

NIAGARA FALLS TO BE ILLUMINATED

Fifty Searchlights And Color Scintillators to Produce Wonderful Effects.

The night illumination of the mighty torrent at Niagara Falls is now assured and the plan for lighting the mist and water is unquestionably the greatest feat ever conceived in electrical illumination. The great falls, bathed in dazzling light surges in grandeur and spectacular affect anything of its kind ever seen before.

W. D. A. Ryan, illuminating engineer, has the work in charge and the falls were illuminated for the first time the night of Aug. 15, 1907. The lighting scheme for this enormous undertaking is on a scale never attempted before and a new invention, the color scintillator, is utilized for producing color effects which make the falling water far more beautiful and impressive by night than by day.

A battery of nearly fifty large search lights, several of them the largest of their kind and capable of throwing a beam of white light 125 miles, are located below the falls. A portion of the projectors are set down near the water's edge opposite Goat Island so as to play a rising illumination on both the American and Canada Falls. Another battery is placed on the high ground on the Canada side to throw a plunging light on the falling water and flying mist. The projectors are powerful enough to cover every inch of the torrent with a brilliant white light. All along the big searchlights are an exhibition worth traveling far to see, but when used in connection with the new scintillators the wonderful effect which can be produced beggars description.

The color scintillator consist of a network of steam pipes which will be used to augment the cloud effects of the flying mist. In front of the big light projectors are mounted wheels containing large gelatin disks which are revolved slowly. With the changing of the color disks the beams of light are variegated with kaleidoscopic effect producing a color scheme on the mist and water only excelled by the Great Northern lights. This apparatus was but recently perfected by the engineers of the General Electric company and has never been used before here or abroad, although it was given a thorough test a few months ago. The color attachments tint the waters carmine, crimson, orange, yellow, green, blue and violet of the purest shades and the rising clouds of mist blend the colors into hues and tints like a glorious sunset. It is even possible to produce an artificial aurora borealis and the colored beams reaching far into the sky will be visible in Toronto and Rochester in such volume as to cause comment. The program for illumination will be changed every night and in the winter time the color effects on the ice, snow and frost coated trees of the surrounding country will be spectacular, indeed. The entire proposition is to illuminate Niagara in a distinct and dignified manner on a scale in keeping with the surroundings. The possibilities of the apparatus installed are limited only by the imagination of the manipulators, it is possible to produce colored figures, snakes, dragons, flags and a thousand and one different novelties. The apparatus possesses the spectacular effect of fireworks on a grand scale without the fire hazard and danger.

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Hogwallow News.

A crow has been setting on the haystack pole over on the hill behind the postoffice since Thursday. It is thought by many that the crow is thinking of building a nest somewhere near by.

One of the wheels run off of Tobe Moseley's wagon while he was coming down Musket Ridge this week and rolled on ahead. The wheel beat him home and when he got there he found it leaning against a tree.

Sim Flinders has something the matter with the inside of his head. This is a very common ailment and Sim is not bothered.

Washington Hocks is going to have such a big dinner Sunday that he will have to build an addition to his kitchen.

Raz Barlow got so despondent a few days ago that he got up on a stump and declared that he wouldn't care if the world would come to an end.

Mrs. Isaac Helwanger left today for Thunderation to visit her second cousin. She took part of the young ones and will be back tomorrow after the balance.

Poke Eazley set in this week to straighten out the straws in his straw stack. They have become badly tangled, and it will be quite a job to get them in order again.

Jefferson Potlocks says his head has been swimming ever since he learned that the earth is travelling around the sun at the rate of over 18 miles a second.

It has been observed that a large parcel of red flowers have sprung up in the Dog Hill graveyard. This cannot be accounted for unless it is caused by a large number of red headed people being buried there.

A person's mind is back behind his eye, therefore it is not possible for him to see all that he believes.

The blacksmith at Bounding Billows died a few days ago and was buried among the blackberry bushes of the Gander creek graveyard. He ordered a headboard put up with his name on it so that the public will know that he is dead.

Jefferson Potlocks has built a foundation under his house. It extends from the ground to the wood work, and the building is now resting all its weight on the foundation.

Gander creek is up high now on account of a surplus flow of water. The bridges have also rose about three foot.

The rain has been very heavy this week, and on this account Fit Smith's cistern is so full that the sides are swelled out to twice their usual size, and the water is standing almost two feet above the top.

Prof. Sap Spradlen got his foot hung in a crack while reciting the Charge of the Light Brigade at the Wild Onion school house Friday and was wounded on the ankle.

Ellick Helwanger has decided to go to see Miss Flutie Belcher Sunday if it doesn't rain. In the meantime she is praying for it to rain.

Miss Fruzie Allsop has hung some artificial cherries out on the peach trees to fool the jay birds.

Frisby Hancock had the misfortune to lose his pocket knife this week. At the time he lost it he was whittling on the fence in the midst of a long snake story and his hearers are helping him search for the knife so that he can finish telling it.

I. C. Orders 3,000 Cars.

To meet any shortage in freight cars, that is in prospect for the fall season, the Illinois Central railroad yesterday ordered 3,000 freight cars. Now that the season is drawing near when there will be a big traffic movement in all directions, the railroads are beginning to place orders for box cars and engines. Several weeks ago the Southern railway placed an order for fifty engines and several hundred box cars. Copyright, J. H. Orme.



THE MARSH + + MARIGOLD

Caltha palustris—the marigold—
Flameth as its leaves unfold,
Yellow and bright! Like a sunset glow,
Carpets the marsh where the zephyrs blow!

Caltha palustris—the marigold,
Stirreth within me sweet memories old!
Thoughts of a maiden, with true blue eyes,
Plucking them there 'neath the halcyon skies!

Caltha palustris—the marigold,
Speaks of a day when one's hope was bold,
Tells of a time when the heart was light,
Throbbing in faith, with no thoughts of night!

Caltha palustris—the marigold—
Paint from thy petals of fairy mold,
Wafts o'er the chasm of years that flee,
Incense of youth, and its grace, to me.
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FAITH.

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"Where are you going, Oh, little stream,
Babbling along with your endless song?
What is your mission? What harbor
bound?"
Stay, Oh, ye prattler, your journey
long!"

"Hinder me not, Oh, you boulder gray,
Mossed with the age of a stolid sphere,
God made this song for my rills to sing,
He knows the way and I have no fear!"
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Tolling along, with your load apace,
This is the answer, my friend, for you!
God made the path for your feet to tread,
He knows the way and will see you
through!

DID YER EVER?



DID YER EVER GO A-FISHIN'
IN THER NAZY, MAZY DAYS—
GO A-FISHIN' AND A-WISHIN'
A TER-RIF-BLE WAYS?

DID YER EVER GO A-FISHIN'
WITH A HULKY, BULKY LUNCH—
TRUDGE A-FISHIN' AND A-WISHIN'
WITH A BIG BITE HUNCH?

AND YER TAKE YER FISHIN' TACKLE
AN' YER WORMIN' SQUIRMIN' CAN,
GO A-FISHIN' AND A-WISHIN'
TH' JOY-FUL-EST MAN!

DID YER EVER GO A-FISHIN'—
OH WHAT MADDER, SADDER FATE
TO GO A-FISHIN' AND A-WISHIN'
AND

FERGIT
YER
LIQUID
BAIT!

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MISSOURI CASE LIKE KENTUCKY'S

In the Matter of Trouble With Tax System.

A Tax Commission Has Just Made a Report That Is of Interest In This State.

Missouri has been laboring under a difficulty in its tax system nearly exactly similar to that of Kentucky. A tax commission has been at work in Missouri and in line with the tax commissions of other progressive states it has found no solution of the difficulties of the situation short of a constitutional amendment that will give the legislature greater liberty in dealing with the question; but it also points out that such an amendment is chiefly desirable because it will lead to separation of the sources of state revenue from the sources of county revenue.

The comments of the Missouri tax commission are so pertinent to the situation in Kentucky that the following extracts will be found of interest. "We all agreed that the first step in any tax reform is the separation of the sources of state and local revenue. This change would not require the exemption of any class of property from taxation. The proposed change may be effected by the adoption of a single constitutional amendment.

The general features of this separation of the sources of state and local revenues may be briefly summarized. The state would discontinue the levy of a general property tax upon the real and personal property of the state, leaving the assessment and collection of this tax to the counties and municipalities for local purposes. This would make a saving of the large expense incident to the present dual system. It would also dispense with the work of the State Board of Equalization connected with the attempted equalization of assessments of real and personal property among the counties of the state.

The state would thereafter derive its revenue through its inherent general power of taxation upon general subjects of taxation, as by licenses, corporation taxes, inspection fees and such other forms of taxation as the general assembly may determine.

The different rates of assessment in the different counties, enforced by the different demands for local revenue, would no longer produce inequality in taxation with reference to the state tax. The remedy proposed is, in our opinion, the only effective remedy. Each community could fix its own rate of valuation as its local needs may require, without subjecting its citizens to the injustice of being compelled to pay an undue share of state taxation.

There is now a certain kind of home rule in taxation, which consists in the variation of the rates of assessment upon property according to the local needs of the community, some counties paying taxes on 70 or 80 per cent of the real value of property, and others only 20 or 30 per cent. The report of the Tax Commission of 1903 says: It is in the bounds of truth to say that no two counties of the state have the same rule for the assessment of all classes of property, and generally speaking, there is absolutely no uniformity as to the proportion of the cash value taken as a basis of the assessed value. Some counties value real estate, so far as our reports show, as low as 30 per cent of its selling price, while others have a 90 per cent basis. Some assess real estate at 33 1/2 per cent, and tangible personal property at 50 per cent. The commission concluded that there was an absolute want of equality in taxation.

This inequality can not be remedied by the State Board of Equalization, for the obvious reason that the high rate of assessment in certain counties, including the city of St. Louis, is enforced by the pressing demand for revenue for local requirements. The board can not raise the assessments of the counties which make a low valuation, as that would be imposing an unnecessary burden upon those communities.

"We see no remedy for this existing inequality and resulting injustice, except in the separation of the sources of state and local revenue.

Under the plan proposed, the state would retain all of its inherent powers of taxation, except as to the general property tax upon real and personal property, which would be assessed and collected by counties and cities for local purposes. The state now levies a tax upon insurance companies, dramsshops, express companies, sundry corporations, license and inspection taxes, and a collateral inheritance tax. What other forms of taxation may be adopted will be for the General Assembly, in its discretion, to determine. The system proposed requires no change in the existing limitations upon the tax rates of the counties, cities and school districts.

"The change recommended requires no modification of the methods of assessing the property of railroads and other public service corporations by the State Board of Equalization. That system is statutory and its continuance or modification is subject to the control of the General Assembly. Should the present system be continued, whereby the assessed valuation made by the state board is apportioned to the counties, the General Assembly should continue the present state tax upon such valuation and provide for its direct payment into the state treasury."

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