

The "Electric Light" Party and Their Object

On the Coming Village Election

New Illuminating Agency Which Is Now Attracting Considerable Attention.

The matter of the coming village election in Hancock is the one all-absorbing topic in the town since the announcement of a ticket would be placed in the field from president down which would work for election on the issue of the municipal lighting of an electric lighting plant.

The "electric light" party profess their object to be the electing of a council which will investigate the question of the cost of plant and the expediency of the village installing a plant of its own.

The members of the council that remain are Wright, Kerredge and Hourke. Mr. Kerredge is known to be in favor of looking into the matter of municipal lighting and with the election of the proposed ticket a majority would be obtained.

Those who favor the village going into electric lighting on its own account are not merely theorists. They have a mass of figures; plain estimates, both of cost of plant and for running expenses, and this information will undoubtedly be made public during the progress of the spring campaign.

The battle is on and it only needs the naming of the opposing standard bearers to make it a hot one.

Now that the question of lighting, and cheap lighting at that, is the topic of the hour, it may not be out of order to give a few facts regarding a new illuminating agency that is attracting the attention of the scientific and practical world.

Acyetylene is a pure hydro-carbon gas, with elements of the simplest character, being ground coke, lime, water and electricity. Pure unslacked lime and high grade coke intimately mixed and fine ground are submitted to the intense heat of the electric furnace fusing down to a carbide of calcium.

The apparatus with which private houses may be equipped is no expense. A No. 1 generator costs \$15 and supplies two ordinary gas jets. Half a pound of carbide supplies this generator five hours.

The legislatures of Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota will be asked to change the open deer season, so as to have the time in each state fall between the same date.

Will Grosman, of Dollar Bay, is held at the jail pending his examination for admission to the state institution for the feeble minded. He was brought to the jail at his own request, claiming to be ill-treated at home.

On Friday evening, February 5, the Woman's Auxiliary, of the Y. M. C. A., assisted by Mesdames M. M. Moraine, H. L. Baer and F. J. Bawden, will give a unique entertainment in the association hall, consisting of living pictures, vocal and instrumental music and probably some literary numbers.

Lost—A pocket-book containing a sum of money, between C. A. Wright's residence and the Y. M. C. A. building along Quincy street. Finder will be rewarded by leaving the same with Mrs. F. J. Bawden, Hancock.

State Tax Statistician DeLand recommends to the legislature the disorganization of the counties of Alcona, Oscoda, Crawford, Presque Isle and Keweenaw.

Circuit Court is adjourned until Friday morning, at that time testimony in the divorce case of Nelya Clayton against John W. C. Clayton will be taken.

Seymour, the young son of Ernest Liebetrau, of Hurontown, died Saturday after a long illness. The funeral was held Monday afternoon.

Will Fellow, of West Hancock, was taken to jail yesterday for sixty days for disorderly conduct.

William Kott and Miss Margaret Donovan, of South Lake Linden, have been licensed to marry.

Lent begins March 3, and Easter Sunday falls on April 18.

THE RETIRED BURGLAR.

Not Often Really Frightened, but Now and Then Perhaps a Little Startled.

"I don't suppose a man in my business is apt to get frightened very much," said the retired burglar. "He's all the time expecting things to happen, and he's always on the lookout for them."

"I went into a house one night, and after groping around down stairs for a while in the blackest kind of darkness I went up stairs. There I found an open door. I had located from the outside of the house the windows of the room that this door opened into, and when I struck the door I knew where the bed ought to be."

"I certainly was startled by that alarm clock, make no mistake about that, and I have no doubt in my own mind that the man that jumped out of bed was startled when he fell over me, but I didn't stay to ask him about that."

It would be an advantage to have all over the world the same word for ticket, for railway, for postoffice and so forth. And something of this sort, however rudimentary, did actually exist on the continent before the German empire arose and, in its newly awakened self-consciousness, did its best to blot it out.

In those days, for example, the word always used in Germany for ticket was "billet," and every educated man in Europe understood it. Now the word is "Fahrkarte," a word understood only by Germans and German scholars.

A lawyer of Biddford, Me., is afflicted with a peculiar mania for collecting lamps of all sorts. His house is filled with every kind of a lantern he has been able to buy, including a full line of bicycle lamps.

A great talker had ensconced himself in the study of Laplace, the great mathematician, who went on with his work. After a while the visitor remarked:

"You are busy, M. le Marquis. Perhaps I disturb you?"

"Not in the least. Pray go on; I am not listening."—Familienblatt.

Some idea of the magnitude of the coal resources of Huerfano county, Colo., may be formed when it is known that there are about 40,000 acres, and each acre contains 100,000 tons, or a total of 4,000,000,000 tons, an amount almost beyond comprehension.

One of the largest glacial bowlders lying above ground in the state of Pennsylvania is on the farm of Enos Stamp, near Quakertown, in Bucks county.

In Buffon's experiments he once found a Frenchman who could exert a force of 534 pounds with his jaws.

ST. MICHAEL THE WEIGHER.

Stood the tall archangel weighing All man's dreaming, doing, saying, All the triumph and the gain In the unimagined years.

Waking, I beheld him there, With his fire gold, flickering hair, In his blinding armor stand, And the scales were in his hand.

In one scale I saw him place All the glories of our race—Cups that lit Belshazzar's feast, Gems, the lightning of the east,

Marvel through my pulses ran Seeing from the beam divine Swiftness on this land decline, While earth's splendor and renown Mounted light as thistle down.

AN OINMENT AT CORONATIONS.

It is not generally known that the rite of coronation in the Russo-Greek church agrees with the religious ceremony of an English coronation in one very important particular or that this resemblance distinguishes the coronation services of England and Russia from those of all other countries.

The identity of ceremonial consists in the use of the "holy chrism," or "cream," in the anointment of the sovereign. In the Roman rite, at the coronations of the old emperors of Germany—that is to say, of the holy Roman empire, to which Austria, in a sense, has succeeded—not the schism, but the inferior oil of the catechumens, or candidates for baptism, is employed.

This chrism is understood to bestow "a character," to use a theological term, upon the recipient—in other words, it imparts certain gifts of the Holy Ghost not exactly of a sacerdotal character, for it is not used in the east for the ordination of bishops or priests, but nevertheless a special gift from on high, which is indefeasible in him who receives it, and which, so long as he corresponds with divine grace, gives him supernatural sacramental grace to fulfil the duties of his high office.

Those on the peninsula of Pennins—especially if they are seen in mist—Menawar (pronounced man-of-war), the Maiden Bower, Mincarlo, Shipman's Head, the Haycocks at Annet, and many others, are strikingly grand. The curious resemblance to primeval animal forms has given rise to many of the names of these rocks, and certainly many are.

The irritable person—generally elderly and dyspeptic—who, in fiction, in farce and in real life is continually announcing his determination to write to the papers is exclusively a product of modern civilization. That the physical and mental exercise of evolving a quarter of a column of prose acts as a real sedative to agitated minds will be admitted by most of us—by more than will readily plead guilty to a recourse to the remedy.

The funeral customs among some of the Swiss are most peculiar. At the death of a person the family inserts a formal, black edged announcement in the papers asking for sympathy and stating that "the mourning urn" will be exhibited certain hours on a special day.

It is not generally known that the word "dollar" appears in Shakespeare's works, being used in "Measure For Measure," written in 1603, in act 1, scene 2, "To \$3,000 a year;" in "Macbeth," written in 1606, act 1, scene 2, where burial is refused to Sweno's men until "\$10,000 to our general use have been paid."

The "era of the Maccabees" began B. C. 166, when Judas Maccabeus assumed the leadership of the Jews, who had determined to throw off the yoke of Antiochus Epiphanes. The revolt was successful, and the Ammonian kings ruled Judea until its conquest by the Romans. The Jews styled the Maccabees' era the "era of kings."

The Scouts of the Sea.

Torpedo boats, however, are designed for a wider service than simply to carry and discharge the frightful weapon from which they take their name. They are to the navy what scouts and skirmishers are to a land army.

It is not their business to fight (except rarely, in the one particular way), but rather to pry and sneak and run. Hence they are as small and sleek and swift as they can be made. When the fleet goes upon a cruise, they are carried on the decks of the big warships, although they are able to get about in really rough weather by themselves.

The Scilly Islands.

The climate of the Scilly Islands is the most equable in Great Britain. It ranges, on an average, from 40 degrees to 60 degrees. On the coldest day it is warm and on the hottest it is cool.

AMERICANIZED CHINAMEN.

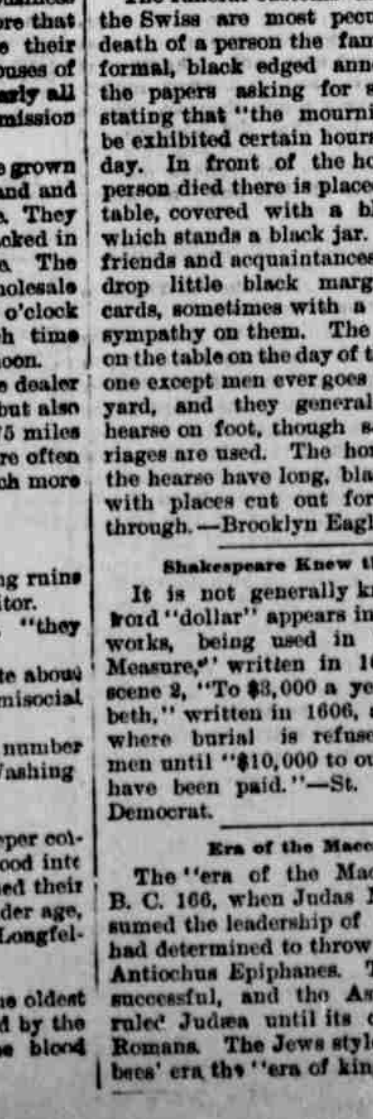
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Dancing and Tunnels. A boy of 4 asked to be taken with his elders to a ball. He was told that he must first learn to dance. Upon this he delivered himself as follows: "But I can dance, and my way is more difficult than your way. I can dance alone, but you have to be holded up."

Connecticut's Nicknames. Connecticut enjoys the proud distinction of having three sobriquets. It has been called the "Land of Steady Habits," from the sobriety and gravity of its people; the "Freestone State," from the enormous quarries of that description of stone, and the "Nutmeg State," from the tradition prevalent in surrounding communities over 100 years ago that the chief industry of its inhabitants was the manufacture of nutmegs of wood, to be passed off as genuine or unsuspecting purchasers.

Map of Chicago Milwaukee

SOLID TRAINS FAST TIME! PULLMAN BUFFET SLEEPING CARS.



AS TO HATS.

Blasphemy Caused a Riot in Spain Which Cost Many Lives.

Has not some one calculated that a sixth part of the memoirs of St. Simon in the original is occupied with the controversy whether or not the president of parliament should wear his hat or put it on the desk when performing various functions? At length the matter was compromised. The Tiers-etat should wear a chapeau rabattu, which had the slouched brim pinned up.

Blasphemy Caused a Riot in Spain. The revolution must have begun that day with a scuffle in the king's presence had he not removed his own hat, when all, of course, did the same.

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