge of singing and vocal training next year. of singing and vocal training next year.

Two hundred and twenty students registered in the academy this year, making it the largest school in Arizona. One hundred and three students are from outside of Thatcher and fourteen from outside of the territory.

The academy circular for the year 1991-1992 is out and by addressing the academy any person interested can

academy any person interested can have one mailed to their address. Our missionary class finished their

course for the year a week ago. They made excellent progress. The academy will open September 2, 1901.

AN UP-TO-DATE ACADEMY.

Latter-day Saints Have a Splendid Educational Institution at Thatcher. The following is taken from the Graham County Bulletin, published at

Solomensville, Arizona: Right in the heart of the Gila valley in the beautiful village of Thatcher stands a building, that already is of great value to the body politic, and is likely to be still more so.

It has been demonstrated time and time again, that the education of a community, to a very large extent, gauges and regulates its material wealth. Although isolated cases of very ignorant, then acquiring grant wealth. ignorant men acquiring great wealth stand out as notable exceptions to the rule, it only requires a glance at the nations of the world to see that where education is most highly prized, there is a progressive and successful nation. As in nations, so in smaller communities and every well regulated educational institution is a blessing to the land and age.
The Latter-day Saints' academy is

such an institution, and such a bless-ing. Through struggles and varying vicissitudes of fortune, it has become a place of no small reputation, and now is equipping the young people of the valley, of both sexes, with an education on broad lines and principles, opportunities not to be grasped by those not so fortunately situated.

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The first founding of this excellent school was just a decade ago. The head of the Mormon church gave permission for the establishment, and the first building occupied was in Central. After about two months, it was moved to Thatcher, where it is now. The first academic year ended May 22, 1892. For a few years the institution seemed to thrive, but after an epidemic of contagious disease had thinned out the attendance, interest seemed to flag, and in February, 1895, the school was closed. Efforts were made to revive it, for a

and next year will see it enter its eleventh scholastic year and its fourth

year of reorganized life.

The work of the school is intensely The work of the school is interesty practical and curriculum is arranged, tooking to furnishing a ground-work of useful knowledge. It is divided into four departments, normal, high school, kindergarten and commercial.

The primary object of the first of these departments, is to furnish a comtesse departments, is to furnish a com-

these departments, is to furnish a competent set of home-educated teachers. At present, a large proportion of teachers in the district schools of the territory come from outside its borders. This will not much longer be necessarily so. This week, a class has been graduated, every one of which is competent to teach, maintain discipline, and to conduct the business of a district school. They have all pursued studies and each who have received a diploma has done satisfactory work in psychology, pedagogics, history of education from the earliest times to the present, theory and practice of teaching ent, theory and practice of teaching and practical training work in the school room. It is a four-years' course and is very thorough.

For those whose early education has not been sufficiently advanced to take this course, there is a high school course. The line of study pursued in the course, is about the same as in the celebrated Eastern schools of the same grade—with the single exception of omitting the classics. There is no demitting the classics. There is no de-mand for Latin and Greek courses, but Spanish and German is studied under expert linguists. The English branches are very thoroughly taught, and in mathematics there is an excellent course. This embraces algebra, geome-try and branches of the higher mathecourse. This embraces algebra, geometry and branches of the higher mathematics. The course also in chemistry and physics has been greatly facilitaed by the erection of a well equipped laboratory during the last academic year. By this means the students get actual experimenting as well as text-book work. This course should attract pupils from all over the valley Although the school is under the auspices of the Church, and while theology is taught to those who desire to pursue that study, it is not pre-scribed and children of parents who are not "Mormons" are received on the same footing as those in the Church. The methods adopted in the kinder-

The methods adopted in the kindergarten department are very up-to-date. While there is plenty of amusement for the tots, all this tends to instuction. For instance, the blocks used to play with are of exact size—one, two or three inches in diameter. The children are taught to call them cubes. There are also colored sticks of varying length. These are left in a pile, and a child is set to pick out, say, a bundle of two-inch sticks. Thus without knowing it, they are acquiring a knowledge of linear measurement.

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The domestic economy department is also important. A model range is set up, and from time to time cooking demonstrations are made, and the end of the course finds a class of accomplished

A feature that cannot be too highly spoken of, is the commercial course. This is in charge of Instructor George Burnham, who has made this a scientific study. There is not a great deal of text-book work but the students from the time they begin to the time they graduate, conduct an actual business as serious and important as if greats were actually delivered.

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Professor Emil Maeser, of Provo, was made principal, assisted by Prof. John Nash, Mrs. Lillian Maeser, Misses Mary McRae and Lottie Boise. From that time on, with patient, untiring effort, the academy has continuously grown in standing—both financial and moral. During the holidays which begin next on the dummy money which is checks or in the dummy money which is furnished by the school.

The celebrated "Ellis" system is discontinuously with the size of an ordinary brick, is a printed roll. By turning this, an instruction appears under a glass. The student is thus directed to buy, for student is thus directed to buy. For student is thus directed to buy, for student is thus directed to buy. For student is thus directed to buy, for student is thus directed to buy, for student is thus directed to buy. For student is thus directed to buy for student is thus directed to buy. For student is thus directed to buy. For student is thus directed to buy for student is thus directed to buy. For student is thus directed to buy for student is thus directed to buy. For student is thus directed to buy for stud

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BARTLING'S NEW YORK CASH STORE.

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week, new buildings are to be erected and next year will see it enter its eleventh scholastic year and its fourth students and stocks up. His goods are ikewise sold to students who have been similarly directed to supply their needs. Painted cards take the place of actual merchandise. These operations bring in the wholesale and commission houses and the bank. They also entail considerable bookkeeping which is as carefully scrutinized by Mr. Burnham as if the solvency of one of the commercial

houses in town depended on it.

The commercial exchange is an institution of this system to buy up the surplus stock of the students and keep business on the move.

There are also courses in stenography and typewriting, and as it stands now

this the only strictly commercial school in the valley. When the student graduates, he has a working knowledge of all the operations of actual business life. In fact he is simply a business man in embryo. Next year still further improvement

Next year still further improvement is to be made. Another building is to be erected during the summer holiday, and in the two additional rooms that will be devoted to this department a bank will be instituted. This will teach the pupils the use of the clearing house and as each room will have a telegraph office, money will be wired from one bank to another.

Outside the grounds will be laid out Outside, the grounds will be laid out In miniature townships, and the stu-dents will conduct a land business. They

will be taught to buy and sell land, to deed and mortgage property, and to perform all the clerical work them-selves. In fact, when Mr. Burnham has the school perfected according to his present plans, it will be a model of its Competent musicians are conducting courses in both vocal and instrumental

music, and for an education such as is hest fitted for this territory, the Latterday Saints' academy is way in the van A great deal of credit is due to Prof. Maeser for the wonderful advance that has been made in the past three years. From a doubtful experiment it become an accomplished success, and the prospect is promising of still better things to come.

BRITAIN'S PROBLEMS.

It is not only by the growth of its foreign trade that the United States is foreign trade that the United states is foreign Britain to consider a change of trade policy. The American nation is becoming great as a financial power. It now rivais Britian as a center of gold attraction. Gold shipments even from Australia come to the United States, Britain herself a few months ago went to the United States to borrow money, as afterwards Germany did. To hold her own against this giant. England must herself become the center of a mighty system. She has the Empire. All she needs is the policy. When she All she needs is the policy. When she gets to closer quarters with the crisis she will not hesitate to adopt the pref-erential trade solution.—Mail and Em-

WHAT BRITAIN HAS BEEN.

Britain was the first smelter of iron ore among modern nations, but it is open to doubt whether there is in Great Britain a single blast-furnace that can compare in capacity with the best furnaces now smelting iron in America for shipment to Europe. Britain was the first maker of coke for smelting and manufacturing purposes, but her coke ovens have long been antiquated, and she is only now tardily adopting ovens and plant of foreign design.-Cassier's Magazine.

MISS HAY'S POEM CAUSES SURPRISE.



Miss Helen Hay, daughter of the secretary of state, has sprung into life. ary fame by the publication of her poem, "The Rise of Dawn." The vens have a decided Hiawatha swing and sho w great merit. Society is greatly as prised at the literary powers of Miss Hay.

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KANSAS.

Here's a greeting to you, Kansas! All the world takes off its hat To the grit and push and hustle which fill up your habitat: We are proud of you, admire you, and we watch your onward course With enjoyment, while we wonder at the vigor and the force With enjoyment, while we wonder at Which folks display in Kansas.

There were days when "bleeding Kansas" posed before the nation's gas.
And the bloody "border ruffians" went their dark and devious ways:
Then we heard of "drouthy Kansas, "where the grassohppers and heat
Formed themselves into a combine that you'd find it hard to heat
Most anywhere but Kansas,

There was worse in store for Kansas, and we next saw with amaze This great commonwealth afflicted with the Populistic craze; But politics and whiskers hardly fit in the same box. we notice now that statesmen who eschew the use of socks Arequite passe in Kansas.

One would think, with this experience to sound a warning note, That Kansans would learn wisdom—but they let the women vote! Mrs. Nation now has shown the asinin'y of that, And they'll find a way to circumvent the feminine flat In politics in Kansas.

But you've given to us Funston! Kansas, we'll forgive the rest, For of all our fighting generals we reckon him the hest; For instead of standing talking of what someone ought to do, He just goes ahead and does it—and he "does it proper," too—

The way they do in Kansas. So here's looking at you, Kansas! May your shadow ne'er grow less;

That you've gone ahead of most of us we're willing to confess; You have doubtless some sharp corners, but you're not unknown to fame, And although you take the long way round you get there Gut hell, die lieber Kansas!

Mail

Orders

Filled

Promptly.

NOTION SALE.

2-in Velvete Binding; yard-

Curling Irons, all

5 - Hook

Nickeled Safety

3c doz

Metal frame

Kld Curlers; per

Black elastic web;

dozen-

30

3c

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Pins, all sizes-

Steels-

Corset

30

Tickets or Stamps on all Goods.

NOTION SALE.

6 papers good pins

6 cards Hooks and Eyes for—

5c

Dress Goods.

Drapery; this sale-

10c Silkoline and Gold Vein

20 pieces Persian figured Challies, 7c value, this sale-

32-in. Satin stripe wool

36-in. fine Slikoline; this

25 pieces 15c value new

line

Zephyr Ginghams; this sale-

Duck Remnants; mill rem-nants in black, blue and white, figured, I to 10-yard

pieces, 12%c goods; this sale,

Zephyr Ginghams; this sale-

Challies, all new designs, 40c

line; this sale-

7с

41/2 C

29c

10c

10c

Madras

121/2 C

7½c

5c 2 boxes Cube Wire

Hair Pins for-

5c

3 spools Basting

5c

10c Best Brass

5c

he Ink or Pencil 21c

10c Ink or Penell

5c Trimmed Honey Comb Elb

5c

Plain Honey 30

Val. Trimming

Ic yard up 6x36 in. Dotted

Child's colored Parasols-19c

per yard-

Linings.

26-in. Twilled Silesias, 121/2c values; this sale—

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32-in. Moria fancy taffeta under skirting, 25c value; this sale-

15c

36-in, fine Mercerized Sateen Skirtings or value, this salelinings, 38c

25c

Muslin Sheets and Pillow Cases.

36-in. 71/2c Bleached Muslin; this sale, yard—

5c 36x46 good 15c Bleached Pil-

low Cases, hemmed; this sale,

72x90 good Bleached Hemmed Sheets, 65c value; this

49c

Assorted silk and gilt trim-

15c

Dress Goods. 36-in. fine 39c colored Cash-

meres, dotted; this sale-

30-in. Brocaded new colored Delaines, tans, grays, browns and modes; this sale-

15c

36-in. blues and red Brilliantines, 50c value; this sale-

38c

25c

36-in, black figured Brilliantines, 60c value; this sale

39c

sale-

20 pieces plain and figured wash Dimitles, 121/2c values; per yard-

81-3c

40 pieces twilled silk finish new figured Organdies, 180 value; this sale-

10c

12 pieces fancy stripe Linen Wash Goods, 20c value—

Turkey Red Table Covers.

11/2-yard red and white Table Covers, bordered and fringed; this sale—

45c

2-yard long red and white Table Covers, bordered and fringed; this sale—

59c

2½ yards long red Table Covers, fringed border, 90c 69c

3 yards long red fringed and

border Table Covers; this 89c

Towel Sale.

Good size Cream Turkish Towels: each-7с

17x34 Linen Cream Huck Towels, 15c value, each-10c

Large size, all linen, fring-ed colored border Towels; this sale, 25c value-

18c

Men's Furnishings

25 dozen Gents' silk stripe or plaited soft front, colored wash Shirts, 75c value; this 50c

15 dozen Gents' soft negligee Woven Madras Shirts, \$1.00 value, with cuffs; this sale-75c

25 dozen Gents' fine Teck or Four-in-Hand Silk Ties; this

25 dozen Gents' all styles water proof collars; this sale 5c

25c

23 dozen Gents' double back and front fine white unlaun-dered Shirts; 65c value, this sale, each-45c

50 dozen Men's Balbriggan Underwear, shirt silk finished. French neck, pearl buttons, cheap at 38c; this sale, each-25c

Men's fast black or brown seamless Sox; this sale-

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Gents' fine fast black or brown seamless Sox, double soles, 20c value; this sale-

50 dozen Gents' fine 65c Balbriggan Underwear, French neck and French ribbed; this sale, each-45c

25 dozen Gents' brown French ribbed Underwear, 39c

value; this sale-25c

Gents' pure Linen 1/2-in. hem Handkerchiefs-

Gents' Cambric Handkerchiefs-

20c fancy slik and lisle Garter Web; yard-12c

Gents' Hose Supporters-

10c

Lace trimmed Corset Covers; this week-10c

Child's Gingham Sun Bonnets-**12**c

Large size checked Gingham Aprons-18c

Children's plain Chambry Sun Bonnets-19c

Ladies' Gingham Sun Bonnets with ruffle-25c

Children's plain colored Parasols with ruffle; each-

25c Baby's open work Mull Bonnets, ruching trimmed-

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20c Satin Stock Collars, plaited and lace covered-12c

25c Dog Collar Belts, all colore

7c

8c

9 in. Hair Rolls-7c No. 3 Stockinet Dress Shields—

All Bristle Tooth Brushes-5c