

Recent Progress in the Field of Electricity

A Force in American Life. THE telephone has industed itself more thoroughly into American life in the last twenty years than any mechanical device perfected in the same time.

As each advance was made, or a trench was dug, connections were made with headquarters by telephone. Thus, not only was all important information transmitted immediately to the commander, but fighting was directed from the latter point by the same means.

The longest distance over which speech is regularly transmitted, says the Boston Globe, "is between Boston and Omaha, 1,900 miles. A business house in the western city talks daily with its representatives in Boston.

Wireless Message Astronomy. Sleeples relative to the practicability of wireless telegraphy were gloating with an "I told you so" expression on their faces over the going astray of a message sent from the steamship Bermudian.

Omaha is the farthest western city that has telephonic communication with the east, and from central Nebraska west for several hundred miles, until Denver is reached, there is but little telephonic development.

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Nothing exhibits the growth of the business more startlingly than the number of employees. In 1881 they numbered 1,650, whereas at the beginning of the present year they had grown to the enormous number of 21,000.

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The total average number of telephone communications daily in 1881 was 200,000; at the beginning of 1905 it was 11,000,000. This vast number of messages if divided among all the people of the country would furnish forty-two talks for each inhabitant annually.

The number of telephone messages transmitted yearly is now as great as the number of pieces of paper in circulation sent through the United States mails.

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Steam Aiming Electricity. "The railroads in many parts of the country," says the Chicago Tribune, "are beginning to be troubled by the competition of trolley cars.

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"The social status is influenced by the influx of foreigners and by foreign travel of Americans. The latter is probably of secondary consideration, but it is undoubtedly worthy of at least a mere mention.

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Missouri's New United States Senator



MAJOR WILLIAM WARNER.

Gossip and Stories About Prominent People

New Senator from Missouri. MAJOR WILLIAM WARNER of Kansas City, recently elected United States senator from Missouri, to succeed Francis M. Cockrell, is widely known throughout the west.

which he presented to George H. Taber lodge of Free Masons. A sumptuously equipped lodge-room, which rivals in magnificence the grand lodge quarters, was also presented to the order which, having the income from the block kept on a high financial footing.

Good Man for His Town. Henry G. Rogers, vice president of the Standard Oil company, is very generous to his native town, Fairhaven, Mass.

The old Unitarian church was next transformed by Mr. Rogers into a school-house for the lower grades and for the manual training and cooking classes.

Mr. Rogers' first gift was made about twenty years ago, when he presented the town with the Rogers school, a handsome structure, used for the grammar grades.

With all his activity in Standard Oil and finance, Mr. Rogers finds time to hold the position of superintendent of streets at a salary of \$3 a day. This and much more out of his own pocket he expends in building macadamized roads, curbing sidewalks and putting in long stretches of granolithic walks.

Ground for the erection of the library had hardly been broken before Mr. Rogers gave the place a handsome town hall, which is one of the show places of this region.

One of the interesting men in the Colorado legislature is Senator Jack Crowley of Otero county. He's there against his will.

The New Chinese Minister. W. W. Rockhill, appointed United States minister to China, is an eminent orientalist and traveler.

From the Chicago Chronicle, none of the presidents has been strictly a "temperance man." Grant was fond of whiskey punch and champagne.

Some Startling Statistics. This will not apply so much to the unskilled classes, where the maximum wage is reached in the early age of manhood.

All Good Lives. The Chicago Chronicle, none of the presidents has been strictly a "temperance man." Grant was fond of whiskey punch and champagne.

Race Suicide Discussed from New Point of View

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"The decrease in birth rate is found not only in the lower strata of society, but the population of the upper strata appears to be crowded out fastest. In an interesting article by George C. Vincent the writer says:

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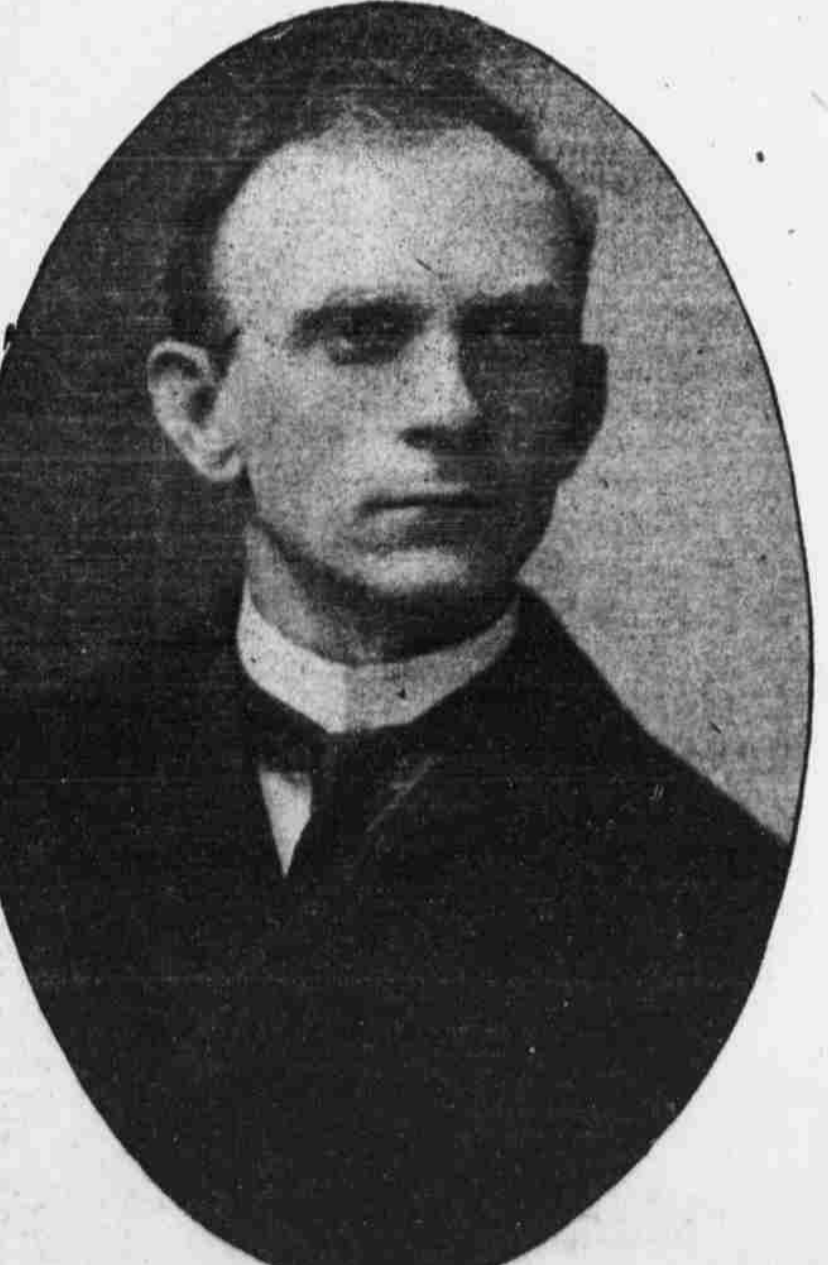
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New Assistant U. S. District Attorney for Nebraska



A. W. LANE.

William the Conqueror, we scarcely respect you. Agamemnon, what did you do, anyway? Alexander, did you lick anybody? Napoleon, what was it that arrested you for?

Funston—let's see! Where did we hear that name? Kitchener, your last name sounds familiar.

Bobe Bahadur, yours was some skirmish in India, wasn't it? Grant, you were merely going home.

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