

THE FIELD OF ELECTRICITY

Development of the Modern Marvel in a Quarter of a Century.

AMERICAN AS AN INDUSTRIAL GIANT

Instructional Review of Progress in One Department of Human Activity—Cause of Hissing in Arc Lamps.

The recent electrical exposition held in New York City brought into review the marvelous development of electricity as a power and innumerable appliances by which the current contributes to the industrial progress of the nation and to the comfort of mankind.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Value. Includes 'Invested Capital', '52,000 electric railways', '2,385 electric light central stations', etc.

All the wonderful progress of the electrical industry during this quarter of a century. The development of electro-chemistry is shown by the production of chemical compounds by means of electricity.

The Telegraphic Network.

The telegraph, which may be called the pioneer in modern electrical engineering, has made rapid strides within the first decade, and there are now about nine hundred thousand miles of telegraph wire in the United States employed for telegraphic purposes.

Means have been devised within recent years, however, to lower the first cost of installation of a telegraphic plant and to increase the speed of transmission.

The Telephone.

But two decades have passed since the telephone was exhibited publicly for the first time in the United States, yet during this time its growth in this country has been so rapid that about 750,000 telephones are in use today.

The well known fact need not be reiterated here that the electrically equipped roads in this country are far in excess of all horse and cable roads combined, and the change from the latter to the former is constantly taking place.

Electric Lighting Industry.

Yearly the incandescent lamp has been brought to greater state of perfection and its efficiency has been increased so that now it has reached a point of what may be called maximum efficiency.

Mortality Statistics.

The following births and deaths have been reported to the office of the Health Commissioner during the last forty-eight hours: Births—Charles E. Lathrop, 1461 North Twelfth street, girl; George Swanick, 1251 North street, girl.

Last Day for Protest.

Monday will be the last day on which protests can be filed with the Board of Equalization. Property owners who are not satisfied with the way in which they have been treated by the assessors should register their complaints at once.

Four Boys Are Arrested.

The police have four boys in custody, suspected of having broken into the butter tub factory of L. D. Vogel in Shelby. The thieves stole several pieces of brass from machinery and cut up the belts for the purpose of getting the copper pieces.

Carlow Gets Off.

John Carlow, who was accused of burglary by John Rush, 1223 Martha street, was discharged by Judge Gordon. Carlow took a watch to a local jewelry store to have it repaired. The jeweler identified it as the property of a daughter of Mr. Rush, and notified the police. Carlow explained that he had taken it in over the counter from one of the patrons of the saloon.

Breaks Open Saloon.

Thieves entered the saloon of J. C. Tague, 2802 Sherman avenue, Wednesday night and extracted \$80 from the cash drawer. On their way out they appropriated several bottles of whiskey.

ing the year were worth about \$500,000. The value of the machinery and apparatus manufactured in the United States during the year 1898 for use in electrical plants was about \$70,000,000. In fact, after years of standstill, there is a general awakening all over Europe to the value of American made electrical equipment and electric street railways, electric light plants and telephone stations are springing into existence month by month.

But after all we may well ask ourselves the questions: What is electricity? What is the ether? What will the more direct and economical production of electricity consist of? When the steam engine will have been relegated to the scrap heap, will electricity be produced direct from coal, the dream of the philosopher and scientist, or will electro-chemistry solve this great mystery of nature? This is the problem of the future, which so many thousands are trying to solve and the fortunate one who will discover the combination which locks the secret into nature's storehouse will revolutionize existing conditions and enable us to better study the effects of electricity and utilize it for the improvement and advancement of mankind.

Hissing of the Arc Lamp.

At a recent meeting of the Institution of Electric Engineers at Philadelphia a paper was read by Mrs. Ayrton describing experiments on that curious phenomenon, "The Hissing of the Electric Arc." It is not infrequently asserted that only short arcs hiss, but Mrs. Ayrton has shown that, under suitable conditions, arcs of any length may be made to do so.

So long as the crater is confined to the end of the carbon hissing does not occur, but as the current is increased the crater spreads, finally enveloping the carbon sides, the potential then drops and hissing takes place. A thoroughly enclosed arc cannot, however, be made to hiss, as the phenomenon seems to be dependent on direct contact between the air and the crater.

Upon their arrival at the little store where he was employed Armstrong and one of the Clary boys entered the store, spoke to Mr. Offit, the proprietor, and the latter, who had a friendly fellow behind the counter was Abe Lincoln. Receiving a reply in the affirmative, Armstrong insisted on an immediate test of strength.

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HIS MOST FAMOUS CLIENT

Lincoln's Defense of Duff Armstrong and the Almanac Episode of 1857.

BASIS OF MANY A THRILLING STORY

How a Fight Ended in a Friendship Most Valuable to the Armstrong Family—Impeaching the Star Witness.

A few days ago in the lonely little village of Ashland, not many miles from Springfield, Ill., there died a man who but for the fact of a personal acquaintance with a great man would have departed this life without attracting any more attention than thousands of other humdrum beings.

The man who died was William (alias) Duff Armstrong, relates the St. Louis Republic. The great man whom he knew was Abraham Lincoln. The narrative of their acquaintance follows: Along in the year 1851, when the man who was destined to become president of the United States was clerking in a grocery store in Old Salem, one Jack Armstrong living some ten miles in the country had heard of the boasts that old man Offit (Lincoln's employer) had made concerning the physical prowess of his clerk, now Jack Armstrong.

Armstrong felt sure of his ability to handle Lincoln about as a dog would handle a rat, which he thought would so aggravate Lincoln that he, Armstrong, would then get a "sure enough" fight, the kind he really wanted. Offit, they went and began, holding at arm's length. Lincoln at once proved his immense superiority by throwing his opponent flat on his back three times in quick succession, and before Lincoln had time to get up he had thrown him on his back again.

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county and, therefore, secured a change of venue to Cass county, the county seat of which was Beardstown. A few weeks later the case was called for trial at the latter place. Major Fullerton, state attorney for Cass county, William Walker, who had defended Norris at Havana, also appeared for Armstrong, but in this trial he was an assistant only, the services of Abraham Lincoln having been secured through the intervention of Duff's mother, and he appeared as the leading attorney for the defense.

For Old Times' Sake.

The securing of Lincoln's services was a great thing for Armstrong. A few weeks before the case was called old Aunt Hannah, who was by this time worn out and broken hearted, but still having a mother's love for her son, felt it was possible to secure the services of Abraham Lincoln in his defense. Leaving a sick bed she hitched up a team to a farm wagon and started to drive overland to Springfield, Ill., a distance of forty-five miles, that she might intercept every day.

Arriving at Springfield late in the afternoon she went straight to Lincoln's office. Although they had not met for more than twenty years, Lincoln immediately recognized the old friend of former days and received her with a cordiality that was almost healing to her bleeding heart. At once she began her story. She had not gone far when tears began trickling down Lincoln's cheeks, and from that moment there was no doubt in Armstrong's mind that she had won her case with him. After she had told him her whole story in her own way, she concluded by telling him she had forty acres of land with which to pay his fee. Lincoln began at the beginning and again went over every item of her story, and when she had finished on the point that she concluded with these words: "Hannah, you go home, keep your land and I will look after the boys' show."

In the trial Duff exactly the same introduction was introduced as had been introduced in the case against his partner, Norris. The evidence of the prosecution almost wholly rested on the testimony of one man, Armstrong, who swore that he was standing with the jury Lincoln made and plainly saw Duff strike Metzker with a slingshot on the forehead, and that Norris struck him on the back of the head with a neckyoke. Asked by Lincoln how he could see so plainly at a distance of twenty steps the tall, bony man consequently flew a saucer of slingshot at the jury.

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TAXPAYERS FOOT THE BILLS

When Democratic Commissioners Seek to Make Places for Their Favorites.

COST OF PAYING POLITICAL DEBTS

Additional Expense of \$2,000 a Year Involved in the Change in the Auditing Department Alone.

Since the majority members of the Board of County Commissioners have succeeded in engrafting a rejuvenated auditing department on the county pay roll to the unmet satisfaction of some of their friends, who thus give the lucrative positions in the county building, some of the county officials have been doing a little figuring to ascertain just what this political luxury will cost the taxpayers. The figures are easily secured and they indicate that the cost of running the county clerk's office and the auditing department has been increased nearly 30 per cent.

Under the old system the work of both departments was accomplished at an expense for clerk hire of \$560.83 a month. Under the new arrangement the cost of running the two Northern desks that took the same item and that of the auditing department is \$239.83, or a total of \$725.83. This makes the additional cost \$185 per month, or \$1,980 per year. That these figures are correct is established by a comparison of the two Northern desks that took the same item and that of the auditing department is \$239.83, or a total of \$725.83. This makes the additional cost \$185 per month, or \$1,980 per year.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Salary. Includes Charles L. Harris, deputy auditor, \$100.00; H. P. Deuel, auditor, \$125.00; W. G. Templeton, bookkeeper, \$50.00; Margaret J. Truland, clerk, \$50.00; Edna E. Grimth, stenographer, \$50.00.

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You can save trouble and expense by furnishing her with Ivory Soap, and insisting that she use it and nothing else. The price of one ruined garment will buy Ivory Soap sufficient for months.

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THE WAY IN WHICH WE LOCATED THEM.

The reason for this I never knew. "As a substitute for bread—of course the Indians had no flour—we ate a species of pudding made of the blood of the game we killed, boiled with dried berries and mixed with the little bulbs from the squirrel hoards."

"I asked Carmack how the Indians felt those days obtained salt for their meat. Every one knows that to a white man, at least, salt is a necessity and not a mere flavoring matter. In answer Carmack told me something that was entirely new to me. He said that the Indians made it a practice not to throw away the water in which they boiled their meat, but allowed it to remain in the kettle. In course of a short time, he told me, the water or broth would become extremely salty and could then be maintained at whatever degree of saltness deemed desirable by the addition of fresh water to replace some of the salt broth dipped out and thrown away.

MOVE TO DISMISS ENO'S BAIL.

ST. LOUIS, June 22.—A motion was made in the court of general sessions today to dismiss the bail of John C. Eno, former president of the Second National bank, who defaulted for \$3,000,000 of the bank's money and fled to Canada. There were twelve indictments found against Eno June 11, 1894. Eno came back from Canada February 1, 1895, after his father had made good the loss to the bank and was admitted to \$10,000 bail, his bond being furnished by Benjamin Knower and J. Hicks Bloodgood of this city. The district attorney's office made the application for the dismissal of bail stating that the defendants had never displayed any intention to avoid the jurisdiction of the court. A letter from the officials of the Second National bank was presented, in which they stated that they would be satisfied with any disposition of the case the court might make. The judge took the papers.

PLAZA PATRIOT'S MURDER ESCAPES.

ST. LOUIS, June 22.—A special to the Post-Dispatch from Cairo, Ill., says: Reports from Mound City say that Mike Tobin, who yesterday shot and killed August Fitzpatrick, has not yet been captured. Police are still searching for him, and it is possible that he has given them the slip.

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