

THE FIELD OF ELECTRICITY

Substitution of Electricity for Steam in the Textile Industries.

CURRENT INNOVATIONS IN NEW CHURCHES

Unpleasant Glare Accompanying the Reflection of Strong Light—Curing "The Tired Feeling" in Iron.

Electricity has in the past been adopted quite extensively in printing establishments, paper mills and for operating the machinery in various lines of manufacture, and now it appears to be on the eve of supplanting the mechanical drive in the textile industry.

On the other hand, apparently the only argument against the adoption of electricity in the textile industry, brought forward by persons, to be found in every community, who endeavor to impede advancement through misplaced conservatism, is that introduction would be followed by an increase in taxes, insurance and interest.

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In the newer churches such appliances have also been put into older churches—the organ itself is provided with electrical appliances by means of which the valves of the organ pipes are opened.

Church chimes are now played by electricity in a church by means of which the organ is connected by wire to the same keyboard, and new organs, however situated in a church, are now likely to be provided with electrical keyboards.

Three-Phase Factory System. The diversified applications of electric motors in the new plant of the Elgin National Water company at Elgin, Ill., show a wide range of the uses of the heavy stamping machine to the smallest lathes.

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MISMAID PAIRS IN COURT

Approaching Yuletide Brings Briak Business in the Line of Divorces.

NUMEROUS PETITIONS ARE BEING FILED

Among the Allegations Are Bigamy, Attempted Murder, Insanity and Indelicacy—Startling Charge Against Mrs. Payton.

Yuletide with its joys and festivities has its sorrows also. If the divorce docket in the district court may be taken as an index, recently there has been a revival in divorce business.

William B. Thompson has brought suit against Mrs. B. Thompson, alleging that the defendant is an inmate of an asylum for the insane at Clarendon, Ia. He also sets forth that she deserted him in 1893 shortly before she was adjudged insane.

Mabel Matheson alleges that R. L. Matheson is guilty of bigamy and that he married Eliza D. Morris of Grand Island November 28, 1897, without going through the formality of securing a divorce from his first wife, Mary.

Melissa A. Shielde wants a divorce from William D. Shields, alleging desertion. They were married in St. Louis December 22, 1888.

Mary Morris has sued Cleon Morris for separation, setting forth in her petition that Morris has become a habitual drunkard and that he has heaped numerous indignities upon his wife.

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Crowding the Hook Case. In the United States court Judge Mangor is doing everything in his power to finish the Nohik bank case before the holiday recess.

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be secured here, but it was said that formal announcement would be made in due time in Pittsburgh.

SHEEPMEN ASK LEGISLATION

National Live Stock Association to Memorialize Congress to Re-open Forest Reserves.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 21.—Four days of warm debate is promised during the annual convention of the National Live Stock association, which convenes here on the 16th next month. The subjects which will cause these discussions are:

The reopening of the forest reserves to sheepmen; terminal charges at the Chicago market; feeding in transit rates on live stock shipments and the leasing of public lands.

It is said that the first is of such great importance to sheepmen that leaders of this industry in the north and northwest are sending out to every association in the country requesting them to join the national association at once and send full delegations to the Fort Worth meeting. The proposition is that they will ask the convention to memorialize congress to reopen these reservations.

SPECIAL LOW RATES

Account of the holidays. For rates, limits and all information, call at "Quincy Route" office, 1412 Farnam street (Baxton hotel block), or write Harry E. Moore, C. P. & T. A., Omaha, Neb.

FOUR WINTER TOURS.

On January 10, February 14 and March 7 the Wabash will run excursions via New York and the steamer Ponca to Porto Rico. Also on February 13 a thirty-day tour of Old Mexico. For rates, which include all expenses, and further information call on or write G. N. CLAYTON, Room 606 Karbach block, Omaha, Neb.

INCREASE IN RUSSIAN CEREALS.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 21.—The Central Agricultural bureau has published a report showing an increase of 20 per cent in winter cereals over 1898 and an increase of 17 per cent upon the average of the last five years.

CARNegie COMPANY PLANS

Trust Sold to Have Been Picked Up Between Frick and Head of Firm. The conferences concerning the future organization and operation of the Carnegie Steel company are said to be concluded for the present by the steel magnate. While neither Mr. Carnegie nor Mr. Frick will talk about the situation, it was learned from a trustworthy source that there is little likelihood of Mr. Frick's starting in to organize a company to fight the Carnegie company.

There is a plan under discussion, so it is said to abolish the office of chairman and allow the office to die with Mr. Frick. Instead another office, similar in character, but bearing another name, will be created. H. W. Oliver of Pittsburgh has been named as likely to take charge when Mr. Frick steps aside. No confirmation of this could be obtained.

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