## Fur Trade Attracts White Men First to Franklin County's Fertile Soil



RESIDENCE OF J. B. M'GREGOR, BLOOMINGTON.

dominates in trapping in the west. The its officers and ordered that they should

fascination is in the hazard. The spell so be armed and placed on a war footing

bling and not the commercial instinct pre- and the governor issued commissions to Franklin Durand, born October I, 1871.

WAS the fur industry that county, was made by Barnell Ashburne, opened the way to Frank'in one of the party who selected the location. The hunter is a de- The settlement was known as the Thompstroyer and the trapper is heart- son colony. A serious question to settle less and cruel. History has kept was, how to defend themselves from the scant record of the hunter and hostile Indians. They finally applied to trapper, and the true story of his life has Colonel David Butler for arms and ammunever been written and never can be writ- nition, but the governor informed them ten. Above the scout or freighter he stands that before he could comply with their strong and lonely as a grizzly. You meet request, they would be obliged to organize him on every trail, every highway and by- a militia company. The entire colony was way, and where there is no way, in a new formed into a militia company and were country. It is self-evident that the gam- enlisted in the Second Nebraska cavalry,

charm of chance. casy-going and good-tempered, yet as ready the 3d day of the following March. to fight as an old bear, and you never. The first death in the county was that can tell when he is going to begin. He is of Samuel W. Ashby, June 2, 1872, aged along the streams, there was little danger. The first school district was organized until in 1879 it had the trade from a very not deep. All his life he has lacked the was established at Franklin. May, 1871. refining influence of women. Mountain and A colony from Omaha, composed en-

his companions. Yet the trapper has been a creek which they called Lovely creek, of the cattle were left, the pathfinder of more than half of the but their money was soon gone and they Early in the spring of

the most fertile counties in the Republican under a large cottonwood tree and were lation. valley. Previous to the year 1870 there had listened to by thirty or forty people. extraordinary fertility, parties were organ- against depredations of the Indians. ized to examine and report on the truth of The Republican valley had been the best Franklin about September I, 1871, by O'Ban- Bloomington became the county seat. hunting ground of the Indians, and their hostility and occupancy of the ground had rendered its settlement impracticable.

For many years a number of hunters and trappers had spent the hunting season here, and as early as the winter of 1866-67 a settlement was made in the western part of the county, but had to be abandoned on account of the hostility of the Indians.

At this time there were no white settlers within 100 miles eastward, and on the north no settlements nearer than the Platte river. In 1879 several companies were organized in Omaha, for the purpose of making settlement somewhere in the western part of the state. One of the partles proposed a location in the Republican valley, Therefore on the 14th day of September, 1870, William C. Thompson and five others, started out on a tour of investigation, but on account of the unfriendly attitude of the Indians, they advanced with great caution. They found wild game of all kinds common to the western prairie, in abundance, In October the party returned to Omaha with glowing accounts of the country and many people entered homestead claims

The first homestead claim in Franklin



BLOOMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

county was March 1, 1872, to a couple from water powers. The town has a population first store was opened in October by Peter much better than any town in the state of The first houses were built of sod or Harian county. The first Fourth of July of 500 and is one of the oldest settled porlogs. In the fall of 1871 many of the settlers celebration was held in the same year in tions of the county. binding usually is not of avarice, but lies immediately. Other colonies settled in dif. left the country to spend the winter farther a cottonwood grove, near the Republican. The first settlers arrived here March 20, in that de icious, feverish, intoxicating ferent parts of the county during 1871-72, east, where they could secure employment, river, on the farm of J. F. Puglsey. About 1871. The first postoffice was established Measures were taken to organize the The only crops raised that year were sod 100 people were present J. F. Zediker read soon after and was called Riverton. The The every-day trades, the tame besten county and Governor David Butler issued The winter of 1871-72 was a several denominations are here represented there by John vember 12, 1880. The first store was established here by John vember 12, 1880. The fi He is for the short cut to fortune. He is an election of county officers to be held and, though other provisions were scarce, "Nebraska, Ten Years Hence." Her proph- taught by C. B. Childs. Up to 1873 the town gational minister, in 1880. game was abundant. Buffalo, antelope, ecies of the churches, villages, railroads in proved but slowly. In 1874 a flouring mill wild turkeys and other game was plentiful and other improvements were more than was erected by Shepardson & Vollintine.

n man whose experiences are only wide, 62 years. The first postoffice in the county of starvation or freezing. One thousand in the summer of 1872, and the first school large extent of country. five hundred Texas cattle were driven in was taught by Miss Maria Peery, in a In educational matters Riverton is proto winter, but the weather was so cold and dugout.

organized in Brownville, Neb., for the pur- Franklin county, close to the Republican western plains. boundless west. It was he who blazed the alandoned their claims before the summer who left the county the previous fall, after part of Franklin county. The sixe of railroad passes along on the level bottom there being two strong banks, four general Early in the spring of 1873 the settlers pose of locating a town in some desirable river and Center creek. The Burlington Every line of business is represented. their breaking was done and houses built, the present town of Bloomington was se-Franklin county is in the southern tier The first sermon was preached in the returned and put in their crops. During lected. The first newspaper in the county of the counties of the state and 175 miles county by Rev. John W. Whiting, a one- the spring many fresh emigrants came, was published at Bloomington in August, west of the Missouri river. It is one of armed ex-soldier. The services were held and the county was fast growing in popu- 1872, by J. D. Calhoun, and was called the Bloomington Guard. In June, 1873, the Up to the spring of 1872 Franklin county Franklin County Agricultural society was been no settlement in the Republican val
During the summer of 1871 a company of had acquired but little importance. In organized and the first agricultural fair ley, but about this time reports from hunt- soldiers was stationed about two miles April the county seat, which had not been in the county, as well as the first in the ers and occasional travelers, describing its above the mouth of Turkey creek, to guard established at any given place, was lo- Republican River valley, was held at against depredations of the Indians. cated here, and the upper story of a Bloomington, October 1 of the same year.

At the first election of county officers, building belonging to E. A. Kirkpatrick Governor R. B. Furnas delivered the adthese statements. As a result the settle- held October 10, 1871, thirty votes were was leased for a court house and the dress and complimented the farmers and polled. The first store was established at county records removed here, but in 1874 citizens on the remarkable progress they had made and the large and magnificent non. The first child born in the county was The first marriage license issued in the display of products.

In 1874 a large acreage of crops of all kinds was planted with the prospect of an abundant harvest, but in July the grasshoppers appeared in multitudes and in a few day's time everything was stripped of its foliage.

In the fall of 1874, the first herd of Shorthorn cattle, numbering about 100, were brought in by A. R. Gage, who settled on Crow Creek.

In 1875-'76 Franklin county, at the state fair, was awarded first premium and various medals for the largest and best display of agricultural products. In 1879 bonds were voted to the Burlington

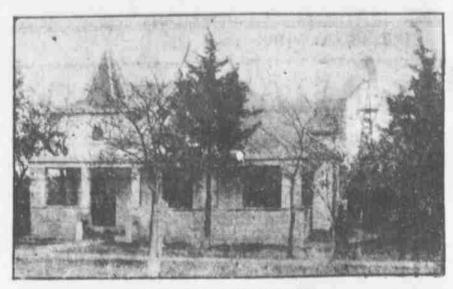
& Missouri River railroad to induce them to extend their road through the county, the road was completed and trains began running as far as Bloomington that same year. Previous to this time grain and produce was hauled to Lowell and Kearney to market. The latter place, nearly fifty miles from Bloomington, was the principal market.

Riverton is one of the thrifty towns of Franklin county. It is located in the Republican valley. Thompsons creek flows through the town and has several excellent



BLOOMINGTON CATHOLIC CHURCH.

gressive and up with the times.



TYPICAL BLOOMINGTON HOME.

is here obtained of the level uplands for the state, harness shop, bakeries, restaurley and high hills.

lin was removed to Bloomington, In 1879, for the third time, a town was time from all present indications,

started where Franklin now stands. The Educationally, Bloomington is equipped Schnack.

Rev. J. M. Strong officiating. The first a large number of our students have gone death was that of Miss Mollie Mills, No- to complete their education. In churches vember 12, 1880. The first sermon was several denominations are here represented The Franklin flouring mills were erected in 1880 by Rice & Potter on the Republican

Franklin has a population of 1,200.

Bloomington, the county seat, is a thriving town of about 900 to 1,000 inhabitants, situated on the Republican river, whose wood and stream and other men have been tirely of colored people, took a location on the weather was so cold and dugout.

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lands just below the town. A pleasant view stores, one of the largest lumber wards to miles to the north, east and west, to the ants, hotels, drug stores, jowelry store, south a view is had of the broad river val- printing offices, meat market, furniture stars, clothing store, automobile delivery The county seat was located here until and many other institutions, besides num 1874, when it was removed to Bloomington, crous professional men. There are other In a few months the entire town of Frank- lines of business which are yet unregresented here, which will be filled in a short

her size, having maintained for many years The first marriage was that of George a full twelve grade school, fully accredited Rice and Maggie Powell, November 1, 1880, at our state university, to which institution

The town is situated on the main line of the Burlington between St. Louis and Denver, which is the shortest route of that line between Chicago and Denver. The town is also on the new line surveyed in the summer of 1907 by the Sailna & Northwestern Nearly every resident of the town is the owner of his property, very little speculation having been entered into with building and loan associations, and as a result

the business of the town is stable. The farming interests in the county have been bettered vasily in the last few years and there is no fear of a retrograde movement in the values of property, either city or farm. In fact, the values are on a steady rise. It is a good piace to make a home, it is a good a place to emback in business and an acquaintance with the town will convince any who are seeking a change. The people are respectable, lawabiding citizens, generous and hospitable. Franklin county has seven raliroad sta-

tions and fifty miles of railroad. It has \$75 miles of public highway and a population of 12,000. The property valuation of Franklin county is about \$17,000,000. The farms of Franklin county contain 258,000 acres, 155,000 of which are under cultivation, On these farms were produced last mason, 75,000 acres of corn, 42,000 acres of wh at and 12,000 acres outs. These farmers soid and shipped out last season, 251,000 bushels of corn and 657,000 bushels of wheat, A very large proportion of the corn is consumed on the farm. The wealth of this county consists largely of fat stock. Last season the farmers sold and shipped out 22,000 head of beef cattle and 72,000 head of fat hogs. Also 4,600 mutton sheep.

The future of Franklin county will depend largely upon the dairy industry. Aladv the farmers have \$100 farms, and each year they are using more hand separators and adopting modera methods in this industry. Last season they sold and shipped out of the county 362,000 pounds of butter and 08.000 gailons of cream. The poultry industry is fast coming to the front as a money-maker for the farmer's wife. Last season there were 295,600 dozens of eggs and 200,000 pounda of dressed poultry sold.



GENERAL STORE AT BLOOMINGTON.

SCHOOL HOUSE AT BLOOMINGTON.

## Experiment and Result in the Widening Field of Electric Application can readily be connected at any time. York and the Societe Francaise des Tele- old pack ladened with good things to eat, 12,000,000 toys and dolls, and it is estimated. It is only recently that electricity began our arrangement may be fixed to any ordi-

system in Germany has just been installed solved the problem." in Hildeshelm by the imperial German These halves are just large enough to per- ing machine was called in now and then disk. If, for instance, a person desires to be connected with No. 351, the subscriber Down in the big city of New York than first removes the receiver from the hook, make dresses by electricity. They make a disk and lets it return to zero.

made is as follows: When a subscriber rate of over a thousand stitches a minute. rotates the disk by placing his finger in which will give you some idea of how fast I stood near to him I said half aloud. the hole 9 and rotates the disk he sends they run. Even the buttons are sewed on "Surely here is a good man!" In a world the requisite impulse over the line to the by electricity and another electric machine of human fraility this is much to say. The cardinal wore the kold watch for a contrat office to move, in the case of No. fashions and completes the buttonhole, even when one is standing at the very few days, but it literally burned a hole Wi, the 100 switch nine steps, or, in other When the dresses are finished they are heart of Christendom. words, the switch picks out the ninth hun- pressed with an electric iron, packed in dred. Similarly, when his finger is placed boxes and delivered to the railroad eminent and the lowly who make up the in the hole 5 and the disk is rotated, it is Station in an electric truck. The fact Vatican household have taught me not to again rotated through a predetermined that electricity drives the various ma- he surprised at the character of the men angle and sends back to the central office chines makes it possible to complete thou- whom I had come to know, and I had five impulses, which in turn move a final sands of these dresses a day, thereby savigating through wide experience that the selector, which had in the meantime because the band of these dresses a day, thereby savigating through wide experience that the selector, which had in the meantime because the band of these dresses a day, thereby savigating through wide experience that the selector, which had in the meantime because the band of these dresses a day, thereby savigating through wide experience that the selector, which had in the meantime because the band of these dresses a day, thereby savigating through the selector of the sel come connected to the 100 switch above each dress by hand. referred to, five spaces, which will correspond to the 50s in this particular 200; and The various governments of the world so again with the 1, until finally the ap- sown together 880 cables, having a total paratus in the central office has been con- length of 14,480 miles and containing 21,500 nected through to line No. 351 from the miles of conductors. The French governcalling subscriber's line. It is not necess ment, which takes the lead as to length sary for the subscriber to ring, maamuch of cables, has 3,400 miles in fifty-four as this is also done automatically.

"The first automatic telephone exchange and the automatic device seems to have

The Electrical Dressmaker.

the desired connection, each subscriber be- memory of most of us, every community ing his own exchange. The apparatus is supported one or more dressmakers who like a clock, with indicating numbers. The traveled from house to house and made Hildeshelm subscriber's set, connected to the gowns for our mothers and sisters. the automatic exchange, is composed of a These dressmakers cut the cloth accorddisk on which are to be found ton holes ing to a tissue paper pattern and sewed numbered from the bottom up, 0 to 9, it mostly by hand, although the old sewmit the insertion of the average person's to do its share of the rougher work. The forefinger, the holes being on a movable dresses were basted and fitted and then

Down in the big city of New York they then places his forefinger in the slot num- dogen dresses while the old-fashioned bered 9 and rotates the disk as far as it dressmaker would be taking off her hat will go-that is, until his finger strikes an and coat. In this New York factory the obstruction. He then removes his finger dresses are made by the thousand. The from the slot and permits the disk to re- various colored goods as received from the turn to its normal position under the ac- mill are spread out on long tables and in tion of a spring, whereupon the forefinger a flash the electric knives have cut out is inserted in the hole marked 5 and the the many complicated sections of the gardisk is again rotated until the finger meets ment according to the patterns. Then the benign figure, the most eminent in the supported ten poor students in the semithe obstruction, the disk being again per- goods are passed along to other operatives. Christian world, my appreciation, admira- nary, allowing each \$100 a year, contrimitted to return to its normal position; the under the matter of the mat subscriber then again places his forefinger news the sleeves together in a trice while a verifable fire of righteousness whom the self. in the hole marked I, again rotates the all about her are other motor-driven ma- exigencies of life have brought forth out. All his life he has carried a nickel watch, The manner in which the connection is of the dress. These machines sew at the trigue, a little world of inordinate ambi- he always were in his vest pocket, secured

Cables of the World.

"The subscriber, having finished, termi- erament comes first, with 25 cables, hav- tsh, each successively larger, till now his nates the connection by hanging the receiver on the book. Immediately another
person can be called up. Should the subseriber wish to call white a number is in

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capter the first, with 25 cables, having a total length of 348 miles. Finally,
parks is world-wide. He is the shepherd
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For the innumerable flock.

Poverty has never been to Pope Plus

Telegraph.

It happened on a railway train. seriber wish to call white a number is in cables, having a total length of 1.58 miles, him, a sin, and this sin at least be has. The doctor's dialectic adversary was a to find out if the story was true. At use he can get no connection until the Private companies to the number of ever been free from. All through his life drummer, who had purchased a paper. Milwaukee where Mr. Aldrich addressed to the number of ever been free from. All through his life drummer, who had purchased a paper. user has ceased conversation, and this, of twenty-eight own less cables, having a as a parish priest, as bishop of Mantua backed edition of some lectures delivered course, does away with the annoying fea- length of 126,864 miles and containing 127,692 and as Patriarch of Venice, he has shared by the late Colonel Ingersoil. ture in telephones of being interrupted in miles of conductors. The French com- everything he has had with the more needy the midst of a conversation by some one panies only two in number-the Compagnie about him. breaking in. By this system the subscriber Prancates du Telegraphe de Paris a New When he was first made bishop, one of

CE Consul William Washington whether day or night, and it is evident graphes Sous-Marins-have eighteen cables, toys and things boys and girls like best, that we spent not less than \$30,000,000 for to take a conspicuous part in the Christ-navy labor saving appliance from a little Brunswick of Chemnitz thus that it will ultimately do away entirely with a total length of 7,349 nautical miles, he is not at all adverse to applying mod- foreign and home-made playthings. While mas holiday. Of all the electric toys the mincing machine to a vacuum cleaner. The describes the working of an au- with the exchange girl, as it reduces the The most important of the private com- ern methods whenever he can. So it is we cannot hope to compete with the for- little trolley car is the best. It takes its use of electric motors in bousework is not omatic telephone system that cost of maintenance. The government is panies is the Eastern Telegraph company, that the best Christmas tree this year will eigh countries in the manufacture of power from the lighting circuit and will rew, but until the coming of the "Electric

postoffice, requiring no central to make In those good old days still within the would extend more than half way there.

Electricity in Toyland.

old reindeer and sleigh, carrying the same world, as last year we imported nearly trically lighted.

been made cardinal he was presented by a

a handsome gold watch, studded with bril-

you the time. Nickel watches keep very

Aminble Aked's Answer.

It was all an overwhelming novelty for

the drummer.

Germany leads the world as a maker of exceedingly instructive as well as entertoys, exporting more than \$50,000,000 worth taining. The American girl, for the most last year. France, which ranks second, part, is not so exacting, being content with

## Gossip and Stories About Noted People

Simplicity of Pope Pius.

ooked upon this quaintly sweet approximately \$4,500. With this he always shouted the drummer.

chines stitching together the other parts of a seething caldron of diplomatic in- which cost about 10 francs, or \$2. This tion, plot and counter plot. The first time by an ordinary black cord. After he had

Six months of close contact with the an organization controlled and managed wondrously well by some of the greatest administrators on earth, men who are of necessity before all else diplomats in the bigg at and in the fullest sense of that broad word. Pius X is no diplomat. He good time." is a simple man. He is a parish priest who, through the sheer force of good works, has succeeded from parish to par-

his sisters wrote anxiousty to him: "Beppo brief intake of ideas sufficed, and he began URING the month preceding (his pet name) how shall I cook for you to spurt like a geyser, and the month following Easter now that you have become bishop?" To Everybody within the Everybody within the sound of his voice had the privilege of four au- which the good Sarto replied, "The same was deluged, including the unfartunate Dr. tiences with Pope Plus X, as you always have, just as much and no Aked, who wished to escape but couldn't, writes Kellogg Durland in The more." As Patriarch of Venice his salary as the drummer preferred a clergyman. Dellineator for December. Each amounted to 23,000 lire annually, which is "Health ought to be catching you know "Health ought to be catching, you know,"

> "It is," nodded the minister meekly "Then there was Moses," pursued the drummer, "who paid no attention to counterstrokes. He made mistakes only. 'So do we all," suggested the clergyman,

"and Moses told us ours first." "And creation isn't such a much, anyhow," went on the drummer like a springtime flood. "Nothing in the universe is wealthy gentleman with a gold watch, made well,"

"For instance," "Er-ourselves. We have eyelids to proin his pocket, and when he came presently tect the sye, but our ears have no lids. upon some one who needed the worth of Now, if it had been a good job we could the watch more than he needed the watch rest our sense of hearing by closing a lid he sold it. Prince Fredric of Schoenburg- over it once in a while, couldn't we?" Waldenburg sent as a New Year's gift It was the doctor's turn to enthuse

Sarto was asked the time, and, pulling had made mine with lids. Believe me, sir, out his old watch, he said: "I can tell if it were so I should close them now."

Aldrich May Be an Elk. Charles Dyer Norton, assistant secre-

Rev. Dr. Aked during a run-in with an agnostic the other day scored a neat fall Washington resterday, reports the Wash- tunnel. This is the first time this feature for the orthodox, relates the New York they had a story that Mr. Aldrich was a road work in America. bad man with horns.

Lots of people came to see Mr. Aidrich With his natural gift of loquacity a very ton, "for I notice you've shed your horns," handy, portable motor, which by an ingent-

Santa Claus carries in his pack.

Big Electric Locomotive.

100 miles east of Seattle. The locomotives knives, sweeping floors, polishing silver, at Schenectady, N. Y., weigh 230,000 pounds But the "Electric Mary Ann" is a versaeach, develop more than 2,000 continuous tile lady, and she is also declared by her horse power and are capable of delivering inventor to be competent to drive a washa traction effort of 80,000 pounds.

raffle. The big electrics are capable of sewing machines. hauling the heaviest trains, steam locomo- Not even the most careless servant, says tives and all, up the steep grades, which the inventor, could come to any harm by was impossible for steam locomotives ex- using the apparatus. gept those of the largest Kind.

The electrical equipment represents the best practice and the latest development of electrical engineering. The Wenatchee "Great" he exclaimed. "You have ac. river has been harnessed about thirly miles liants. The pope accepted the gift, but tually uttered a new idea-at least, one that south of the tunnel, where 12,000 electrical along the African coast. in thanking the prince told him frankly I have never heard of before. I will con- horse power is generated by the falling that he should continue to carry his old cede you a point against the human ear. Water. The largest pipe line in the north- of telephone linea. nickel timepiece. Once at a conference I would give thanks to the Maker if He west carries the water from the dam to the power house two miles below and 210 blowers in blacksmith shops. feet nearer sea level, where the turbines change the energy into electricity, which is ried across 2,100 miles of space between transmitted at 32,000 volts to the tunnel. On the descending grade the motors will tary of the treasury, who accompanied become generators and return electrical Senator Aldrich in his campaign of mone- energy to the line to assist other trains Great Britain comes next with 565,854 and tary education in the west, got back to climbing the hill on the other side of the France next with less than 200,000,

"Electric Mary Ann."

The "Electric Mary Ann," the invention

tomatic telephone system that cost of maintenance. The government is panies is the Lastern telephone system that the best Christmas tree this year will be seen that the best Christmas tree this year will be seen that the Lastern telephone system that the best Christmas tree this year will be seen that the Lastern telephone system that the best Christmas tree this year will be seen that the Lastern telephone system that the Lastern telephone sys total length of 25.347 miles.

The total number of cables in the world is 1.168, with a total length of 140.344 miles and 149.136 miles of conductors. This is and 149.136 miles of conductors. This is and 149.136 miles of conductors. This is an extra
The total number of cables in the world of the old-fashloned candles, which had expanding demands of American boys' has been prohibitive for ordinary and the cost has been prohibitive for ordinary worth to the recipient also became very ordinary adaptability. Weighing only popular last year as suitable holiday gifts, seventeen pounds, she can be carried to any The heating devices are made of handsome part of the house where electric current is While Santa Claus still adheres to the shipped only half as much. This country the old-fashioned doll, but the modern doll nickel or burnished copper and are really laid on. A lamp is removed, Mary Ann is good old-fashioned ways, driving the same is the largest purchaser of toys in the house is most complete, even to being elec- ornamental as well as useful. The elec- attached, the brushes or machines are adtric flatiron was just about the right size justed, the switch is turned on and the and cost just enough to make it an ideal new servant begins her work. Mr. Mar-Christmas present. The chafing dish and thews gives his interesting protege a good coffee percolator were also seized upon for character. She is said to be hard working. presents and other heating devices for the clean and reliable. She never gets out of kitchen and dining room, such as the elec- order, never grumbles or grows tired and tric toaster, water heater, broilers, frying has no wasteful habits. She is a quick pans, shaving mugs and ovens are num- worker. She wants no holidays or evenings bered among the electrical things which off and has no "followers." Nor is she extravagant. For normal requirements she consumes the equivalent of a sixteen-candla power carbon incandescent lamp, The Electric locomotives are now shuttling "Electric Mary Ann" may be fixed to any trains back and forth through the two- table and takes up considerably less room mile tunnel of the Great Northern railroad than a typewriter, supplies the power for which pierces the Cascade mountains about mincing meat, grinding coffee, cleaning were built by the General Electric company cleaning boots and helping black the grate,

ing or wringing machine, ironing ma-The use of electric locomotives eliminates chines, dish washers, suct choppers, electric the smoke and gases which frequently fans, potato poelers, churns, bean slicers, overpowered engineers and trainmen, im- raisin stoners, dough and cake mixers, egg perilled the lives of passengers and delayed whisks, dumb waiters, cream separators or

Electric Sparks.

A pocket wireless telegraph has best R

Wireless stations are to be established Cuba will soon be covered with a netwerk

Electric motors are used to drive forge Wireless communications have been car-

San Francisco and Honolul Germany has \$51,318 telephone stations, more than any other European country.

ington Herald. Out in the prairie states has ever been successfully applied to rail- burning all night on the front porch and another on the back porch costs but 50 cents a month and is the best burglar proventative in the world.

A company has been organized in New a public meeting, one of the audience came of R. Borlace Matthews, British electrical York City for the publication of news over forward to shake hands with the Rhode engineer, is a rival to our human Mary a telephone. Subscribers will get the news, Island senator. "You must be an Elk, sen- Ann who now inhabits our kitchens. The of the day over the telephone. This blan ator," said the man, according to Mr. Nor- new Mary Ann appears in the form of a works very successfully in Paris, Lowcon,